

खण्ड-A / Section-A

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- Q.1 Gender Equality is not a "women's issue"-it's good for men too.
लैंगिक समानता सिर्फ "महिलाओं का मुद्दा" नहीं है — यह पुरुषों के लिए भी बेहतर स्थिति है।
- Q.2 Is UCC, the unity that we aspire in our diversity?
क्या समान नागरिक संहिता वही एकता है, जिसकी हम अपनी विविधता में आकांक्षा करते हैं?
- Q.3 Problems of 21st century are problems without passport.
21वीं सदी की समस्याएँ सीमाविहीन वैश्विक समस्याएँ हैं।
- Q.4 The more we are developing, the more unhealthy we are getting. Where does the real problem lie?
हम जितने अधिक विकसित हो रहे हैं, उतने ही अधिक अस्वस्थ होते जा रहे हैं। वास्तविक समस्या कहाँ है?

3. Problems of 21st Century are problems without Passport

Once upon a time in 21st Century, there lived two friends, Mia and Raj, who lived in different corners of the world. Mia resided in a bustling city of New York, while Raj lived in a small village in India. Despite the miles that separated them, they discovered that the problems of their time knew no borders.

One day, Mia's city ~~experienced~~ ^{experienced} record-breaking heatwaves, leading to power outages, water scarcity and health issues. At the same time, Raj's

Village was facing the brunt of erratic monsoons, leading to floods, crop failures and increased vulnerability to diseases.

As they exchanged their stories through social media, they realised that their problems were intertwined. Excessive consumption patterns in Mia's city contributed to Carbon emissions that affected the climate patterns of Raj's village relied upon.

Their story serves as a reminder in today's interconnected world, issues that transcend national boundaries are by no means confined to a locality. And going by that way, their solutions too, requires borderless efforts, the collective resolution and collaboration across the people and nations.

Turning the pages of history, we observed that problems and challenges are not new to human civilisation. They have been

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existed before. But how they are different this time, in 21st Century. Are they really different? How?

In Earlier times, or to be more precise, prior to industrialisation, ~~and~~ the nations were isolated, in terms of contact through people and trade. But as travellers searched for new territories and colonisation race began, interco-
-nnectedness also increased. As the time ~~pass~~ had passes, the ideas, culture flew across borders, leading to globalisation process. And this also impacted the problems too, the issues popping up on ^{one} ~~other~~ side of border needed no passport to travel other side.

To understand it more clearly, look at the linkages and chains that bridges the nations across the globe. with 21st Century propogating free market principles, Economics of a

nation can not remain insulated, for happening or danger in one nation can easily create domino-effect on all others. Take the case of Lehman Brothers' sub prime crisis. During 2008, Lehman faced unprecedented loss due to continuing subprime mortgage crisis. As a result, it became a ready recipe for financial disasters that eventually took the shape of Global financial crisis 2008.

Further, internet revolutionized the 21st century. It made the virtual distance nearly zero. One can contact anyone through video call at an instant. But it also lead to problems. Gone are the days when thieves came through horses, now, in 21st century, they became Trojan horse. Yes, the cyber warfare and cyber attacks, literally, means no boundaries. And the most worrying point is that, it required

no physical presence and very difficult to trace. Recent attacks on Kudankulam Nuclear plant and on AIIMS Delhi server are just a few examples of borderless problems of 21st century.

Why just to limit ourselves with technology, these problems are also affecting our society. How? The export and import of Hatred is worth noting. Rising hate crimes be it based on caste, religion or race are new problems in the sense that they were happening across the societies, no matter what boundaries they have. Through propaganda, fake news, hatred breeds in society in form of targeted killings, mob lynching etc.

