

HOW TO INSPIRE INDIA'S YOUTH TO TAKE UP FARMING

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INTRODUCTION

Saving India's agriculture is that the country's most significant agenda. There will not be a next generation of farmers left in the country. In step with the Census 2011, per day 2,000 farmers are quitting farming. The young among the farming communities are hardly interested in agriculture. Even a majority of students graduated from agricultural universities switch to different professions. Unfortunately, agriculture still appears dependable despite dipping contribution to the country's gross domestic product (GDP), 55 per cent of the personnel hails from the agriculture sector. Since, the agricultural sector has been neglected. Although 80-90 per cent of students studying agriculture belong to the farming community, most of them favor to select a unique career. At present, around 0.4 million students are listed in agricultural universities and institutes. But sadly, only 0.1 million students manage to graduate. Most of them decide to be part of the banking sector. We need to stop neglecting agriculture sector. There are many ways to increase job opportunities for agriculture students. Government should provide schemes to encourage students of agriculture stream. Both government and corporate sectors must provide scholarships for agriculture students to improve the research and development.

NEED OF YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE

Hardly 5% of youth are in agriculture even more than 60% of rural population depends partly or completely on farming activities, it is clear that youth are not interested in agriculture and choosing it as their profession. As the population of farming profession is getting old, it will be a threat of

Agriculture in future, as it can stop it from growing to its full extent. The engagement of youth in Agriculture is important because they are more energetic and are receptive to ideas and technology. Along with this youth have guts to face anything and take risks which are mostly required in the framing sector. Agriculture requires ideas & anxiety and only the youth can provide it. Active participation of youth in farming sector will reduce the rate of unemployment in villages.

WHY YOUTH ARE NOT ATTRACTED TO AGRICULTURE

The youth in villages are not attracted agriculture anymore because they have seen their fathers and forefathers struggling to meet their livelihood. The low productivity and sometimes failure of crops results in poverty. It is like that their forefathers were in farming sector, their father is in farming sector but still they are struggling for their daily needs, this is pulling them away from choosing their profession in farming sector. Even their parents don't want them to take up this occupation.



STRATEGIES TO INSPIRE YOUTH TO TAKE UP AGRICULTURE

1. In primary education the subject related to agriculture must be included so that the future generation will have an idea about the farming sector and struggle of farmers.
2. Agriculture is the biggest sector in the country, yet it is not considered as a respectable profession, this perception should be changed.
3. Youth should be motivated by showing success stories of agriculture students in Maharashtra and Punjab whose have taken up farming
4. Awareness to youth about modern techniques and profitable farming in less land area
5. Farmers grow same crops to sustain their livelihood, the government should provide minimum support price to all crops
6. Loans should be provided to farmers with low rate of interest which can gain some attention from youth of rural areas
7. Crop insurance should be provided by the government in this climate changing era which can

be a promising thing to encourage youth into farming sector

8. Youth must be trained and made aware of latest farming technologies
9. Agriculture Universities should inspire students to become entrepreneurs by making them to practice new innovations
10. Generation of jobs for students pursuing agriculture.

CONCLUSION

Agriculture is the backbone of our country and future of the nation is in the hands of youth, the word age doesn't matters will not applicable in agriculture because the capacity to do work in fields reduces as the age increases, so there will be a need for youth to replace the old farmers. And this can be achieved only by inspiring the youth to take up farming as their profession. For that farming should be treated as a respectable profession. Government should encourage farmers by providing attractable schemes and minimum support prices for all crops. Loans should be given to the persons who are interested in Agri Startups. This will be a great step for encouraging youth to get involved in agriculture sector.