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INDEX TABLE			INSTRUCTION	
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Multi-National Companies in this era of globalisation hire best of talents from top colleges across the world. But at the same

time indulge in unfair trade practices, The infamous case of Indian-American CEO of McKinsey Rajat Gupta who indulged in insider-trading & brought shame not only to his company but also his alma-mater is only an example. The recent allegations against facebook's owner for pursuing anti-competitive behaviour also demonstrates lack of work-ethics and integrity.

In the era of science it is must to possess both integrity & knowledge. The tale of two Koreas North & south who got independence at the same time but North Korea used its knowledge to develop "nukes" and "aim for destruction"

has only invited bag-image and sanctions whereas South-Korean economy is booming. When we have knowledge of latest technology in form of cryptocurrency, Artificial intelligence and internet it becomes imperative to watch that owing to lack of integrity we do not misuse it in form of cyber-attack like the recent Pegasus malware or use of Bitcoin to subvert economy & make individual profits.

The recent COVID pandemic has also brought to limelight the issue of integrity with knowledge when we talk of "vaccine nationalism" and "vaccine".

administration" for it is our responsibility that innocent lives should not be claimed for lack of requisite research and unethical trials. The use of generic vs Branded medicines by doctors who possess immense knowledge but lack integrity only increases out of pocket expenditure and for many who cannot afford, only claims life.

Genetic Engineering is an emerging arena with potential to end problems of food scarcity by use of GM crops or cure genetic diseases through induced mutation before conception. This knowledge can alter human lives but unethical

practices or vested interest here should not turn this boon into a disaster for man-kind.

Integrity with Knowledge is highest virtue that man should aspire for and it needs to be inculcated right from childhood. Along with classic learning of arts and science, "moral education" as a compulsory aspect should be part of curriculum. Children should be narrated stories of lives of people like former prime-minister "L.B. Shastri" who demonstrated highest standards of integrity. At home, at school, workplace those possessing integrity and high ethical standards should be rewarded. for this will

help to highlight the importance of good virtues & allow corruption, nepotism to take back seats.

Leaders or people of influence should demonstrate high ethical standards for only virtuous one can survive long like the Tata Group existing for more than 150 years is example of combination of Knowledge and integrity.

The use of Right to Information Act or protection to whistleblowers, or seizing Benami property, laws against defections, money-laundering etc. are helping to curb rising corruption & criminalisation and thus indirectly imposing integrity in man.

However, fear of punishment should not be the ^{only} route. If each one of us would want to live in a happy & safe world that is free from war & violence, where dignity & respect of all is the norm and the rights of individuals are not breached for the profit of some. It is important to understand that difference between fam & shyam the two men discussed in the beginning is that both possess knowledge & integrity at individual level & separately. However, if both the qualities are combined they can be of tremendous success.

