

## \* Significance of rural development in India.

### 1. Public health and sanitization.

Rural development helps to improve sanitation and hygiene providing safe drinking water and affordable health facilities which improves quality of living.

### 2. Literacy rate in rural areas.

Literacy is the powerful instrument of socio-economic change however there is a considerable gap between rural and urban literacy rate. Hence rural development helps to fill the gap by providing facilities at all levels.

### 3. Enforcement of law and order.

Rural development helps to safeguard the rights of socially disadvantage groups through enforcement of law and order.

### 4. Empowerment of women.

Rural development helps to remove the general inequality and provides opportunities for women in every field and encourage them to participate in every areas like , Education , Jobs etc.

## 5. Land reforms.

Rural development helps to make effective use of land, implementation of land reforms such as ceiling on land, land holding, regulation, regulation of rent, protection of tenancy rights etc.

## 6. Infrastructure development.

Rural development leads to further development of infrastructure facilities like electricity, roads connectivity, irrigation etc.

## 7. Availability of credit.

It also facilitates availability of credit facilities through banks for various sectors like agriculture, manufacturing, small scale industries through banks like commercial and public banks.

## 8. Eradication of poverty.

Rural development leads to increase in rural income and standard of living. This helps in eradication of poverty.