

Participative Democracy and Role of Youth

Interaction with Dr. C N Ashwath Narayan, MLA, Malleswaram
and Ms. Sujata Puranik of B-PAC and SMART VOTE



CII Yi and MPBIM jointly organized an interactive session on Participative Democracy and Role of Youth. A well known MLA of Bangalore Dr. C N Ashwath Narayan who represents Malleswaram constituency interacted with the students of MPBIM. Towards motivating the students to get people to vote Ms. Sujata Puranik and Sri Manas of Smartvote explained in detail the process and role of students in doing such socially beneficial activity.

Dr. Ashwath Narayan has a degree in medicine from Kasturba Gandhi University and is one of the young enthusiastic members of state legislature. He highlighted the dedication required for young people to get into social service, build adequate network and contest elections with a proper home work and preparation. He also explained the hurdles that the youth has to meet while undertaking this journey to cleanse the system of the ills and build good governance. He outlined the works that are required to be taken for maintenance of the city. It was interesting to note that the budget for the New York City alone is as high as the budget of India!!.



The youth of today have immense energy but they need to utilize it in a positive way. They should have a habit of seeing dreams but their goals should not be low and limited. But mostly Youth culture is poorly understood by the mass media, and, in many cases, the lack of connection can lead to disengagement in the educational sector. Effective youth participation in democracy means that young people are seen as stakeholders who make an important contribution to their countries' development and whose involvement must therefore be appropriately nurtured and cultivated.



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B.PAC (Bangalore Political Action Committee) is a citizen's collective that aims to build a better Bangalore and enhance the quality of life of every citizen. It has representation from diverse walks of life including several eminent personalities from the fields of politics, business, sports, the arts and entertainment. The objectives of BPAC are to promote and sustain good governance practices and policies for the economic competitiveness, social well-being and inclusive growth of the city besides promoting integrity and transparency in all arms of the government and to enhance the image of Bangalore. Ms. Sujata Puranik Rakhra of BPAC addressed the students and made students aware of the need for good governance in public life.



Sri Manas of Smartvote spoke of the need of the students to spearhead the movement to create awareness of the need of voting. It was heartening to note that the %age of educated upper middle class of the Bangalore is 40% which can swing the votes to elect good leaders who can bring in good governance.

Dr. N S Viswanath, Principal and Director MPBIM welcomed the gathering and honoured the Dr. C N Ashwath Narayan. Dr. Nagesh Malavalli honoured Ms. Sujata PuraniK.

Sri Siddharth Krishaswamy Co-Chair, CII-Yi Bangalore Chapter, spearheaded the programme

