## **NATION FIRST**

## OUR NATION HAS BEEN REARED FOR IMMORTALITY-IF THE WORK OF MAN MAY JUSTLY ASPIRE TO SUCH A TITLE. IT MAY, NEVERTHELESS, PERISH IN AN HOUR BY THE FOLLY, OR CORRUPTION, OR NEGLIGENCE, OR INSTABILITY, OR BREAKDOWN, OR INCOMPETANCE, OR CHAOS OF ITS ONLY KEEPERS : THE PEOPLE

Nation is today under criticism.

Many citizens believe that the society should return to the basic and fundamentals.

I.N.D.I.A. TRUST believes that many practices are anachronistic and dehumanising and we are attempting to show how these conditions by new ways of leadership that can be initialised.

We have addressed these issues to thousands of people and have offered startling recommendations for reconceptualising, restructuring and revitalising the concept of leadership.

We do not believe that there is an easy solution to any of our national problems, or do we believe, that the problems are in the incurable consequence of life in the modern era.

If one takes a cross national perspective one discovers that certain societies are adapting more successfully to the requirement to information age than the others.

Moreover, the societies that appear to be adapting most successfully, are those that have historically placed a very high value on learning, and regard it as the life long process.

What I.N.D.I.A. TRUST is doing in the present project is to develop a profile of what a society must be like, if it is to thrive in modern era.

Our programme will examine the way in which the developments are fostered when the transition to modern era is being negotiated most successfully.

I.N.D.I.A. TRUST will examine barriers of development that exist in our own society with special emphasis on factors leading to emotional, behavioural or academic problems to our youth but with additional emphasis on barriers to continuous development.

I.N.D.I.A. TRUST will consider the problem or revitalising and/or modifying our own society in a fashion that will more successfully meet the needs of the society across the life span in human and humane fashion.

I.N.D.I.A. TRUST is requesting you to include your thought process in this consideration as an explicit recognition that such adaptations may require rethinking the nature of collective commitment between you and us and the society we comprise.

To this let us join hands together to identify those children and youth who shall be the torchbearers of the nation.

We are living in a time of the most far reaching and rapid change in nation's history.

Most of us will log five to fifty times, the experience of our forefathers of two hundred years ago.

Many of them received at birth, the pattern for their lives, growing up to be a farmer, weaver, soldier or worker.

Rich or poor, peasants or aristocrats, your life followed the same formula your parents had for ages past.

There were advantages, of course. They knew who they were, what to feed their children. The comfort of sameness and a lack of option.

Our everyday lives reflected the quantum leap in the complexity and pace of contemporary experience. We are caught uncertain, unprepared and unprotected in the phase of too much happening too soon.

Many of us succumb to lives of social monotony resulting in progressive dimming of our passion in life.

It is as if a nationwide nervous system is in the working. Each of us is a brain cell in that system, with powers that once belonged to kings.

How do we train ourselves to live in an interconnected society and ever changing nation, a nation in which unexpected is expected and breakdown and reconstruction of everything we ever knew is daily fare? We are attending a vast wake for a way of being that has been ours for thousands of years.

But we are also the ones who will carry on. We have an unparalleled opportunity to cultivate the human capacities that we need to deal with the opening times that follow upon closing times. The good news is that our bodies and minds are coded with an extraordinary array of possibilities and potentials. The bad news is that we learn to use very few of them.

It is as if we are a musical instrument with a million keys, but we exploit only some twenty of them. The stupendous music of our minds goes largely unplayed and unknown. It is as if we are living in the middle of a vast garden filled with wonderful fruits and vegetables, starving because we eat only the bugs we find on the ground.

Existing on so narrow a band has brought frustration and misery, the shadow of hate and the threat of apocalypse. Our current ecological catastrophe has been engendered by the gross overuse of the outward world and the terrible under use of the inner world.

Human beings are not constituted to be content with living as thwarted, inhibited versions of themselves. Throughout history and all over the world, people have felt a yearning to be more, a longing to push the membrane of the possible. They have entered monasteries and mystery schools, pursuing secular as well as esoteric studies. They have practiced yoga, martial arts, sports, dance and art. They have left home and family to adventure beyond the ordinary, embarking on visionary and spiritual quests.

These pursuits come with the territory of being human. It is as if there are catalytic agents cooking in our genes that regularly sputter and pop with evolutionary juices. "It is time to wake up now," they seem to say.

Today you can start and make the most of the rest of your life. Each day brings new thoughts and feelings or interesting variations on old ones. No longer is 90 percent of what you think and feel, the same as what you thought and felt yesterday or will think and feel tomorrow.

Many of the so-called larger- than-life people differ from the rest of us chiefly in this respect: It is not that they are actually larger in mind and soul or more brilliant. Rather, they are profoundly present to the stuff of their lives, to what is happening within themselves as well as around them.

They use and enjoy their senses more, they inhabit with keen awareness of their bodies as well as their minds, they explore the world of imagery and imagination, they rehearse memories, engage in projects that reinvent the nation, serious about life but laugh at themselves and seek to empower others as they would be empowered. Quite simply, they are cooking on more burners. And when at last they lie dying, they can say, "Life has been an eminently satisfactory experience."

Our programme is to show people how to wake up, how to inhabit parts of themselves that have been left vacant and unexplored.

THE PRESENT PROGRAMME CALLS TO HAVE AN EDUCATION OF LIFE BUILDING, MAN MAKING, CHARACTER BUILDING, ASSIMILATION OF IDEAS. WE ARE NOT GOING TO PENETRATE INTO THE MYSTERIES AND EXPLORE THE SECRETS OF UNIVERSE. WE ARE NOT GOING DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN AND BRING BACK TO YOU THE TREASURE. WE ARE JUST GOING TO MANIFEST THE PERFECTION, WHICH IS ALREADY IN THE PEOPLE.