



## Search for the Scientific and Modern Krishna...

### Abstract

*Research methodology and innovation go hand in hand. Almost no field is lagging behind when it comes to innovation. With the passage of time every department and every field has upgraded, but Sanskrit especially in India and Gujarat is still struggling to keep itself alive into the young students of 21<sup>st</sup> century. Enough of reading the 5000 thousand year old Arjuna of Mahabharata, now the time has come to re-create the Arjuna of 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Hence the aim of this research paper is to contribute to the solutions for the aforementioned tragedy, with a noble hope that somewhere it will make a difference to somebody. The sole intention of here is to ignite the visionary and concerned minds out there to take the needful steps to save the future generations from going away from the path of righteousness.*

### 1. Why to trust the Youngistaan:

“Youth can move mountains”. It is needless to speak about the power or abilities of the young blood. The world has been a witness of this since ages. It is because of the inventions and achievements of the young minds that this world has become a better place to live in, may it be Virat Kohli, or Sania Mirza. Youth has been one of the most effective factors in transforming this world in a better way. This Mashaal (torch) to the youth of 21<sup>st</sup> century has been passed on to by the youth from our past generations, for ex., Bhagat Singh, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Swami Vivekanand. All of them moved the entire nation on the path of righteousness during their young hood, simply because they came to know about their prowess and abilities, and have proved that there is nothing a youth cannot do. To go further in ancient time, Arjuna, Rama, Shankaracharya, Nachiketa etc were very young when they contributed their best which is still being taught and has a reverent place throughout the world.

Coming back to 21<sup>st</sup> century, daily, the newspapers provide a plethora of modern, usefull, techniques, discoveries and inventions by IITians, NIDians or new theories by literature and language students. This youth quake is just 20% of the total youth strength. The rest of the 80% is yet to come.

### 2. A challenge for all the educators out there:

The current scenario is a very big question that the youth is asking to the mentors of the nation, this question is:

**“Why do we still have to study Arjuna or Nachiketa who happened to be 5000 years back? Why the modern time’s Arjuna or Nachiketa are not encouraged or disclosed?”**

Giving successful solution to this question will be the greatest gift by the educators and mentors to the generations to come and to the entire world, which will form or rather discover the modern Arjuna and Nachiketa. Youth is an aspect from which the education level of any nation can be judged. The word education has its origin from the Latin word called “Educo” which means “to draw out/ to take out”. The education given to Arjuna and Nachiketa drew out the inner qualities and values in them. Now the question arises what kind of education was given to them, history takes us back to the Gurukul system. Arjuna, Nachiketa etc had learnt Vedas and Upanishad and all other lore, not only learnt but practically applied these values and skills because of which they became what they were and thus they became immortal for the rest of the ages.

If the present day education can join hands with our ancestral education (Vedas and Upanishads etc, then it can create world leaders like Swami Vivekanand and Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, who acquired modern day teachings also and Sanskrit studies also.

### 3. Time to re-create a new Arjuna:

21<sup>st</sup> Century's education is more towards information of knowledge whereas our ancestral education was more towards developing and knowing internal capabilities. In order to meet the demand of time the current outward education plays a vital role but that builds the half personality of a student. (A comparative study can be done evaluating the ancient students and modern day students and their capabilities and works). In order to fulfil the void in the personality the missing principles and knowledge from our ancestral education should be added, after knowing which, nothing remains unknown or hidden.

It has been a challenge for the educators of India and especially Gujarat, to attract the young blood to study what Swami Vivekanand or Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi or what Siddhartha studied willingly. A very humble effort has been done here to contribute to the solutions for the aforementioned tragedy, with a noble hope that somewhere it will make a difference to somebody. The sole intention of this paper is to ignite the visionary and concerned minds out there to take the needful steps to save the future generations from going away from the path of righteousness.

### 4. The role of Modern Krishna:

Counselling Arjuna and making him mentally ready for the battle and to walk on the path of righ

teousness is nothing new. The same tradition has been maintained till date. The only difference is the content. What Yogeshwar taught to Arjuna and what a modern student is being taught has the oceans of difference. Hence below are mentioned some of the suggestions which is expected out of a modern Yogeshwar in order to re-create modern Arjuna.

- Welcoming with open mind by understanding the significance of other languages like English; which plays a vital role in spreading the Sanskrit knowledge and its correspondence.

English should be treated equally with due respect for certain reasons: **1.** If we have to reach to young students and want them to accept the treasure of Sanskrit, we will have to teach in the language they understand. Today's youth has the scientific approach in everything and he understands the language of science and logistics, hence the modern Krishna will have to scientific and logical. (This does not mean sacrificing or forgoing our culture or beliefs)

Krishna explained Bhagwad Gita to Arjuna in Sanskrit because this was the language Arjuna was familiar with! We cannot overlook this fact. Hence today's Krishna will have to preach in the language which today's Arjuna understands. **2.** English is a worldwide accepted language; English plays a vital role in spreading the knowledge of Sanskrit across the globe. Beside, respecting language as a language will never belittle the significance of Sanskrit or will never degrade the greatness of the Sanskrit scholars, so time has come to overcome this hoax and myth.

- The orientation sessions should be carried out in each department of colleges and universities, explaining the SCOPES, different avenues and importance of studying Sanskrit as a language and subject. This will result into the participation of other departments which will result into increase in number of hands working for Sanskrit.
- It falls into the duties of the mentors to provide a path, channel and connection of Indian students with the other students across the globe.
- The Sanskrit students should be encouraged to work more on inter disciplinary researches by shaking hands with the other departments like Science etc...by assuring them a good career in the field of research
- Sanskrit texts should be a compulsory thing in all the schools, colleges and universities, where students should be also be explained and encouraged to carve out new avenues and possibilities in Sanskrit.

- Liberal studies should be encouraged allowing student to study his favourite subject along with its original roots in Sanskrit (For Ex., Study of Medical with Ayurveda)
- Last but not the least, more and more young students should be allowed to lead and take decisions, instead of compelling them to focus on marks or demoralizing them, their zeal should be given a shape and the burning flame inside them should be fuelled in such a direction so that it takes the shape of a fire!

### **Conclusion:**

In order to create a modern Arjuna, one has to become a modern Krishna; time has come where Sanskrit should be given a modern touch. Time has come for all the experienced mentors to pass the Mashaal into the young hands and given them a free hand, by encouraging and trusting the open and broad minds of Youngistaan. There millions of Arjunas out there waiting for their Krishna... Most of the times, things are not as complex as we think they are. All that is required is just to initiate.

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