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A) 4)

A MAN WHO WANTS TO LEAD THE ORCHESTRA
MUST TURN HIS BACK ON THE CROWD

In the mid 20th century, Rayalaseema villages witnessed peak factionalism in history of Andhra Pradesh. While the origin story of the differences are unclear, the hatred against other community were persistent. Over generations, traditional leaders carried on without any signs of anyonimise.

Then came Veera, the traditional heir to leadership, who is known for his valor and sword-yielding capabilities. As he witnessed the death of his father due to factionalism, he was determined to lead the villages on the path of reconciliation but it would mean turning against his ardent supporters, who would sacrifice their lives.

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Before we understand the role of Venera in bringing endlasting peace, let us realize the role of leader and the importance. Leader is an individual with an ability to translate vision into reality. In other words, leader is someone who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.

In the ancient times, church was the sole authority in establishing facts and it gained its credence from its followers. The rise of Galileo, Copernicus during the period of enlightenment led them to pinnacle of science as they went against the norms of church and the crowd believing in them.



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The philosophical school of thought is forever indebted to the contributions of Socrates, who went against the crowd of kings and crowds to establish ground-breaking thoughts. His works led the groundwork for future thinkers such as Plato. History is ripe with examples and instances where leaders turned their back on the crowd.

for instance, the rule of Czars to the rise of Hitler, they all deployed in showcasing their authority by going against established norms. for Hitler, it was about re-glorification of Germany about being a treacherous path. His rise to top was through amplifying the fascist spirits within population through propaganda and violence, against fellow human crowd (Jews).

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Similarly, the rise of colonization is charged with instances where locality were subjugated to the corners as colonizers captured power, authority by turning their back on the crowd. While the tactics were questionable it provided them opportunity to manipulate needs

However, the limitations of such tactics came to light with the rise of charismatic leadership by Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela as they usurped the colonial leadership through mobilisation of masses in support of their ideologies. This exposes the need to mold conscious instead of dictating terms in top-down manner

There are innumerable instances of leadership showcased in the realm of sports. In the field of Cricket, the innovation of "220ball" style of play by England team has received widespread criticism from crowds of purists, retired cricketers etc. However, they resurrected the interest in Test Cricket and seemingly work towards victory.

In the administrative field, it takes courage to go against the crowd. Dimple IAS has learnt good language to understand their issues. She went ahead and implemented her ideas which were against rituals and practices of local tribes. However her work has aided in development of society and the locality renamed the village as "Dimpleyad".

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When it comes to personal life, the role of society as crowd plays pivotal role in decisions making. With the demographic dividend, there are millions of students preparing for entrance exams, but are often criticized or pulled back due to opinions of society. Every individual has their story, but there is always an element where they turned their back on crowd.

The women face the criticisms of their existence from the crowd even before their birth. The role models of Rani Lakshmi Bai, Devi Chaudharani, Mother Theresa, Gandhi and contemporary leaders have turned their back against the crowd to galvanise women to lead the world.

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The institution of marriage has remained sacred since time immemorial. The norms and practices were followed diligently ~~since~~ without much deviation. However, the challenges to the institution through incorporation of LGBTQ+ marriages and linear relationship is an example of turning against established norms in society.

On the societal research, the works of Frank Boas and Margaret Mead has deciphered the myths of racism and the role of nurture in establishing behavior patterns has turned around the psyche of broader public's assumptions and beliefs about racism and role of nature in upbringing children.

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Just as there are two sides of a coin, there are instances where leader resist work along with the crowd. for example, the modern day workplace is fraught with divergent opinion. The role of the leader is to not create dilemmas but to build consensus to achieve common objectives.

With recent advancements in science and technology, the realms of physics are always questioned and challenged. While it is agreed that the innovations arise by challenging the notions, the limits must be adhered to. The mishap of OceanGate in recent times exhibit the belligerence of leadership to heed to the advice of the crowd.

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The dubious rise of scams, frauds led to purituous rise of organized crime and gangsters. The breach of trust by turning against the crowd creates severe dent in adoption of latest practices. The role of top leadership in turning against the crowd in the cases of Yes bank, DHFL, IL&FS etc provide the need to place guardrails to prevent misnomer in leadership.

Politics is such a field which witnesses the rise of leaders by coming together of crowd and not otherwise. The grammar of leader is expressed by the support the person receives. The example of Chile's constitution being prepared by people and not leader explain the change in the operations of orchestra.

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It is aspirational to become the leader of an orchestra but it doesn't necessarily mean going against the crowd. The circumstances devine the path. The individual must be equipped with ethics, philosophy, education and enculturation to pick right path.

It fits well with the idea that leaders are made and not born. While Veera was born into traditional leadership family, his obsession to bring everlasting peace was initiated by exodus to faraway cities with a hope that the tensions will subside in its absence.

