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In struggling with misfortune
lies the true proof of virtue

A wise grandmother gave her grand daughter - a carrot, a coffee bean and an egg. She asked her to boil it in hot water. Upon boiling, the properties changed. She then showed the grand daughter, carrot on boiling became soft and mushy, showing its weakness. While egg became tough and hard boiled showing insensitivity. But, the coffee bean infused a beautiful aroma, changing the very water into a pleasant beverage.

By this story, grandmother highlighted how in the face of misfortune and adversity,

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refine their character.

To struggle with ones lot,
people take to various activities.
A poor man may take to
begging or to theft. Yet, he
may also take up opportunity
to develop small scale
entrepreneurship like tailoring,
cottage industry etc. He may
work hard to hone his metal
or turn to religion to find
peace and solace. What he
chooses to do, defines his
true virtue.

It is said, 'diamond is a
chunk of coal, that did well
under pressure'. The adversity
refines our ~~the~~ self and
helps change our very value
and belief system. It makes

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we truly prove our virtue.
Everybody can be generous
when they have plenty, but
only when it's difficult to
make ends meet, one who
steps up to help his brethren
shows his true nature.
Ask any man ~~to~~ and he would
say he lacks something. There
is constant sense of relative
deprivation and almost everybody
feels they are struggling with
their something. Some struggle
with poverty and exclusion,
the other with disability
and yet another with increased
workload. In their struggle
against misfortunes, they

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us question & things we look for granted: Viktor Frankl, an author and holocaust survivor in his book Man's search for meaning elaborated how in face of adversity, we are challenged to change ourself. When there was no hope to come back alive, in the concentration camp, he was helping people with his psychiatric & medicine practice.

People who face the trials of time with a smile on their face become ~~role~~ role models as the true hero, our generation needs. The story of Srinima Sinha, an amputee, the first

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to climb ~~Mount~~ Everest. Her story inspires millions of women like her. Misfortune further teaches us to understanding and caring of other people's need. It teaches empathy and ushers in a revolutionary zeal. Like Ambedkar having himself faced caste based discrimination became a torchbearer for equality. When such people get position of power they transform the institution and show how good work and well being of the community can be pursued. Abraham Lincoln's fight against slavery and Nelson Mandela's stride to end apartheid highlight how adversity

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ignites fire in their belly.

This however is too rosy a picture to be painted. The Biblical and religious narrative highlighting the virtue of adversity has been used by the ruling class to maintain their dominance while glorifying struggle and individual's persistence, it misses the bigger picture of structural inequality. By virtue of birth, some people are inherently better off than others. They never face the hardships and challenges of misfortune.

Marxian sociologists and political thinkers have been highlighting the unjust capitalist system dividing the population in

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Haves and Have nots. Economic tool of Gini Coefficient too highlights inherent inequality destroying the productive potential and creative genius of people. Richer section of the society engage in elite self recruitment while selling false hopes to poor like the Uncle Tom labin? Further women face added disadvantage due to particular set up.

This shows the need is to address misfortunes and unjust system, rather than commercializing the adversity.

For this, there is a need for an inclusive growth, taking all section in its fold - poor, disabled, women and senior citizen. Steps should be

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taken for financial inclusion
and social security measures.

The capacity of human resources
need to be developed by
skilling, spending on health
and education. Social
infrastructure has to be made
effective and efficient. Use
of e-governance for reaching
the last mile.

Only when people get their
basic needs met, can we
judge a man's character. For
it is foolish to disparage
hungry child for stealing bread.
According to John Rawls theory
of justice, while constituting
a society under a 'veil of
ignorance', greatest opportunity
should be given to the least

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fortunate ones. This will build
a healthy society with active
citizenry. And this population
when faced with challenges
will show true proof of
virtue. like,

~~For~~ "The oak fought the wind
and broke, but
the willow bent and
survived,"

Thus showing, how in our
struggle against misfortune
our true character is reflected

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Reality is the shadow of ideas.

Wandering about in the streets
of South Africa, was ^a boy with
big dreams and ideas. His
ideas shaped reality later
with launch of first reusable
rockets at Kennedy Space station.
FALCON by Space X became the
future of all space mission.
This man was none other than
Elon Musk.

Elon Musk became a visionary
with the will to change.
From electric vehicle of Tesla to
space tourism and satellite
based internet of Space X. His
story shows how ideas are
shaping the reality and reality
is shadow of ideas.

