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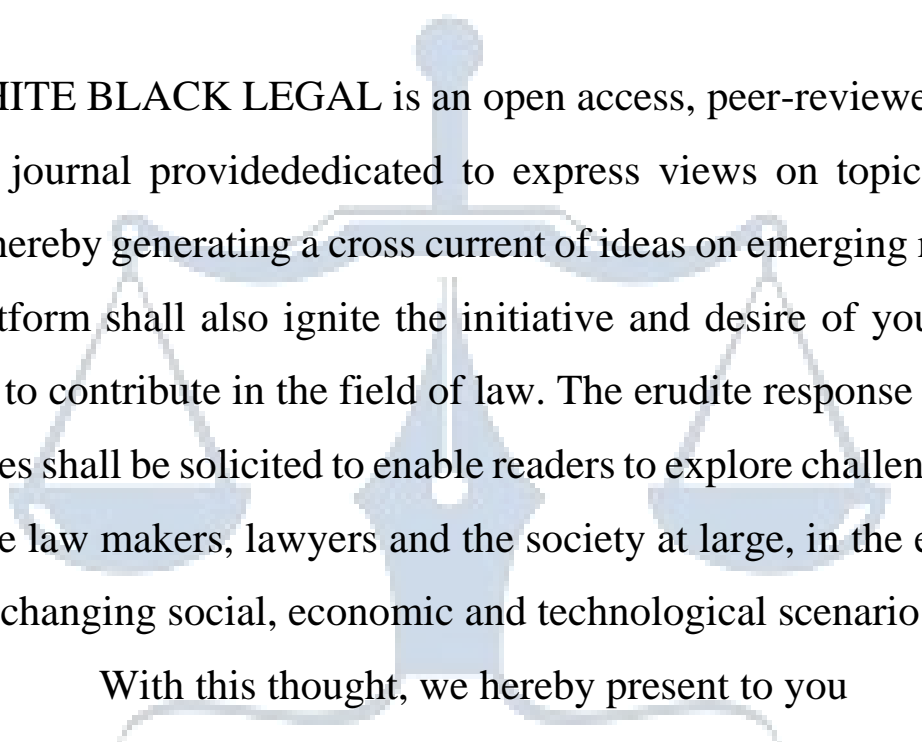


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"CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENTS: EXAMINING INDIA'S LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR CONQUERING POVERTY AND ENSURING EMPLOYMENT"

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ABSTRACT

This paper delves into the constitutional commitments embedded in India's legal framework for the dual purpose of conquering poverty and ensuring the right to employment.¹ The analysis centers on key constitutional provisions, specifically Articles 38, 39(a), and 41, which outline the foundational principles guiding the nation's commitment to social justice and welfare. The interpretation of the right to livelihood under Article 21 is explored, tracing its evolution through pivotal judicial decisions and its integral connection to poverty alleviation.

A thorough examination of legislative measures designed to combat poverty unfolds, spotlighting significant acts such as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), the National Food Security Act (NFSA), and the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). Simultaneously, the legal landscape governing employment rights is dissected, encompassing laws like the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, and the Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act.

However, this paper does not shy away from addressing challenges in the implementation of these legal frameworks, offering a critical evaluation of existing systems and illustrating these challenges through pertinent case studies. In doing so, it aims to identify areas for improvement and reform.

¹ The Constitution of India

Furthermore, the study explores potential constitutional amendments and reforms needed to fortify India's commitment to poverty reduction and employment rights. Drawing comparative insights from international frameworks, it sheds light on lessons that can be gleaned and applied from global experiences.

As a comprehensive exploration of India's constitutional obligations in the realms of poverty eradication and employment rights, this paper not only underscores the achievements but also highlights the persisting gaps and challenges. By offering recommendations for future legal and policy developments, it advocates for a sustained commitment to these constitutional ideals to foster a more inclusive and equitable society.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the diverse tapestry of India's socio-economic landscape, the persistent challenges of poverty and unemployment demand meticulous examination within the framework of its constitution. The multifaceted dimensions of these challenges, intricately interwoven with the nation's historical, cultural, and economic fabric, necessitate a focused inquiry into the constitutional commitments guiding efforts to conquer poverty and ensure employment.

