

A Two-Day National e-Symposium

On

Crafting Career Choices amid COVID Crisis: Approaches & Strategies

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Concept Note: Economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been asymmetric across age groups. Current evidence suggests that young people are less at-risk in terms of developing severe physical health symptoms linked to COVID-19 than older age cohorts (WHO, 2020). However, the disruption in their access to education and employment opportunities as a result of economic downturn is likely to put the young generation on a much more volatile trajectory in finding and maintaining quality jobs and income. The 2007-2008 financial crisis already left youth shouldering a significant share of the social and economic consequences as the number of youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) rose to 18% and the number of unemployed young people increased by 20%, leaving one in eight young people (aged 18-25) in poverty (OECD, 2019). Being unemployed at a young age can have long-lasting "scarring effects" in terms of career paths and future earnings. Young people with a history of unemployment face fewer career development opportunities, lower wage levels, poorer prospects for better jobs, and ultimately lower pensions (OECD, 2016). The economic effects of the pandemic risk aggravating the existing vulnerability of young people in labour markets, as they are more likely to work in non-standard employment, such as temporary or part-time work, facing a higher risk of job and income loss (OECD, 2019).

Challenges like the present moment are 'crucibles' in which leadership and character are forged. This is why every crisis sees the emergence of a new generation of leaders and entrepreneurs, and a new way of doing things we wouldn't have thought of when the waters were still. Entrepreneurship in the unorganized sector is the sector having great potential to provide dignified and standard life with optimal livelihood source to every citizen of a country which is almost negligible in the limited and ever contracting formal employment opportunities across the world. However, entrepreneurship is the least focused, targeted, dreamt, explored and exploited as well by the youths with good qualifications across the globe, which might be because of narrow outlook, conventional mindset, underdeveloped infrastructure, lack of government initiative in orientation and promotional to this sector with vast employment opportunities. Therefore, it is the demand of the contemporary time across the world to look into the entrepreneurship field with utmost attention and sincerity to accommodate the young population in creative and constructive activities rather than leaving them ignored and unattended to invite some unexpected and unwanted challenge against the current human civilization.

Objectives: *To provide an opportunity for discussing and addressing career related concerns of youth amid COVID crisis, *To help the final year students locate right career options amid COVID crisis, *To provide preparatory strategies from experienced and qualified subject experts, & *To engage proactively the students, academia and the researchers as key stakeholders in career related concerns of youth for a constructive and sustainable solution.

Participants: The intended target audience includes every person who is directly or indirectly concerned about career amid COVID crisis, which includes students of Schools, colleges, universities, and higher education institutions. This programme attempts to address the diverse spectrums of career and employment in the current global scenario.

Registration & Participation: Nothing would be charged from the interested participants against their participation in the programme. Live web sessions will be conducted through Google Meet/Zoom Platform/Youtube. Number of seats will be limited for participants.

Registration  [CLICK HERE](#)

Programme Schedule

Inaugural Session	
Day-1 Monday 17.08.2020 [10:00AM-01:30 PM]	Technical Session-1 Employment Generation via Entrepreneurship and Startups in India: Prospects, Potential & Way forward
	Technical Session-2 Employment in Voluntary Sector: Opportunities and Preparations
	Technical Session-3 Enhancing Employability & Engagement of Youths via Entrepreneurship & Startups in Northeast: Planning & Materialization
	Technical Session-4 Career Building: Sustainability & Growth Considerations
Day-2 Tuesday 18.08.2020 [10:30AM-1:30 PM]	Technical Session-5 Mental Health and Employment Opportunities: Significance of Life & Soft Skills
	Technical Session-6 Preparing and Strategizing for UGC NET and similar Exams
	Technical Session-7 Competitive Examinations and Job Interviews
	Technical Session-8 Career Spectrum in Academic Sector & Scholarship
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Resource Persons



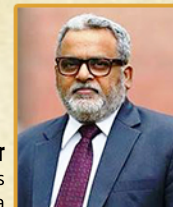
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