

Contemporary Social issues and challenges in Jammu and Kashmir

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Abstract

In developing countries of Asia, and the other third world countries, the large proportion of rural population is poor. Rural Development is, therefore concerned with improving and transforming the economic and social life of the rural poor, and in this the basic human services like food, nutrition, health, education, employment, sanitation are critically important. It is also equally concerned with the development of rural infrastructure like roads, transport, power, insurance and banking beside the development of cottage and traditional crafts and providing cheap houses for poor especially the below poverty line people. The aims of development spelled out in 1970s in the Preamble of the International Development Strategy for second United Nations Development decade indicates that the ultimate purpose of development is to provide increasing opportunities to all people for better life. It is also essential to bring about a more equitable distribution of income and wealth for promoting social justice and efficiency of production, raise substantially the level of employment, achieve a greater degree of income security and expand and improve facilities for education, health, nutrition, housing and social welfare and safeguard the environment. As such any strategy of socio-economic development that neglects the rural people especially the rural poor cannot be successful.

Introduction:

India is passing through a very critical phase not only in terms of security scenario but also in social, economic, cultural and political areas. Being a largest democratic country and the second most populous country in the world, the problems and challenges in India are quite different from other countries. Though some of the challenges and problems are similar with other developing countries. So far as the state of Jammu and Kashmir is concerned it is a