

## Solutions

We should always arrive together to a solution of all social problems, rather than borrowed it because it was successful elsewhere and taken for us or dictated. Initiative of solution must always come from the populous, which has stated the problem. Then only we will feel that we are part of the solution and it is our duty to achieve the desired results. Most of us have a solution for the entire problem others are facing in our neck of wood, but these solutions may not be appropriate because of local conditions and adoptability of populous. **Idea never benefit when it is borrowed, we might as well modify & own it.** Most of us like me are very smart and hence quickly come to the solutions before we had heard the complete problem correctly or read it properly. Every one of us in a rush to implement our solution to more and more similar problems. Like take the case study of village development in India's 600,000+ villages aspect of water storage in small dams for irrigation. Everywhere we see thousands of these dams are made, in most of the states where there is water problem in dry seasons. Here see what is going to happen downstream people, we have no consideration. In this case we should think locally and control should be central. This is no solution but pass the bug around and who so ever can pull the mussels around get the benefit. In case of these dams also benefit goes more to big landowners.

Let me share one story with you some thirty or forty years ago in order to give boost to irrigation by well water, Government of Bihar started giving grant cum loan. Soon the amount of loan, which was given, becomes so much, that the area of wells alone become larger than entire area to be irrigated. Still problem did not get solved. Moral of story is that are we so much jealous to duplicate the success stories elsewhere, we forget that the root cause of problem lies somewhere else. It may be in adoptability and freedom of choice, may not be just to follow rules. Spirit of rule is more important to understand than its literal meaning. Monitoring is important, spirit behind it should be, that unless majority had taken a decision to include everybody in benefit, as well as priority for the tasks, it should never be taken up. More money is not always solutions to all the social problems, but attitude is.

Mahatma Gandhi was probably biggest thinker of our time but we cannot solve all the ills of society just following his principle in Toto, but we will be able to solve most of the ills by his principles probably when we are given a free hand to change the principles to suit the local conditions with loosing the basic values, complete with spirit. More over we may have all the theory but have no tools and means to solve; we will not be able to solve anything. Own the solutions in your name and be proud of it rather than tried the proven ways. Failures will be there either way you go and we should be always ready to change our course. There is no free lunch otherwise Bihar story will not be told over and over again. The problem solving techniques should be instilled with our basic education like Japanese do with their own kids, children given the task which is impossible in our set of mind, may be someone can come with solution and surprise us. There is no fixed solution we all are experimenting.

If we want to solve the rural problem best way is study the problems and plan your action and have alternate plan at hand, spent time money and involvement of people and give them what they need and absorb, not what we feel and can provide. **Cooperative efforts can only bring success and schemes such as NRI-Home Coming, Indicorp, or individual efforts for bringing together recipients and donors act as link should be encouraged.** The main thing is to write down the problem and possible ways to solve and never hesitate to change it, own the problem and solutions as well. No one to blame but your-self if you succeed you will come out ahead of the game as long as you are making the rules. When you get the success, no body asks you question about rules, but every body will come to you & learn from you. Main things we learn from others is what are the rules and how we collect data and analyze it by applying others experience to get the desired results, which is best suited for our circumstances. Hence only the adopted and modified solution, which you own, will be called successful, other will only be a remains on paper to be seen and appreciated. Hands on approach are the best.

**Sorry I can't give you recipe for any or all-social or civic problems, if we own the solution, sweet success will be ours, but it is not guaranteed. At the same time experiences we learn on the way never go wasted.**