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:

India's journey from a colonial past to an independent, democratic nation has been marked by the pursuit of justice, liberty, and equality, as enshrined in its Constitution. Emerging from a history of socio-economic disparities, the framers of the Constitution recognized the imperative of addressing poverty as a foundational element in building a just and equitable society. As India strives to assert its place on the global stage, the socio-economic well-being of its vast population becomes a litmus test for the efficacy of its constitutional commitments.

Importance of Addressing Poverty and Ensuring Employment:

The importance of addressing poverty and ensuring the right to employment extends beyond economic considerations. Poverty, in its myriad forms, not only deprives individuals of basic necessities but also compromises their access to education, healthcare, and overall human dignity. Likewise, unemployment not only hampers economic growth but also erodes the social fabric by breeding discontent and disillusionment. Recognizing these intertwined challenges, the Indian Constitution embeds a vision that extends beyond political mandates, emphasizing a commitment to social justice and the holistic development of its citizens.

Overview of India's Constitutional Commitments:

²At the heart of this constitutional vision lie pivotal articles such as 38, 39(a), and 41, each articulating a distinct facet of the commitment to conquering poverty and ensuring employment. Article 38 outlines the State's duty to secure a social order for the promotion of the welfare of the people, while Article 39(a) specifically mandates the right to an adequate means of livelihood. Article 41 underscores the right to work, education, and public assistance in the event of unemployment, weaving a comprehensive fabric of constitutional commitments to combat poverty and ensure employment opportunities for every citizen.

As this exploration unfolds, it seeks to dissect and evaluate the efficacy of these constitutional commitments in shaping India's legal framework, offering insights into the nation's progress, persisting challenges, and the imperative of continuous commitment to these constitutional ideals.

II. Constitutional Provisions for Poverty Alleviation and Employment Rights

India's constitutional framework is underpinned by a commitment to social justice and the welfare of its citizens. The provisions related to poverty alleviation and employment rights are embedded in various articles, each contributing to the overarching goal of creating a just and equitable society.

1. Article 38: Social order and promotion of the welfare of the people:

Article 38 of the Indian Constitution articulates the State's responsibility to secure a social order for the promotion of the welfare of the people. This provision underscores the constitutional imperative for the government to actively work towards creating conditions that ensure social and economic justice. The State is directed to strive for the removal of inequalities and disparities, fostering a societal structure where the well-being of every citizen is a priority.

³In the context of poverty alleviation and employment rights, Article 38 serves as a foundational

² "Outlines of Indian Legal & Constitutional History" by MP Jain

³ "Constitution of India" by PM Bakshi

principle. It acknowledges that social order is contingent upon the elimination of poverty and the provision of opportunities for gainful employment. This constitutional commitment lays the groundwork for subsequent provisions that delve into the specifics of securing economic livelihood and employment opportunities.

2. ARTICLE 39(A): RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD:

Article 39(a) crystallizes the right to an adequate means of livelihood as a fundamental commitment of the Indian State. This provision recognizes that livelihood is not merely an economic necessity but a foundational element of human dignity. It mandates the State to direct its policies towards ensuring that citizens, men and women equally, have the right to an adequate means of livelihood.

In the realm of poverty alleviation and employment rights, Article 39(a) serves as a powerful directive. It implies an obligation on the part of the State to formulate and implement policies that create an enabling environment for individuals to secure their livelihoods. This constitutional commitment underscores the holistic approach required to address the root causes of poverty and unemployment.

3. ARTICLE 41: RIGHT TO WORK, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

Article 41 encapsulates a multifaceted approach to addressing the challenges of unemployment and poverty. It delineates the right to work, emphasizing the significance of employment as a means to a dignified life. Furthermore, Article 41 recognizes the interconnectedness of various rights, including the right to education and public assistance in case of unemployment, highlighting the holistic nature of social welfare.

In the context of poverty alleviation and employment rights, ⁴Article 41 establishes the right to work as a foundational element in the constitutional edifice. It acknowledges that meaningful employment is not only an economic necessity but a fundamental right contributing to the overall well-being of individuals. Moreover, by incorporating the right to education and public assistance, it reinforces the State's commitment to creating a social safety net, ensuring that citizens are equipped with the skills and

⁴ "Commentary on the Constitution of India" by D.D. Basu

resources necessary for gainful employment.

In essence, these constitutional provisions collectively form a robust framework that obligates the State to actively pursue policies and initiatives aimed at poverty alleviation and employment rights. They lay the groundwork for further legislative measures and judicial interpretations that shape the contours of India's commitment to social justice and the welfare of its people.

