

ESSAY I : "LEARN FROM YESTERDAY , LIVE FOR TODAY,
HOPE FOR TOMORROW"

Switzerland , was the leading watch manufacturer in 60s decade , Nearly 80% of analogue watches were made in Switzerland. However in mid 70s a new technology , DIGITAL watches technology was invented and patented by swiss . But the watch manufacturers didn't favoured it. A Japanese company "SEIKO" saw the writing on wall "WORLD BELONGS TO FUTURE" and adopted it , became successful leaving the swiss out of business .

It was then , a swiss company adopted the technology and regained the market share.

So, what does above story has learning for us. It is that , we have to learn from the Past , to enter the future .

In this essay we would define broad contours of learning from Yesterday ,

living for today , and hoping for future
and see how past , present , future are
interconnected .

Mankind has progressed from savagery
to Barbarism and finally to
civilisation , through a series of learnings .
The Past was dark with no light
but then man invented fire , began
casting tools out of stones and
then domesticated animals , the series
led to birth of Urbanisation , some of
the most advanced like Indus Valley
civilisation .

The learning from yesterday were
applied , such as the knowledge of
fire , wheel , hunting , gathering and
future became better and better .

Embarking upon the same journey, we see that "yesterday" has best window to search for wisdom, for a "glimpse to past contains wisdom of ages".

~~Such was the vision of~~

The world has seen many Wars and battles, yet not every aggressor turned into ASTHOKA to discredit war, seeing its horror in past and leaving it for peaceful future and a calm present.
World war 1, costed horrors of wars on humanity, yet World war 2 happened. The failure to learn from yesterday made the present worst with loss of human lives in World war 2.

However, we see, that nuclear war like World war 2, made world leaders learn

some useful lessons. The horrors of HIROSHIMA and NAGASAKI were very much alive and played a great role in averting the UBAN MISSILE CRISIS leading to much anticipated 3rd world war.

The knowledge extracted from past helped in liberation of Nations from Monarchy. Marques de Lafayette, the Soldier of American war, learnt ideas of struggle against injustice and provided ignition to FRENCH REVOLUTION. A series of Revolutions then liberated people and society from Aristocracy such as Russian Revolution imbining the older spirit of yesterday - LIBERTY, EQUALITY and FRATERNITY.

Similar is the case of India's journey towards a democracy. Learning from the British parliamentary system, India too started her democratic journey. The constitution itself is the apogee of taking best from the yesterday, to create new today. The blend of flexibility and rigidity of Indian constitution makes it vehicle of ages, vehicle of future, of tomorrow.

Aikewise, the financial threats to credit system of world in situations like Global financial crisis, dram crisis etc led to formation of G-20.

G-20 learnt from past events and embarked on path to protect economic system of world through cooperation.

and coordination of Nations. It is very much involved in making enroads to sustainable future.

It is said, "that best way to know tomorrow is, to creat it", and tomorrow is based on how we treat the present situations, that is how we react to it.

India learning from its past experiences of territorial aggrissions of china and Pakistan, opted to be a nuclear power. The present situation is that it acts as a deterrent to aggression and averts the wars of tomorrow.

Similarly, the tomorrow depends on innovations of present. How we

treat the innovation can decide how
it treats us in future.

India's journey towards self reliance,
Atmanirbhar Bharat is sprang from
past compromises in her strategic
autonomy under influence of superpowers.
The semiconductor program, the chip
making ecosystem, the localisation of
data storage, securing critical minerals
all are quest to secure hope for
better tomorrow and modify the
present limitations.

Yesterday, thus has repository of
solutions for present problems. The
climate change is one of the issue.
people of past fed on coarse grains.

Millets, which were extinct, to an extent are now revived to solve the present problem of nutritional scarcity and future's wary of food insecurity.

Being a climate resilient crop, it is a hope to our tomorrow given to us by yesterday's civilisation.

Since, there is no second thought that broad contours of future would be decided by climate and environment it seems that we have missed the learning of yesterday.

Civilisations such as Indus Valley were uprooted by climate change, yet in present we recklessly exploit nature.

we saw horrors of Nagasaki and

Hiroshima, yet allowed chernobyl
disaster to happen. The horrors and
learning of war have not stopped
present day wars in Ukraine-Russia,
Israel-Palestine. The Kedarnath disaster
(2013) was not enough to make
nation understand the seriousness of
climate change, the result is horrific
incidents of Joshimath land subsidence.

It thus, duals upon us to think, if
we have learnt enough from yesterday
to make present and ~~future~~ predict
future? At one times it seems 'NO'.
we do not have learnt enough, for
there are Riots, humanitarian abuse
ethnic clashes in every part of world.
Localised events like Uttarakhand floods are of

continuous occurrence, forest fires kill biodiversity every year, the poor farmer dies every year, such as, the child is malnourished every day, girls are raped every now and then..

How can thus we say we utilized experiences of yesterday !!!

What it takes to create a hopeful tomorrow is to revert to yesterday.

The present focus should be on Education, health and human capacity building, since these are the better drivers that made our present, and definitely the tomorrow much more better

Leadership has to be built, cooperation of Nations has to be forged and technology has to be incubated to

realise a meaningful future. The ideas of inclusion, equity and liberty of individuals already have been taught to us through social reform movements of Bramho Samaj, the Renaissance ages of medieval Europe.

while tomorrow, is what we create and enter, today is what ~~it~~ takes to create the tomorrow. The waves of extinctions in Earth history did not made diverse learn ~~about~~ their doom. They were make spectators to their pitiful future at expense of Asteroid. But we are humans of 21st century. Nature has been kind on us to give us a mind to reason, to remember past, while living in

present and at the same time think
and prepare for tomorrow.

