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Bhagat Singh on Youth and Youth Politics

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ABSTRACT

Bhagat Singh himself being quite young when he attained martyrdom for his nation had a in-depth understanding of the capabilities and potentials of the youth. He was of the view that only the youth of the nation can liberate it's nation from the pains and agonies being inflicted by the capitalists and ruling class on the proletariats. His recommendation to the youth is to start a war against the internal weaknesses of self and Society which are being exploited by the selfish. Mere emotional reference to Bhagat Singh's sacrifice is missing his legacy we should instead try to imbibe his ideas.

Keywords: *Bhagat Singh, Youth, Politics, proletariats.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Being a youth himself Bhagat Singh know it very well that the youth of a country could only initiate the development of a society. The future of a country depends upon the conviction, thinking and directions of the actions of the youth. It is only these characteristics of the youth which can create possibilities for bringing a social change. Bhagat Singh gave an important role and responsibility to the youth of the nation. Youth were vanguard of revolution and in the transformation and liberation of humanity worldwide youth will play the leading role. According to him the future of India rest with the youths. They are the salt of the Earth. Their promptness to suffer, their daring courage and their radiant sacrifice prove that India's future is perfectly safe in their hands. Bhagat Singh and his comrades appealed from the youth of the country to join themselves in carrying aloft the banner of freedom to establish a new order of society in which political and economic exploitation will be impossibility. He quotes Nehru approvingly, "Every youth must rebel not only in the political sphere, but in social, economical and religious spheres also. Everything unreasonable must be discarded by them even if they find authority for it in the Vedas and Quran; to those who will still fondly cherish and hold ideas and striving to bring back the conditions which prevailed in Arabia 1300 years ago or in the Vedic ages in India. According to Bhagat Singh, The young workers who by all sincerity raise the slogans, "long live Revolution" should be organized and strong enough to carry moment themselves. They can educate the masses and create a favorable atmosphere for the social

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program. It is in the struggle that they can best trained and educated the people.⁵

Youth must be very careful according to him to avoid any confusion on the basis of caste, colour and creed. Youth should always keep in mind that main image end of exploitation and human liberation worldwide. There was no tinge of narrow regionalism, casteism and communalism. That is why he asked the youth of India to fight for the freedom on international level. Shaheed Bhagat Singh was the first leader who cut unanimous appeal with the Indian youth, most of whom were from under or non privileged background by launching students mobilization movements, organizing community and kitchen dialogue. We youngsters could brought awareness among the people regarding various current issues and unify them to fight for the common cause.⁶ His recommendation to the youth is to start a war against the internal weaknesses of self and Society which are being exploited by the selfish. There is an external message to those who wish to serve the poor and the needy of their country.⁷ He was also in the favour of participation of youth in politics to change the condition of the country and weak it more pleasant place to live in. Now a days when we see people are shouting from house tops these days that the young men especially pursuing their studies should not take part in politics. But Bhagat Singh was of the opinion that the young men in whose hands the reins of this country are going to be given are being educated in an unsatisfactory manner. What could be the result of such endeavors is not difficult to guess. It is true that the main concern of the student is to pursue his studies and he should devote all his time and energy to it but it is necessary that he should also develop the ability to understand the conditions of his country and the ways and means to improve its condition.⁸ If education according to him could not full fill this aim then this education is useless. According to him, politics is a vast subject. Hearing of speeches of leaders and welcoming a person related to administration and anything that is related to the government is politics.⁹ He said India need such Patriots now who can sacrifice their body, soul and wealth, could spend all their life like mad man fighting for the Welfare of the nation. According to him this types of men can be only in the ranks of youth. Such men can be available only if youth are given some practical knowledge of things. Almost in every country the youth and students were always in the four front of their freedom struggle.¹⁰

Today when the youth is at the cross roads of history martyr Bhagat Singh's convictions and ways of living is like a lighthouse which can lead the way to future. He is an icon among the youth but we must liberate him from current interpretations. Mere emotional reference to Bhagat Singh's sacrifice is missing his legacy. We should understand him as a political thinker with the revolutionary and try to imbibe his ideas.

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