

खण्ड-A / Section-A

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- Q.1 If you look into someone's face long enough, eventually you feel that you are looking into yourself.
यदि आप किसी के चेहरे को काफी देर तक देखते हैं, तो अंततः आपको महसूस होता है कि आप अपने भीतर ही देख रहे हैं।
- Q.2 We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.
हम उस बच्चे को आसानी से क्षमा कर सकते हैं जो अंधेरे से डरता है; जीवन की वास्तविक त्रासदी तब होती है जब लोग रोशनी से डरते हैं।
- Q.3 It is the province of knowledge to speak and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.
बोलना ज्ञान का क्षेत्र है और श्रवण करना बुद्धि का विशेषाधिकार है।
- Q.4 Drop the question what tomorrow may bring, and count as profit every day that fate allows you.
यह प्रश्न छोड़ दें कि कल क्या हो सकता है, और हर उस दिन को लाभ के रूप में गिनें जो भाग्य आपको अनुमति देता है।

DROP THE QUESTION WHAT TOMORROW MAY BRING ,
AND COUNT AS PROFIT EVERY DAY THAT FATE ALLOWS
YOU.

A Newspaper Advertisement citing "Only Men
Can Apply for this Job" greatly disheartened &
shook a woman of the time. She immediately
decided to write a letter to the Director of the
Company against such a discrimination. As a
result she was called for the interview &
became the first Women Engineer in TELCO.
The woman is none other but Ms. Sudha Murthy

who later on symbolised the strength of a woman.

Had she thought of not reacting just on the presumption of tomorrow. The outcome would not have been so swift. Hence this illustration very well explains how not to lose the opportunity being provided in the present in fear of consequence.

Thus in this essay we shall discuss through various illustrations how acting in the present has led to desirable consequence. Moreover we shall also discuss the disadvantages of not thinking about tomorrow and a sustainable way forward.

First of all the question arises why we need to live in present and drop the question of tomorrow. The answer to this can be understood by the fact that present is in our hands and we are well aware about it in contrast to future about which we are

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The awareness about the "Today" as being in the state of suffering "Dukha" was the foremost reason that Siddhartha left the pleasures of life to attain Nirvana, unaware of the fact that Buddhism would continue to serve humanity for several thousands of years.

Moreover the opportunity grasped by the middle class intelligentsia; Socio religious leaders; Economic critiques of 18th-19th CE to expose the economic drain; drain of wealth; Home charges, and colonial exploitation did not rest on the understanding of what would happen tomorrow.

As a result, the social, religious renaissance led to further reforms which created a chain of small events of everyday fate like formation of INC; National schools/colleges; SWADESHI Companies to promote ATMA NIRBHAR BHARAT.

Also the incidents like Betoria Train

incident where Gandhi was thrown out of 1st class train compartment- led to evolution of Gandhian Satyagraha & non-violence without thinking of tomorrow. Although this philosophy of SWARAJ; Ramrajya; Truth; Communely building became the base of India's freedom struggle in the later years.

Living in the present and working for it not only creates a series of history but also political dispensations. This is evident from the fate of the Constitutional makers who got the opportunity to create the largest Constitution of the world with sovereignty; democracy, Justice, equality and liberty. No one would have thought of the ground shaking events like Emergency of 1975. But we still stand as the most powerful democracy of the world due to every day continued efforts of the parliamentarians, people and government.

To make everyday profitable not only applies to leaders but also each and every participating member of the society. Rosa Park, an American Black decided to sit on the seat of a bus reserved for whites without thinking what would happen tomorrow.

This not only sparked the energy for Revolution against apartheid and racial discrimination but gave leaders like Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King to society who stood for the cause.

A similar incident of #Me too Movement to take as an opportunity to highlight the discrimination and harassment faced by women in public and private life led to various debates against gender discrimination; violence against women and gender crimes like pornography; rape etc.

These kind of incidents are also coming up among the LGBTQ+ societies; Tribals where taking everyday opportunity for profit of dignity is leading towards Pride movements, Social inclusion and Human Rights preservation.

The aim of the society is to get support by ~~resilient~~ resilient-economic systems. and moreover In the economic domain various developments took place in the due course of time. For instance, the fate of India after PL-480 crisis was decided by opting for green revolution to make India self sufficient during 1960's. Moreover the Balance of Payment crisis of 1980's led to India opting for LPG Reforms in 1991 to convert everyday adversity into opportunity without thinking about future consequences.