III. RIGHT TO LIVELIHOOD: INTERPRETING ARTICLE 21

The Right to Livelihood, though not explicitly mentioned in the Indian Constitution, has been construed as an integral facet of the Right to Life and Personal Liberty guaranteed under Article 21. Article 21 states that "No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to the procedure established by law." Over the years, the judiciary has expanded the scope of Article 21 to encompass the right to livelihood, recognizing that a dignified life involves more than mere survival.

1. Evolution of the Right to Livelihood through Judicial Interpretations:

The evolution of the Right to Livelihood as part of Article 21 has been a dynamic process shaped by landmark judicial decisions. The judiciary, recognizing the socio-economic rights inherent in the right to life, has played a crucial role in broadening the understanding of Article 21 to include the right to livelihood.

2. LANDMARK CASES SHAPING THE UNDERSTANDING OF ARTICLE 21:

- I. ***Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India (1978)***:⁵ In this seminal case, the Supreme Court declared that the right to life is not confined to mere animal existence but includes the right to live with human dignity. This pivotal interpretation laid the foundation for recognizing the right to livelihood as an essential component of the right to life.
- II. ***Olga Tellis v. Bombay Municipal Corporation (1985)***: The Supreme Court, in this landmark case, acknowledged that the right to livelihood is part of the right to life under Article 21. The court held that depriving someone of their livelihood without following a fair and just procedure violates their fundamental rights.

⁵ India's Constitution – Origins and Evolution by S. Pal

- III. ***Unnikrishnan v. State of Andhra Pradesh (1993)***: While primarily dealing with the right to education, this case emphasized the interconnectedness of various rights, including the right to livelihood, as essential for a meaningful right to life.
- IV. ***D. S. Nakara v. Union of India (1983)***: This case highlighted the importance of social and economic justice as integral to the right to life and held that the right to livelihood flows directly from the right to life.

3. Linking the Right to Livelihood with Poverty Alleviation:

The judiciary, through its interpretations, has explicitly linked the Right to Livelihood with poverty alleviation. By recognizing that the right to livelihood is intrinsic to a life of dignity, the courts have paved the way for legal and policy initiatives aimed at addressing the root causes of poverty.

In the context of poverty alleviation, the Right to Livelihood serves as a foundational right that enables individuals not only to sustain themselves economically but also to break free from the cycle of poverty. Judicial pronouncements have reinforced the State's obligation to create an environment conducive to employment generation, skill development, and economic opportunities, thus directly contributing to poverty eradication efforts.

In summary, the evolution of the Right to Livelihood through judicial interpretations, especially in landmark cases, has expanded the constitutional guarantee of a dignified life under Article 21. This expanded understanding, in turn, has profound implications for policies and initiatives aimed at poverty alleviation and the realization of socio-economic rights in India.

IV. Legislative Measures for Poverty Reduction

India has implemented a range of legislative measures to address poverty, with a focus on providing employment opportunities, ensuring food security, and fostering skill development. Here's a detailed examination of key laws and programs aimed at poverty reduction:

1. Overview of Key Laws Addressing Poverty in India:

Several laws and policies in India aim to alleviate poverty by addressing its multifaceted dimensions. The legal framework encompasses social welfare schemes, labor laws, and

economic policies that collectively contribute to poverty reduction. Key areas of focus include employment generation, food security, and skill development.

2. MAHATMA GANDHI NATIONAL RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE ACT (MGNREGA):

⁶MGNREGA, enacted in 2005, is a flagship program designed to provide guaranteed employment to rural households. The act guarantees 100 days of wage employment per year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. By offering employment opportunities in public works projects, MGNREGA not only provides immediate income support but also contributes to asset creation, infrastructure development, and poverty reduction in rural areas.

3. NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT (NFSA):

Enacted in 2013, the NFSA is a landmark legislation aimed at ensuring food security for all citizens. The act provides legal entitlements to subsidized food grains to two-thirds of the country's population. It includes provisions for the identification of beneficiaries, the distribution of food grains through the public distribution system, and the delivery of nutritional support to vulnerable groups, such as pregnant women and lactating mothers. NFSA plays a crucial role in mitigating hunger and malnutrition, thereby addressing a key aspect of poverty.

