Degradation of Moral and Ethical Values in Revolution 2020

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Abstract

The main objective of this paper is to highlight causes for the debasement of moral and ethical values in modern India. I have been inspired by the thoughts of Chetan Bhagat which he used to depict the contemporary society of India. In the modern India human behaviour changed into lust, greed, hypocrisy and hatred. Chetan Bhagat is a famous Indian writer who penned novels that hit the market with great success. He is considering a youth icon of Indian rather than a writer. He says that novels are entertainment tools through which he expresses his views and opinion about society and the youth. I feel that our youth are indulged in bad activities such as smoking, drinking, corruption and sexual desire. Moral and ethical are becoming sleeping words in dictionary. Words like love, affection and kindness changed into lust, greed and hypocrisy. A man indulged into a corruption, rapes and murders. Corruption is a sumptuous threat to our country. This paper will also give an effort to show the optimistic solutions that threatens the indomitable will of youth to succeed.

Introduction

language novelist in Indian’s history.” As responsible social person, he also writes about the various issues of the society. He has written about education system, corruption, unemployment and Politics of the nation. He is known for the depiction of reality in the contemporary India. He has phenomena that touch the heart of every reader. The main concentration of his writing is to raise the issues of youth such as dreams and aspiration; victories and defeat. The Revolution 2020 is the famous novel by Chetan Bhagat. This is a story of three childhood friends Raghav, Gopal and Aarti. One wanted to use his intelligence to make money. One wanted to use his intelligence to start revolution. They struggled to find success, love and happiness. This novel speaks about the corruption in the social, political and education sectors. It throws light on the corrupted leaders of Indian politicians.

While writing this paper one question stroked in my mind. Why Indian’s writer sit in foreign and write about India in western themes. The answer of this question is very simple and authentic. Indian writers follow English as their medium of expression and it is an abominable for Indian writers to use other language. They should follow their regional or native language to explore their motive. Their motives should be to enlighten the native people but they want the popularity and earn money. But western people are enthusiastic to know about Indian culture, religion, and myths.

Chetan contribution to the society is immense. He depicts the social evils, unemployment and problems of youth. To analyse social issues and problems of youth I have taken the novel Revolution 2020. This novel is based on depiction of Indian society in twenty first century. The theme of novel is love, corruption, education system and unemployment. The education system of India based on privationzation. Every parent wants to give better education to their children full of moral and ethical values. But in modern era is the time of technical education. Every student wants to become an engineer. This is happened due to the advancement of science and technology. But this is impossible for poor students to get the technical education. Their parents cannot afford huge money to get admission in private colleges. Gopal belongs to poor family and he could not get good environment of education. He could not qualify the entrance of AIEEE (All Indian Engineering Entrance Examination). Raghav’s father was an engineer and he has the same ambition. Aarti was the daughter of IAS (Indian Administration Service) officer and tuition centre
never charged fee from her. Gopal has not the money to get admission in private college. He takes loan from bank and joined the coaching classes at Kota.

(I figured out what made Kota different. Everyone was clued into the entrance exam.) (P 49, line 17)

*Have these colleges made for rich students?* To an extent yes, these colleges are built for the children of politician and bureaucrats. These colleges are illegally run by corrupt people. The Corrupt people made education system as a source of income. The waves of corruption have wrapped the Indian education system. To support my arguments I have taken the another work of Chetan's *What Young Indian Wants*. In which he talks about education at villages are very low quality, from classrooms to the quality. The curriculum in our schools is obsolete. Our government should change the curriculum according to change of industry and service sector. One big reason poor people send their children to school so that they can learn skills to make money. We read in newspaper that many students commit suicides. Students commit suicide because they think that they have no future. In modern education system students read for marks not for knowledge. Due to burden of syllabus some students cannot get good marks. Our government should change the syllabus according to the demand of society.

*In the modern age of science and technology, should we forget our history and literature?* We must have knowledge about our past which depicts the values of our customs, rituals and traditions. We should preserve the legacy of our forefathers. We have also continuous our old tradition and culture which we got in inheritance form our ancestors. Literature gives existence to our languages and reflects the condition our society. With equal importance of technology we should also give importance our history and literature.

