

Role of Education Youth Empowerment in India

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Abstract

Youth are the greatest wealth and strength of any nation and its quality determines the kind of future; the nation will have. According to United Nation secretary Ban Ki Moon, "Youth are often the first to stand against injustice....young people are a force for transformation." In the next 4-5 year, if we want to be developed from developing our country and have a third largest economy in the world, then the youth empowerment should be main agenda of our government's every plans, budget, programs and policies. No doubt, we can say that today's young are tomorrow's innovators, creators, builders, leaders and also the power to change the nation. So that, Youth have the power to decide and shape the future, not just of a country; they can define and mold the eventual fate of the world as well. Young people are capable of doing incredible and even beyond belief things. When young people are inspired, educated and raised in an environment where others openly encourage and value their opinions and thoughts on different issues, shaping and developing our society would come so much better and easier. Education plays vital role in reducing inequality, empowering women, reducing terrorism, reducing environmental issues, reducing violence and reducing any problems of the society and nation. So that, education is the best means to empower to young people. Because education provides with access to better jobs, higher salaries and higher standard of living with positive thinking and values. Education is a best means of developing individual potential, inherent qualities, promoting social and economic mobility and reducing inequality. In this paper, researcher study about how education will helpful and what are the issues and challenges for empowering to youth.

Keywords - *Youth empowerment, Education, Individual Potential, Promoting Social and Economic Mobility*

1. Introduction

Youth empowerment is a process where children and young people are encouraged to take charge of their lives. They do this by addressing their situation and then take action in order to improve their access to resources and transform their consciousness through their belief, values and attitudes. The beneficial outcomes to youth empowerment programs are improved social skills, improved behavior, increased academic achievement, increased self-efficiency and self-esteem. When youth feel empowered, they become active contributors and collaborators at home, school, society and beyond. An empowered young person recognizes their capabilities, self-determination and worth. They try to create new things. They have more confidence to take risks and are aware that failure is a step toward progress, not a sign to give up. And they know they have built a foundation of self-empowerment to rely on in times of struggle or when they are lost and need to recalibrate. By empowering the next generation through education, we can ensure that they are equipped to tackle the challenges of tomorrow and create a more prosperous and equitable world.

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UN secretary Ban ki moon said that young people everywhere deserve the power to get information, to connect and to ask hard questions – about justice, equality and opportunity. Our job is to listen to youth and answer their calls. For that Education is the best option. Education is the major key of unfolding young's inherent qualities. Education not only enriches individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in life but also enables them to contribute to their communities in meaningful ways. Educating the youth is particularly important because they represent the future of our society. Education gives us good manners, values, culture, positive thinking, respect to others, self-respect which things are more important to make empower to young people

Following are the challenges in empowering the youth-

1. Lack of involvement in community program -

Involvement in community programs gives us sensitivity about society, awareness about community responsibility, social values and self-respect but today's youth isn't interested in participation of community engagement

2. The absence of role models and mentors- Today's education system has been totally failed in creating role models or mentors that's why youth educate for the sake of education.

3. Lack of proper and quality education- Education is the panacea of all kinds' problems yet today's youth turn their backs on education.

4. Lack of self-confidence they are unable to empower self.

5. Lack of proper facility of guidance and counseling- Due to lack of proper guidance and counseling facility youth can involve into anti-social activities instead of right direction.

6. Not proper use and execution of government policies-

Government implements many schemes for youth such as Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojna (ABRY), Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojna (PRPY), National Career Service Project (NCSP), MGNREGA, Rural Self-Employment And Institutes (RSETIs), Prime Minister Street Vendors Atmanirbhar Nidhi (PM-SWANIDHI) Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojna (PMMY) but not proper use and execution due to not awareness in young people.

7. Lack of proper skills-

8. Today's Youth are unwilling to update or enhance their skills and qualities which are the most important for the youth development. The main reason is that our education system doesn't entertain this.

9. Lack of awareness of opportunities-

10. Youth, today are not aware of the opportunities which help them to be successful. There is no proper guidance or mentoring also leads to lack of awareness. Due to this they are unable to upgrade their skills.

Social challenges –

Economic disparities, gender discrimination, caste discrimination, technological barriers affect the youth's all development

11. Involvement in anti-social activities -

Today's youth was not empowered morally, academically as well as financially. This is due to fact that we are facing

unemployment crisis, economic crisis, lack of proper infrastructure to support the youth with employment and lack of necessary skills in our youth facing this crisis the youth can be easily brain washed to do the anti-social as well as criminal activities.

2. Challenges in Empowering Youth-

Following are the challenges in empowering the youth.

1. Increasing participation of youth in various community programs for community engagement.
2. How education will be helpful to create mentors and role models for guiding and counseling of youth.
3. How to increase awareness in using and execution of government policies among youth.
4. How education will help to update various skills, values among students.
5. How to increase awareness regarding numbers of opportunities which are available in the society.
6. How to overcome economic disparities, gender discrimination, caste discrimination, technological barriers affect the youth's all development.
7. How to youth empowered morally, academically as well as financially which will be helpful to reduce for anti-social and criminal activities.
8. How technology will be useful for betterment of youth empowerment.

3. Recommendations-

Following are the recommendations in empowering the youth.

- * Encouraging youth regarding community engagement through quality education.

Mentors and role models play vital role in empowering youth and education is the best means of creating best mentors and role models that's why education and youth empowerment should go together.

- * Awareness should increase among youth about government's various policies and for that quality education will be helpful.

- * Promote youth leadership and engagement with society.

- * Trust their ability as leaders.

- * Engage them with local different social activities.

- * Government should frame policies which aim to proper using of their abilities, skills.

- * Encourage young people individuals through involvement with local community * * * projects, other local initiative that fosters growth.

Give them the space and teach them to trust in yourself.

Proper education to explore their interest and potential.

* Use technology to guide them.

Empowering the youth education and individual and skill development is a catalyst for individual transformation and community development. By investing in their education, providing vocational training and inclusive support systems, we can create a more equitable and prosperous India for all.

4. Conclusions-

Today's age is the age of youth, providing them quality education which makes them democratic, scientific, logical, open-minded, self-respecting, responsible, honest, respectful and patriotic. Without such virtue being developed, our youth cannot achieve their desired goal. Increasing unemployment in the country is leading our youths in the wrong direction in the lust for power, money and status. There is a urgent need of preventing our youth from violent activities and terrorism by providing them better options, by strengthening them by empowering them. Focusing on constructively using the power of the youth for the betterment of the nation and framing such policies which aim at empowering can assure a better future and a brighter tomorrow for our economy.

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