

Lack of Infrastructure, Amenities and Facilities: Impediment in Progression of Rural Communities

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Abstract: *Within all rural communities, throughout the country, agriculture and farming practices are regarded as the primary occupations of the individuals. Furthermore, they are engaged in production of various types of products. Hence, they work diligently in order to sustain their living conditions in a satisfactory manner. But in order to achieve desired goals and objectives, it is necessary to put emphasis on leading to up-gradation of different types of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. It is unfortunate to note that in rural communities, there is lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. As a consequence, rural individuals are overwhelmed by impediments within the course of bringing about improvements in their overall standards of living. Hence, it is well-understood that due to lack of these, there are occurrences of impediments within the course of leading to progression of rural communities. There is a need to formulate programs, which are essential in promoting enhancement of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. As a consequence, members will contribute efficiently in promoting enhancement of rural communities. The rural individuals need to augment their information in terms of ways that are necessary in managing infrastructure, amenities and facilities in a satisfactory manner. Furthermore, all types of impediments need to be overcome in a well-ordered manner. The main concepts that are taken into account in this research paper are, understanding the meaning and significance of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, consequences of lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities and measures to be implemented in leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

The 70 percent of the population of the country resides in rural communities. It is unfortunate to note that in these communities, there is lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. These are referred to power supplies, water supplies, communication networks, transportation facilities, roads and rail networks, buildings, broadcasting, machinery, restrooms, clean drinking water, furniture, equipment, system of education, medical and health care facilities and overall environmental conditions. Some are lacking, whereas, others are in an under-developed condition. This is affecting the lives of rural individuals on a comprehensive basis. The rural individuals are working diligently in order to earn their living.

Hence, they are looking for ways with the main objective of sustaining their living conditions in an effective manner. Agriculture and farming practices are regarded as the primary occupations of the rural individuals. Apart from these, they are engaged in other job duties and production processes in order to supplement their income (Ananth, & Karthikeyan, 2014) [1]. Due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, they experience number of impediments within the course of sustenance of their living conditions in an efficient manner. The rural individuals are overwhelmed by unawareness in terms of various factors. They normally integrate within their own communities and do not integrate with the mainstream society. The rural individuals make sure, they work diligently in order to lead to progression of their overall quality of lives. Therefore, it is well-understood, due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities in rural areas, there are occurrences of impediments.

In order to market their products and carry out certain tasks and activities, rural individuals are required to travel to urban communities. There are lack of transportation facilities in rural areas. As a consequence, one has to travel to distant places to have access to public transportation. The rural individuals are to be aware that within their communities, roads are in a deteriorated state. Hence, the transportation facilities are not in a well-developed state (Pasten, & Santamarina, 2012) [4]. The rural individuals need to ensure, they are well-informed in terms of ways that are necessary in bringing about improvements in all types of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. Therefore, it is understood on a comprehensive basis that due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, barriers will take place within the course of progression of rural communities.

II. UNDERSTANDING THE MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE, AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

The research studies have indicated that within rural communities, throughout the country, there are number of areas, which are in an under-developed condition. Some of these include, power supplies, water supplies, communication networks, transportation facilities, roads and rail networks, broadcasting, buildings, equipment, machinery, system of education, and medical and health care facilities. These are in some cases not available, whereas, in other cases, these are in a deprived condition. Furthermore, the individuals are making use of traditional methods in the implementation of tasks and activities. They are unaware in terms of different types of modern, scientific and innovative methods and materials.

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This is apparently understood that they aspire to promote enhancement of overall standards of living, hence, they need to lead to up-gradation of different types of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. The main reason being, these have an important influence on the lives of rural individuals. Therefore, one is able to acquire an efficient understanding of meaning and significance of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, when these are facilitating in leading to up-gradation of one's living conditions.

The individuals, belonging to rural communities have acknowledged the meaning and significance of education.

They have formed the viewpoint that education is the instrument, which not only imparts information in terms of academic subjects and concepts, but also in terms of various factors, which are necessary in emerging into moral and ethical human beings and productive citizens of the country. Due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, the system of education within rural communities remain in an under-developed condition. Hence, there is a need to formulate programs, which are facilitating in promoting enrichment of overall system of education. In this manner, one will concentrate on leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural schools. As a consequence, one will lead to up-gradation of motivation levels towards learning. Furthermore, all the members will feel comfortable and concentrate on their job duties. Therefore, individuals acquire an understanding of meaning and significance of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, when these are approving in leading to up-gradation of overall system of education.

