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

While
After returning back to from her
tiring day at work to her home,
riding a bus in United States,
Rosa parks was coerced by a
white male to give up her seat.
She refused to oblige, and, thus
inspired an entire generation of
women to fight for their rights.

This, act of defiance was a
turning point and served as
catalyst for women rights. Thus,
we can say that our little
actions can set in motion beautiful,

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and magnanimous actions.

In the great suples of time and space, we as individuals seem to be tiny to create great changes, but, however, it is entirely possible that we can contribute and do our part to create a domino effect to inspire the rest of the folks to further contribute and leave an indelible mark in the course of history. In this essay, we will discuss, how, individual actions lead to group actions, which, can create a enormous force to achieve great laurels.

Humans - Individual actions

We are bound by limited capability, energy and dexterity, thus, it requires enormous strength and will-power to achieve the impossible. For example, Lord Buddha sagr singlehandedly discovered

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the reasons of our sorrow and pain, and, thus strived to inspire others to follow the path of "Karma". However, for, the rest of the folks, i.e, the common person, should we accept our limitations, and, let time fleet by and do nothing?

Absolutely not. It is our duty to strive and perform our deeds, as, it can start as an inception for others to perform great actions.

Immanuel Kant in his Deontological Theory, harps on the importance of doing our duty, as, our little actions that can create ripples across the lengths and breadths of the universe.

Our civilization, is filled with instances, where, one man's actions, findings, theories and inventions was further galvanized and improved to

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produce wonderful new inventions and discoveries, which, went on to revolutionize the world. For example, Thomas Alva Edison discovered the DC current, which, seemed as the bedrock for Nikola Tesla to discover the AC current.

It is our little actions, in the grand scheme of things, which has the potential to serve as the blueprint for our peers and the future generations to create wonderful new discoveries which possess the power to transform the world.

For instance, Charles Babbage created the simple calculation machine, which went on to discover and invent newer machines and computers and ultimately, the super computer which helped in the Apollo XI moon landing. Neil Armstrong had rightly proclaimed, while setting foot on the Moon:

"A small step for a man but a giant leap for Mankind."

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If we go through the annals of history, we will observe that individual heroic actions, have, set in motion which triggered into motion, great revolutions which set up magnificent empires, democracies and freedom struggles. For example, the individual actions of the french villagers against the tyrant Kings led to establishment of the French republic, based, on the concept of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. This served as blueprint for all the other democracies of the world. Therefore, we can aptly say, that, we as individuals can do our part of the action, and, set into motion the wheels of inspirations to further work upon and create great revolutionary changes and towards the betterment of the human race.

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Our freedom struggle too is replete with numerous instances of individuals who fought singlehandedly against the mighty British Ray and inspired others to create ripples that shook the foundation of the mighty empire. The actions of Mangal Pandey, Birsa Munda and Bhagat Singh ~~also~~ served as a catalyst that created mighty waves that served to change the slavery, colonial status of our beloved country.

Individual actions - Inspiration to the Society
On taking a closer look around all of us, we will observe, individuals who struggle and work tirelessly against all odds to change the society for betterment. It is these individuals who have created the initial momentum for giant actions in the coming days. Our honorable

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prime minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, singlehandedly took up the task of improving the sanitation of our country, which created ripples across the society and helped India achieve open defecation free status thus transforming the health of the Indian society. Therefore, we can aptly say that, we all are capable of taking small actions, which will eradicate the inertia existing and set others to further strive for glorious changes.

We must not be intimidated by our bounded limitations and the thought that "I'm too small to make a change in the society". We must build on our strengths and utilise it to do our duties and tasks, just like how Sunderlal Bahugana

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hugged a tree from felling, which inspired others to follow suit, and, started the Chipko Movement. This movement started as a galvanising point for environment protection in our country. Thus, we can fairly point to the obvious fact that one man may alone not change the world, but, he can certainly inspire others, by his deeds, to progress on his cause and create groundbreaking changes in the world.

Bhagvat Gita advocates the concept of "Nishkam Karma", which states, "Go action alone, thou hast a right and never at all to the fruits of the action". We must, focus, solely on our actions and deeds and must not focus or stress upon the achievements that might be possible, as,

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Our action may serve as the inception
of other great actions and deeds.
Mahatma Gandhi has rightly advocated
that, it is the action of all the many
individuals, which, combine and
create great discoveries and achievements in
the society via positive affirmation.

However, at the same time, we
must also be very careful, that
one individual's action, may, chain
into great apocalyptic ripples
which can sadly and tragically
change the world for worse -
bringing doom for many. Gavrilo
Princip singlehandedly shot Archduke
Ferdinand, which, set into a
motion, horrific events in Europe
and culminated into World War I

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Thus, we must be absolutely cautious,
to ensure that our individual actions
do not serve as a catalyst or
a bedrock for misdeeds, which,
could bring us closer to doomsday
our focus on positive action.

