

Sustainable Social Development through Innovations

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Sustainable development refers to nature friendly development which doesn't destroy resources for the next generations. This development enables the next generations to enjoy resources in the same way as it was enjoyed by previous generations. Sustainable development takes into consideration the impact on the environment. Thus the process of development here is a conscious effort.

Innovation refers to introduction of a new method or new approach towards solving a problem. it may be a minor improvement or minor change or adaptation of existing methods or practices or it may be a major change. A large number of innovations have benefitted human society. social innovation refers to introduction of new methods for development of society.

Development of a society is the outcome of joint efforts of citizens and institutions. Institutions often play the role of change agents and introduce new ideas for change and development. A few individuals are often radicals and they try to bring about changes in society. They raise their voice and ask others to bring about the desired changes. A large number of social movements have been outcome of individual initiatives.

social development can also take place through innovations. A large number of social innovations are transforming our society. There is a need to document and spread these innovations. This study is primarily focused on social innovations taking place in western Rajasthan. A large number of social innovations have taken place in this region and these innovations need to be documented and replicated. There is a need to spread these innovations for the benefit of humanity.

The present study is a case study of select social development institutions and their role in

transformation of the society. A few pioneering institutions were identified in consultation of academicians and these institutions are studied for their social impact.

Social Development Initiatives

Sahitya Sadvrat Samiti

This is a great institution. It has played an important role in spreading education. This society has been working for spreading education for over 100 years. Prior to independence, it was an unregistered society spreading education for free. Now it has started many schools and higher educational institutions to spread education. Currently this society is having over four thousand students in its various institutions. It has so far transformed lives of over 40000 students through education.

Saral Samaj

This is an unregistered society to spread cooperation, peace and brotherhood. This society has played an important role in development of society. It was established by Shri Purushottam ji.

People's Green Party

Although it is a political party, but it works with different approach. It is primarily focused on environment friendly policies and so all the initiatives are focused on development of environment. This political party tries to bring about inclusive growth and development. This has made laudable contribution towards transformation of the lives of the poor and those living below poverty line.

Summary

This study revealed that those who want to transform society, have to adhere to their fundamental values, goals and mission. Those who want to develop society, have to help the social development initiatives towards transformation of the society. These institutions and individuals play an important role in development of society. They need to be appreciated and recognized.

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