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Education In The Vision Of Swami Vivekananda



Swami Vivekananda (1863 – 1902), a great thinker and reformer of India, embraces education, which for him signifies 'man-making', as the very mission of his life. In this paper, which purports to expound and analyze Vivekananda's views on education, an endeavor has been made to focus on the basic theme of his philosophy, viz. the spiritual unity of the universe. Whether it concerns the goal or aim of education, or its method of approach or its component parts, all his thoughts, we shall observe, stem from this dormant theme of his philosophy which has its moorings in Vedanta.

Vivekananda realizes that mankind is passing through a crisis. The tremendous emphasis on the scientific and mechanical ways of life is fast reducing man to the status of a machine. Moral and religious values are being undermined. The fundamental principles of civilization are being ignored. Conflicts of ideals, manners and habits are pervading the atmosphere. Disregard for everything old is the fashion of the day. Vivekananda seeks the solutions of all these social and global evils through education. With this end in view, he feels the dire need of awakening man to his spiritual self wherein, he thinks, lies the very purpose of education.

Education In the Vision Of Mr. Narayana Murthy



Mr. Narayana Murthy is undoubtedly one of the most famous persons from Karnataka. He is known not just for building the biggest IT empire in India but also for his simplicity. Almost every important dignitary visits Infosys campus. The beauty about his family is that they believe in sharing their wealth with the needy. We wish the leading film actors in Karnataka had followed his footsteps.

He feels we need to review our reservation policy. He expressed this on Aug 11, 2001 during the convocation address at IIT, Delhi. He says perhaps we are the only nation in the world where people **fight** to be called backward rather than forward.

We thank him for bringing India on the world's IT map and providing jobs to thousands.

Education In the Vision Of Mr. Dr. APJ Abdulkalam

Education is the most important element for growth and prosperity of a nation. India is in the process of transforming itself into a developed nation by 2020. Yet we have 350 million people who need literacy and many more who have to acquire employable skills to suit the emerging modern India and the globe.



Children who belong to weaker sections of our society are undernourished and only a small percentage of them manage to complete eight years of satisfactory education. We need to think specifically about them. Education is indeed a fundamental right of every Indian child. Can we allow the situation to continue in which millions of these children are forced into life long poverty? The requirement is that the parents should be able to go to any school nearby and admit their children and happily come back home with the confidence that their children will get a good and value based quality education in that school. The conditions of differently-abled children require equally important attention. In view of such critical issues and their importance and also to break out of our historical mindset, an effective and self-renewing education system is therefore fundamental to the survival and growth of civilizations.

By, Dr. APJ Abdulkalam

Education In the Vision Of Hon. Bill Gates **Speech by Bill Gates for IIT's 50th Anniversary Celebration**



BILL GATES: Well, good evening. It's a great honor for me to speak at this jubilee celebration. After all, I'm not 50-years old yet, pretty close, I never graduated from college, yet, although I'm not sure I'll be changing that because I'm a little busy right now, but I get a chance to talk with you about an incredible institution that has really changed the world and has the potential to do even more in the years ahead than it's already done. Prime Minister

Nehru described IIT as representing India's urges, India's future in the making and the people here and the other graduates of IIT have made that come true.

The impact, of course, has been worldwide, not just on India and the seven campuses but the research and the incredible talent is having a huge impact.

Just one example of that is the incredible revolution taking place in India where literally hundreds of thousands and in the future millions of jobs will be created by taking the educational focus of the country and applying that computer science and high value service type activities and connecting up with the needs for those capabilities not only in India but around the world. It's amazing to see that happening and I think IIT has had a huge role in providing the education and the vision that's led to that wonderful result.

Just last year late in the year I had an opportunity to make a trip to India and it was a wonderful trip. (Applause.) I had a chance to see partners like Infosys and Mr. Murthy of Infosys is here tonight. (Applause.) And I got a chance to see our development center and look at how rapidly the computer software and engineering and services businesses are developing in India and share my views and understand how Microsoft can help with that more.

So where do we go from here? Well, I think it's quite clear that the theme I will strike tonight is working together: the United States working with India (applause, cheers) -- commercial organizations like Microsoft working with IIT (applause) -- and all of us taking these great advances in science and thinking what we can each do to make sure that not only are these great advances available to the developed countries and the luckiest of us all but to the entirety of humanity. (Applause.).

So with that, let me say I'm very optimistic that we will work together and being here with this incredibly talented group talking about this incredible institution just makes me all the more optimistic about that. Thank you.

What is Inspiration?

Sometimes, I used to think what exactly is inspiration? I looked in the dictionary and thesaurus and found out that inspiration is similar with vision (which most people have), and also it's synonymous to influence. But how do you define inspiration-- is it something you do, see, hear, taste or smell? Is it anything which any of your five senses can perceive? It depends on the person really, the reasons behind why we look for it and the various situations surrounding it. In my opinion just follow the THOUGHTS of Great People & implement these thoughts in your real life. So please read what they say.....

Thanks & Regards.

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