

Youth United



FINAL REPORT

of the Survey as Phase-I of Youth United Mass
Education and Awareness Mission
(YUMEAM), Chandigarh Unit
**of total 1000 households in
Colony No-5, Sector 51, Chandigarh**

as an honorary undertaking by

**Youth United Central,
Chandigarh UT**

To be evaluated and interpreted with the original copies of the report sheets in the specified format (1000 sheets for 1000 families), in a sealed envelope, meant for the retention of
Youth United Central, Chandigarh

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Declaration:

We, on the behalf of the entire Youth United Team and all the Youth United Executives/Volunteers for this undertaking hereby testify that all the information stated in this document is true to the best of our knowledge. Further, we offer this document on the disposal of the various implementing agencies, which intend to suffice to the objectives, this document originally intends to depict.

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I - INTRODUCTION

In the contemporary Society, where the Government and other Legal Authorities are trying their every bit to provide the weaker and under privileged sections of society with all the facilities and conveniences with compulsory education under various National Schemes and Policies, the need to aware those sections of the Society with those schemes and policies is quite warranted.

Quite ironically, these sections primarily belong to not-so-educated and backward classes of the society, so making them aware of these schemes of amenities through sophisticatedly written citizen's charter and other technical/official activities is almost valueless.

The need to make these classes of society aware through simply written paper instruments and direct interaction schemes and campaigns is hence perfectly vindicated.

Considering aforementioned strategies, **Youth United** has instigated a long term Project Youth United Mass Education and Awareness Mission (herein after referred to as YUMEAM) in the cities of Chandigarh (including Mohali and Panchkula), New Delhi, Lucknow, Patna and Mumbai through its subdivisions in these cities. This project is divided into 3 phases for each city and its completion time is nonfigurative depending upon the cooperation from other participating authorities. Phase I of YUMEAM, Chandigarh is completed and this report is detailed & manifested documentation of the same.

II - ABOUT THE UNDERTAKING

1) About YUMEAM

A. TITLE OF PROJECT: - Youth United Mass Education & Awareness Mission (YUMEAM), Chandigarh Unit

B. LOCATION OF THE PROJECT: - Colony No 5, Sector 51, Chandigarh.

Population from the area of Panjab, Haryana and Chandigarh shall be benefited out of this Mission.

C. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT:-

- i. To aware the mass about the importance of education.
- ii. To manifest the difference between Literate and Educated (refer to section F of this document) and to implement the strategies by which awareness through Education can be disseminated in a prevalent manner. (as discussed below)
- iii. To instigate a commodious establishment, where amenities and services, in accordance with the objectives mentioned in this section shall be facilitated, with the help of competitive proprietary Government/Non Government Agencies, who also intend to meet and accomplish any or all of the objectives mentioned or implied in this section.
- iv. To make youth (Boys and Girls) aware of the schemes and amenities, Government originally intend to provide to them, and which normally

goes unutilized primarily because of prevailing unawareness in the Society.

- v. To provide education to students (Boys and Girls) upto secondary level.
- vi. Particularly for Girls, to identify further opportunities for who have studied upto Secondary level and want to study further.
- vii. Particularly for Girls, to promote practice and awareness of Information Technology by providing specialized education including knowledge of expert level computer know-how and other Information Technology skills to Girl Students apart from regular studies to make them suitable for the industry and this way they can readily be employed.
- viii. Creating scope for application of functional literacy for improvement of living conditions and quality of life.
- ix. Dissemination of information on development programs and widening & improving participation of traditionally deprived section of the society.
- x. To provide guidance and counseling to the children educated under this and other projects for regarding further employment opportunities.
- xi. To provide vocational training to students in the form of stitching courses etcetera.
- xii. To provide Computer education to children so as to make them employable.
- xiii. To aware the various schools and other educational institutions (colleges, etcetera) in the city about the desolate conditions existing in

the slums and to instill the spirit and of teaching in these students, in order to promote the Each One Teach One campaign of the government.

- xiv. To encourage education of girl child and reduce the gender gap in literacy.
- xv. To work for the welfare of other sections of Society like old age people etc. by organizing different activities at this center.

D. PROJECT SUMMARY: -

As per the report of Planning Commission around 27% of the Indian population is under the poverty line, education becomes a secondary concern relative to the provision of basic necessities of life. Though the importance of Education can never be underestimated, primarily because education leads to awareness, equality and fraternity in the Society all being building block of a developed sovereign republic State.

