



## Youth - The future prospect

The development of every country depends on the human resources of that country. A developed human resource can easily lead a country to development. Among these, the most important human resource is the young bloods. According to the studies conducted in various years, it is proved that the young people are the ones who lead, who can lead a country towards development. So these young bloods should be empowered for the betterment of the country.

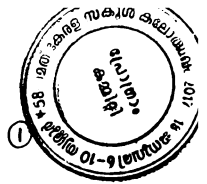
The age group 15-60 is categorised as the youth because this age group is capable of earning by their own for themselves and also accelerates the economic development of a nation. They don't depend others while others depend on them. When <sup>considering</sup> ~~taking~~ our country, India, there are many aspects that helps in the empowerment of youth. The major one among them is Education.

"Education makes people easy to lead, difficult to drive, easy to govern but impossible to conquer". This is an apt quoting for education.

Today, education is used as a weapon and we are able to conquer many heights with the help of this weapon. For the empowerment of youth too, education is used as a major weapon. Through education or by providing education, we can easily empower the young bloods. Education gives them knowledge about everything, self-confidence, good personality, moral values and virtues etc. It makes them a person with a good heart and a thoughtful mind. It moulds them as better citizens for tomorrow. Thus through education, we can empower the youth.

But it is unfortunate to see that most of the youth are denied of getting education and are forced to turn towards child labour and other related activities. As we all know, Government of India had made education as a fundamental right. But it is not efficiently enforced to the maximum. People living in the rural areas do not get proper

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education. Thus they move towards child labour, an evil which stunts the growth of both the children & the nation. So we must be careful enough and should ensure that everyone is getting proper and basic education.

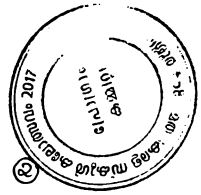
Value based education ~~is~~ had also become a part of modern education system now. Most of the youth of today are turning to crimes and anti-social activities, which is a serious threat to the society. The reason for this is the lack of moral education. For empowering and leading the youth in a right path, value-based education is an unavoidable factor.

The next major aspect of empowerment is religion. "Man, by his nature, is weak and incomplete" — In many situations, man becomes weak and he seeks divine help. Religion, definitely plays a stellar role in moulding the young minds. It makes them conscious about love and care for the fellow beings, which is an essential thing needed in order to live in a society. We all know that

India is a diversified nation. So living in such a society, makes a man religiously empowered.

But this religion can become a cause for slots and crimes too. Religion has two faces - one face is of love and care while the other face is of hatred and anger. The way we use this weapon decides the result - whether positive or negative. "Man will wrangle for religion, write for it, fight for it, anything but live for it" -

These are the words said by Charles Colton. Religion is an essential factor in the empowerment but it should be used in the right way to get better output. It is unfortunate to see that most of the youth are being subjugated by religious leaders and parties & are being largely exploited. This will not empower them, instead it will lead them astray. Religion is somewhat sublime and spiritual, we must use it properly and wisely.



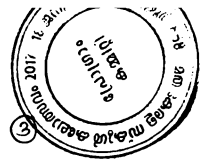
Government and politics also plays a pivotal role in empowering the youth. "Government of the people, ~~for~~ the people and by the people, shall not perish from earth" - These are the words by Abraham Lincoln quoting the importance of a democratic society. And we are proud to say that we are the citizens of one of the largest democratic nations in the world. In such a country, the future citizens should be politically empowered.

Student politics is very common to all of us. Students, especially the youth, actively take part in politics and allied activities. This creates a political awakening in the minds of the youth to make them responsible citizens. Students are the future citizens of tomorrow. Debarring them from politics will kill their social awakening. So they should learn about the nitty gritty of politics at the young age itself. It would be helpful for them ~~to~~ in future to lead the society.

But nowadays, it is seen that the political parties exploit the young blood. They are being controlled by the different political parties and are called upon to conduct strikes which doesn't have any relevance in their life. Thus at the behest of political leaders, the ignited mind of thousands of youth is being polled. This will become a serious threat to the ~~good~~ future of youth unless it is being effectively controlled. The political parties should desist from exploiting the young blood for doing their vested interests.

The new millennium offers a platform ~~for~~ of millions of job opportunities for the youth. Education is the first step in the empowerment whereas ~~job~~ <sup>employment</sup> is the stepping stone or the previous step in the empowerment process. In olden days, India, being uncivilized and under developed, do not had any employment opportunities and people went to other places in search of a better job. But after Independence, India slowly started developing. And

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Subsequently, after the outbreak of Globalisation, many foreign countries came to India for trade and business & gradually India became a hub of numerous variety of job opportunities. The youth of today is so lucky that they have diverse jobs according to their wish. Another speciality of these jobs is that they open new horizons before them and also helps in keeping their lives in a better condition. This leads to the empowerment of youth, subsequently to the empowerment of nation. Every youth wishes to take decisions by themselves and earn by themselves. Job helps him to achieve his goals and makes him more powerful, strengthens him and thus empowers him.

The betterment in the field of technology is a noticeable factor to be considered while thinking about empowerment. The technical advancement totally changed the lives of people, especially the young ~~peo~~ ones. Today everything is available before us at a snap or touch. The technical progress made substantial changes in our society. It empowered

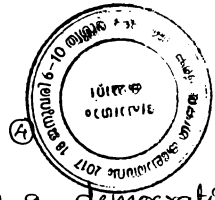
the youth technically, making them aware about everything. This showed great changes in the lifestyle & structure of the society and the people.

We are now technically much progressed and are achieving greater heights in every field including science, health care, astronomy etc. with the help of technology. It also provides employment opportunities which is again an essential factor in the process of empowerment.

Newspapers also plays a stellar role in empowering the youth. Newspapers, being the effective media in mass communication, forms and moulds young minds and their opinions. This would be helpful in future as they are the citizens of tomorrow. This major role of newspapers had started at the time of Independence itself. During the struggle for freedom, it was newspapers who formed and moulded public opinion and generated a mass movement. Now too, newspapers empower and moulds the young minds by making them aware of the social issues



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and helping them in taking decisions. In a democratic society like India, newspapers really has an important role in empowering the future citizens.

We all are familiar with the famous personality, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, known as the missile man of India and our former President. He spend his lifetime visiting the youth, talking and interacting with them and moulding them to be responsible and useful <sup>citizens</sup> to the nation. Abdul Kalam says that - "The ignited mind of the youth is the most powerful resource on the earth, under the earth and above the earth".

This was a right prophecy by him. The mind and potential of the youth is very strong that it can make drastic changes and can even conquer greater heights. We need to support, empower and strengthen them by providing necessary aspects at the right time in right quantities.

There are many levels of empowerment but the basic empowerment starts from the society. The society should provide favourable conditions for the youth to grow and prosper. They should be effectively utilised and at the same time, they should be given proper facilities and care which helps them to fly higher and higher.

So let us all join our hands to strengthen and empower our youth. Let them fly high in every field. Let us make sure that they are not being destroyed by any evil forces.

As Abdul Kalam said "Fly, Fly and Fly"....."  
Let us give them an opportunity to fly high by empowering them, thus making them better citizens in future for the betterment of our nation.....