

PROMOTING SKILL-CENTRIC EDUCATION

In the rapidly evolving global economy, traditional classroom learning alone is no longer sufficient to prepare students for the challenges of the modern workforce.

Skill-centric education emphasizes learning by doing, enabling students to acquire hands-on experience in their chosen fields.

One of the most significant advantages of skill-centric education is its role in bridging the gap between education and employment.

Moreover, skill-centric education fosters entrepreneurship and self-employment, which are critical for economic growth and social development.

Government initiatives such as Skill India Mission and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) underscore the importance of skill-centric education in the national agenda.

Schools and higher education institutions also have a crucial role to play in promoting a skill-oriented mindset.

Youth: Arise, Awake and Stop Not-Transform the World

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Swami Vivekananda remains one of India's most inspiring spiritual leaders, thinkers and youth icons.

The modern world is deeply interconnected. With over five billion people connected to the internet and more than 60 percent of the global population under the age of 30 - youth is most digitally connected generation in the present day history.

Swami Vivekananda's philosophy of universal brotherhood finds powerful expression in today's youth-led initiatives.

Vivekananda's spiritual journey began as Narendranath Datta, a brilliant and inquisitive student deeply interested in philosophy, history, and religion.



He later taught the world, "Truth can be stated in a thousand different ways, yet each one can be true."

After his guru's passing, Vivekananda embraced monastic life (sannyasa) and travelled across India as a wandering monk (sanyasis).

His historic address at the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893 marked a turning point not only in his life but also in India's global identity.

The values he promoted-fearlessness, character-building,

self-confidence, and service to humanity-are deeply relevant today. He reminded the youth, "Strength is life; weakness is death."

Vivekananda's call, "Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached," continues to ignite young minds - firm determination and strong resilience (to bounce back in tough times).

In a world often divided by ideology, culture, and conflict, today's youth are emerging as ambassadors of peace and cooperation.

In conclusion, the legacy of Swami Vivekananda is not confined to history books or speeches; it lives on through the actions of today's youth.

At the end, I would like to affirm that all power lies within you. You can do anything and everything for the upliftment of humanity-within your nation and across the world.

This becomes truly possible when you balance the strength of the brain with the compassion of the heart - allowing the heart to guide your actions and helping you to grow not only as a successful individual but as a truly good human being in life too.

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India's new role at world platform

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Now a days we frequently confronted with a new word of Vedic Dilect Le Amritkaal. At many platforms and occasions Prime Minister has used this word to discuss the visionary design of our changing nation.

Now a days we have crossed the 78th year of our post independence period .After the period from 75 to 100 years after independence is designated as Amritkaal by our current government.

Now the question is that ,can we retrieve our past glory in this Amritkaal

period.? Or can we get the status upto such an extent where other nations of the world recognize our view points and place .

In this changing scenario when the world's superpower are showing their hegemony attitude to settle their personal witty interest, role of India is very positive and stable. America is showing his muscle power at every platform of the world ignoring the interests and position of other developing nations by imposing tariff on them .Those who are helpless and weak in strength are facing the direct threat of this superpower others who are in position to resist his eccentric attitude are facing the tariff threat continuously. In this changing wave of power the role of India is very decisive and mature at present.

In last few years we have seen a drastic change in the performance and presence of our nation at international level

.Before a decade ago we couldn't find a place at various international platforms to express our view points and ideas with firm determination. For every minor and major issue before taking any decisive step, we were in dilemma that what others would react for this .Even for our internal disputes and issues we thought that others would play a better role than us to solve this .

Now in this changing scenario (after COVID pandemic) our position at world platform has got a major mega shift .With the successful completion of G20 summit, successful handling of Covid pandemic, different surgical strikes, and other operations of emergency nature world is looking towards us with a different angle .

At recent times we have seen that entire world is suffering from the havoc of war like situation. Recently due to Russia Ukraine conflict, Israel Hamas

conundrum, Syria disputes and Other minor conflicts of other nations the entire world order is gradually changing with the great pace .The hegemony of America is getting challenge at many platforms of the world. In Asia the aspirational and dubious design of China, Russian autocracy and recent regime shifting in our neighbourhood is putting a great challenge for a stable world.

In this situation the balance handling of Indian diplomacy by our current government at many platforms is proving the futuristic importance of our nation. Now the entire world is looking for a new mediator of the world. And of course our nation has the potential and ample scope of visionary leadership to get this status .now the entire world is listening to the viewpoint of India with the proper importance.

