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To become a Research Scholar in Sociology was my cherished goal for the last 25 years. I wanted to research and find the relevance of the Community Mobilization process adopted by all the Civil Society Organizations, Non-Government Organizations and even some of the Government Departments for the upward mobility of the rural communities. The declaration of the Human rights by the United Nations provided a methodology of Rights based approaches to development. All the policy advocates and programme planners emphasized on the need of Social inclusion of the excluded communities in the arena of development. It became my strong desire to understand the implications of adopting Rights based approaches to Development and how far this could lead to include the socially excluded communities.

The life of the poor, marginalized and disadvantaged in village communities has always attracted me to know the dynamics of poverty and the strategies of overcoming the vicious cycle of poverty starting from not having two square meals a day due to lack of sufficient income due to no saving due to expenditure being more than the income resulting in borrowing which results in getting alienated from the productive resources one has leading to low income which results in not having two square meals a day. Ultimately the poor has no capacity to lead a life of quality, dignity with human right. The government delivery system with its trickling down effects and the efforts of NGOs with their welfare approaches for the wellbeing of the poor and the marginalized were not very encouraging and attractive for me. The concept and processes of Social Community mobilization and Rights based approaches to Development was more realistic and feasible to empower the poor and tackle the vicious cycle of poverty mentioned above. Hence I thought of a deeper analysis and study of this process to understand this as a strategy and paradigm for the development of the rural sector.
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