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Rising India : Role of Youth

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Abstract : India has large productive and young population as her asset and the young generation is the power house of developing India. In India nearly 40% of our population comprises of youth and thus represents a vibrant and strong resource of our country.

The achievements, limitations and problems of Youth can be examined in terms of educational attainment, employment opportunities and changing behavioural patterns and value system of youth. Another aspect which requires adequate attention is the growing contribution of youths building the infrastructure of Rising India.

While drawing the map of the Rising India we cannot ignore the contribution of youth during the ancient and medieval Indian phase. The youth of ancient and medieval world of India played an exceptional role in contributing to the knowledge of our present day applications of science, culture, values, and traditions.

Today, the burden is on the youth of contemporary India to carry on the legacy of glorious Indian past and give their contribution to build up the "Rising India".

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Introduction :

Once Swami Vivekananda remarked, "My hope for the future lies in the youth." India being the largest democracy in the world is also the youngest of all the nations. So, it is the duty of young Indians to stand on the podium and lead the nation.

But, the way isn't embedded with roses rather is weathered with the problems of corruption, unemployment, inadequate educational facilities, malfunctioned governmental authorities, etc.

There goes an old adage, “When the time gets tough the tough get going”. The Indian youth has played a historical role in the Indian war of Independence and now they have to warm up their blood to fight with the social, political, and economic stigmas of Rising India.

Objectives of the Study :

- The main objective of this research is to ascertain the extent of Nationalism prevalent in the minds of the twenty first century Youth.
- This research work is an initiative to ascertain the extent of contribution of the Youth in Nation’s development

Methodology :

- The research work will be based on the qualitative data provided by historians, economists and media.
- Research is based on primary as well as secondary data.
- Information will be collected from print media, internet & personal hypothesis.

Techniques and tools :

- Information acquired from internet, books and magazines.
- Print media
- Interviews of students, parents and professors.

Contribution of Youth: Historical background:

While drawing the map of the rising India, we cannot ignore the contribution of youth during the ancient and medieval Indian phases. The ancient and medieval world of India played an exceptional role in contributing to the knowledge of our present day applications of science, culture, values and traditions. For example: Aryabhatta, Sushruta. Great Rulers like Akbar. Great Freedom Fighters

like Bhagat Singh. Great Scientist like J.C.Bose, Homi Jahangir Bhabha etc.

Contemporary India: Role of Youth :

Youth is characterised by idealism, vitality, and high spirits. Time has shifted and has taken the country from ancient to modern phase. The crust of things has changed but the core is still the same. The core of any nation is its youth. Our journey from ancient to modern Indian phase has acquainted us with such young luminaries who glittered like the sun in the sky and the world got illuminated by their scintillating ambience.

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Contribution of youth in various fields :

Today, the undaunted youth of India are taking active participation in various fields such as Politics, Entrepreneurship, Cultural field such as : Music, Dances, Art and architecture, Social service, Environment conservation, Media, etc.

But, the picture is still not bright. Only a limited proportion of vast population of youth actively work in the varied fields, the largest chunk of mass is interested to work but not working neither contributing efficiently towards nation’s development.

Contribution of Youth: Politics :

- **Rahul Gandhi:** He is the Member of Parliament & works for the Youth and Rural Development.
- **Sachin Pilot:** He is the youngest Member of Parliament. He worked for urban development and modernization.
- **Milind Deora :** He is the member of the 15th Lok Sabha & founded Sparsh, aiming to educate youth and established SIGMA to connect industry with academia.

Contribution of Youth: Sports :

- Sachin Tendulkar: He is the 1st Cricketer who scored double century in one day Cricket.
- Gagan Narang: He is the 1st Indian sportsman who won four medals in Shooting.
- Bajrang Lal Takhar: He is the 1st Indian who won gold medal in Rowing.
- Mary Kom: She is the 1st Indian who won Bronze in Olympics for Boxing.

Contribution of Youth: Cinema :

- Ashutosh Govarikar: He directed Lagaan, which got nominated for Oscar, 2001.
- Rani Mukherjee : She got best actress national award for Black.
- Priyanka Chopra: She got best actress national award for Saat Khoon Maaf.
- Karan Johar: He directed Kuch Kuch Hota Hai & got National Award for best film, 1988.

