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SECTION – A

1. Institutions reflect the cultural values of the societies in which they are established.

   संस्थान उन समाजों के सांस्कृतिक मूल्यों को दर्शाते हैं जिनमें वे स्थापित होते हैं।

2. He who has a 'why' to live for, can bear almost any 'how'.

   जिसके पास जीने के लिए 'क्यों'/'कारण' है, वह लगभग किसी भी 'कैसे'/'परिस्थिति' को सहन कर सकता है।

3. The power of perception shapes our understanding of reality.

   अनुभूति की शक्ति वास्तविकता की हमारी समझ को आकार देती है।

4. The tree that would grow to heaven must send its roots to hell.

   जो पेड़ स्वर्ग तक बढ़ेगा उसे अपनी जड़ें नरक में भेजनी होंगी।

The tree that would grow to heaven must send its roots to hell

Recently, the movie 12th Fail, depicting IPS officer manoj kumar became a major success and won multiple laurels. The movie closely captures the daunting struggle which manoj, a boy from hinterlands of India had to go through to achieve something that would change multiple lives.

From working as a labourer in an Atta mill to cleaning toilets in some of libraries at ORN, the story never

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fails to wet the viewer's eyes. But his determination and never say die attitude helped him to cross the worst hells of his life, finally leading to an heavenly closure: the coveted IPS Entry.

The above inspiring story of manoj kumar, reflects a few things: that achieving success (Heaven) is not an Easy task, Life in itself is a very challenging journey for some and yet who can persevere in their toughest circumstances, often rise above the rest and become immortalized in pages of history forever.

In this essay we shall also try to built upon the aforesaid narrative and attempt to live the daunting hell which life often throws in our ways.

Hell : Not one, but Hydra Headed

As kids, many of us would visualize the hell as where the devils would torture us in unfathomable ways. Similar to that is the journey in which a man finds himself in; having to face multiple crushing troughs in the life.

While pursuing our dreams, the financial constraint is perhaps the biggest & most common roadblock in the journey. Not everyone is born with ample resources and Inequality is pertinent. The gut wrenching story of Anand Kumar stands as a perfect abode. Despite getting selected for PhD at Cambridge, he could not achieve his dreams of becoming a mathematician and serve his country in the way he wanted to ; a phenomena which Prof. Sen calls 'lack of capability'.

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not merely financial challenges, but even the uncertainty about the outcomes and the emanating depletion of courage stands as another roadblock. many of the kids from the hinterlands of our country do not even dare to dream big, as their lives have led to them to focus more importantly as to how they are going to arrange their next meals.

Even before courage, many unprivileged people who lack a minimum exposure do not even know about possibilities of today's 21st century, thereby killing the road to heaven even before it is born. Thus, the challenges are indeed daunting and may be even more hell for more underprivileged ones. But, this doesn't mean that we keep our hands on hands and wait

for the golden fairy to bring ~~on~~ us the immortal Elixir. Dasrath manjhi didn't crib about his fate while his wife died because of poor Road connectivity, instead he carved out a Road himself, tearing apart the mountain of challenges. All it requires is a clear objective, the required perseverance and faith in goodness of karma to create Heaven from hell.

The Path to Heaven: Begins with a tempest Goal

one may ask as to what does a clear goal provides us in life? Ranging from providing us undetered focus (like Arjun on the Bird's Eye) to giving us the strength to withstand repeated & multiple adversities of life, the role of a well thought Goal can't be emphasized Enough.

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Irrespective of one's circumstances, our goals should not be tempered down versions of the potential inherent in an Individual. As per michael phelps, goals should never be easy: it must not let you sleep and should continuously provide you with the necessary fuel to burn like a star in a brazen space.

Once the gears are locked in the direction we aspire, begins the actual hell of failures, lack of resources and so on. But, the single most critical key in the journey is one's perseverance. Lionel messi, during the presentation ceremony of his victory in FIFA world cup 2022, said:

"It took me only 15 years to become an overnight star."

