C2 (COVID AND CLIMATE) MAGIC- CLIMATE CHANGE DURING COVID19- AN EFFECTIVE STUDENT YOUTH VOLUNTEER FRAMEWORK TO MANAGE GLOBAL WARMING IN INDIA

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Abstract

Covid-19 has changed and impacted the world in many ways, politically, socially, economically and the best part is environmentally too. To highlight a positive note, the great magic happened as if there was a reset button that was pressed to undo the malice done to Mother Nature. The 'Climate change' due to the prolonged global lockdown has reduced pollution and prevented rising atmospheric temperature. Student youth is the strongest resource in any nation, but the potential of student youth has not been utilized to address global warming/climate change in the past. Also, there is a huge policy gap, less intervention, and no convergence among different ministries of government working with student youth. The main objective of this paper is to explore the way how Covid19 helped in controlling global warming and how we can utilize the power of student youth by creating better volunteering opportunities and responsibilities with policy interventions. This is a conceptual paper in which the proposed framework will provide directions to the stakeholders, policymakers from the government and in the academic sector to utilize the full potential of student youth to address global warming/climate change and also formulate policies to involve students in green activities to maintain positive climatic conditions arisen during covid19 and managing the same in future. Practical implications are Policy intervention, Reforms in programmes and schemes, best practices in educational institutions; further research can be done on volunteerism related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and beyond climate change.

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