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SECTION - A

1. Reality is ultimately a selective act of perception and interpretation.

वास्तविकता अंततः धारणा और व्याख्या का एक चयनात्मक कार्य है।

2. Conversation enriches the understanding but solitude is the school of genius.

संवाद समझ को विकसित करती है लेकिन एकांत प्रतिभावान की पाठशाला है।

REALITY IS ULTIMATELY A SELECTIVE ACT OF PERCEPTION AND INTERPRETATION

Plato, Father of political philosophy, in his book 'Republic', gave the first detailed analysis about reality. He gave the concept of 'Allegory of cave' as Reality as shadow of ideas through narrating story of 'allegory of cave'. He said 3 men were in the cave, putting back toward mouth of cave and look at cave, believed shadow of cave as reality but once someone put them outside of cave and they saw new world and new reality, now they called earlier they were in shadow of reality!

Understanding and looking reality has been core theme of philosophy. Even in Indian philosophy, idea of "satyam, shivam & sundaram" put light on conception of reality. (Vaishnava.) philosophy explained reality in material form whereas plato believed this world is world of illusion but kingdom of god is real world. Hence what we see in real form is not what actual is, but subject to perception and interpretation by someone.

It has been challenging task to explain 'what reality is? whether reality is idea, then idea can be formed everytime and changed anytime! plato believed Reality as Ideas and according to him, common man without logic can't understand what reality is.

Aristotle presented counter view, he believed Reality is product of ideas as well as matter. Hence through logic, we can

understand actual reality. But in the later, Immanuel Kant gave the concept of world of phenomena and world of noumena. According to him, capacity of human mind is limited, so he cannot understand beyond this world. Thus, whatever exist in this world is only understandable by human being.

But German philosopher Hegel believed 'Real is rational' and 'rational is real', whatever exists on this earth, can be understood and whatever understood, can be real! Hence, Human beings have enough capacity to understand reality. However, it is debatable that which type of capacity is enough to understand reality: only 5 senses are enough to see reality?

It is widely known fact that reality is subjective matter. i.e. different people see things differently. In the ~~concept~~ Theory of General Relativity, Albert Einstein also

Scientifically try to convince the same message that reality is ultimately a selective act of perception, interpretation and logical reasoning.

Reality : product of perception & interpretation

It is hard for common man to see the things as they are! because reality is always subjected to perception and interpretation of things either by ourselves or others. For instance, totalitarianism is considered as worst form of government. The main basis of totalitarianism is ideology, science of ideas which compelled to see things as political leaders tell.

The most devastating event during II world war was massive killing of Jews by Germany Army and hatred shown by German people because Hitlee was successful

In creating perception ~~age~~ of superior race against Jews and people of German started to realise it as reality but now Americans consider USA as land of manifest destiny. This suggests that ultimate reality is no reality at all but perception or interpretation of event or thing by people.

India has been facing ground challenge for developing universal consensus over making comprehensive treaty over terrorism. because various nations see terrorism through lens of their national interest. For instance, heroic actions shown by Bhagat Singh & Chandrashekhar Azad was revolutionary for Indians but British Raj called it as terrorism.

The same way, religious fundamentalists use or misinterpret religion as force for terrorism whereas USA we started force in middle East or Afghanistan and they interpret as step to save humanity. while

Thomas Pichey called USA as first terror state.

Realists give argument for developing nuclear bomb to establish peace and prosperity in the world and tool of balance of power while others consider nuclear bomb as weapon of mass destruction. It is dependent upon people's perception & interpretation that nuclear bomb launched by USA helped to establish peace in world or caused massive killings of innocent people of Japan!

There has been multiple debate over origin of covid 19 virus, once in century crisis, USA alleged it as china led bioterrorism whereas china called it as act of god. What is actual reality, no one knows but perception & interpretation helped to build some truth about reality. The argument for understanding reality becomes strong

when it is based on science. people tends to believe things right if it is empirically supported, for instance 6th assessment of IPCC compelled to think about undeclared climate emergency during glasgow summit.

The another most prevalent issue of many centuries is patriarchy, domination of ~~the~~ ~~at~~ ~~and~~ male over female and transgender. Earlier people used to believe 'men for war, women for production'. This belief or norm of society has become reality over a period of time. No one dare to change this perception of society or interpretation by male. But in 20th century, emergence of radical feminists present different notion of reality.

Recently held glasgow summit presented good example of different notion of reality by different countries. For developed

Countries, climate change as threat to economic growth while for small island countries, climate change present existential crisis. Hence different conditions and necessity change the perception and interpretation of reality.

