

## What is the biggest challenge facing India today?

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Few days back I was watching the show on Discovery Channel showing Biggest, Longest and Tallest. All the items shown were truly exceptional. But when it comes to India, do we need to find an answer to the biggest challenge? Truly not...

India, once, a bird of gold, albeit developed and made its presence in almost all the sectors. We were subjugated but we fought back. If we look at the history of literacy rates, we improved a lot almost providing the best among the neighbouring nations with some states showing as high as 100 per cent. Despite all the efforts and various plans made at the government level, poverty haunts us and simply slows down the rate of improvement. So could we claim that poverty is the biggest challenge facing India today? Absolutely not. In fact we are trapped in a chain, better to say we are coupled with other challenges just like India is coupled with the world events in the financial world.

Illiteracy, dirty politics, burgeoning population, threats on internal security, secularism, regionalism et al are the major challenges posing a threat to our existence. Every time we are handed with a problem, we simply try to pass it on the next level. A simple question arises- why me? Why not others? The blame game is on and on...

We must look into Gandhian thought *..we must be the change we wish to see"...*

I am on..is there anyone to support me? Let us go back to the roots...

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