

Socio-Economic-Cultural Development of a Village – Kakwa (Amethi), Uttar Pradesh - A Case Study

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Abstract: *The people living in rural areas in India are majority depended upon agriculture & small scale business. The rural agriculture production & consumption plays a predominant role in developing the country's economy. The study of Socio-Economic-Cultural development of rural areas is a quite significant one. Culture is a result of Human Adaptation to his ecosystem. In this paper, the context of progress of a village, "Kakwa" is discussed with its rich culture & heritage. It is a village in Amethi (tehsil & district) in gram panchayat Kakwa, Uttar Pradesh. Based on the first-hand data obtained in field investigation, the change in livelihood of people in Kakwa had been pen downed in this paper.*

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1. Introduction

According to Census 2011, the location or village code of Kakwa village is 169362. Kakwa village is located in Amethi district in Faizabad division in Uttar Pradesh. It is situated 11 km away from district headquarter Amethi & 45 km away from nearby Sultanpur district & 133 km from state capital Lucknow. As per 2009 stats, Kakwa village is also a gram panchayat. The people living in Kakwa are majority depended upon agriculture & small scale business. The agricultural production & consumption here plays a predominant role in developing the Indian economy. The total geographical area of village is 367.88 hectares. Kakwa has a total population of 3044 people (1576 male population & 1468 female population). There are about 528 houses in kakwa village. Its elevation is 107 meters above sea level. Telephone code of kakwa gram panchayat is 05368. The postal pincode is 227405, being in Amethi post office.

2. History

Kakwa is a village in Amethi district which established in about 10th century. Earlier it belonged to "Bharo" family, and thus was named as "BharkiRadha". MaharajDulharai(Anccestor of present RajyaSabha MP &Amethi King, Maharaj Sanjay Sinh) settled here in Amethi with is family. Maharaj loved the place & its natural beauty, also seeing the geographical importance, he decided to settle here. Thus he attacked on Bharo family & other kingdoms, defeated them & established a new centre of power in central India. In due respect of Prince KarnSinh (younger son of MaharajGurudattSinh), the present day village, Kakwa received its name & glory. The Kakwa village was named in his due honour.

Ancessor of current RajyaSabha MP &Amethi King, Maharaj Sanjay Sinh ruled for decades on Amethi. Kakwa was the integral part of their empire.

Few lines describing the glory of Sinh Empire –



“SamarAmethiKeNareshGurudattSinh
Sadat KeSenaSameron Son BhaniHai
Bhasat 'Kavindra' Kali HulsiAsesanKo
SheshanKoSambhu Ki JamatHulsaniHai
TahanEkJugginiSubhatKhopari Le Khari
ShronitPiyatTakiUpmaBakhaniHai
Pyali Le ChiniKoChhakiJeevanTarangMaano
Rang HetuPiyatMajeethMuglaniHai”

3. Development of Kakwa

3.1 Human (Social) Dimensions

3.1.1 Demography

The lives of people here had changed a lot since the existence of this village. Every aspect of life has been changed to a very large extent. Kakwa is a village in Amethi(tehsil&district) in gram panchayatKakwa, Uttar Pradesh. It follows the time zone IST (UTC+5:30). It too

had a large forest cover till 1980's. Gradually the human's materialistic progress took place & the forest cover reduced gradually. Language used primarily here are Awadhi, Hindi & Urdu. Awadhi is the local language here. Nearby talukas are Amethi (3 km), Sangrampur (9 km), Gauriganj (12 km), Sangipur (13 km). Nearby cities are Jais (28 km), Sultanpur (38 km), Raebarelli (58 km), LalGopalganjNindaura (61 km). Nearby districts are Pratapgarh (35 km), Sultanpur (38 km), Raebarelli (58km), Kaushambi (82 km).

3.1.2 Education

Kakwa has a rich educational culture. The village came into existence or was formed/discovered by 1750. The late Maharaja of Amethi, RajarshiRananjaySinh, had a vision to develop the constituent of Amethi (Kakwa) by improving the educational qualification of local people. With this vision RajarshiRananjaySinh established first educational institute in the year 1916. The vision of late Maharaja of Amethi, RajarshiRananjaySinh, of empowering people with quality education is further carried out by his son, Amethi King, Maharaj Dr. Sanjay Sinh & Daughter in law, Rani Dr. AmetaSinh.

3.2 Rajarshi Rananjay Sinh Group of Institutions



- A. RanvirRananjay Post Graduate College, Amethi.
- B. RajarshiRananjaySinh Institute of Management & Technology, Munshiganj, Amethi.
- C. RajarshiRananjaySinh College of Pharmacy, Amethi.
- D. Rani Sushma Devi MahilaMahavidyalay, Amethi.
- E. Sri Ranveer Inter College, Ramnagar, Amethi.
- F. Rani Sushma Devi Girls Inter College, Munshiganj, Amethi.
- G. Sri Ranveer Junior High School, Ramnagar, Amethi.
- H. RajarshiRananjayVaidikBalVidyaMandir, AryaSamaj Campus, Amethi
- I. RajarshiRananjaySinhAsaldevMahavidyalay, Piparpur, Amethi

Many professionals of region have served the nation & are still doing the same today also. The famous "Nath" family of Amethi gave no. of Indian Administrative Service Officers to the Country. Shree RavindraPratap Singh of Kakwa qualified the Public Service Commission Exam and made the village & family proud of him.

