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SECTION - A

1. Respect based on fear throttles freedom, democracy and individuals' capacity to grow.
2. The essence of good life is based on ideas of learning, earning and yearning.
3. Growth is best possible by enterprise and exposure and not by protection and dependence.
4. Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

SECTION - B

1. Male-female complementarity is intrinsic and is naturally ordered toward authentic union.
2. If we yearn for respect and dignity, first we shall have to be free.
3. Belief in goodness of God rather than fear of punishment for sins make human beings good.
4. Despite claims of freedom and equality modern societies are still grappling with the problem of slavery.

Remarks

Essay 1:

topic: coming together is a beginning ;
keeping together is progress, working
together is success.

In the period of adversity, people
know "united they stand, divided they
fall". But one thing which seldom
occurs is the success. very people,
who are aware of every thing, yet
tend to fail!

"Means Ends Reversal"

Coming Together and keeping together
is a mean to achieve an end.

But due to lack of wisdom and
absence of leader it becomes an
end in itself. This world is filled

Remarks

with interesting stories. The only
which differentiate them from the
Success or Failure is the
Leader and Shared Vision.

In this essay we will try to look
in different sphere of our world
to further understand it.

INDIAN FREEDOM STRUGGLE

Many wonders, why India failed
to achieve the independence in
1857 but succeeded in 1947.

What had changed in these 90 years
or so?

The revolt of 1857 was a living inspiration for many, it was a true triumph of courage and sacrifice. But still failed to garner result. Because they lacked Mahatma Gandhi a leader with vision. Who understood that the mass movement is just a mean, not an end. A leader who was successful in binding the Congress together and allow them to work effectively. His ^{lack of} vision and coherence cost India its 90 years of development.

World War I and World War II

Both these wars crippled the

humanity and shocked the world.

But one gave birth to United Nations and other is sitting on the denim of National League.

Again the pursue of US played an important role who not only binded all others together, but also gave a vision to realise.

This vision and legitimacy was completely missing with the League.

But this is not only limited to past, it holds equally good in Contemporary World.

INDIA - SAARC AND ASEAN

In this multipolar world, India

and its neighbouring countries had institutionalised SAARC. This was on the line with ASEAN and many other groupings. But decades after inception, SAARC had failed to thrive, but ASEAN is thriving in the pacific region. What made us so different? Same race, same climate, same economy, same people, still results are different.

Because, India has somewhere failed in a leadership role where other members were antagonised with India's position. So, did we really shared the vision of becoming a powerful region or we limited our dream with an institution itself.

But, this failure doesn't mean that India failed in every sphere. The list of its successes are much longer than few failures.

DEMOCRACY SUCCESS AND PRIDE

15th August 1947, was not only a day of independence. It was the day when the foundations of most vibrant and dynamic democracy was about laid. We the diverse people of Indian Subcontinent, came together, tied the knot of nationalism, and worked day and night to realise a dream.

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a vision, an aspiration of our beloved leaders who sacrificed their lives for us. We were indeed blessed with the leaders like Pandit Nehru, who ingrained democracy within us. But why, decades after that, on the eve of 73rd and 74th Amendment Act, we failed to make our local government a vibrant institutions. Because, we lacked the leader with a vision to unite.

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

But we were lucky at the beginning of our independence that, we had leaders like Mr. B. R. Ambedkar.

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and Javadekar got reelected. Since
Kashmir found a union of
militia under Patel & only us
subord. the forward commandos
would be able to act as
subord. the forward commandos
and many others followed his action.
We fully understood the essence
of lesson about Federation. But,
why we have not been
making the difficult case.

Why socially it all should
be the basis of cast and creed.
Because, no body should be asked to
drop his found brother in the
process of punishment. If people still want
to bring him. It is a matter of honour.

as finally passed the mid-august
laws to the legislature, post 1991,
the wings of Economic reform
is old. the future brought no new
stage happened? we mainly
win on the small foot held. so
was word by word. what was
the flat and the short, but in
the disruption, we can forget
and forget.

