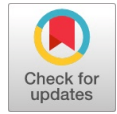


Lack of Infrastructure, Amenities and Facilities: Impediment in Progression of Rural Communities

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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 the production of various types of products. Hence, they work diligently to sustain their living conditions satisfactorily. However, to achieve the desired goals and objectives, it is necessary to prioritise the upgrading of various types of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. It is unfortunate to note that rural communities often lack adequate infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. As a consequence, rural individuals are usually overwhelmed by obstacles in their efforts to improve their overall standards of living. Hence, it is well understood that the lack of these resources leads to impediments that hinder the progression of rural communities. There is a need to formulate programs that are essential for promoting the enhancement of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. As a result, members will contribute effectively to the improvement of rural communities. Rural individuals need to enhance their knowledge of the necessary methods to manage infrastructure, amenities, and facilities effectively. Furthermore, all types of impediments must be overcome in a well-organised manner. The primary concepts examined in this research paper are the understanding of the meaning and significance of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, as well as the consequences of a lack of these elements within rural communities. Additionally, measures to be implemented in leading to the upgradation of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities are explored.

Keywords: Amenities, Facilities, Infrastructure, Job Duties, Resources, Rural Communities, Skills, Up-gradation

I. INTRODUCTION

Approximately 70 per cent of the country's population resides in rural communities. It is unfortunate to note that in these communities, there is a lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. These include power supplies, water supplies, communication networks, transportation facilities, roads and rail networks, buildings, broadcasting, machinery, restrooms, clean drinking water, furniture, equipment, educational systems, medical and healthcare 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. Rural individuals are working diligently to earn a living.

Hence, they are seeking ways to sustain their living conditions effectively. Agriculture and farming practices are regarded as the primary occupations of rural individuals. Apart from these, they are engaged in other job duties and production processes to supplement their income (Ananth & Karthikeyan, 2014) [1]. Due to a lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, they face numerous impediments in sustaining their living conditions efficiently. Rural individuals are often overwhelmed by a lack of awareness regarding various factors. They typically integrate within their communities and do not fully integrate with mainstream society. Rural individuals strive to work diligently to enhance their overall quality of life. Therefore, it is well understood that, due to the lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities in rural areas, there are occurrences of impediments.

To market their products and carry out specific tasks and activities, rural individuals often need to travel to urban communities. There is a lack of transportation facilities in rural areas. As a consequence, one has to travel to distant places to have access to public transportation. Rural individuals should be aware that roads within their communities are in a state of deterioration. Hence, the transportation facilities are not in a well-developed state (Pasten & Santamarina, 2012) [4]. Rural individuals need to ensure they are well-informed about the necessary ways to bring about improvements in all types of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. Therefore, it is understood on a comprehensive basis that, due to a lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, barriers will arise as rural communities progress.

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

Research studies have shown that numerous rural communities throughout the country are experiencing underdevelopment. Some of these include power supplies, water supplies, communication networks, transportation facilities, roads and rail networks, broadcasting, buildings, equipment, machinery, educational systems, and medical and healthcare facilities. These are, in some cases, not available, while in other cases, they are in a state of deprivation. Furthermore, individuals are using traditional methods in the implementation of tasks and activities. They are unaware of the various types of modern, scientific, and innovative techniques and materials.

It is understood that they aspire to promote the enhancement of overall standards of living; hence, they need to lead to the upgradation of different types of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. The primary reason is that these have a profound impact on the lives of rural individuals. Therefore, one can acquire a thorough

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understanding of the meaning and significance of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities when these improve one's living conditions.

Individuals from rural communities have recognised the importance and value 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 a lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, the educational system within rural communities remains underdeveloped. Hence, there is a need to develop programs that promote the overall educational system. In this manner, one will concentrate on leading the upgradation of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural schools. As a consequence, this will lead to an upgradation of motivation levels towards learning. Furthermore, all members will feel comfortable and be able to concentrate on their job duties. Therefore, individuals acquire an understanding of the meaning and significance of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities when these are approved, leading to the upgradation of the overall system of education.