Intermediate college here in Kakwa named Shree Jung Bahadur Singh Inter College, Kakwa, Amethi is affiliated to Uttar Pradesh Educational Board & was built in 1990. Mr.

Rajwant Singh, then principal of school labored himself with workers & built the school, the future with his own hands. He worked hard in construction process without any hesitation & laid the example of an ideal human being. Other Schools & Colleges are KPS Memorial Public School, Community Centre, Indira Gandhi Post Graduate College, Kalawati Group of Educational Institutions, Sri Vindeshwari Primary School & many more. The literacy rate here is 73.04%. Also the National Literacy Mission Authority (Department of School Education & Literacy) is working actively in Kakwa to make the people literate.



3.3 Social Structure

The people living in Kakwa are majority depended upon agriculture & small scale business. The agricultural production & consumption here plays a predominant role in developing the Indian economy. The total geographical area of village is 367.88 hectares. Kakwa has a total population of 3044 people (1576 male population & 1468 female population). There are about 528 houses in kakwa village. Scheduled Caste (SC) constitutes 22.4% while Scheduled Tribe (ST) here is nil. The Scheme of Support to Voluntary Agencies for Adult Education & Skill Development program is runned by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government Of India specially in Amethi district to uplift the living standard of people here. The aim of organization is to do social work for specially SC/ST/OBC & others deprived sections of society (especially Female) & aware to public for health, education & vocational training.

	Total	Male	Female
Main Workers	534	503	31
Cultivators	255	244	11
Agriculture Labourer	113	110	3
Household Industries	39	32	7
Other Workers	127	117	10
Marginal Workers	524	203	321
Non-Working	1452	367	1085

3.4 Rich Culture

The rich cultural heritage of Kakwa reflects in the people here. The historic Lord Shiva Temple in the mid village near to Mr. Karuna Shankar Tiwari's house which was built by his ancestor, Late Mr. Bhagwati Prasad Tiwari Ji in 1966 which signifies the people's faith on the proud culture of the region. It is the oldest temple of Kakwa village & the region. Many other temples such as Hanuman Mandir, Devi

PatanMandir, UltaGadha Temple, KalikanMandir, Mahadevan Mandir, Gayatri Shakti Peeth, Mata Mawai Dham and many more reflects the people's faith in God & their Significant & limitless bhakti. Also the Mosque in Central Amethi, reflects the love & brotherhood of diversified culture of people here in Kakwa, Amethi. Kakwa (Amethi) is the best example of Incredible India, The nation with Unity in Diversity.



3.5 Medical Services

Various hospitals & punctual doctors here are available 24x7 to serve the people. With government hospitals, also other private hospitals run in the sector to serve mankind. The lifeline of Kakwa, the Sanjay Gandhi Hospital here in munshiganj area is the largest hospital here which serves about 2000 people on daily basis incorporating about 60 doctors & 150 other staff. Also PHC Hospital, Community Health Centre (CHC), BSM Hospital etc are intensely taking care of the health of Kakwa (Amethi). Many medical stores have been opened in the region to serve the purpose.



3.6 Urban Lifestyle

Electricity reached to this village by 1995. Today kakwa has better road connectivity. It has both public & private bus service here in Kakwa. The first bus started in 1970 which jolted the transportation means for people here & brought a smile on their face. Both the private & public transportation means here are available within 10+ km distance. It is also connected to National line of Indian Railways. Talakhajuri railway station is the nearest station to Kakwa. Many other small scale taxis & autos provide a transportation means. Right from government's roadways bus station to no of private stands acts as an active transportation lifeline. Nearby railway stations is Amethi railway station (6.2 km),

Talakhajuri railway station (6.7 km), Misrauli railway station (8.7 km), Gauriganj Railway station (12 km). Nearby Airports are Bamrauli airport (86 km), Amausi airport (125 km), and Varanasi airport (149 km), Kanpur airport (154 km). Also a cricket stadium was built in kakwa by former MLA of constituency, which signifies the eternal zeal for sports in people (especially Youth) & their true love towards Sports.



4. Economic Dimensions

4.1 Agriculture (Lifeline of Kakwa)

Agriculture is the main profession of this village. Still the village is waiting for Industrial Development. Today also half of the villagers are depended on agriculture for livelihood. All kharif&rabi crops are sown & grown here. Today no. of ways are there for irrigation purpose, but in earlier times only canal in this village was the only source for irrigation of fields.

Agriculture mainly depended upon oxen & manual means only. The hard & dedicated labour of farmers was the only way to increase the productivity. The village saw its first tractor in 1980, which initiated the agricultural phase change of Kakwa&revolutionised the agricultural practices in the region.

A large area was covered under the mango tree farm in the village in the era of 80's, Earlier in this farm, 1 lakh trees were present which gave it name, "Lakhrayiya", It covered the area of about 2 km. Now due to various agricultural practices in the region, the mango tree farm has been reduced to some extent.

