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INTERSTATE DISPARITY IN RURAL POVERTY REDUCTION IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

A major cause of poverty among India's rural people, both individuals and communities, is lack of access to productive assets and financial resources. High levels of illiteracy, inadequate health care and extremely limited access to social services are common among poor rural people. Microenterprise development, which could generate income and enable poor people to improve their living conditions, has only recently become a focus of the government. This paper deals with trends in rural poverty in India. It outlines the state wise rural poverty reduction in India during the period 1973-74 to 2011-12. This paper concludes with some interesting findings along with policy suggestions.

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