According to German Philosopher

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Hegel in his idea of dialectic idealism, he says we construct the world and reality thereof through our mind and ideas in it. Thus, highlighting the relationship they share. Ideas are beliefs, views and imagination that shape reality but go far beyond it - it could be both constructive and destructive. While on the other hand, reality can be defined as observable, empirical and scientific facts.

Reality is a shadow of ideas. What we see today was once merely a figment of imagination like the three stage nuclear program of India was at a time only a distant dream.

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in the mind of Homi J Bhabha.
The world today, is a reflection
of multiplicity of ideas that influenced
it. Charles Darwin's theory of
evolution has shaped the
scientific discourse and our
understanding towards past
and future species.

Similarly, Adam Smith's idea
of invisible hand of economy
in force of demand and supply
influenced market economy and
helped development of capitalism
in Britain and other European
country. The reality however
posed multiple divergence from
original idea - it led to
inequality, slum development,
overwork and exploitation. None
of which was ever imagined.

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In response to capitalism, the marxian idea of communism emerged. It sought to eliminate private property, enforce a socialist system and rule of the people where each get according to their needs. Again, in reality, multiple issues emerged. In Russia, cooperative farming led to purges of kulaks and in China, Great Leap Forward led to large scale famine.

Feminism as an ideology has shaped reality of men and women. Suffragette movement granted voting rights to women. Women's domestic problems became politicised. Many reformative legislation like Dowry Prohibition Act and Child Marriage Prevention

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laws got passed. women's participation in work force increased and ownership rights over property further strengthened. Reforms in this domain were shaped by the efforts and tireless pursuit to ~~Smt~~ Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Ramabai Ranade etc.

However sometimes we see reality and ideas floating in separate realm. And ideas becoming so destructive it distorts reality. The phenomena of mass psychosis highlights this problem. The rise of totalitarian leaders like Hitler, Mussolini and ideas of fascism and Nazism highlights disconnect

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of ideas and reality.

The witch trials during inquisition period further highlights ideas based purely on speculations and conjectures, guided by mass hysteria could have devastating effect. Thus promoting status quo and hegemony of the ruling class.

Scientifically unfounded ideas of racism further have diverse properties. ~~then~~ The reality it shows are a reflection of destructive potential. As Oppenheimer's idea of developing a bomb on fusion principle led to misery of millions of Japanese and nuclear threat continue to effect and haunt the world today in matter of changed

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nature of war.

Knowing the values of ideas
in influencing outcomes,
countries today rely on expert
opinion, debates and deliberations
for an informed future
strategy. NITI Aayog as a
think tank ^{is} helping generate
ideas for a vision of
Amrit Kaal 2047.

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In struggling with misfortune lies the true proof of virtue.

Intro 4 grand mother - carrot, coffee bean, wise egg.

Body: How people struggle.

- 1) मोर
- 2) world hard
- 3) substance abuse.
- 4) Religion.

defines character
diamond with
well under
pressure.

Viktor Frankl

role model
referring
true condn

why?

- Arunima Sinha; Ira Singh
- B.R Ambedkar
- Nelson Mandela
- Abraham Lincoln
- Virtue : when get power → flexible. & understand empathy.

Counter:

Selling false hope - Uncle Tom Cabin
Biblical narrative - to come revolⁿ

Other worldly.

Inherent inequality - Gini coefficient

Unjust world

↳ Marx / society to elite self recruitment

How to alleviate misfortune of others:-

- 1) social security ; financial inclusion.
- 2) human resource.

Nietzsche - 'He who has why to live, can bear anything'

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Post modernism

Reality is shadow of ideas → imagination
→ Hegel: ^{dialectic} Idealism → go beyond reality.

what is reality.
what are ideas.
why only shadow.

counter
↳ sometimes
↳ mass psychosis
(think, blind can't
see reality)
↳ ideas - Hegemony
ruling class - UTOPIA
↳ racism, scientific

everything we
can observe,
empirical,
scientific

↳ greater - meaning to life; a
pursuit - goal.

↳ make peace with circumstance
eg. Holocaust - Viktor Frankl.
[Reverse Engineering]

→ realm of ideas.
→ shape - evolⁿ
- capitalism (bad)
- communism
- world peace (NAM)

Zionism
↳ Herzl
- Feminism

pragmatism.

Elon Musk - reusable rocket FALCON-SPACEX
vision of
freedom
fighters.

Reality: seeds: Brain
Intro: A young boy, preaching to
Homi J Bhabha
↳ nuclear 3 stage

Law
↳ teen
↳ take

Sati
↳ RRR
↳ widow
↳ remarriage

WITI Aayog
Think
Tank
Brain