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Q.1 Little strokes fell great oaks.
छोटे – छोटे प्रयासों से बड़ी सफलता मिलती है।

Q.2 Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers.
किसी व्यक्ति का मूल्यांकन उसके उत्तरों के स्थान पर उसके प्रश्नों से करें।

Q.3 Great principles, great ideals know no nationality.
महान सिद्धांत, महान आदर्श किसी एक राष्ट्र से संबंधित नहीं है।

Q.4 In struggling with misfortune lies the true proof of virtue.
दुर्भाग्य से संघर्ष करने में ही नैतिकता का सच्चा प्रमाण निहित है।

LITTLE STROKES FELL GREAT OAKS.

That was a time in India which none of the current generation couldn't can't imagine. Can't imagine the marginalisation, their exploitation and their deprivations of human rights. They were dalits whose shadows were considered polluting, leave their body!. But today, the dalits have achieved to the top most positions in the governance, business and politics. What fell the great oak of untouchability It is the constant little stroke from the social reformers right from Buddha, to Phule, Phule to Ambedkar, and, finally into the constitution. This shows the transformative role of the constant little strikes, but there is also other side of the

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can by its success!

In this essay we shall observe what forms a great oak and what makes it great. And understand why the little strikes can break even the greatest of the oaks, and further question the efficacy of the strikes.

"GREATNESS" OF THE OAK.

The oak symbolises an entity, organisation, social clue or an organisation. However, there are certain oaks that are unique, distinct and powerful. These oaks might have strong bearing in the society usually through the social institutions, these may have wide spread branches that none can reach. they may even have a thick bark that take the distress period and sustain the shocks. Usually these oaks are dominating in their ecosystem. They provide the services to other and create the "debt dependency". For example, the Russia post world was too. It was one of the most powerful yoc, it had

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its own powerful economy and strong army, it had a strong ideology to which many of the country were adhered to. But how the USSR, the "great oak" became a tree? How were the multiple strikes at various dimensions transformed as "ideology" of communism? This shows the power of great but small strikes that makes even the greatest of the oaks to bend down and withered off.

NON-NEGLIGIBLE LITTLE STRIKES.

The beauty of the little strikes output is in the consistency of the strikes. It is unformidable dedication to strike the big oak with rosy small change as output that makes a difference! This value has been ingrained in the ethos, mores and even myths of the Indian civilisation. The contribution of the squirrel and apes in building a huge bridge called Ram Setu shows the cumulative effect of the little strikes, that not only connected large landmasses across ocean but also brought down the empire of Ravana.

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Another significant aspect is the inner motivation to contribute for the transformation. great things have happened with the small contributions and even the contributions of the weakest. For instance, when women were considered weakest and patriarchy reigned the society, savitri bai phule decided to take up the job of educating the girl child. she became the first female teacher in India. Her contributions soon replicated and multiplied to have an India with women entrepreneurs, women * tribal president and women scientist. It was those little strikes that fell the great oak of male control over the education. Seriously, equally important is not judging and undervaluing oneself in front of the greatness of the oak. Machiavelli says, there is no great difficulty when the effort is great. This is very much evident in the revolutions that our society has seen. Russian revolution and French revolutions are the revolutions of the weakest sections of the society against the strong and autocratic empires. the little strikes from the marginalised against the

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oppression of the rulers ended the tyranny of oppressive rule. They even fell the great oak of "divine king" and established the rule of the people.

On the other hand, the benefits and advantage of the small strikes is the gap between the strikes. This enables the strikes to learn from the mistakes of the previous strikes and reason for its failure. Hence realign the striking pattern for maximum efficiency. In this view, it is the little strikes of the innovators, scientists and philosophers that has led to the grand theory of heliocentrism, atomic theory, nuclear energy, ending the dark age of "divine creationism". This constant improvement has made us cope, human being.

Adding to that is the popular theory "creative destruction of capital". We are in the phase of rapid evolution. In this fast transforming world it is hard to neglect even the smallest of the innovations. None would have believed a few years back that a company of mere 15-20 people can challenge the mighty companies like Google, Yahoo etc. It is the small but innovative & effective

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technology like chatGPT has brought the world to cross roads.

