Dispelling Myths and Misconceptions:

- Myth: "Beggars are lazy and don't want to work."
 - Truth: Many beggars are victims of systemic issues such as poverty, lack of education, or disabilities, which hinder their ability to find sustainable employment.
- Myth: "Beggars are all addicts or criminals."
 - Truth: While some individuals who beg may struggle with addiction or have a criminal background, it's unfair to generalize and stigmatize all beggars based on the actions of a few.
- Myth: "Beggars choose to beg because it's an easy way to make money."
 - Truth: Begging is often a last resort for individuals facing extreme circumstances, such as homelessness, hunger, or fleeing abuse.

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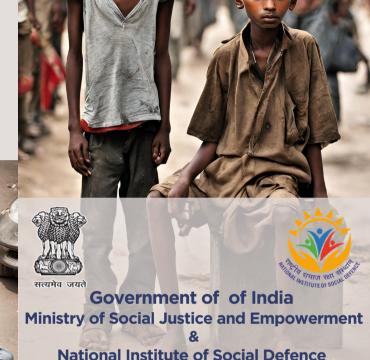




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UNVEILING THE
REALITIES OF
BEGGARY IN OUR
SOCIETY

Begging is a complex and multifaceted issue, and individuals may turn to begging for various reasons. Here are some common factors that contribute to why people may resort to begging:

Economic Hardship

Unemployment

Trafficking of Women and Children

Physical & Mental Health Issues

Addiction

Social Customs

Religious Mendicancy Family Disorgnisation



Types of Begging

1. Religious Alms:

- Outside temples, mosques, and churches.
- Individuals seeking alms as part of religious practices.

2. Urban Street Begging:

- In urban areas, at traffic signals, busy intersections.
- Targets pedestrians and motorists.

3. Rural Begging:

- Prevalent in rural areas.
- Linked to agricultural distress, lack of opportunities.

4. Child Begging:

- Involves children soliciting money.
- Sometimes controlled by organized groups.

5. Traditional Performances for Alms Giving:

- Street performances in exchange for alms.
- Seen in both urban and rural settings.

6. Organized Beggary:

- Begging as a profession in organized groups.
- Controlled by middlemen or syndicates.

7. Nomadic Begging:

- Certain tribal or nomadic communities.
- Part of their traditional lifestyle.

8. Part Time Begging:

 Those who are engaged in petty jobs and beg in spae time

9. Begging for Shelter:

• Seeking money for basic amenities, including food and shelter.

10. Migrant Begging:

- People from economically distressed areas.
- Migrating to urban centers due to a lack of livelihood options.

11. Begging in Tourist Areas:

- Targets popular tourist destinations.
- Capitalizes on the generosity of visitors.

12. Forced Beggary:

- Instances of coercion or force into begging.
- Exploiting individuals' vulnerability.

13. Begging with Disabilities:

- People with disabilities resorting to begging.
- Due to societal discrimination and limited opportunities.

14. Elderly in Begging:

- Older individuals left without support.
- Resorting to begging for sustenance.

15. Women in Begging:

 Women engaged in begging often confront heightened vulnerability, facing discrimination and safety concerns, especially when accompanied by children.