Contribution of Youth: Music :

- Sonu Nigam: He got National Award, 2003
- Shreya Ghoshal: She got National Award for playback singing & Filmfare RD Burman Award
- Young Classical Singers: Anoushka Shankar, Upalappu Srinivas, Ritvik ,etc

Contribution of Youth: Literature :

- Chetan Bhagat: He is India's bestselling novelist and columnist.
 - His popular novels: Three mistakes of my life, Two states, Five point someone.
- Arvind Adiga: He got Booker prize for the *White Tiger* in 2008.
- Arudhati Roy: She got Booker prize for

God of small things in 1999.

- Anita Desai: She got shortlisted thrice for Man Booker Prize & got Sahitya Academy Award in 1978

Contribution of Youth: Painting :

- Subrata Gangapadhyay: He is a contemporary Indian painter.
- Rabindranath Dey: He got Award for Bamboo work.
- Bijay Kumar: He produced contemporary art in the Pushti Art Galleries in Delhi.
- Kamaluddin: He got best media Award for his paintings.

Contribution of Youth : Social Work :

- YP FOUNDATION: It is run by Ishita Chaudhari. It provides healthcare and non-formal education to street and slum children.
- ENACTUS INDIA: It is an institution working in fifty colleges in India and globally provides a forum for the students to use their entrepreneurial skills for community development.
- UDDESHYA: Is a nonprofit organization run by young individuals and aims to impart life skills and spread awareness about substances like AIDS.

Contribution of Youth: Entrepreneurship :

- Venkat Krishnan: He started GiveIndia, 1988.
- SB Dangayach: He started Sintex, 1981.
- Shantanu Prakash: He started Educomp, 1988.
- Asank Desai: He started Mastek, 1979.
- Vardan Kabra: He started Fountain head School, 2004.
- Cyrus Driver: He started Calorie Care, 2000.
- Deep Kalra: He started Make My Trip, 1992.

Contribution of Youth: Science and Technology :

- LoL-Land: It was developed by engineering students Ritika Goyal, Kshitij Kothi, Neeranjan.
- Vorwis: It was developed by IIT Kanpur's student.
- Hydrogen Three Wheeler: It was developed by IIT Delhi students, Auto Expo.
- Virtual Table: It was developed by Chirag Gupta and Team, IIT Delhi.
- Many other works: Bamboo Rikshas, Miniature Drug Delivery Device, Bio Gas Equipment, etc.

Role of Youth: Education :

- SPARSH: It was founded By Milind Deora, member of Lok Sabha. It aims to promote education.
- EDUCOM: It was founded By Shantanu Prakash and is the leading Provider of Digital Content for Schools across India.
- TEACH FOR INDIA: It was established in 2010. Its aim is to teach the Students with Best Possible Faculty.
- PRATHAM: It was established in 1994, Mumbai. It is the largest Non-governmental Organization in India with branches In 21 States.

Role of Youth in promoting Communal Harmony:

- Communal harmony is a symbol of diverse society such as ours. The Youth are not just passive onlookers but take steps to ensure harmony. They have broader mindset and respect every religion. They do not discriminate people with other religious beliefs. The Youth believe in being spiritual rather than religious.

Role of youth in environment conservation :

- Sunita Narain: She works with CSE and is a prominent Indian Environmentalist. She got Padamshree in 2005.
- NGO's working for environment conservation are:
- Assam Science Society, 1953 with aim of Creating Awareness.
- BAIF Development Research foundation Kamdahnun, 1967 with aim of Consultancy For Afforestation, Wasteland and Watershed Management.
- Centre for Environment Education (CEE) with an aim to create Environmental Awareness in the society.

