

Chapter – 08 Political Science

Rural Livelihoods

- There are several kinds of livelihoods in rural areas.
- **Kalpattu Village**
 - (i) Kalpattu in Tamil Nadu is a village near to the sea coast.
 - (ii) Ploughing is not done here. People are busy in activities like making pots, utensils, weaving baskets and making bricks in kilns.
 - (iii) It has a number of shops, Tea, cloth, barber, shop, tailor, etc. are some major shops found here.
- **Life in Rural Areas:**
 - (i) Work in rural areas is found only in the harvesting season.
 - (ii) People work as daily labourers.
 - (iii) Women have to do their domestic duties and even work outside.
 - (iv) People find it difficult even to meet their basic existence or basic necessities.
 - (v) About two-third of India's agricultural labourers are landless labourers.
 - (vi) Since farmers do not have money they fall in a debt trap.
- **Agricultural Labourers and Farmers in India:**
 - (i) In India only 20% of farmer can boast of a good lifestyle.
 - (ii) Hoarding makes farmers suffer.
- **Coastal Areas:**
 - (i) People in coastal areas face a tough life.
 - (ii) Fishing is their main occupation. But when the fishermen are out, it is not known whether they will come back or not.
 - (iii) Fishermen are unsafe for four months during monsoon season. It is a lean period for the fishermen.
 - (iv) There is constant battle for survival among majority of people in rural areas.