Within rural communities, due to a lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, individuals often rely on natural environmental conditions to meet their basic needs. They are required to obtain materials from the natural environment to sustain their living conditions satisfactorily. As a consequence of the upgradation of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, one will be able to make use of natural resources to a lesser extent. For example, water is utilised for several purposes, i.e., cleaning, washing, bathing, preparing 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 to obtain water. Furthermore, having power supplies and other amenities and facilities within homes will contribute significantly to improving their overall quality of life. Hence, rural individuals aspire for the upgradation of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within their communities. Therefore, an understanding of the meaning and significance of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities is acquired when these contribute to 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 effectively. When they are wholeheartedly committed towards the 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 various methodologies and procedures. In addition, inculcation of traits of diligence, resourcefulness and conscientiousness will facilitate 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 that hinder the promotion of overall standards of living. To overcome obstacles, it is crucial to enhance the infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. As a consequence, one will feel motivated towards their tasks and activities. Therefore, the consequences of a lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities are unfavourable to a significant extent. These are stated as follows:

B. Unawareness in Terms of Various Factors

Rural individuals are often overwhelmed by a lack of awareness regarding various factors. They are utilising traditional methods throughout the implementation of multiple tasks and activities. Furthermore, they communicate within their communities and are unable to generate information on various subjects and concepts. Rural individuals are often unaware of the programs necessary for upgrading multiple types of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. Furthermore, these are to be managed efficiently. Hence, due to a lack of awareness, rural individuals are unable to implement proper techniques for providing and managing infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. They typically integrate within their communities and do not fully integrate with mainstream society. Rural individuals strive to work diligently to enhance their overall quality of life. Hence, it is well understood that, due to a lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, impediments occur during development in rural areas. Therefore, unawareness in terms of various factors is regarded as one of the critical consequences of a lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

C. Problems in Transferring to Other Regions

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

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

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

D. Inability to Concentrate on Tasks and Activities

Rural individuals are required to engage in various tasks and activities both within and outside their homes. To lead to the upgradation of concentration levels, rural individuals need to

be well-equipped in terms of multiple methodologies and procedures. However, due to a lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, they are unable to stimulate their mindsets towards the implementation of different tasks and activities. As a consequence, there is a decline in motivation and concentration levels. Rural individuals are focused and committed, as they are often involved in various manual job duties and responsibilities.

Furthermore, they are hindered by certain types of impediments in the process of promoting overall improvements in living standards. To overcome impediments, it is essential to promote the enhancement of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. As a consequence, one will feel motivated towards their tasks and activities. Furthermore, one will make an essential contribution to promoting the well-being of oneself, one's family, and community members. Therefore, the inability to concentrate on tasks and activities is an adverse consequence of the lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities.

E. Inability to Treat Health Problems and Illnesses

Individuals belonging to rural communities are overwhelmed by various types of health problems and illnesses. They usually obtain herbs and medicinal plants from the forests. Furthermore, they employ traditional methods to treat different health problems and diseases. The medical and healthcare facilities within rural communities are not well-developed. As a consequence of severe health problems and illnesses, people often travel to urban communities. The main reason is that, in these communities, the medical and healthcare facilities are well-developed.

Individuals need to be aware that within hospitals and healthcare centres, infrastructure, amenities, and facilities must be well-developed. The patients would require proper furniture, heating, and cooling equipment by the weather conditions and other needs. One of the critical aspects is that 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, the inability to treat health problems and illnesses is a detrimental consequence of the lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities.

III. EXPERIENCING POVERTY

The rural individuals are overwhelmed by the social problem of poverty. A scarcity of financial resources characterises this. 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 the lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural households, they are unable to implement the necessary measures that lead to an improvement in their overall standards of living. For example, due to a 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 do not possess any scientific equipment or devices within their homes. It is understood on a comprehensive basis that conditions of poverty are giving rise

to impediments within the course of the upgradation 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 a 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 not only to augment information in terms of various factors, but their living conditions are also characterised by deprivation. Due to a lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, the educational system within rural communities remains underdeveloped. As a consequence, the students' mindsets do not get stimulated towards the implementation of various tasks and activities. As a consequence, there is a decline in motivation and concentration levels towards learning.

Ultimately, rural individuals experience an increase in the rate of illiteracy. It is understood that when there is a lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural schools, individuals will be unable to carry out their job duties in an orderly manner. Additionally, there will be an increase in the dropout rate. Due to a lack of furniture, students are required to sit on the floor, and there is also a lack of other facilities. Therefore, being overwhelmed by illiteracy is an inauspicious consequence of a 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, 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, the mindsets of individuals become disturbed, and they are unable to concentrate on their job duties and responsibilities. Due to a lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, they are unable to stimulate their mindsets towards the implementation of different tasks and activities.