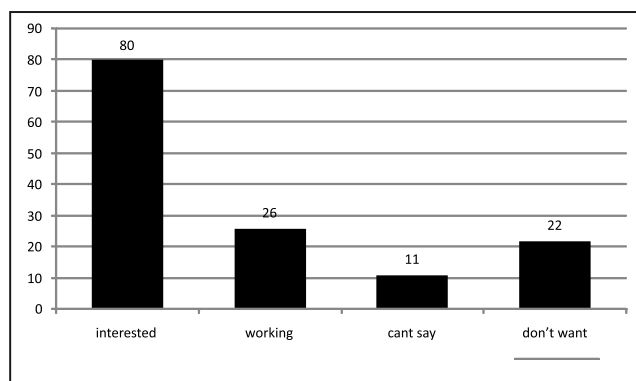
Contribution of Youth: Media :

- Waahid A Khan: He is an Indian Entrepreneur Style Icon.
- Youth Ki Awaaz: It is an Award Winning Online Platform for Youth.
- Youth Communication: It publishes- 'YC Teens' and 'Represent'.
- Some of the young and famous media personnel are: Neelam Sharma, Barkha Dutt, Deepak Chaurasia

Findings :

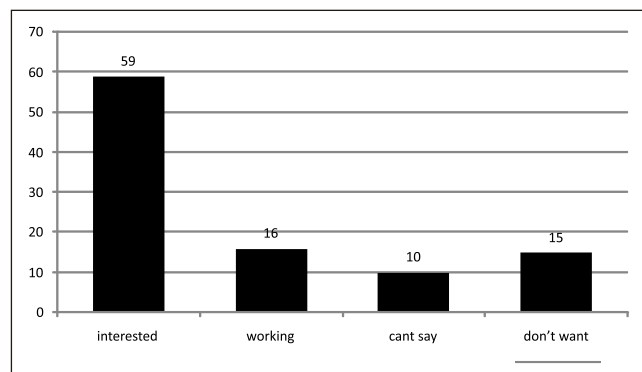
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Percentage of Youth in politics



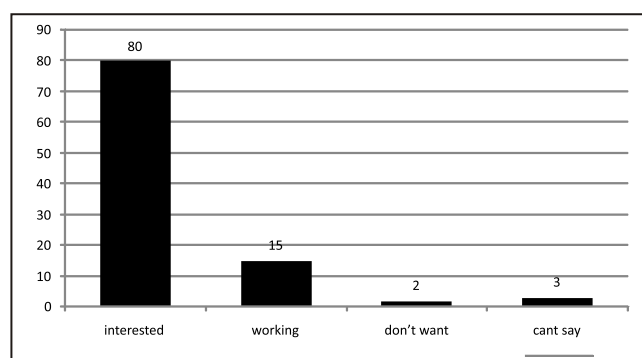
According to our findings, we met about 80% of youngsters who are interested in joining politics. They feel that change can be brought about only if politics gets some young minds to shape the destiny of nation.

Percentage of Youth in Sports



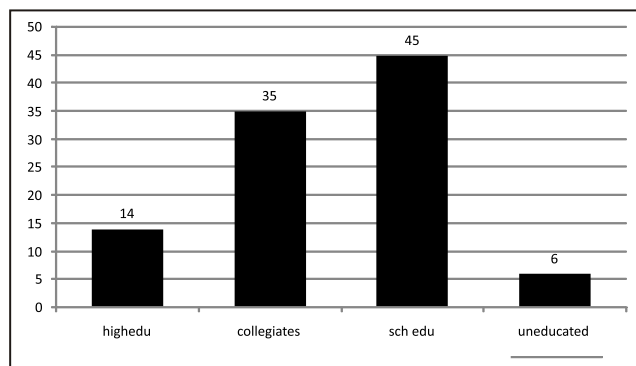
According to our findings, we met 59% young persons who are interested in joining the field of sports. But most of them are interested in becoming cricketers. About 15% of youth don't want to make a career in sports.