Our Indian Diaspora is continuously working in this direction by giving their

contributions in every field almost in every nation of the world. Such things create an atmosphere of confidence and recognition for the inhabitants. The various visionary schemes of our government like make in India, start ups ,cleanliness drive ,distribution of COVID vaccine at world level and acceleration to FDI is continuously adding scores in our favour. Due to our ambitious space mission programs, digital india revolution we are getting a new place in the eyes of others.

Due to our gigantic population size we become a big market for every nation of the world. Nobody wants to take the risk of anger of this big market .our youths has prove their mettle in making the image of our nation. Now we are focussing on the design of developed nation (Viksit Bharat 2047) .Our economic status got a mega shift in last few years and it is expected that in com-

ing 2 or three years we will become the third largest economy of the world. Such things also change the mindset of people towards our visionary design and expansion. There is a great hidden talent in the brains of our youths. Only need is to give a boost and platform to these talented generations. And of course current government is giving ample opportunity to these youths of our country through its various visionary schemes and educational design. The nation first indigenous education policy has been launched recently by government of our nation. This new education design will definitely give a boost to our young generation. Hopefully in coming years we will get a new and dignify place at world platform. We can say that the future of our nation will be very bright and high .India is definitely an emerging world power in coming years.

Innovation, Institutions and Inclusive Growth!

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In an era defined by rapid technological advancement, shifting economic paradigms, and escalating social and environmental challenges, innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainability have emerged as central pillars of global development discourse.

At the core of this rethinking is the recognition that innovation is not simply a technological activity or a fashionable buzzword. Rather, it is a systemic force that drives productivity, competitiveness, resilience, and improvements in quality of life.

Across the globe, regions that have achieved sustained economic growth and resilience are those that have successfully cultivated vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystems.

collaboration among universities, industry, government, and civil society. Innovation in such contexts extends beyond breakthrough inventions to include the reinvention of processes, business models, and organisational systems.

However, innovation does not thrive in isolation. It requires supportive ecosystems that provide access to finance, skilled human capital, infrastructure, mentorship, and regulatory environments that encourage experimentation.

Understanding how innovation and entrepreneurship can be adapted to such contexts is essential for inclusive and sustainable growth.

In resource-constrained environments, innovation does not always need to be radical or technology-intensive to be impactful.

Incremental innovations-those that improve efficiency, reduce costs, enhance accessibility, or adapt solutions to local needs-can generate significant economic and social benefits.

Impact-driven innovation is particularly relevant in sectors that employ large segments of the population. In many developing economies, agriculture and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) form the backbone of economic activity.

Equally important is the shift toward demand-oriented innovation. Rather than relying solely on technology push, this approach begins with identifying unmet needs in the market.

Innovation policy must also account for spatial diversity. One-size-fits-all interventions often fail to address regional disparities and local strengths.

described as a "concentrated dispersal" approach-allows policymakers to catalyze entrepreneurial activity in selected regions while encouraging balanced development.

Effective government coordination is critical to the success of such strategies. Governments play a pivotal role in setting development priorities, aligning stakeholders, and providing the regulatory, financial, and institutional frameworks needed for innovation ecosystems to function.

India's Policy Landscape: Progress and Persistent Gaps-

In the Indian context, several policy initiatives demonstrate a growing recognition of the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship in national development.

Complementing this national vision, the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC), in collaboration with the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), has launched a range of initiatives aimed at embedding innovation and entrepreneurship within higher education institutions.

the establishment of Institutional Innovation Councils, promotion of experiential and project-based learning, startup incubation support, national innovation challenges, and mechanisms to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration.

While these efforts are commendable and have created important momentum, their impact remains uneven. Implementation challenges persist in the form of limited institutional capacity, inadequate funding, lack of trained mentors, and weak industry-academia linkages in many regions.

As innovation and entrepreneurship evolve, sustainability has emerged as a defining dimension of modern enterprise. In developing economies, environmental degradation, climate vulnerability, and social inequality present pressing challenges that cannot be ignored.

trate how innovation can address sustainability challenges while creating economic value. This approach aligns closely with global frameworks such as the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, reinforcing the idea that innovation should deliver shared prosperity rather than narrow gains.

Educational institutions have a particularly important role to play in this transformation. By aligning curricula with industry needs, promoting interdisciplinary learning, and encouraging entrepreneurial mindsets, they can serve as incubators of future innovators and responsible leaders.

As the new year unfolds, the pursuit of innovation in thought, action, and impact presents an opportunity for renewed collective progress. It calls for bold ideas, ethical leadership, and collaboration across institutional and sectoral boundaries.

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