

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ROLE OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION IN MAKING INDIA SHINE

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Abstract:

Voluntary organization plays a vital role in bringing out socio-economic development in urban as well as in rural areas in India. It has become an important worldwide force today. It not only have a definite place in modern era but they perform a number of functions for the welfare of its members, the development of a country, integration and solidarity of the society and nation. Voluntary organization provide services to the poor, needy, neglected, the old aged and the sick people. They not only provide free services to the urban but also to its rural folk and made different efforts and initiate different programmes at local, national and at international level to aware the common people. They perform their duties in emergency situations like droughts and floods etc at massive scale. The main functions of the voluntary organization is to identifying the needs of individuals, groups, communities, and initiate programmes and projects to meet them on their own or with the grant-in-aid of the government. Voluntary organization is being increasingly used as development agencies by policy makers because they provide more accountable, effective and equitable services in many areas than public or private agencies. Voluntary organization are independent, non-profitable, democratic, and secular which work for the welfare of the society and enriching the lives of citizens and progress of nation. The voluntary agencies in India have gradually changed and widened their outlook towards overall socio-economic development of the society. The need of the hour is that both government and non-government agencies should work hand in hand which will enhance the developmental process in urban as well as in rural area which will make India shine.

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Introduction

Voluntary organizations are also known as non profitable or non Paid organization. Voluntary organization means a group of people working together voluntarily to help the needy persons with their needs and resources available to them. They not work for personal intention but they work for humanity, welfare of people and development. Voluntary organizations are initiated by individuals or group of individuals voluntarily for development, particularly for disadvantaged sections of society. Voluntary organization is organized for voluntary action. “Voluntary organization is a group of persons organized on the basis of voluntary membership without state control for the furtherance of some common interests of its members” David .L.Sills.The term voluntarism is derived from the latin word “voluntas” which means will or freedom. It is that action or activity which is not diverted or controlled by the state. It is an activity which is governed by its own members and not by any outside force. Thus we can say that voluntary organization is a group of people who spend their free time helping others without monetary compensation and do not make a profit from their activities. It is a structured group of people who have come together of their own accord for a social rather than a commercial purpose.

Methodology

The present paper is a descriptive analysis of “Social Development and Role of Voluntary Organization in Making India Shine” for which we have taken data from secondary source that are research articles, books, journals, periodical records and government publications.

Role of Voluntary organization in social Development in India

With the changing scenario of the society the role of voluntary organization had also changed. In ancient times these organizations were helpful to meet the needs of the people but now these organizations are being used as development agencies by policy makers. They not only provide their services to the poor or disadvantaged section but they have brought in to focus on issues like health, education, rural and urban development, environment protection, women and child welfare and they have become an active part of the contemporary development scene in India .. Voluntary organizations have become an important global force today. These organisations provide accountable, effective and equitable services in many areas then public or private agencies in India .They not only have a definite place in modern state but they also perform a

number of functions for its members. The voluntary organization provides social services to the poor, needy, neglected, the old aged and the sick in India and making India shine. They made different efforts not only to reduce poverty or inequality in society but also put control on social evils which includes drug addiction, suicide, dowry child marriage, etc. voluntary organization also provide their services in emergency situations like droughts, floods etc. on a massive scale. It is believed that voluntary organization not only teaches essential civics skills such as trust, compromise and reciprocity but it also binds society together by creating bridges between diverse groups . They work for development, welfare of people so, their ample service is to bind people towards progress and towards well being of the society, nation and country.

The voluntary organization has long been an enabler and driver of equitable growth in India as well as in world and has made a significant contribution to the welfare of the community. voluntary organization are independent, flexible, democratic, secular, non profitable organization which work for the welfare and development of the society with the changing notion of state, the voluntary organization role and importance has increased in India. The reason behind this is that government structures are not geared for integrated development like agriculture, energy, environment, water resources and equality but voluntary sector achieving these goals very easily and smoothly today their role in the development process has increased and has also become more complex. From the welfare and clarity approach, the voluntary agencies in India have gradually changed and widened their outlook towards overall development of the society.

Voluntary Organisation Helps the Communities in India.

