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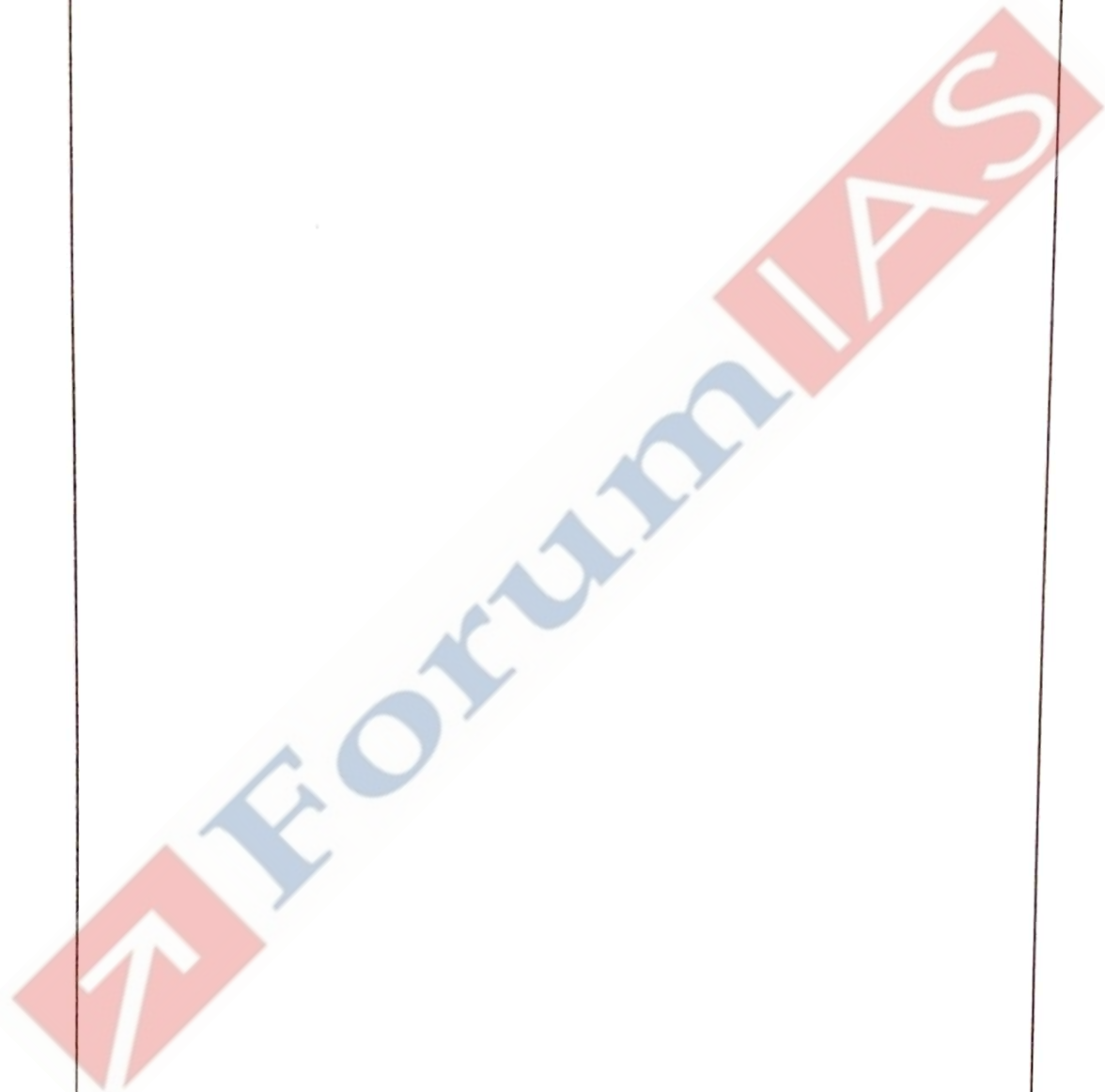
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Topic

One cannot change the world alone but can cast a stone across water to create many ripples

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1965, India was plagued with a war ravaged economy and agricultural distress. The surmounting pressure of USA under the PL-480 was also very high. Lal Bahadur Shastri, the then Prime Minister initiated 2 practices on his own - fasting one day a week and growing fruits and vegetables in his own garden.

