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Patience, Persistence and perspiration makes an unbeatable combination for success.

There was a man who failed in business at the age of twenty one ; was defeated in a legislative race at twenty two ; had his Sweetheart die at the age of twenty six ; had nervous breakdown at twenty seven ; lost a senatorial race at forty five ; failed in an effort to become vice president at age of forty seven ; and was finally elected as the President of United States at age of fifty two. The man was Abraham Lincoln.

The above story of Abraham Lincoln reflects how patience, persistence and perspiration becomes unbeatable combination for success.

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Some people believe that luck is the secret to success and success comes only to those 'chosen ones' who are born with certain positions of planets and stars, even the Ajivika philosophy focuses on 'Niyati'

However, Lionel Messi says

"I worked hard for 17 years and 114 days to become an overnight success".

Hence what is more important for success is patience, persistence and perspiration and not Just 'Niyati'. Let us now better understand the essay.

Patience is a quality that makes person resilient to failures. Person with patience views failure as a building block for success. Patience is a quality that makes a person focus on the means and not ends.

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He is not daily affected by small setbacks that comes his way. Thomas Edison failed 10,000 times but did not give up on his dream.

Persistence means continuous efforts for towards the goal. It can be understood by the quote of 'Nishkarm karma' given in the Gita. Fritz Kreisler, the greatest violinist of all times was once approached by audience member after his performance who said "I would give up my life to play the way you play".

Fritz Kreisler replied "I did".

This shows importance of persistent effort.

Perspiration means hard work.

It means complete devotion to the goal and focusing all the energy in achieving it.

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Elon Musk in an interview said that he used to work for eighteen plus hours per day for making his dream company 'Space X'.

The combination of all three qualities discussed above becomes an unbeatable combination of success. If any one of the quality is missing, success becomes difficult to find.

For example, Alexander the Great had an aim of conquering the entire world. He worked hard towards building strong army, and trained himself day and night for achieving his goal. Thus he had both the quality of persistence and perspiration but he lacked patience. He wanted to conquer the world as quickly as possible.

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This became a cause of his failure when his armies reached the banks of Indus they were tired and homesick. Back to back wars had drained all their energies, they no longer had the capacity to fight any further. Hence Alexander who had not seen defeat ever in his life had to accept defeat from the hands of his own army due to lack of patience.

Similarly, perspiration and patience without persistence becomes a formula for failure. We all know the story of tortoise and hare whereby the hare had the quality for winning the race but lacked persistence, on the other hand tortoise had all three qualities which helped it to win the race.

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Similarly, lack of perspiration
also becomes a cause of failure. A person
having patience and persistence but not
putting the required hard work will not
succeed. Half hearted results do not
produce half success it produces no
success at all.

Hence, it becomes very
clear that the combination of all three
are required for success. Almost all
the success stories that we have today
be it in field of economics, politics or
sports, it is because of combination of
these three factors.

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However, sometimes for success of society, certain actions have to be taken which are quick, keeping patience aside. For example: India against Corruption movement led by Anna Hazare.

Even at individual level patience should not be viewed as keeping on putting the same efforts and hoping to succeed. Sometimes strategy needs to be changed and some other times changing the entire trajectory. Had Jeff Bezos in 1997 be ~~not~~ patient with selling books would not have created Amazon.

Hence, one needs to have logical and scientific and rational thoughts ~~for~~ backed by patience, persistence and perseverance to achieve success.

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Let us now know how to build those qualities of patience, persistence and perspiration.

One can follow the eight fold path given by Gautam Buddha i.e., right knowledge, speech, right action, right livelihood, right exercise, right meditation, right observation, right dedication & right memory. These eight fold paths will help in self discovery and set the right attitude needed for success.

One can also learn from the biographies of great personalities like how Mahatma Gandhi with patience persistence and perspiration was able to end the mighty British rule in India. Similar example is present by Nelson Mandela in his fight against apartheid.

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To Concludes Fundamental duty in
the Constitution directs us to strive for
excellence and excellence is possible only
with the three qualities - patience, persistence and
perspiration. we must become the master
of our fate and captain of our soul and
strive for success. we must be guided by
Abraham Lincoln who said
"good things comes to those who wait,
but only those things left by those
who hustle".

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② Massive poverty and obscene inequality are the social evils of contemporary times.

The Makers of the constitution through the Preamble envisaged a society where there would be equality of status and opportunity. A society based on the principles of equality, liberty & fraternity. The Directive Principle of State Policy had an ambition where resources are equitably distributed and there is no concentration of wealth.

But, after 75 years of planned socio-economic development we have a society where top 1% of population has 57% of resources (Oxfam report).