It's a matter of disgrace to the Indian Society that we have the second largest population in the world and still one of the smallest pools of educated professionals and skilled workers. India has always been one of the most beaten down countries in terms of education and this has been the nexus of problems of unemployment, poverty and many other such problems. Prevailing Social Evils like female foeticide, child marriage, discrimination in society of any form and et al are the result of less or no education among major section of Society. The difference between educated and literate is still speculative. Much of the population might just be literate, though they are not educated; Educated

so that they can realize the importance of equality, fraternity and awareness in the Society. This project shall instill in them these basic traits of Education and shall encourage them to be Educated and not just literate.

E. THE THREE PHASES:-

The whole project is divided into 3 phases. After the completion of all the 3 phases, all the objectives of this project shall ideally be covered and potentially be conceptualized:

i) Phase I- Awareness Campaigns and Survey:- In this phase a comprehensive survey on various criteria/issues/problems which include but not limited to health issues, legal issues, other physical, psychological and Socio-economic issues, shall be conducted within the notified area having maximum number of beneficiaries. This survey shall be complemented with spreading up of awareness within this section of Society through a series of Awareness camps contemplating similar issues.

ii) Phase II- Resolution Camps:- After having noticed and contemplated the issues and recommendations reflected through Final report of Phase-I, various medical, legal and other resolution camps shall be conducted within this notified area, to provide the population residing in this area solutions to their problem on the basis of First Time Resolution (FTR).

iii) Phase III- Establishment of Education Centers:- After the completion of phase I & II, Youth United shall exactly be in a position to figure out the kind of requirements that would still be required to meet all the objectives of this project. For this purpose, Youth United shall establish various education/computer/vocational centers primarily for women/girls, so that this section of population can be made self dependent.

2) The Survey and Report

Youth United, as an voluntary undertaking conducted a survey as Phase-I of YUMEAM as mentioned in section II(1)(E)(ii), among 1000 households of Colony No 5, Sector 51, Chandigarh which covered the total population of around 6000.

The survey was concluded with inspection and assessment of the population of these areas against the issues like health issues, legal issues, other physical, psychological and Socio-economic issues. This report is the manifested documentation of the survey and the functional inspection done among this population.

By the means of this report, Youth United shall also try to exert a pull on various other factors and problems pertaining to these backward sections of society, these problems may include the Physical, Psychological, and Socio-economic factors which may affect their educational habits and other Sociological ingredients to some extend.

Name of Survey:	YUMEAM Phase-I, Chandigarh Unit
Nature:	Voluntary/Social Welfare
Conducting Agency:	Youth United
Area:	Colony No 5, Sector 51, Chandigarh
Country:	India
Type of Population Targeted:	Underprivileged, Socially Backward, Women, Girl Children, Uneducated
Issues covered:	Medical/Health, Legal/Law Enforcement, Drugs, Civic, Education, Women/Child Related
Total Families covered:	1000
Total Population Covered:	6000
Duration of Survey:	40 Hours
Volunteers involved:	32
Dates covered:	8 to 13 Feb, 09

Table II-a : Survey in Statistics

b) Survey and inspection's strategies and methodology:

32 Youth United Volunteers visited 1000 households of Colony No 5, Sector 51, Chandigarh, India, within the duration of 6 days. These visits include subsequent interaction with the children and adults of each family. The views of around 6000 persons of these 1000 households were taken into account to make the final report.

This report shall be evaluated vis-à-vis the original report sheet for each family taken in a specified format and having the below mentioned parameters. The original copies of these report sheets (1000 sheets for 1000 families) under the retention of **Youth United, Chandigarh**. The parameters used for the survey were:

- Family Details
- Awareness Level
- Health problems/Issues

- Law enforcement/legal problems/Issues
- Drugs/Alcohol related problems/Issues
- Civic problems/Issues
- Education/Women related problems/Issues

Original Survey parameters format is enclosed with this report.

Contemplating on all these points, the Project Manager, YUMEAM has drafted a detailed report, which shall be taken as a documented instrument to resolve issues and problems related to this section of population by generalizing the figures through extrapolation of data of this survey.