Your eyes, my lens

Karl Marx was the greatest critique of capitalism and he criticised ideology and religion as opium of masses. Instead of helping people to know actual reality, but capitalists used this to generate false consciousness by which workers consider exploitation as part of life. The same thing happens with women, marginal number of FIR against domestic violence suggest that women consider it as right of their husbands!

According to Laski, mind is tabula rasa means child born with clean slate over a period of time, perception and

Interpretation of society, leaders, influencers or many more influenced the capacity of child to understand reality. For instance, prevalence of child labour, child marriage, female infanticide, domestic violence against women, dowry system symbolise society accepts this as normal.

Several studies have shown that persistence of norms, belief or any thought over a period of time becomes the reality. For instance, prevalence of slavery in ancient times was considered as normal thing because it had been existence since past.

Hence, Reality is subjective to perception and interpretation by others. Religion, political leaders, philosopher, religious guru and organic intellectuals have been instrumental figure to provide different lens to eyes of common people to see reality. But is it possible that people

can see things as it is without lens of others?

True Consciousness: nearer to reality

It has been matter of debate regarding which approaches - methods help to understand reality: Traditionalists like Socrates believe in Dialectical method to understand actual reality while present time since enlightenment, empirical methods - watching by 5 senses and scientifically proven facts consider as reality.

The one advice given by Karl Marx as to develop true consciousness about reality without putting into trap of explanation given by any philosopher or religious guru.

True consciousness comes with ability of critical reasoning and capacity of differentiating between fact and information.

It is said that 'knowledge is power', but the true knowledge about real things comes with true consciousness.

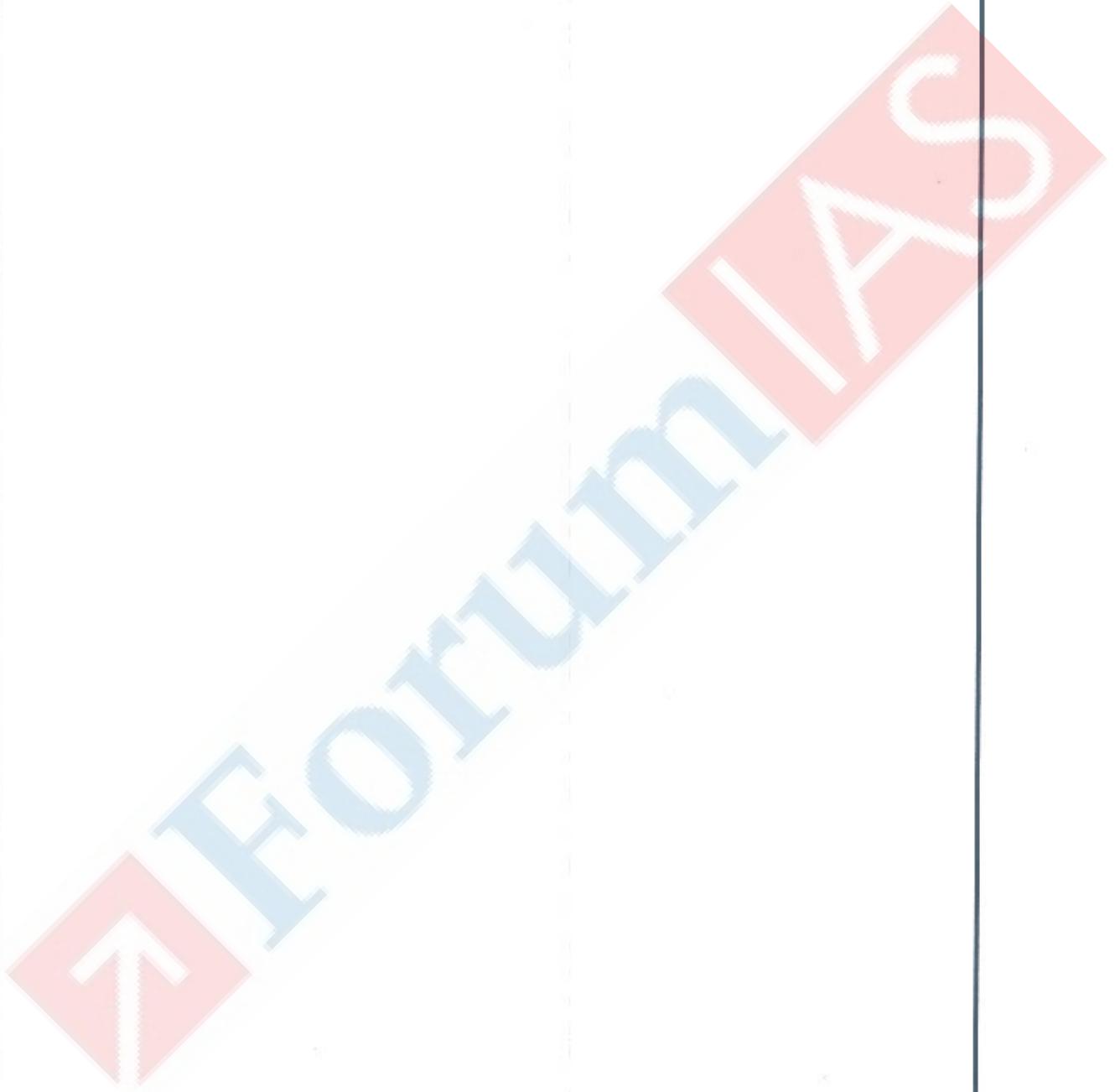
Recently published new Education policy 2020 by government of India presented new perspective regarding education. It widely suggest for 'think beyond the box and look beyond the reality.'

