



Empowerment of Youth.

The most beautiful, enchanting and energetic period in the life of a human being is young age. It is a time when one thinks sharply and acts wisely. It may also be called as the most fruitful period in the life of an individual. A man or woman in their young age has the full potential and desire to change everything around. They are empowered with the health and stamina to initiate a revolution. This period is so crucial for one as it is during this time his future is written.

Like this, young age has lots of peculiarities that make it a unique period in one's life. For a country and for the whole world young people are so special. One of the most important wealth of any underdeveloped, developing and developed country is its young population. The fate of any country depends upon the strength of its young people. So for any economy in this world, empowerment of youth is a major matter of concern.

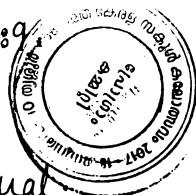
In any country, the most active group of people is the young people. They are the people with all abilities and capabilities to tide over the obstacles and guide the nation to prosperity. Prosperity of any country lies in its citizens, specially

young citizens. Countries with large number of young people like India are so blessed with the most important resources, while the future of countries with less young population like Japan are in a bleak.

But, simply having any resource will not produce any effect. For better future of any country the better utilization of resources is a necessary factor. So, for the prosperity of any country empowerment of youth is a necessary and important condition.

Many of the underdeveloped countries ironically have a large young population as compared to developed countries. The main reason behind it is the poor empowerment of youth. Young people have all potential within themselves, but we need to provide them with a platform to rise and fly. Then only they can contribute to country's development.

Youth can be empowered in many ways and this should be done in all aspects. One of major tools for empowerment of youth is education. Education is the key factor that empowers youth. A population without education is living under the darkness of ignorance. They should be lead to the bright future of knowledge through proper and systematic education. Education does not mean mere learning of some theories or invention or anything else like that. Instead it is the



Overall development of an individual It emphasises on physical, mental and social development of an individual. Instead of teaching youth something, we should teach them how to learn from anything around them. They should be taught to feel and learn the world, its beauty and everything that lies in people around them. Such an education with a social face truly empowers youth. This makes them compatible to the odds of world around them.

~~Education, not only, empowers youth.~~ When we look around we could find many people who are struggling to live inspite ~~of having~~ of having several degrees, while many people who are lacking primary education, are living a luxurious life. This points to the fact that education ~~not only~~ is not the only way to empower youth. Young people should be taught the practical application of what they have learnt i.e. they need to have practical knowledge and experience. For this they have to live in the world around them.

There is a trend in our modern society to teach young people by imprisoning them. People at young age are forced to focus ~~at~~ only on studies. They are denied the right to move freely and live in the world around them. Young people

trained in such a manner should not have practical experiences, even though they have a lot of knowledge. They fail to achieve anything in life. Practical situations defeats them and their life would be a failure. This trend should be changed. People from different areas of life, living in different conditions should be allowed to mingle and live from a very common young age itself. They should be allowed to enjoy the world around them. This stimulates their senses, creativity and ideas about life. Thus they should be equipped with all weapons to fight against odds in life.

For true empowerment of youth, one necessary condition is freedom of expression. Young people should be provided with the freedom to express themselves, their ideas and tastes. A full freedom of expression should help young people to be true to themselves and aim for the better future of country. Young people with blocked mouth and senses should not contribute anything to their society and thus cannot accomplish their full potential. For a human being to rise and glow, he/she should be fully free to express either through their speech, action or any other means. Only young people of a country with freedom of expression can be good citizens.



During young age, people are so well enriched with revolutionary ideas and technology. Many of the great people revered in this world ~~were~~ were able to achieve ~~their~~ accomplish and act according to their ideas at the young age itself even though there are some exceptions.

They were able to act as they wish at that age and that itself makes them great.

Most the revolutionary ideas in this world are from young people. And also young people are always the first to respond to any new idea. It is true in the case of 'democracy' and also in the case of 'smartphones' too. For this purpose, the young people should be provided with a platform to express themselves with all freedom. Then only revolutions takes place and the humanity will be evolved to more and more dimensions of life. So freedom of expression is very necessary for true empowerment of youth.