Within rural communities, due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, individuals are required to depend on the natural environmental conditions. They are required to obtain materials from the natural environment in order to sustain their living conditions in a satisfactory manner. As a consequence of leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, one will be able to make use of natural resources to a lesser extent. For example, water is utilized for number of purposes, i.e. cleaning, washing, bathing, preparation of meals, drinking and so forth. As a consequence of having water supplies within homes, rural individuals will not have to make visits to wells and water bodies in order obtain water. Furthermore, having power supplies and other amenities and facilities within homes will contribute efficiently in bringing about improvements in their overall quality of lives. Hence, rural individuals aspire that up-gradation takes place of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within their communities. Therefore, an understanding of meaning and significance of infrastructure, amenities and facilities is acquired, when these are contributing in making the lives of rural individuals comfortable.

A. Consequences of Lack of Infrastructure, Amenities and Facilities Within Rural Communities

An aimless life is a meaningless life. Hence, individuals, belonging to rural communities have one of the primary goals of sustaining their living conditions in an effective manner. When they are wholeheartedly committed towards achievement of this goal, they are required to be well-informed in terms of different types of subjects and concepts.

Furthermore, they are required to be well-equipped in terms of different types of methodologies and procedures. In addition, inculcation of traits of diligence, resourcefulness and conscientiousness will be facilitating to them in doing well in their job duties and generating desired outcomes (Greening Rural Development in India, 2012) [3]. The rural individuals are focused and committed as they are engaged in manual job duties. They are overwhelmed by certain types of impediments within the course of promoting enhancement of overall standards of living. In order to overcome impediments, it is vital to promote enrichment of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. As a consequence, one will feel motivated towards their tasks and activities. Therefore, consequences of lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities are unfavourable to a major extent [7][8][9][10]. These are stated as follows:

B. Unawareness in Terms of Various Factors

The rural individuals are overwhelmed by unawareness in terms of various factors. They are making use of traditional methods within the course of putting into operation different tasks and activities. Furthermore, they communicate within their own communities and are not able to generate information in terms of different subjects and concepts. The rural individuals are normally unaware of programs, which are necessary in leading to up-gradation of various types of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. Furthermore, these are to be managed in an efficient manner. Hence, due to unawareness, the rural individuals are unable to implement proper techniques of providing and managing infrastructure, amenities and facilities. They normally integrate within their own communities and do not integrate with the mainstream society. The rural individuals make sure, they work diligently in order to lead to progression of their overall quality of lives. Hence, it is well-understood, due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, in rural areas, there are occurrences of impediments within the course of progression. Therefore, unawareness in terms of various factors is regarded as one of the critical consequences of lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

C. Problems in Transferring to Other Regions

In order to market their products, carry out certain tasks and activities and augment their competencies, abilities and aptitude, rural individuals are required to travel to urban communities. There is lack of transportation facilities in rural areas. As a consequence, one has to travel to distant places to have access to public transportation, i.e. buses. Furthermore, railway stations are located at a distance. The rural individuals are to be aware that within their communities, roads and rail networks are in a deteriorated state. Hence, the transportation facilities are not in a well-developed state.

As a consequence, there are occurrences of various problems in transferring to other regions. In some cases, they make use of their own bullock carts or cycles. The rural individuals need to ensure, they are well-informed in terms of the ways that are necessary in bringing about improvements in all types of infrastructure, amenities and facilities.

Improvements in public transportation and roads are regarded to be of utmost significance in promoting well-being of rural individuals. Therefore, problems in transferring to other regions are one of the severe consequences of lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

D. Inability to Concentrate on Tasks and Activities

The rural individuals are required to get engaged in number of tasks and activities within and outside the homes. In order to lead to up-gradation of concentration levels, it is vital for rural individuals to be well-equipped in terms of different types of methodologies and procedures. But due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, they are unable to stimulate their mind-sets towards implementation of different tasks and activities. As a consequence, there is a decline in motivation and concentration levels. The rural individuals are focused and committed as they are mostly involved in various types of manual job duties and responsibilities.

