

Our rural life

Objective

1. To find out distribution of land and other resources in rural areas.
2. To find out the status of employment in the area.

Background

Most of the people in the rural areas are engaged in primary activities such as farming, keeping livestock, fishing or other related small scale and cottage industries.

A large number of people may also be landless farm labourers, daily wagers and service providers. Basic facilities like safe drinking water, medical facility, education, transportation, etc. may not be easily available to them.



Methodology

This is a group project. The students can collect data about the people living in the village based on the following questionnaire.

Questionnaire

1. Collect the land utilisation data from the Panchayat, Revenue or Mandal Development Office.
2. How many roads lead to the village? How many pass through it?
3. What is the occupation that the villagers are commonly engaged in?
4. Find out the different welfare schemes running in the village.

(you can get this information from the Panchayat, Revenue or Mandal Development Office) and enquire whether they know about those welfare schemes.

5. Is there any person getting any benefit from such schemes?
6. Is there any health centre, doctor or school?
7. Is there doctor in health center?
8. Prepare a list of facilities available, not available in the selected village by using the following table.

S.No	Facilities available in village	Facilities not available in village

Conclusion

In rural life agriculture and cattle rearing are lined with each other we cannot see them separately. Pet animals like hens, cows, buffalos, goats, cats and dogs are very helpful to us. Think, why there are no worms in the grains in houses where there are hens. By doing agricultural works and cattle rearing the rural people can utilize their leisure time. People engage in one of the productive works like leaf plate making in their leisure time. There will be a close relationship between the human beings and animals. Growing vegetables in the kitchen garden and poultry makes the people financially strong.

Based on the study of different groups, prepare a brief report on life in that village.

Follow-up

1. Display your report in your class or the bulletin board of your school.
2. Draw a topographical map of the village. which shows roads and other developments.