Evidently, one might wonder what impact would this effort have on the national level distress. But as Mother Teresa proved to the world - "One cannot change the world but can cast a stone across water to create many ripples"

Shastriji asked the entire nation to replicate the 2 practices at their individual level. This definitely didn't end the crisis situation but proved to be a step in the right direction

Today the world is plagued with multifaceted challenges ranging from global warming, reducing economic integration, racial intolerance, inequality, constant fear of a third world war.



History is full of examples of individual acts of reformative zeal that prove to be liberating for the entire society. Raja Rammohan Roy fought for the cause of abolishing the most inhumane and cruel act of mankind - Sati Pratha. When he formed the Brahmo Samaj in 1844 he didn't envision that this step would ultimately lead to Abolition of Sati in 1829 and restore the right of dignity to women of India. Similarly BR Ambedkar's act of burning the Manusmriti or drinking water from the Mahad tank had sparked much need conversation around the plight of untouchables and culminated with victory in the form of Constitutional provisions such as Art 14, 15, 16 and 17.

John Locke, Rousseau, Voltaire talked about fundamental rights of a man, equal status of all and questioned the divine right of church to rule. These enlightenment thinkers provided impetus to the AMERICAN and the FRENCH Revolutions which

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ultimately helped establish successful democracies in the world.

The journey of stepping forward to take the first step is not always free of adversities. Initial failures, retaliation and oppression should not demotivate one to do so.

Rupan Bajaj an IAS officer filed a case of sexual harassment against a supercop, an elite, privileged man. She was threatened, ridiculed and initially lost the case. But her cause boosted her grit and resilience and in the end SC recognised this and she won the case. This one small step towards not accepting patriarchy, fighting for self worth and dignity definitely created ripples across the country. Due to efforts and initiatives of strong and fearless women such as Bhanuvasini Devi, Nirbhaya today strong institutional mechanisms such as Vishakha guidelines, POHA Act, stringent provisions such as 375 in IPC, fast track court exist for emancipation of women.

According to UNEP report, sea level rise and global warming are unprecedented, maximum in the last four decades. It will prove to impact all strata of our society, rich and poor, countries developed and underdeveloped and act as a great Equaliser. What is needed is to take inspiration from individuals such as Greta Thunberg whose concern for environment should make us all take little steps which will have huge impact. Only if every individual focuses on reducing their own carbon footprint, reducing per capita water consumption, decarbonizing transport, giving up plastic, adopting sustainable lifestyle the world will definitely be a better place to live in. This is also the idea behind the EARTH HOUR.

Elon Musk often in talks for his innovations is the brain behind reusable rockets. It might appear to be just one innovation for many not realizing its indelible impact and contribution

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in dealing with space debris, one of the most debated issues in space world.

Covid 19 was one such phase when we could dwell upon the uncertain nature of life. But as it is said uncertainty should not lead to depravity, rather innovations

During Covid when our health infrastructure broke down, acute dearth of medical facilities, beds, oxygen cylinders we saw individuals like Sonu Sood who proved to be a saviour for the huge migrant population. His effort inspired people all across who came forward to act as a social support system during times of crisis. On social media, individuals shared authentic information regarding availability of beds, medicines, injections and helped each other. Does all of this not reiterate the fact that the world can indeed be a much better place for all of us to achieve happiness if each one of us takes the initiative.

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The political environment all across the world points towards threatened democratic values, autocratic rulers. The recent overturning of Roe vs Wade judgement in the USA also sparked off the debate on women's rights over their own body.

Though it is true that one individual cannot change the world alone but we as responsible voters and citizens can choose not to consume politics based on narrow lense of communalism, casteism, regionalism.

Despite laws in place for almost all the crimes such as Dowry Prohibition Act, Prevention of Atrocities Act, Juvenile Delinquency Act however we still witness crime is on the rise.

Laws can only decide the direction in which the society should move however it is the people, their culture that decides ~~is~~ the direction in which the society actually moves. We should focus on improving our individual ethics & not deviate from our moral values.

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Poverty and rising inequality in the world is the root cause of social problems such as migration led ~~to~~ conflict, refugee crisis, crimes, civil war. The fear of relative deprivation led to the Sri Lankan civil war which resulted in the death of thousands of Tamils, Sinhalese and the IPKF members.

The menace cuts across hierarchies of caste, religion, country and is all pervasive. Surely one human cannot make the world more inclusive and equal but each one of us can be more accommodative of the interests of different sections.

Gandhiji in his Talisman said "Wherever in doubt whether a particular decision should be implemented or not, look at the face of the poorest, the most downtrodden section of your society. If the decision brings any good to them it should be implemented".