As a consequence, there is a decline in motivation and concentration levels towards implementing various tasks and activities. Rural individuals need to be well-aware of their job duties and the methodologies necessary to implement them in an organised manner. With adequate awareness, one can perform their job duties effectively and achieve the desired outcomes. This is facilitated by providing infrastructure, amenities, and facilities throughout all rural areas. Therefore, being overwhelmed by psychological problems is a disadvantageous consequence of a lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities within rural communities.

C. Causing Environmental Degradation

The environmental conditions deteriorate due to a lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. Rural individuals are



required to be well-informed about various ecological preservation measures. One of the crucial aspects that needs to be taken into account is that rural individuals must be well-equipped with methods to mitigate air, water, and land pollution. They need to ensure that they do not throw any types of waste materials into land or water bodies. Furthermore, it is essential to ensure that gaseous and toxic fumes are not released into the air from factories and vehicles.

This is essential in the preservation of the environment. Due to a lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, rural individuals are unable to implement measures that help preserve the environment. As a consequence, environmental degradation occurs within rural communities. Rural individuals learn to adapt within an environment where infrastructure, amenities, and facilities are not readily available; however, their progress accelerates when these are provided. Therefore, environmental degradation is an unsatisfactory consequence of the lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities.

D. Barriers in Promoting Community Well-Being

Community well-being will be promoted when there is an availability of adequate infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. Hence, due to a lack of these, various types of barriers arise during the process of promoting community well-being. The main reason is that when there is a 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 other essential items are lacking or in a deteriorated state, various types of obstacles will be experienced. The system of education, medical and healthcare facilities, and overall environmental conditions are not in a developed state; therefore, rural individuals will live in a state of deprivation. They will not lead to the upgradation of competencies, abilities, and aptitude. Hence, it can be stated that various types of barriers arise during the process of promoting community well-being. This is mainly due to a lack of infrastructure, amenities and facilities. Therefore, barriers to promoting community well-being are a disappointing consequence of the lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities.

E. Impediments within the Course of Progression of Rural Communities

The development of rural communities is regarded as one of the primary goals of individuals, contributing to the nation's overall progress and development. Due to a 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 kinds 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 to the progression of rural communities are a significant consequence of the lack of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within these communities.

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

Within rural communities across the country, there is a need to develop measures necessary for upgrading infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. The measures are complicated and tedious. Furthermore, these are not put into operation in a short period and can be more time-consuming. One of the crucial aspects that needs to be taken into account is that all types of measures must be implemented in a manner that is both morally and ethically sound. Individuals in leadership positions are vested with the authority and responsibility of implementing these measures effectively.

They need to ensure that these initiatives facilitate the progression of rural individuals and communities. The possession of adequate information in terms of subjects, concepts and factors will facilitate carrying out this job duty in a well-ordered manner (Curriculum for Excellence Building, 2009)[2]. Therefore, measures to be implemented in leading to the upgradation of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities include conducting research through various sources, carrying out fieldwork, honing analytical and critical thinking skills, managing resources effectively, hiring qualified personnel, and satisfactorily implementing job duties. These are stated as follows:

G. Conducting Research Through Various Sources

The individuals involved in this task are required to conduct research using various sources of information. The implementation of job duties begins with research, as individuals are required to be knowledgeable in a wide range of subjects and concepts. The internet is regarded as one of the most prominent sources that is utilised comprehensively. Individuals can generate information on various subjects and obtain answers to a wide range of questions. Furthermore, they are required to utilise other sources, such as books, articles, reports, projects, newspapers, magazines, and other reading materials. Conducting research will facilitate individuals in identifying areas that are in a deteriorated condition. As a consequence, they will be able to implement the necessary measures to bring about improvements in these areas. Therefore, conducting research through various sources is regarded as one of the indispensable measures to be implemented to upgrade infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities.