4. PRADHAN MANTRI KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJANA (PMKVY) AND OTHER SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), launched in 2015, focuses on skill development to enhance employability and entrepreneurship. It aims to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training to secure a better livelihood. PMKVY provides short-term training courses across various sectors, aligning with the industry's skill requirements. By imparting skills and certifications, the program empowers individuals to access better employment opportunities and break the cycle of poverty.

⁶ *About Book:- M P Jain Indian Constitutional Law by M.P. Jain (Author), Justice Jasti Chelameswar (Editor)*

5. OTHER SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

a. **Skill India Mission:** Launched in 2015, this initiative aims to create a workforce empowered with the right skills to meet the demands of the industry.

b. **National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM):** Focused on promoting self-employment and organizing rural poor into self-help groups, NRLM enhances livelihoods in rural areas.

c. **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY):**⁷ This program focuses on rural youth and aims to transform them into an economically independent and globally relevant workforce.

These skill development programs complement poverty reduction efforts by enhancing the employability and income-generating capacities of individuals, aligning them with the evolving job market.

The legislative measures discussed, including MGNREGA, NFSA, and various skill development programs, represent a comprehensive and evolving approach to poverty reduction in India. By addressing employment, food security, and skill enhancement, these laws contribute to breaking the cycle of poverty and fostering sustainable socio-economic development. It's crucial to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of these measures to continually refine and strengthen the nation's strategy for poverty alleviation.

V. Employment Rights: Legislative Landscape in India

India has a robust legislative framework that seeks to safeguard the rights of workers and ensure their well-being in the realm of employment. The legislative landscape is diverse, covering various aspects such as working conditions, social security, and the rights of both organized and unorganized labor. Here is a detailed examination of key laws ensuring the right to employment in India:

1. Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act:

The Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946, is a crucial piece of legislation that focuses on regulating employment conditions in industrial establishments. The act mandates the framing of standing orders by employers, detailing the terms and conditions of employment. These standing orders typically cover aspects such as work hours, leave policies, termination procedures, and disciplinary actions. By providing a transparent and standardized framework for employment, the act aims to ensure fair and consistent treatment of workers in industrial establishments.

⁷ *The Constitution of India for Children: Written by Subhadra Sen Gupta*

2. Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act:

The Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, is instrumental in securing the financial well-being of employees. The act mandates the establishment of provident funds, pension funds, and deposit-linked insurance funds for employees in factories and other establishments. Both employees and employers contribute to these funds, which serve as a form of social security. The act plays a pivotal role in ensuring that employees have a financial cushion, particularly during retirement, and contributes to the overall welfare of the workforce.

3. The Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act:

Enacted in 2008, The Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act is aimed at providing social security and welfare measures for unorganized workers. The act recognizes the vulnerabilities of workers in the unorganized sector, which includes a significant portion of India's labor force. It mandates the creation of social security schemes covering areas such as health, maternity benefits, life and disability coverage, and old age protection for unorganized workers. The act is a step towards extending employment rights and social security to a segment of the workforce that traditionally had limited legal protection.

4. OTHER RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

- a. **Minimum Wages Act (1948):** ⁸Ensures that workers receive remuneration commensurate with the nature of their work and the cost of living.
- b. **Payment of Bonus Act (1965):** Regulates the payment of bonuses to employees, providing an additional form of remuneration.
- c. **Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act (1970):** Regulates the employment of contract labor and ensures their rights and working conditions.
- d. **Factories Act (1948):** Establishes standards for working conditions in factories, addressing issues such as health, safety, and welfare.

The legislative landscape concerning employment rights in India reflects a comprehensive approach to ensure the well-being of workers. From regulations on working conditions to provisions for social security, these laws collectively contribute to fostering a fair and equitable employment environment. Continuous efforts are needed to enforce these laws effectively, address emerging challenges, and adapt

⁸ V N Shukla's Constitution of India
by Mahendra P Singh

to the evolving nature of the workforce and employment relationships.

VI. Challenges in Implementation

1. Challenges in Implementation of Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation Measures in India:

a. **Administrative Bottlenecks:** Cumbersome administrative processes and bureaucratic red tape can impede the effective implementation of poverty alleviation programs. Delays in project approvals, fund disbursement, and coordination among various stakeholders often hinder the timely execution of initiatives.

b. **Lack of Infrastructure:** Inadequate infrastructure, especially in rural areas, poses a significant hurdle. Insufficient connectivity, poor transportation facilities, and a lack of basic amenities can limit the reach and impact of poverty alleviation programs.

c. **Information Asymmetry:** Limited awareness and information about available schemes among the target population can hinder participation. Lack of communication and outreach efforts may result in eligible individuals being unaware of the opportunities provided.