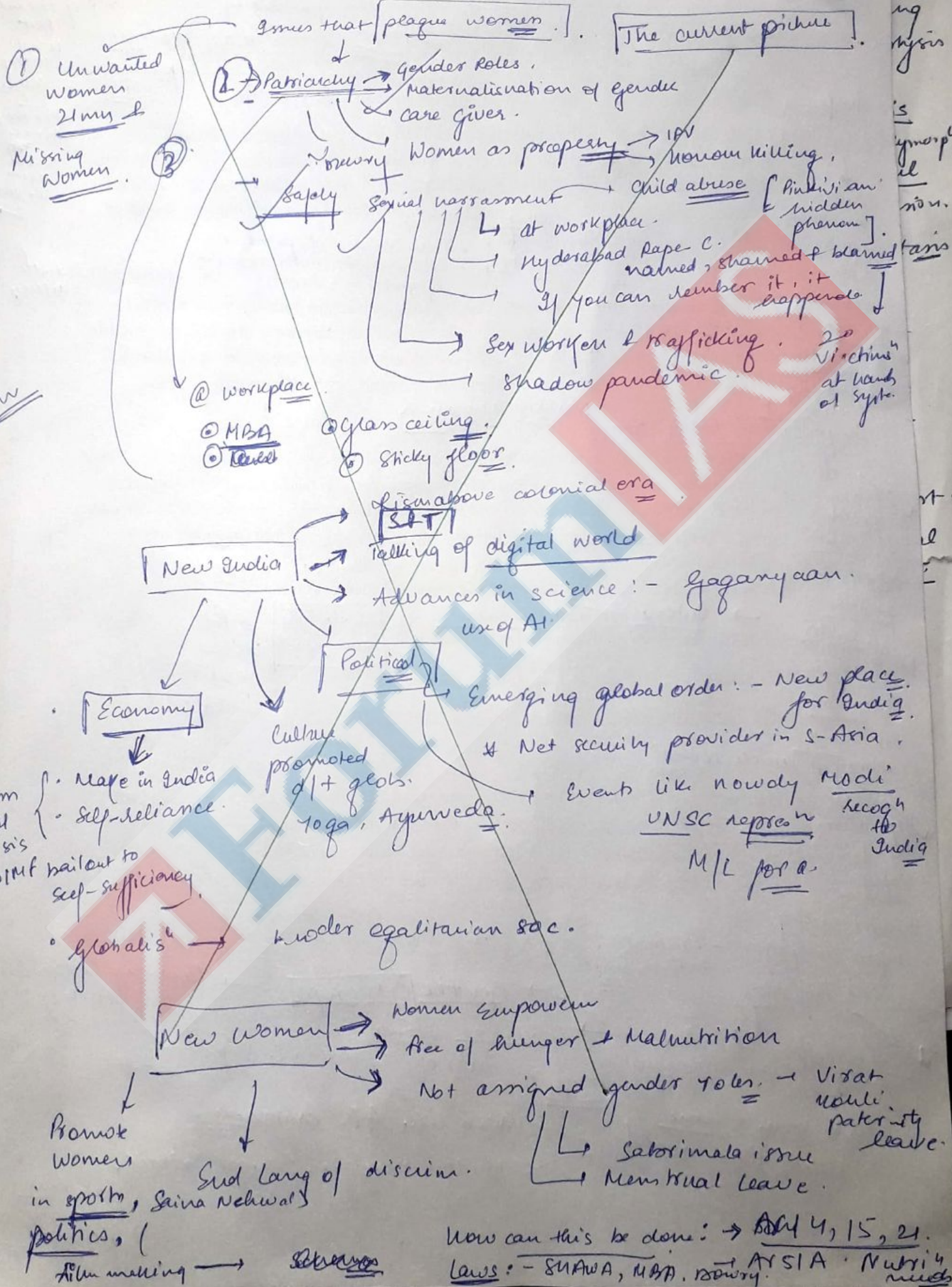
Lord Krishna in Mahabharata has rightly said - "Do not teach man how to be successful, give him and right knowledge and develop good character and he will automatically be successful." This is what we need to do impart right knowledge of integrity to man.

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time indulge in unfair trade practices. The infamous case of Indian-American CEO of McKinsey Rajat Gupta who indulged in insider-trading & brought shame not only to his company but also his alma-mater is only an example. The recent allegations against facebook's owner for pursuing anti-competitive behaviour also demonstrates lack of work-ethics and integrity.

In the era of science it is must to possess both integrity & knowledge. The tale of two Koreas North & south who got independence at the same time but North Korea used its knowledge to develop "nukes" and "aim for destruction"

has only invited bag-image and sanctions whereas South-Korean economy is booming. When we have knowledge of latest technology in form of cryptocurrency, Artificial intelligence and internet it becomes imperative to watch that owing to lack of integrity we do not misuse it in form of cyber-attack like the recent Pegasus malware or use of Bitcoin to subvert economy & make individual profits.

The recent COVID pandemic has also brought to limelight the issue of integrity with knowledge when we talk of "vaccine nationalism" and "vaccine

administration" for it is our responsibility that innocent lives should not be claimed for lack of requisite research and unethical trials. The use of generic vs Branded medicines by doctors who possess immense knowledge but lack integrity only increases out of pocket expenditure and for many who cannot afford, only claims life.

Genetic Engineering is an emerging arena with potential to end problems of food scarcity by use of GM crops or cure genetic diseases through induced mutation before conception. This knowledge can alter human lives but unethical

practices or vested interest here should not turn this boon into a disaster for man-kind.

Integrity with Knowledge is highest virtue that man should aspire for and it needs to be inculcated right from childhood. Along with classic learning of arts and science, "moral education" as a compulsory aspect should be part of curriculum. Children should be narrated stories of lives of people like former prime-minister "L.B. Shastri" who demonstrated highest standards of integrity. At home, at school, workplace those possessing integrity and high ethical standards should be rewarded. for this will

help to highlight the importance of good virtues & allow corruption, nepotism to take back seats.

Leaders or people of influence should demonstrate high ethical standards for only virtuous one can survive long like the Tata Group existing for more than 150 years is example of combination of Knowledge and integrity.

The use of Right to Information Act or protection to whistleblowers, or seizing Benami property, laws against defections, money-laundering etc. are helping to curb rising corruption & criminalisation and thus indirectly imposing integrity in man.