Going forward, we noticed that certain problems are bigger than anything. They have questioned the existence of survival. We are talking about climate change. The nations

are continuously pumping CO_2 into atmosphere, which, perhaps, no borders can stop. The air flows freely. And this problem takes fuel from one corner and shows its impact on another corner. Developed nations, historically, emitted tonnes of CO_2 , whose cumulative effect can be seen from rising threat of submergence of small islands like Vanuatu, Maldives, Haiti etc. By some reports like IPCC, Arctic Ocean become ice-free during summer by 2050! Certainly the melting ice do not need passport before entering through coasts.

But certain things gets unnoticed. what are they? we are talking about declining / low presence of women in Economy, politics and other spheres of public life. Gender Inequality became the pressing issue of 21st century. Despite having 50%.

of population, their presence in politics room around ~20% or even low to 10% in some regions. This problem is borderless because of Glass ceiling phenomenon. It demotivates and discourages woman to take leadership roles and is widely accepted. This is hampering our society the inclusivity is at risk. Even the developed western nations face it.

So, this discussion now brings us to a point where we must talk about redressing it, finding solutions to it.

As Kofi Annan said

If there is no plan B,
then there is no planet B....

If the problem are borderless, then the solution would also be passport-free. The best place to start with is individual and at society level. We all know about the cause of problems - be it rising materialism,

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or mindless consumption. There is a strong need to stop this. For this, behavioural and attitudinal change is a must. Start with LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment) approach. Why not we can use bicycles to commute, rainwater harvesting, composting our household vegetable waste. These are possible with our little efforts.

Next step would be search for alternatives. To ~~search~~ adopt green energy like Electric, solar, wind in place of fossil fuel based energy. To adopt sustainable agricultural practices like natural farming by Subash Palekar. These will help us in smooth transitioning in 21st Century.

But beyond that, Co-operation between the nations holds the key. The nations had already demonstrated that with concerted efforts, it is possible. Learn from how ozone

layer is healing. The montreal protocol could be a great teacher to make the global leaders to show similar dedicated actions in climate change solutions. Hence the message of "Vasudev Kutumbakam" (the globe is one family) becomes important.

As Dalai lama said
"love and compassion are the necessities of
life and not the the luxuries"

The problems were always there. But this time in new form. And it can be tackled with co-operation of all. Develop love, tolerance, kindness to humanity. This is the time where we have to stand united.

Just like Mia and Raj came to know about borderless problems of 21st century, we must also acknowledged that too. only by recognizing that the well-being of one nation

is intricately connected to well-being of all
can guide our path to prosperity.

Borders can't confine,
challenges interminable,
Passports can't define,
Solutions need to be redefined.

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खण्ड-B / Section-B

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- Q.5 Our Tryst with Space
अंतरिक्ष के साथ हमारा मिलन
- Q.6 Is Internal Security always an Internal Challenge?
क्या आंतरिक सुरक्षा को हमेशा एक आंतरिक चुनौती माना जा सकता है?
- Q.7 Sports, the toy of humanity
खेल, मानवता का खिलौना है।
- Q.8 Is Economy becoming the end rather than the means?
क्या अर्थव्यवस्था साधन के बजाय साध्य बनती जा रही है?

7.

Sports, the toy of Humanity

Sports, an integral part of human civilisation for centuries, are not merely games played on fields or courts. They hold a profound significance that extends beyond the realm of competition and Entertainment.

The recently concluded world Athletic Championship final demonstrated ~~the~~ the very essence of humanity. Neeraj Chopra (Indian) won the Gold medal while his competitor

Aashad Nadeem (Pakistan) won the silver medal. Out of joy, when Neeraj Chopra showed Indian flag to the crowd, but as he saw Aashad without any flag, he simply called him to pose under the Indian flag.

This incident embraced how brotherhood and sportsmanship are related. It is good to have competition but above all there is no competition for humanity. It is equal and one for all. And this was showed by Neeraj Chopra, to give a reminder that, sports is just the toy of humanity.

Just as a diverse collection of toys fills a child's playroom, sports serve as the playground of humanity. Children explore different toys to learn, develop skills, humans engage in various sports to grow physically,

mentally and emotionally. It engages us to find solutions and answers that different challenges of life poses. From "Gilli-Danda" to "Gully-cricket" it engages us in a society team as a member.

