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YOUTH OF INDIA: A POWERFUL FORCE

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Abstract:

The strength of a nation lies not in its loud claims and mouth watering 'Directive Principles' of state policy, but in the spirit of service and that of complete dedication of one's own, both body and soul to the cause of unity and integrity of the nation. Today, a new challenge is facing the country; let the youth accept that challenge, let the youth be put to best use. The present situation in India is marked by its untold divergences and the mushroom growth of youth organization. The lack of a clearly defined goal, lack of proper leadership to inspire the youth and the absence of sincerity are the main characteristic of modern post independence youth movement in India.

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INTRODUCTION

Youth in India is in revolt. The essential cause of this unrest in not the same in India as it is in other countries. In other countries, youth revolt has at least some ideological base. In India, youth behaviour in recent years has been childish and immature. It is no better than ordinary ruffian behaviour.

Today due to the explosive charge of change in the world, it is much easier and quicker, especially among young people, to communicate ideas, moods and fashions between one part of the world and another. Though outward ways of expression might differ, their ideas and mood get easily imitated. The essential cause of unrest is not the same in India and other foreign countries but, one phenomenon is common in all over the world and that is the widening gap between the old and the new generation. And this gap has become wide during the last 25 years on account of the explosive rate of social change brought about by advances in science and technology. It would be foolhardy to ever attempt to predict with confidence how the world would look like, say around 2000 AD. This widens the gap between the aspiration of the older and the young.

In India student unrest erupts from line to line. So far, the revolt indulged in by Indian Youth has been without a sense of direction, disorganized, lifeless and superficial. Their strikes and agitation always end up in meaningless gestures.

Youth participation can take two main forms (i) Social participation –influencing policy which directly affects daily life through education, work or health programmes (ii) Political participation influencing the political decision making process. Young people must be able to access relevant services (education, training employment and politics).

The youth problem has posed itself as one of the most difficult problem in modern societies. Never before in the history of mankind has this problem been so acute. Yet there have never been so systematic efforts, on so stupendous scale, as now throughout the world to overcome this problem. Never before was the university campus under such grip of demonstrations, mass defiance of the rule and violence, with utter disregard for all existing directives, environment- social and political. Of late, the demand for student participation in the administration of educational institutions has been gathering strength all over the world,

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and almost everyone in it has assumed a militant character. To judge the modern face of youth and politics in India is similar to pill the queen and king of chess in just one more. In the 6 decades of politics in India, the politics is generated in such a way like Jawaharlal Nehru to various political parties that they take place by families or regions. From Nehru to Lal Krishna Advani, all the political bawns are 'old person who control the rudder of India politics or various parties. They are always entitling to endure the political power till their last breath.

From the generation of Gandhi family Rahul Gandhi, the campaign of bringing Youth in politics has been started. It needs the political background or political support to enter in the Indian Politics. The evidence is the central cabinet young Ministers Sachin Pilot, Navin Jindal, Supriya Sale, but reality is that they have political support. The main question is that, can a young person with only political support join the politics? And it he/she join politics without support, then will he/she able to get in the party or get rank?

Congress the biggest political party of India is considering experienced Rahul Gandhi as future Prime Minister of India. With this we can conclude the relation of youth and politics very deep and positive. It is strange for the youth to be aware from communalism, Hinduism, Jurisdiction. And of course it is strange that any young person will have to lead the party or any political portion and also that whether they will able to make it or not, if the youth country decides to be motivated politically through the cricket, then it is an encouraging sign for our country and youth.

Youth politics in India is on rise as they take more interest in the political scenario as against what it was in the mid-nineties. As for the youth of our country, they can contribute its more ways than just contesting elections. Much can be done areas like educating people, raising awareness about many social ills, and many other areas.

Today we have only a handful of young leaders like Rahul Gandhi, Sachin Pilot, Varun Gandhi etc, but they are in the political setup since they come from prominent political families. The hard fact is that it's next to impossible to find a young leader with no political family background in politics. There can be two reasons for this awful prospect of Indian politics. One may be that the youth nowadays are not fascinated in actively participating in the political arena. They are pleased with what they are doing and how the country ii being ruled. But this reason rules out when we see the retaliation of the youngsters towards cases like reservation, Jessica lal murder case, Lok pal bill and the last but surely not the least, the TRP ratings of the show Satyamev Jayate show and j. rove that the youth of modern India are conscious of the problems facing our country and the world at large. Given a chance they would be ready to revolutionize the political condition of the country for better.

Second reason may possibly be that young people are not given chances to demonstrate themselves claiming that they are not equipped with knowledge and skill to partake vigorously in the governance of the country. This reason appears to be more rational seeing the domination of old leaders in nearly all the chief political parties of the country. Old people should understand that apt development can take place only when they make way for younger people to take the command in their own hands.

There are some things which should be bear in mind. First that youngster does not mean folks who are 20 years old without any experience at all. Youth here refers to people in their 30's or early 40's with a decent blend of vigor and skill. Second, it does not mean that old people should bid farewell to politics and rest. What is requires is that they should be there however for guidance since they are treasures of priceless experience.

There are a few things which I would like to propose. Just like any government job, there should be a retirement age for politicians as well which may be around 65 years. Second, there should also be some educational qualification for politicians, for, how can we let some illiterates rule our nation when we can't let any illiterate rule our house? , and here we are talking about the fate of the millions. This would also ensure that people with serious criminal background are not allowed to contest elections. Its true that every young cannot come into politics; but the youth of our country, can contribute in their own chosen field of endeavor besides just contesting elections. There is much scope in areas like education, raising awareness about various social ills, hygiene etc. We hope that the next time we go to cast our vote we find more names of youngsters who can take our country towards the path of progress and development.

Only then we can proudly say that the dream of Rabindranath Tagore is realized and we live in the nation Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high Where knowledge is free Where the world has not been broken up into fragments By narrow domestic walls Where words come out from the depth of truth Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit Where the mind is led forward by thee Into everwidening thought and action Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

In the new democracy of the world, the role of youth is of special importance, and in the world today they are more new than established democracies. Older generation of a society include leaders of the discredited undemocratic regime and many also supported, or at least tolerated it as likely to last their

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lifetime or because they saw no way of opposing it. By contrast, young politicians are free of association with excesses of the past, and have often been prominent in demonstrations calling for an undemocratic govt. develops is of special concern to young people, for it promises to rule their live for forty years or more whether it becomes a completely consolidated democracy or remains an imperfect, incomplete democracy. It a new democracy demonstrate continuing weakness, idealistic young people may become indifferent or cynical in reaction. In so far as idealism declines then this reduces popular pressure for better governance.

To sum up, youth is a distinct social category. It is an era of full physical and mental maturity. It can be viewed from the perspective of full physical and mental maturity. It can be viewed from the angle of process of socialisation. Thus, only youth can help to achieve the national objectives. Youth constitute a larger portion of the India population and this idea will work with the devotion to construct a strong, powerful and self-radiant India.

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