

# **Importance of Empowering Youth Leadership in Innovation and Global Responsibility**

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## **Abstract**

Youth leadership has the power of turning innovative ideas into reality of life for the benefit of people, fueling idealism to change society, communities, schools, colleges, universities and organizations, applying skills development processes to solve problems, improving existing system, and ensuring progress in business, technology, and social justice. Youth leadership can shape the future activities for the development of the whole world by facing the local and global issues. Youth leadership has the capacity to face societal challenges driven by new energy, innovative ideas and diverse perspective. Application and implementation of innovative ideas in a very successful way are the process through which social, national and global development can be possible. The introduction and successful implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 with the aim of turning India into a dynamic and energetic knowledge society and global knowledge power tower by improving school and higher education have given the Youth a chance to face the global issues by involving in sustainable practices, holistic thinking, humanitarian action, shaping community, and paying attention to global responsibilities. To empower youth leadership for the benefit of global progress, it is necessary to pay attention to the ideas of young people. Different types of skills like communication, confidence building, project management and critical thinking of young people must be developed. They must address local issues, advocate for well-being and rights, and solve social problem. For innovation and global responsibility, empowerment of youth leadership is very necessary on account of youth's fresh energy, digital fluency, adaptable perspectives, providing sustainable development, driving economic growth, and solving complex challenges. Young people can enjoy the chance of training themselves to access courses from organizations, participate in SDG based local and global youth networks,

improve innovative problem solutions for sustainable development, and champion the Goals by using digital platforms and their voice. The empowerment of youth plays a very significant part for the benefit of creativity and innovation. Young people empowered with quality education, entrepreneurial opportunities, and vocational training can enrich sustainability and economic growth by becoming active contributors to the economy for making a more progressive society. The need for youth empowerment lies in its capacity to develop self-assured, skillful, and self-dependent individuals who have the power of offering appropriate contribution to society.

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## **1.Introduction**

Youth leadership has the power of turning innovative ideas into reality of life for the benefit of people, fueling idealism to change society, communities, schools, colleges, universities and organizations, applying skills development processes to solve problems, improving existing system, and ensuring progress in business, technology, and social justice. Youth leadership can shape the future activities for the development of the whole world by facing the local and global issues. Youth leadership has the capacity to face societal challenges driven by new energy, innovative ideas and diverse perspective. Application and implementation of innovative ideas in a very successful way are the process through which social, national and global development can be possible. The introduction and successful implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020<sup>1</sup> with the aim of turning India into a dynamic and energetic knowledge society and global knowledge power tower by improving school and higher education on the basis of five pillars like Access/Entrance, Equity/ Impartiality, Quality/Level of Excellence, Affordability/ attainability, Accountability/ liability (AEQAA)<sup>2</sup> have given the Youth a chance to face the global issues by involving in sustainable practices, holistic thinking, humanitarian action, shaping community, and paying attention to global responsibilities. To empower youth leadership for the benefit of global progress, it is necessary to pay attention to the ideas of young people. Different types of skills like communication, confidence building, project management and critical thinking of young people must be developed. They must address local issues, advocate for well-being and rights, and solve social problem. They must be guided by experience adults or older youth who led them to know

how to set structures like Clubs for organizing social events and representing social interests, Student Councils for arranging school events and speaking for the interest of students, Non-Profits for organizing Boys and Girls Clubs and offering leadership training. They must be empowered through UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) programs to show their interest regarding Global initiatives for working on Sustainable Development Goals. They must be leveraged by fresh perspective for developing creative solutions for societal changes. Empowered young people are future leaders to face challenges of tomorrow, strengthen communities by encouraging civic participation, and drive innovation. This research article investigates the importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility.

