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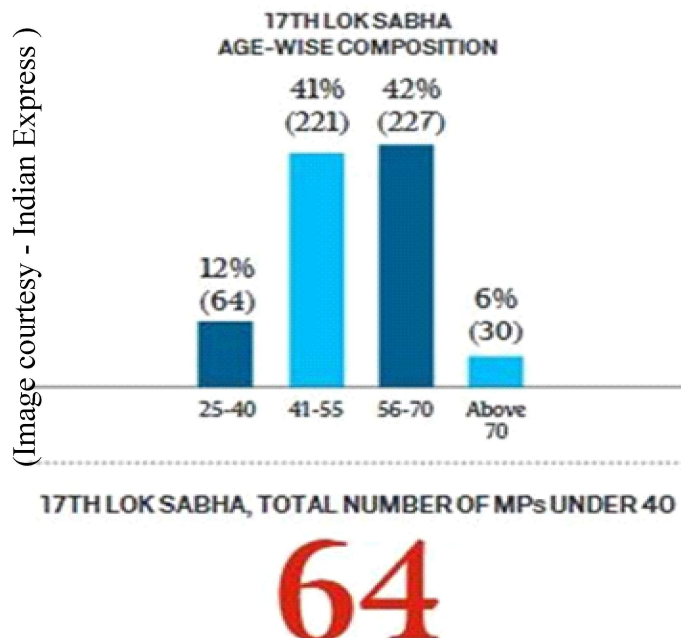


VOICE OF YOUTH

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Role of youth in Indian Society

Youth are an important part of the population of any country. India has become world's youngest country with 64% of the population in working age group. This means to say that India has majority of



its population which is ready to explore new approaches, new ideas and is ready to think beyond the conventional perspective. If these energies are channelized and utilized in a positive manner then it'll be of great help in the development of our nation. Sadly, the representation of youth in our democratic set up is disheartening. There are only 64 MPs (Member of Parliament) in the Indian parliament who are below the age group of 40 years.

Giving youth an opportunity to lead the nation will be a welcoming change this change would push the country on to the road of prosperity.

There are different ways in which youth can be helped to reach their potential. The government can introduce programmes to fight away the issues of unemployment, poor education institutions and health facilities to help them prosper without any hindrances. Similarly, the civil society (parents, teachers, politicians etc) should encourage the youth to do better in every field. The youth should be left

Talking to Readers

We are very happy to launch this new online digital fortnightly 'Voice of Youth'. The main aim of this magazine is to give opportunities for our age and budding writers to showcase their talent. You can submit articles, poems, drawings, puzzles and the problems relating to youth.

We would like to uphold the values

of equality, fraternity, social justice and constitutional values.

You are most welcome to offer your views and comments on this issue of 'VoY'.

You are also requested to see that this 'VoY' reaches your friends too.

Hope to receive your feedback and write-ups at

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to fly higher and break the barriers that are constructed around by the society. Then alone will the spark stay alive and lit the society.

Majority of the youth want to stay away from the politics. This again is a barricade that has been put forward by the older generation. If youth break this conventional idea and be a part of the political

system; surely there can be drastic changes. It's time for younger generations to take inspirations from the pages of history and also understand the important values of socialism, secularism, equality, fraternity and social-justice which has been emphasised in the Constitution of our country.

Looking Back Quit India Movement

The 8th of August marks the seventy ninth year of the Quit India movement. Most of us have learnt about this historical period in our high schools.

Here are some important facts which we might have not come across.

On 8th August 1942, Gandhi gave a clarion call to end the British rule and launch the Bharat Chodo Andolan from Bombay. Many political groups such as the Muslim League led by Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Hindu Mahasabha presided by Vinayaka Damodar Savarkar, the Communist Party of India and the Heads of Princely States opposed and



boycotted the 'Quit India' movement officially.

The British on 9th August arrested all the important leaders of Congress and declared Indian National Congress as an unlawful association. As a result, the movement left with no leaders to guide. During this period, it was the youth among Congress who had formed the Congress Socialist Group played a significant role.

Dr Rammanohar Lohia, Achutha Patwardhan, Aruna Asaf Ali took up the task of organizing and guiding the youth for 'Quit India' movement. They set up two organisations named Central Directorate in Bombay and Azad Dasta, with its branches all over India. These two groups were involved themselves in various kinds of activities including some violent ones.

At this juncture, a third committee called the 'Satyagraha Committee' was also formed by Sucheta Kripalani.