But, he realised that the peace will not come by turning away from the crowd but actively engaging with them. His talks with rival faction led to an agreement along with crowds acceptance leading to peace and prosperity in the region drenched with blood in the past

The legend of Veera is epitome of leadership which must be well acquainted with thought to handle crowd and means to engage with them to achieve fruitful outcome.

The methods must be actively practised within community to ensure harmony within society.

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B/7)

THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN SIMPLY
INCREASING ITS SPEED

Steve Jobs was a brilliant individual and technology enthusiast from his very early life. He continued with passion and rigor to develop computers. Eventually, he collaborated with Steve Wozniack to institute a company called Apple.

The initial days of Apple weren't smooth-sailing. The managerial style of Steve Jobs and hard deadlines received widespread criticism. One time, the shareholders became impatient with Steve Jobs' speed of operations and asked him to leave. Jobs was disheartened and decided to take a trip to Hills of Himalayas.

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Before we understand the role
and evolution of Stone Tools, let us understand
the evolution of human life over time and
takeover of speed over living life. The modern
human species live a dramatically opposite
life to its ancient species.

To illustrate, Homo sapiens relied on
Hunting and Gathering for their food needs. When
the catch is plentiful, they rested and lived their
life. This led to development of social institutions,
language - They took pleasure in living their
life to the fullest. This aided in development
of social bonds and social cohesion.



As population grew, trade started to become the mainstay of economic life. Even then the trade was focused on donkeys, camels etc, which ensured slow paced surety of delivering goods and moving humans across places. The trade between nations was also commemorative without a strict influence of deadlines.

The serendipitous lifestyle was upended with the introduction of industrial revolution in European nations. fuelled by colonization. The development led to rationalisation of human life on the basis of production and consumption. Human life canalized the mechanized production line in its functionality, slowly, speed of life overtook quality of life.

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As science and technology expanded its applications, there was consistent pressure on humans to match its productivity levels to stay in the competitive market of employment. The speed of life increased manifold and impacted various line in myriad ways.

At an individual level, speed became an integral part of life. An individual aspires to receive the goods he placed online in 2-days, increasingly flavored towards fast fashion and inclined to purchase fast-moving consumer goods. Social media has accelerated the speed of life as each post teleported human imagination from one world to another world in lightning time.

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Along with that, the individual wishes to be present everywhere → be it meetings, vacations. This leads to increased adoption of air travel and environmental issues. The fast paced life restricts taking a pause and reflect on enlightenment, gratitude or self-improvement.

At a societal level, there is increased proclivity towards nuclear family, swaying away from joint family values. This is to stay/migrate in urban areas for better employment and lifestyle. The desire over speed erodes familial values and enculturation of children. Societies are impacted with instant messaging instead of familial gatherings or community meet-ups. This erodes social cohesion and the feeling of community.

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Earlier festivals meant celebrating festivals together, and cooking meals. With the fast-paced life people are reliant on instant delivery of meals and exchanging wishes through online medium. All these activities degrade the coming together of people and promote individualism and isolation.

At the national life speed has mixed results on way of life. It is imperative on the state that it protects its citizens from disasters, warfare and cyber attacks which needs decisive response in quick time. In this manner, the speed helps in protecting the line and livelihoods of its citizens. But these are no way a compensation on its ill-effects of life.

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for example, nations have promoted labour and industrial reform in the direction of improving labour force participation and speed. This was exploited by few groups to restrict maximum productivity through unrestricted work schedules.

in this manner, nations are promoting economic growth over individual fulfilment. This has spillover effects on individuals and society as it increases stress levels and detrimental effects on functionality of families. The race to improve speed also meant that we are exploiting natural resources beyond replenishment levels, causing severe damage to individuals, ecosystems and planet's sustainability.

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At the international level, nations
are learning from each other in means to
increase speed of life. This meant sharing of technology
practices, machines and automating parts of human.
for example, the rise of artificial intelligence in
developed countries is exported for use in other nations.

To illustrate, AI systems are being used
to generate ideas, movie scripts etc, but there
is no life in those products as there are no
explicit emotions, depth of characters, meaning
to the story, displayed effectively. Therefore,
speed can be achieved but life is even more
important to deliver knock-out systems.



At the sporting level, speed has taken over the format. In cricket, the shorter formats illicit wider audience but fail to captivate the magnanimity of long format Test cricket with intricate stratagem in swing, bounce etc. Similarly, Chess is being evolved into shorter formats while the longer formats exhibit the valor, persistence & players.

As we have seen till now, there is a definite need for speed in certain situations but there are complement human life but not to overpower them and lead to disfunctionality. The need of the hour is to promote well-rounded life with adequate balance between speed and life.

There are few means to establish boundaries between life and speed. Individuals can opt for journaling, meditation, nature walks to rejuvenate and identify the meaning of life. Society must value social relations and community bonding.

