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PROFILE OF HANDEWADI VILLAGE

A) Introduction

This chapter deals with information of Handewadi Village, Tal. Gadhinglaj, Dist. Kolhapur, general description of the area of which the study was followed by detailed description about mass communications impact on Agriculture, Health, Education and family welfare.

B) Historical Background

Handewadi Village is a small village in Ajara Taluka, Dist. Kolhapur, State Maharashtra. This village is located 16 k. m. away from taluka Ajara and 18 kms away from Gadhinglaj and 90 km. away from Kolhapur. This village Gram Panchayat was established on Feb. 9th, 1958. Since 1958 caste leaders have Sarapanch. But now a days this situation is changed. This post later went to a man belonging to O.B.C. There is good harmony and co-operation and no conflict happened in Handewadi village. Handewadi is now a day's becoming an ideal village in Ajara taluka because of the united integration. Here researcher intends to focus on following basic thing.

C) Agriculture

Handewadi village is basically a land of agriculture. About 95% of the population is related to agriculture. The total land is of 750 hectare. In this land irrigated area is 160 hectare and 55 hectare is non-irrigated, major crops in the village are sugarcane, rice, Cashenut,

groundnut, ragi etc. majority of the people are engaged in agriculture labor and dairy occupation.

D) Population:

The population of Handewadi according to gram panchayat records is 445 but at present the population is 335, male are 166 and female are 169. It is a multi caste village.

E) Irrigation:

There is one minor irrigation project 10 k.m. away from Handewadi. Generally people use water for digging bore well, now a days they use pipeline and sprinkler system.

F) Transport :

There is one main road that goes through Handewadi village. This road joins state road Gadhinglaj-Chandgad and Ajara-Nesari. In Handewadi there is one main internal main road and two internal sub roads.

G) Power :

Every family uses electricity. It is a great facility for Handewadi Village.

H) Basic Accommodation:

70 percent people have their own toilet. There are 29 percent household have water connection, in Handewadi village. It has fifty thousand liters capacity water tank to provide water to villagers.

I) Institution:

There is one Primary School, one cultural club, Two Youth Club, one Ladies Club and one Co-Operative Milk Dairy. These all clubs and institution are run by Villagers.

J) Festival:

A number of festivals are celebrated in Handewadi. Dipawali, Gudi-Padawa, Ganesh Chaturthi, Bhumi Pujan, etc. These all festivals are celebrated by villagers, they also worship local gods / goddesses and festivals.

k) Education :

Handewadi has one primary school. After the completion of primary education student go to neighbouring high school located in Batkanagale. It is 2 k.m. away from Handewadi as well as students of Handewadi go to take higher education and under graduation education in Nesari. It is 6 k.m. away from Handewadi. Some students go to taluka place. Now a days each households is becoming aware of education.

L) Language :

In the village 100 percent people use Marathi for communication. Two percent people know English language. Apparently 50 percent people well know Hindi Language and only 03 to 04 percent people know Kannada Language.