The movement developed into an open revolt. It was superheaded by congress socialist, peasants, students and workers. There were hartals in colleges and factories. The British authorities were challenged everywhere. The heroic part played by the Congress Socialists helped the movement to grow thickly and it spread throughout the country. A secret radio station called 'Azad Hind Radio' was set up in Bombay and it was operated by Dr Rammanohar Lohia. The British Government offices at many places were uprooted. The underground activities of the Congress Socialists caused greater threat to the British. The British even announced a prize amount to get all the Congress Socialist leaders arrested. Each time the law enforcing machinery tried its

Next edition of VoY will be on 'Independence Day'. We request young writers to contribute articles on any of the following subjects

a)freedom b)democracy
c)independence

The decision of the Editorial Advisor will be final. Send your pieces to

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level best to lay hands on these leaders, they were outwitted.

Unfortunately on 19 September 1943, Jaya prakash Narayan one of the leaders of Congress Socialists, was arrested and a similar fate followed Lohia and others. However, the underground and guerilla activities continued till 1944.

The Quit India movement shook the imperial government and gave new hope, life and thrill to the

national freedom movement. This phase assured India, her independence.

Undoubtedly, the credit of creating certain pressure on the British to quite, goes to the Congress Socialist Group which mainly consisted of youth.

The youth of that time had a farsighted vision of the country and its future. There is a lot that can be learnt from our history.

A Life Journey of a Olympic Medalist

“I am competing with myself”;
“I failed in Rio; I have to make up for it in Tokyo”

Mirabai Chanu’s dedication and her zeal have yielded her the best results. She was a sole Indian woman, competing in weight lifting competition in Tokyo Olympics. She has created a history by becoming the first Indian women in weightlifting to win silver medal in an Olympics.

Mirabai was born on August 8, 1994 in a small village 45km away from Imphal, Manipur named Nongpok Kakching. Her story is an inspiring one to the youth of present generation. Her tale is not about a headstrong talent, but it is of a girl who discovered the apt opportunity to pursue her passion. At the age of 12, she could easily lift huge bundle of firewood to home. Her strength was recognized by her family members. At the age of 13, she was noticed by Anitha Chanu, a former international weightlifter and a coach who then introduced her to the sports. She pursued her studies along with training in sports.

After completion of her studeis, Mirabai worked for Indian Railways as Chief Ticket Inspector, before she became world-class weightlifter. Her first turning point was in 2014 when she won silver medal in Glasgow Commonwealth games. Though Chanu was qualified for Rio Olympics she could not finish the event. In a comeback, she won a gold medal in 2016 Senior Nationals with 186 Kg win. Mirabai Chanu has been



in her bestest form from 2017. In 2017 she won gold medal in women’s category in World Weightlifting Championship, Cali- fornia. In 2018 she won first gold medal for India in Commonwealth Games. In the 2019 Asian Weight lifting Championship, she took bronze medal. Time and again she has broken her own personal records. Mirabhai is a woman of her word; she has been awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award and Padma Shri award for her contribution to the sports field. Sports has also been one of those fields where there is gender disparity that is prominent. In a patriarchal, stereo typical and conventional society like India examples of such women is real motivation for both the parents and youth across the country. We need to mould our mentalities from the school level in order to make India proud in the coming years.



Try and find out all the names of present Prime Ministers and Presidents of some of the countries hidden in the following puzzle.



Drawing your attention

“Lohia Today” is a website which gives unique information on the present scenario of our country.

To learn about Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia (March 23, 1910 – October 12, 1967), his contributions to the Indian Independence Movement, Socialist Movement, his ideas and ideals, writings by him and about him, history and leaders of Indian Socialist movement, commentary on current issues. Learn about great thinkers like Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Tagore, and Erich Fromm etc., you can log in to www.lohiatoday.com

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Masterpiece



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If I could write a masterpiece
Oblivion will array herself in stygian mantilla
Augustus might get over her veracity to hear asperity
As ghosting a slot like him on Carte Blanche is an uncouth faux
pass of hers .

If I could write a masterpiece ,
I will festoon it with all my scintillating alphonsoes and pizza
toppings
My simpers on a deadpanned physiognomy
Happy existences beribboning the peevish little goddess in me.

If I could write a masterpiece ,
Sheath of swords will reincarnate as abode of pens
Pens for peace, pens for receptioning autumn leaves and blossoms
alike.

You see, My masterpiece is castel wreckage of an underwater city.
My masterpiece is haunted , witchy and serendipity.

Only if I could write a masterpiece.

