

# **Ethical Values and National Development**

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## **Abstract**

Values are the pillars of a nation. India is a country based on ancient values. Our history shows that we live like a large family, the whole world is a big family for us.” Vasudhaiva kutumbakam” is a wise saying. Today, the Higher Education Department is giving important position to moral values in the syllabus. The question arises that why we need to have moral values in our syllabus, to get the answer we have to look at the society, we find that the level of higher education has increased but the level of values has gone down. Ethical Values include truth, love, peace, brotherhood, non violence, patriotism. We see that these are missing from the society, so to keep our values alive in our society the value based education is needed. The most important of the ethical values needed today is Patriotism.

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## **Introduction**

The world today is lying on the brink of Nuclear Bomb. Every country is spending a lot on the military weapons. Patriotism is lacking from the youth. To instil this value in our youth our young generation must get the knowledge about our independence struggle and our great martyrs. After getting independence we are enjoying freedom but we are slowly forgetting the sacrifice done by our ancestors. A country without patriotism is without life. Our Education today must include stories about our National warriors. The youth must sing our songs full of national love.

In Sanskrit it is said” Janani Janam bhumiścha swargadapi gariyasi“, means our motherland and our mother both are more important than the Heaven. The stories of Ram

,Krishna, Lord Buddha, are full of National love. We have plenty of real stories about our freedom warriors starting from Rani Lakshmi Bai, Chandrashekhar Azad, Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, they all did not bow down before any kind of situation. These are the inspiration before our youth. These should be a part of our syllabus. The second important ethical value is the Brotherhood, or the feeling of “VISHWABANDHUTWA”. The whole world is our family. We need peace instead of war, we must go back to our ancient literature. Vedas are full of the message that the Mother Nature is giving us that the Nature is our mother, the trees are our brothers, all creatures on the earth should live with brotherhood.

“Bhumi mata putroham prithivyaha”

Brotherhood or “Bandhutwa” is the lifeline of our values. India is famous for its open heart. We have respect for everyone, whether it be of any religion, caste or creed. We have faced many tough times, we were attacked by robbers, yet we did not lose our self respect and invited everyone to become a part of country. Separatists tried to destroy our unity. Britishers came to our country as traders but turned to be our rulers. They tried to divide us on the basis of religion. The great poet Ravindranath Tagore imagines about a country without hatred, without any walls.

“Where the mind is without fear, and the head is held high

Where knowledge is free,

Where the world is not broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls”

In the above poem the poet prays to the God that let his country be free from all kinds of rigidity, all kinds of walls which divide a man from another, where the states are not divided on the basis of caste and religion, where motherland is more important than any other identity. This quality is needed in our youth. The third value is the Non violence or the “Ahimsa”. This value is seen in context of the freedom struggle of India.

The third ethical value to be given place in our lives is the “Non-violence” or the “Ahimsa”. This word is seen in context of the freedom struggle during which Mahatma Gandhi gave this ethical value before our country to be non violent and to be generous and kind towards others.

“Non violence” can be adjoined with Mahavir Swami’s saying. Live and let others live”. Today we see the world is during global in the field of communication but the thought process is becoming narrow. A country’s progress is becoming a hurdle before another country. The youth must be turned into not only financial independent but a citizen thinking about down trodden peoples liftmen. This is possible if we inculcate the value of “Non violence” in the youth.

The fourth ethical value for the nation is the Truth. Truth is described in very religion of India. Truth according to Lord Buddha is the important part of light pillars of religion. Mahatma Gandhi also emphasized on the value of Truth in life. It is said

सत्यमेव जयते Truth always wins. The first shloka of Srimad Bhagwat says सत्यम परम धीमती ।

On this the Guruji Shri RaviShankarji says. Sort of super. And the discussed what are the Aasuri Sampathi (demoniac qualities) arrogance. You know all those negative qualities, feeling nobody loves me ad all that staff. Complaining all the time this sort of negative tendencies are only super imposed. It’s not your quality and so you conget rid of them. So what do we do ? We say “Satyam Param Dhimahi” in this intellect may Divinity dawn. Let Truth and Divinity down in my intellect, in my consciousness”.

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A guideline of the ethical values is the most needed thing in any young citizen of our country. Values have made India different from the world. If we want to restore our old heritage we must go back to values, where paints are loved and respected, where a visitor from another country is our guest’ where people celebrate “Idd” and “Diwali” with same enthusiasm where nobody sleeps hungry where we donate everything for our neighbour’s happiness where our children live freely in the atmosphere of love not hatred or violence where girls are respected and loved in the society.

The values can be inculcated through family, but a lot has to be done in the society to awaken our youth. There is a lot to be done in the field of education. The syllabus is not only sufficient, we must present ideals before our youth to make their future bright and thus make our nation move stable and peaceful.

## **SWOT Analysis:**

Strength weakness, opportunity threat : Higher education department has included this concept for the college as well as students. If a student is mentally strong he can face the challenges. In fact personality development and moral education are related to each other. The internal strength is because of the strong moral values. In personality development programmes, government has included the policy of positive attitude towards life. This will make our young generation strong and healthy from inside.

Swami Vivekananda always stressed on the importance of moral values in life : “Study the history of whole world and you will see that every high ideal you meet anywhere had its origin in India. From times immemorial India has been the mine of precious ideas to human study giving births to high ideals himself, she has freely distributed them broadcast to over the whole world. Religious researches disclose to us the fact that there is not a country possessing a good ethical code but borrowed something of it from us, and there is not one religion possessing good ideas of immortality of the soul but has derived it in directly from us”.

“Our motherland” Swami Vivekananda English for Indian student M.P. Grant Academy Bhopal.

Thus this shows that moral values are as important today as they were in the past.

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