

What India as a Country Lacks!!!

What would we say India's highest problem?

- The economists say it is lack of financial and economic prudence, lack of investment and this is very much true.
- The sociologists say it is lack of scientific approach, division, hatred and infighting, as well as lack of social harmony, which is also true.
- The bureaucracy says that it is about the sheer scale of governance, corruption and red-tapeism, that is also very much true.

But above all else, there is one more very serious problem that is connected with children and youth. Children and youth don't get the attention they deserve. We boast of our population as one of the youngest populations in the world, but the attention they receive is least among the world standards.

1. The quality of education imparted to our children is very pathetic. There is high class education available for the rich but for the poor, we have a very low standard of education. For example, in the rural schools, 6th standard students cannot read and write and cannot do basic arithmetic calculations of addition and subtraction. In one of the research, the educationist identified that the 6th standard students cannot read the textbooks of 2nd and 3rd standards. This is the status of our majority children's education.

2. The Moral value is not at all taught to the children in a serious way in schools. Neither parents nor teachers try to mold the children in values of love, respect, truth and discipline etc. The children also don't have the genuine, ethical, true role models, even in parents and teachers.



3. Regarding skill training and carrier guidance, it is totally absent in our school curriculum as well as in higher studies. Youth who complete the degree programme come out of the college without any real basic skills for their future. Even the youth who get married but has no job with regular income to support his family.

This is the kind of children and the youth that we form in India. This kind of children and youth population is a social evil and a serious problem that we are facing. Due to this, incompetence in all fields is rising. This problem in India is very huge, that no leaders no politicians pays attention to. Incompetence is present in all aspects of our daily living and permeates deep down like an incurable cancer. One social scientist told me that our top 10% enjoys the topmost competence and the other 90% is in the category of average and poor competence.



We at SJDT try our level best to provide:

- a Quality education to our children.
- b Teach and set models for moral and ethical values.
- c We reward hard work and motivate our youth to acquire good skills
- d Starting from childhood, we motivate our children to develop a dream for a career that will support and sustain himself and his family.

In conclusion, I would like to say with conviction that we constantly remind our children that there are no shortcuts in life. Only hard work and genuine commitment will lead to a happy living.

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