



# REVIEW OF RESEARCH

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## IMPACT OF RESEARCH ON SOCIAL ISSUES IN INDIA

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### ABSTRACT :

*Research plays an important role in bringing reforms to every society, from developing nations to developed nations; every country needs to do research work on certain relevant aspects in the present time. Research can be done in numbers of field like Scientific, Political, Economic and Social etc. Research aimed at achieving social impact must address societal needs and challenges. This entails formulating research questions that directly contribute to enhancing the wellbeing and quality of life of individuals and communities. It creates a narrative to the public for bring a change in society and provide solutions to the problems which persist in the country. In developing country like India, research play an enormous role in bringing the change required to develop the society and improve the social issues. The paper is based on secondary data from books, journal articles, and newspaper etc.*



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### INTRODUCTION :

Research plays a crucial role in the field of Social Sciences, particularly in areas related to humanities. All progress begins with inquiry. The pursuit of knowledge is an eternal process, and in its simplest form, this process is referred to as research. Research stems from our innate curiosity, prompting us to explore unknown facts and gain understanding. This is why curiosity is often described as the mother of all knowledge.

The approach to conducting research involves various aspects, including research philosophy, strategy, instruments, objectives, and the drive to solve problems. Research is the art of scientific investigation aimed at discovering new knowledge. Acquiring knowledge for its own sake is what we call research. As Hudson aptly stated, "Doubt is often better than overconfidence, for it leads to inquiry, and inquiry leads to innovation."

### DEFINITION OF RESEARCH

Research is described as the "art of acquiring knowledge for the purpose of understanding." It is also defined as a "systematic method aimed at making generalizations and developing new theories."

According to Kothari, C.R.: Research is the manipulation of things, concepts, or symbols to extend, correct, or verify knowledge.

According to John W. Creswell, "Research is a systematic process involving steps to collect and analyse information, aimed at enhancing our understanding of a particular topic or issue."

### OBJECTIVE OF RESEARCH

Research is conducted to get some new information and to find valuable solutions on the societal issues or to achieve somethings new in different fields. It is undertaken to expand knowledge by delving into unknown facts and unexplored theories. While every research project has its own specific objectives, it can generally be conducted with the following broad goals in mind.

**To Explore:** Research can be conducted by the researcher with the aim of exploring unexplored phenomena or uncovering unknown facts.

**To Define:** Sometimes, research is conducted to depict the characteristics of an individual, group, or society, or to describe a specific situation or event.

**To Identify:** This study helps in understanding the frequency of a particular event in relation to another event.

**To build a connection:** Research can be conducted to test the hypothesis between dependent and independent variables. Such studies are also referred to as hypothesis-testing research.

### IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH IN SOCIETY:

Research provide the basis for the improvement in every field. It is the initial step to do something new or to bring some positive change. In society research is important for certain things like:

- 1. Can predict social behaviour:** Research helps in enhancing our understanding of various people and societies. The insights gained through research enable us to anticipate the behaviours of individuals or groups. By comprehending a social phenomenon more thoroughly, we can better determine how to manage or influence it effectively.
- 2. Making people aware of latest Information:** Research provides access to the most up-to-date information in a chosen field and helps expand on existing ideas. In areas like technology and science, where new discoveries occur daily and information is constantly evolving, strong research skills enable you to stay informed and deliver accurate, current insights on any topic.
- 3. Problem solving:** Research helps in problem solving by offering empirical evidence to pinpoint the most effective solutions to problems. By utilizing data and findings, decision-makers can implement strategies that have been tested and demonstrated to be successful.
- 4. Informed Decision Making:** Research provides the basic necessary critical information required by the policymakers, businesses, and community leaders with needed to make well-informed decisions, minimizing the risk of failure and enhancing the chances of success.
- 5. Development and Innovation:** Research helps in creating new ideas, Technologies and develop new techniques to solve various problems and preparing society for the upcoming different challenges also. Innovation is necessary to be ready to tackle different issues/ Challenges in near future in which research help the most.
- 6. Long lasting effect:** Thorough research can result in sustainable solutions that tackle immediate challenges while also preventing future problems by uncovering their root causes. Research conducted properly can solve long term issues and provide long lasting impact.

### IMPACT OF RESEARCH ON SOCIAL ISSUES IN INDIA:

India is a nation known for its rich diversity, yet it grapples with numerous social challenges. Issues such as gender inequality and limited healthcare access impact millions and demand immediate action. Gaining insight into these problems is crucial for building a fair and equitable society. Research has played an important part in trying to solve the issues in the country. Some of them are like:

- ✓ **Gender Inequality and Women rights:** Gender inequality is one of the biggest social issues in country like India there are certain issues have been found like workplace discrimination, gender-

based violence etc are some of them. In research studies it was found that women are paid at workplace then their counterpart men. Due to which women only contribute 18% to the GDP which is very less when compared to global average. There are other issues also highlighted by the researcher like female foeticide, female safety etc.

This research helps the govt. in formulating laws for safety of women like Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act was enacted in 2013 to protect women's rights, the govt. launched "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" Initiative to combat gender discrimination etc.

- ✓ **Challenges in Health Care:** Healthcare access in India remains a major challenge, particularly for those in rural areas who often face difficulties in receiving necessary medical care. While the country's healthcare sector is extensive, it is unevenly distributed. Key issues include Insufficient medical facilities in rural regions, High treatment costs in urban centres, Limited awareness of available healthcare services.

Research conducted in health care found that Mental health is highly neglected issue in India. After various studies are being conducted on health care govt. has taken steps to tackle the health issues in the country like:

- Ayushman Bharat Programme: The Ayushman Bharat Programme, introduced last year, offers comprehensive and integrated healthcare and serves as the primary mechanism for achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC).
- Mobile Medical Units: To Solve the issue of health care in rural areas by using the Mobile medical units.
- Mental Health Policy (2017): The NMH Policy details strategies to enhance mental health and protect individuals' rights, emphasizing the provision of holistic care ranging from outpatient services to community-based support.
- ✓ **Quality Education:** the education system in India has improved significantly in the past but there are certain issues remain. There are number of studies conducted in which found that education system still has certain flaw, as some of the rural schools/colleges lacks the basic facilities and necessary staff is not there. There is disparity in educational outcomes in Urban and Rural areas. The literacy rate of Urban areas is 84.11% and rural areas is still only 67.77 %. Following numerous studies on the govt. has taken certain initiatives therefore:
  - **New education Policy:** A policy to make education more accessible and inclusive.
  - **Samagra Shiksha:** A comprehensive scheme designed to enhance the quality of education, bridge social and gender disparities, and improve teacher training.
  - **PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme:** A program aimed at enhancing accessibility and alleviating financial burdens etc.

## CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, research, one of the oldest methods of discovery and invention, holds great significance in society. It is an enduring process that will continue as long as society exists on Earth. Research is a journey of truth, discoveries, and innovations. It is through research that society continues to progress. As our fast-paced world evolves, the demand for research, research methods, and researchers is greater than ever. Research will always play an important role in every field to develop and create something new or to provide solution to problems.

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