IV. CARRYING OUT FIELDWORK

Fieldwork refers to the task of visiting various locations and sites. This task will help



individuals identify areas that are in a deteriorated condition. Furthermore, one will be able to implement effective communication processes with individuals as well. Fieldwork involves interviewing the participants. Moreover, participants are even asked to fill out the survey questionnaires to collect the data. This applies to cases involving the implementation of research projects. Additionally, taking field notes will help maintain records of areas that require improvement. One of the crucial aspects that needs to be taken into account is that one will be able to generate information in an appropriate manner, provided that one needs to hone their concentration and motivation levels. As a consequence, individuals will be able to implement the necessary measures to bring about improvements in these areas. Therefore, carrying out fieldwork is one of the significant measures to be implemented in leading to the upgradation of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities.

A. Honing Analytical and Critical-Thinking Skills

Individuals are required to emphasise upgrading their analytical and critical thinking skills. Analytical skills facilitate analyzing areas where improvements are needed. Furthermore, critical-thinking skills facilitate the implementation of rational, logical, and methodical thinking. These skills facilitate making wise and productive decisions. As a consequence of upgrading these skills, individuals can identify areas that require improvement. Furthermore, one will be able to implement the essential measures necessary to bring about improvements in these areas. One of the critical aspects is that one will be able to utilise suitable methodologies and procedures in a satisfactory manner. Furthermore, putting in one's best efforts will facilitate the generation of desired outcomes. Therefore, honing analytical and critical-thinking skills is an expedient measure to be implemented in leading to the upgradation of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities.

B. Managing Resources Adequately

The different types of resources to be managed are financial, human, technical, material, and information resources. Financial resources refer to the monetary resources. These are essential for making purchases of various products, hiring the services of service providers, and fulfilling other types of needs and requirements. Human resources are the personnel. They are required to utilise their educational qualifications, competencies, and abilities. Technical resources encompass a wide range of technologies, including computers, laptops, smartphones, iPads, audio-visual aids, scanners, printers, photocopiers, and other similar devices. Material resources are the tools, devices, apparatus, equipment and machinery. Information resources encompass a wide range of materials, including books, articles, reports, projects, newspapers, magazines, and other print and digital reading materials, as well as the internet. The effective management of these resources enables one to perform their job duties efficiently and achieve the desired outcomes. Furthermore, wastage should be prevented. Therefore, managing resources effectively is a vital measure to be implemented to upgrade infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities.

C. Hiring Human Resources

Human resources are the personnel. They are required to utilise their educational qualifications, competencies, and abilities in implementing various tasks and activities. In leading the upgradation of all types of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, they are required to utilise their skills and abilities effectively. 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 to carry out various tasks and activities in a satisfactory and disciplined manner. One of the crucial aspects that needs to be taken into account is that they must not only be well-informed in terms of job duties and methodologies, but also possess the traits of morality, ethics, diligence, and conscientiousness.

As a consequence, they will contribute efficiently to performing their job duties, achieve their desired goals, and meet the expectations of others. Therefore, hiring human resources is a crucial measure that leads to the upgradation of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities.

D. Putting into Operation Job Duties in A Satisfactory Manner

One must effectively execute various job duties to lead the upgradation of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities. The human resources engaged in this task are required to possess the essential skills and capabilities. These are the keys to carrying out various job duties and responsibilities in a satisfactory and disciplined manner.

One of the crucial aspects that needs to be taken into account is that they need to be well-informed about all their job duties and responsibilities. Furthermore, generating information in terms of methodologies and procedures would facilitate achieving the desired goals. In addition, the upgradation of traits such as morality, ethics, diligence, and conscientiousness is advantageous on a comprehensive basis. As a consequence, they will contribute efficiently to performing their job duties, generate desired outcomes, meet the expectations of others, and promote community well-being. Therefore, effectively and satisfactorily implementing job duties is a meaningful measure to take in leading to the upgradation of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within rural communities.

V. CONCLUSION

Within rural communities, there is a 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, failure to treat health problems and illnesses, experiencing poverty, being overwhelmed by illiteracy, being overwhelmed by psychological issues, 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 the upgradation of infrastructure, amenities, and facilities within



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rural communities include conducting research through various sources, carrying out fieldwork, honing analytical and critical thinking skills, managing resources effectively, hiring qualified personnel, and satisfactorily executing job duties. Ultimately, it can be stated that infrastructure, amenities, and facilities are crucial in driving the development of rural communities.

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