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<i>Parameter/Criteria</i>	<i>Aspects Considered</i>	<i>Total Marks</i>	<i>Essay 1</i>	<i>Essay 2</i>
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	Body	15		
<i>Content</i>	Data/Facts/Interpretation/ Analysis	25		
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<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Poor</i>
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India's Missing Women

"Devi" usually has early mornings. She make up at 4am to prepare morning tea for her in-laws, "breakfast-in-bed" for her husband and exotic dishes for her children's tiffin.

By the time she is done, she is already late for her work, she rushes to catch an auto and then struggles through the metro crowd - only to reach office in the nick of time.

Her boss "Dhainya" is already red with anger, not only he thinks that women are ineffective, he also lectures her day in and out to rather stay at home and quit her job. Somehow, steering through the hostile comments during day, she reaches home only to find her husband screaming at

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her for the dinner being late.

Demi at the end of the day realises that her blood and sweat will not lead to recognition either at work or at home and she'll always be a "MISSING WOMAN".

Demi's ordeal is in fact NOT UNIQUE. Despite women's contribution in Society they are missing. Here "missing" means lack of recognition in terms of family approval or in economic output or in our political system. Their "missingness" is not coincidental it is rather systematic.

In this essay, we'll explore how women went missing by tracing the temporal timeline, where are women missing from today, what has been

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done to "find them" and is there still hope that ^{they} can be found out?

Were women missing historically?

Women in ancient time were in fact equals to the other gender in social, economic standing. From pre-historic times, they actively participated with men in food gathering as seen from cave-paintings of women and ~~men~~ dancing together and hunting together.

Even in Indus valley civilisation, their importance can be adjudged from mother-goddess terracotta art widely found and the bronze-dancing girl.

However, with the Rig-veda age, differences emerged, though women actively participated in "Sabhas".

and "Samithis" and learnt women like Lopmudra and Gargi existed, they were losing their social ground.

Soon their participation in public affairs reduced and women started going MISSING with decrease in social contribution and restriction to four walls of their houses. This only deteriorated with ^{the future} dynasties and empires eventually taking us to ~~today~~ the present.

Today's missing women: where and why?

In the present, despite contribution in various spheres of social, ~~and~~ political, economic and culture influence, they are "missing".

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women's contribution in the household from child care to household work is not accounted for in the GDP. Moreover, the working women are also left out as 80% of women are employed in informal sector, powering the Indian economy from the shadows. And, women who are in formal sector are subjected to gender wage gap and face the glass ceiling effect preventing recognition for their talent and skills.

Despite "feminisation of agriculture", the phenomenon more or less appears only in gender studies whereas truly on ground despite 80% rural women being agricultural labourers, only 14% have land to their names. Not only agriculture, but political

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representation of women is also low.

women consist of almost half of the demography yet only 14% women were elected to the 17th Lok Sabha. Despite political parties designing their manifestos surround-
ing women issues; they fail to offer ticket to the very same women. While political represent-
ation stays a contentious issue, development of women in other areas is also dismal.

Despite achieving a gender parity of greater than 1, in schools, women are still 'MISSING' from the educa-
tion sphere with 65% being literate against 80% males. Moreover, their absence has widened amidst the pandemic due to digital gender

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gap as only 30% of women had internet access and hence, have fallen behind in learning outcomes. Moreover, UNESCO predicts that 110 million girls won't return to school - increasing the severity of "missing" syndrome. While workplaces, agriculture, family and education continue to be harbors of "MISSING" women, some women have actually found a way out of this exile.

Are all Women MISSING?

While history was finding ways to push women into the shadows and NEARLY succeeded, some women found a way out from Prabharati Gupta to Rudrama Devi to Raziya Sultana to the recent social reformers like Savitri

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Bhai Phule , Ramabai Kanade to
Annie Besant and Sarojini Naidu -
all these women have indemonored
to act as a guiding light out of
the dark tunnel of exile. ~~with~~
^{From} ~~with~~ inspiring women to lead
to helping them break shackles of
social evils like sati, illiteracy,
child marriage - these women have
given rise to today's women -
who are aware of the "MISSING"
Syndrome and actively fighting
to overcome it.

Steps taken to FIND women

The socieity, government today
aware of women's status have
taken steps to help them emerge

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from shadows into the light.

From promoting education in STEM via VIGYAN JYOTE and mandating increase of women researchers in the science and tech policy to increasing their representation in govt by $\frac{1}{3}$ rd reservation in Panchayats and ULBs to promoting women to stand on their own feet via Standup India, the govt. has taken steps across domains to ensure women representation.

But unfortunately this has not been enough as women still are sidelined by "SARPANCH PATIS" and encouraged to take "pink collar jobs", making it necessary for more actions and concrete steps to find "missing" women.

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Hope Remains

To find the "MISSING" women and give their due credit, recognition and rights more needs to be done.

First, need to make women financially independent. Sukanya Samridhi Yojana is step in right direction

Second, need to skill and educate them and provide opportunities to utilise these skills.

