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‘Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing’. Explain by giving reasons.

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Answer Hint

Multidimensional poverty; unemployment; informal economy; unequal distribution; regional disparities; education and health deficits; implementation gaps; social exclusion

Model Answer

Introduction

India has implemented several poverty-alleviation programmes covering employment, food security, housing, healthcare and financial inclusion. Nevertheless, poverty persists because it is multidimensional and influenced by structural inequalities.

Reasons for Persistent Poverty

1. **Unemployment and underemployment:** Limited access to secure, productive jobs restricts household incomes.
2. **Informal employment:** Low wages, irregular work and inadequate social security expose workers to economic shocks.
3. **Unequal distribution:** Concentration of wealth and unequal access to land, credit and productive assets perpetuate deprivation.

4. **Human development deficits:** Poor education, healthcare and nutrition limit productivity and intergenerational mobility.
5. **Regional disparities:** Underdeveloped rural, tribal and remote areas often lack adequate infrastructure and employment opportunities.
6. **Implementation weaknesses:** Leakages, exclusion errors, delays and insufficient awareness reduce programme effectiveness.
7. **Social discrimination:** Caste, gender and disability-related barriers restrict access to opportunities.
8. **Economic shocks:** Inflation, illness, natural disasters and indebtedness can push vulnerable households back into poverty.

Conclusion

Poverty eradication requires more than welfare transfers. Quality education and healthcare, productive employment, effective implementation, social protection and inclusive regional development are necessary to achieve sustainable poverty reduction.

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