

“Problems of Youth in Rural areas: Special reference to Assam”

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ABSTRACT

Youth are the best human resource which can bring rapid development of a country. Indian Economy is based upon Agriculture. Approximate 68% of people live in rural areas. Indian Economy is rural based economy. Rural Development implies both economic prosperity of people and social transformation. Youth development is very important for increasing the rural economy. But in rural areas they have faced many problems in different sides. Especially in Assam there are so many problems which are faced by the youth like-poverty, migration, lack of proper education facilities, proper employment, Social problems, Political instability, adjustment problems etc. In present time more than 15 lakh educated youths are unemployed in Assam. Therefore, it is very important to find out the problems of the youth and to provide proper solutions for their development. Government should take initiatives for removing these problems. The main objective of this paper is to find out various problems and prospects regarding their growth. This paper is based upon the secondary sources of data like-Journals, research studies, Books, websites etc.

Keywords: Youth, Rural Development, Problems.

Introduction:

Youths play one of the most important roles in nation building. Youth are the best human resource among all stages which can bring rapid development of a country. Rural Development implies both the economic prosperity of people and the social transformation. Indian Economy is based upon Agriculture. Indian Economy is rural based economy Approximate 68% of people live in rural areas. Therefore, Youth, s development is very important for increasing the rural economy. Adolescence is the most important period of human life. They are called as the social actors of change and progress. They are the only leader for tomorrow. Their contribution is highly needed. So, involvement of youth in national development is must. In the modern time due to the development of science and technology new devices are developed in all sectors.

So, skill development is very important for the youth to increasing productivity. In this regard proper care, guidance and direction are very important for them it can bring the youth in forefront of the national development. Youth is that significant period of human life in which revolutionary thought spring in mind and these innovative thoughts shape the world we live in. But youths have faced many problems in India. Especially in Assam there are different types of problems which are faced by the youths. Some are like – floods, Illegal migrants, lack of industry, under development, lack of youth empowerment etc. The study is conducted to find out the various problems of Youths development in Assam.

Objectives of the paper:

The main objectives of the study are as follows-

1. To know about the problems of youths in rural areas of Assam.
2. To provide some suggestions for removing the problems of the youths.

Methodology:

In order to achieve the objectives of the present study the data and the relevant information were collected from the secondary sources of data. The required data were collected from the different sources like Books, Journals, Research studies, Magazines, Newspapers and Websites etc.

Review of Related Literature:

The researcher has reviewed some books, articles & research studies related to this topic to find out relevant information regarding the problems of youth in rural areas. Among them some of are as-

Charabaty. N.,(2016) have conducted a study on “Adjustment problems of adolescence girls-a study on Kamrup district (rural)of Assam”.The main objective of the study was to assess the problems of adolescence girls in the area of social, Physical and emotional adjustment. Result reveals that there is no significant difference between the adolescent girls’ studying in English medium and Assamese medium schools.

Sharma, P & Sania, N. (2013) have conducted a study on “Health, Social and emotional problems of college students.” The objective of the study was to identify adjustment problems among college going students of urban and rural areas. Adjustment Inventory for college students by A.K.P. Sinha and R.P. Singh (1995) was administered in this study. The result revealed that –Girls are average in the dimension of health and social adjustment and unsatisfied in emotional areas. Boys are average in the dimensions of social adjustment and unsatisfied in health and emotional areas.

Nair. I., (2014), was conducted a study on “Challenges of rural development and opportunities for providing sustainable livelihood”. The main objective of the study was to analyse the challenges facing the rural areas and suggest ways to overcome these challenges and to create opportunities of gainful self employment for the rural families. The researcher revealed that for gaining rural development it is important to develop the modern technologies, effective use of local resources, enriched environment, ensure sustainable livelihood etc.

Hazarika, S. (2016) has conducted a study on “Skill Development for rural Entrepreneurship: A study on State institute of Rural development (SIRD), Assam”. The main objective of the study was to find out the different skill development facilities provided by the state institute of rural development for rural Entrepreneurship and to examine the motivational role of training provided by the institute.

The researcher expressed that awareness is a major promotion tool in rural area. Training provided by NGO,s, Bank and other financial institutions are meant to provide awareness about the schemes but it has also revealed a fact that only 13% of respondents are aware to a few of the schemes.

Importance of the study:

For development of a Nation it is important to develop all the people of rural and urban areas equally. Youth are the future force which can bring full growth of any country. In a developing country rural youth have faced many problems in different sides. In our country, India, in the present time the growth rate of population is also increase in a high rate. Global population is expected to increase to 9 billion by 2050, with (aged 15- 24) is also expected to increase 1.3 billion accounting for about 14% of the total population. So, the most powerful resources should be developed and their problems should be solved. They should be made as most skillful individual for country’s development. To achieve the Millennium Development Goal is the main thing of sustainable development and rural development is the main aspect for sustainable development. In this regard, research study is very important to make the youth fully developed and the rural area should be developed in a proper way in Assam. It is the main significance of the study.

Problems faced by the Youth:

The Youths of Assam has faced many problems in different sides. Some of the problems are as follows-

1. Unemployment: In India the unemployment rate in between age group (15-29) has been increased up to 38% in 2014. In Assam there are so many reason of unemployment like –increasing population, lack of skilled persons, not enough of new jobs, corruption in government sector, advanced technology etc.

Due to the unemployment problem, it creates different other problems like-

- i) Unemployment problem creates the problem of poverty.
- ii) Due to the unemployment problem youths find the wrong way to earning money.
- iii) It creates mental problems to the youth.
- iv) It creates adjustment problems among the youth.
- v) It decreases the self confidence of the youth.

