## YOUTH IS NOT USELESS, BUT USED LESS

Good for nothing! lazy! useless! this is how today's youth has been rated. Today's people believe that Indian youth is useless and their energies cannot be accelerated to reach the summit. Seeing hyperactive youth speeding on their two wheelers and four wheelers with loud music many grown-ups often comment : "these young people are useless ; wasting money and time." But as aptly quoted by Swami Chinmayananda and a proper analysis will admit that "today's youth is not useless , but used less". Their talent and energies are under-utilized . As and when compared to antecedent generation, the younger generation is well informed about the happenings in the world. With internet , facebook and other facilites at our disposal , we have equipped to master the required lessons within a short duration of time , which further leaves us with plenty of time to be well utilized.

The traditional educational and social institutions fail to offer programs which help the youth to make maximum use of their resources. Adolescents have unlimited talent and energy which they are eager to use for constructive purpose . Young people enjoy adventure , challenges and creativity in every form . If we start giving right direction to the youth and start using the positive vibes of these energy-bustling pots in a channelised way , they may become the fountain head of creativity. It is often seen that the energies which could accelerate us to summit are simply wasted in performing the unwanted and unwarranted tasks. When they do not have an opportunity for productive use of their energy and talents, they misuse them for destructive purposes.

I firmly believe that India's nation building models are the ones whose foundation rests on the shoulders of the country's youth. On contrary, while we are actually the youngest country with over 50% young people, we have the oldest cabinet in the world. It is so depressing to see this power of youth being wasted . Teens cannot accept hypocrisy and double standards , but they expect sincerity. They believe in frankness. So the need of the hour is that the present generation be trusted and provided with responsibility. The youth has immense power to bring a positive change in our country . They should get the right motivational push. The youth is the hope and backbone of every country and hence should be given right place and source. A little understanding , a word of admiration , a touch of love could turn the energies of youth to work miracles.

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