## 2. Review of Literature:

As per opinion of UU Kepemudaan<sup>3</sup>, youth mean those young people belonging to age group 16 to 30 with the power of bringing change in communal, social, political, and economic fields. A.A. Ngurab bagus Aristavudha opines that the considerable amount of research on leadership indicates a major transactional and transformational influence on youth leadership by improving the sense of engagement, productivity, innovation, and responsibility of young people. Ranatunga and Priyanath point out in their Article entitled ‘A Systematic Literature Review on Youth Empowerment and its Determinants’ that the synthesis expressed in the review on ‘concept and determinants of youth empowerment’ based on ‘38 stringently screened studies of 176 identified articles,’ emphasizes the important role of empowering youth for their all-round well-being by giving them access to education, decent work, economic resources, psychological resilience, social support, and decision- making power.<sup>4</sup> D. Vijaya Lakshmi and G. Akshay Kumar have written that social entrepreneurship ingrains among young generation a sense of responsibility by becoming an important medium to address and press social challenges.

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1. Education.Gov.in, 24 Dec, 2025, [About National Education Policy | Government of India, ...](https://www.education.gov.in/nep/about-nep); <https://www.education.gov.in/nep/about-nep>

<sup>2</sup>Testbook, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2022,

[The new education policy is based on pillars, how many ...](https://testbook.com/question-answer/the-new-education-policy-is-based-on-pillars-how-many-...); <https://testbook.com/question-answer/the-new-education>

<sup>3</sup> ResearchGate, June 2024, [Literature Review of Leadership for Youth: Identifying the ...](https://www.researchgate.net); <https://www.researchgate.net>

In this way, by empowering the youth it creates an ecosystem for nurturing both congregated impact and individual growth.<sup>5</sup> As per opinion of Children and Youth Services Review, young people from disadvantages backgrounds can develop positive youth-staff relationships and improve outcomes for young people through extra-curricular programmes.<sup>6</sup>

### 3. Research Gap:

My research topic is “Importance of Empowering Youth Leadership in Innovation and Global Responsibility”. Previous Records of research revealed that many works were conducted on different aspects of importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility.

But this is an important area which is untouched. Extensive research work is required. Hence there is a research gap. I have selected this topic for filling up this gap. As a result, my work explores new perspectives in this area.

### 4. Immersion of the problem:

4.1. **Aim:** The aim of this study is to point out the importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility.

4.2. **Objectives:** The following objectives are laid down for this study:

- (i) To investigate about social position of importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility.
- (ii) To separate the problematized opinions regarding importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility.
- (iii) To evaluate the role of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility.
- (iv) To elucidate about the power of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility.

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4.. ResearchGate, 30 Aug 2025,

[A Systematic Literature Review on Youth Empowerment ...](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/39501807); [https://www.researchgate.net > publication > 39501807.](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/39501807)

5..:ResearchGate,17 Jan 2025, [a study on youth engagement and social entrepreneurship](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/38808037); [https://www.researchgate.net > publication > 38808037.](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/38808037)

(v) To illustrate the chronicles of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility.

#### **4.3. Rationale of the Study:**

For innovation and global responsibility, empowerment of youth leadership is very necessary on account of youth's fresh energy, digital fluency, and adaptable perspectives, providing sustainable development, driving economic growth, and solving complex challenges. Young people have the power of acting as Agents of Change with the help of their demographic power, innovative skills and digital skills. They can take part in community action by fighting down hunger through agriculture, raising a sense of social responsibility in their communities, improving renewable energy, and advocating social equity. Young people can enjoy the chance of training themselves to access courses from organizations, participate in SDG<sup>6</sup> based local and global youth networks, improve innovative problem solutions for sustainable development, and champion the Goals by using digital platforms and their voice. The empowerment of youth plays a very significant part for the benefit of creativity and innovation. Young people empowered by education and resources can find out novel process for solution of complex problems. Their creative and innovative power can be implemented for the improvement of arts, science, and technology in order to move forward for the benefit of society as a whole. Their active participation in volunteer work, community service, and solving local problems strengthens the bond of unity by instilling a sense of responsibility. They can help to bridge the generation gap by interacting with generations and exchanging values and ideas for creating a harmonious society. The active participation in politics and governance of empowered young people can revitalize democracy to become the voice of change by bringing a fresh perspective, new energy, and new ideas to the table. Young people empowered with quality education, entrepreneurial opportunities, and vocational training can enrich sustainability and economic growth by becoming active contributors to the economy for making a more progressive society.

