

# An Overview of Socio-economic Aspects of Rural Development in Haryana with Special Focus on Mewat (Nuh) District

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**Abstract**—Rural development is the process of improving the quality of life and economic well-being of people living in rural areas often relatively isolated and sparsely populated areas. Traditionally rural development has centred on the land intensive natural resources such as agriculture and forestry. But at the same time education, physical infrastructure and social infrastructure also play an important role in developing rural regions. Rural development is a comprehensive term. It essentially focuses on action for the development of areas outside the mainstream urban economic system. Rural development actions are intended to further the social and economic development of rural communities. Rural development aims at finding ways to improve rural lives with participation of rural people themselves, so as to meet the required needs of rural communities. As such, rural people themselves have to participate in their sustainable rural development. Haryana competes with other developed states of India in terms of development on all counts but at the same time Mewat district is lagged behind on all parameters of development such as education, social infrastructure, health infrastructure and physical infrastructure etc. This paper is intended to study and discuss the socio-economic aspects of rural development in the Mewat district.

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