

Idea of Indian Nationalism and Patriotism among Youth: An Outcome of Educational Institutions

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There was an inordinate bedlam in India regarding discourse of nationalism and patriotism. As a result, havoc among various communities and groups are created and instigated new discussion on ideas of nationalistic and patriotic ideologies. Important ideas that can be learned from life, teaching and experiences of Jayaprakash Narayan, who is popularly known as JP, are honesty, Patriotism, Courage etc. Being a student, during Gandhian era he played crucial role in creating ideas related to nationalism during the freedom struggle and patriotism after independence. He was follower of Mahatma Gandhi and following his ideologies he devoted his whole life for the nation. During British rule in India, he raised questions on function of English educational institution and gave up English education. He left Patna College, barely 20 days before his exam. To promote swadeshi he joined Bihar Vidyapeeth, a college founded by Dr. Rajendra Prasad. According to him, youth especially students and educational intuitions are the fundamental units of a nation. They provide knowledge and give shape to the nation building process. Therefore, education and educational institutions should introduce healthy patriotic feelings among youth and children. According to him, without being patriotic towards the county it is very difficult to protect democratic values and also it is impossible to create civil and healthy society. As a student he fought against colonial, and during fifties to seventies he also led the movement against corruption and authoritarianism that brought massive social change in India. According to Mr.Narayan worked for eradicating corruption, nepotism and other social evils from Indian society is the real feeling of Patriotism.