Power of Perseverance:
Navigating the Hell

During India's freedom struggle, the light at the end of the tunnel of hope was rather bleak and more so, it dwindled further at many times. Be it death of Lala Lajpat Rai during a lathicharge, or the hanging of Bhagat Singh via deceit of colonial govt., the path to freedom was very hardly treaded upon.

The Road to our dreams is thus not a bed a roses, but a journey of walking upon burning stones. But how strongly we face the situation and how courageously we react, determines the road to Heaven. India's first Olympic Gold medalist, Abhinav Bindra wrote about the art of dealing with the hell of failures. Firstly, he writes, the need to acknowledge

one's failures or mistakes, which gives us the critical reality check. The next step is to Recollect your spirits and modify upon your past mistakes, as the "journey of life is not in succeeding, but in failing better the next time."

Also, the role of mindset can't be sidelined. Having a tough mental framework also serves as a critical component in providing us the grit during our challenging times. When Nelson Mandela was freed out of jail after 27 yrs, he calmly said that not a single day he was anguished over the misfortunes of his life. But, he everyday prayed to God to help him see the bright spot of the life ahead. He went on to say the courage in real sense lies in understanding what not to fear

The tree to Heaven: why must it tread the path of Hell?

Mike Tyson, arguably the best boxer of all times, said in his memoir that going to train everyday, was something he hated heavily. But, he was aware about the necessity of the pain which he must endure now, to perform later. He further writes: "what doesn't breaks you, makes you stronger ultimately."

The journey filled with challenges often helps the person in coming up with innovative ways of looking at things, as 'necessity is the mother of invention'. Alexander G. Bell's invention of light Bulb was made possible only after he changed his outlook for thousands of times.

However, the most important aspect of a tough journey

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Pertains to the character development of an Individual. Heaps of failures, lack of access of resources, crushed upon energy levels, etc. actually humbles a person and makes them grateful for what all they have in their lives. Siddhartha Gautam could only become Buddha when he saw the four sufferings of life, which energized him to find about the source of all suffering and the solution, the moksha path.

Success is cherishable only when it is attained by the most gruelled hardworks in one's lives. Also, it is also not uncommon that success has been achieved even without treading the hell like hardwork. Some people are born with a silver spoon in the mouth, some have greater

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access to good mentorship, etc.

But, such a success fails to satisfy the ultimate end of human ingenuity of Grit. It also fails to inspire a generation of aspirational people, who dare to dream big irrespective of the challenges in their lives. Ultimately, that success may not even last long as was the case with Duryodhana who achieved the throne of Hastinapur by deceit.

Thus, the message of this theme is ever resounding: success is not easy, you need to dream with your eyes wide open, be ready to face the failures with utmost humility and a never say die attitude and not cursing what less or more you have got in your lives.

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The quote of Ramdhari Singh Dinkar Ji, perfectly sums up our discourse:

"Lehron se darkar kabhi nauka par nahi hoti,
koshish karne walo ki
kabhi haar nahi hote."

(Determination and perseverance are the two most essential leaps from hell to heaven.)

Feedback

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SECTION – B

1. A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

   जो मन किसी नये अनुभव से खिंच जाता है वह कभी भी अपने पुराने आयामों पर वापस नहीं जा सकता।

2. One health approach: a call for ecological equity.

   एक स्वास्थ्य दृष्टिकोण : पारिस्थितिक समानता का आह्वान।

3. Culture can unite what history and geography has divided.

   संस्कृति उसे एकजुट कर सकती है जिसे इतिहास और भूगोल ने विभाजित किया है।

4. Social evils have not completely left the ground, instead are changing their form.

   सामाजिक कुरीतियाँ व्यवहार में पूरी तरह से ख़त्म नहीं हुई हैं, बल्कि अपना रूप बदलती जा रही हैं।

Social Evils have not completely left the ground, instead they are changing their form:

Seema, a young and ambitious girl living in chawls of Dharavi, mumbai feels that she has escaped the chains which kept her tied approx 15 yrs ago. while she was a teenager and lived in a village before migrating to mumbai, she had to drop out of school in class 6th, had to walk few km to fetch

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drinking water for family, and often keep 'Ghunghat' before appearing in front of Elder males of house. But, now in mumbai she goes to a local call centre to work. However, still she often becomes victim of casual sexist jokes, Earns less than her male counterparts and is confined to the same position at which she joined years ago.

