



## CONFERENCE

### **“The Future of India ~ Through the Eyes of an NRI”**

***“Today we are still living in this transitional chapter of world’s history, but it is already becoming clear that the chapter which had a Western beginning will have an Indian ending, if it is not to end in self destruction of the human race. At this supremely dangerous moment in human history, the only way of salvation for mankind is the Indian way” ~ Arnold Toynbee, British economic historian (1852-1883)***

#### **Overview**

A conference Chaired by His Holiness Swami Ramdevji for 500 ‘invite only guests’. The conference will look at how India should progress after the 2014 Elections and will be centred on six themes: Education, Women Empowerment, Healthcare, Youth Development, Corruption Free India and the Effective use of Social Media. Key Note speakers will include: Social activists, Academics, Entrepreneurs, Professors and Individuals of significant profile, influence and high respect.

#### **Background**

India is a country with great poverty. There are millions of people forced to survive on less than 25 rupees a day. India can never be considered a developed country unless and until the poverty, hunger and pain of the poor is overturned. To do this, India needs to focus on the *aam aadmi* (the Common Man); on the prosperity of the general public; and on the living conditions that ordinary residents have to face.

It is not only the Government's role to bring progress to India, but also that of its people. Education and Job Creation are key. Collective efforts to educate poor children, empower women and develop rural economies can make a huge difference.



#### **1. Women Empowerment:**

Women have a distinct role to play in the development of modern India.

However, women of India are relatively disempowered and are yet to attain equal societal status as that of men.

A gender gap exists with access to education, employment and political participation, as key examples. Household decision making power and freedom of movement of women vary considerably by age, education and employment status. Rural women are more prone to domestic violence than that of urban women.

## 2. Youth Development:

The youth constitutes the major population of India and they are the most dynamic section of the society. They are the future.....they are the hope.

Young People need to be developed and inspired with a shared mission – ‘a mission to help change India for the better’. As India witnesses a radical change in people's mind sets towards Governance and Polity, and increasing disenchantment due to continuous welfare issues, there is a rising need to address the grass root challenges of development.



## 3. Healthcare:

India finds itself far behind other nations on healthcare provision for its people.

The situation is further complicated by inequality in healthcare access across states for its 1.2 billion population. Studies show that access to healthcare facilities in rural areas lags significantly behind metro cities in terms of infrastructure; and that about half of India's rural areas either cannot afford, or have no access to, adequate healthcare.



## 4. Education:

Education is among the major concerns for India. A lot needs to be done in this sector to enable strong progressive growth of our nation. Free education for all will further lead to a work-force better trained and more able to help India rise out of poverty. Education will empower India's new generation of entrepreneurs, professionals and change-makers, and drive India forward.





### 5. The effective use of social media:

Social media has helped give power back to the people. Indian social networking sites have emerged as a powerful and effective means for people not only connecting their worlds, but expanded their horizons. The *jagruti* ("awakening") generated through social media is helping mould India's Next Generation. Developed countries have made it already a basic fundamental right, but India is some way away from embracing this change in the same way.

### 6. Corruption-free India:

There is an urgent need for India to eradicate corruption and to bring back hundreds of millions swindled through corrupt practices, and declare it national property, and to invest it in national reconstruction and development.

Swami Ramdevji has been working hard to create awareness among Indians regarding black money and corruption and collectively implement the solutions and to bring about a complete change, in national interest, in all the wrong policies and corrupt systems prevalent at present which is the root cause of corruption. This will ultimately build a healthy, prosperous and powerful India - free from poverty, unemployment, hunger and illiteracy, and to propel India to be a great world power.



Instead, today's political system in India is geared towards self-preservation and personal benefits.

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