



ROLE OF STUDENT UNION IN SOCIAL REFORMATION

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ABSTRACT

Students are future of every nation. Students unions are very important to initiate a change for betterment as they have capacity to work for progress of society and nation. Most of the student unions are affiliated to a political party and actively participate in any crisis. They have solid social back ground, power, organization and positive approach to bring change, awareness about current social issues. Present study is focused on finding of activities of student union to bring social reforms.

Keywords: Student Union, Social Reform

Introduction:

Student union is a student organization present in many colleges, universities, high schools and higher secondary schools dedicated to social organizational activities, representation and academic support of students. The aim of student union is to represent students both within institutions and externally on local and national issues. Student union is responsible for providing services to students. Some student unions are politicized bodies and serve for aspiring politicians.

Student union can plan an important role in improving and strengthening the society. The society is the manifestation of united existence and students are part of the society. Study is the main occupation of students, but being youthful and energetic they can engage themselves in various forms of social work in their spare time. Students should take active role in literacy campaigns. They can teach illiterates to read and write. They can organize blood donation camps and health care camps. They can establish gymnasium, handicapped schools, health centers, libraries etc. Such organizations are beneficiaries for large no. of people and help in reform of the society. Student unions urged by the spirit of social welfare can arrange fund through charity shows, donations. The student unions are powerful to undertake responsibility of fighting anti social evils. Whenever there is a crisis like outbreak of malaria, floods, earthquake, other disasters student unions are expected to come to the aid of distressed.

In India, Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad, National Students Union of India, All India Student's Federation, All India Democratic Student's Organization, Student's Federation of India are main student union organization. They organize various events to related to current social and political issues.

Objective of Study:

To find role of student union in various aspects of social reformation

Hypothesis:

There is no significant role of student union in various aspects of social reformation

Methodology:

Descriptive survey method was used for study. 50 members of 10 student unions are selected for present work. Works of these unions are studied; union members are interviewed at various aspects related to social framework using a self prepared test paper. Data of every union was tabulated; comparatively analyzed using mean and standard deviation tool.

Finding and Analysis:

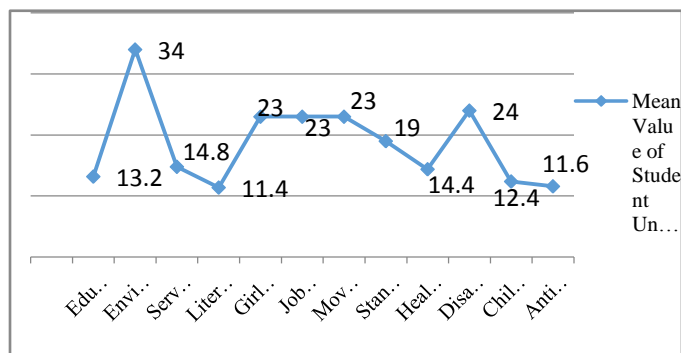


Chart: Status of Social Reformation work of Student's Union

Table: Status of Social Reformation work of Student's Union

Components of Social Reformation	Value of Student Unions work					Mean Value of Student Unions work	Std. Deviation
	SU -1	SU -2	SU -3	SU -4	SU -5		

<i>Education Extension</i>	11	16	13	14	12	13.2	0.76
<i>Environment Conservation</i>	34	31	38	33	34	34	0.48
<i>Service to Disables</i>	12	16	14	15	17	14.8	0.39
<i>Literacy</i>	10	9	13	14	11	11.4	0.61
<i>Girls Empowerment</i>	18	23	20	26	28	23	0.32
<i>Job orientation</i>	24	21	28	22	20	23	0.38
<i>Movement against social evils</i>	26	22	21	22	24	23	0.61
<i>Standardization of Education</i>	19	16	23	19	18	19	0.24
<i>Health care Support</i>	11	14	14	17	16	14.4	0.33
<i>Disaster Management</i>	23	28	26	21	22	24	0.41
<i>Child Labor</i>	9	12	11	14	16	12.4	0.56
<i>Anti Corruption</i>	14	11	9	12	12	11.6	0.42

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Conclusion:

Students are young, energetic, and enthusiastic with capability of bringing social reformation. In our country, student unions are limited up to political movements. They helped India to win independence and now they fight for many social and community causes. At present they are not so much focused to fulfilling their objectives of establishment i.e., social awareness, reformation, service. They are engaged in works sponsored by parent political parties. They have no work plan in their annual calendar regarding social reformation for minimized classes. Generally they remain as political as feasible and work towards maintaining their ideology and achieving their political objectives.

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