

EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTH

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Introduction.

"youth are not useless;
they are used less. ✓

- Swami Chinmayananda

The ignited minds of youthful energies can make the world a better place. When ideas fuels the vibrant youths, futures are formed. Youth is the time period when humans possess immense energy and enthusiasm. But the contemporary scenario is such that the turbulent youth are creating malice at the world at large. Gone are the days of peace and tranquility. The most powerful resource on earth, above earth and below earth is human resource, but now young minds remains idle and drain out their vigour and energy. How can we dream of a better world when the young energies remains unrecognized? The revival from the present

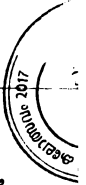
flight is possible only if we induce youthful energy and utilize it properly.

A peep into the past.

India is the land of valiance and chivalry. Lord Macaulay had once remarked in British Parliament (2 FEBRUARY 1835) that,

" I have travelled across the lengths and breadths of India but I have not seen one person who is a beggar, who is a thief. Such wealth I have seen there, people of such moral values and caliber that I do not think we would ever conquer this nation unless we break her very backbone, which is her cultural and spiritual education system." The evil plan of Lord Macaulay

to create a new generation who are Indians by birth and colour and British by dress and culture by replacing our gurukula system and other age old ancient education systems made Indian lose their self esteem and that marked the intrusion of western culture. later there emerged a generation who are civilized but lacks values and thus the glory of humanity lost its superiority. World became a battlefield and different evils started to propagate and eat the roots of world. Now the situation ^{is} ~~is~~ worst that the world is about to fall into the abyss of darkness. young minds can definitely light a candle and dispel

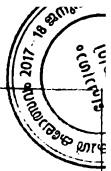


the darkness, but they themselves remains distracted and lost focus in the hum drum of the world.

Mushrooming chaos among youth.

youth are like lions. They can do wonders. But the 21st century is marking a sky rocketing acceleration in cases of delinquency. According to National Crimes Record Bureau (NCRB) the crime rates are accelerating in a break neck pace. It is a crying shame that many perpetrators are teen agers. Where are we heading to? The facts and statistics makes it crystal clear that we are having a generation of devils who are detrimental to the world. They kill

each other and spread violence rather than safeguarding peaceful environment. The disintegrated chains of relations are a major factor behind youth getting misled. There is no love and care received in childhood. We see an endless parade of spine chilling crime committed by youth. When nuclear families emerged by throwing away joint families children were denied the warmth of love. The number of old age homes are myriad. Divorces are upsurging. Joseph Campbell once remarked that, "as a white candle in a holy place, so is the face of an aged face." When grand parents were dumped into old age homes children



lost the values that they infused to the tender minds. Parents don't have time to take care and love their children but they send their love in forms of currency. Life in modern era has become too materialistic and this money centred lifestyle has led to character and moral erosion. Parents want their children to be doctors and engineers and the youth cop up with stress. The suicides are increasing because of stress and strain that they receive from families as well as society. Either they end up their lives or they become hatred towards world and become a havoc. The delicate social fabric is getting damaged by

youth. They grow as terrorists due to educational deprivation and progressive deprivation. It is sure that humanity will fall into the abyss of darkness.

Modern electrified education and tech services.

"Education is not the preparation for life, education is life itself." - JOHN DEWEY

The main purpose of education is to turn mirrors to windows. Education is the most powerful weapon that can be used to change the world. With the intrusion of technology to education, we lost our morale too. The present education system is just capable of making technically skilled

barbarians and not emotionally fit human beings. We have isolated classrooms. The pious relation between students and teachers got destroyed when we began to replace computers in the position. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan remarked that "Teachers are the custodians of highest values." Moreover so far we have not invented any software which could enhance human behaviour and values. Man made sagaries and tragedies and other factors are destroying the world. We live in society which is exquisitively dependent on technology but merely no one knows anything about it. We seem to follow the

sumbling colossus. Social medias and networking sites are the favourite abodes of youths in this technically empowered era. The streets became deserted and sense of brotherhood and love started to bid eye from life. Media is having a wide range of corrosive effect on youth. The influence of internet has also left youth in a state of mess. The kill time on unwanted issues. The reading habits are vanishing from young minds. Francis Bacon once said that "Reading makes a full man, conference a ready man and writing an exact man." But youths are not interested in reading but they spent time and money and remain as movie buffs.

and fashionista. While drawing informations from various sources we come to know that Politics in schools and campuses are also causing ill effects among youth. According to Nicholo Machiavelli, "Politics is war without blood shed, while war is politics with blood shed." Intrusion of politics has also badly effected the discipline of youths. Mugging up methodology has distanced students from extra curricular activities. The participation of youth in extra curricular activities will aid in the overall development of youth. But now children are deprived of it. Our country needs strong leaders and not goody goody bookworms.

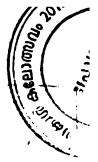
The modern youth lack patriotism. They remain as vultures that devour our cultures.

Jawaharlal Nehru described India as an unique mosaic of culture and we should not allow any forces to disintegrate it.

The warming and warming scenario should be curbed our soon.

The empowerment of youth should begin with the empowerment of women.

As Nehru once said that, "To awaken society, it is women who should be awakened. Once she is on the move, family moves, village moves and nation moves." Moreover every women are mothers who can instill



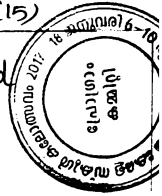
The magic of values to tender minds.

The evils of child labour must be wiped out completely. Juvenile Justice Act 2000 and Child Labour Act 1986 make child labour a punishable offence but it still prevails in many parts of world. It should be curbed at young mind. Should have an aim. Most people fail not because of lack of ability or intelligence, but due to the lack of determination, dedication, discipline and direction. Technology should be used for empowering young minds, but in a good sense. Instead of blaming the darkness let us light a candle.

Conclusion.

"There is nothing good or bad, but thinking makes it so." - ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Parents and teachers can play a key role in bringing back the youths into tracks. The love, care and amiable atmosphere that they provide will make a child grow as a good citizen. Being youth, we ourselves should be vigilant about the dark realities of society and should try to spread rays of hope. When chances become bleak a glimmer of hope appears, and we should remain as crusaders who fight against evils and not fools who foresee danger and do nothing to stop it. Moral education should be given precedence. According to Indian Penal Code (IPC) Chapter 14 contain offences affecting public health, safety, decency and morals of nation.



youth should use their caliber and potential to change the world.

Those who cannot change their diseased mindset cannot change anything

Article 51 A part IV A of Indian Constitution

states that "It shall be the duty of

every Indian citizen to uphold and protect

the sovereignty, unity and integrity of

India." youth should value

and preserve the rich heritage and

composite culture of world. When we

are ready to eliminate the words, I and

Me from our minds we will overcome

selfishness, hatred towards others and

ego. Then, the world will become a better

place to live. Consideration for others is

the sign for a good society. let our youth be self motivated and let them radiate happiness and bliss. When we are inspired by some extra ordinary projects dormant forces faculties will come alive and support us and we will emerge victorious. let us hope for a better tomorrow, where ~~all~~ the heads will be high and all the hearts will be overwhelmed with joy! let us ~~gi~~ no more give rooms in this world for chaos and riots. let us abhor to what is evil and cleave to what is good and let all noble thoughts come to us from all sides! This is our time and we should make difference.

let us hope for prosperous future!

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