

Philosophical Foundations of Indian Political Thought

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Abstract:

India is a country full of diversity. In the same India, many personalities like Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar have left an imprint of their works. The same thing is important with Indian values; in which the values and traditions that have been going on for years are still surviving in India. Those values include ethics, respect, cooperation, and hard work. Indian values also emphasize formal and non-formal education. Swami Vivekananda emphasized values throughout his life. Never compromise on values. Similarly, it is necessary to accept the values to make the future of India bright. It is our duty to continue the legacy of India created by great men. Compared to other countries in the world, humanity is awarded the most in India. Also, culture is given importance along with values. Even today, India's cultural glory rests on the same basis. Swami Vivekananda's cultural nationalism is its next step; and all Indians should accept it. There is no doubt that behind every success in India's future, the significance of Indian values will surely remain arguable. Only for that one is expected to adopt the approach of Swami Vivekananda.

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I) Introduction

India has a rich history of many centuries, thoughts, culture, cordial relations. The influence of many things from ancient times is still felt as strongly today. Even after centuries of ancient, medieval, and modern eras, the importance of values has remained in India. It can be easy to draw the lines of India's future based on the same values. The biggest contribution in this is that of all great men. His work inspires us even today and inspires us to work for India's bright future.

II) Objectives

- 1) To study the social status and contribution of Indian history.
- 2) To understand the ideological legacy of Indian great men.
- 3) To know the importance of values in education.
- 4) To explain the influence of Indian culture on values.
- 5) To highlight the nationalist views of Swami Vivekananda.

III) Methodology

- 1) Information about Indian values was obtained through a questionnaire.
- 2) According to the discussion, meaningful information was obtained from the experts through informal chats by asking sub-questions and it has been used in the places where the information was needed.
- 3) Information was collected through meetings with colleges, universities, research centres and historians.
- 4) Reference texts were used.

IV) Significance of Values in Education

Indian education system ranges from Gurukul system to contemporary education. Earlier in the Gurukul the emphasis was on the essentials of human life; through which education and values were imbibed. But with the passage of time, the educational system changed, new reforms were made; accordingly, two types of formal-informal education were created. Despite this, there is no doubt that the importance of values in education remains intact.

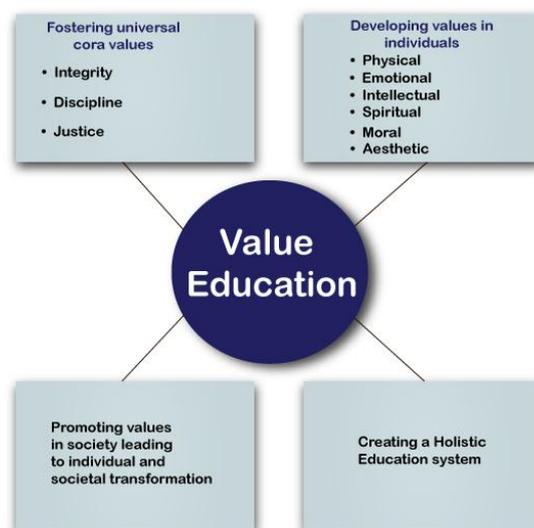


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V) Influence of Indian Culture on Values

Basically, Indian culture is complex in nature. We live in harmony between religions and their customs. Two important tenets of Indian culture are human values and holism. Human values refer to moral and spiritual values while holism refers to unity and oneness. Indian culture is very rich and diverse, and it teaches us to be tolerant towards others. Human values are inculcated through Vedic teachings to live a peaceful integrated life. Indian culture shows us evidence of development of values in life through training and experience. Ever relevant and immutable values are found in Indian culture in the form of scriptures.

VI) Nationalism and Swami Vivekananda

Swami Vivekananda can be called the father of modern Indian nationalism. He was a true nationalist. He considered the motherland as a deity. He appealed to the masses as well as the Indian youth to 'Arise, awake and stop not until the goal is reached'. He believed it is very important to create a sense of nationalism among the Indian people. Through his lectures and writings, Vivekananda gave the Indian people a sense of pride and cultural confidence.

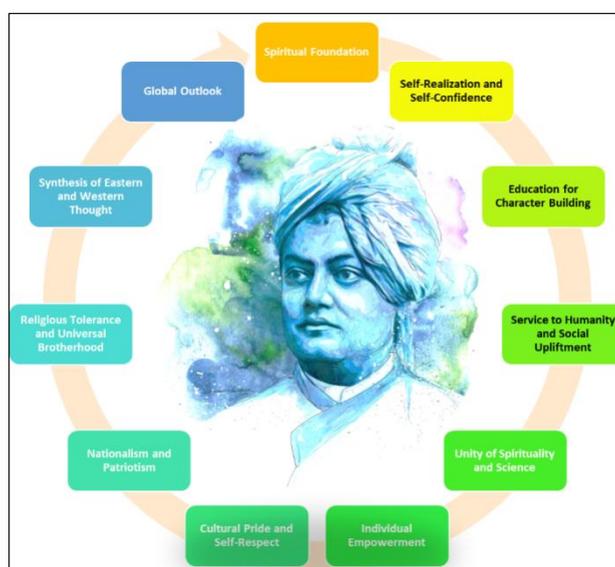


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VII) Cultural Splendour of India

India's cultural splendour is so rich that it is the envy of other countries of the world. Footprints of rich Indian heritage come to our eyes step by step. Swami Vivekananda's works and teachings are part of this cultural glory. Every Indian citizen should strive to preserve this cultural legacy.

VIII) Interdisciplinary Significance of Indian Values

It would be wrong to say that values are only a matter of philosophy. We can associate values with every discipline of social science that exists today. For example, Political Science, Economics, History, Sociology, Law, Public Administration, etc. Given the increasing scope of values, it can be studied and researched in depth.

IX) Limitations of Study

It was impossible to meet all the people in the community and obtain information from them through questionnaires. Therefore, information was obtained by visiting the houses of people living in the nearby area. Therefore, it is safe to say that the inferences generated by this study cannot be directly applied to the Indian values, which will be the biggest limitation of this study.

X) Conclusion

The importance of Indian values is incontestable. India's future is prosperous if we navigate based on values. Idealistic thoughts of great men will always be helpful for this. While living in contemporary life with many responsibilities it can be difficult to do some things, but one should never neglect values. Indian values can be a guide for living a better life and for the future of India, that is for sure!

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