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## THE VOICE OF 65%

They do not want freebies, believe in merit and think law cannot alone bring about the desired change. The round table organised by Mirror yesterday saw young Gujaratis raring to change the 'order of the country'



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lection is numbers game and the youth have the numbers: an unrivalled 65 per cent. That they are leading the call of change and can swing poll results compels all political parties to listen to the country's

From abolition of quota system to withdrawal of freebies, from investment to socialism, the young participants, who represented different institutes at Ahmedabad Mirror-organised round table on Tuesday, dissected the country's current scenario, and raised the issues they feel are plaguing the

Calling for a review of the Indian constitution in reference to

secularism and socialism, the participants also discussed several remedial measures that can change the face of India.

While a few said that the objectives of socialism are the best but its implementation is the worst in the country, some favoured privatisation of education for higher literacy rate and better employability.

Be it right to education or right to infromation, healthcare or caste, corruption or unemployment, the participants ensured no burning issue slipped off the table.

### ANAMIKA DEVANI, 19

PANDIT DEENDAYAL PE TROLEUM UNIVERSITY

The next govern-ment should ensure proper implementation of right to education, "The drop-out rate is still high in the country. Quality education and efficient teachers can play a pivot-



al role in changing the face of the country," she said. She recommended reservation for economically backward student. The PDPU student also suggested widening the ambit of RTI.

## ANKITA SHARMA, 21

CENTRAL UNIVERSI-TY OF GUJARAT

\*trongly oppos-Sing the quota, she called for total abolition of the system, "Every day, we hear de mand from new groups, seeking reservation. To get the benefit,

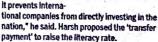


with the documents," she said. She also objected to a fellow participant idea of autonomy for the police department.

## HARSH MEHTA, 1 BKMAJUMDARINSTE

TUTE OF BUSINESS **ADMINISTRATION** 

the country must first sim plify the tax system to achieve the desired result. "India needs tax reforms. The indirect taxes should be cut down because





try. "I am not suporting the one-child policy per family like China. But there should be brain storming to amend the national population policy," he said.

SHAKTI PATEL, 22

KARAN PALA, 19

PANDIT DEENDAYAL PE

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to him, population is

## JAYKRISHANAN SENGUNDAR, 21

AMRUT MODY SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Still, a majority Sof the country's population lives below pover ty line. They do to basic amen tiels, and we dis-

ment," said the management student

Like in Gujarit, he advocated for a prohibiton

lowed. It would bring down inflation," he said.

police across the country, "FDI should be al-

### KUSHAGRA BARODIA, 19 HLINSTITUTE FOR

COMMERCE.

cannot wait for 40 years to see development in India, I will move out. And because my vote does not count, I am not going to stand in a long queue in a

noon to cast my vote," said Kushagra who be fleves only an economic push can bring the country out of the current crisis. "We don't

want freebies. We want employment," he said.

## PAL PATEL, 22

INSTITUTE OF LIFE SCIENCES

reating a system for fundamental research and innovation is what according to Pal the government should pay attention to. "A system enhances

the employability of a student. We need to create a conducive environment for promotion of quality education," she said. She suggested hiring more teachers.

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OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY Awareness is the key which can bring about the change and also check matpractices, be Heves Shakti. "People in rural

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aware of their rights because of higher listers cy rate. They do not know things like Flic Eller cation facility and awareness programmer change their lives for batter," said Shakti.