

**A STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF VARIOUS SCHEMES INITIATED FOR
THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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Abstract:

The research paper presents insights about the different facets of the developments initiated in the rural areas. The paper discusses the different issues related to those developments. The paper provides an understanding about the impact of such developments being undertaken. The paper includes the different realities about those developments. The paper presents both the sides of the coin by incorporating the positive and the negative side of the changes taking place. The paper also incorporates the problems associated with those developments which are becoming a cause of concern. The paper showcases the harsh realities due to the development projects. The research paper presents a broader outlook to conceptualize the impact of such developments. It adopts and adapts to the past, present as well as the forecast of the proposed developments. It presents an overview of different types of developments taking place in the rural areas and most importantly the various issues and concerns associated with those developments.

Keywords: Structural changes, Demographical changes, IRDP, NREP, and RLEGP.

Introduction

A major part of our population lives in the rural areas. Their life and living depends upon the facilities available in the rural areas. The facilities include all different aspects involving infrastructural aspects supporting and enhancing the life in the rural areas. The availability of these facilities depends to a large extent upon government support and also to some extent upon the locals themselves.

There are a lot of villages in certain regions of the country which are doing wonderfully well, whereas, on the contrary we have been hearing examples wherein certain villages in certain regions suffer from continuous drought, poverty, consequently leading to large number of consecutive suicides and deaths.

The paper incorporates the different aspects of these developments and most importantly the impact of such developments based on the research undertaken in the respective regions of the country.

The research paper is just an exploratory study undertaken to evaluate and analyze some facets of the rural development being undertaken.

Objectives of the study:

The basic objective of the research paper is to understand the different types of development being undertaken in the rural areas. To create a broad outline of the kinds of development in the rural areas. To understand the impact of such developments and to conceptualize and analyze the positive and negative side of such developments.

The research paper aims to bring the facts about the amount of government spending being undertaken in the rural areas. The research paper also aims to lay a broad foundation on the facets of the current developmental projects being undertaken and the proposed plans. Most importantly the research aims to provide a strong foundation for a large depth of study which could be undertaken in the area of rural development.

Review of the literature

A large amount of literature has been already penned down on the different facets of rural development, involving various aspects of such changes and many more publications are already in the process. The researchers with a wide experience in the field of agriculture, banking, rural development, monetary economics etc, have presented their views on the different facets of rural development.

The authors have penned down many important facts like the different development programmes being initiated in the rural areas like, IRDP (Integrated Rural Development Programme), NREP (National Rural Employment Programme), RLEGP (Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme) etc, and most importantly the implementation of such programmes.

The literature also includes the impact of such initiatives on the development of rural areas. Many authors have also emphasized on the role of non-government organizations in changing the lives of rural people. The books also include the initiatives and the programmes implemented by the financial institutions and the banks.

Factors responsible.....

“Rural development is a cumulative interaction of structural, institutional, demographic, organizational and environmental changes.” Rural development is not constrained to one or the other area but comprises of various aspects of development leading to a better life in the rural households. Structural changes include systematic planned efforts undertaken by the government. Institutional development comprises of the efforts undertaken at the banking and different institutional assistance accessible in the form of financial or industrial help.

Demography incorporates the different characteristics of population like sex, age, occupation, education, income patterns, family size, life cycle etc. Demographical development comprises of various initiatives being undertaken to improve and improvise the overall

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financial, economical and personal well being of the different strata's of society. It involves the developmental efforts being undertaken for young girls, women, children, senior citizens etc.

Environmental changes are the changes which incorporate different aspects such as weather, climate conditions, the changes taking place in the competitive marketing environment and most importantly the impact of the changes occurring in the international environment.

The research study involves the different aspects of rural development. The study incorporates the changes taking place in the environment and more importantly the impact of such changes on the environment.

Plans and Policies

PROGRAMMES

- **FLAGSHIP SCHEME:**
 - Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana
- **FIVE MISSIONS**
 - National Food Security Mission
 - National Horticulture Mission
 - National Mission on Oilseeds & Oil palm
 - National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology
 - National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture
- **FOUR CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEMES**
 - Integrated scheme on agricultural marketing
 - Integrating scheme on agricultural cooperation
 - Integrated scheme for farmers' income security
 - Integrated scheme on Agri. Census & Statistics

Source:

Overview of
Agriculture from the
12th Plan

<http://www.slideshare.net/PlanComIndia/strategies-for-agriculture-in-the-12th-plan-2012-2017>

