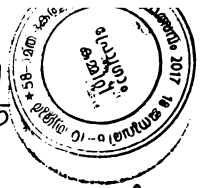


Empowerment of Youth

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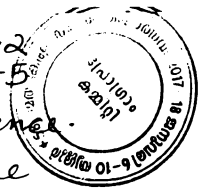


In a developing country like India the rate of development depends on its youth. India is a country, which gives almost importance to its youth. The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi once said "We are privileged to have a strong youth, we aim to be a developed country by centralizing the youth". Such is the importance our youth demands. We are noted all over the world as we are talented, hard working and confident which many of the youth lacks. Many multinational companies seize our young minds just after their education. Our youth has got its own space in this world. So for a country which aims development the youth must be empowered. The youth only can join the armed forces and protect us from wars, trespassers etc. There is an old adage that goes "Old is gold" but it is time to modify it. The new version is "If old is gold, new is diamond". Such is the significance of the young people. Only a strong force of youth makes a country reach at the zenith.

200 years before independence or before the British colonized us we were one among the richest countries of the world. We were the world's largest textile exporters, the world's largest ship manufacturers, etc and contributed more than 30% of the global GDP, ~~but~~ as Shashi Tharoor says 200 years of

colonization left us to one amongst the world's poorest country. They looted our natural resources and wealth, which made them increase their revenue. They ruled us only for their benefit. We were left in a state of frenzy. Famines killed many of the youth. But still we helped them in the First World War and contributed 30 million US dollars in case of cash and kind. We were cheated again by the British and our financial as well as cultural condition worsened. In 1947, even though we seized freedom from them we were one among the countries which contributed less to the industrial revolution. But after a decade or so India's advancement in every field including space research and technology rapidly increased. It was only due to the youth and ignited minds of our country. We are one among the rapidly developing or second world country. This is a true example which reveals that focusing more on the youth can make miracles in the development of a country.

After 70 years of independence, India gained significant attraction in every field ranging from space research to beauty contests. We have a promising youth in front of us who are capable of changing the world. We have our 6th Miss World Miss Mamushi Chhillar who won the Miss World.



both due to her beauty and intelligence. What helped her the most to be the Miss World 2017 is that she being a medical student herself emphasized and worked on educating the rural women of the menstrual cycle. She chose this subject for beauty with a purpose category because of her understanding that many of the women in rural areas die of cervical cancer as they do not maintain hygiene during the menstrual cycle. We also have young entrepreneurs like Jafan Ham who ~~has~~ bought dignity and self respect to rickshaw pullers who were once considered menial labourers. Jafan set up an organisation called "SAMMAAN" which was a new sunrise in the lives of the rickshaw pullers. Jafan Ham was also invited by the Nobel laureate Mohammad Yunus to his country Bangladesh and set up a similar organization there. "SAMMAAN" bought about 20% ^{increase} in the annual income of the rickshaw pullers. We have potential youth like him, who are able to change the world with their determination and intelligence.

Nowadays, as we are more prone to multimedia our youth is getting influenced by the social evils. One among them is the drug addiction among the youth. Our youth depend on these drugs for instant relief from worries. We cannot call it

as a relief as these drugs are playing a drama with our nervous system. We rely on them and get our future spoiled. Another evil is the watching of blue films and other unauthorized videos. This creates a negative impact on the teens and the youth. A best example is the Delhi gang rape. The youth after watching the former videos indulge in sexually harassing the opposite sex (mostly women). A significant increase is there on the annual rape cases reported every year. The elders that is the teachers and parents must make the young understand the healthy man-woman relationship. We have to restrict ~~them~~ both boys and girls upto a certain extent as freedom of rights doesn't mean exploitation of it. The general trend is we lay more restrictions on the girl child and hence leaving boys as their wish. After all a rapist is someone's son. We must uphold gender equality as our agenda and thus we are empowering the youth.