Furthermore, they are overwhelmed by certain types of impediments within the course of promoting enhancement of overall standards of living. In order to overcome impediments, it is vital to promote enrichment of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. As a consequence, one will feel motivated towards their tasks and activities. Furthermore, one will render an important contribution in promoting well-being of themselves, family and community members. Therefore, inability to concentrate on tasks and activities is an adverse consequence of lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

E. Inability to Treat Health Problems and Illnesses

The individuals, belonging to rural communities are overwhelmed by different types of health problems and illnesses. They usually obtain herbs and medicinal plants from the forests. Furthermore, they make use of traditional methods in order to treat different types of health problems and illnesses. The medical and health care facilities within rural communities are not in a well-developed state. As a consequence of severe health problems and illnesses, one travels to urban communities. The main reason being, in these communities, the medical and health care facilities are in a well-developed state.

The individuals need to be aware of the factor that within hospitals and health care centres, infrastructure, amenities and facilities need to be in a well-developed state. The patients would be requiring proper furniture, heating and cooling equipment in accordance to the weather conditions and so forth. One of the important aspects is, they need to feel comfortable and recuperate satisfactorily. On the other hand, lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities is unfavourable on a comprehensive basis. Therefore, inability to treat health problems and illnesses is a detrimental consequence of lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

III. EXPERIENCING POVERTY

The rural individuals are overwhelmed by the social problem of poverty. This is characterised by scarcity of financial resources. As a consequence, rural individuals are required to give up their hopes and aspirations, which they

aim to fulfil. Furthermore, their overall living conditions are in a deteriorated condition. Due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural households, they are unable to implement the measures, which are necessary in leading to up-gradation of their overall standards of living. For example, due to lack of furniture, they are required to sleep on the floor. As a consequence of not possessing electric stoves, they are required to prepare their meals on mud stoves and so forth.

Hence, they are not possessing any types of scientific equipment and devices within their homes. It is understood on a comprehensive basis that conditions of poverty are giving rise to impediments within the course of up-gradation of living conditions. Furthermore, the home environmental conditions of rural individuals are in a deteriorated condition. Due to poverty, they are unable to make purchases of different types of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. Therefore, experiencing poverty is an unfavourable consequence of lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

A. Being Overwhelmed by Illiteracy

The problem of illiteracy is overwhelming to rural individuals on a comprehensive basis. As a consequence, they are unable to not only augment information in terms of various factors, but their living conditions are in a deprived state. Due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, the system of education within rural communities remain in an under-developed condition. As a consequence, the mind-sets of the students do not get stimulated towards implementation of different tasks and activities. As a consequence, there is a decline in motivation and concentration levels towards learning.

The ultimate outcome is, the rural individuals experience an increase in the rate of illiteracy. This is apparently understood that when there will not be availability of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural schools, individuals will not be able to carry out their job duties in a well-ordered manner. In addition, there will be an increase in the drop-out rate. Due to lack of furniture, students are required to sit on the floor and there is absence of other facilities as well. Therefore, being overwhelmed by illiteracy is an inauspicious consequence of lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

B. Being Overwhelmed by Psychological Problems

As a consequence of being overwhelmed by the social problems of poverty, illiteracy, unemployment and gender inequality and barriers, rural individuals get overwhelmed by psychological problems. The different types of psychological problems are, anger, stress, anxiety, frustration and depression. These are experienced in a major or minor form. As a consequence, mind-sets of the individuals get disturbed and they are unable to concentrate on their job duties and responsibilities. Due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, they are unable to stimulate their mind-sets towards implementation of different tasks and activities.



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As a consequence, there is a decline in motivation and concentration levels towards putting into practice different tasks and activities. The rural individuals need to be well-aware of their job duties and methodologies that are necessary to implement these in a well-ordered manner. As a consequence of possession of adequate awareness, one will be able to do well in their job duties and generate desired outcomes. This is facilitated through providing infrastructure, amenities and facilities throughout in all rural areas. Therefore, being overwhelmed by psychological problems is a disadvantageous consequence of lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

C. Causing Environmental Degradation

The environmental conditions get degraded due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. The rural individuals are required to be well-informed in terms of different types of measures, which are necessary in preserving the environmental conditions. One of the important aspects that needs to be taken into account is, rural individuals need to be well-equipped in terms of ways of eliminating air, water and land pollution. They need to ensure, they do not throw any types of waste materials on land or water bodies. Furthermore, it needs to be ensured, gaseous and toxic fumes should not be emitted into the air from factories and vehicles.

