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**An Overview of 'Is Society creating responsible future citizens'**

It was Sadhu Vaswani, our beloved master who gave us this kind of education; he called it the Mira type of education. The Mira type of education is different from the education given in schools and colleges today. The modern education has failed miserably because it aims only in developing the brain power of the pupil that has led to technological progress but the problems faced by India and other nations will not be solved by developed brains alone, illumined and awakened hearts are needed and modern education makes no effort to awaken the heart of the pupil. A triple training is required – the training of the head, hand and heart. It is the heart that needs to be developed.

We want to drive out corruption from India – politics will not help you, politics will only make corruption go underground. How will corruption be rooted out from our country? So long there is greed in heart of the people, so long they will continue to have bribes. Our heart should be cleansed of greed, it is only then, we will be able to uproot corruption. And this is the work of education. As adults have already made their habits, you cannot change them. You must begin with child and this is the good work done in the school and I feel so happy in coming to this.

‘Satyam Vada, Krodham Ma Karu’ this means always speak the truth and never yield to anger. There can be no religion higher than truth. You can go to the temples, chant hymns, sing songs but if you don’t speak the truth you are as far from religion as the North Pole is from South Pole. Never be angry, control your anger. The third lesson you need to learn is sharing. Share the good things of life with those that are in need. If you have done these three things (Speaking truth, Controlling anger and Sharing), you will grow in qualities of character. Character is better than talent. The greatest need of our country is men and women of good character.

Our school is trying to produce such men and women. The great task that lies ahead of us is building a new India – an India of the truly strong, an India of the truly free”.

This school has a strong value driven culture and aims to have students actualize their unique talents and skills. Our mission is to inculcate ethical understanding and life skills in our students so that these become the building block for students throughout their lives.

Gaining knowledge and imbibing a sense of social responsibility go hand in hand. In our school our students learn to care for those who are less fortunate than they. The curriculum, with its judicious blend of academic, co- curricular activities, has been designed to augment, academic learning with social principles. The focus of the school is to fulfill the education goals of students, thus equipping them to cope in the competitive environment of today.

As a Principal I constantly keep in mind that there are students in my school from various strata of society, this makes me ensure that all the students are treated at par. This enables us to work with the child's strength, weaknesses and nurture them and help them grow into good human beings.

### "Is the Society Creating Responsible Future Citizens?"

Let me begin by asking a simple question. 'Is our modern system of education creating responsible citizens?' Unfortunately we don't have a positive answer to that. I personally believe that the system of modern education needs to incorporate certain moral values if it aims to develop holistic individuals who would be responsible future citizens. Schools need to include a variety of civic activities so as to catch them young and train our students from the grass root level. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Balajanaagraha which has been trying to inculcate civic awareness among the students of various schools. What started out as a project by the students of class VIII has today turned into a massive campaign which has included the whole hearted participation of the entire school, teachers, parents and the society at large. The students have showed how hardwork and determination in the direction can achieve great success. As a part of the project the students met the corporator of Sanpada Mr. Dashrath Bhagat and succeeded in getting him to relocate the slum dwellers to better living conditions and turning the area into an open parking space thus finding a solution to the problem of parking. Traffic sign boards were put along the road in the vicinity of the school to avoid traffic jam thus ensuring flow of traffic in one direction only. The problem of open gutters was sorted out by getting them closed and arrangements for segregation of wet and dry garbage into newly laid bins was made. With an aim to carry this campaign forward the school under the guidance of the Principal organized a 'Cleanliness Drive' urging on the community to join hands in the noble cause. The vicinity from Sadhu Vaswani International School to Moraj Residency was undertaken wherein the volunteer groups cleared the roads and voiced slogans as a part of the drive thus receiving mass support among the residents. In order to carry the good work forward the students will now seek to focus their attention on solid waste management activities thus making a valuable contribution to the society. The parents and the media too has a very important role to play. Learning begins at home and so, the whole- hearted co-operation by the parents play an important role in guiding and motivating the children to perform their civic duties to the fullest. A child learns to differentiate between right and wrong during his formative years of growing up and so his parents are his role models. Lessons learnt at home are the building blocks in a child's life and this increases the responsibility of the parents in shaping their children. The parents and the teachers together need to assist the child and guide him in the right direction.