On one hand we have Antilla (\$1 billion house) on the other hand we have Shawari (half a million people living in 250 ha of land). on one hand we have Nirav Modi fleeing the country after taking 11,000 crore of loan, on the other hand

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We have a Dalit entrepreneur running from one bank to another for a meagre loan of ₹10 lakh for his start up. On one hand, we have richest person of world with \$200 billion of net worth on the other hand we have a displaced tribal earning less than \$1/day.

Through above examples we can reflect on the massive poverty & inequality that persists in the society. Inequality & poverty are two components of a vicious circle. Inequality causes poverty and poverty further deepens the inequality.

Today, poverty is not measured only in monetary terms but also by the Capability Approach as pointed by Amartya Sen. Poverty are of two types absolute and relative.

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Absolute poverty is a bigger social evil because the person lacks basic amenities like food, water or shelter.

Inequality are also of various types like Vaccine inequality, income inequality, inequality in health, education, gender etc

Having understood the basics of poverty & inequality let us now understand how they are social evil?

Poverty & inequality deprive human being from living a life of dignity (which was envisaged as a component of Article 21 by the Supreme Court). Extreme poverty and inequality gives rise to left wing extremism, terrorism, increased crime rate and threaten the sustainability of the society.

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Poverty - a bane for the society

Today, as per the World Bank's report, approximately 9% of the world's population earns less than \$1/day, and 30% of India's population are below poverty line (BPL). Their lifestyle is miserable and sad - they don't have enough to eat even two times a day, they live in unhygienic condition, devoid of basic necessities like clean water supply, electricity or toilets.

Such poor parents often employ their children at work, inspite of providing relief it becomes a cause of inter generational poverty.

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Inequality among different section of society

During the peak of spread of Corona Virus ~~on~~ one hand we had developed countries like USA, Canada hoarding vaccines, on the ^{other} hand we had African countries like Congo, Bosnia where due to unavailability of vaccines thousands were getting infected everyday.

India though self sufficient in Vaccine ^{but} there are glaring inequalities in health services. Rural population of India holds 70% of the country's population but only 20% of health facilities are available in rural areas. Inequality is also seen across different states in India - Gya has 1 hospital bed for every 617 person but Bihar has 1 hospital bed for every 8000 individuals.

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Inequality is high among the most vulnerable section. The tribal population though constitutes 8% of the population but 40% of those who are displaced due to developmental project are also tribals. While the national literacy rate is 74%, among ST it is only 59%.

Gender Inequality is also one of the contemporary social evil. There is low participation of women in labour force (27%). And there is also high gender gap (22%). According to Ministry of Women and Child Development at least 40% of women have faced domestic / sexual violence.

The third gender is underrepresented in schools / colleges / work place. The representation of LGBTQ community in Parliament is zero.

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Having seen the two social evils, let us understand the reasons because of which society has these two problems.

At individual level, there is increase in selfishness. There is more emphasis on 'I/me' over we/us'. There is more emphasis on materialism, and the balance between spiritualism and materialism as envisaged by Jnani Vivekanda is lost.

Increasing consumerism & commodification further aggravates the problem.

At family level, due to increasing nuclearisation of family, soft skills are not being taught to younger generation.

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Prejudices and discriminations are being passed on from one generation to another.

At societal level, we are of the opinion that problem of poverty & inequality is not our problem and we have nothing to contribute, totally government is responsible for handling such problem.

At administrative level, there is a culture of complacency, red tapism & status quo. The apathy of bureaucrats leads to increasing problem.

At government level, increased corruption and misuse of discretionary powers for own benefits, the recent Irri Cankan crisis is an apt example.

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Having seen the reason let us now see how poverty and inequality ^{are} being tackled.

At ^{inter} governmental level, we have institutions like International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, New Development Bank fighting against poverty and inequality.

At national level, schemes like MGNREGS, Stand up India, Start up India, PM KISAN, PM Fasal Bima Yojna, and through institutions like National Commission for Scheduled Castes, TRIFED, National Scheduled Caste Development Fund, are helping in tackling poverty & inequality.



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However the most effective solution to these two contemporary evils is by developing human character. one should be guided by needs and not greed and follow Gandhi's Talisman. one should consider it their responsibility to eradicate poverty and inequality as Swami Vivekananda also said

"So long as millions live in hunger & ignorance, I hold every man a traitor who, having been educated at their expense, pay not the least heed to them"

To conclude, if poverty ^{and inequality} ~~is~~ not dealt with constructively, it will deal with us destructively. Human beings are at epitome of evolution, ~~however the present scenario reflects~~ and the high intelligence needs to be utilized in such a way that we are able to create equitable & fair world.