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CAN ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GO HAND-IN-HAND?

"The Earth was fine, lush greenery divine,
Melody sung sweet, the rules define.
But for the greedy lusty maverick,
Trees became dollars, the air got sick!
Nature got replaced by the mindful mind,
Alas! we yearn for a great revival.
Man became savage, environment got savage,
To be rich and prosperous, CAN WE MANAGE?"

When humanity first emerged on Earth, THEY knew that they had bountiful of resources nature gave them, and that they could happily lead their well-being with it. Even the Indus valley civilisation portrays a marvellous harmony between the environment and their development, social, political and economic.

It is WE who are having troubles in maintaining that synergy! When the spark of greed got to our tongue, what we started was a great development and pathway to our own graves, with rampant and blatant disregard to our own genetic. And, now, we are... peeping at the deep gorge that we ourselves have carved with our scientific valour in the natural mountain of resources, the gorge

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that takes us to the dungeon of ignominy.

This essay reverberates mankind's yearning to re-establish the lost rapport that we had with our environment, so that we might stay few generations longer.

How the Raid began!

Until the 12th century, the world thrived on subsistence economy basis, and thus, perfect balance between environmental protection and economic development prevailed. However, slowly guild system started emerging and humans started to spread the economic wings.

Sooner than later, how guild system shifted to factory system and how the green nature became a sumptuous meal to the machine economy, can be fathomed by the process.

The 16th century danced supreme in environmental destruction and the weapon called Industrial Revolution reigned harsh on the tender soil. And thus began the growing distance between natural harmony and economic development.

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It is not that environmental protection was a tough task, rather to do nothing bad was enough to retain the good. The gangrene of greed and the machinery of money led us to chop off the vital organ of natural sense from the body of sustainable development.

With growing scientific temper and development, clean power emerged, leading to more production, leading to more money, which made ways as capital into further scientific development, enhancing machinery further and economy further. What was left behind was the Mother Nature, the human sons treating their own motherland with a step-motherly attitude.

It was not late when the tender soil was scratched with the iron weapons for commercial agriculture, the sublime lakes and wetlands were robbed off their own waters and converted into thirsty concrete to build fancy homes.

With rampant growth, globalization came to fore and the entire world set to the "solemn" task of raiding the environment to fill in their own coffers with riches, riches that could buy a mineral water bottle, but not the lake that they destroyed!

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the Dichotomy of Prosperity with poverty:

In this entire process, we have reached till today's dichotomous situation, wherein we have all the very riches, but are poor naturally and resources have finally denied to help! The situation today is similar to following:

"We walked on moon, we saw the Mars, we are heading to interstellar; but how do we live on Earth, we need to ask a fortune teller!"

To increase agricultural productivity, we used chemicals into the soil, making it toxic and the surroundings vulnerable. The trees were chopped off to make way to the bungalows that we made with the resources. The luxury cars, the air conditioners, Nichigen-star hotels, all have increased the global size of pie bigger, but the air is denying oxygen to the man to enjoy this.

Pollution in all forms have finally started taxing the humanity for the incommensurate degradation that we have caused to the resources. The mountains

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that we so proudly carried through terrace farming and hydel-power projects, have finally started quaking the very foundation, tumbling all the RICHES TO RAGS.

Our scientific vigour has finally proved chemically vulnerable, with the Green House Gases reacting with our Indiscipline to produce the Ozone Hole of terror into the future. When the economic greed of dollar and development jumped on the bandwagon on economic competition, the climate ethics of common good became the free rider problem of ~~the~~ unbearable and insatiable dance of nudity upon the very foundation of economy.

Thus, today we have reached a situation, when we can fund water searching operations on Moon, but cannot buy peace from the droughts and floods that are killing our own existence. And it is now, that we finally make sense of Mahatama Gandhi's words:

"There is plenty in nature to fulfil man's need, but enough for man's greed."

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The prosperous western countries like UK, European countries like France, United States, and the Mediterranean that have amongst the highest per capita GDP in the world, are reeling under Heat waves and climate change. The Polar vortex is finally breaking sending the Americans in their own platter.. the revenge best taken in cold.

Its ironical and hypocritical that even the environmentally honest nations like Hawaii, Maldives, Bhutan are forced to bear the brunt of Nature.

Now, the IPCC Report on the future environmental prospects has warned that we have very little headway in further Global Warming, 2°C by 2050 is the threshold, which if breached the sky will start raining fire, the glaciers will melt to drown the economy which we created, the ocean will rise in height, higher than the mankind's economic development in the past. And thus, we now have mechanisms like Sustainable Development Goals and forums like UNFCCC to discuss the parity between economic development and environment protection.

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Little bloom in the Selfish Giant's Garden:

While we have gone very far in our disregard for nature, it's never late to learn and recognise the error. Now that we have criticised the darkness, it's now time to light the candle of remedies.

Just as necessity is the mother of invention, we have recognised some remedial ways, which if not reverse but at least delay and stop the apocalyptic phenomenon which our economic greed had started.

While we will continue to develop, we can shift to cleaner and greener sources of energy like solar power, tidal power, wind energy and this renewable energy can be the power to launch us to the harmony. the International Solar Alliance (ISA), which India had initiated along with France, can work wonders in the direction.

Now that we have reproduced and multiplied, we need to increase agricultural production, but we are now shifting to the 'Old is Gold' techniques of Zero Budgeted Natural Farming (ZBNF) and Organic Agriculture.

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The groundwater that we have sucked as the last straw on the camel's back, can be recharged through Rainwater Harvesting and resorting to climate smart irrigation. Israel has done wonders to enumerate in this regard. Our National Mission on climate Smart Agriculture is a step to the progressive direction.