One of major threats faced by modern youth is absence of proper guidance. This may lead them to dangerous traps like drugs. A major portion of youth around this world faces this problem.

and may get addicted to drugs or games or anything else that damages their life and also the whole society. Youth should be provided with proper guidance. This may be from parents, teachers or authorities. A properly guided population does not get subjected to such evils that harms one's life. So proper guidance of youth is very necessary for empowerment of youth. Guidance here does not mean taking awareness classes about the dangers of life. Guidance means providing a proper model and involving timely in the matters of major concern. It means providing youth with all conditions to be guided in the proper path. This involves better listening to young people and their issues, equipping them to choose the right path, strengthening them in their minds, etc... All these help young people to follow the right path and strive forward to ultimate success.

Another major issue faced by young population is less availability of job opportunities and unhealthy competitions around the world. Young people, in many cases after completing their education fails to find jobs. They even fails to startup their own enterprise. The lack of job opportunities are due to many factors like industrialisation. This



problem should be solved with involvement from government and other authorities. And also young people with a desire to build up their own empires should be encouraged with better facilities for them to start their own enterprise with their own ideas and wishes. 'Make India' program, economical supports for beginning startups, Infopark or Technopark projects, etc. are good initiatives from part of government. These programs should be encouraged.

At the same time, authorities and citizens should spread the benefits of this project to a wider section of society. Thus, providing young people with jobs and a fertile land to begin their own enterprise would empower them truly.

Young people many a time struggle to find their own space in family and society. Most cases, young people are not given due importance. Often their ideas and comments are ignored by grown ups. Many a time such ignored ideas are too innovative and capable to revolutionise the entire society. But due to absence of better consideration such ideas may be buried forever. This situation should be

changed. Young people are well enriched with innovative, sparking ideas. Ignorance from society may put off the fire inside them and those ideas will never come out. This retards the development of society.

So we have to give a proper space and due respect to young minds and should allow the fire that set inside them to burn and purify the society.

Another area that lack youth participation is politics. Even though there are a lot of young politicians, many of them may not rise up at an young age as national or even state leaders. This trend should be revised. Young leaders are very necessary for a developing country because young minds only have the spark to change the long prevailing systems to a better one. Youth has burning fires inside their mind and those fires can do many things for any economy. So for the better empowerment of youth they should be provided with spaces in all areas of life and should be encouraged to act upon their minds.

Empowerment of youth is a subject that requires a lot of consideration from society. Governments can do a lot in this topic. Setting up better educational institutions, providing better platforms,



introducing innovative projects, providing proper and timely guidance, etc....

are needed to be done by the governments. Instead of talking of bribery and corruption, members of assemblies should talk about future citizens of country. They should think ~~well~~ and act ~~serious~~ seriously on this issue. They should bring forward necessary measures and should spread these measures to all sections of society. Many a time governmental projects get confined only to a richer section of society. Poor people are not aware of ~~the~~ it. This scenario should be changed. Empowering youth from marginal sections of society is a major tool in combating poverty and initiating and proceeding development.

Not only governments, but citizens of any country should think seriously about its Youth. The strength of any country cannot be measured by its per capita income or abundant natural resources. It can only be measured by its young population's strength in utilizing resources. An empowered and enriched youth can only lead nation to development. So citizens of any nation should think seriously about its young population. Youth should be empowered. And for it the combined effort of

government and common people are needed.

Empowerment of youth is a major social issue. Nowadays unguided, rude, irresponsible youth creates headaches to parents, teachers, society and governments across the world. Empowered youth is an essential and necessary condition for welfare of humanity. Lack of empowerment of youth creates a lots of problems and issues. that even affects the roots of our society and culture. Cases of drug abuses reported at an alarming rate, increase in number of murders and suicides are all aftereffects of lack of empowerment.

Humanity has undergone several changes. At 21st century too they are subjected to a series of changes. There are many revolutions and wars in history. Many of the milestones in history are owned by a group of young people. This is true before christ and after christ. Christ itself is an example of a revolutionary young man. Revolutions leads to the rise of new ideas and death of old ones. Revolutions guided by an empowered youth brings in innovative ideas and replaces less innovative ones. It is a natural process and it makes human beings to evolve and develop a lot from stone age man to the modern day 'robotic' man. There are still

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new ideas to come. Even when I am writing this too new ideas are rising up. And new ideas are always from new people. For this new people should be empowered.

Only an empowered young population can continue the natural process of replacement of old by new. Enriched, energetic young population empowered will in all ways paves way to a new world which is developed and still developing. It is necessity of the hour. So we can stand up together and build up a more beautiful world with an empowered youth.