



## Challenges of youth in Contemporary India

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<p><b>Article history:</b> Received: 10-02-18 Revised: 20.02.2018 Accepted: 25.02.2018</p> <p><b>Keywords:</b> Youth, Challenges, Peer Pressure, Materialism</p>	<p>Modern day youth of India lives in the most interesting phase of the history. As the Indian economy went globalized and the internet is already an integral part of our lives, we have fairer chances of making it big than any of the previous generations. The youth is considered to be the best asset of any country and investment in the human resource promises flabbergasting returns. However, if we are to develop the citizens for a better nation tomorrow, we are supposed to not only develop their talent but also recognize and counter the challenges Indian youth is facing in present day. Life has changed so fast in the last few decades that the entire social structure has undergone a big change. Besides overpopulation, political upheavals, unemployment, erosion in Indian values, influence of western civilization and too much commercialization has made life very complicated for the new generation. These youngsters are surrounded by innumerable problems which in turn, makes them little rebellious too. The upsetting reasons could possibly be their individualism, sense of freedom or the ever growing peer pressure. Eventually, they face the hostile attitude of society. But the real standpoint is that youths are the pillars of social, economic and political developments. In addition to their intellectual contribution and the ability to mobilize support, youth brigade brings unique perspectives. We as a society should value the imagination, ideals and energies of young men and women.</p>

### Introduction:

Youth is the time of life when one is young, and often means the time between childhood and adulthood. It is also defined as "the appearance, freshness, vigor, spirit, etc., characteristic of one who is young". Youth is perhaps the most memorable time in the life of an individual. Filled with fun, frolic, happiness and a combination of bitter sweet surprises, it is the time that most people cherish throughout life. Having fun with friends, chasing your dreams, wasting time and not regretting it, there is just too much to do, too much to live, too much to be happy about. However, since every coin has two sides, this beautiful phase co-exists with the various problems which are faced by youth of today, especially because of the society that we live in. The youth of today has been

widely outclassed; they do not consider themselves to be too young to be pampered, and they are not supposed to be old enough to take responsibility on their own shoulders. Let us have a look at these challenges that are faced by the young brigade of India:

### Peer Pressure

The peer pressure is one of the biggest challenges faced by youngsters. The generation gap has widened to an extent that the views of the people of two generations repel each other. The varying interest of the young adults and high expectations of the parents and relatives harm the spirit of growth as a whole. This acts as a check on the enthusiasm of young mind leading to