**Social Networks are Making People less Social**

In the earlier times, we often had to wait for long till the news appeared on the front page or till we received a letter from our acquaintances to be aware or get any information, be it world politics or the death of our loved ones. However, today all this is done just within a jiffy, no sooner did a so-called ‘Social Networking’ came into existence. Is really social networking social?

Through social networking sites, we can get the information on any subject be it world politics, modern innovations in science and technology or about the business of any Multinational Company. These are the benefits enjoyed through social networking. It is also meant for those who can communicate faster no matter how many thousands of miles they are away from each other. However, social networking in the recent years has proved to be an addiction for all types of people. Whenever we see a person he is most of the time seen to be stuck up on his mobile phone chatting with someone or if not chatting, laughing at the jokes forwarded by someone else or taking glance at the notifications on their mobiles. Social networking makes you only socially aware about out outside world, but never makes you socially involved.

Just tweeting on any injustice done by the government or on the plight of victims of a disaster is not what it means to be social. It is very easy to give your opinions about someone, but what if you were involved in such a condition. Socializing is not just being socially aware but also your involvement and contribution you have made for the welfare of our society or mingling up with all sorts of people in your society and earning a good name for yourselves in the eyes of everyone. There are thousands and lakhs of people at the time of any flood or earthquake who just tweet in order to spread awareness to pray for those victims or hit ‘Like’ if you want them to be saved. On the other hand, do we even see a person even going to those disaster struck places to help victims with food and other basic requirements? Very hardly, through this is not what is to be social.

If a person really feels if he is social, he should always ask himself, apart from tweeting, commenting or hitting a like button on various social networking sites, have they ever given even one percent contribution to the society. Being aware about the marriage of any celebrity or other such instances in their private life, is not being social but having interest in someone’s life other than yours. If you think social networking is really making you social, just try to recall the last time you have brought a smile on several faces with your good deeds for your society.