Not only in the 20th CE but even the present century fate of Indian farmers in the wake of Russia-Ukraine crisis was to become the bread basket of the world by producing more wheat to replace Russian supply and remove present supply side bottlenecks.

Even the circular economy model of today can be considered as profitable for both economic & environmental systems without much focus on tomorrow. The problems of today's climate change as a fate can be

counted as an opportunity to harness the benefits of increased rainfall in few places compared to others; Sulphate aerosols to be used as global coolants.

'Rachael Carson' a very well known environmentalist says that- we have only one earth our present fate of "6th Mass Extinction" is very much in the public domain. Considering this "Limit to Growth", the wise choice would be to sustain present level of biodiversity with species richness; prevent land degradation of the present times.

Profiting from the present fate would sound incomplete without technological interventions in this era of I.R.4.0. The use of technology as a slave to promote digital ecosystems; machine learning; Artificial Intelligence; 3-D printing solved various problems like that of resource utilization; mask making in the adversity of COVID by 3-D printing etc.

However the Blackswan global events like COVID-19 not only requires technological profiting but also International consideration. The present global problems of arms race; Nuclear weapon proliferation; Hobbesian idea of Nation against Nation; Xenophobia; Trade protectionism needs to be addressed immediately without leaving it for tomorrow's generations.

Another such problem is of terrorism in the global arena whose fate has to be decided in the present itself without letting it proliferate in the future.

OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

As the above illustrations highlighted the importance of working in the present without thinking about tomorrow's consequences. There has to be an element of sustainability to ~~also~~ avoid only short term gains without long term considerations. For instance the Indian Agro forestry programme of 1976 led to planting

of useful-variety of tucalyphus which eventually led to extinction of native varieties of plants in north India.

Similarly the tribal approach of shifting cultivation and thinning may provide short term sustenance but can lead to long term consequences of poverty, unemployment, environment degradation and resource exploitation without proper replenishment.

More so, the present economic problem by not addressing the deep rooted structures may result in labour market polarization, economic & social inequality and preference of GDP over HDI as evident from the fact that despite of being 3rd largest country in terms of Purchasing power parity India stands 107/110 in Global Hunger Index

Also to cope up with the present world in Digital Revolution inadequate R&D and green technologies may end up in e-waste; creation of biological caste due to AI, Isolation & mental health problems due to Robotics & labour supplanting technologies.

Thus the way forward is to have policies in the present which work not only to benefit the present generation but also the future ones as a sustainable development approach.

The NITI Aayog strategy of 3 year Action Agenda 7 year strategy and 15 year Vision needs to be followed to create a better present as well as reap opportunities in the future.

In the front of policy making approach the FRBM mandate to present 'Medium term Economic Framework' along with Fiscal policy strategy is a sustainable approach.

Hence towards the conclusion, the approach of Gandhi is Struggle - Truth - Struggle which not only worked for the means but also for the Ends to gain independence can remind one of the sustainability approach to problem solving.

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खण्ड-B / Section-B

- Q.5 Truth, like a torch, the more it is shook, it shines.
सत्य, मशाल की तरह है, इसे जितना अधिक हिलाया जाता है, यह उतना ही चमकता है।
- Q.6 Art is I; science is We.
कला मैं है; विज्ञान हम है।
- Q.7 Only the dead have seen the end of the war.
केवल मृतकों ने ही युद्ध का अंत देखा है।
- Q.8 Act as if it were impossible to fail.
कार्य ऐसे करें जैसे कि विफल होना असंभव ही था।

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ACT AS IF IT WERE IMPOSSIBLE TO FAIL

The KANDHAR Hijack incident can remind one of a 22 years old NEERJA whose courage and wisdom and the conviction to not fail the aspirations of the co-passengers, nation is well known. NEERJA could save the lives of 300 passengers from the terrorist groups by staking her own life.

The above incident explains about the conviction which is required to come out of fear of failure. In this essay we

shall discuss about- more such illustrations along with the fact that- is it the only way to avoid failure.

Success and failure in life are like the two sides of the same coin. However we often do not even act to avoid failure and in turn we also avoid success in our way.

