

Team Jharkhand - Devgain

LiLa Individual Report

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Introduction:

As the part of Live-in-Labs program we went to the village called Devgain. Devgain is located in Ranchi the capital district of Jharkhand and it is at a distance of 14km from the Ranchi city.

The villagers of the Devgain where very friendly and helped us to carry out the surveys.

Problem identification:

The major occupation of the villagers is agriculture. And their main cultivation crop is the paddy; apart from paddy they also cultivate wheat, cucumber, brinjal, tomato, and pointed gourd. But the farmers are mostly dependent monsoon and there are no proper irrigation facilities. The agricultural produces were sold in local market for very low prices due to middle men intervention. As they did not much earn from the agriculture; the youth were found uninterested in agriculture and found waiting for government jobs also they were reluctant to take up employment in nearby private companies

The most of villagers are belonging to the Schedule Tribes but the government schemes allocated is not reaching to the villagers.

The villages do not have proper sanitation facilities. There are only few toilets around 12 in the villages and only 5 are used. Sometimes they use mud to clean their hands. The awareness about the use of toilets and personal hygiene should be created among the villagers.

The main foods the villagers eat are rice, dal (pulses) and some vegetables. They don't have proper nutritious balanced diet. The village have some mango and litchi trees for self-consumption as per the season. The more others fruits trees can be planted which can improve their diet and also fruits plantation can make way for fruit business possibilities for the villagers.

Addiction to alcoholism is a major problem in the village. As the most of the villagers are daily wagers/labours and the reason they gave for this addiction is to relieve stress. Even some women were addicted to alcoholism.

Course Learning:

The most wonderful learning experience from the village life was to survive without electricity. It helped to gain an overview of how people lived in an age without technology. It also gives an insight into how people use their minimum resources to lead a simple life. The very fact that the future growth potential of India lies in villages and how effectively the different resources mainly in agriculture can be utilized efficiently and effectively for future growth prospects.

The surveys conducted in various sectors like agriculture, health, education enabled to gather real time data and gain information about the villagers with direct interaction with them. Even though the technological advancements are happening day by day, there are many sections of the society and remote villages where the people have no clue about what is happening in the world. The greatest wealth i.e. education is not reached to these places. They are not able to acquire even primary education. The primary health facilities like government hospitals and emergency facilities are not available. Developing the villages can prove to be a major step towards the development of the country.

Individual reflection on the villagers:

Perception before the visit:

As I hail from village I had certain image about the village conditions. I was aware and had experienced about the electricity power failures which is prevalent in most of the villages in India. I was prepared to wake early and sleep early which is quite a change from the city where I mostly grew up. From the different information's gathered and the amritapuri visit, I expected devgain to be a very underdeveloped village. The place was expected to be dirty. The education facilities would be till 8th. The sanitation and electricity was considered to be a major issue. The problems of income generation and agricultural issues were another area to be focused upon. I thought the villagers would be much reluctant to interact and share information.

After Visit:

The climate was fairly good and the place was not as dirty as expected. The People were friendly than expected and supportive. The villagers wanted development to come and required supportive hands. The available sanitation facilities were not properly used of and lack of awareness was a major issue. The people were lazy and condemned with what they earn to just meet the two ends. There is a high potential of income generation from sources like sal leaves and with agricultural improvements. With supportive hands and skilled people to guide them, there is fairly good chance of development in the village