Adding to that, the arrogance and negligence of the ocal to smaller strikes makes the strikes more effusient. This amplifies the effect of the strikes and provide the platform to strike. For instance, we are at the tipping point of the climate change. We have already lost 40% of biodiversity, the glaciers at the poles are melting, the climatic extremes in 2022 has more than the long term average. This wasn't result of the single act. It was the arrogance and dominance of humans who struck his own trunk through industries, extensive mining, deforestation, pollution etc. All those little strikes have cumulatively added to the threat of human's very own existance!

This idea of multiple strikes have been evolved into the modern day terrorism and defense strategies. The hybrid warfare of the new world finds its roots in this very idea. On one hand the country are confronting in economic, geopolitics, but on the other hand they are also building the "psychological" warfare based on Sun Tzu ideas,

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the terror groups have evolved to the core wolf attacks with as small as single individual. But these attacks are most effective because of the ambiguity and requirement of huge surveillance on each and every individual. chinese cabbage strategy and salami slicing strategy use majorly based on this idea. However, not all the little strikes can bring down mighty oaks.

LITTLE STRIKES ⇒ LITTLE IMPACTS

Why were British successful in the early phase of anti-colonial movements? It is because, the oak was really big and strikes were small and unorganised. The early movements had weak leadership and the weaponry was much inferior to those of British. they were majorly sporadic events with loosely organised group of people. This made them easy target to British to suppress them with laws of sedition and use of force. But the later movements were well organised in their striking pattern and methods that made British much weaker to control than before.

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And most importantly, the strikes can bring result if it is struck at same place multiple times. With each strike the base becomes more weaker and thin that results in felling of the mighty oak. However, this may not be true always!

sometimes, one may have to choose different locations to strike the axe to realise the adjustment to new order. For example, how to counter poverty? The initial striking pattern against poverty by India was through socialism. However, the 1991 reforms changed the method. Now the private sector has the potential as well as machinery to wipe the tears off every eyes. But not to forget that each of the strikes had their own impact. The socialism created the base of education, health and infrastructure; based on that the current market economy is providing the quality of life, services and good employment.

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Also, not all the little strikes may not stay relevant because one may have to choose different tree altogether! For instance, the independence movement needed the mass movement and unity for the multiple & united strike. This motivated INC to use the khilafat issue to bring muslims in non-co-operation movement. However, the scenario changed when the Turkey found its peace. Now, the khilafat couldn't be used hence different modes as well as appeal to different sections was increased.

In addition to that one has to ensure that the telling of the great cost is worth the effort of those small, consistant and dedicated strikes. One evil shouldn't replace the other! the solution shouldn't cause more problems than problem itself. the French revolution for example resulted in the reign of terror under Jacobian club who used guillotin and revolutionary tribunal to suppress the opposition and curb the liberty of the people.

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In other perspective, the little strikes are ineffective and non-prudent if the individuals are capable to give a big strike to bring an end to the oath. Else, it is going to be mere "mouth service" and success may be an unintended outcome! Adding to that in the process in itself, the small strikes may take such a long time that the end result may even lose its relevance by the time it falls. Thus, one has to choose the most effective tool and enose most effective strike.

And, despite numbers of series of strikes by one person at time delay. It is appreciable that the people unite and give strikes one after the other. Thus it shows the strength of unity of voice, and unity of purpose. For example, the India's effort to become the voice of Global South. the country which have poor economy, poor human development index which translates into weaker global stance for them

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India using the voice of these little strikes at once to bring down the "rule of few" in the multilateral institutions like UN, WTO etc. and thus bring democratic orders at the earliest.

coming back to the strikes at the cast system since the time of Buddha as we have seen before. This has definitely brought down the caste system and untouchability. However, the cast system has changed its face and form. Thus requiring the new kind of strikes and weapons that are prevailant in the social market. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar proposes education and political empowerment as the most effective axes to cut down the tree of inequality.