History is filled with numerous such examples where acting with conviction that it is impossible to fail have led to SUCCESS which is written in GOLDEN WORDS. One such instance is India's freedom movement where a continued action of Rediscovery of India's past, Economic critique by R.P. Dutt; Dadabhai Naoroji; formation of Indian National Congress; moderates Prayer Petition; Extremists SWARAJ & finally Gandhian Non Cooperation; Civil Disobedience and Quit India Resolution led to India's Independence. The Constant action to not fail

is also evident- in politico-historical developments of the world.

The American & French Revolution to overthrow the colonialist-regime and promote ideals of Liberty, Justice, Equality and Rule of Law is the continued action of People; proletariat; Bourgeoisie and philosophers like Locke; Rousseau & Jefferson.

More so, India's continued efforts to become a not only procedural as well substantive democracy surpassed various roadblocks to failure like that of National Emergency of 1975; defection in the political parties and criminalization of politics.

Better laws and policies can lead to a sustained society where the society stands all odds against failure of discrimination, apartheid, inequality. For instances, the movement led by LGBTQ+ for right to equality led to Navtej Singh Johar Case with decriminalization of Section 377 (Adultery). Moreover the violence against women; gender bias; gender inequality is under

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Contentious struggle through women organizations/
NGO's like Mahila Seva Sadan; SEWA NAO;
increased women participation in public domain &
labour force leading to success in the form of
VISHAKHA Guidelines; Women Reservation
through 73rd & 74th Amendment Act of 1992
and many more.

The constant struggle/action for a
sustained success and avoid failure in
quality education; Health; Life expectancy;
Nutrition; sanitation is also required through
WASH Initiatives; New Education Policy 2019;
PM-POSHAN; One health Approach etc

When the society achieve its goals in
showing resilience to failures this also leads to
sustained Economic Resilience. For instance
the sustained action to overcome the impacts
of Gto Asian Financial crisis and Global
financial/sub-prime crisis led to the
creation of OPEC BASEL for economic stability.
Moreover the Indian efforts of not failing the impacts
of BOP crisis led to Bank Reform; LPR Reform
and promotion of service led growth.

Now Coming to the technological front, the acts led by WHO through GIAVI to create consensus among countries for vaccine development was against the will to succumb to COVID-19 crisis. India too worked day & night - as Pharmacy to the world through its biotechnology interventions to help the humanity.

In the space technology too, despite constraints of finance, India could manage to create a web of frugal Technologies which made India a global leader in space tech. This is clearly evident from India's lowest cost mission to MARS (Mars Orbital Mission) and recent Chandrayan 3 experiment with great success.

In the Agri Technologies as well, countries like Israel have come up with KIBBUTZIM, a community led Agri R&D initiative to resist against the vagaries of nature. Despite being at a disadvantage due to desert phenomenon and less rainfall, Israel stands as a leader in agri technologies. India too has come up with various ICAR initiatives to not fail the

climatic vagaries.

Climate is one aspect of the Environment, the other aspects including Biodiversity; Land, water are on a continuous state of deterioration & extinction. Thus the continued action to sustain and avoid failure due to disasters; pollution; mass/co-extinction; Ozone depletion; Arctic warming is done through various initiatives & approaches as mentioned below.

One among them is Eco centric approach where a sustained effort like Chipko movement, Community Revival of wetlands, sacred groves, National Parks, Biosphere Reserve, Joint forest management.

Above this another hi tech approach which is more technocentric like creation of BioRocks for Coral survival in Gulf of Kambhat, GM-crops to fight food security due to climate, CA/IS-M STRIPES to preserve tiger population reflects the attitude of not accepting the failure.

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As our earth works as an ecosystem, hence various nations acts as small units of this system with interconnectedness among countries. In this scenario, the countries like Indonesia, Japan, small Islands nation which are vulnerable due to sea level rise have tried to resist the failure of their existence by Senda, Framework Build Back Better; Great Wall of Indosia against coastal sea water intrusion.

Also due to interconnectedness not in physical terms but political, economic terms leads to spill over effect of one nation over the other. Hence the efforts by India in International front to create NAM for Strategic Autonomy; India's role in UNSC, UN peacekeeping against failure of global peace and stability; Co-operation among countries like India-France and INDIA-UK for International Solar Alliance and Global Green Grid Initiative to resist failure of Energy security. apart from India's role in Indo-Pacific as a net security provider

to not fail the implications of Chinese String of Pearls; Martini Silk Road, Salami Slicing by docking vessels is worth mentioning.

Hence after considering various illustration where actions led to success and avoided failure, the question arises - Is ACTION Sufficient?