2. Poor infrastructure facilities of Education: In rural area of Assam in education system there have no proper facilities for provide proper education. Therefore, students are not-interests in higher studies.

3. Poor infrastructure in society: Infrastructure is the pre-requisite factor for development of any society. In rural areas of Assam the youth are faced problems due to the lack of proper infrastructure facilities like-poor situation of transportation, communication problem, lack of electricity, computer, internet etc .It creates many communication crop where the people cannot get sufficient data in time.

4) Migration: Migration is a problem in rural areas of Assam. The educated or highly educated youths of the rural area migrates to the urban areas for employment. In the present time it seems that, boys of rural areas are migrate to the other states like – Kerala, Hyderabad, and Gujarat etc. for earning money. It creates a great problem in rural areas of Assam.

5) Erregular funds for rural areas: In rural areas of Assam the credit facilities are not so sound due to the lack of adequate funds provided by the govt. or other financial institution including banks, industrial growth, of the region etc.

6) Lack of awareness about education: In the rural areas of Assam the literacy percentage is not so high. The current literacy rate in Assam is 73.18% (2011 census) mal literacy rate is 67.27% while female literacy rate is 67.27%.

7) Lack of Market in Rural areas: For the development of rural economy market has great role. But the market facilities in rural areas of Assam are not so adequate. So, the rural poor farmer has sold out their goods in a very cheaper rate. It increases the poverty level of the youth.

8) Poverty: It is a great problem in rural areas. Lacks of proper employment facilities youths are unable to earning their livelihood. Therefore, they are unable to economically sound.

9) Corruption: Due to the corruption many developmental programs are not successfully implemented in rural areas in comparison to urban areas of Assam. Different developmental fund like –IAY, payment of wage in NERGA etc. are not helpful for doing the works by the poor people.

10) Adjustment problems of the youth: Youths have faced many problems regarding adjustment. It may be different causes like-poverty, low socio-economic status, Lack of proper employment etc.

11) Lack of proper education facilities: In rural area there have many problems of the educational institution. Youth are unable to complete their proper education. Monetary problem is a great problem to go outside from home for higher study. So, their dreams are not fulfilled.

12) Lack of proper governmental policy: In our country there are so many plans which are introduced by the government but in actual field these are not successfully implemented in rural areas of Assam. So, the poor families of the youths are in the same condition. Their socioeconomic status is also in a low condition.

Suggestions for solving the problems: Some suggestive measures can be provided to remove the various problems. These are as follows-

1. Need to Engage Agricultural Graduates in rural Areas: Central govt. has launched many schemes in agricultural field. In Assam it is also important to develop agri – clinics, agri- business etc. The scheme of agri-clinics and agri-business centers was launched in 2002 as a follow up of finance Minister's Budget speech for 2001. The aim of this scheme was to provide extension services to the farming community and to provide self – employment opportunities to the agriculture graduates. In rural areas of Assam the youth can take different projects and loan facilities' from different banks, NGO,s etc.

2. Vocational Training and extension services: The tool for teaching different skills for agriculture and other activities are very important for the Youth. It will increase the employment facilities of the youth in rural areas.

3. Improving the technical Knowledge among the Youth: In the era of Science and Technology the Youth's power should be increase with the new technologies. In rural areas of Assam digital awareness should be improved. Youth should be able to get the latest information related to different job, career etc. with the help of Mobile, Internet, E-mail, Websites etc.

4. Strengthen the rural health care facilities: A large number of rural people have faced many problems due to the lack of appropriate health facilities in the villages. In rural areas health care centre, Hospitals etc. should be established by the government.

5. Employment facilities should be increased : Unemployment is the main problem in the rural areas of Assam. Government should take initiative in this regard to solve this problem. New employment policy should be implemented in various sectors.

6. Improvement of the infrastructure facilities of Education: Education is the main key for development of a country. Every individual of the society should be educated for developing a country.

7. Increase the Infrastructure facilities in the society: In rural areas of Assam there are so many problems in different areas. These should be improved properly. Only the development of urban areas cannot lead the development of a nation. Therefore rural areas should be developed like- situation of transportation, communication, electricity, computer & internet facilities, etc.

8. Migration: For removing this problem employment facilities should be improved in the rural areas of our country specially for the youth in Assam.

9. Regular funds for rural areas should be provided: The government fund should be release equally in a high rate to the rural areas of Assam.

10. Development of Awareness about education: Awareness is very important to develop education, empowerment, increasing knowledge etc

11. Improvement of Market facilities in Rural area: For the Youths businessmen or farmer it is a big problem in the rural area of Assam that they have not get sufficient type of Market for selling their goods. Government, & NGO,s can provide this facilities to the Youth.

12. Corruption: If the Indian Government takes strict policies and laws against the corruption for the all states than this problem can be reduced in some extent.

13. Adjustment problems of the youth: Adjustment problem is the main problem for the youth. It is the time of storm and wind. They have to adjust in different new situations. In this regard Social Intelligence is very important to improve their adjustment ability in different situation.

15. Implementation of proper governmental policy: Government should take initiative to introduced some innovative programmes and plans & policies for solving the various problems of the Youth.

CONCLUSION:

There is a need of supportive environment for the youth. It is very important to make them aware about working attitude. Their mental ability should be developed. Government, NGO'S , teachers and parents should help them for construct a supportive environment – then the youth will be able to find the innovative ways to engage themselves in various works. Then they will be able to contribute to the society and community where they live. In this regard, youth leaders, youth organization & associations, policy makers can provide some possible solutions for removing their problems.

Education is the key to overcoming the challenges of rural areas. Youth's access to knowledge and information are very important. Education in the rural area should be more relevant. Agricultural education and training is also most important for the youth in Assam. Then they will achieve the development and success.

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