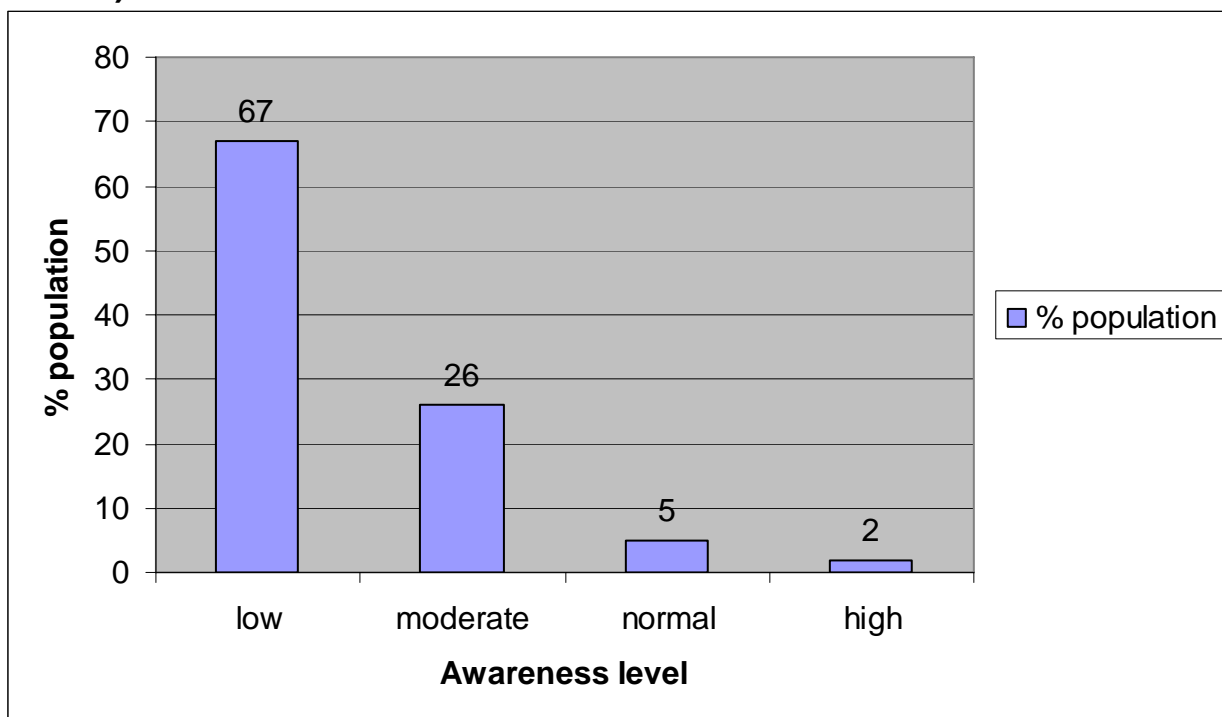
Data can be overweighed on account of its divergent nature. Population covered was random and not specific to particular area in common, the above data can be put to use to bring out approximately nos. of people having above mentioned problems in a much larger population.

III - SURVEY INFERENCES

This section of the report manifests the awareness level of the persons living in the specified area and the kind of problems being faced by them. These problems are further divided into different categories viz. health problems, social problems and legal problems taking into consideration physical, psychological and socio-economic factors. Persons living in these households primarily belong to the weakest, poorest and the most backward sections of the society, so any context of these persons, hereinafter, shall be referred to as the underprivileged and backward sections of the society.