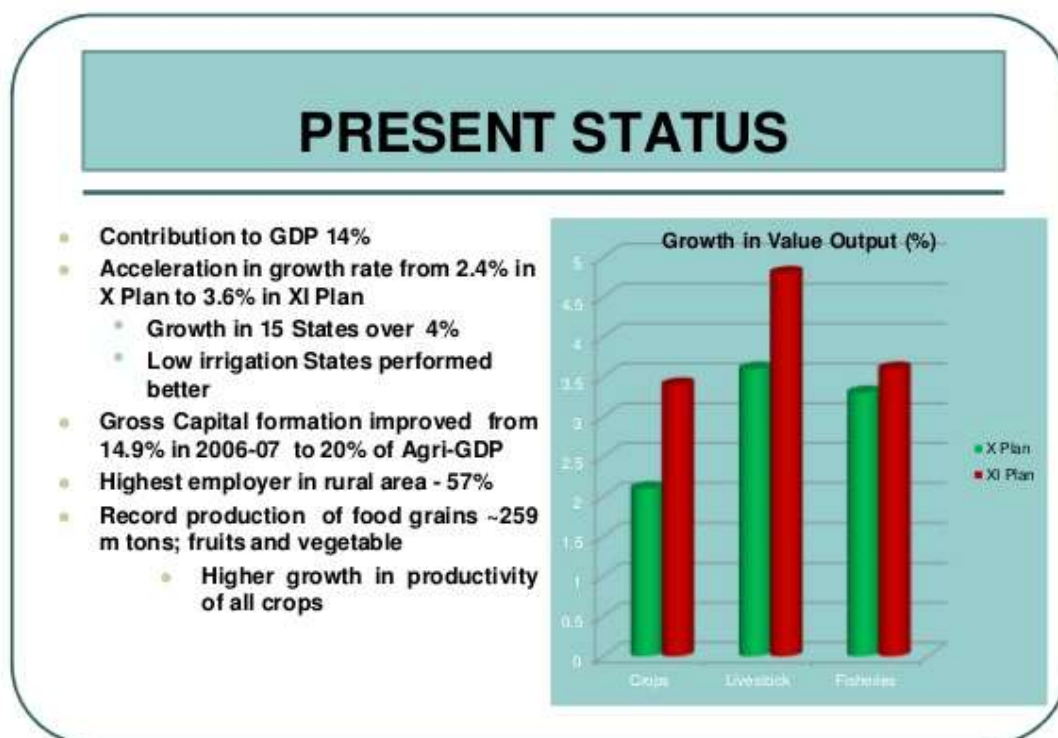
Impact of Development

Rural development incorporates the development of different areas associated and affected with the life in the rural areas. The purpose of rural development is to bring a positive impact in the lives of rural households and providing them a better lease of life.

There are different facets of rural development, positive and negative sides of development, positive impact leads to providing them a better future comparative to their past and present

condition, whereas negative impact incorporates the dark side of the various development projects in the past, present and the future.

The negative side includes the projects which lead to displacement of not only the people, but also their occupation and overall their lives. There are certain developments which promise a better living for everyone except for the rural households, as they take away their normal lives. The government authorities promise them rehabilitation plans, with a new place, new house, and a different occupation which is obviously unacceptable. Some of the rehabilitation plans remain only in papers some reach partly and some are so much dissatisfactory that they are never accepted.



Source:

Overview of the Rural Development Sector from the 12th Plan

<http://www.slideshare.net/PlanComIndia/rural-development-in-the-12th-five-year-plan-and-beyond>

Conclusion

Development is for the betterment of the society. It is targeted to make the lives of the people better and easier from their present stage. The purpose of any kind of development should be equalized in terms of its benefits to the society. Whereas the real picture is harsh and annoying, most of the developments leave a certain section of the society jobless, homeless and above all deserted.

The rehabilitation plans are so slow in their implementation process that people leave all the hopes in the government machinery or majority of the times they are never really rehabilitation plans they are just the plans to get rid of the whole scenario.

A development plan should be the one which should make everyone associated with it happy and satisfied. It should leave a positive impact whether directly or indirectly on the people. If it is targeted towards the development of the nation, it should provide an improved living to all the associated members of the society.

Future scope of the study

The research paper aims to promote and support a large amount of research which could be undertaken taking this research paper as a base. It aims to provide a basic platform to a large amount of study which could be undertaken in future on rural development, its different aspects and most importantly the attempt to evaluate such developments.

The research paper is futuristic which could be related to further researches, promoting a large amount of research on this area. It will also help in enlightening and broadening the areas of research thereby supporting the developments and different issues related with it. A large number of further analysis and evaluations will lead to better developments with a systematic planning. The area of research will provide a guideline to the government, policy makers, civic authorities and other respective administrative authorities in undertaking such materialistic projects.

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