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Our society exhibits a general trend to follow the herd. Fresh ideas, bold initiatives and new thoughts have stopped emerging. This denial of self-hood, disrespect for individuality and humiliation by the state, the government and society drives individuals to nothingness, indifference and makes them feel there is no purpose to their lives. Creativity is a must for the growth of individuals and the society.

We have turned into a society of imitators, impostors and mimics. Our attitude as individuals or as a group at the national level is casual and encourages ad-hoc thinking. We want to live for the moment; we have no confidence in the moments yet to come.

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