It is said that "Yesterday" is a
person who holds our hands to
help us enter future. The world
has surely learnt to hold hands
of Yesterday. The bridge to future
have been devised by us such as the
COP-27 on lines of success of MONTREAL
protocol, the Sustainable development
goals - As the world fought CORONA
pandemic, economic crisis, environmental
crisis, the need now is to analyse
the failures of yesterday, as we
prepare to enter tomorrow.



ESSAY-II :- "THIS TIME, LIKE ALL TIMES, IS A VERY GOOD ONE, IF WE BUT KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT"

After being Retired from the service of Public works department, Nek Chand Saini was alone. No daily excitement would kindle him, his old age brought not only retirement from service, but it seemed from life also. He was frail, lonely. But then he found his solace and started collecting discarded items and waste from demolition sites. He recycled them in his free time and made artistic items which are now placed in what we know as "THE ROCK GARDEN" in Chandigarh.

What does Mr. Nek Chand Saini do with his time, which made him feel worthless after a certain age ??

How does his actions, modified his
sorrow on loneliness to energetic activity
and artistic tendency.

Well, in this essay we would dive
deeper into the "dynamics of time",
whether it is good, bad or neutral?
whether it waits for action, to be
called good or bad and how one
can change the contours of his existence
by doing right things at right times.

Time is always in motion. It is
well said that "time and tide
waits for none". Time makes us
pass through states of life, success
failure, present, future etc.

However it is the tendency of
humans to blame the time
for all their failures and

inefficiencies

The ancient periods of human civilization were a good time, for people had surplus food, no competition, but cooperation; less diseases, more nature, more trees

But when we see present, it is filled with all maladies, population explosion, environment degradation,

Is the present time ~~not~~ bad?
 certainly NOT, that is, it is as good as the past. for in present man can control nature, control disasters, devise his own future, innovate through technology to find cure to all maladies

It is thus knowing what to do with
time defines whether it is good
or bad.

The Industrial revolution made Europe
a superpower. It stepped in Medievalism
European countries treated innovations
kindly, allowed superstitions to
be bunked, heralded into age of
enlightenment and forayed into
industrial expansion. It gave them
benefit of early start as compared
to rest of the world and
they became economic giants,
prosperous nations with prosperous
peoples.

A strategy devised in time, for time which is coming, saves from doom. Embarking upon arduous journey of national reconstruction, Nations like Japan made them overcome horrors of nuclear disasters.

A tiny Island Japan is a superpower thanks to its vibrant economy through manufacturing and export like Japan, Singapore had a tough time witnessing ethnic violence, drug abuse yet devised strategies for economic upliftment made it an ASIAN TIGER.

Not only at National level, at

individual level also, "time" has to be synchronised with proper objectives and paths to reach them.

Time is same for every Nation, every individual, yet there is a stark difference in level of development, prosperity. While Nations like India, Thailand, Bangladesh are incubating technology, addressing social ills through government policy nations like Pakistan, Myanmar on the other hand are indulged in Wars, militarism and human genocide. we see thus a stark difference in level of income and prosperity of people in these countries

similarly, that is the need of present
 helps to act in a wise manner
changing climate has brought
 vagaries to the people, mostly for
Poors. Yet villages in India, like
Palli (Jammu Kashmir) and Meenagandi
(Kerala) have sought to be carbon
neutral. Methodology to save
environment, met with coordinated
actions, making them a success
model in era of global warming.

one has definitely heard the fable
 of ant and grasshopper. The
Ants toil hard to collect grain
 in winter, which grasshopper
loiters around in spring, leaving

the wormy for winter. what is the result ?? while ants have food in winter grasshopper starves, while ants enjoy warmth of home grasshopper is exposed to perils of harsh winter.

Ukewise journey of individuals like Michael pheeps, Hellen Keller, Louis Braille teaches us that "Actions" matter. If we blame our time and situation, we can not rise above these people suffered from physical disabilities, yet channelised their energies into a fruitful journey to realise their hidden potential. This made them Icons in world.

~~So it is that~~ So is it not that our actions determine which time is good or bad ?? definitely.

Good actions make time good and
Bad Actions waste the time.

What does time has for us in future?

A decadent civilisation exposed to
degraded nature's feiry, with less
food to eat and more mouens to feed

or a prosperous civilisation striking
balance between Nature and human?

Surely it depends on our actions.

What it takes to do, to achieve
good times? First of all, it

takes indomitable spirit to hope

for better and channel our
energy through cooperation and

Coordination, Health and Education are two such areas which need attention. Focus on climate has to be given. proper strategies for ecology restoration through afforestation plantation drives needs to be taken.

A wise man once said "that the Best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the next best time is Now"

It is "now" when we have to act. Careful strategies for social inclusion, technological advancements are the refugees of our coming time.

Leadership has to be built and Youth has to be educated and

motivated. International cooperation through bodies like G-20, United Nations are of immense importance to realise potential of everyone.

India itself has witnessed development and progress as a result of 5 year plans, adoption of mixed economy. The Hand to Mouth existence of India was solved through green revolution. Similarly dealing with such huge population has made inroads to progress through careful planning and inclusive actions.

This is the need of present order, that is to treat time as a

gateway to prosperity and frugal
mindful activity, rather wasting
it on speculations, competition,
conflicts and contrasts

world needs to rediscover the faith
in coordinated actions to exploit
time to its best advantages

The poetry by Rabindra nath Tagore
thus seems fitting here

" where the mind is free and head is
held high,

where knowledge is free,

~~Into that~~ free world has not been broken
where the world by narrow domestic walls
by fragments. By narrow domestic walls
where the mind is led forward into thee
ever widening thought and action

Into that heaven of freedom, my father
let my country awake ११