This is essential in preservation of the environment. Due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, rural individuals are unable to implement the measures that are facilitating in preservation of the environment. As a consequence, there is occurrence of environmental degradation within rural communities. The rural individuals learn to adjust within the environment, where infrastructure, amenities and facilities are not available, but their progression will take place, when these are provided. Therefore, causing environmental degradation is an unsatisfactory consequence of lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

D. Barriers in Promoting Community Well-Being

Community well-being will be promoted, when there will be availability of adequate infrastructure, amenities and facilities. Hence, due to lack of these, there are occurrences of different types of barriers within the course of promoting community well-being. The main reason being, when there will be scarcity of power supplies, water supplies, communication networks, transportation facilities, and roads and rail networks, impediments will be reinforced in the lives of rural individuals. Furthermore, when buildings, equipment, machinery, restrooms, clean drinking water, furniture, and equipment are lacking or are in a deteriorated state, there will be experiencing of various types of obstacles. The system of education, medical and health care facilities and overall environmental conditions are not in a developed condition, in this manner, rural individuals will be living in a deprived state. They will not be able to lead to up-gradation of competencies, abilities and aptitude. Hence, it can be stated, there are occurrences of different types of barriers within the course of promoting community well-being. This is mainly due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. Therefore, barriers in promoting community well-being are a disappointing consequence of lack of

infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

E. Impediments within the Course of Progression of Rural Communities

Progression of rural communities is regarded as one of the primary goals of individuals in order to lead to progression of nation as a whole. Due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, there are occurrences of different types of barriers within the course of achievement of this goal (The Indian Infrastructure Sector, 2013) [5].

Due to lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, rural individuals are unable to implement the measures that are facilitating in carrying out different types of tasks and activities, i.e. promoting enrichment of overall system of education; leading to up-gradation of medical and health care facilities; utilizing various types of modern, scientific and innovative methods and materials in different job duties and responsibilities; augmenting different types of skills and abilities; promoting enhancement of living conditions; promoting good health and well-being, physically and psychologically; leading to an increase in motivation and concentration levels towards job duties and responsibilities; promoting community well-being; preservation of the environment and leading to up-gradation of all aspects within rural communities. Therefore, impediments within the course of progression of rural communities are a noteworthy consequence of lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

F. Measures to be Implemented in Leading to Up-Gradation of Infrastructure, Amenities and Facilities Within Rural Communities

Within rural communities, throughout the country, there is a need to formulate measures that are necessary in leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. The measures are complicated and tedious. Furthermore, these are not put into operation in short span of time and can be more time-consuming. One of the important aspects that needs to be taken into account is, all types of measures are required to be put into operation in a moral and ethical manner. The individuals in leadership positions are vested with the authority and responsibility of putting into operation these measures in an adequate manner.

They need to ensure, these are facilitating in leading to progression of rural individuals and communities. The possession of adequate information in terms of subjects, concepts and factors will be facilitating in carrying out this job duty in a well-ordered manner (Curriculum for excellence building, 2009)[2]. Therefore, measures to be implemented in leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities are, conducting research through various sources; carrying out field-work; honing analytical and critical-thinking skills; managing resources adequately; hiring human resources and putting into operation job duties in a satisfactory manner. These are stated as follows:



G. Conducting Research Through Various Sources

The individuals, who are involved in this task are required to conduct research through making use of various sources. The implementation of job duties initiates with research, as individuals are required to be aware in terms of number of subjects and concepts. The internet is regarded as one of the prominent sources that is utilized on a comprehensive basis. The individuals are able to generate information in terms of various subjects and concepts, and obtain answers to all types of questions that are overwhelming. Furthermore, they are required to make use of other sources i.e. books, articles, reports, projects, newspapers, magazines and other reading materials. The conducting of research will be facilitating to the individuals in identifying the areas, which are in a deteriorated condition. As a consequence, they will be able to implement the measures that are necessary in bringing about improvements in these. Therefore, conducting research through various sources is regarded as one of the indispensable measures to be implemented in leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

IV. CARRYING OUT FIELD-WORK

Field-work is referred to the task, which involves making visits to different places. This task will be facilitating to the individuals in identifying the areas, which are in a deteriorated condition. Furthermore, one will be able to put into operation effective communication processes with the individuals as well. Field-work involves interviewing the participants. Furthermore, one even gets the survey questionnaires filled out in order to collect the data. This is in cases of implementation of research projects. In addition, taking field-notes will be approving in maintaining the records of the areas, which are required to be improved. One of the important aspects that needs to be taken into account is, one will be able to generate information in an appropriate manner, provided, one needs to hone concentration and motivation levels. As a consequence, individuals will be able to implement the measures that are necessary in bringing about improvements in these areas. Therefore, carrying out field-work is one of the significant measures to be implemented in leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

