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RURAL WELFARE ORIENTED PROGRAMMES

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- The main objective of rural development has been to **remove poverty** of the people and fill the **widened gap between the rich and the poor**.
- This has been also vocalized in the policy of the government which says: said, '**Rural poverty** alleviation has been the primary concern in the economic planning and development process of the country' rural development which encompasses the entire gamut of improvement in the overall quality of life in the rural areas can be achieved through eradication of poverty in rural areas.'

The major early programmes were:

- * Intensive Agricultural Area Programme (LAAP)
- * Intensive Agricultural District Programme (IADP)
- * High Yielding Varieties Programme (HYVP)
- * Rural Industries Projects and Rural Artisans Programmes (RIP and RAP)

- Besides the above programmes, several poverty alleviation programmes have also been launched by the central and state governments for the rural people.

❖ 20-Point Programme:

- This has been a **major programme of rural development** encompassing various aspects of rural people.
- This programme is associated with **former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi**, who introduced it in **July 1975** for reducing poverty and economic exploitation and for the uplift of weaker sections of society.
- She gave the slogan '**Garibi Hatao**' during parliamentary elections.

The important goals of this programme were:

- Welfare of the rural masses.
- Increase in rural employment.
- Minimum wages to landless labourers.
- Uplift of the SC and ST people.

❖ Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)

❖ Training Rural Youths for Self-Employment (TRYSEM)

❖ Food for Work Programme (FWP)

- ❖ **National Rural Employment Programme (NREP)**
- ❖ **Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP)**
- ❖ **Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY)**
- ❖ **Antyodaya Yojana**
- ❖ **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS)**

Some Other Development Schemes:

- **Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Sadak Yojana (PMAGSY):**
- **Bharat Nirman Yojana:**
- **Indira Awas Yojana:**
- **Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM):**
- **Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY):**
- **National Rural Health Mission:**
- **National Rural Livelihood Mission:**
- **National Food Security Scheme:**