Domestic animals are the backbone of any farming family. Our Kakwa is also an active home town that cares of animals as its own family member. About 600 domestic animals are in Kakwa. Not only these, the aerial birds are spaciality of the village that are mostly found near the ponds & water bodies in the village.



4.2 Rural Industry & Services

Earlier people used to write letter only (especially till 1995). The first post office of the village was established in 1927. The basic telephone tower was first established successfully in 1994. Mr. PhoolDevShukla, from Kakwa worked in Indian Telephone Industry (Now BSNL), as a general manager, played a crucial role in bringing the telephonic ring to the village. Today there are numerous ATMs in Kakwa, Amethi. No. of Banks have been opened in Kakwa supporting the local economy. The demonetization move brought a bright smile on local residents face. Bank of Baroda, State Bank of India, Corporation Bank, Punjab National Bank are the active financial institutions in the region. No. of petrol pump stations & vehicle servicing agencies in Kakwa, Amethi takes care of health of vehicles of people here. HP petrol pump incorporating Chandan Auto Service Center & Arvind Auto Service, IOCL Retail Outlet are famous & large enterprises serving in the area.



4.3 Tourism & New Economy

Our Kakwa is also not behind in other materialistic aspects of life. The two nearby cinema theaters in the region prove the same. No. of hotels & lodges adds a feather to the pride cap of Kakwa. Krishna Foods, VishwanathPuri Hotel, Ram Krishna Bhawan, SaiDham Hotel, Om Guest House are some prominent hotels & guest house here in region. Near by famous tourist places are Pratapgarh (34 km), Shringverpur (56 km), Raebarelli (58 km), Allahabad (85 km), Faizabad (91 km), Kaushambi (99 km).



4.4 Industries in Region

As the time went on, slowly the industrilisation of the region has been started. However, no such industries yet prevailed in Kakwa, but some industries, whether small scale or large scale has its presence in Amethi. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL, Navratna), Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL, Maharatna) are some National level, World class industries in district. other prominent industries in the area are Mamta Steel Works, ACC Tikaria, Rajesh Masala etc.....



5. Political Dimension

Amethi is also state legislative assembly constituency & national parliamentary constituency. Kakwa being an integral part of Amethi plays a major role in deciding the representative of the constituency. People here are responsible voters of the nation & the voting percentage here is always at its peak. Indian National Congress (INC), BhartiyaJanta Party (BJP), BahujanSamajwadi Party (BSP), Samajwadi Party (SP), are the major political parties in this area. Seating MLA from Amethi Legislative assembly seat is Mrs. GarimaSinh from BhartiyaJanta Party & Seating MP from Amethi Parliamentary seat is Mr. Rahul Gandhi from Indian National Congress.

The head of third tier of democracy, The Sarpanch of Kakwa is Mr. GorakhnathTiwari. Panchayatbhawan here was built in year 2000.

The former respected late Prime Minister of india, Shree Rajiv Gandhi Ji brought the electricity in this village & region. Polling stations near Kakwa are Misraulibadganw, Gorakhpur, Sumerpur, Mahmampur, Chanderiya.



Connectivity of Kakwa to Outer World

Earlier roads were not built, walking by legs was the only option for people here. Gradually the roads were built after 1990 and Kakwa saw for the first time its phase change in all means. Earlier people walked into groups to resist any accidents & avoid dacoit's attacks. Nearby villages to Kakwa are Dehra, Saidpur, Aghar, Maharajpur, Biyasiya, DalashahPur, Kohra, MahmudPur, SaraiyaDuban, Naraini, Purabgaon. Kakwa is surrounded by Sangrampur in east, Gauriganj in north, Sangipur in west & Bhetua in east. Jais, Sultanpur, Raebarelli, Gopalganj etc... are near by cities to Kakwa.



6. Challenges for Rural (Kakwa) Development

- 1) Developing rural areas is long time consuming process.
- 2) Most of the rural people depend upon agriculture, & that too is a risky business.
- 3) Sustainable economic growth & diversification.
- 4) Government funding & institutional development.
- 5) Agricultural employment has started to decline where replacement employment is required.
- 6) Lack of appropriate technology & beneficiary participation.

7. Conclusion

Kakwa, A village situated in Kakwa gram panchayat, (tehsil & district) Amethi, Uttar Pradesh. People of this village are living in very peaceful manner, obeying their responsibilities & duties. This village has very proud history. Agriculture & Domestication of animals is the main profession of this village. About 60% of population depends on agriculture &

related industries. Still, in this 21st century, the village is waiting for its Industrial development. Education, Drinking Water, Road & Electricity are the main concerns of this village. Young generation is more attracted towards Mobile phones, LaptopS& Computer technology these days. Digitalization & Automation of task are also areas of interest of youth in Kakwa, Amethi. If banks & other financial institutions pave the way for loan & other kinds of financial support to villagers, This village may also see the real development, so there is a great need to strengthen the quality of life in rural areas, raising profit to farmers to improve the national GDP & economy. Medical & Health Services has to be improved here. Kakwa has the vast scope of industrial development here.

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