

UNEMPLOYMENT IN INDIA: Issues and Challenges of Youth Unemployment in India

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Abstract: *Youth unemployment is a big challenge in developing economies, but there is a limited understanding of the dynamics that cause increases in unemployment among young workers. This article examines unemployment and inactivity among the youth workforce in India, where the economic contraction from the pandemic was solely responsible for reversing the trend of decades of declining global inequality. Young workers face higher unemployment, have fewer transitions to work and are more likely to get stuck in unemployment. They have a strong desire for public employment programmes, with over 80 per cent preferring job guarantees as a policy option to tackle unemployment, despite the implementation and design problems than have sometimes afflicted such programmes.*

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