

ROLE OF YOUTH IN INDIAN POLITICS

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Is youth necessary for Nation Building?

A nation is not known by the assets it possesses but by the very own people it has. The youth of a country is the future of that country which further gives new developments and an evolved structure to the country in a positive way. Youth is the backbone of a nation that acts as the spring of life. In the case of India, it is the world's "Largest Democracy" but to be governed systematically, people who are accountable and responsible enough about their position and power should be taken into consideration. The youth is the generation of innovations and visions that can positively transform the nation to give it a new face. The participation of young people in a growing economy is an important aspect of national development.

For instance, Swami Vivekananda who grew up as a youth symbol and even hoisted the flag of the culture of India in countries abroad dwelt on the capabilities and capacities of the youth and wanted the youth to train themselves to serve humanity. He regarded the youth as having "iron muscles" and "steel nerves." He emphasised the ideals of sacrifice, selfless service by the youth as the most important aspects for the nationwide renovation. He looked for just one quality in the youngsters and that was to cultivate and nurture the ability to 'feel'. According to Swami Vivekananda, there are three most influential P's which is to a great extent inculcated in the youth of recent times. These P's are Purity, Patience and Perseverance. The availability of these skills is evident from their willingness to engage in activities that bring a positive change to society.

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As we all know that India comprises a large section of Youth that is nearly 75% of the total population who are well educated and knowledgeable people. However, the fact that Indian Politics has been for a long time dominated by elderly experienced people has led to the availability of only a few young people in politics. Indeed the reason for this constant decline of Indian Politics is none other than the takeover of power by people who have constant greed for power compared to that of the true political leaders who wish to work for the betterment of society. It is evident these days that in the politics of India, patriotism has been exchanged with casteism.

If we look at times during Independence, we know youth leaders such as Subhash Chandra Bose, Chandrashekhar Azad, Shaheed Bhagat Singh and many more who had a constant fascination towards working for the betterment of the society and bring about a revolution by playing a major role in politics of the then India. However, the current generation, they are rarely aware of the major concerns of the country which must be taken care of by them especially to keep corruption and dirty politics aside. Due to this lack of awareness, the youth of India is nowadays focusing more on settling abroad instead of staying in their home country. This is because they just want to keep a long distance from the corruption taking place in the country rather than taking a step to end it.

Not just this, the citizens between the age group of 18 - 35 years of age, who are officially recognised as the "Youth of The Nation" are not even sure while casting their votes in India because they hardly have any knowledge about the needs of the country and making judgements about which candidate would do justice to the position. Therefore, it must be taken into consideration that, beyond communalism and politics, the youth is in dire need of widening their perspectives.

Now, we are very much aware of the fact that in a country like India where corruption is prevalent, there are instances wherein bribes are offered to get jobs and those who can't bribe look for opportunities abroad. This point encourages us to guide and motivate our fellow youth citizens of the country to help them learn the differentiation between good and bad practices which might ultimately help assist in moving the country forward on the path of progress. As it is often said, "Every moment is correct to do the right work", we should finally begin to encourage our Youth to come out of the world of Social Networking sites and enter the world of politics to make India a much better place to live in that would be free of any kind of injustice.



Conclusion

If we aspire to transpire our country as a global superpower, we must join hands in harmony and assist the government in uplifting the country. This requires a lot of hard work which isn't possible to do with just only a few people. Every citizen must aim at contributing in whatever little way they can as small things lead to a bigger picture. The rural youth should step forward and come out of their relaxing zone and the urban youth should think out of their material satisfaction. The remaining population must work towards encouraging the youth of the nation as well as themselves to perform a little better every day.

India today is poised to take its rightful position in the group of nations. The youth is talented enough to bring about positive changes in the society, make sure that they are being seen and heard and also possess the spark and courage to explore the world and identify that in what ways they can use their potential in the right direction. Despite this, there are several hurdles to be crossed. Some of the major concerns involve a complex security environment surrounding India, the internal contradictions faced by the nation and society and deterioration in the quality of politics. The role of youth in nation building is very essential and must be given much-needed importance. However, this can only be achieved with fellow youth and surely the backing of the government. Youth is surely the most precious gift to a nation and we must realize very soon and utilize their innovative potential and ideas for faster progress and development of our nation.