this brings the idea, that one has to strike..

strike at the bottom of the problems.
strike at the weakest point of evil
strike without losing hope.
strike with the help of each other.
strike for the welfare of society
finally, strike consistently, unitedly and for the universal good

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Q5 The whole purpose of Education is to turn mirrors into windows.
शिक्षा का सम्पूर्ण उद्देश्य दर्पण को खिड़कियों में बदलना है।

Q6 To dwell is to garden.
निवास करना बगीचे के सामान है।

Q7 Reality is the shadow of ideas.
सच्चाई विचारों की छाया मात्र है।

Q8 We can not despair of humanity, since we ourselves are human beings.
हम मानवता से निराश नहीं हो सकते, क्योंकि हम स्वयं भी मनुष्य हैं।

TO DWELL IS TO GARDEN.

One fine morning Rameshwar from the hinterlands of India falls into deep thoughts about his past. He began to question the contribution of his existence to the society. He soon recalls the life events where he organised student union to fight the caste discrimination in the colleges, the engaged with the societies that promoted the charity and welfare of the poorer sections, he soon became a notable lawyer who fought for notable cases of human rights protections. There he finds his answers for the question. He not only cared in the society but worked for the promotion of humanity and justice, thereby gardening the society with his contributions.

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DWELLING & GARDENING: TO BE & TO DO

Dwelling is mere existance of the person in a territorial area and in the society. In dwelling the primary objective of the human is to survive and make the livelihood for self sustainance. This may also include the usage of the resources in the dwelling place to make one's and one's dependent's life better.

On the other hand, gardening is a process. It is a process of nourishing the good saplings removing the bad ones, promoting the order in the garden so that unhealthy competitions won't arise and ensure the beauty of the society. Man being a "social animal" and a peace loving animal according to Benthem, he not only dwells but also gardens his society under various roles, status and opportunities that a society gives him.

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Hence, dwellers also contributes to the social order maintainance in the society. It generates the feeling of responsibility and responsiveness to the social happenings. for instance, Harikalu Hajjabba, a small scale fruit vendor from Karnataka realised the importance of education in his society. He soon decided to establish and run the school for the poor children from the meagre savings he had. He gardened the values of education and commitment for universal welfare in his society.

Similarly, the dwelling must also include remove the weeds and pests that are threat to gardening. The creation of the suitable environment makes dwelling a better gardening site. Krishnammal Jagannathan, a dalit lady from Tamil nadu, was moved by the dalit massacre in Keeshvemani. She soon realised the removal of the weeds of casteism, inequality and superstition for a better dwelling site. She became a social leader and mobilised the masses for the social justice, rewarding her gardening effort the govt also bestowed with padmashree.

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On the similar lines, the better dwelling and good gardening have same pre-requisit of having the orderliness in the ground. The dwellers must have to obey to certain norms and rules to ensure that disturbances wont arise, and, thus provide resilience for any disruptions or shocks. In the world's largest democracy, the responsibility to maintain the order has been taken by the judiciary. Promoting the good practices and curbing the harmful ones.

In addition to that, the dweller must also recognise his responsibility of contribution and expenditures. The expenditures on fertilizers, manures, good seeds ensure that the garden is healthy and grows at full efficiency. India being a responsible nation which adheres to its principles has recognised its importance. Soon after the independence, India began non-cooperation movement and helped many nations to gain independence. Even today, India is becoming the voice of the global south nations. This can be a compassionate expenditure for good garden.

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And most notable feature of gardening is the ability of dweller to create beauty from the chaos. The gardening not only maintains beauty but also the diversity of the plants. For instance, the library of the Nalanda has been time tested with defections, emergency, riots etc.. However, it is the contribution of the dwellers like J.P. Narayan's sampurna kranti and students movements that erased the beauty in garden by drawing plans from chaos.