If all of us keep this in mind then issues arising out of development led displacement, conflicts over forest use, can be minimised

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It is argued that "Development that is not engendered is endangered" and women of today have proved their significant contribution in socioeconomic development.

Though individual women themselves have not been able to abolish the gender stereotype, patriarchy that exists but women like Indira Nooyi, Kalpana Chawla, Kiran Mazumdar, and our first tribal woman president Draupadi Murmu have definitely set the stage by breaking the glass ceiling and creating a vision and dream of an equal world. Even Swami Vivekananda said that a bird cannot fly on one wing and "that all of us cannot progress fully until half of us are held back" - Malala Yousufzai

With increasing racial intolerance, communal disharmony and rising regional aspirations it is time we as individuals not fall in the trap of

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Learning effect, not participate in any ideology
that threatens national integration
we should focus on developing our multiple
identities and come out of parochialism.

When Gandhiji, a simple dhoti clad
man talked about bringing independence
with his principles of ahimsa and
satyagraha, there were people who mocked
this idea. But Gandhiji was not deterred
due to initial retaliations such as the
repressive Rowlatt Act 1919. Instead ~~he~~ it
strengthened his resolve and ultimately
Independence was ushered on 15th Aug 1947.
"He proved to us" where an army of soldiers
cannot penetrate an army of principles can".
It is not necessary that to bring a change
in the world you need an entire army
rather one strong step in the right
direction will be enough.

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As Gita reiterates that "no matter if we cannot change the world alone but atleast we can change the world for one person." That would definitely inspire a lot more people to be more caring, sympathetic & compassionate. We all take inspiration from the generous work done by NGOs, such as Beri Bachao by Kailash Satyarthi, Ratan Tata, Sudha Murthy. These individuals leave an indelible impression on the mind of thousands of youth. In today's world which has become even more connected via social media, we must not underestimate the impact of one strong voice, one honest effort.

It is very famously said that if I cannot change the whole world by myself, I can atleast try to change my nation. If not, I can try to change my family. If not, atleast myself. After all, Change begins from oneself.

"Be the change you want to see in the world"
- Mahatma Gandhi

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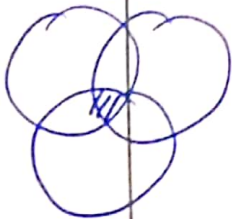
Essay-2. Section B

Topic Patriarchy arises out of the same constellation that engenders casteism, racism and communalism.

Rough → Bad start - anecdote

A Sunita, 25 yr old Marwari village was killed by her parents because she fell in love with a lower caste boy.

→ was educated, could be a doctor and her village but fell prey to rudimentary thoughts & caste evils
Khat.



even on 75th year of ind (Azadi 75th --)
Our country multiple parts of
A country where Saraswati Laxmi
Ben Dasi Dichotomy.

Patriarchy system that over exp. dom. women - It is stemmed out of
stereotype - women is weaker - violence
- sexting, carig - pink collared, unpaid
non rational - glass ceiling

Our country → strength multiculturalism, diversity
↳ Rel
↳ Lang
↳ Racial

but that also has roots

Common - vis a vis patriarchy
↳ Purity & Pollution

Casteism → Caste is - - -
↳ Ambedkar - tower staircase
↳ Sarpanch not allowed to sit on chair
↳ intercaste marriages → 11% → burnt to death, burnt alive

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↑ violence against women
↳ Hathras

↳ Ideology → essentially control women.
↳ Cases of love jihad → Muzaffargarh riots
↳ Our women & their right to love marry.
↳ coloured sensationalized by media
↳ bear the brunt

Food cooked by Anganwadi

female cook
not eaten.

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in the name of maintaining caste hegemony, Brahmins - different patriarchy.

> govt. manual scavengers ~ women.
Ays. widows - lower caste women.
vicious cycle → any attempt of upward mobility led to Sansthanization ↓ stabilization

What did globbing for these women?

caste endogamy
hathwas rape

↓
social periphery to urban slums.
→ denied = access & opp.

Rousin → disc based on ~~sex~~ facial colour, phy. feature, height etc } Indie (8) - B S Guha

- ↳ N.E women in Delhi
- ↳ NE women in Bangalore
- ↳ African women in Green Park.

we see overall intd, violence ↑ disproportionately impacts women.

~~the~~ Patriarchy stems out of the thought (socialization) that men > women women are inferior sex.

