

National Conference on Youth in Contemporary India

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to be organised by



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Call for Submission

Youth stands for growth, development, action and leadership. It is difficult to accurately assign lower and upper age limits to define youth as it varies from time to time and also from one society to another. Youth, indeed is a stage of life, is a transient population in demographic term sandwiched between adolescence on the one hand and adulthood on the other. Starting with vibrant participation in the anti-colonial struggle, the Youth has historically played a significant role in the struggle for progress and social change. They constitute a vital and vibrant human resource. They have a right as well as an obligation to participate actively in national development and in shaping the destiny of their country. Hence, their problems are part of the problem that the country as a whole faces. However, they are often projected as militant, rebellions, irrational and indiscipline. If youth power/energy is channelised constructively, there will be delightful future, not only for them but also for the country as a whole. The National Youth Policy of India has recognised removal of unemployment as the most important component of the youth programme and recognised the youth as the most vital section of the community.

Unemployment is one of the deepest concerns in India. It is a key source of hardship, deprivation and suffering to the youth. As employment determines one's chances for leading a meaningful life, our actions, feelings and thoughts are considerably influenced by it. An individual status in the family and neighbourhood is the reflection of employment he/she holds. On the other hand, unemployment is a state of being without gainful work. It is considered as an involuntary failure to get income yielding work. It is a deprivation of the opportunity to an individual to fulfil their social obligations for which their education and other endowments have qualified him/her. It also induces significant youth migration across the country. However, the phenomena of youth migration haven't received much attention in migration studies although they constitute a significant proportion of the migrant population.

The objectives of the seminar are to:

- **To understand the employment aspirations and expectations of youth;**
- **To showcase the participation of youth in national development and governance process;**
- **To understand the nature of the participation of youth in various protests and social movements : the underlying factors and consequences**
- **To explore Issue of entrepreneurship among youth;**
- **To explore the attitude towards healthy lifestyles and sports among the youth**

Given below are the sub-themes of this conference:

- **Youth culture and activism**
- **Education and unemployment**
- **Promotion of entrepreneurship and leadership among youth**
- **Youth Migration**
- **Youth participation in national development and governance process**
- **The issue of healthy lifestyles and sports, music and art forms amongst the youth**

Submission

The organizing committee invites interested scholars, writers and students to submit original proposal/abstract (about 500 words) of their proposed paper before August 10, 2022 to (tmao@rediffmail.com) with a copy to (kaustubhdeka@gmail.com).

Kindly indicate in which sub-theme you wish to present. Your submission should be original and unpublished. The submission and presentation shall be in English only.

The organizing committee shall evaluate all the proposals/abstracts. Only the shortlisted proposals/abstracts will be contacted to submit original paper. Only the shortlisted proposals would be presented during the conference.

Travel grant

A limited number of travel grants may be available to selected participants.

Publication

Only about 15-20 shortlisted papers may be considered for publication in the form of a book after the conference.

Important Dates:

Deadline for the submission of proposals/abstracts:	August 10, 2022
Notification of shortlisted proposals:	August 15, 2022
Deadline for the submission of final paper (6,000-8,000 words):	September 6, 2022

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Please note: *In view of the present COVID-19 pandemic, the need to reschedule the conference dates and place might happen.*