Sports brings us together like the toys. When a small child cries for having / playing with a toy, another child by giving his/her toy demonstrates the humanity, of compassion and helping each other. Sports do the same. Through competition, it brings us to a common platform like the IPL in cricket. The inter-mixing of players, domestic or abroad, shows the strength of humanity as a team.

Moreover, aspects of humanity like inclusivity is inherent in sports, like the different coloured blocks making up the toy. In movie Chak-de-India, the girls hockey team

was having its players from rural to urban areas, even tribal player was included. For the efforts of all of us contribute to humanity, sports is just a reflection.

Talking about stereotypes, sports can help us to dismantle prejudices, break the artificial restrictions imposed on humanity. When phogat sisters started wrestling practice, they adopted sports to shun the gender stereotyping not only on sports but as a wake up call to humanity. The toy doesn't discriminate between who is playing with them, then why sports and humanity do?

Not only this, Toys reflect cultural trends and preferences. Similarly, sports have deep cultural significance, often representing the values, traditions etc. Look at the case

of New Zealand all Black Rugby team. They perform traditional Māori dance (haka) before the start of match. This cultural ritual is not only a symbol of identity, but to preserve and enrich continuity of heritage. Like the Malkhambh and several sports - martial arts like Kalaripayattu does even today.

But very often, toys are not easy to play. Sometimes they involve a puzzle that needed to be solved or be it a snake-ladder game that makes you to start afresh. In that way, sports tells us to do more. Not bending against the defeat but to try continuously every time we fail. Be it Michael Jordan (Basketball) or be it Pullela Gopichand (Badminton), they are the examples of how determination and consistency in facing problems, registered their comeback with success.

After all, what is the purpose of toys. It is to bring happiness in the face

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of not only who is playing with them but also to the others who are watching them at a distance. This joy and smile can be understand from the moment of 2011. When India won the ICC Cricket world cup in 2011, not only players are happy but the 125 crores Indians are celebrating this joy.

But can it be said that, the sports is immune to bad practices, what if these toys affect humanity. Is it possible really? Probably Yes.

The incidents of doping by athletes and players is what affecting the sports. It serves as a warning that in order to win the match, any means can justify the ends. The very essence of humanity of free and fair, equal opportunity is being denied due to these acts. Even olympic

Silver medalist like Matthias Fluckiger (cyclist) was indulged in these unfair means of doping.

Further, the sports are falling into the trap of Gambling, match fixing type cases.

Every toy is unique in nature, so is the sports and humanity. By fixing the match, it kills the sportsmanship and erodes trust over the sports and humanity.

~~But the sports are also~~
But here, one thing must not be missed. As humanity progresses, we tend to sideline sports. It is often treated as "extra-curricular" in terms of academics. This is not a good approach. Sports teaches us the lessons of life, makes us discipline, harness our potential and nurtures our inherent talent.

so there is a dire need to change this mindset. For this, developing a career in sports needs to be promoted. And there are variety of examples. successful sportsperson like sachin Tendulkar, milka singh etc. ^{are} ~~have~~ clear examples.

Also, sports is not just limited to a person or team. It can also help the nations to come closer, improve relations. when different teams of diverse nations compete, the ultimate victory is of humanity. for it foster the togetherness and ~~community~~ collectiveness.

As the pages of history turn, the legacy of sports grows richer, much like a cherished collection of toys passed through generations. from the iconic olympic Games, that transcend borders to local matches

that brings communities together, sports represent a shared language that communicates passion, unity and cultural identity.

Initiatives like Khelo India should be further promoted, for childhood development, ~~say~~ sports serve as a conduit through which individuals evolve and humanity thrives. As humanity continues to play and compete, the world of sports will give meaning to our life, filled with sheer joy & love.

In fields and courts, humanity's joy, sports, the toy that all enjoy

unity, growth, hearts deployed...