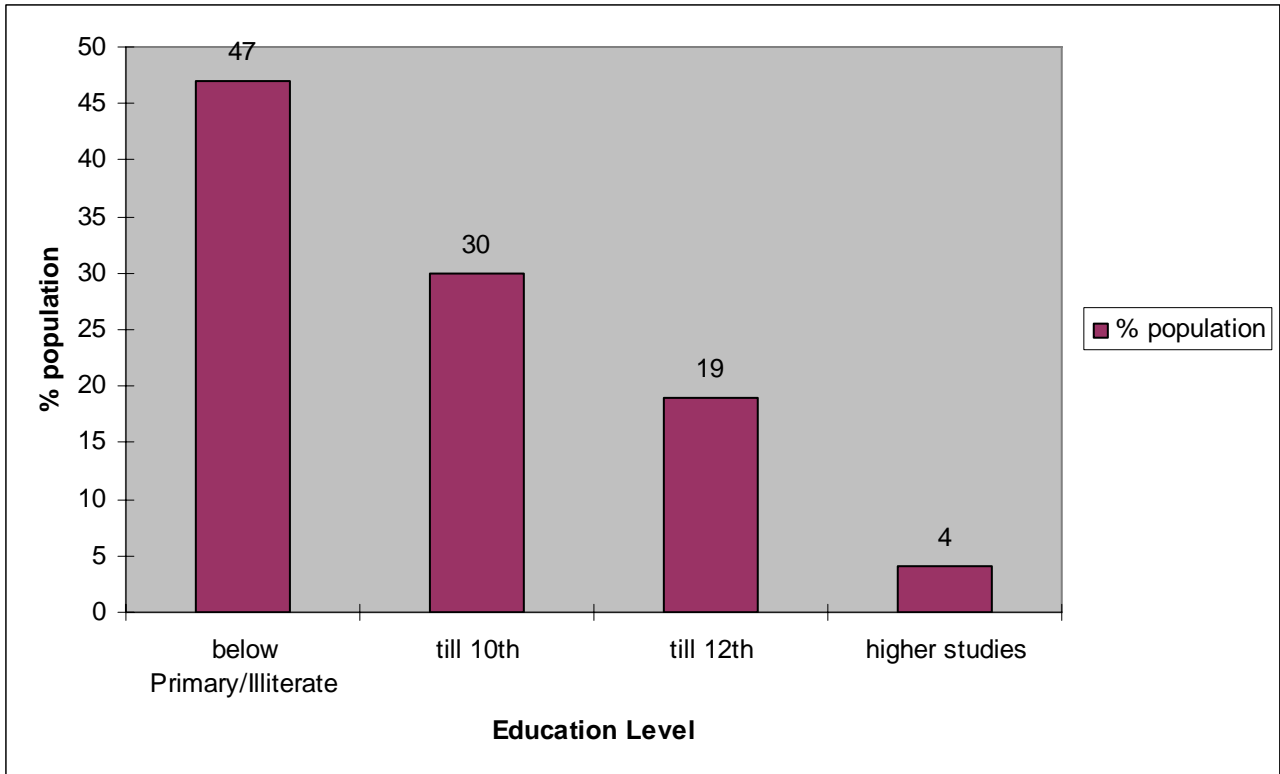
The problems being reported in this section is general in nature. Few problems might not be valid for some particular household. To see particular problems for a particular center, the enclosed original report sheets must be taken into account.

1) Awareness/Education Level-



The awareness level among the persons was found to be varying, as there are few persons who were above the average literacy level of the whole colony. They also seemed to have adequate awareness about various social, economic and health problems. Nevertheless, majority of the population was either not that adequately aware or they do not practice various measures to curb different issues, which apparently make them unaware.

A big portion of the adult population is undereducated, while very few of them are pursuing higher studies with reasonable no of persons having studied till intermediate level.



2) Problems

A) Health Problems

Colony no. 5 is a slum area with unhygienic living conditions. No proper sanitation facility with a large nos. of open drains and water pools which become breeding house for many microorganism and certain deadly insects. Major diseases caused there are mostly water Bourne such as cholera etc... Children face problem of malnutrition and polio (although no specific cases of polio have been reported). Female mainly suffer from anemia and other gynecological problems.

Men as such do not have specific ailment but do have poor eating habits and primarily suffer from addiction problems. Besides this they have severe dental

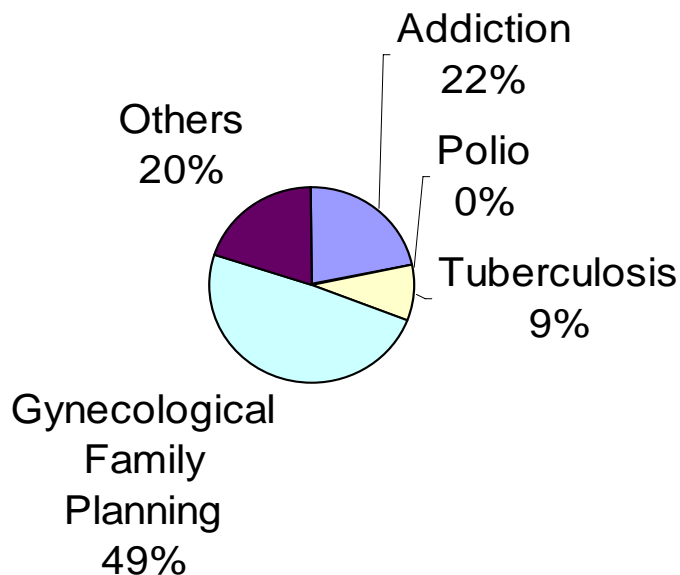
problems and throat infections on account of their consumption of certain addictive stuff such as gutka, paan, supari and zardha. Few medical camps and majorly a drug de addiction camp with counselors is a major priority right now.

