

“Children can play a major role in eradicating superstitions and blind faith from the society”

SUPERSTITION is the outcome of ignorance and lack of education. In this era of scientific reasoning, logic and progress, superstitions cloud the minds of human beings. Ironically, the more progressive and scientific Indian society was during ancient times the more ignorant and superstitious we have become in today's world. Children who are citizens of tomorrow are more educated and don't believe in such absurd superstitions. Most students don't even have faith in god or religion. Today's children are eager to find scientific and logical answers.

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SINCE most elders of our society are showing a lackadaisical attitude towards eradicating superstitions and blind faith, the onus is on the children who can considerably change the scenario. Children should learn to refute, vociferously, any kind of statement reflecting blind faith right from their very childhood. When they grow up, they can employ social media to take this serious cause to the next level. Schools can also encourage children to form small groups and hit the streets for a superstition-free society. If every school does this, our society is bound to witness a radical improvement.

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CHILDREN are the future of any society. Their perception of science as well as superstitions

determines whether the roots of our future generations will be eaten by insects of superstition. Children can convince others to shun blind faiths by rallies, demonstrations, campaigns and educating about the vagueness of superstitions through reasoning.

But we must also remember that a child's psychology develops largely from elder's viewpoints. So a joint effort from both present and future generations is sure to eradicate the menace of superstition.

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SUPERSTITION and blind faith are two of the weakest mental qualities of any human being. Educated children can play a big role in eradicating these by discouraging superstitions and blind faith and strongly spreading the message to the society.

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CHILDREN'S minds are like wet clay, soft and impressionable. If they are taught from a young age about the evils of superstition and the dangers of blind faith, it will become deeply imbedded in their minds. This, coupled with a



logical mind will no doubt be the barriers of the continued existence of superstition. As children have innocent minds, they do not care much about the long-standing rules of society and they will not think twice about not following them. Thus, eradicating superstitions from children's minds is the first step to eradicating superstition from the society.

Tamoha Sengupta

It has been rightly said, "Child is the father of man". Children have a lot of hidden potential within them. A child with scientific temper asks questions. This prevents a child from believing in baseless superstitions. In Indian society, superstitions and blind faith are a hindrance to the country's development. Therefore, more and more children should come forward to eradicate superstitions. Being mentally blind is more dangerous than physical blindness.

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TODAY'S children are going to be tomorrow's leaders. If we properly educate our children, we can in return build a society where superstitions and blind

faith cease to exist. We should aim to build a society where people apply their reason and logic and not just follow old superstitions.

Sneha Sinha, Patna



SUPERSTITION means unreasoning fear of the unknown or the mysterious. Parents have a great role in building up a superstition-free mind of their child. We can organise plays, write articles, reports etc against superstition, it should be a drastic step to build a society free from superstitions.

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CHILDREN can play an important role in improving the society and saving it from blind faith. For example, they should not stop when a cat crosses their way or when someone sneezes

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CHILDREN are curious and keep questioning. So there is a natural tendency in them of not believing in blind faith. In this way they can influence their parents and other members of the society as well and thus eradicate superstitions.

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FROM illiteracy, arise superstitions and blind faith. Elders are superstitious but children think it is dumb. For example, if an accident takes place on our way it is because of our lack of attention, not because of a cat crossing the road. Similarly, sneezing is a natural phenomenon that we observe in all animals and human beings. It occurs when any foreign particle enters our nasal cavity.

Indrani Biswas, Kolkata

SUPERSTITION is a baseless fear and blind faith on account of some mysterious subjects. It is a very common phenomenon



in our society and has existed through the ages. Formal education plays little role to prevent it. In the developed countries like Europe

and USA, the number 13 is considered as unlucky. In a developing country like ours, hooting of the owl in daytime or moaning of cat and dog at night are believed to be ominous. Most of us never analyse the reasons behind these.

Children have a big role to play in eradicating this problem because they are unbiased and want to understand everything scientifically.

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CHILDREN learn from their elders and surroundings. If they do not get proper education and upbringing, they will follow the footsteps of their elders. Government, NGOs and various developmental organisations should encourage children to study science and foster in them a sense of curiosity to ask and raise questions against blind faiths.

Sreyasree Mandal
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CHILDREN can play a pivotal role in eradicating superstitions from our society. Children are like soft clay and we can mould them according to our wish. If the children are given proper education and taught to apply scientific reasoning, then the day will come soon when the ill-famed superstitions of Indian society will become extinct. Teachers and other elders must be cautious and not indulge in superstitious activities

in front of children as it will create a negative impact in young, highly receptive minds. Properly educated children can even exercise their influence over the superstitious elders and help them find the path of reasoning.

Rahul Bhowmick
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SUPERSTITIONS and blind faith are major barriers in societal progress. Awareness and knowledge are weapons through which these beliefs can be broken down. Children should make their parents and the society understand about the futility of superstitions by providing them with logical reasons.

Titli Saha
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SUPERSTITIONS are baseless, irrational and illogical. We pursue these superstitions through our entire life without seeking the truth behind it. These blind faiths are passed on to our children. As children are innocent, they just follow their parents and family member's attitudes. Educated people who have the ability to eradicate superstitions from society.