Gender equality can also empower youth. Women no longer is considered as domestic and good for nothing section. Women are now learnt to fly high and reach the zenith with full confidence. All that counts in empowering women is the support of her family. We have strong women like Kalpana Chawla, Indira Gandhi, Mary Kom etc who gained world wide acceptance. Our govern-
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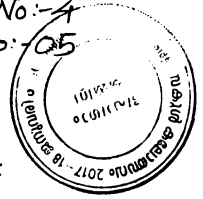
has initiated many programmes like Bedi Bachao Bedi Padao for the upliftment of the women and the girl-child. This indeed plays a strong role in empowering the youth.

Another path of empowering the youth is by reducing the problem of brain-drain. It is a negative of our country that we are unable to provide the best opportunity and technology for the students. Due to lack of better technology and opportunity many students chose education from abroad. Due to the attractive salary and designation in these multinational foreign companies they chose to settle there after their education. We have approximately 20% of scientists in NASA, 34% IIT professionals in various multinational companies. The excellence and determination of the Indian youth is well known, such that so that many multinational companies welcome them with both hands. Since a large amount of youth is migrating to developed countries we have the problem of brain-drain. The best way to reduce it is by providing a double increment in the salary and scholarships as well as by providing better technology and exposure to practical learning.

"Education is to bring out the best in man." Education ^{is} truly an eye opener for new vision and of broader thinking. Bookish

learning will be no more in the coming decades. We hold on to the principle that visualising helps better than hearing in learning. So we have changed and are changing our ordinary class books into smart classes. Tablets, laptops, and computers and presentations now replace the notebooks and text books. Smart learning prevents students from learning by-heart and to understand things practically. Thus smart learning too can help in empowering the youth. The government of India understands the importance to step on to the digital world and initiated schemes like "Make in India" to achieve significant advantage over the digital world.

Another way to empower youth is bringing in the lost values and cultures. This can be done by ~~not~~ making the students uphold moral values than anything else. They must be made aware of their surroundings and social beings. They must be taught that money isn't everything. There are many things which cannot be bought by money. There are many things which we can't recover if it is missed. Opportunities, trust, time etc are some of them. Parents should make their children ~~to~~ care for others and always respect each and every person they meet irrespective of being rich or poor. ~~as wealth cannot~~ It is



a person's moral that decides his position in the society.

Media too has got its effects in the minds of youth. Movie goes now set the trend. By visualising the imaginary life and fancy world in the movies we are often likely to live a fairy life. Films like Bahubali, Yanthiraman etc clearly represents an imaginary world. It is foolish as we try to lead a life like those. The teens and the youth are most vulnerable to this problem. They lose the resolve to face any problem or challenge in their life and often commit suicides thus trying to escape from reality. It is an unhealthy habit too. The youth and teens must be given awareness that what they see in the big screen is merely imagery, there is not a bit of reality in them. The film makers must also ensure that there is nothing that provokes the young minds in their movie. Video games like Blue Whale killed 100's of teens all over the world even though it is banned in many of the countries.

The ignited minds of the youth along with the proper guidelines from the elders can make a country achieve progress. The old and new age has got its own significance. Empowering the youth means.

empowering the nation. It is and will be the youth of a country that decides its forward journey in the path of success. Human resources are the most wanted of all the resources. It is ^{at} the young age every man or woman can achieve anything in life. So it is often called the futile period of life. It is the sweetness of this age that doesn't want people to become old. By providing better exposure to digital learning, better technologies and better opportunities we can empower the youth to a certain extent. Making them aware of the sour reality of life can prevent them from relying on drugs and other antisocial products. Smart learning itself has its space in the empowerment of the youth. Bringing back the lost values can also empower the youth. So all these are the shortcuts or keyholes to a country's development as it depends on the youth. Many magazines like "Time" etc organize contests to choose the Youth Icon of the Year. These ^{contests will} surely ~~will~~ inspire the coming generations also. As Tagore wrote let our country be a dream land where everyone who works hard can keep his head high. Since many of the working class constitutes the youth. The youth is ^{the} power to every nation. Let our country achieve heights and let our spirits never die.