As it has become fairly evident,
that our small tiny action can
lead to either wonderful changes
or it might also lead to horrible
disasters, we must, be absolutely
careful to ensure our deeds are
directed towards positive developments
in the society and the emancipation
of the sufferings of the less fortunate
ones. This is possible, via, cultivating
a strong sense of devotion to the
society and accepting the fact
that we ~~for~~ are mere trustees of the

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universe. We have borrowed the resources from the future generations and, therefore, must inspire them to create sustainable changes in the society via our positive actions. Our little actions like picking up litter or helping the elders can inspire great socio changes in the society. Therefore, we must, always be very cautious and mindful of our actions. It is very heartening to know that the billionaires like Bill Gates, Dhirubhai Ambani, Ratan Tata have pledged their vast fortunes towards upliftment of the society. These actions of giving serve as a blueprint for all of us to ensure our part in dedicating our actions to create positive revolutions.

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in the society. It will serve as a churning point in ensuring group-collective actions for changing the world.

Individual Actions to change the world

Despite, the fact, that we, humans are bound by our capabilities, and thus possess limited ability to change the world, we mustn't be bound by this fact. We must look within ourselves, and, observe that we all possess the ability within us to change the society for good. For example, Manjhi himself carved out a ~~se~~ mountain to create a road for connecting his village to the city in Jharkhand. Thus, we must not be daunted by the limitations of ourselves but must always believe in our dentity

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to bring about positive-groundbreaking ideas and inventions.

Thus, it may be said in conclusion, that, we humans possess capability in ourselves to bring about positive changes in our world by doing our part and following the path of righteousness. We must be not bound by our limitations, but, must strive to push our boundaries, so, that we may bring about innovative changes that may itself create groundbreaking revolutionary changes in the society or ~~or~~ serve as a Catalyst and blueprint for others, so

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that they may bring about glorious evolutions for the betterment of the society. I, pray, to the almighty God to help me and my fellow brethrens in my country and the world, so, that they may unlock their potential, and, bravely put up actions for the glorious advancement of the society via both individual and collective actions.

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"Federalism is a play between Central Unitarism and State autonomy"

Article 1 of the Indian Constitution describes, India i.e Bharat is a union of states. Thus, it clearly established the fact, that India is a unitary state. However, in the words of B R Ambedkar, himself, he described India as a Quasi-Federal state i.e a unitary state with features reflecting the federal aspects as well. Thus, this paved the concept of the balance between Central Unitarism and state autonomy. In this essay, we will discuss on the ~~con-~~ arguments of the true nature of federalism, with a detailed study on the Indian State and a comparative worldwide analysis of Germany and USA.

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Federalism is the collection of individual states who agree to enter into an union as a collective nation, whereas, union of states is just the opposite of that. The essential feature of a federal union is the existence of a weak centre and a strong state government. However, it is the vice versa in the case of the unitary state, where there is a strong centre and a weak state.

Our founding fathers, post the trauma of the partition, aspired to establish a union with a strong centre, however, keeping in view the magnanimous diversities also, gave tremendous powers to the state. This, led, to rising questions of how to establish a fine balance

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between central Unitarism and state autonomy. This led to conflicting viewpoints as rightly called out by eminent scholars like Granville Austin and KC Wheare.

Federalism - A tight rope

The Indian experience suggests that federalism is indeed a tight rope to tread upon. It calls for walking upon a fine line to ensure both the union and the state governments have adequate balance of respo authority, duty and responsibility. Federalism, also calls for financial devolution at adequate proportions. The failure of the 1935 Act, to establish a federal union of India, led to, a unique concoction of central Unitarism and

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State Autonomy, which, we shall discuss next.

Federalism - The Indian Experiment

As established before, India is a "quasi-federal" structure, thus, it becomes crucial to ensure the perfect combination of central and state autonomy autonomy at various levels. How does India maintain a strong centre? This is made possible via the predominance of the Centre over legislative areas (Article 246), the possession of residuary powers with the Centre, the institution of the Governor, who serves as an agent of the Center and to the states. The central government also exercises predominance, via, control over matters and possessing the rights to dismiss the state government under Article 356. It has slightly

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being said, "India is an indestructible
union of destructible states", with, the
Centre under Article 3 possessing right
to modify boundaries of the states.

At, the same time, India also maintains
a federal characteristics, which is made
possible via the Upper house of the
parliament - the Rajya Sabha, which,
serves to protect the interests of the
states, the institution of the Supreme
Court (Article 124) which ensures checks
and balances within the system. India
is also federal in the sense, that, the
state legislatures possess adequate devolution
of power and possess equal rights in
the election of the head of the Indian
Union i.e. the president. The
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Opinion that maintaining federalism is a complex process between fine tuning Central unilateralism and state autonomy. It is, also, without any prejudice to point out that there have various contentions in the Indian experiment.