& that it is the duty of men to protect women to preserve their status in society Zero sum game

Same way
communalism - Ltd resources - disprop. demand - zero sum game fanned by some for vote bank

Casteism →
↳ BK superior other inferior.
& should be maintained

Racism.

play framed.
Quote → RK Paramhansa
↳ caste → notion
↳ dev. engendered -
Malala →

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Patriarchy arises out of the same constellation that engenders casteism, racism and communalism.

Aruna, a 25 year old girl in an obscure village of Haryana was put to death by her own parents. Why? Because she fell in love with a so called lower caste boy from her village. She was a doctor, educated and empowered but unfortunately fell prey to the rudimentary practices, beliefs of her village and powerful influence of caste councils.

This story was not ^{an} exceptional one. It is disappointing but this is the harsh reality ~~of~~ of our country. Even while we are celebrating the 75th year of independence - Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, somewhere the women of our country are being exploited, oppressed and dominated.

Patriarchy is a system wherein women are exploited & dominated by men. It stems out of the multifaceted stereotypes that is rooted in our primary socialization, our education which lacks moral values and the objectifying role played by media.

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We are made to believe that women are essentially weak, can't defend themselves and gives ground to the rising violence against them. That women are good at nurturing, caring jobs and are meant for the pink coloured jobs and unpaid work becomes their responsibility.

That women lack rational decision making capabilities and hence cannot rise above a glass ceiling.

In a country where Goddess such as Saraswati, goddess of education is so revered women of this country are denied basic education. Where Laxmi, the goddess of wealth is worshipped women are not given equal rights to property? India unfortunately exemplifies this DEVI DASI DICHOTOMY!

Patriarchy stems out of a superiority complex that men are superior and women are the weaker sex. Since resources are limited and demands disproportionate the benefits shall be reaped by "men of the society". If any share of opportunities will be cornered by women It will basically reduce the share of pie for men. often called as

the Zero sum game Theory

This is the same thought that gives birth to communalism, casteism and even racism. A belief that one religion can prosper only at the expense of the other has led to so many hate speeches, a tense communal environment which even has diplomatic fallouts.

A belief that being born in an UPK/R caste is a privilege and such privilege shall be maintained by restricting contact and maintaining close endogamy.

That one particular race is assumed to be a drug addict, violent, or inherently weak and gives the other races right to dominate them.

Multiple factors are responsible for such a coloured vision. Be it our school textbooks which glorifies a particular phase of history and links it with some religion and blames the demise on some other

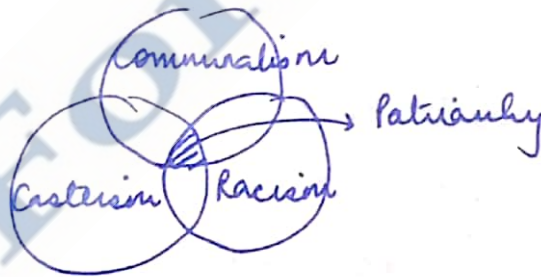


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It is also our media which engages in yellow journalism forgetting their prime responsibility is to hold up the spirit of democracy.

India is a multicultural society with diversity in language, religion, caste, ethnicity, races and such diversity is the strength of India. India follows a Salad Bowl approach to not assimilate rather integrate different diversities while preserving their uniqueness. But such diversities have led to perils of communalism, casteism & racism, all of which have an intersecting effect on patriarchy.



Communalism vis a vis Patriarchy

Communalism is an ideology that says that two religions have mutually exclusive secular interests. Post independence, our leadership couldn't unify the divide already laid down by British. As a result we see instances

Of mob lynching, cow vigilantism, hate speeches
But the maximum brunt is borne by
the women in the name of religion.

Love jihad is one such brutal repercussion

It aims at controlling 'our women' and
their right to love, marry vs 'their men'.

In the end it is women whose fundamental
rights of liberty, freedom, equality,
privacy and dignity are violated.

2013 Muzaffarnagar riots ~~are~~ broke
out because of a rumour that man of
a particular religion had harassed
a woman of another religion. In no time,
communal riots broke out and the city
was coloured red in bloodshed. It had
long lasting impact on the women of not only
that city but all over India.

Even today we see how in the name of
"preserving the prestige of the family" inter
religious marriages are despised.

Even Supreme Court in Lata Singh vs Union
of India in 2006 said that no law

prevents an interreligious marriage. In fact they are essential for national integration.