Problem related to family planning: The concept of family planning and legal marriageable age were oblivious to most of them and hence are not being practiced within the masses.

While surveying, volunteers for YUMEAM enquired the residence of Colony if they have been operated for tubectomy/vasectomy. Majority of the figures and stats showed that they were quite reluctant to go for these kinds of surgical operations on account of their wrong notions and fear of the unknown.

Another major concern which was revealed during the survey was that most of the women wanted to get operated for tubectomy, but since their family or husband were strictly against this, they were helpless.

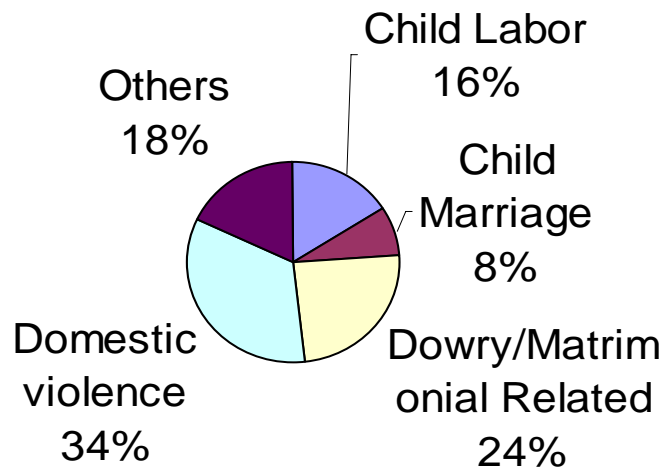
% of total instances of health problems reported



B) Social Problems

Population living in Colony is very diversified not only on account of different religion and caste but also on the vocation they hold on. People work as factory workers, daily wages laborer, skilled labor such as tailor, electrician, mason etc. Besides this there are Government class 4 employees, some on daily wages and some permanent. Others work as rickshaw pullers, drivers and female work as maid in house, some work as daily wage laborer, few run beauty parlor and boutique and majority of them are house wives.

% of total instances of social problems anticipated



Child labor/dowry: Not much cases have been reported but it is highly anticipated that child labor do persist in the colony. People are smart and

dishonest in telling about the ground realities openly. For knowing the exact figures and to get to the ground realities, a level of trust must first be established by any dedicated society in order to get to the core of the things. In that regard few locals taken into confidence can be of great help.

Domestic violence: Almost every woman in the colony, at some point had faced domestic violence or is rather facing at present.

Many cases of domestic violence have been reported. Women had bruises, scars, cuts and other internal body injuries. The attitude of men towards their women is not at all sensitive and caring. Men often beat their wives and children with no reasons. Women do not come out openly and tell about the prevailing conditions at their home. Volunteers had to skillfully attain a certain level of comfort with those women in order to get to the core of things.

Chief causes of domestic violence which were inferred are:

- Addiction of husbands to alcohol or some other drugs.
- Liberal attitude towards life.
- Frustration on account of failing to generate enough funds to support their families.
- Large families with many children.
- Or some other disputes.

C) Legal Problems

Persons living in these households primarily belong to the weakest, poorest and the most backward sections of the society, so any context of these persons, hereinafter, shall be referred to as the underprivileged and backward sections of the society.

In this kind of cosmopolitan slum, people have certain legal issues and since they are uneducated or not well educated about the various laws and norms they suffer frustration on account of their unawareness about the facilities and aids provided by Government and which require substantial legal awareness to be availed by them. Besides this, they also face difficulty in enjoying their fundamental rights owing to the same problem.

D) Factors behind these problems:

Socio-economic factors- Unemployment, low income, health problems, and unawareness oblige the persons to follow various social evils like under age marriages, dowry, discrimination on the basis of caste etc. Orthodoxy and myths are prevailing in their society, which can be exemplified by their refusal to practice tubectomy, vasectomy and hence family planning. The heads of the family usually husbands and fathers are the ones who can be held responsible for practicing this.