*Corruption is main hindrance of development, should the youth of India eradicate it?* Corruption is deep rooted in Indian society. Chetan depicts the corruption in Indian society. In the novel Gopal made a deal with an MLA (Member of Legislative Assembly) Shukla to start an engineering college on his father disputed land. Gopal gives bribe of five lacs to municipal committee for the investigation and approval of IT (Information Technology) college building.
“Politicians, business and educationist – power, money and respect - perfect combination.” (P, 256)

Raghav started his works as a new reporter especially of Dainik newspaper and published an article on Ganga Technical College which was built by an MLA Shukla and Gopal. Shukla did the scam of 20 crores like a Ganga action and it gave bad reputation to Gopal’s College. Raghav published an article about Ganga treatment scam and provided that an MLA Shukla ji was a corrupt man of Political family. Gopal was only twelfth passed director of corrupt college. He did not know the value of education but he did to full his dream of rich man. They open the college not for the welfare of society but to earn money.

Raghav leaves his engineer job and works as journalist. He exposes the scams of corruption including the Ganga scams, illegal trade of cylinders and cements in Varanasi. His mission is to eradicate the corruption from Varanasi till 2020. In his any other work what young India Wants in which he says that we are responsible for corruption because we choose the corrupt leaders. We send them in parliament to make laws in our favours but they do not do. In democratic country like India, there people spend their whole life in slums and footpath. But our corrupt leaders live lavish life and parked money in foreign banks. We see the political leaders as king and their little princes are automatically next in lines.

Without moral and ethical values, can our society do progress? No doubt that science and technology play an important role in our life but abreast that we should not forget our social values. Our society is based on the pillars of moral and ethical values. Due to advancement of science and technology human being is becoming an emotionless. In the novel Chetan portrays youth of India and introduce the character of Gopal to fulfil his motive.

“Maybe she will tell me on chat today how things aren’t working out with Raghav or how she connects with me so much better than with her boyfriend.” (P87, line3)

Gopal and Aarti was the childhood friends and they loved each other. Raghav qualified the AIEEE and joined BHU (Banaras Hindu University). He becomes the computer engineer. Gopal went to Kota to join coaching classes. Aarti changed her mind and rejected Gopal. She makes her relationship with Raghav. After five years Gopal becomes the director of Ganga Tech College and Aarti again approached him. They make sexual relation without convey to
Raghav. At the end Gopal scarifies his love and Aarti gets marry with Raghav. These lines of Gopal reminds the lines of Hamlet, where Hamlet explains his love for Ophelia beyond any match. “I loved Ophelia, for sixty thousand brothers could not with all their quantity of love, make up my sum.”(Hamlet, William Shakespeare, Act V scene I). Chetan introduced him as a jolly character. He wants to live in a relation with girl. He started drinking and smoking in the company of friends. Our young generation indulges in drinking, smoking and sex. It is not good for our nation because the future of our nation depend on them.

“Girls can come up with the simplest of message that have the most complex meaning.” (P 208)

When Gopal found that Raghav and Aarti had become a couple in his absence, he started spending his money on alcohol and smoking. It is a black mark on our youth. To support my arguments I want to illustrate the points of a famous novel The village by sea. In this novel Anita Deasi portrays the family struggle of Hari and Lila. They had alcoholic father and sick mother. Hari left his home and works in Mumbai for the survival of his family. Lila left alone in home to take care of her sick mother. Hari also learned the watch repair skills and his plans to start a small repair shop in the village. But on the other side Aarti was the daughter of an IAS officer and she wanted to fly. She lived in a relationship with Gopal and Raghav. She has drunk with Gopal in the hotel. She had sexual relation with Gopal. Hari left his home for the survival of his family but Gopal left home for lavish life. He spent his money on smoking and drinking. This is my pathetic experiences throughout the novel that our young generation are forgetting moral and ethical values. If we do not know the values of moral and ethical then we are not a responsible and respectful person in society.

Conclusion: In the nutshell I want to convey that we should not forget the values of our tradition and culture. No doubt we are living in the era of technology but beside that we should preserve our culture and heritance. Desire is the root cause of evils and it makes us emotionless. We must go in deep to understand the meaning of moral values. But in the modern era these values are degenerating. Everyone is selfish and think for own sake. Indian youth are without any discipline and even the don not respect to their elders. When we talk about social Values, we normally think personal values such as family, religion and respect for elders. The western values are extremely harmful for our society. We must not look at west and follow them. Indian are known for their honesty, loving and culture. But west neglects all these values. Moral
principles held the world together. So, there is a need of set of moral principles and values to be imparted in the children to make them a better and a responsible citizen.
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