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Youth Unemployment Leads to Youth Unrest

Abstract

In Indian society, youth unrest is a very severe societal issue. The majority of young people are directly and indirectly involved in various social issues. Youth unrest is defined as the manifestation of collective frustration of the youth in society and unemployment is one of the main causes of youth unrest. Being a youth who is very energetic, vibrant, and dynamic nature it is a very restive feeling to sit idly at home. Youth Participation in every sector is undoubtedly high representing nearly 1/3 population and contributing 34% of the Gross National Income in India.

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Introduction

The term 'YOUTH' in society is regarded as an ascribed status or socially constructed label rather than the biological condition of being youth. Youth is a more diversified category than the appropriate age bundle. According to National youth policy, 2014 defined 'youth' as persons in the age group of 15-29 years. Though fundamentally it is a concept associated with biology as stage in human growth and development. The age group between 15 to 30 years is the most crucial since it constitutes the passage for an individual from a young age to mature adulthood with all the experiences that him/her to take any decision. Unemployment among young people is the surest path to social stress, instability and illegal activity. The frustration of unemployed youth as evident during the recent Arab spring suggests that the lack of job can be a source of social unrest.

Unemployment situation in india makes the youth frustrated and unrest, later it turns into various mental health related issues and agitation. The research paper highlights the present situation of youth unemployment severity and how it makes the youth become frustrated and compelled them to take some serious actions against it.

Objective of the Study

The object of the research paper is to highlight the problem of increasing youth unrest due to joblessness. The further study highlights the initiatives taken by the Government to overcome the problem.

Research Methodology

The study is purely based on secondary sources of data. Secondary data is taken from various sources like report on employment exchange ,reports of various Ministries, National youth policy 2014, the center for monitoring the Indian economy, newspapers, research papers,articals etc.

Youth Unemployment Scenario in India

According to the center for monitoring Indian economy (CMIE) report as of Dec 2021,one in five college graduates is unemployed. Being the youngest country in the world it will be one of the beneficial power of our country but instead of that, it became one of the very serious problem of the country that after having a proper education youth still have no jobs. In this table show the percentage of unemployment year wise:

Year	Percentage of Youth Unemployment
2016-17	24.2%
2017-18	21.3%
2018-19	30.4%
2019-20	36.7%
2020-21	38.9%
2021-22	41.5%

(Source: Centre for monitoring centre for Monitoring Indian Economy)

In the above table it is clearly show the joblessness of youth india which is continuously increasing year by year.

Youth Unrest as a Consequence of Unemployment

In a very general sense when we talk about unrest its easy to understand the meaning of the term i.e. a disturbed mental state of a person and when we connect such unrest with youth it becomes youth unrest which clearly states a states of restless and disturbed mind of youth. The reason a youth can feel unrest for any personal or social reasons, but when talk youth unrest as a national problem the first reason came to mind is the unemployment problem of youth.

Recent incident happens in june 2022 when the youth of India gets violent after hearing about a military recruitment plan.Behind the unrest is a new policy to enlist young men as soldiers on four year contracts without a pension, replacing the current 15-year service that entails full retirement benefits. There was a long list of such incidences where the youth get violent due to the problem of unemployment.

This high joblessness rate among the college- educated has caused what the world economic forum calls “broad youth frustration”, guaranteeing it’s a danger to Indias financial strength and is responsible for a developing emergency in Indias work market.

Conclusion

The problem of unemployment among the youth is a serious issue because this will directly affect the minds of the young generation who will be the future of the nation. Youth have the potential to bring change to society so it is collective responsibility of every one to secure our country’s real gold.If we are not able to show the right direction to youth than this will lead them to the wrong path of violence, riots and crime which directly harm the nation.

Suggestion and Recommendations

After analysis above facts and problem following are some recommendations and suggestions to overcome such a problem:

- Government should conduct various workshop and seminars where the youth get a platform to speak freely about their problem.

- Counseling center should be opened in every district, where free counseling services are to be provided.
- Decentralization of industrial activities is essential so that people of every region get employment.
- Job vacancies in the public sector need to be regulated.
- Promote more labor- intensive industries which create more job opportunities for other.
- Education should be more skill-enhancing oriented.

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