In a democratic, socialistic and welfare society, voluntary organisations are indispensable and they perform a number of functions for the welfare of its members, the development of a country, integration and solidarity of the society and nation , voluntary organisation have enormous impact on the well being of the communities worldwide. Things of all the ways that volunteers make a difference in day today life. Volunteer organisation deliver critical services to fire fighters and are participating in search and rescue, to delivering meals to homeless youths, to maiming the phone lines at domestic violence and sexual assault centers the volunteers also clear drain from parks and roadways in India. It frees up time for city employees to focus on other services. The community is beautified when volunteers participate in clean ups, gardening and

planting. Voluntary organisation provides day care and elder care to families that may not be able to afford these valuable services without assistance. Schools are strengthened when volunteers donate time and resources to tutor students, building illiteracy and knowledge. Support for youth for motoring and personal growth of community youth, thus encouraging them to become strong citizens and future volunteers. When a community is doing well as a whole and individual tend to thrive as well. The services provided by the volunteers are really great and full of courage that otherwise might have been provided at higher cost or not provided at all. Voluntary organisation not only helps to keep our environment neat and tidy but they provide end number of services like free medical camps, free meditation, education related programs, agricultural programmes, free coaching and support young people with everything and contribute veterinary expertise to organisations like animal shelters, wild life rehabilitations centers. According to corporation for national and community services 61.8 million individuals the United States contributed 8 billion hours of volunteerism in 2008 alone. The economic value of all these volunteering is 162 billion US dollars. This is roughly equivalent to the 2008 gross domestic product of Egypt.

Benefits and Characteristic of Voluntary Organisation in India

Voluntary organisation offers vital help to people in need, community but the benefits can be even greater for you, volunteering and helping others can reduce stress, depression, keep you mentally stimulated, while it is true that more you volunteer, the more benefits you will experience. Voluntarism connects you to other and remove your shyness and feel you bold. It will develop your mind and body and, will make you passionate. It can advance your career and bring fun and fulfillment to your life. The voluntary organisation has distinct characteristics that make them different from other organisations in the society. The chief characteristics of voluntary organisation are:

- They are developed by individuals or group of individuals for undertaking the welfare and development activities for the disadvantaged groups of society.
- They are neither formed nor run for profit making.
- It is an organisation initiated and government by its own members on democratic principles without external control.
- It is registered under an appropriate act to give cooperate status to a group of individuals.

- It has a definite aims, objectives and programs.

Seventh five year plan and role of voluntary organizations in India

The traditional role of voluntary organisations in India is to provide their services to the deprived and underprivileged sections of the society. Another important role of voluntary organisation which is more fundamental for social development which includes protection and misuse of governmental authority and economically powerful interests in perpetuating social and injustice and arresting the trends of inefficiency and non accountability of public administrations. The third major role of voluntary organisation is cooperating with government agencies or supplementing their efforts in the implementation of their programs. The seventh five year plan document had identified the role of voluntary agencies in the implementations of development programs as follows.

- To supplement the government efforts in offering the rural poor choices and alternative.
- To be eyes and ears of the people at the village level.
- It should be possible for the voluntary agencies to adopt simple, innovative, flexible and inexpensive means with its limited resources and to reach a large population group with greater community participating.
- To activate the delivery system and make it effective at the village level and respond to the needs of the poorest of the poor.
- To spread information.
- To make communities as independent as possible.
- To show how villages and original resources and how human resources, rural skill and which local knowledge is grossly underutilized at present, could be used for their own development.
- To demystify technology and bring it in the simpler form to the poor
- To train a cadre of grass root who believes in professionalizing volunteerism.
- To mobilize financial resources from within the community with a view making communities stand on their feet.

Conclusion

With the fast changing world, the role of voluntary organisation in India has also increased. The reason behind this is that government agencies are not geared for integrated development like agriculture, energy, environment, water resources, equality but voluntary sector achieve these goals smoothly. Today's their role in development process has increase and has also become more complex. These organisations provide accountable, effective and equitable services in many areas then public or private agencies. Voluntary organisations are independent, flexible, democratic, secular, non profitable organisations which work for the welfare and development of the society in India. From the welfare and clarity approach the voluntary agencies in India have gradually changed and widened their outlook roads were all development of society. Despite varied levels of performances and spread. Voluntary organisation has potential in many areas therefore the state should promote and strengthen voluntary actions in all its forms in India. The need of the hours is that special efforts are required to remove the regional imbalances in voluntary action in india. There is a need that voluntary organisation should develop professionalism and emerge as an effective agents of knowledge based changes in bringing about sustainable socio- economic development in India which helps us in making India shine.

Message

Helping hands are better than praying lips

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