For example, Hopi tribe studied by Lapir and Whorf have identified that they have different perception of past and future, thus enabling them to live to the fullest. Nations should pursue common collective goals to promote quality of life through citizen-centric approach in designing work schedules and ways of life.

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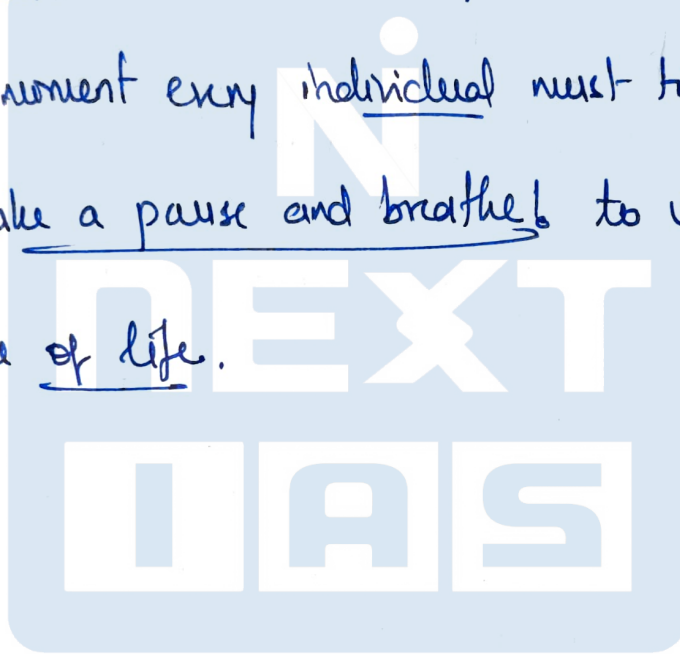
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As Steve Jobs returned from hills of Himalayas, his enlightened and rejuvenated spirit of life promoted his principles of life into functioning of Apple, after being re-appointed as CEO. He promoted perfection over speed and this is well represented within the company.

To illustrate, Apple doesn't release features as first in the industry but hones it over time and release them at a time where they believe in pioneering the feature/technology. This particular mode of slow living is being promoted through productivity hacks such as slow-growth, famous turtle-rabbit race story - where perseverance wins over arrogance/speed.

As Ananya Sen explains that the Industrial revolution is associated with the impediments of life. There is correlation with the impediments and increased pace in life. So, for a moment every individual must time out and again, take a pause and breathe to understand the value of life.



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A man who wants to lead the orchestra, must turn his back on the crowd

Intro - Uera - violence + Path (Jachimism)

Thesis

Turn - Church → crowd / Gaudes, Copernicus

Must turn

not completely leader

Socrates → Plato et al.

Wisdom → to chase

Uera - Assum? Violence Destruction
Thesis People Gandhi

Colonization - lead + extreme steps / Indians → slavery

Sports - Naysayer, Baseball, Unconventional scout

Students - Aspirants - "log kya kahenge"

Marriage - 1C Udiparegun, Raja Rama Nahan Roy

Admin - Non-partisanship + Innovation ideas / Divyagust

History - Aristocrats, 2013

No Turn - Politics Gandhi, Mandela - collective action

Politics - Bolsheviks - Ran away + Afghan Prize also
Politics - Same boat to bring change (Chile constitution)

(Belarus - Don fast approach - not good (Ukraine))

Entertainment
Chatter

Debate - Risk → Failure (safety is key)

Legal rules - Cryptocurrency ng pull, Games Hareshad netra

Workplace - Collaboration is key

WF - Aspirants → normal / Wisdom - Intellectual
ethics / philosophy / education

Cont - Kahlil Gibran, Arthur Miller / Character closure

Logic
Chairman
Intellectual

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There is more to life than simply increasing its speed.

Computer + Apple → Disrupted
Intro - Steve Jobs - Hills of efficiency

HS → Modern world in mechanical

Early - H4G + together + fast + sleep (peace)

① → Trade started - donkeys, camels, one horse + speed - 2 days mechanical work

Robots + synchronous with environment + harmony + peace

↳ Hope labor + construct of time → live in present values

⑫ → changed the perception of speed

Analysis

↳ understand - factory lines, Ford's manufacturing process

↳ Technology + instant messaging, 2 day delivery

↳ disappearance through social media

Work & family
cricket

Cooking - Instant noodles + Collective cooking

Fast paced life → robotic → human values, customs + advent + ambition

Environment - one-air travel, cars etc

② → Cyber security, warfare, disaster mgmt

③ → Speed is harmful to health

Drugs → Health risks, stress, isolation, fatality

④ → Balance, leisure, breaks, solitude, Journaling, Meditation

Gratitude, Tech break

⑤ → Apple - fastest company to adapt changes but focus on perfection
Analysis

Change
↳ input + output + balance

Theme
Life > speed
Speed = necessary

Wt - slow life