Third, provide them with role models who can serve as their guiding light. This can happen through encouraging informal networks designed for women

Fourth, all the above steps can not be effective till the social

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norms and patriarchy is challenged.
Attitude needs to be changed and that
requires help from everyone, including
men.

Falguni Nayar, the founder of Nyakha
recently become the richest self made
women billionaire of India, her
achievement ~~to~~ is ode into every women
of India hoping to shed the "cloak of
invisibility" and hoping to be
found.

with collaboration of all members
of the society, I believe we can
find India's MISSING women.

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"Leaders become great NOT because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others".

Being one of the prominent scientists in Indian space research, APJ Abdul Kalam was heading the Integrated Guided missile Development programme. However, during one of the missile testing event, it failed.

Aware of the huge amount of public investment into R&D, APJ Abdul Kalam was ready to "face the music". However, he did not - despite being the one responsible.

~~Moreover, the success in the next testing~~ Rather, ISRO's chief - Satish Dhawan presided on the review conference and faced public scrutiny. This was not all, after the success

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of next missile testing, Satish Dhawan hid himself in the shadows and encouraged APJ Abdul Kalam and his team to preside over the conference and take the credit.

Satish Dhawan hence, was not only great because of him being ISRO's chief but rather his ability to take accountability and empower his team to reach newer heights.

Leaders or people who take initiative and guide people under-neath them owing to formal or informal position of power - hence, only achieve greatness like that of Satish Dhawan's by empow-ering others and developing them.

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In this essay, we will discuss how leaders became great by empowering others and how some despite having the power could not achieve greatness. Furthermore, ^{fail to} we will also discuss what qualities do leaders need to possess to be a guiding light for others.

Leaders who shined like a star

The legacy of great leaders is one which is centuries old, starting from Magadhan King Ashoka who used his political position to become the first king to "directly" talk to his subjects and spread the message of Dhamma. Ashoka's Dhammashastra not only ensured peace but also ensured equality among citizen via a uniform criminal justice

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system and inculcated values of non-violence and love for other living creatures. Ashoka's legacy today is embodiment of his greatness he achieved by empowering his citizenry. While, history has other examples too, in modern India, father of the nation stands as a tall example.

Gandhiji's greatness and legacy is uncomparable to none, not due to his position in Congress only but his efforts to uplift harjians through grassroot efforts, mobilisation of people from all walks of life into the freedom struggle and his efforts against colonialism not only in India but also South Africa. He empowered whoever he met and continues to empower through his thoughts and writings.

While Gandhiji empowered many, Jawahar Lal Nehru was one of

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them, who further proved to be a great leader too. While the world was divided into two sides, JLN opened up a new front through Non-Aligned movement and enabled empowerment of developing countries stuck b/w US and USSR. While many other political leaders have continued to inspire the citizenry, one environmentalist changed the discourse of politics in India. Sunderlal Bahuguna, the mind behind Chipko movement empowered tribals and conservationists in their path to sustainability and env. conservation. During 1970s, he took a 4200 km walk from Kashmir to Kohima to make people aware about Himalayan eco system. Sunderlal Bahuguna's efforts to day - has empowered multiple people and

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led to environment be treated as
a crucial factor in development.

While leaders like Gandhiji,
Ashoka, JLN and Sunderlal Bahuguna
keep inspiring people today, some
people with power ~~is~~ have
failed to be remembered as
great today.

Had power but failed to inspire
others

History has its fair share of
such people with Mughal emperor
Jurangles despite having the
means to inspire own citizenry
rather was involved in shunning
other religions and destroying
beliefs of people - leading to today
being remembered as a barbarian
king

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Modern times ~~too~~ saw significant personalities with the most prominent one being Hitler, who failed to uplifted Germans from misery while pushed millions of Jews into Ghettos and life of shame and horror. Scars that he led on people's life make him far from great today.

In present, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is ~~same~~ seen in similar light. While being war ~~at~~ with almost every other nation, ~~at~~ he has disempowered his people by depriving them of fundamental rights, an efficient governance system and freedom ~~to~~ move outside. While his dictatorship is ongoing, there is not much doubt that he will not be referred to as "Great" later on.

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Averauzes, Hitler and Kim Jong-Un are stark examples of leaders with power yet failing to empower others and therefore, also failing to leave behind a great legacy.

How can leaders become empowering?

For the progress of the society and welfare of people, it is clear that empowering others is a crucial component of a great leader. To achieve this feat, a leader must try to inculcate the following traits:

Firstly, must have high integrity and action, words and beliefs must be consistent and moral. Only then can serve as a role model.

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Secondly, must have compassion and empathy for the vulnerable and disadvantaged, as Gandhiji Talisman said. Only then can truly take decision to empower other

Thirdly, must be dedicated to his field, for political leaders, ~~etc~~ & should be dedicated towards people's welfare or scientists should be dedicated towards moral scientific discovery. like C.V. Raman

Fourthly, must stay accountable for own actions as only then can trust and faith be developed.

Leaders are the forchbearers in a society, if embodiment of above principles is successfully achieved - they can truly empower people around them while legacy of their greatness will stay immortal.

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