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## **Role of Youth in Nation Building**

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### **Abstract:**

The role of youth in nation-building is of utmost importance. India has an advantage that it fosters the most youngsters in the world. The youths of any country give the direction of development of that country. Youth is the most important and dynamic section of the population of any nation. The youths of today have a high potential to turn into good leaders, inventors, educators and innovators. It must be understood that the youths should be given right direction so that they turn into valuable human beings and assets for society and the nation. Youths have the power to bring change in the society. Such educational programmes should be developed to teach the young people to become successful in their life with right living. They should be taught how a nation works and develops. By giving them the right knowledge about their nation, they will be able to work for the development of their nation.

**Keywords:** Youths, Nation, Nation Building, Society, Education.

### **Youth:**

Swami Vivekananda felt that youths are the most dynamic and vibrant segment of the population of any country. He once said, "Whatever you think, that you will be. If you think you are weak, you will be. If you think you are strong, strong you will be." The United Nations had also long ago recognized that young people are a major human resource for development and key agents for social change, economic growth and technological innovation. The key priority area of the UN agenda on youth was youth's participation in

decision-making. The United Nations on the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year, which was held in 1995, the United Nations strengthened its commitment to young people by adopting the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY). It was an international strategy which focused on effectively addressing youth's problems and finding ways to increase opportunities for participation in society. Through UN General Assembly resolution 58/133, the international community has reaffirmed its commitment to youth participation which reiterates that "importance of the full and effective participation of youth and youth organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels in promoting and implementing the World Programme of Action and in evaluating the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in its implementation". Apart from this resolution several subsequent resolutions have also dealt with policies and programmes involving youth as well as promoting youth participation in social and economic development.

**Nation:**

Franklin D. Roosevelt once quoted, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." The future of any nation depends on the future generations and youths as of such are the generation of the future. Youths are believed to be the most important and dynamic segment of the population of any country. It is evident from various studies that whichever, country has major population of youths are progressing in each and every sphere of life.

A total of half of the world's population is now under the age of 25 and it is believed that 1.0 billion people are between the age of 11 and 25. Therefore, it is considered to be the most youthful population to have ever existed. If we take the case of our country India, it is one of the youngest countries in the world with about 55% of the population is less than 25 years of age. It is also estimated that the average age of India's population would be 29 years old by the year 2023.

The role of youth in development of their nation has been emphasized by many developing and developed countries as a vital part of the overall developmental process. This is possible because the youths are in the process of framing their own identity and along with that they have great potential to contribute to their nation's growth. The youths are eligible to undertake new and promising projects because it is accepted that youths are more knowledgeable and innovative than older generations. They can play an important role in national building by taking it seriously. In our country, the population of youths are more in

number in compare to other nations. It is the role of the youth which determines the destiny of the nation across globe.

### **Youth and Society:**

Youths are backbone of any society and therefore they make destiny of any given society. Youths are the people on which other members of the society depends a lot, they may be children, women, elderly, etc. The role of youths is to learn, renew and maintain the knowledge available in the society. Youths have an important role in renewing and advancing the current status of our society including various aspects like skills, innovations, leadership, etc. Youths have the power of advancing the current education, technology, leadership and peace of the country as a whole. Youths are also expected to maintain the culture existing in the society. Youths fulfil the positions left vacant by the elder members of the society so that society continues to progress in right direction. Therefore we can say that the overall growth of a country in very sphere for example social, political, cultural or economic spheres completely depends on the youths of the country.

### **Youth and Nation Building:**

Youth is not only today's companion, but also tomorrow's king. Youthshave tremendous energy and have a deep eagerness to learn, act, and achieve their dreams. They are so important for the society because they are capable of bringing about revolutionary changes and improvements in society.If a nation wants to achieve any potential goals of prosperity, security, stability and development, youth of that nation are the right tools. Youth play the most important role in the growth of our nation.Advancement of a nation directly depends on the progress in science, technology, finance, health, and creativity which in turn will require the enthusiastic and zealous involvement of our youth. Youth should be guided in a proper way for growth, they should be guided as how they can use their energy, imagination, enthusiasm, commitment, and spirit and help in nation building. To ensure the role of youths in national growth, not only their parents but also the civil society and the government must promote and support them. This can be done if they are provided good education, fairer job opportunities, and they should be empowered so to make them ready for their contribution for country's growth and development. When we talk about nation building, the youth are the privileged persons in the society who can contribute to development. Therefore they are highly responsible and should get a chance to actively participate in the development plans of the nation. If we want our youth to contribute in

nation building, then they should be acquainted with the major problems which the country is facing. Firstly, they should have deep knowledge about the basic problems that the nation is facing such as problems of health, AIDS, environment, nutrition, lack of education, economic backwardness, ignorance, dowry-deaths, and superstitions which are still being followed by the masses. Every day, the society is experiencing a constant change and faces the conflicting ideologies of the past in comparison to the West. Our past has a rich heritage with a shadow of casteism, superstition and religious overtones that needs a balanced approach and the youth can play a very important role in this regard and educate the general public about demerits of superstition. There is an urgent need to do away with the caste system and encourage equality in the country. They can establish good rapport with the people so as to involve them in active participation in social work which will help to make society a better place to live in.