Recently landmark judgements of Supreme court like NALSA case, Narvey singh Johari suggest that ~~the~~ reality or perception and interpretation for reality can be changed. over a period of time, however some people still consider homosexuality as sin, they are still behind shadow of reality.

To conclude, we can say reality is fluid and dynamic as well as subject to perception, interpretation and understanding of oneself towards things as reality or others' interpretation & perception of reality

It is still debatable that can human being
but understand or see reality but ultimate
goal of all human beings should be looking
thing as it is, rather than watching through
lens of others.

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SECTION - B

1. Agricultural Revolution: Road to progress and prosperity OR to perdition

कृषि क्रांति : प्रगति और समृद्धि की राह या विनाश की ओर

2. Work is meaningful when it develops and exercises the talents, capabilities and skills of workers.

कार्य तब सार्थक होता है जब वह श्रमिकों की प्रतिभा, क्षमताओं और कौशल का विकास और प्रयोग करता है।

AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION: ROAD TO PROGRESS & PROSPERITY OR TO PERDITION

Recently UNCCD published report titled Global Land Outlook 2022 which raised eyebrows of policymakers. According to report, humans have changed 40% of total land of the world dramatically into different forms and highlighted rising extreme weather events and desertification exponentially, cited 'Modern Agriculture' as primary responsible factors for this perdition on mother earth.

while on the another side, supply side disruption caused by ukraine crisis, Global Hunger Index 2022 highlights

rising malnutrition and hidden hunger, which can be solved by sustainable agricultural practices. Even Economic Survey 2020-21 focused agriculture to save Indian economy from devastating economic crisis caused by Covid 19.

Hence, both pictures present paradoxical situation of agriculture that agriculture leads to progress & prosperity on one side, but also leads to perdition on another side. How can one thing leads to contradictory outcomes? Does problem lies in Agriculture itself or in its application? Is there sustainable future for agriculture in time of global uncertainty?

AGRICULTURE: BASIS FOR CIVILISATION

whole world remains always grateful to whom, who has invented agriculture, known as turning point in history of human civilisation. Actually story

of civilisation started with story of agriculture.

Since the mesolithic period, humans started agriculture practices which built basis for starting social system, settlements, gathering and ultimately political system.

Indus valley civilisation and its contemporaries were also based on agricultural development. Historians claimed that prosperous agricultural revolution was instrumental for prosperity of Mughal Mughal empire. Indian history tells that agricultural prosperity and land revenue had been basis for all kingdoms and to make India as sone ki chidiya.

ROAD TO PROGRESS & PROSPERITY

Across the all continents of world, and their history emphasised on one common thing - Road to progress and prosperity goes through prosperous agricultural development.

Since enlightenment & industrial revolution, structural transformation happened in countries known as developed countries which shifted agriculture as prime moving force to industry and service sector, however, agriculture still remains lifeline for developing and emerging economies.

most of developing countries are agrarian economies where agriculture is backbone of economy in terms of employment generation. For instance, According to 2011-12 data, 65% of total Indian workforce depend upon agriculture.

Along with employment, Agriculture is basic primary activity and prime moving force for various countries. Agro based industries provide basis for industrial development and inclusive growth. For instance, textile industry in Bangladesh is

primary case study for inclusive growth of all society.

Agriculture is also laid bounding stone for structural transformation of economy.

According to Kuznet process, real transformation in any economy pass through from agriculture to industry and industry to service sector.

China, second largest economy, has shown whole world how constructively we can use agriculture as prime moving force for industrial development.

Agriculture is also considered as primary force for existence of human beings. More than 70% of populations depend upon agriculture for food and dairy products.

SDG 2.3 explicitly recognised sustainable agriculture practices for food security and addressing hunger & malnutrition.