However, fear of punishment should not be the ^{only} route. If each one of us would want to live in a happy & safe world that is free from war & violence, where dignity & respect of all is the norm and the rights of individuals are not breached for the profit of some. It is important to understand that difference between gam & shyam the two men discussed in the beginning is that both possess knowledge & integrity at individual level & separately. However, if both the qualities are combined they can be of tremendous success.

Lord Krishna in Mahabharata has rightly said - "Do not teach man how to be successful, give him and right knowledge and develop good character and he will automatically be successful." This is what we need to do impart right knowledge of integrity to man.

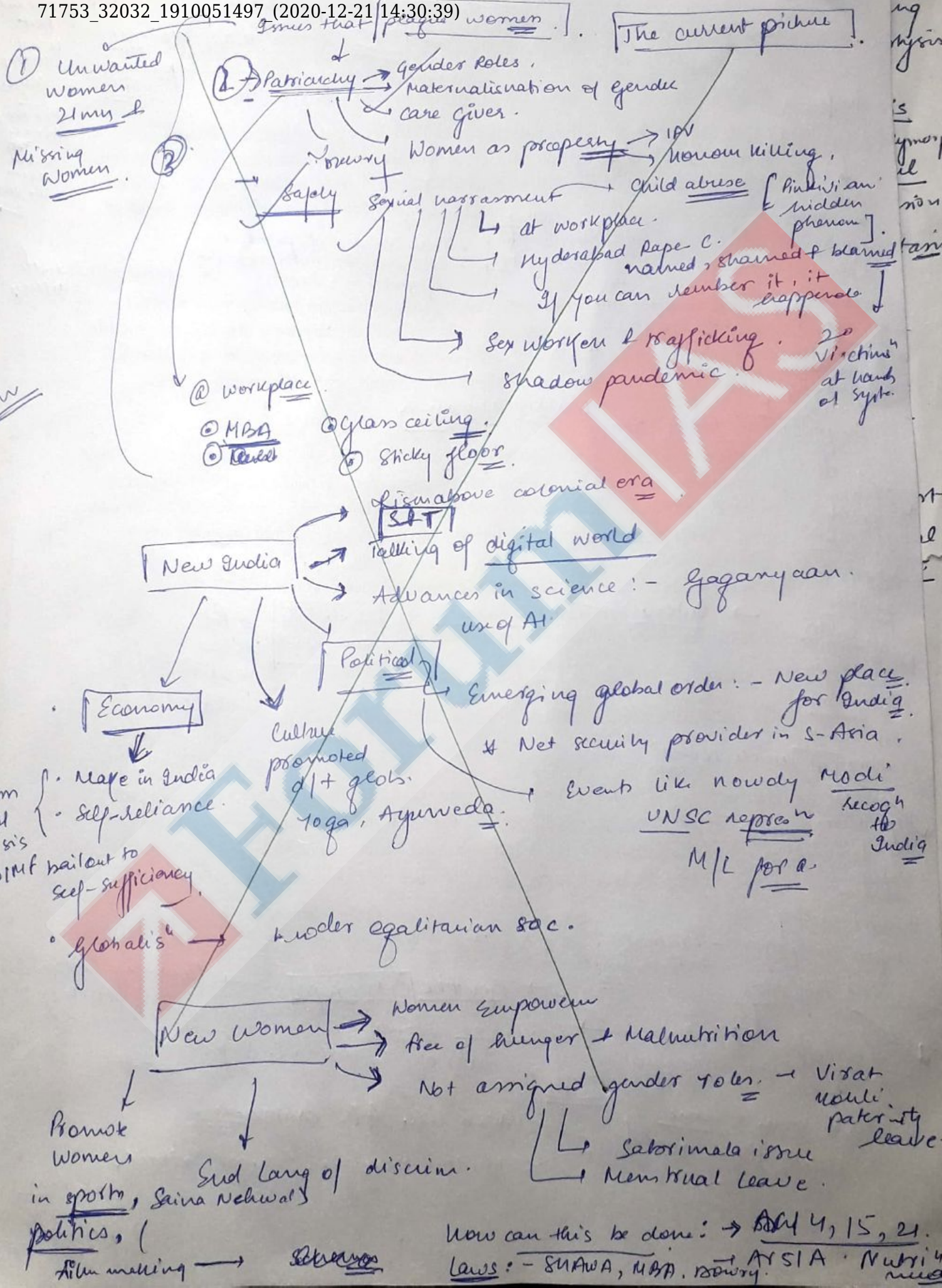
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