Physical factors: this mainly includes the health problems and the factors governing the learners' health. Learners' health was not found to be up to the

mark. They are not aware of the any factor governing health, hygiene and fitness and thus they are quite prone to diseases including Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

Psychological factors- Large family size, health problems and unawareness lead to a lot of psychological irregularities in the mind of persons that include depression, discouragement, family brawls and minor crimes.

IV - 7 POINTS RECOMMENDATIONS FROM YOUTH UNITED

Youth United, as an equitable entity, as a social, non governmental, not-for-profit organization, and as a human resources unit, which prohibits discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, regional origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, familial status, and sexual orientation, recommends few points to the concerned authorities, which shall pragmatically be implemented and not just speculatively.

These recommendations are abstract in nature, and can be conceptualized in real, as per the resources, and provisions of the agencies intend to implement these recommendations to suffice to the objective(s), this document originally intends to depict.

a) General Recommendations

- 1) Awareness by Campaigns, TV, newspaper and other media-** making the people aware of various social evils, health hazards, Government schemes and policies, educational ingredients, current happenings etc is the need of

the hour for all round development of the people. Media like awareness campaigns, which include puppet shows, plays, screening of regional language documentaries and motion pictures, magic shows etc, Television and Newspapers can play a vital role in effectuating this cause.

- 2) Health and other counseling-** Proper health care should be ensured by counseling these people. Again the need to organize frequent medical camps, campaigns, stage shows etc is vindicated.
- 3) Restructuring education environment-** The existing teaching methodology employed in these places by Government run centers is conventional in nature taking in consideration students from the normal society. The learners belong to the poorest and most backward sections of the society, so teaching methodology employed in teaching them needs a serious upgradation. This shall include the elements of encouragement, mutual harmony, recreation, reward and eventual interest.
- 4) Appointment of Legal Advisors/personnel-** Most of the population in these area are uneducated or unaware, so to avail the Government aided facilities and amenities like ration card, voter ID card, BPL certificates, Kisan credit cards, loan waiver certificate and etc, which require reasonable knowledge of legal/paper procedures, different legal personnel shall be appointed at different locations.
- 5) Equality in Society-** All the other sections of the society shall be encouraged to treat these sections of the society with utmost love, fraternity

and harmony, which is again necessary for the encouragement and equal status.

b) Extended Recommendations

6) Third party involvement- Different NGOs shall be encouraged and deputed, which can ensure the effectuation of aforementioned recommendations by instigating various undertakings/projects for the welfare of weaker sections of the society as a whole with the help of Government agencies. Youth United Mass Education and Awareness Mission(YUMEAM) is such an undertaking.

7) Microcredit- It is a concept conceived and being practiced by Noble Peace Prize Winner Mohammad Yunus Ibrahim through his Grameen Bank in Bangladesh. Microcredit or microfinance as it may be known as, involves giving small amount to the poor and needy, or the underprivileged sections of the society, so that they can start up with the small enterprise, small scale industry or to invest that amount in any enterprise sensibly to gain eventual dividend, which can be used for their socio-economic development.

This small loan acts as a credit to the poor and needy with negligible or no interest rate and hence known as Microcredit.

A body comprising of NGOs shall be established who can take up the task of Microcredit/Microfinance among the most backward sections of the society.

V - Scope of the Report- This report involves the views and reports accounted to Youth United Volunteers by 6000 persons from around 1000 households of Colony No 5, Sector 51, Chandigarh, India, which is a notified slum area, so this report shall be taken as documented instrument to implement the measures to suffice to the objectives this document i.e. to instigate various initiative for the welfare of weaker sections of the society.

This document contains recommendations which are general in nature and does not only contemplate population of a particular location, instead this document intends to provide the guidelines to all the agency(s), which aims to work for the upliftment of weaker sections of the society as a whole and to undertake different activities for the same.

This report can be entertained by various Government Authorities and Bodies, which have the accountability to suffice to the objectives, which this document originally intends to depict.

Disclaimer:

This report is the conclusive documentation of the report of the survey conducted by Youth United Central in Colony No 5, Sector 51, Chandigarh, India, an honorary undertaking by Youth United. This document is not a legal instrument. The nature of this document is equitable. The survey and reporting were carried in good faith. This document contains recommendations which are general in nature and does not only contemplate population of a particular location, instead this document intends to provide the guidelines to all the agency(s), which aims to work for the upliftment of weaker sections of the society as a whole and to undertake different activities for the same.

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