The answer is No. because action without adequate planning may lead to a bigger failure. This can be clearly evident from the case of KOVNA Earthquake disaster of 1967 in Maharashtra where the action of constructing dam to provide irrigation & water security without adequate agro-ecological planning of Vidharbha region led to massive hydrological disaster killing 100's of people.

Another incident of Import Substitution to protect domestic economies in the world led to failure in the Global Supply chain; trade-war & protectionism.

Hence before the 'action' takes place, few other things need to be taken into consideration

Firstly, the importance of planning shouldn't be ignored. This can be done by Tribal area planning, Hill area planning; agro-climatic planning; Five year plans etc

Secondly, Capacity Building and simulations to act in a desired way. eg. Mock drills - Exercise MALABAR; disaster management drills etc can be taken into consideration

Thirdly Continued motivation and courage of Conviction to not fail the situation can work in a positive manner. For instance many IAS officers like Armstrong Pame; TN Seshan work with continued devotion to duty to avoid failure of Inclusive development.

Hence to conclude, resilience, conviction; and motivation to move forward helps us. overcome the fear of failure and we are

constantly led towards success. A small poem could summarize this as -

VEER TUM BADHE CHALO
DHEER TUM BADHE CHALO
SAMNE PAHAD HO; SINGH KI DAHAD HO
TUM KABHI JHUKO NAHI
TUM KABHI RUKO NAHI
VEER TUM BADHE CHALO - - - .

ie No matter how difficult the situations are,
do not stop yourself from being an agent of
change.

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only Act?
Space for Rough Work
Act - as if it were impossible to fail

H → Independence movement -

P → French / American / Russia Revolution

↳ Meiji Restoration ; India - Chris. Gokhale Clashes -
surgical strikes against Ujjain, Patahar
Nuclear doctrine of
retaliation

S → Women Empowerment ; Nartij Singh Jasha Case ;
Poverty ; Education ; Development as freedom.

E → Asian Financial Crisis
Global Financial Crisis } → BASEL
- LDC - Crisis ; Green Revolution / Blue Revolution

T → GAVE vaccine ; COVID 19 ; Arogya Setu
India Pharmacy to the world
↳ Space → Frugal Technologies → MOM ; Chandrayaan 2
- Biotechnology for medicine ; Agriculture Food security

E → Ecocentre Approach - BK ; KP / sare
- Kinneri wetlands ; Community
- Chipko movement → JFM
↳ Techno centre → Bio Rock ; MSTRIPES Tiger

I → India's NAM - Strategic Autonomy
India's Role in UNSC ; peacekeeping ; Global leadership
Indo Pacific

Other things → Planning before Acty → EIA
→ Continued motivation
→ Capacity Building
→ Courage of Connection

Continued efforts → VEER TUM BADHE CHALO
SAMAN NARM SHER KI DASTAAR HO

Tum kahi
shukro
nahi

Space for Rough Work

H → Buddha - Sidhasthu
 → Rammohan Roy; Economic Drain
 → Gandhi

P → Planning failure; Agile Approach
 → NOT doing devt in fear of not coming to power again.

S → Women → TELCO → LWE
 → LGBTQ+
 → Tribal
 → Minorities Race → Rosa Parks.

E → Economy during COVID
 → Self-sufficiency
 → PL 400 - crisis
 → LPG - BOP - crisis Reform
 → Farmers → during Russia Ukraine War

T → Devt in AI; ML; 3D-printer
 → Web-3.0.

Env → Climate Change → GW, SO₂ aerosols/
 → Intense rainfall; disaster frequency
 → Neo Malthusian "limits to growth" → Sustainable devt
 → Mass Extinction → Biodiversity Cons.
 → Land degradation → LBN

Intⁿ → Terrorism → Global Consensus (Budapest)
 → Internal security
 → Global problems → Have/Have Not/
 → NWP → Arms Race; [Hobbes']

Converting Day's into
Century

→ Only short term → not long term. → Usurper Nature → Plastic Pollution.
 → Resources Exploitation; Chemical Fertilizers; Inequality;
 → GDP [not development]; Biological Races; e-waste;

WF → short-med-long → Struggle - Trust - Struggle - Clear strategy
 → PRBM Reports
 → Prevention - cur - mitigation

→ NITI - short-term policy, medium strategy, long term vision
 small changes make big differ
 Conclude with sustainability.