2. Critique of Existing Legal Frameworks:

a. **Enforcement Challenges:** Despite comprehensive legal frameworks, enforcement remains a challenge. Inconsistent enforcement of labor laws, for example, can lead to exploitation and unfair labor practices.

b. **Lack of Stringency:** Some laws may lack the necessary teeth to address emerging issues adequately. For instance, the absence of stringent penalties for non-compliance in certain labor laws may diminish their effectiveness.

c. **Fragmentation:** The existence of multiple laws addressing similar issues can lead to confusion and overlapping jurisdiction. Streamlining and consolidating relevant laws could enhance clarity and effectiveness.

3. Case Studies Highlighting Implementation Challenges in India:

a. **MGNREGA Implementation Challenges:** The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), while transformative, faces challenges such as delayed wage payments, corruption in fund utilization, and the mismatch between the demand for work and the availability of projects.

b. **NFSA Implementation Gaps:** The National Food Security Act (NFSA) has encountered challenges such as identification errors, leakage in the public distribution system, and issues related

to the quality and quantity of food grains distributed.

c. Skill Development Program Issues: Skill development programs, including PMKVY, have faced criticism for inadequate industry linkage, limited focus on employment outcomes, and a gap between the skills acquired and market demand.

d. Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act Challenges: The Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act has struggled with issues like low awareness among the target population, difficulties in identifying and registering unorganized workers, and variations in the implementation across states.

Addressing the challenges in implementing poverty alleviation and employment generation measures in India requires a multifaceted approach. It involves streamlining legal frameworks, improving administrative efficiency, enhancing outreach and awareness, and addressing the specific contextual issues that hinder the effective implementation of these crucial initiatives. Learning from case studies and continuously refining policies can contribute to creating more robust and responsive systems for poverty reduction and employment generation.

VII. Constitutional Amendments and Reforms

⁹Constitutional Amendments and Reforms for Strengthening the Legal Framework on Poverty Reduction and Employment Rights in India:

India's constitutional framework provides a solid foundation for addressing poverty and employment rights, but the dynamic nature of socio-economic challenges requires ongoing amendments and reforms to ensure relevance, effectiveness, and inclusivity. The following areas warrant consideration for constitutional amendments and reforms:

1. Explicit Right to Employment:

a. *Proposal:* Introduce an explicit constitutional right to employment, affirming the state's commitment to providing opportunities for gainful employment.

b. *Rationale:* This amendment would underscore the significance of employment as a fundamental right, aligning with the evolving socio-economic landscape and the imperative to combat unemployment and underemployment.

2. Incorporating Economic and Social Rights:

a. *Proposal:* Expand the scope of fundamental rights to explicitly include economic and social rights, including the right to a basic standard of living, education, and healthcare.

⁹ Indian Polity by M. Laxmikanth

b. *Rationale:* This reform recognizes that socio-economic rights are integral to human dignity, aligning with global trends and ensuring a more comprehensive protection of citizens' well-being.

3. Constitutional Backing for Poverty Alleviation Programs:

a. *Proposal:* Amend the Constitution to explicitly support poverty alleviation programs and social security measures, ensuring a constitutional mandate for their existence and implementation.

b. *Rationale:* Providing constitutional backing can strengthen the legal basis for poverty reduction initiatives, making them immune to political shifts and emphasizing their non-negotiable nature.

4. Constitutional Oversight Mechanism:

a. *Proposal:* Establish a constitutional oversight mechanism to monitor and evaluate the implementation of poverty alleviation and employment programs.

b. *Rationale:* This reform would ensure accountability, transparency, and effective utilization of resources, preventing misuse or inadequate implementation of poverty reduction initiatives.

5. Constitutional Recognition of Unorganized Workers' Rights:

a. *Proposal:* Amend the Constitution to explicitly recognize the rights of unorganized workers, ensuring legal protection and social security provisions for this vulnerable segment of the workforce.

b. *Rationale:* Acknowledging the rights of unorganized workers at the constitutional level would address their specific needs and vulnerabilities, promoting inclusivity in employment rights.