INDIA - SOCIALISM - to - LIBERALIZATION

was found, a union of bourgeoisie
made with third left. But
more more was promised. if ~~more~~
and fast.

we have to achieve. Rather than trying and failing with means we crafted the vision of economic power, and we worked together. We cooperated, we complimented, we supported, we suffered together, and result of economic success is upfront of us. This cooperative story takes a new turn when we look at our Judiciary-Executive relation.

SAGA OF JUDICIARY & EXECUTIVE

Executives were overpowering Judiciary in the first inning

of Democracy. This story was beautifully written with many interesting chapters like Keshwananda Bharati Case, Maneka Gandhi Case, ADM Sabalpur Case, and 2nd Judges case. Finally after the long tussle, peace was established. The peace in the form of Collagium and true independence of Judiciary. They both have shared the vision of socio-economic development of people. And now, a beautiful equilibrium has established on the foundations of Judicial Review and PIC.

Remarks

But it doesn't mean that Indian Institutions were always successful in part.

NAXALISM & LEFT WING EXTREMISM

When the promise and benefits of Democracy failed to reach the masses, the masses started drifting them, radically away from union they formed.

Naxalism is again a story of misplaced priorities, differences in vision, and misguided leadership. The ingredients which drifted them apart from

the Indian Union in the search of true socialism. Why we failed with the problem of Red Corridor? Because we never put adequate efforts to re-integrate them with Indian vision.

This social problem is not unique to past, but it still exists in contemporary world, in different form and with different degree.

SOCIETY, TAX & PEOPLE

The increasing divide between rich and poor. The deprivation of resources and basic needs. The skewed distribution of resources.

Remarks

All these are indicating towards failure of a civil society. A society without civil and individual morals. A society which evade taxes with a pound of guilt and deprive the State of resources for distributing justice. The social contract between the State and people was a mean to achieve the prosperity of people. Rather an end which served the few. But society is not the only contract we must respect, what about marriage?

Marriage - An INDIVIDUALS AFFAIR?

marriage and family, the smallest unit of our society. Are we sharing common a vision in our marriage, at least?

Interestingly, No. Many have a love for Dowry, few have an attraction, and others are taking it as a part of survival. Why ~~we~~ are we losing the essence of this sacred institution? Because we are lacking a vision. We are coming together, living together, but not mutually working together. mutually it ~~is~~ has become a ~~genuine~~ and fake relationship. It's the time when we should realise

This spiritual base of an individual
is irrespective of their wealth and
success, moving away from the
materialistic definition.

To inculcate this we must strive
for achieving a state. A state,
where we have patience, tolerance,
acceptance, compassion, empathy,
demonstrative and look upon that,
we can work together. The
values which can craft a leader
within us. The values which
can generate a part of Gandhi
in all of us. Gandhi is a writer,
that writer is needed!

Essay-2 : Despite claims of freedom and equality modern societies are still grappling with the problem of slavery.

"They said, you are free, you are free
You have the freedom, which you desire..."

I saw the chains, I saw the wire.
I asked them, what is this attire...

~~They~~ They said,

Are they visible? Are they same?
Then Democracy for you is just for name."

Above lines are capturing a plight of an individual in this DEMOCRATIC

World. The world which served its people the half baked Freedom and Equality. So, are we truly free? or a slave of one or another?

In this world, who is a Slave? In line with the modern values, the person or an entity when forced to do something that something against its will, then liberally it can be called slavery.

In this essay we will look how we as an individual, as a society, as a nation, are becoming slave of this modern world.

Remarks

WHITE MAN'S BURDEN TO RIGHT TO PROTECT.

A nation becomes slave when its sovereignty of its ~~island~~ is compromised. When a powerful nation under threat or other pretext, breached its sovereignty. The doctrine of white man's burden which made this entire world the slave of Britain. Now, in contemporary world, the new tool of western power to realize their vested interests. Are we not the slaves of unipolar world?

COMMUNITARIANISM OVER INDIVIDUALISM.

Government of many democracies in this modern world have embraced the powerful tools of sedition,

Blasphemy and Criminal Defamation
These tools are often used to take
away the Fundamental Rights given
by the same State. The rights
given by the State under Social
Contract for a meaningful life.
A life without them is caged.