#### **5. Methodology:**

Methodology indicates the systematic, theoretical analysis of the method applied to a field of study. This paper written for International Seminar has undertaken the study through an examination of primary source including quantitative data and secondary source related to

importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility. The research methodology followed here is the theoretical frame and concept of importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility on the basis of primary data collected from Interviews and Survey, and secondary data where data were collected from newspapers, magazines, articles, websites, correspondence and documentary sources. The major concern of this writing is to highlight the importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility. This writing wants to point out the multifaceted aspects of importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility by highlighting different types of importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility.

### **6. Study Conducted:**

The need for youth empowerment lies in its capacity to develop self-assured, skillful, and self-dependent individuals who have the power of offering appropriate contribution to society. The and policy making. Empowered youth can involve themselves in various sectors related to economic growth of their country on account of their skillful innovation, impressive productivity transformative role of empowered youth is very important for the development of society as they have the power of bringing innovation, energy, creativity, and fresh perspectives to drive equality and sustainability by actively participating in social reform, technological advancement and energetic participation in labour market. They can actively contribute to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)<sup>7</sup> of nation by helping to reduce the burdens of social welfare and dependency. Empowered youth can empower democracy and assure the accountability of government by promoting civic awareness to participate in processes such as welfare activities for community, voting and discussion for policy-making. In India, many graduates have to face different types of problem at the time of getting job on account of their lack of skills needed for jobs. Only empowerment of youth through skill training needed for their job can bridge the gap. Elysian Skill India has come forward to empower youth with relevant skills through different types of accessible, and industry – aligned training such as Industry Alignment, Holistic Development, Practical Learning, Government Alignment, Bridging Gaps, and Rural Empowerment by

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6. Welcome to the United Nations; [Youth - United Nations Sustainable Development](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/youth);

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/youth>

arranging placement assistance, personalized guidance, scholarships, localized training centres for rural people, and focusing on problem solving matter, and practical application of skill. Industry – Relevant Training and Certification such as certified programs based on projects, assessments, and real-world case studies, from National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)<sup>8</sup> must empower their personal profile along with job prospects, practical knowledge, and self – confidence. Youth for their empowerment can be guided placement assistance, expert mentorship, and career counselling sessions for their holistic improvement.

### **7. Data Collection:**

Interviews and Survey through Questionnaire prepared by me were the process to collect information regarding importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility as Primary Sources. I have collected data from secondary sources; i.e., newspapers, magazines, articles, websites, correspondence and documentary sources. Following Research Questions helped for designing the Questionnaire, on which basis survey was conducted.

What is importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility?

Why is empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility important?

What is the relation between importance of empowering youth leadership and innovation along with global responsibility?

How is the present condition of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility?

Does empowering youth leadership in innovation affect global responsibility?

How is it possible for youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility to be empowered?

The above questions have helped me to get a clear idea regarding importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility.

### **8. Analysis of Collected Data:**

The Survey Report collected from some young students on the basis of Questionnaire on importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility, has helped

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7. Wikipedia, Gross domestic product; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gross\\_domestic\\_product](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gross_domestic_product).

8. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC); <https://nsdcindia.org>

me to conclude my topic properly. Forty young students belonging to age group between nineteen years to twenty-five years and ten teachers belonging to age group thirty to fifty years have encouraged me by pointing out that my topic is very relevant in the context of present age. Data Analysis has added a new feather to my knowledge of qualitative and quantitative Methodologies. At the time of taking Interview, the different types of language functions like Listening, Enquiring, Explaining, Requesting and Note taking have helped this study to proceed. The four language skills like Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing have spread their hands to complete the Interview process.