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CHILDREN do what their parents tell them. If they are told that if a cat crosses the road it is bad, children accept it. But as the child grows up, meets new people, learns



the rights and wrongs, he/she is sometimes ready to believe science more than what their parents told. Since children are the voice of the future, they can play a big role in eradicating superstitions from the society.

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TH+R+ are millions of people who are superstitious. Some of the common beliefs are detrimental to one's life. Like believing that something bad will happen when a cat crosses one's path.

Another such blind faith is that only a boy child can bear the load on their shoulders. Children of today's generation can play a major role in removing these unwanted beliefs. It is because children have the curiosity of experimenting, exploring and finding reasons for such false beliefs. Given the right education, children can act as a beacon of light which will remove the darkness of blind faith.

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SUPERSTITIONS grip people in every society in the world. They don't follow any law or logic. Children always search for logic. But if their soft minds are exposed to superstitions, they retain them throughout life. That's why adults are not able to throw off superstitions and blind faith that they have adopted in the early stage. Hence, only children can play a big role in eradicating superstitions.

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SCIENCE helps develop logical and rational thinking in an individual. Today's child is the

future generation. So, a child fortified with the resources of science can easily root out superstitions and blind faith from the society.

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CHILDREN are indeed capable of ushering in a new era free from superstitions and dogmas. The mind of a child is like a clean slate and ideas formed during the early formative years cling tenaciously throughout the life-time. But, for this it is necessary to provide effective guidance to the child to combat regressive tendencies that plague our society.

Dr Shiv Kumar
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SUPERSTITION is irrational belief arising from ignorance, coming down from generations. It renders a man a fool, and the wise to follow the fools.

The unripe minds of children are severely affected by this blind faith. Only children can uproot it, if they are given proper education. Education is the only way that helps us to distinguish between reality and blind faith.

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TODAY'S generation is more science centered, curiosity and logical reasoning are the seeds for their growth rather than narrow minded thoughts and beliefs of society. Children, nowadays are more confident and courageous enough to follow their dreams and they are the shining stars and this can remove darkness and evils from our society.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

IN India blind faith practices are deeply rooted in people's mind since centuries. Even though I am a child, I have crossed the road crossed by the cat, nothing happened. Children have knowledge; they have science to help them understand things with a well-established and observed logic. Elderly people lack such behaviour. Science is a great antidote to the poison of superstitions.

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EDUCATION is the remedy for all superstitions and evils. A child who has imbibed



scientific knowledge will be able to think rationally and act pragmatically. Such children will raise serious questions and their words will sow the seeds of

change in society.
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YEARS back people were illiterate, with mental horizons limited. But today's era is of science and technology which does not believe in conservative ideology. The future of tomorrow are sent to schools to gain quality education, they believe in facts and disperse the concepts in the family. So, the development, progress and growth of society rests with children only if they don't believe in superstitions.

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SUPERSTITIONS and blind faith are big hurdles in our society even in this modern scientific age and in eradication of these

evils children can play an efficient role. It is necessary to create a scientific temper to experience and analyze things and our surroundings based on reasoning and logic. Children of today are to become citizens of tomorrow, especially a girl child can play a pivotal role in eradicating these social evils. But this will be possible only with good education.

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MANY things like health, economic growth, life of animals, and environmental conditions suffer a lot due to superstitions and blind faith of the people in the society. Since children are the future of the society, educating them will help to eradicate superstitions and blind faith from the society. But, we elders must take the responsibility to educate the children.

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STUDENTS can play a very important role in removing illiteracy, a major cause for the continuous rise of blind faith and superstitions among the society by devoting the hours of their leisure time to teaching illiterates in nearby localities. Children of this modern scientific society can show them how the scientific world works.

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SUPERSTITIONS have created havoc in the society. Even educated people believe in superstitions. Today's children are well educated so they can play a major role in eradicating superstition and blind faith from the society if the education provided to them is qualitative.

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CHILDREN are the future of our society. Our parents belong to 20th century and they still believe in superstitions and blind faith. They try to implement all these practices on their own children and the children simply believe them without any further questioning. 21st century is the century of rationality. But, children of modern generation are not rational in thinking and still today they cling to superstitions and blind faith. Children of the modern generation have to become rational in thinking and have the guts to question such beliefs.

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TH* main reason behind belief in superstitions and blind faith is lack of education and awareness. Children can play a big role in eradicating superstition and blind faith from the society because they are the coming generation. If a child wishes for something then his parents can do anything to fulfil their wishes. Then why cannot they fulfil their wish by not believing in

superstitions. Children can make their parents think that there is nothing true in these false pursuits and enjoy the great blessings of science.

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CHILDREN are the future and can definitely contribute in eradicating age-old superstitions and blind faith. But at the same time we must not ignore the fact that children imbibe from their surroundings. It is what they are made to imbibe as a child that will be carried lifelong giving rise to a vicious cycle. So it becomes the prime responsibility of the generation now to teach the generation of tomorrow and then let them decide.

Rituparna Dubey
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TH* minds of children are sparkingly fresh. These can be stuffed with fresh scientific ideas and they can judge the pros and cons of all age-old superstitions and blind faiths prevalent in our society which are creating much havoc in the society. Aged people are quite matured and their beliefs and attitudes are very difficult to change. On the other hand, by imparting good scientific education to children in their impressionable age we can shape them to be the prime movers in effecting a palpable change in our superstition-infected society.

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