Percentage of youth in social work



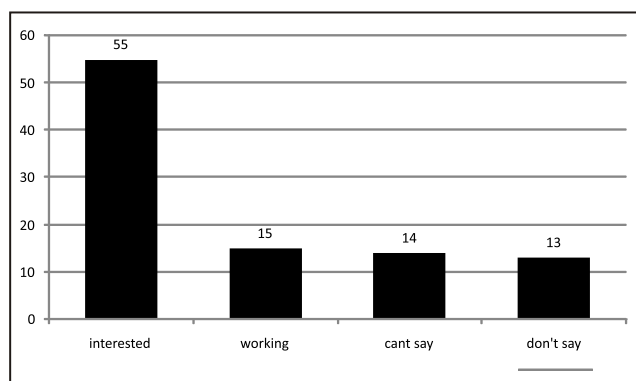
According to our findings, about 80% of youth are interested in the field of social work as they want to bring about a change in the society. We also we came across about 15% of youth who are giving their contribution to different NGOs.

Percentage of Youth in Education



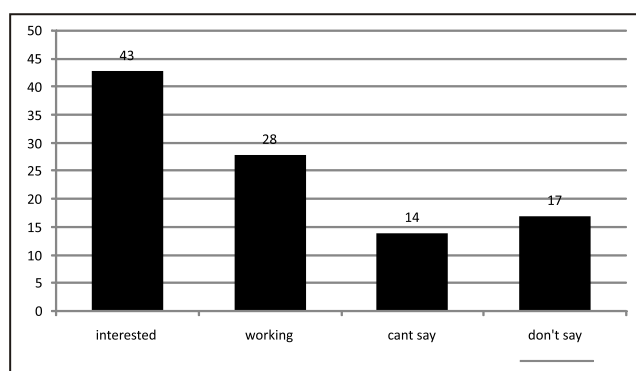
According to our findings, only 14% of Youth go for Post-Graduate Courses and about 35% have access to college education. About 20% of youth are working with different NGOs promoting the idea of proper education for youth.

Percentage of Youth in the Field of Art



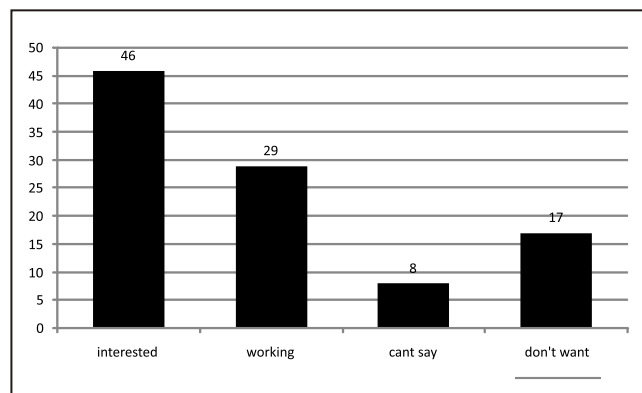
According to our findings, 15% youth are working in different fields of Arts like Cinema, Music, Creative writing, Modelling, and Painting. About 55% youth are willing to go in the field of Art but do not get proper opportunity to fulfil their dreams.

Percentage of Youth in Science and Technology



According to our findings, about 28% youth are working in the field of science and technology as engineers and researchers in various institutions. About 43% are interested in going into the field of science by choosing Engineering and Medical science as career option.

Percentage of Youth in Entrepreneurship



According to our findings, about 29% of youth are working in the field of entrepreneurship and 46% want to establish their career as an entrepreneur. They are inspired by young Entrepreneurs like Venkat Krishnan, Deepta Rangarajan, etc.

Problems confronted by youth :

Every coin has two faces. On one hand we have enlightened and awakened youth who aspire to make India rise by their sheer effort. On the other hand, we have a massive population of youth who have a vague vision of rising India as their own life is hueless.

We have some negative aspects which are inhibiting the growth of India and affecting the lives of a massive population of youth adversely, some of them are: Brain Drain, Unemployment, Corruption, Poor infrastructure, etc.

Suggestions :

1. Each And Every Individual Should Hold The Torch of Change.
2. Youths Should Take Active Part in Politics.

3. Utilization Of The Talents Of The Youth.
4. Youth Must Encourage Positive Initiatives.

Conclusion :

India can become a developed nation only if everyone contributes to the best of his or her capacity and ability. The young are fully responsible, open to experiment and with the full utilization of the talents of the youth India will become a complete Nation.

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