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Introduction

From ages, it is seen that the lifestyle between a village (countryside) and a city varies. There is a huge difference in the way of living between the people living in the cities and villages. Each of them has its disadvantages and advantages. Cities are the main hubs of everything starting from the fast-food chains to tall buildings. Cities represent the epitome of cultural integration along with globalization. City life also offers wide options for facilities and opportunities. The village is somewhere we find our inner peace there. Arrays of trees, ponds, and puddles, the patch of green lands marks the boundaries of any village. Only in villages, we can see dew on the grass, rituals, and celebrations with full celebration.

Village life is the representation of a rural lifestyle whereas city life represents an urban lifestyle. The city is overpopulated compared to the villages where small numbers of people live. The air and water of the village are less polluted and have a cleaner environment, less noise, and fresh air compared to the cities. People in the villages are less busy than those in the big cities. Cities consist of innumerable numbers of buildings and vehicles and offer better medical care and education than the villages.

Definition of Village

The word "Village" is derived from a French word that refers to a group of buildings. That is what exactly defines a village that a small community of people in a rural area. Sometimes the houses of the villages are incorporated into the towns as the municipality. Village which represents rural areas are also known as countryside in many countries.

In a village, the environment is very calm and composed. Every population of the village tends to know everybody very well. Villagers are usually warm-hearted and are always ready to help in any situation. But villages have fewer facilities when compared to the cities. The villagers have difficulty in education, transportation and even in the

treatments. Some villages do not have a fully modernized and equipped hospital or medical facilities, while in other the people of the villages have to cover hundreds of kilometers to reach the hospitals. Schools are also underdeveloped and do not have highly qualified teachers. Parents have to send their children to the cities for higher education. Employment is also a questionable situation in villages, as there is only an option of farming for the people there.

Definition of City

The word “City” is also derived from a French word that means citizenry. A city is a large important town. In the USA, cities are incorporated into municipalities with local governments. In Great Britain, A borough for the seat of the Bishop is called a city.

City life or urban life is full of advantages and facilities. Cities are endowed with higher education due to an ample number of schools and colleges present over there. Apart from the schools and colleges, the city has cinema theaters, banks, stadiums for different types of sports, hotels, shopping malls, hotels, and clubs. A city is characterized by several pollutions like air, noise, and water. These pollutants are caused by a large number of industries, factories and mills present over there.

The Main Differences between City and Village Life

The following are some of the basic differences that can be observed in the life of the city and the village. They are:

Language of Communication

Villages use their local language (dialect) for communication. The village schools generally follow the vernacular medium for instruction. Villagers who migrate from the rural community to the city for the first time are at a loss of words due to poor knowledge in the common language of communication.

Cities are the hybrid of languages, people and cultures. Thus to survive in a city, you have to know the common language to communicate with the people.

Food

Food or the style of cooking is one of the most important aspects of any social system. Due to a busy life in the city, food is in sync with the lifestyle of the dwellers in the city. They do not spend much time on it and mostly it is a quick and simple affair. That is why there are innumerable food joints and takeaways in the city. City dining during the working days is just grabbing a bite.

On the other hand, in the village only you can find pure clarified butter, milk, and traditional dishes.

Means of Transportation

In villages, horse carts, bicycles or walking are the main means of transportation, nowadays sometimes cars. Long-distance travel is covered by the buses issued by the state government. The road conditions in the villages are also very poor.

One of the main features of the city is the transportation facilities. Most of the city dwellers have their private transport like bike or car. There is plenty of public transportation like metro railways, cab services and buses.

Social Life

The social lives of most people in the city are restricted to the virtual world of social networking sites. People hardly have any time for themselves in the city. Parties, occasions and holidays are the only events where people get to meet their loved ones and relatives.

Every day in the village, people come in contact and hence talk to each other directly. No one can remain strangers in the villages due to constant communication and interaction with a small number of population.

Infrastructure

The striking difference that we can observe between a village and the city is the infrastructure and the buildings. The cities are full of skyscrapers that are made up of glass panels. Offices, as well as rooms for living, are getting smaller day by day.

The homes in the villages have large areas with open spaces. The houses in the villages are most one or two storey and are traditional in appearance.

People

People from the villages are native in nature. This means that they have spent their entire life in a particular village. Most of the villagers are farmers or look after farm-related work. Simple and Traditional ways of living and helpful nature are the main traits of the people living in the villages.

Pay cheques, work, and modern lifestyle are the usual priorities of the people in the city. Many people from various religions and beliefs migrate to the city in search of jobs and proper education.

Shopping and Entertainment

Shopping is a popular activity in the cities. There are large numbers of shopping malls that serve the success of this purpose. People from the villages come to the cities for shopping during any special occasion or festival. The city offers better quality and numerous options for the same product. The concept of malls has managed to get all types of customers with different requirements under one roof. For entertainment purposes also, there are plenty of alternatives to choose from the amusement parks, restaurants, pubs, exhibitions, clubs and movie theaters.

The villagers go to the local grocery shop that is within walking distance for their daily supplies. Moreover, the villages have fewer stores and are small in size. The concept of entertainment in the villages is different from the city. The people of the villages meet in the evening and discuss their social life and other important matters. Walking in the green fields with the loved ones, eating fruits directly from the trees, and socializing with fellow villagers are the different forms of entertainment in the village.

Education

In cities, there are arrangements for higher education. Due to the presence of big colleges and universities, the scope of first-class knowledge is more feasible there. You can avail of both private and government schools and colleges for the study of your ward.

In villages, there are mostly government schools with no option for colleges.

Employment

Most of the scope of employment is present in the city. There are small commercial companies and trading organizations as well to give you a job which is not possible in a village. Different types of people can get their type of job according to their level of education.

In villages, employment is mostly farming. Farming is a seasonal job and thus most of the farmers have to come to the city during the offseason of cultivation.

Adulteration and Pollution

The air of the city is extremely unhealthy due to air, noise and water pollution. The people in the city do not get to see a clear sky or breathe fresh air often. Also, the foods available in big cities are unhealthy and adulterated. The villages are far away from such problems and do not have these drawbacks.

Conclusion

From all the above points we have concluded that life in cities and villages represents different and contrasting pictures. Both the lifestyles come with both negative and positive aspects. So this is up to the preferences of the individual if he/she wants to live in urban or rural settings.

Village Life Vs. City Life