On the basis of Data collection, it is possible for me to come to know about importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility. Although some improvements have been taken place in the condition of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility yet people have to pay attention to the importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility still now.

The data analysis has revealed two opposite views regarding importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility. At the time of Interview, most of them have expressed their opinions in favour of importance of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility. They pointed out that empowerment of youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility plays a very important part to shape the world of tomorrow. Innovation has the power of bringing fresh idea freed from old biases for solving societal problems; driving their passion and energy to move for progress; and possessing adaptability to acquire crucial technological skills suitable to digital age for planning advancement of modern complexities. Empowered youth are powerful agents for performing social responsibilities. Others pointed out

9. Give.do, 10 NGOs focused on empowering India's youth -; <https://give.do> › blog › 10-ngos-focused-on-empoweri.

10. Investopedia, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): What It Is, How It ...; <https://www.investopedia.com> › terms › corp-social-res.

11. Skill India Digital Hub, Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) - Upskilling, reskilling, career ...; <https://www.skillindiadigital.gov.in>.

that young people always try to be guided by their impulse without experience. As a result, they must gain practical experience on the basis of mentorship and role models. They must be helped by a growth mindset for continuous improvement to cultivate ethical knowledge like fairness, respect and honesty. At present, young people in India have to face ongoing challenges and a complex interplay of progress along with important achievements in the field of empowerment. Government and NGO<sup>9</sup> support youth empowerment by providing Corporate Social Responsibility (CRS)<sup>10</sup> programs; National Missions and Schemes through Skill India, PMKVY,<sup>11</sup> and Digital India; and NGO partnership to empower youth. The data analysis has given an account regarding the present condition of empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility based on overall gap. In order to make up this gap, it is necessary to empower youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility through different types of tools used in global platforms.

### **8. Findings:**

On the basis of data analysis, it is possible to find out some processes of achieving empowerment of youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility. Different types of international framework and network such as International Human Duties Day (IHDD),<sup>12</sup> and Junior Chamber International (JCI)<sup>13</sup>, have spread their helping hands to empower young people. IHDD furnishes them by providing inspiration, platforms, and tools to turn their energy into effective performance. Global network of JCI helps them to shape a future by acquiring knowledge regarding principles of Civic Responsibility. Trained by JCI young volunteers can participate in peer-led education by conducting interactive sessions in community centres, schools and universities; and introducing activities like digital storytelling, debates, and role-playing to help participants for internalizing values. Besides these, social entrepreneurship under IHDD, technology-fueled civic action, and

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12. [internationalhumanduties.com](https://internationalhumanduties.com), International Human Duties Initiative;  
<https://internationalhumanduties.com>

13. Junior Chamber International, Junior Chamber International - A Global Leadership ...;  
<https://jci.cc>

14. United Nations Development Programme,  
World Youth Skills Day 2025: Youth Empowerment Through AI ...; <https://www.undp.org> ›  
Uganda › blog › world-youth-sk...

the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)<sup>14</sup> has come forward for empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility.

### **9. Conclusion:**

Empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility is an investment in the future for creating a better world. Youth empowerment can bridge the employment gap by building a job-creating ecosystem, tackling unemployment, and promoting entrepreneurship; and using modern tools such as digital literacy and technical training for empowerment. Their partnerships with educational institutions, their recognizing and celebrating young leaders, their creation of youth leadership councils, their power of leveraging technology, and their community involvement work can guide and lead the leaders of next generation. The future of youth empowerment in India depends on Global Competitiveness, Innovations in Learning, Promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Demographic Dividend. Only continuous efforts to equip young people with knowledge, opportunities to lead, and different types of skills on the basis of the European Institute of Leadership and Management can achieve to promote empowering youth leadership in innovation and global responsibility to shape a sustainable, better, and brighter future for all by removing disparities.

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