



## ROLE OF YOUTH

Youth are the valuable human resource of every country. They constitute about one-third of the total population of India. During the freedom struggle, the youth of our country played a significant role. But after independence, they have become inactive. Most youth are misdirected. They should be guided and their energies should be utilized for the progress of the nation. The youth can also provide relief to afflicted persons during natural calamities. By performing a constructive role, the youth can make India preposterous in every field.

Youth constitute about 34% of the total population of India. The youth today have often been misunderstood by the elders. There has always been a struggle between tradition and modernity. The elders consider the youth to be immature and inexperienced. The widening generation gap has made them feel alienated. The growing population has complicated the problems of unemployment. Reservations and nepotism have further complicated the problems of unemployment schools and colleges do not groom them for a bright future. All these factors have frustrated the youth.

Students constitute majority of the youth. They indulge in acts of indiscipline in different schools, colleges and universities. Thus, their energies are being misused for destructive purposes. They hold rallies and resort to strikes, etc. They go to the extent of taking law into their own hands. They lack proper guidance and good leadership.

The students alone cannot be blamed for this political leaders exploit students power for their own political ends. If there is good leadership student's power can be utilized for bringing about social, economic sphere, corruptions, increase in population, illiteracy rate, social evils, etc. are some of the burning problems. The youth should take an active part to solve these problems, which have delayed the progress of the country.

Illiteracy is another burning problem in our country. The youth should encourage the illiterate parents to send their children to school. They should initiate steps to teach the illiterate people. They could give them elementary education. They should also educate them about the need for cleanliness. One of the worst social problems faced by India is the evil of dowry. The youth should come forward and fight against this practice. They should not come under the pressure of their parents to demand, give or accept dowry.

Services of youth can be taken for national integration. The youth should fight against communalism, casteism, linguist, regionalism, etc. The youth should play a responsible role for the betterment of the country. By performing a constructive role, the youth can bring prosperity to India.

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