What differentiates man from animals is that he understands and is capable of organizing himself. The government plays an equally responsible role in moulding a person and determining what he eventually turns into. Man is a social animal and so his actions and his thinking depend on what he sees around him. The government thus has to be very careful and vigilant about the various issues taking place in the society and the influence it can have on young minds. While framing various policies the government should take into consideration the changing times and the long term impact it can have on the future generations. Being sensitive to a younger population is the need of the hour and this will go a long way in eventually preparing young dynamic individuals who are capable of governing the country and taking it forward. Media today is an instrument of power which has far reaching effects and so can play a major role in creating awareness

among the students regarding the norms to be followed while living in a society and one's commitment towards it. History stands testimony to the rise and fall of great cities and how ignoring the events in one's own surroundings have brought about the decline of great civilizations. The time seems to have dawned upon us where the modern educator, parents, the government, media and the community at large needs to be more focused and united in their attempt to train young minds and bodies to make significant contributions towards the society and create responsible citizens out of our students. The goal looks distant but hardwork and co-operation from all will surely be a step in the right direction.

Every programme that Sadhu Vaswani has a social message is given the 26<sup>th</sup> Republic Day has had four floats made by different houses with four messages.

- 1) Save the girl Child
- 2) Donate Organs
- 3) Save our Environment
- 4) Information Technology

#### Save the Girl Child

We speak about Westernization and modernization and other such heavy words due to which it appears that the new generation has a very modern outlook towards life. But the question that arises here is that are we leading such a life. Society at large still does not give the dignity and respect that a woman so much deserves.

Today we see that women have excelled and reached great heights in all fields. They have proved themselves capable and strong as men. We have Sania Mirza who is a sports star, Sushmita Sen miss Universe 2004, who has adopted a girl child, Lata Mangeshkar the nightingale of India, Kiran Bedi IPS Officer, Kalpana Chawla the first Indian woman to go to Moon. These famous personalities have made us Indians proud.

Thus the people have to stop thinking that the girls are a burden. A girl can do anything in life that she wants and she has equal right and freedom as boys.

#### Organ Donation

1. Over 117,000 people are currently waiting for an organ transplant. Every 10 minutes, a new person is added to the organ transplant waiting list.

1. In 2011 there were 28,535 organ transplants performed.
2. 90% of Americans say they support organ donation.
3. 16 to 17 people die every day while waiting for transplants.
4. kidney is the most commonly needed organ for transplant.

How do I donate an organ?

Most organs are donated after death. If you are on the [NHS Organ Donor Register](#), it makes it easier for medical staff to find out your wishes and discuss them with your relatives.

### Save our Environment

God created man and gave him a beautiful dwelling place which we call the earth today. He created a beautiful blanket of air to protect his wonderful creation from the destructive forces of the sun. But man has been selfish in his usage of nature. It is time for mankind to start thinking how to maintain the ecological balance for the future generations to come. Today our children will present before you the three R system of reduce, reuse and recycle which helps in waste management and in turn reduces global warming.

When a child has fever the mother tries her best to cure the child. She goes to all measures to bring down her temperature. So let's all be mothers to this beautiful earth. Let's always see her smiling. Let's all try to bring down the rising fever that the earth is suffering and MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN. REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE PREVENTS GLOBAL WARMING. So let's all join in this campaign and HEAL THE WORLD.

### Information Technology

We live in an age of machine Information Technology has made a life easy and comfortable but it also has brought about distance with in our family and the community at large over use of technology has created various barriers with in the many generation in a family it is up to us to know how to use it let us use technology as a boon and not a bane let us use it to strengthen our bond with in our families and make the world better place to live in.