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## Social development: Threats and challenges

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### Abstract

Social development is very important for a healthy society. All aspects are taken care of for the development of the society like level of literacy, vocational education, living, agriculture, social support etc. Social development can be accelerated by doing research in a psychological way for social development.

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### Introduction

#### Preface

The general meaning of social development is to move ahead with self-confidence and respect while removing one's obstacles. To solve the problems of illiteracy, conservatism, poverty, gender discrimination, unemployment, etc. For social development, it is necessary to promote education and promote research, to use modern agricultural machines, to promote vocational education, to adopt welfare schemes, to promote co-education.

### Social Development

“Social Development is the promotion of a sustainable society that is worthy of human dignity by empowering marginalized groups, women and men, to undertake their own development, to improve their social and economic position and to acquire their rightful place in society.” - Bilance, 1997”

Social Development is equality of social opportunities” - Amartya Sen, 1995.

There are many obstacles in social development, some of which are as follows -

**Illiteracy:** Illiteracy means - inability to read and write.

Illiteracy can also mean ignorance or lack of knowledge in a particular subject.

#### 1. Factors Affecting like illiteracy

- Low economic status of the family
- Social environment
- Lack of self-esteem
- Increase in population
- Lack of awareness
- Physical disability
- Slow pace of social development
- Parent's illiterate

#### 2. Low level of literacy

The impediment to social development is also the low level of literacy. There are some major reasons for the low level of education. Like

- Lack of quality education
- Lack of subject matter expert
- Lack of remedial classes
- Physical disability
- Lack of practical classes

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- Lack of resources in education
- Lack of interest
- Poverty

### 3. Lack of professional education

Vocational education is also very important for social development. Through professional education, a person earns a living with the passage of time, but due to lack of knowledge of adequate professional education, students are not able to use it at the right time. There are many reasons for the lack of professional education, some of which are as follows -

1. Shortage of teachers of professional education
2. Lack of interest in students towards professional education
3. Improper use of human resources
4. Poverty
5. Orphisms
6. Homelessness
7. Parenting
8. Substance abuse
9. Bad company
10. Laziness
11. Conflicts
12. Natural disasters
13. Insufficient social aid
14. Insufficient educational infrastructure
15. Teacher gaps
16. Low qualification levels of teachers
17. Lack of learning materials
18. Gender discrimination
19. Disabilities

### 4. Poverty

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“Poverty is that condition in which a person either because of inadequate income or unwise expenditures, does not maintain a scale of living high enough to provide for his physical and mental efficiency and to enable him and his natural dependents to function usefully according to the standards of the society of which he is a member.”

#### Adam Smith

A person “is rich or poor according to the degree in which he can afford to enjoy the necessities, the conveniences and the amusements of life.” [Adam Smith in his “Wealth of Nations”]

Poverty as a socioeconomic problem is a curse. Poverty is that condition of lack of money in which man is not able to fulfil even his essential needs. For example - food, clothes, education, health etc.

#### Following are the main causes of poverty

- Illiteracy.
- Familiarise.
- Income-expenditure imbalance.
- Physical and mental impairment.
- Growing population.
- Rising inflation rate.
- Natural disaster.
- Social cause.

### 5. Unemployment

Having in mind that illiteracy, unemployment are among

major causes of social development. Unemployment is the lack of employment or lack of work even after having qualifications.

#### Definition

Unemployment is often described as a ‘condition of involuntary idleness’ by Nava Gopal Das

Unemployment can also be understood in the following way:

Unemployment = labor force - workforce

If the entire labor force gets employment in a country and converts the entire labor force into work force, then employment will be complete in the country.

Full employment = labor force = workforce

#### Types of Unemployment

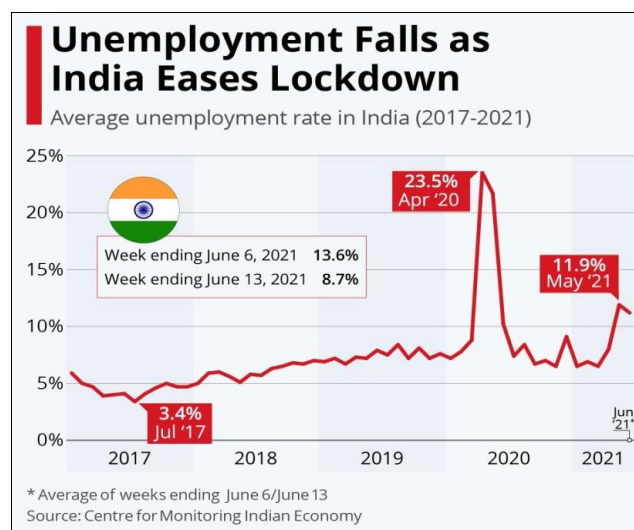
- Frictional Unemployment
- Cyclical Unemployment
- Seasonal Unemployment
- Technological Unemployment
- Industrial Unemployment
- Temporal Unemployment

