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**A VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

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Surely we have a responsibility to leave for future generation a planet that is healthy and habitable. Basically, when we talk about the rights of future generation they are infinite but there are some that we must start preserving as the future generations also have the right to live happily and peacefully. Our future generations must also have unrivalled resources. With the advancement of technology, we need to think of using less of natural resources and more of renewable resource.

But, what about the water we have been continuously wasting? Today only 0.3 per cent of drinkable water is left for human consumption as 99.7 per cent is stored in different water bodies and other forms which make it difficult to be used directly. What about our future generations? Will they have ample water for their survival?

The environment and economy are indeed two sides of the same coin. If we cannot sustain the environment, we cannot develop the economy. It's not that we don't have an environment to live in or oxygen to breathe, we have but polluted. This is also a burning issue. Today pollution has spread its arms so much that the Government of India has passed an act, on looking at the condition of Taj Mahal that there should not be any vehicle emitting smoke or other harmful gases to a distance of 2-3 kilometres around it. If this is the condition of stones what will be the condition of human beings who take in this polluted air every day? What will be the condition tomorrow? Would it be appropriate for the upcoming generations to inhale it? Definitely not! Do they not have a right to live in a clean and healthy environment?

They also have this right, but we are taking away this right of theirs to fulfil our selfish needs.

We must plant lots of trees, must be a great believer in planting things for future generation. We don't need to live for a culture where you just live for today. Day by day, trees are decreasing and pollution is increasing. Trees are being cut for industrial, residential use and if this will be the rate of felling the trees than no doubt future generation will definitely face problems. They might also face problems of food. Today the food we eat has more chemicals. With the introduction of HYV seeds in late 1960s the use of pesticides, fertilisers productivity increased. Nowadays vegetables and fruits are available throughout the year. They are available,

just because they are filled with chemicals, chemicals which are harmful to our health. If this is the case today, then what about the future?

We should adopt organic farming so as the people are healthy and remain so in the future. If today, we take a small step towards better food resources, then in future better food supplies will be increased and our future generation will live a healthy and prosperous life.

Now it comes to education, the most important right i.e. right to education, one of the most important rights that we can give our future generation. Today Right to Education has become a serious concern. In India, children in the age group of 5 – 14 are provided with free education in government schools. But what is the use of this facility if it is not executed properly? The students are not provided with proper faculty and no regular attendance. If the same thing goes on in government schools, then how will the present and upcoming generations will be able to get proper education. As a matter of fact, it is compulsory and is also written in our constitution that a child must get proper education in primary schools. Then why is it not so? It's not only the responsibility of the Government but of the parents and society too.

It's a proven fact that unity is the only way through which we can achieve success in our country. So we need to join hands to accomplish this feat.

The future generations also have a right towards education. Today the children are working in hazardous industries like glass industry, carpet, fireworks which is affecting their health and making our future is bleak. If our foundation is weak, then how can we construct a strong building? I believe that today's children who are our future have a right to live in harmony and peace. This can only be done when we eradicate this evil and send them to schools, give them facilities to make their future bright. Do we have the right to take their right away from them?

We do not have the right to play with our future and their present. We should start taking initiatives to help them, and improve the condition in the present and definitely the future will be bright and our future generation will not face any problem regarding education.

Next problem in our country is women exploitation. We should focus on shaping the minds of people who are still living in backwardness. As a journey of thousand miles begins with a single step, we should teach boys to respect everyone, especially women. We should make people understand the social condition that girls go through. We should not enforce any kind of restrictions on them. Before telling girls, we should tell boys not to stare at any girl and treat all of them as their sister. The new law of rape should be made understandable to people of all ages. The government should give lifetime imprisonment to the persons who commit this offence.

The atmosphere should be safe for the coming generations and we should remember that girls are the spirit of our nation, we should save them and stop their exploitation.

*If someone thinks that love and peace is a cliché that must have been left behind in sixties, that's his problem, love and peace are eternal.* Terrorism is a violent act which creates fear among the people. It destroys those who practice it, as when they try to extinguish life in others, the light within themselves dies. Today Syria is facing a pathetic time, not just dealing with killers, but those who mastermind their plans too. Terrorism has created a fear in every part of the world. Today while going to a crowded place, we always think about our safety, why? Has the world become so dangerous that we always think twice before stepping out of our homes? The time has come to ask every citizen of the country why internationalism is so loudly condemned and yet so prevalent. Actually it's not only the mistake of terrorists, we also have a big hand in it. We are the ones who provide them the opportunity by not taking serious action against them There are hundreds of suicide bombers roaming freely in the world. If the countries get united and help each other in arresting these terrorists, the world would definitely become a safe place.

Another problem that needs to be solved is 'Reservation'. We have to stand against reservation, It is spoiling the career of those who really deserve it. It is rightly said, America gives seat to deserving and India gives seat to the reserved. Then we say, India is not progressing like America. How will India progress like this? Dr B.R Ambedkar truly said *'law and order are truly medicine of body politics, if politics get sick medicine must be administered'*. Though the initiative of reservation was taken with the motive of improving backward classes, but today it has taken the wrong path. It has become a path for them to deprive the deserving ones. They are not working hard for the things they want to achieve. This path should not be there. We should not create a threat to ourselves and also for our future generation.

Corruption is also another thing we have to remove from our country. It has created a negative impact on our present generation, which might get transferred on our future generation. All the things leading to corruption should be stopped. We should not always think about the easiest way, as it often lead to corruption. If the corruption continues, no doubt we will be giving our country in the hands of a dog. It is true-

*The corruption will never end,  
As long as it is in trend  
We have to crop it from our life,  
To make our future generation bright.*

If reservation and corruption are eliminated, then many other problems would be solved automatically and the future generations will not face any difficulties and will remember us with gratitude.

Let us show some humanity, towards the betterment of our future generation. A single step can lead to brighter future just as each drop of water makes the ocean.