

# 'Youth should change political scenario'

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Ananya Vajpeyi, author of 'Righteous Republic: The Political Foundations of Modern India (Harvard University Press, 2012)' gave a talk on, 'A Country of Our Own: Imagining India, 1915-2015' at Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN) on February 3. She said that Gandhi was India's Galileo, who gave a new vision to the country through the concept of Swaraj (self-rule). She also said that each social movement in India was Gandhian in a way since it was within the country, by the people of the country and against the people of the country.

Vajpeyi added, "Indian democracy gained momentum based on the ideas of Gandhi, Nehru and Dr Ambedkar." She urged the youth should challenge their imaginations in the present context of development and contribute to Indian democracy. She said that it is time for the youth of the country to feel empowered & come up with an alternative political thinking. "Language of politics must address the country's issues in a more capacious manner" said Vajpeyi.



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Ananya Vajpeyi giving a talk at IITGN