This brings out the question that has seema really been able to escape the traps of Poverty & Patriarchy or is it simply that the earlier form of societal Evils which bogged her down still continues in another fashion which is least noticed?

The story of seema is not unique. Like her, many of the people continue to bear the brunt

of societal evils, it is just the case of camouflage of being less noticeable by gradual change from its hardcore and initial perception.

In this essay, we shall try to build upon this very narrative and launch ~~and~~ an investigation as to how much has been the progress with regards to alleviation of social evils.

Just like Seema, many females are today allowed to work (which was not the case earlier) Patriarchy has evolved itself both Spatially and Intertemporally.

Due to urbanization, the cost of living of households have shot up rapidly, which has forced the Elders to allow their daughters and daughters-in-law to work. However, the challenges of Patriarchy might

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appear as dwindling, has actually reformed itself.

Be it the sexual Harassment at workplace (or even demands for sexual favours for promotions) or even the alarming pay gap; the situation remains highly unchanged, atleast structurally. Females have to bear the Dual Burden of Households and works, a phenomena termed as 'Patriarchial Bargain' by sociologists: women accept some tenents of patriarchy to attain a minimum level of Independence.

But, still the LFPR of women is matter of concern as it is only around 36-37%, as compared to over 60% for males. over 80% of the increase of women workforce has went to Agriculture and less than 20% towards Industry

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and services sector; a phenomenon called 'Feminization of Agriculture' due to male-specific outmigration to urban areas.

The earlier trends of Dowry Death Reports have declined off late, but it has been simultaneous with increase in demand for working Brides as it is witnessed on the matrimonial avenues. Dowry itself has been termed as 'Gift' or 'Groom Price' or 'Stree-Dhan' based ridiculing of the sacred occassion.

Thus, Not just women and their fight against patriarchy; but also so many other social ills have underwent Evolution & reformulation. The caste system of India is yet another manifestation of the pertinent change.

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The hardcore notions of Jati System, based upon notions of 'Purity & Pollution' have declined in significance with the mandal commission report and affirmative action by the Govt; there has been considerable upward social mobility. Caste-based political parties have emerged and even the dominant castes are demanding reservation today, like the marathas in maharashtra.

Even the ~~ever~~ ways in which the societal Bias & Hate got manifested has underwent a change. For Example, the Religious Bias often manifested itself in form of communal Riots; like 1984 Punjab, 2002 Gujarat, etc. But, thankfully such violent events have reduced.

The tree to heaven, Roots to Hell

* manoj kumar (12th fail)

worked in Atta mill, librarian

Explain his success
FIFA, Ballon d'O

~~Filter~~

Heaven : success, Desirable life (messi : 15 yrs for overnight sensation)

~~The Route to Heaven~~ : Begins with

(2) Setting Goals

michael phelps : goals should never be easy

clear goals → Strength to withstand adversity (Lord Rama)
→ focus

(1) Hell : not one, but multiple

~~challenges possible~~ : ~~not a cozy path~~

financial (super 30) Anand kr. cambridge

knowledge about aims

uncertainty, poor courage

toxic people, unfavorable policy

(3) The hell of perserverance : The deciding key to Heaven

Indian freedom Struggle

Abhinav Bindra : Lessons from failure
→ Accept
→ Re formulate
→ fail better

nelson mandela : mindset (27 yrs jail)

~~michael phelps~~

why Route ~~to~~ via hell is critical

what doesn't break you makes you tough - mike tyson

Innovation (necessity →)

Humbles the character (appreciates what he has) Lent

Buddha

success may be attained even w/o hard work

silver spoon
Easy mentorship

but; do not satisfy one's grit
fails to inspire
may not last long Dhanyadhar

the ship is safe in harbour but that's what not ships for...
mushkilon se darkar koshish....

