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## Youth: A Building Block Of A Nation

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**Abstract**

*Stress, depression, fear, insecurity are the new buzz words among the youth today. After most of these mental elements often result into isolation, mental diseases, physical sickness, breakdown of social ties, missing home and unfortunate financial losses. Youth today needs to understand and to be understood more than ever. They are seen coping with numerous social, legal and economic challenges on day to day basis. International legal needs surveys have indicated that young people's legal problems, just like those of older people, can bring about considerable adverse consequences. In such state of affairs, Gandhian philosophy and teachings can play a vital role in giving a positive direction to the seemingly wandered youth. The present research paper attempts to bestow the glimpse of larger than life image of father of nation, Mahatma Gandhi and his ideologies specifically relating to youth.*

**Introduction:**

A research shows that India has approximately 600 million youths which also stands to be the world's largest youth population. This fact sign posts the potential for growth of the nation. With right direction and motivation, the youth of India has potential to engineer the society. Gandhiji has been and should be a role model for the youth of every generation. Today, our society is going through a phase of cultural and political changes. In giving the right direction to these social changes, Gandhi's principles and his philosophy should be the guide of our youth. Our youth have the opportunity to make their important contribution in social change and nation building by making Gandhiji their ideal. The youth should adopt their philosophy and devote full energy and enthusiasm to the development of their personality and nation. It is not without reason that Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela or Sheikh Mujibur Rahman - all took inspiration from him. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina says her father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman drew inspiration from Gandhi's life to protest against Pakistani rule. The President of South Korea has described Gandhi's life values as the cornerstone of the United Nations.

Youth of any nation is an incredible resource. They are without a doubt the eventual fate of the nation and speak to it at each level. The job of young people in country building is a higher priority than you may suspect. As such, the knowledge and work of the young will take the nation on the pathway of accomplishment. As each resident is similarly dependable, the young is as well. They are the structure squares of a nation.

The adolescent is significant on the grounds that they will be our future. Today they may be our accomplices tomorrow they will proceed to become pioneers. The young people are vigorous and eager. They can learn and adjust to nature. So also, they are eager to learn and follow up on it to accomplish their objectives.

Every nation undergoes social change. This is unimaginable without the active participation of young people of that nation. Besides, the country requires their interest to accomplish the objectives and help in taking the nation towards progress.

In like manner, we perceive how the improvement of any nation requires dynamic cooperation from the adolescent. It doesn't make a difference which field we need to advance in, regardless of whether it is the specialized field or sports field, youth is required. It is up to us how to help the young in assuming this job appropriately. We should make all the young mindful of their capacity and the job they need to play in country building.

**Last Youth:**

The Indian youth seems to have been driven by western culture. The way the English people think, behave and speak seems to have created a drastic impact upon the youths in India. It is a common scenario that a person speaking in regional language in a so called indo-western society is entitled as *dehon* or *ghat* (villager or tribal). With the paradigm shift of joint families to nuclear families and recently to individual living, today's generation seems to be drifting away from the importance of socialism. Under such circumstances, the youth of Gandhi's ideas are most needed today. Whether it is the fashionable youth of India or the masses of disciplines, IT professionals or rural unemployed youth, Gandhiji is a favourite character of all. The present