#### Problems and solutions arising out of unemployment Issues

- Starvation.
- Low standard of living.
- Stressful life.
- Increase in crimes.
- Use of inappropriate techniques.

#### Solutions

- Promotion of education.
- Organized special lectures and workshops for technical education.
- Easy means of employment.
- Promotion of self-employment.
- Promotion of handicrafts.
- Proper use of resources.



Unemployment Falls as India Eases Lockdown

\*In the month of July 2017, the unemployment rate is lowest 3.4%.

\*In the month of April 2020, unemployment rate is highest cause of Covid -19 is 23.5%.

\* In the month of May 2021 the unemployment rate is 11.9%.

## 6. Conservative Approach

Social conservatism is a serious problem for social development. Conservative person has narrow thinking. A person with a narrow mind is unable to differentiate between the different and the negative.

## 7. Male Dominated Society

In a male dominated society, any decision in the family, social, economic and political sphere is taken by men only.

In another form, we can say that before taking any decision, women have to take permission of men or have to face male-dominated thinking, it is called male dominated society.

The male dominated society gives many arguments to keep itself dominant and superior, such as men are more hardworking, energetic and powerful. Men can do well from agriculture to business for earning money. On the other hand, Women's body structure is soft, so they cannot do work outside the home with much energy.

Malevolent thinking creates obstacles in the continuous growth of women in the field of art, culture, science, education, he is afraid of women's rationality and self-reliance, because he thinks that by developing women and becoming self-reliant, the place of men will become smaller or less in society.

## 8. Lack of financial Literacy

Lack of financial literacy is a hindrance in social development. How can a person earn money and spend it on the right thing at the right time? This can be known only through financial literacy.

So far very few people are familiar with financial literacy, for this the following measures can be taken -

- Formulation of appropriate financial plans.
- More publicity for financial literacy awareness.
- Choosing the right product present in the financial product.
- Features and security of digital transactions.
- Product provider company selection.
- Tax Return Workshop.

## 9. Too much dependency on Agriculture

The contribution of agriculture to the national income of India is very high as compared to other sectors such as industry, business, etc. India is an agricultural country, due to the increasing population, although the agricultural area is decreasing, yet the importance of agriculture cannot be denied.

Industry, business, foreign trade and transport are dependent on Indian agriculture.

Some of the major reasons for over-dependence on agriculture are-

- Procurement of raw materials for industry and trade.
- Food supply.
- Business promotion.
- Fodder for livestock.
- For rural employment etc.

Agriculture and farmers are the harbingers of economic development which play an important role in social development by the development of agriculture.

## 10. Social welfare

The real purpose of social welfare is to fulfill the human problems like food, home, health, and education etc. to all the people of the society. Social or social welfare is also known

as social security and protection.

Information about various welfare schemes is given by the Social Welfare Department like

- Minority schemes.
- Labor and employment schemes.
- Women and Child Development Welfare Schemes.
- Backward Classes Schemes.
- Rural schemes etc.

Social welfare programs are proving to be a boon to change the condition and direction of India, some of them are as follows

- Clean India Movement.
- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme.
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana.
- Housing for all by 2022.
- Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana.
- Ayushman Bharat Yojana.
- Soil Health Card Scheme for Farmer etc.

The purpose of implementing the welfare schemes run by government or non-government organizations is to guide every class, caste, community, rural or urban boy, girl, elderly, woman and man, to develop holistically.

## Conclusion

In summary, it can be said that for social development, it is necessary to solve the serious problems like illiteracy, lack of vocational education, poverty, unemployment, malevolent thinking, lack of resources in education, over-dependence on agriculture, etc. It is necessary to know about the use of modern equipment in agriculture, vocational education, education, etc. Along with this, information about various schemes run by the government needs to be made available to the people, this will speed up social development.

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