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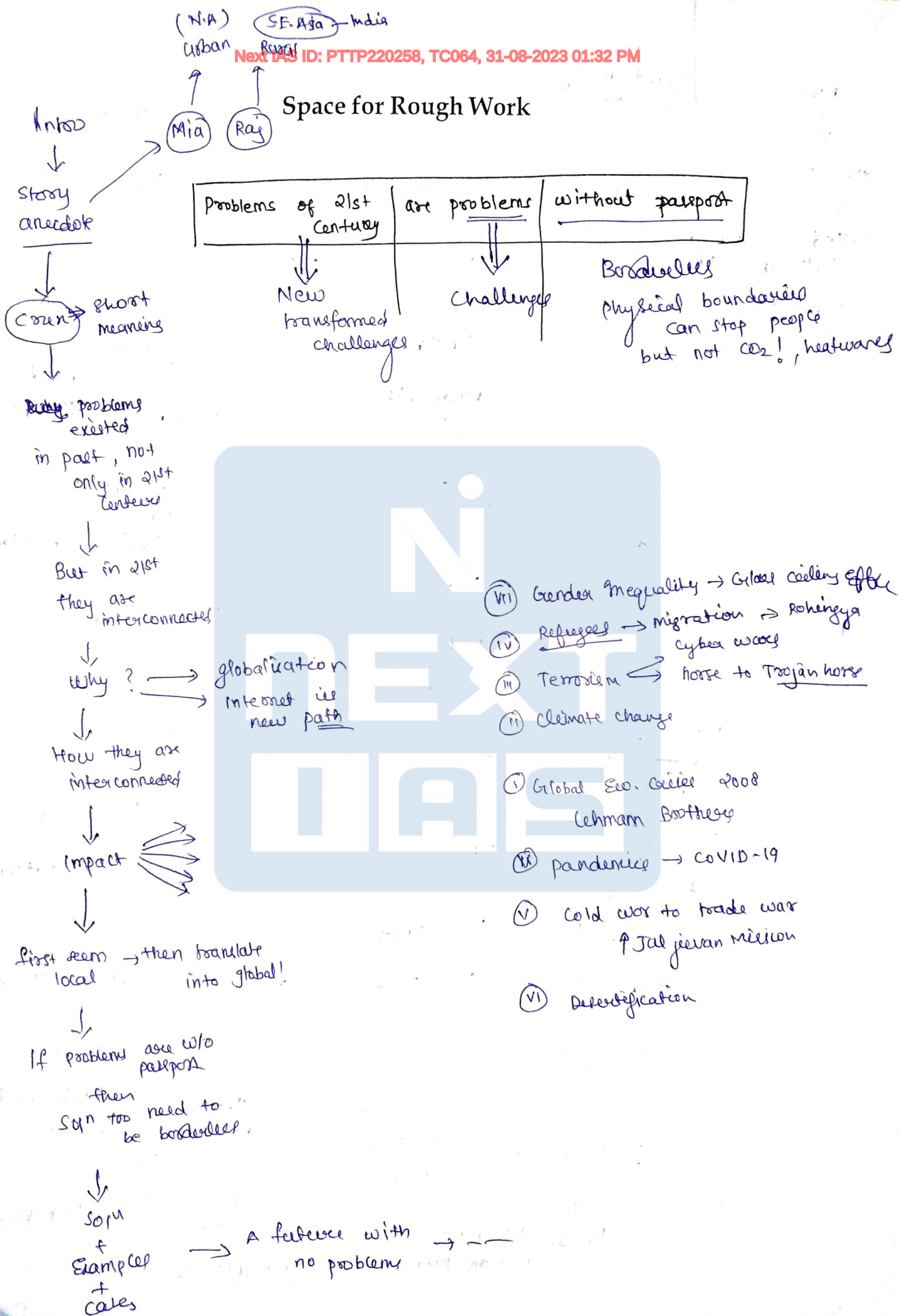
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