World Bank categorises agriculture and its allied activities such as livestock,

fisheries as primary sector. In recent times, importance of livestock and fisheries has increased across the world, especially in developing countries. Vietnam provides successful model for dairy products and India's white revolution gives new hope to developing - emerging economies about prosperity of agriculture sector.

Not only economic prosperity but also political prosperity and sustainable future of nation also depends upon agricultural revolution. For instance, declining agriculture production because of faulty organic policy was one of reason for sovereign debt crisis cum political instability in Sri Lanka, whereas various political analysts gives credit for political stability and sustaining idea of idea to the prosperity & progress of India.

Agriculture is a comprehensive process, which includes various components

of Mother Earth such as soil, water, air, rain, and many more. Hence, it is widely acknowledged that agricultural revolution is one of key component for environmental sustainability. Then, why did Global Land Outlook 2022 criticised modern agriculture as leading factor for perdition?

PATH TO PERDITION

Story of Green Revolution started in 1960s in India provides clear understanding about dark side of agricultural revolution. Although Green revolution led economic prosperity and food security, environmentalists like Vandana Shiva, Ramchandra Guha highlighted rising soil infertility, declining groundwater level in Punjab-Haryana region.

Hence, IPCC 6th assessment concluded that inappropriate and faulty

agricultural practices can also lead to perdition for humanity. For instance, slash and Burne cultivation caused massive deforestation across the world, but developing countries face more problems because of dependency on agriculture.

It becomes more dangerous for developing countries when agriculture is more dependent on rainfall for cultivation. For instance, half of total agriculture depend upon rain and recently rising extreme weather events and changing monsoon patterns makes agriculture more as perdition than road to progress & prosperity.

Basic unit of agriculture is soil. Hence healthy and fertile soil is precondition for agricultural revolution but faulty use of fertilisers, pesticides and inappropriate agriculture practices increased level of soil fertility and decline in agriculture

production. This caused food insecurity. Food and Agriculture Organisation highlighted role of infertile soil to make many African countries for hunger hotspots!

Another devastating impact of faulty agriculture practices is declining of groundwater level. Swaminathan highlighted paradoxical case study of India where India is water stressed country, although India is also net virtual water exporter by planting water intensive crops - sugarcane, rice, wheat in large extent. India also utilise 80% of clean water for agriculture development which caused water insecurity in India.

Agriculture is also responsible for climate change and global warming. Global climate impact report said agriculture as 3rd largest source of green House Gas

emissions and one of major factor for deforestation, destruction of Wetland and Mangroves (bio-agents) which reduce carbon sequestration and again increase global warming.

Agriculture even becomes hurdle for good global governance. For instance, systemic role of WTO is majorly due to divergent views of developed and developing countries over agriculture matters. Hence agriculture has become major hurdle in all aspects of human life, how can we drive agricultural revolution again from perdition to progress & prosperity?

Sustainable Agricultural Revolution

Sustainable Development Goals 2015-20
Framework believed ^{high} importance of agriculture to fulfill all SDGs because agriculture affects all domains of human life. Hence It suggests sustainable agricultural practices

should be followed. There has been multiple evolution in agriculture practices from slash & Burne cultivation to precision farming. Globally, Natural farming, organic farming and integrated farming practices will help to strike good balance between food security, economic prosperity and environmental sustainability.

Prime Minister of India has often emphasised upon bringing technological revolution in agriculture could be game changer. Hence countries should adopt precision farming - vertical farming techniques such as hydroponics, Aquaponics for sustainable utilisation of resources and ensuring per input - more outputs. For this, there should be healthy global cooperation for technical transfer & bundling sharing.

There is a also urgent need to reform existing agricultural practices

such as biopesticides & ~~herbicides~~ nano herbicides in place of present fertilisers, ~~providing~~ Irrigation facilities even in drought prone areas as practised in Jordan, learning innovating techniques to conserve water as Israel developed various techniques & technology for water conservation should be adopted by rest of world.

In agriculture, backward-forward linkages is fundamentally thing for agricultural revolution. Hence sustainable inputs in agriculture will automatically lead progress and prosperity for human beings.

There is a also need to identify multiple untapped potentials of agriculture for instance, agripreneurship, livestock, horticulture crops, poultry & Fisheries have been neglected areas in agrarian economy. Hence, South-South cooperation and North South cooperation should be

promoted to make agriculture again's prosperous primary activity.

In conclude, As Scamintation suggested
"If agriculture fail, everything else will fail"
 Hence agriculture will remain till the existence of human beings. Time has come to adopt sustainable agricultural practices universally to stop agricultural revolution to be perdition and making it always road to progress & prosperity for humanity.

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