### **Empowerment of Youths:**

Youth Empowerment could be understood as a process where young people are encouraged to take charge of their lives. By developing this ability, after they assessed their own situation in the society, they may improve their action and transform their beliefs, values, and attitudes. An empowered youth develops the capability of recognizing their capabilities, self-determination and their worth. Youth have made a huge contribution to the progress of our society. Youths have played an important role in almost every aspect of the nation's growth, whether it is cultural, social, or economic. As models, actresses, social workers, prolific authors, and athletes, they make significant contributions to the culture on all levels. Despite their important contribution to the development process, they have been underappreciated by society. Youths have also been left out of crucial socioeconomic decisions in society. Youths have been abused by their elders in different fields, and they are often the lowest beneficiaries.

The National Youth Policy of Government of India (NYP-2014) emphasises on a holistic 'vision' for the youth of India, which is "To empower youth of the country to achieve their full potential, and through them enable India to find its rightful place in the community of nations". In order to realize this Vision, the NYP-2014 identifies 5 clearly defined 'Objectives' which need to be pursued and the 'Priority Areas' under each of the Objectives which are summarized as below:

## NYP-2014: Objectives and Priority Areas

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Priority Areas</b>
Create a productive workforce that can make a sustainable contribution to India's economic development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education</li> <li>Employment and skill development</li> <li>Entrepreneurship</li> </ul>
Develop a strong and healthy generation equipped to take on future challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health and healthy lifestyle</li> <li>Sports</li> </ul>
Instill social values and promote community service to build national ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion of social values</li> <li>Community engagement</li> </ul>
Facilitate participation and civic engagement at all levels of governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in politics and governance</li> <li>Youth engagement</li> </ul>
Support youth at risk and create equitable opportunity for all disadvantaged and marginalized youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inclusion</li> <li>Social Justice</li> </ul>

Source - Youth in India 2022, mospi.gov.in

### **Youth and Education:**

Education can be one of the leading weapons to shape the direction of youths towards right way. As far as present day education system is concerned, the role of technology cannot be ignored. Merely reading, writing and passing the exams may not be sufficient for the betterment of the nation. The nation needs the leaders who can lead the mass to the right direction. Society consists of the people involved in various segment of the life cycle as the

prime minister of our country appeals to become self made person instead of seeking any kind of assistance in terms of employment. The empowered youth equipped with right education can be the beacon for the society.

World youth report; youth social entrepreneurship and the 2030 agenda states that

“Financial literacy is a critical component of the education and training young social Entrepreneurs need. Several studies affirm that the difficulties young entrepreneurs face in accessing financial services and products constitute a major obstacle to enterprise creation and development”

The paradigm shift in education system and its outcomes are the leading factors which may play a vital role in making the youth empowered. The above report states that the focus on young generations is not only to secure their financial requirements but to lead the society equally. To meet the required education, one must be open to all the trends emerging in the country. To utilize potential minds for the sake of the country, brain drain should be discouraged. The technology driven education and businesses are the needs of the hour. Distance education and other online mode of education are the best tools to get education required for the youth. The education system and policy are the root stand upon which the foundation for the future of youth is depended upon.

It is the duty of the government authorities and leaders to create such an atmosphere which is responsible for the balanced education. It is said that training plays an important role in shaping the right mindset. On one hand it can create the people who destroy the world irrespective of their life and family, on the other it can also create such leaders who are responsible for the development of the nation. The power is in particular person which can be ignited either for the right way or vice-versa. National education policy 2020 which was introduced earlier has the potential to reach among the masses and create a terrific change over a period of time. National spirit is what differentiate a person from the common point of view, which in turn, lead the nation through his/her ideas.

### **How Youths Can Be Empowered:**

1. Helping youths to explore their interests and potentials is the most essential of all. When they take on a hobby and by exploring different way, they can build on their interest and deepen confidence in their abilities.
2. By giving the youth the space and trust to practice autonomy, they can build their confidence which in turn will boost their talent and they will help building a better society and thus helping in nation building.

3. Youth should be taught to be honest. Knowledge is power and honest knowledge helps them understand their surrounding in a better way.
4. Youths' ability as leaders should be trusted upon. Their young minds have tremendous abilities. Their Leadership qualities should be improved by giving them more opportunities to lead in each and every field.

Besides this, National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Survey 2015, conducted by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India suggested the following recommendation for youth empowerment:

- Higher Educational Institutes should launch a course on Social Entrepreneurship Which would be beneficial for the youth to become self dependent and direct the society.
- To allow foreign investors and Universities to attract the youths for various educational schemes and to promote entrepreneurship so that they are economically empowered.
- To encourage MSMEs to begin with small capital so that youths can start their own entrepreneurship journey. The govt also assist financially to all the small industry to start their venture particularly for the youth of the country.
- To focus on technology driven business as it is easily accessible to handle all the commercial activities.
- To strengthen academia to innovate patent-based innovation to promote Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)
- To establish an E-hub of organizations connected with one integrated ecosystem so that youths can flourish as a social entrepreneur.

### **Conclusion:**

Young men and women are full of unbounded energy and enthusiasm. Youth should be ready to accept all the challenges faced by the country. Nation building depends on how the youth of that nation are put to best use. For achieving this aim, their energies, skills and talents have to be properly harnessed, channelized and put to right use for the common good of the country. We must harness the power of our youths for the advancement of our country. We must harness their boundless creativity, creative ideas, and unique perspectives.

Youth is without any doubt the nation's most prized asset, and the sooner we recognize and harness their full ability and strength, the faster our country can progress and develop.

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