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***Safe Community: Safe Future***

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A safer future ..... What do you mean by a safer future? a simple phrase but with many meanings. No murders, no corruption, no significant crime. The world is changing. Technology is developing at a rapid and unprecedented pace. **Technology** is one of the biggest friend and the worst enemy for safer future. Through the search engines like Google and yahoo, one can search how to save environment. Not only this, it also tells us how to make a time bomb. This can be done through easily available articles. Future is like a smart phone, if we use it well, we can use it in multiple ways and help ourselves to recharge our life with the *power of positivity*.

A safe future can mean different things to different people according to their different perspectives. Everybody wants to live in a place where they feel safe, a life free from all the hazards of the human world. But, Crime and the fear of crime are still big concerns for many people. In a country like India with one of the highest crime rates in the world, it is hard to make a safe future. The way we use public space can play a vital role in reducing criminal or anti-social behaviour. Schemes such as Neighbourhood and street watch under camera surveillance and various environmental enhancement schemes can deter crime and help people to feel safe.

**Education** is the easiest way to charge the battery of the future. *The way we educate and communicate issues about crime are also important and play an effective role in its prevention.* Education plays a vital role as it generates awareness amongst people about crime.

Now is the era of technology. Many things previously done manually are replaced by artificial energy. Today's workplace is more diverse, collaborative, virtual and socially aware than ever before. It is getting harder every day to get a job. This unemployment issues leads to frustration and frustration gives birth to one of the biggest threat to a safer future - **Terrorism**.

Terrorism is a devilish thought in one's mind. It is present in the thoughts of the youth encouraging them to destroy the motherland; considering it to be the biggest victory of their life. It makes them think that killing unarmed men and innocent women is the biggest triumph they can achieve. How can they even think about a safer future? Most of the associates of the terrorists groups are youth who have the power to shape the future.

***"We are not here to curse the darkness but to light the candle that can guide us through the darkness to a safe and sane future".***

This is a famous quote written by J. F. Kennedy, telling us not be afraid and live with all that terrorism inside but to light up our own way to a safe house; safe place; a safer future. We can all do it. If we are aware of our surrounding we can prevent major terror attacks.

*There is hope for the future though I may not live to see my dream  
of a better life for everyone in a World where peace will reign supreme  
A World free of borders and camps for refugees  
Where the smell of death and destruction is not blowing in the breeze*

*There is hope for the future around me not all dark  
I hear young children playing in the playground in the park  
The children are the future and they may well unite  
Behind a peaceful leader who won't lead by power of might.*

*There is hope for the future and all surely not lost  
Though there won't be peace tomorrow and 'twill come at a great cost  
The Rose of Peace will bloom again though with the dead I lay  
And the young and enlightened leaders to peace will lead the way.*

This poem is a hope for the future. Till the day we have youth thinking about the future there is always hope for us, our society, our country, world and universe, there is always hope of a safer future for our community.

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