On the other hand, one has to ensure that the ambition of gardening shouldn't make the dwelling place uninhabitable. Gardening should become the place of better dwelling than evacuation. The Indian agriculture is one such example, the aim of removing the hunger and ensuring the prosperity pushed the nation for Green revolution. However, the practice of monocropping, over-extraction of resources and unsustainable nature of farming rendered one third of nation's soil degraded. Cancer has become a common disease in the high intense Green revolution area. Hence, the dwelling even if doesn't garden, should detoxicate the field.

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Similar significant aspect of humanity is the use of rationality and objectivity in the decisions. This has led to growth of science and technology, which further pushed the market economy. However, the market soon earned the notoriety of being unequal in resource distribution. However, the social entrepreneurship like Jyothirgamaya foundation have found the way of its stigmatisation. The business model of the company is to ensure that blind can see, reader and be educated. In return the company expects the meagre profits. That's how a healthy garden grows.

And not to forget the theory of "social contract" by J.J. Rousseau. The humanity is bound to each other in contract. Thus, people are only born free, everywhere in chains. The development of the individual happens with the development in the society. Thus the values of compassion for the weaker sections, the striving for justice, promoting of the rule of law & equality are not luxury but prerequisits for the sustainable gardening.

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Hence, the humanity found numerous ways in which it can cultivate the good crops. Be it the new social media like the #MeToo movement, #BlackLivesMatter movement, or, the PIL method to ensure the legal obligation for value added farming. The PIL by Ommkrishna ensured the right to education, the PIL by NGO sampathra ensured the tribal rights and the most notable being the Sabarimala case to ensure the gender equality; However, not all the endeavours can expect to garner gardens, or not all the gardens are good for the society. There are certain precautions needs to be taken.

CAUTIOUS GARDENING!

Equally important factor in the gardening is what we grow in the garden? The gardens of poppy in north-eastern states have caused youth addiction, unemployment, growth in poverty and finally the regional disturbance. The gardening of good values should be the prime intention behind the people.

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Another significant aspect is how we choose to garden the good values. 'The justice not only be done, but also seen to be done.' for instance, the demand for justice, equality, opportunity, rights of the tribals in Jharkhand, chattisgarh have often taken ugly turns. the use of force and inhumane methods for the gardening is non-justifiable on the part of humanity.

Also, the garden and its components should be aligned to its environment and ecosystem. the rapid disruption of the environment may act as counter productive not only for one's garden but also for the surrounding ecosystems. the forces of modernisation though has its shorings in bringing human values it also eroded the compassion and impact between the people. the shift to materialism from spiritualism, the old age home growth etc., shows the effects of ecosystem disruption.

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Similarly, the garden should also evolve with the changing needs of the societal members. the garden sometimes has to be replaced with whole new set of fruits and plants for the new demands of the society. Thus, dwelling and gardening are dynamic process. The continued gardening of old values not only unprofitable but may also become counter-productive. like the French and Russian revolutions.

On the other hand, gardening may not be everyone's capacity. the people's capacity may be hindered by lack of education, or the poverty to invest in the social growth. the bodily disabilities. In such scenarios, those with power and economy should take their role of responsibility for the social gardening. Only then the difference in society can be justified according to I. Kant.

Finally, gardening isn't an individual effort. This requires collective action to ensure the economies of scale. the difference in the capacities of the dwellers can be

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put to use for division of labour. This not only contributes effective and efficient gardening but also inter-dependency between the gardeners.

And as a caution not, Edmund Leach observes humans are "innately criminals". Hence, even if the individuals dwelling in the society aren't able to contribute to the society. They shouldn't act as breakwaters for the welfare.

In a nutshell, man's living is not mere existence. It is the contributing. The collective contributing of the societal members have driven the society away from the hatred, jealousy, violence etc. This also include the growth of the most beautiful flowers and tasteful fruits of peace and harmony. Thus, man has to be proactive in his dwellings. The home is the building block of the society. The familial relations are the bridges for the human connects. Nurture one's

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surroundings, promote the good crops, remove the pests, weeds and harmful chemicals to ensure the most beautiful garden. the garden where the children can play, adults can work and elders can pass the values and methods of good gardening to future generations.

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