- Jigeesha Bhargavi
High School student
Patna , Bihar

Yes I'm a girl
I'll be always with you
As a mother,wife, daughter
Because I am a girl

Yes I'm a girl
But not your slave

Yes I'm a girl
I'm somatically not
strong as you
But I'm not weak

Yes I'm girl
Don't neglect me
Because I'm a girl

I can spend days
as in dark night
But I can't live in
Your dark thoughts

Yes I'm a girl



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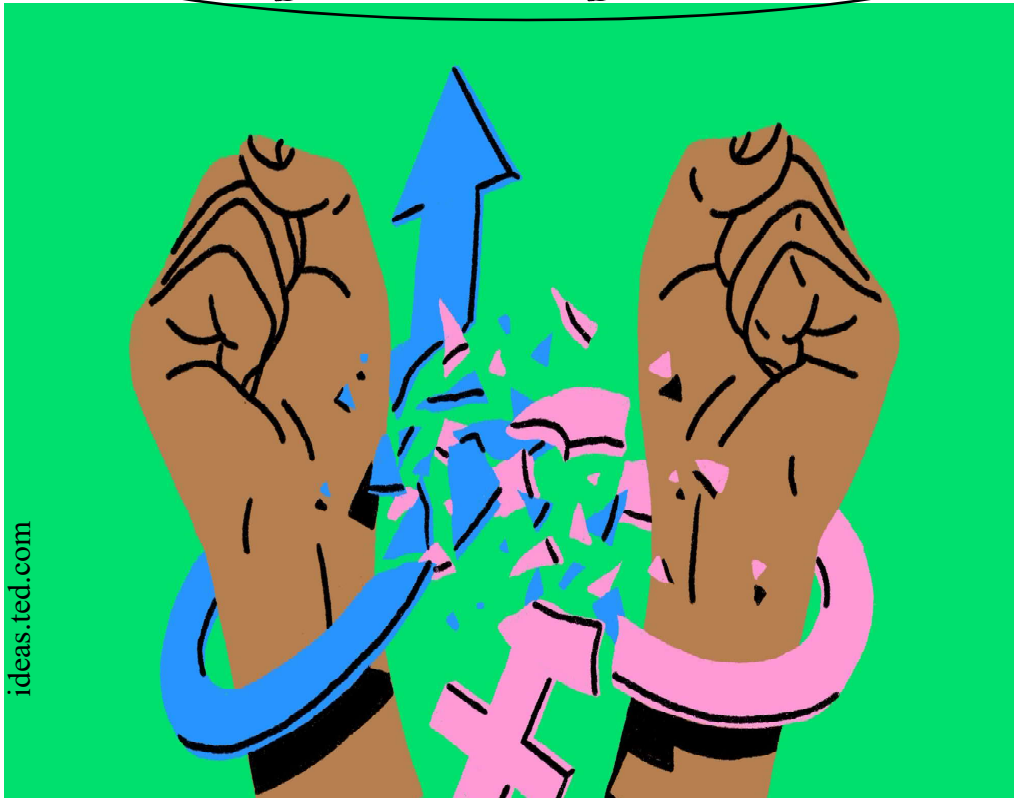
Yes I'm girl
Who lightens the lamp
Remember I will surely
enlighten your dark mind too

Yes I'm a girl
But don't forget
Because I'm a girl..

I'm not yours
I'm myself
Because I am a girl

C V Shivagni Raj
12th std
Hassan

I grew long hair



I thought of sharing something funny (or maybe not so funny) incident/s happening at home and outside.

I didn't cut my hair and so I kinda have long hair now. The main thing to be noted is that I am a cisgender male brought up in an orthodox Indian household. The ruckus it has created from past 2 months is huge. I get comments from people who think it's their right to comment about my life that is sexist, classist, castiest, homophobic and what not. And I find it really funny actually that they are not able to tolerate the fact that I have untrimmed hair.

Obviously we are created in such a way that our hair strands grow long and trimming it is one of the most integral part of living. These comments get even nastier and rude when I shave off my facial hair. And that sometimes or most of the times hurt. I know this may not be the hugest thing to be discussed but these small things adds on for larger social injustice. All these hate shows the conditioned patriarchy, toxic masculinity and misogyny in the society. Once I heard a feminist say patriarchy harms men equally but they hardly notice it and I for sure second him.

Just imagine a similar situation where I was born a cisgender female and I cutting the hair in the same household would have caused a bigger ruckus. Oh how funnily are we conditioned by gender notions?

-Hareesh Kumar

Guess who are these great souls. Send in your write-up of around 100 words .

We will publish your write-up in our next issue.

