AN OVERVIEW OF RURAL SANITATION IN POONCH DISTRICT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The present study analyzed the status of sanitation in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, India. Lack of potable water and poor sanitation was one of the many primary challenges faced by the people in the area. Poor sanitation conditions in the area have resulted in the pollution of air, water and soil besides posing health risk to the local population. Various factors responsible for insanitary conditions in the area were found to be the rural and tribal background of population, socio-economic status of people, superstitions, lack of awareness regarding sanitation and availability of area for open defecation and dumping of garbage. Therefore there is a need to sensitize the people in the study area on different aspects of rural hygiene and sanitation.

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