However the women still fear any such act which can fan communal sentiments and further oppress them.

Casteism and Patriarchy

Caste system refers to social stratification based on hierarchy into closed endogamous groups where membership is ascriptive, contact is restricted & mobility is theoretically impossible.

According to B.R. Ambedkar caste system in India can be understood by comparing different castes to different floors of a tower with no staircase.

It is based on notions of purity & pollution. Caste based violence and discrimination had always existed in Indian society for which various reformers such as Jyotiba Phule, B.R. Ambedkar rose their voices.

Even after independence despite constitutional and legal safeguards, caste based discrimination is a reality. And it more acutely has an impact on

women.

The gross enrolment ratio in higher education of girls in SC/ST is only 23% as compared to overall 54% in India. They are denied basic education rights which forces them into a vicious cycle of low skill development → lack of employment opportunities → lower std of living → further poverty and inhumane conditions

According to the National Safai Karamchari Institute, more than 60% of manual scavengers are women. Manual scavenging exists till today because of misconstrued notions of purity & pollution and that it is the burden of lower castes to absorb the pollution of upper caste. Manual scavenging is not only inhumane, but also deadly and fatal at times.

Even today after reservations for $\frac{1}{3}$ seats in panchayats, the women sarpanch of lower castes SC, STs are not given the

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due share of respect they deserve. They are not allowed to sit on a chair at par with other members of panchayat who are from the so called upper caste.

Esther Dufflo in his research clearly indicates that women panchayats have had a direct impact on improvement of socio-economic indicators of a village as compared to male sarpanch. Despite their talent, grit and hardwork they are subject to constant humility, ridicule & domination at the hands of upper caste men.

The percentage of intercaste marriages in India is only 11%. Any attempt at intercaste marriage often results in negative repercussion for women. This is done in order to maintain the close endogamous group and caste hegemony. Women being burnt alive, are not something rare.

Food cooked by lower caste females in Midday meal schemes in Anganwadi schools are not consumed by upper caste students. This has often been a bone of contention.

Almost 80% of Ayas, midwives & ASHA workers are lower caste women who are given the job of child deliveries and ~~work~~ even this is based on notions of purity & pollution.

Violence against women in the form of sexual harassment, rape, murder against women belonging to lower caste has increased manifold.

According to NCRB, a woman from Scheduled Caste is raped every 8 minutes and Scheduled Tribe every 3 minutes.

The insensitivity of the police officials further disincentivizes any complaint or reporting. The recent Hathras rape case of Uttar Pradesh is a live testimony to this fact.

Caste based patriarchy is widespread in India. Men of every caste in order to preserve their hegemony dominate their women, though the form may differ. So the patriarchy expression of

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Patriarchy among Brahmins is different from the patriarchy among Dalits but it's the women irrespective of the caste who are exploited.

Racism and patriarchy

Racism refers to discrimination based on facial features, colour, height, physical features that distinguish one community from the other. India is home to atleast six racial groups according to anthropologist B.S. Fuha.

Racial intolerance and race based violence against women has been in the headlines since a couple of years.

Recently a group of African women were molested in Green Park area in New Delhi.

Racism basically stems from the association of certain characteristics based on physical or facial features.

When George Floyd uttered "I can't breathe" it captured the insensitive and inhumane treatment that

people of a particular race have to go through at the hands of a majoritarian race.

Violence against women from North east India has captured our attention. The recent Bangalore incident which led to large scale exodus of women from north east India.

With increased use of social media and technology new platforms for oppression of women have come up. Bulli Bai App where Muslim women were bought & sold like commodities is a reminder of the need to judiciously use technology.

Malala Yousafzai once said "We cannot progress fully until half of us ~~are~~ are held back".

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A multicultural nation like India is
plaguing with multiple perils of
communalism, racism, casteism, all of
which are further deteriorating the
status of women.

As we approach the 75th year of independence
it is time we look beyond pario parochial
identities of caste, race, religion and
take pride in Diversity.

As B.R. Ambedkar said "caste is not
a wall of bricks or a barbed wire that
needs to be pulled down, rather it's a
notion, a state of mind.

Same goes for racism or communalism.
Our preamble also talks about secularism,
unity, integrity and fraternity,
equality.

It's high time we give women their
due credit & status in the society and
recognise their contribution in the

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Socio-economic development.

As Gandhiji said "If you educate a man you educate one person but if you educate a woman you educate an entire family".