Federalism - Bone of contentions in State - Center power

As, federalism, is a complex innovation in India, there have been numerous instances of one trying to usurp the power of the other. For example, the Emergency period of 1970s, transformed India into an entirely unitary state, where unjustifiable dismissal of state governments became the norm. Rampant misuse of article 356 and the institution of governor threatens federalism, and, imposes dominance of the Central government. On the other hand, resolutions like the "West Bengal Memorandum" and

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the "Anandpur Resolution" by the state governments called for greater state autonomy and erosion of the center unilateralism. Thus, we can fairly point out, that federalism is indeed a constant tug-of-war between the states and center. Let, us look, worldwide to observe, how, other democracies face this constant powerplay.

Federalism – Worldwide View

The country of USA emerged out of thirteen British colonies combining, to form a common central government. Thus, it laid the foundation of a federal union government, with a weak centre and a strong state government. It is worth mentioning, that, the only there is

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existence of dual citizenship, dual constitution and dual supreme court in USA, which is, very antipodal to the Indian Union. The Central government of USA also possess very limited power in amending the constitution and has absolutely no right to alter that the state borders. This again is very antithesis to the Indian Union, where the center possess the right to alter the state borders (article 3) and amend the constitution (Article 368). The states in India possess very limited role in amending the constitution.

Similarly, the Federal republic of Germany, was formed with 16 states agreeing to merge together to form a nation. These sixteen states possess vast powers similar to USA, and, very dissimilar to India. Thus,

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On the other hand, we have countries like Canada, France where the states possess limited power, and, the Central government possess large scope of power. Thus, we can, opine, that on an international scale, too, we have to observe that federalism is a tight rope with Central Unilateralism and the state autonomy. Let, us, now look at the emerging trends in Indian federalism.

Indian Federalism - Modern day situation

The disbandment of the planning commission and establishment of Niti Aayog has given rise to the concept of "co-operative federalism" where the centre works as a guardian to help states achieve governance excellence.

The 15th finance commission of India established

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under article 280 increasingly advocates for devolution of funds to the states. The institutions of Comptroller and auditor general of India (article 148) and the Supreme Court (article 124) are playing pro-active role in ensuring fine balance and distribution of powers between the centre and the states. The establishment of the GST law and the GSTN, has, completely transformed and revolutionized the federal ties between the centre and state. The relation has seemed to strike a balance between the central unilateralism and the state autonomy. However, it shall be prejudicial to ~~paint~~ paint a rosy picture of the state of federalism in India. The Covid-19 Pandemic exposed the limitations of

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the federalism, with issues like contentiousness imposition of lockdowns, inter-state movement of migrants and vaccine distribution. There has also been numerous bones of contentions between states and centers with institutions like CID, ED which are allegedly being accused of taking politically instigated actions. Differences like delay in devolution of funds, misuse of the office of governor continue to project that the fact, that despite the maturity of the Indian democracy and the constitution, federalism continues to be evolving between central dominance and states autonomy. So, the question arises, how should the bones of contentions be resolved? We shall discuss them in the upcoming subtopic.

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Way forward - Solutions to Federalism

At Inorder, to solve the issues of differences between the Centre and state autonomy, numerous committees were formed which undertook comprehensive study and proposed recommendations which should be adopted by us. For instance, the Sarkaria Commission recommendations and the Punchhi Commission recommendations should be adopted. Some of the recommendations proposed, included, reforms like increasing the financial autonomy of the states, reforming the posts of the governor by including the states recommendations to for the position. The commissions also advocated for the Center to play a paternal role for development

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of the state governments and the
Urban local bodies and the Panchayati Raj
institutions. The Inter-State Council established
by Article 262 should convene frequently
and play a cooperative role in resolving
the bones of contention between
the Centre and the state governments.

Supreme Court must also ensure the
notion of checks and balances and
ensure that neither of the party
tries to usurp the power of
the other.

Conclusion

It was our the wisdom of our
founding fathers to establish a
Union with adequate powers to
the states. These has led to the
continuity and sustenance of our

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country, unlike, our immediate neighbours like Pakistan and Sri Lanka which failed to preserve their unity or suffered a brutal and bloody civil war. The Indian federalism, is, indeed a play between central unilateralism and state autonomy, and, despite the numerous issues, it has continued to be ~~str~~ resilient, and, it is also fairly evident, that the Indian federalism will continue to further evolve ~~an~~ to suit the needs of the day and establish a fine strike between center and state autonomy.