Evils → patriarchy, caste

Intolerance

mindless trolling
- Religious
- Racial
- Geographical

Patriarchy (Least noticed, yet most practiced)

① not allowed to work → Pressure of affordability → Employment Discr.
- Sexual Harr.
- Pay Gap
- Dual Burden
- 80% F.O.A.

② Dowry → 'Streedhan' / 'Gift' / Dd to working Bride ↑

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Caste

Strict norms of purity, pollution,
- mandal commission
- Reservation
- caste based politics
- caste to class based Ghettos

Dalit capitalism

But, not completely left ground ☹

2 pg

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~~Intolerance~~ Bias / Discr.

Riots → mindless, uncontrolled S/media trolling

Geographical → Domicile, Sons of soil

But, Progress visible ☺

2 pg

Way Ahead

Ideals of Article 15, vasudhaiva kutumbakam

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However, newer forms have been assumed, like reckless and uncontrolled social media trolling based on communal fault lines is not something uncommon today.

The caste & Religion based Ghettos of our villages are increasingly being translated into Class based ghettos of our Urban landscapes.

The hate & unjustified apprehensions generated towards migrant communities from UP, Bihar, WB, etc. has translated into sons of soil movements at many places, added to it are the attempts at Domicile based reservations by states.

Thus, rather than having completely left the ground, societal Evils are constantly changing their appearances and still remain a reality.

As per Bizwada Wilson, over 95% of the Drain & Sewerage cleaners still belong to SC community. As per Sachar Committee Report, the minority populations of our country are way behind socio-Economically despite rise in hate on media platforms. Females of the country are deeply discriminated even today, across age and sectors. Be it lack of Gender-friendly farm tools or even lack of bargaining power and pink collarization at formal spaces.

But, this also doesn't paints the complete picture. The societal Evils for sure has reduced significantly, if not completely eradicated. Be it the ban upon unhumane practices of FGM (female Genital mutiliation) or Sati Pratha,

to female headed companies like Pepsico (by Indira Nooyi); situation of females continue to improve.

Strict notions of polluted castes has went for a toss, atleast at urban spaces due to phenomenons of urbanization and Industrialization. As per renowned ~~ser~~ sociologist, "India's destiny is not caste' in stone."

our children and youth are co-celebrating festivals at schools, colleges; thus reflecting the idea that progress is certainly visible, and that we need to double down upon our efforts to eradicate these evils as soon as possible. Be it Dr. Ambedkar's dream of annihiliation of caste, or Raja Ram mohan Roy's attempts at gender justice; our efforts today would determine how would we carry

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further the legacy of these stalwarts who dedicated their lives towards social justice.

The concept of 'Inclusive Development' has gained much traction today that narrow based growth is often not sustainable and that it fizzes out mid-time. It is also based upon Sen's Idea that all the sections of the ~~sect~~ society, esp. the more vulnerable ones, must also be able to meaningfully contribute towards national development; that helps them in providing them 'Agency' and their ultimate capability development.

To realize this very objective, dedicated govt. schemes have also been undertaken. However, we are not doing enough! India's total Expenditure on social sector hovers around 8% of our GDP, while

Brazil, a smaller Economy than us spends ~15% of GDP and the Nordic nations spend ~30% as per their 'Rights Based Approach'; which makes them one of the most Equitable places to live on Earth.

Not just Govt Spending, but the right kind of socialization to our Children, attitude change and sensitivity training of Adults and focussing upon the 'Humane' aspect of Human beings would also go a long way in achieving the quest for social justice.

Thus, it is the high time of 21st Century that India reclaims its righteous stature of 'Vishwa Guru' and this can only be achieved by working upon ~~the~~ India's core-most philosophy: "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"

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Thus, the today's motto:

"Sabka Saath, Sabka vikaas, Sabka Prayas & Sabka vishwas"

can prove to be game changer as we go ahead and our society is able to reform itself for greater good, just as the societal ills have done it for themselves.

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