Leisure has been crucial to the existence of human beings today. Social development requires both work and leisure in a balanced manner. Leisure is cultural in nature hence different societies have different concepts and types of leisure. In this manner leisure has been structural to every society. Leisure and its creative utilization have been crucial to social development. In the development scenario despite criticisms social development holds the key towards human development. The economists would emphasize upon raising of per capita income and better distribution system. Sociologists have been emphasizing the fact that culture has been supreme for the overall development of human beings, which has an overall influence on the economic activities of the individual. We have had theories concerning capitalism, alienation, same society, and lonely crowd; however, today social development would hold the key to all the above concepts.

Leisure is a time which is free from work and other necessary activities such as eating and sleeping; play activities which are outside normal routines, and experiences which are intrinsically rewarding. Leisure can be distinguished from paid employment but it is difficult to separate it from other forms of work such as house work or voluntary work. It is differentially experienced; people with jobs, especially men, have more clearly demarcated leisure time and activities than those with domestic responsibilities, such as housewives, whose work is never done.

Here our major concern is leisure and social development. Social development broadly means an open society with an open social structure having achievement principle. The voluntary contractual relationship in all sections of society is required. There has to be an egalitarian social order based on ideals of liberty equality and fraternity. Furthermore, reducing generation gap, free flow of communication, creating opportunities to all sections of the society helps other important parameters of social development.

Social development requires fulfillment of human needs and quality of life requirements both at individual and societal level (see S.C.Dube’s Modernization and Development, 1988). They are: 1) Survival needs: nutrition, housing, clothing, medicine, security of life and property, and gainful employment. 2) Societal needs: promotion of egalitarian ethos and recognition of primacy of social needs. 3) Cultural and Psychic needs: personal freedom; consistent with social needs, leisure and opportunities to use it productively, promotion of an ethos of tolerance of cultural and religious differences, organization of useful leisure time activities, a policy for the promotion and dissemination of culture and the arts. 4) Leisure needs: abolition of discriminatory practices based on gender, race, religion, with special attention to degraded and culturally deprived groups, 5) Adaptive needs: constructive social criticism; advance warning systems regarding impending crises and continuous modification of institutional structures, and 6) Progressive needs: exploration of new frontiers of knowledge in science and technology, humanities and social sciences, with accent on application of findings for progress. In this manner quality of life essentially requires some creative leisure activities.

Undoubtedly creative leisure activities is the need of the hour. It may be environment friendly, sports friendly and travelling friendly. All the issues delve us into pondering over many questions. Who will determine leisure? Is there any specific rules of leisure? Can tourism and pilgrimage be termed as leisure? Is leisure creating problem for ecology? Is leisure causing problems to indigenous people? Has leisure activities become commercialized? All the above questions require brains storming sessions in the conference.

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