NEED FOR VALUE-BASED EDUCATION IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

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ABSTRACT
Future growth in any country depends on its youth. Unfortunately, youth in India is getting increasingly inclined towards violence, social evils and lack of respect towards world around them. We ourselves are to be blamed for this. Our existing environment including family system, education system and media including newspapers, T.V. etc is presenting them a skewed picture. Youth see that men with values are suffering in life. They are also getting swayed by modern sayings like, ‘All is well that Ends Well’. They care only about end results and give no importance to ‘means’. Under these circumstances, value education is essentially required to provide motivation and guidance to our youngsters. Value education builds character which is beneficial for growth of both the individual youth and the society in general. It influences our decision making in life and helps us grow by building healthy relationships in society. People who become great statesmen, sports persons or business entrepreneurs have certain things in common. They are all vigilant about their surroundings. They all know how best to use what they have. They all believe in hard work and in doing things which are good for the society Creation of such values in our youth is the end product of value Education. Recent crisis in ‘values’ in our youth has revived concern for value education in India. Concrete steps are now being taken by Indian society and we all must join this movement to see ‘Shining India’ in a very near future.

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