

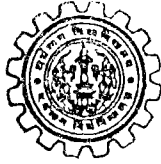
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PREFACE

The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) was launched by the Government of India in 1978 in 2000 selected blocks. Later it was extended to all the 5011 blocks on 2nd October 1980. Its main objective was to identify the poorest of the poor families in the rural areas and to help them to rise above the poverty line. The programme was expected to generate sufficient income from the assets provided to the families in order to enable them to cross the poverty line. Many years have passed but the results appear to have been not up to the desired expectations. To study the impact of this programme and to find out the shortcomings in the implementation of the programme this study was conducted in the district of Birbhum. The period selected for the study was the Seventh Five Year Plan period.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BDO	Block Development Officer
BLCC	Block Level Co-ordination Committee
CDP	.....	Community Development Programme
DCC	.....	District Level Consultative Committee
DDP	.....	Desert Development Programme
DLCC	.....	District Level Co-ordination Committee
DPAP	.....	Draught Prone Area Programme
DWCRA	.....	Development of Woman and Children in Rural Areas
EDP	.....	Employment Development Programme
HYV	.....	High Yielding Variety
IRDP	.....	Integrated Rural Development Programme
ITDP	.....	Integrated Tribal Development Programme
KVIC	.....	Khadi and Village Industries Commission
MFALA	...	Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers Agency
MGB	.....	Mayurakshi Gramin Bank
MNP	.....	Minimum Needs Programme
NABARD	.	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NES	.....	National Extension Service
NGOS	.....	Non-Government Organisations
NREP	.....	National Rural Employment Programme
RBI	.....	Reserve Bank of India
RLEGP	.....	Rural Labour Employment Guarantee Programme
SBI	.....	State Bank of India
SC	.....	Scheduled Caste

SEP Self-Employment Programme
SFDA Small Farmers Development Agency
SLCC State Level Co-ordination Committee
ST Scheduled Tribe
T&V Training and Visit
