Decisive factors of employment vulnerability of rural youth in the hills of Uttarakhand

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ABSTRACT : Youth are the precious segment of the population as they play quite a significant role in development. Youth unemployment has risen dramatically. Vulnerability increases more in agriculture sector due to disguised employment. Reasons behind employment vulnerability may vary in different situations which needs to be identified for unemployment mitigation. Hence, it is important to understand the factors responsible for employment vulnerabilities among rural youth. The present study was conducted 10 villages of Almora and Pauri Garhwal districts of Uttarakhand state. Data was collected from 210 rural youth (15-24 years) through interview schedule. Study revealed that 51.43% of the respondents belonged to young age group, 58.10% were female and had higher secondary level of education. Regarding relationship education, size of land holding, media ownership and change proneness had significant relationship with employment vulnerability of rural youth. The study will help to development functionaries to frame suitable policies.

Key Words : Employment, capital, rural youth, vulnerability, Uttarakhand.