6. Time-Bound Implementation Targets:¹⁰

a. *Proposal:* Integrate time-bound implementation targets for poverty reduction and employment generation in the Constitution, emphasizing the urgency of these objectives.

b. *Rationale:* This reform would provide a sense of urgency, accountability, and a structured approach to achieving poverty alleviation and employment goals.

7. Constitutional Commitment to Skill Development:

a. *Proposal:* Explicitly include skill development as a constitutional commitment, recognizing the importance of aligning workforce skills with the evolving demands of the economy.

b. *Rationale:* This amendment would underscore the constitutional obligation to equip citizens

• ¹⁰ About Book-: Introduction to the Constitution of India by DD Basu

with the skills necessary for meaningful employment, fostering economic growth.

Constitutional amendments and reforms are essential to adapt India's legal framework to the evolving challenges of poverty and employment. By incorporating explicit rights, establishing oversight mechanisms, and recognizing the specific needs of different segments of the workforce, these reforms can contribute to a more comprehensive, responsive, and effective legal framework for poverty reduction and employment rights in the country.

IX. CONCLUSION

The comprehensive examination of India's legal framework for poverty eradication and employment rights reveals a nuanced landscape that addresses multifaceted challenges. Summarizing the key findings and recognizing the evolving nature of these challenges is crucial for guiding future legal and policy developments. This conclusion emphasizes the importance of sustained commitment, highlights key takeaways, and provides recommendations for shaping the path ahead.

1. Summarize Key Findings:

- a. The Indian Constitution provides a solid foundation for addressing poverty and employment rights through provisions such as Article 38, Article 39(a), and Article 41.
- b. Legislative measures, including MGNREGA, NFSA, and skill development programs, contribute significantly to poverty reduction and employment generation.
- c. Implementation challenges, administrative bottlenecks, and gaps in legal frameworks hinder the full realization of poverty alleviation and employment rights.

2. Emphasize the Importance of Ongoing Commitment:

- a. The commitment to poverty eradication and employment rights must remain steadfast, recognizing these goals as intrinsic to the principles of justice, equality, and human dignity enshrined in the Constitution.
- b. Ongoing commitment requires consistent review and adaptation of policies to address emerging challenges and align with the changing socio-economic landscape.

3. Recommendations for Future Legal and Policy Developments:

- a. **Enhanced Implementation Mechanisms:** - Strengthen administrative structures to improve the implementation of poverty alleviation programs. - Establish mechanisms for regular monitoring, evaluation, and adaptation of policies based on real-time feedback.

b. Legal Reforms for Inclusivity: - Amend laws to explicitly recognize the rights of unorganized workers, ensuring legal protection and social security provisions. - Introduce provisions that address the specific needs of marginalized and vulnerable populations.

c. Skill Development for Future Markets: - Prioritize skill development initiatives aligned with emerging market demands, ensuring a skilled workforce that meets the evolving needs of industries. - Foster public-private partnerships to bridge the gap between education and industry requirements.

d. Streamlining Poverty Alleviation Programs: - Consolidate and streamline poverty alleviation programs for better coordination and resource utilization. - Ensure that social security measures reach the intended beneficiaries effectively.

e. Constitutional Amendments for Explicit Rights: - Consider constitutional amendments to explicitly recognize the right to employment, economic, and social rights. - Provide constitutional backing for poverty alleviation and employment programs to ensure their continuity.

f. Global Best Practices and Collaborations: - Learn from global best practices in poverty reduction and employment generation. - Collaborate with international organizations and experts to benefit from shared experiences and insights.

CONCLUSION'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

The study employs a multi-method research design, integrating quantitative and qualitative analyses. Quantitative data is gathered through a comprehensive review of global employment statistics, emphasizing the correlation between employment rates and poverty levels. Qualitative insights are derived from case studies and interviews with individuals living in poverty, offering a nuanced understanding of the barriers to sustainable employment.

This article underscores the critical role of the right to employment in achieving the SDG's ambitious aim of ending poverty in all its forms. By adopting a holistic perspective, we argue for the integration of policies that prioritize education, gender equality, and social support structures to create an environment conducive to sustained economic empowerment. Through concerted efforts at local and global levels, we conclude that conquering poverty is contingent upon embracing the right to employment as an essential component of the broader sustainable development agenda.

In summary, an inclusive and sustainable right to employment is a multifaceted approach that addresses not only the economic aspects of poverty but also social and environmental dimensions.

It empowers individuals and communities, fostering a more just and equitable global society.

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