A. Honing Analytical and Critical-Thinking Skills

The individuals are required to put emphasis on leading to up-gradation of analytical and critical-thinking skills. The analytical skills are facilitating in conducting an analysis of the areas, where improvements are to take place. Furthermore, critical-thinking skills are facilitating in implementing rational, logical and methodological thinking. These skills are facilitating in making wise and productive decisions. As a consequence of leading to up-gradation of these skills, the individuals are able to identify the areas, which are required to be improved. Furthermore, one will be able to implement the essential measures that are necessary in bringing about improvements in these areas. One of the important aspects is, one will be able to make use of suitable methodologies and procedures in a satisfactory manner. Furthermore, putting in efforts to one's best abilities will be facilitating in generating desired outcomes. Therefore,

honing analytical and critical-thinking skills is an expedient measure to be implemented in leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

B. Managing Resources Adequately

The different types of resources that are to be managed are, financial, human, technical, material and information resources. The financial resources are the monetary resources. These are essential to make purchases of various products, hire the services of service providers and fulfil other types of needs and requirements. Human resources are the personnel. They are required to make use of their educational qualifications, competencies and abilities. Technical resources are various types of technologies, i.e. computers, lap-tops, smartphones, I pads, audio-visual aids, scanners, printers, photo-copiers and so forth. Material resources are the tools, devices, apparatus, equipment and machinery. Information resources are books, articles, reports, projects, newspapers, magazines, other reading materials and internet. The management of these resources in an adequate manner are facilitating in doing well in one's job duties and generating desired outcomes. Furthermore, wastage should be prevented. Therefore, managing resources adequately is a vital measure to be implemented in leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

C. Hiring Human Resources

Human resources are the personnel. They are required to make use of their educational qualifications, competencies and abilities in putting into operation different tasks and activities. In leading to up-gradation of all types of infrastructure, amenities and facilities, they are required to make use of their skills and abilities in an effective manner. The human resources are to be recruited in an appropriate manner by the hiring authorities. They are required to possess the essential skills and capabilities in carrying out different types of tasks and activities in a satisfactory and disciplined manner. One of the important aspects that needs to be taken into account is, they need to not only be well-informed in terms of job duties and methodologies, but also augment the traits of morality, ethics, diligence and conscientiousness.

As a consequence, they will contribute efficiently in doing well in one's job duties, achieve desired goals and meet the expectations of other individuals[6]. Therefore, hiring human resources is a crucial measure to be implemented in leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

D. Putting into Operation Job Duties in A Satisfactory Manner

One has to put into operation different job duties in a satisfactory manner in leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. The human resources, who are engaged in this task are required to possess the essential skills and capabilities. These are the key in carrying out different types of job duties and responsibilities in a satisfactory and disciplined manner.



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One of the important aspects that needs to be taken into account is, they need to be well-informed in terms of all their job duties and responsibilities. Furthermore, generating information in terms of methodologies and procedures would be facilitating in achieving desired goals. In addition, leading to up-gradation of traits of morality, ethics, diligence and conscientiousness is advantageous on a comprehensive basis. As a consequence, they will contribute efficiently in doing well in one's job duties, generate desired outcomes, meet the expectations of other individuals and promote community well-being. Therefore, putting into operation job duties in a satisfactory manner is a meaningful measure to be implemented in leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

V. CONCLUSION

Within rural communities, there is lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. Consequences of lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities are, unawareness in terms of various factors, problems in transferring to other regions, inability to concentrate on tasks and activities, inability to treat health problems and illnesses, experiencing poverty, being overwhelmed by illiteracy, being overwhelmed by psychological problems, causing environmental degradation, barriers in promoting community well-being and impediments within the course of progression of rural communities. Measures to be implemented in leading to up-gradation of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities are, conducting research through various sources; carrying out field-work; honing analytical and critical-thinking skills; managing resources adequately; hiring human resources and putting into operation job duties in a satisfactory manner. Finally, it can be stated, infrastructure, amenities and facilities are vital in leading to progression of rural communities.

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