

Engaging youth in agriculture

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■ **ABSTRACT** : India is primarily an agricultural country where more than 50 per cent of the population is involved in agricultural activities. As per 1951 census there were 69.7 per cent of agricultural workers in India which declined to 54.6 per cent in 2011. There is a lot of concern about engaging youth in agriculture, young people are not very much interested in continuing in agriculture because they don't see much prospect in the future of agriculture, they also don't see it as an active profession in the long-run. Consequently, there is growing disenchantment among rural youth towards agriculture vocation and they find it much lucrative to migrate to cities to do even menial jobs. Large-scale migration of rural youth from farming to urban areas has caused concern among the agricultural policy makers, since, such a trend, if not checked, is likely to affect agricultural activities in the future. Thus, checking migration and retaining youth in agricultural sector is currently a big challenge. This paper has prepared from the secondary sources of information. It is the need of the hour to make agriculture occupation remunerative to sustain the interest of youth towards agriculture.

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