Are we not the slave of our
own life under restricted freedom?

SLAVE OF DEMOCRACY.

The unprecedented turnout of
voters in North Eastern State
elections. The participation in
a democracy is always good,

Remarks

right? But, what if your identity is inherently linked with your voting right? What if someone will call you Bangladeshi or Mayanmaali, if you didn't participate? What if you have to vote to be a member of this society? Can you really sell this freedom? When you are forced to do things irrespective of your desire. I call it,
Slaury of Democracy.

WELFARE IN EXCHANGE OF RIGHTS:

The moment you have to surrender your rights to avail yourself the due benefits from the state.

Remarks

The Aadhar Card and its impact was discussed in detail by the SC. The position of Government that, the Compulsory use of Aadhar Card, the card which takes away our right to privacy. This position is against the Democratic Ideals where a government is covering its inefficiency with rights of its own people. Isn't it a Slavery of Welfare? where you are forced down without your will. Yes, but the government and its executives are itself suffering from this evil.

Remarks

INDEPENDENCE OF EXECUTIVES / POLICE

After Parkash Singh and Ors. vs U.O.I Case 2006, our whole country has understood the intricate relationship between Political and Remanant Executives. Police a known baton in the hands of politicians. They are lacking the autonomy in their functioning. This primary vision of public service is compromised many a times. Many a times they are grappled with their conscience.

Isn't it a slavery when you are not able to follow your Conscience? When your soul is not giving

Remarks

sancitons to your action? I call it Moral Slavery.

Economy And Loopholes

At last coming to economy, our economy has been seized by the big corporates. The few business man who are trying to extract ~~out~~ every ounce of benefits from the common people.

The increasing trend of

CONTRACTUALISATION and

GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN, to

evoid the basic responsibilities.

To force the labourers to work

at crushing bone prices.

Remarks

following add out the poor farmer
 as known as others, so, I am
 people failed to succeed in your
 the end of a war chain. When
 wanted to be an individual at
 by others. When your life is
 your blood and sweat is incurred
 to succeed by your own self. When
 when people of your hard work

INTERMEDIARIES AND AGRICULTURE

following turn to the market a
 when the right for market is
 when in the modern economic system
 best.

The old and archaic laws, vested interests and powerful individuals have brought 50% of our population on the verge of slavery. I call it, the slavery of intermediaries.

~~bad~~ life is far worst, when you are limited to hell.

DALIT AND MANUAL SCAVENGING

Indian statutes ^{have been} ~~are~~ skirmishing with anti-manual scavenging laws for last few decades. But these laws have failed to

Remarks

see the light of the day.
many so-called lower cast
people are still burning under
sewage hole. A work despised
by none, but done by many.
This is the worst form of Slavery
in our Society. Slavery of
Inhumans, that's what I call.

THE WOMEN AND GOD

The other group, which in my
perspective, have been living a
life far worst than Dalits, they
are women.

Remarks

The recent agitations for women entry in temples and other sacred places, have brought it on the fore. The plight of women in our society. They are crushed under the burden of family, poorly fed, and at last denounced as impure. The position accorded to them without their will. I call it, Slavery of Modern House.

Sec 377 and SOCIETY

From Salit, Women, we now come to the last but not least, TRANSGENOGES.

Remarks

The one very close to my heart.
The slaves of their own body.
When society fails to recognise
this inner self and impose the
unwanted external identity on
them. When their interests
and choices have become illegal
and illegitimate. When this
norm becomes as normal for
the state and the society at
large. When this identity
itself is confused between male
and female. They are the
true slaves of this Modern
Society.

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Take of this freedom, Take of this chain
Give me a life, not a drain...

I also have life, I also feel Pain,
Don't crush me down, Oh! man of sense..

You are the mighty, you are the God.
Give me the freedom, or a rod...

I will blossom, I will shine.

Please give me a chance to make things
fine...

With this, let's take a resolution to
give a chance to every one. A
chance to live their life in
their own way. Not to interfere
in their socio, economic and
political sphere. A true freedom
and equality, in its letter and spirit.

Remarks