Instead of allowing pollution to tax us, we can and are shifting to novel carbon tax credit mechanisms and the Kyoto Protocol of the UNFCCC was a positive enhancement.

We should use the science for novel measures wherein we can maintain our rich novel enhanced standard of living with the concept of Green Buildings and Energy conservation code.

While economy is needed to prosper, the environment aesthetics are no less vital. The Tiger Conservation Efforts have multiplied the tiger count to double in Nepal and enviable levels in India. We are on the path of Biodiversity Conservation and reversing our wrongs of poaching and habitat destruction with Red Data Book.

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Sustainable Development:

The Stockholm convention presented the concept of sustainable development, wherein our current pace and methods should not become a burden on our future generations.

The 'Future We Want' is a right step in pondering over the wrongs we have committed and remedying them. Though it is a gargantuan task, but we have examples of Scandinavian countries, which are the optimum role models of the synchrony and synergy between environmental protection and economic development.

But, we also have the growing note of protectionism like US withdrawal from the Paris Summit Deal, 2015. We need to shift from the hedonistic egoism to altruism for our own good.

India, previously called the Vishwaguru, used to worship nature, as is evident from the Vedas. Our engrained ethics have the genes of sustainable development, which we have voiced by National Action Plan on Climate Change.

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Our benign nature, that we have so selfishly taken for granted can't be a 'Kumata' (ill-mother), provided we act as responsible 'Suputra' (i.e. responsible children).

If we move from the mundane Gross Domestic Product to 'Gross Domestic Happiness' (GDH), economy and ecology is bound to be on the same page.

While we are thumping our backs with our novel efforts like Ban Plastic, 'Earth Hour', 'Green Economy', until we engrain it in the very process, these will simply remain to be trophies, as examples cannot be used to reach egalitarian generality.

It is time that we construct the 'Green Preamble', for the entire world and set for ourselves the honest aim of Environment ethics to reach a point wherein the discussion will centre around Environment led Economy, instead of current discourse on Environment vs. Economy.

"We, the citizens of Mother Earth, solemnly resolve to create this world into a clean, green and pristine place and to permeate among all, the noble traits of sustainable development, maintaining the integrity of our place/environment and prosperity of our masses."

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ELECTIONS REMIND US NOT ONLY OF THE RIGHTS BUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP IN A DEMOCRACY.

"We got the right, we got the right,
To vote, to choose, our future bright.
But I wonder, what had happened before,
Our ancestors ^{if} as lazy as us to the core!
Well! Power corrupts and so does right,
It might get robbed, beyond our sight...
Democracy is sublime, a thing of beauty..
If we arise, awake and do our DUTY!"

The Early Man roamed freely around, without restrictions and without botherations. Slowly, families started and so did society. To function properly and with sobriety, polity emerged as the framework of life as the need for rules started emerging with populations and civilisations. The world order varied across Mesopotamia and the Indus Valley, some preferred kingship, while others kinship. Our Vedic Civilization had the concept of Sabha and Samiti, inculcating the beliefs of societal involvement and participation in their own well-being. And today we are, in this 21st century, with advanced, sophisticated politics, mixture of autocracy and democracy,

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each having its own nuances.

This essay portrays how democracy is a rule 'of the people, for the people and by the people' and how popular participation in every sense is needed essentially to maintain popular sovereignty.

Democracy - The Right and the Might :

The oldest protagonist in the Great Play of this prais system was the United States, reverberated as the World's Oldest Democracy. Through the American Declaration of Independence, 1776; Abraham Lincoln shaped the very foundations of this system.

Slowly, many countries sprang to imbibe the vibes of the new concept, including France, Italy, Germany and gradually, it started proving its mettle worldwide. The colonies also adopted the ideal after their independence and among them, India emerged as the World's largest Democracy in 1950.

The concept of Democracy finds its roots into the will of the people it governs; it believes that the government is and should be connected through the umbilical cord with the governor,

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taking nutritious views and mandates continuously and rigorously; Only then, the democracy can attain the right, and ratify the right granted to its citizens.

James Madison, the propounder of democracy had said,

"Democracy is not about expressing views by voting in elections, but expressing choices in every decisions."

As the demographic base progressed, Representative Democracy was chosen by some nations and Direct Democracy by some. But in all its forms, the concept continues to derive its rights from the citizens.

But with great power, comes great responsibility. Any nation cannot go to slumber in the name of democracy and leave the elected representatives to guide their way. More so, in this globalised fast moving world, the empowered people have lost sight of the sacrifice that yielded them the fruits of democracy.

In the frenzy boast of their rights,

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the people reluctantly retire to the back-seat, giving the steering of their future and nations in the hands of other people. This is exactly which led to the Great War, wherein the powerful, in the lack of control, lost direction and resorted to self-serving.

Men are by nature power-hungry and thus, the ~~ext~~ elixir of democracy cannot be retired to be lost in the dreadful laziness of inactivity. And here comes the concept of DUTIFUL RIGHT. Even Hitler arose from the annals of democracy and it were the Germans who had written their own fate, and thus the modern society, so vulnerable and so powerful, cannot allow democracy to crumble to the dungeon of ignorance.

Rights and Duties - Perfect 'Sargam':

The 'right to vote' is a beautiful feeling, can be asked to as teenager, who has just become eligible for adult franchise. But this vigour gets lost by the time he/she can be able to shape democracy for the better. When the right degenerates to the fight, and when does that teenage vigorous zeal

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precipitate leaving the residue of reluctance, the society is befooled and our ancestors wronged -

Taking a cue from India, when the country was preparing for the first elections in 1951 as a nascent democracy, the UN and most of the world mockingly claimed that this gigantic exercise could not be achieved in the cause of illiteracy, reluctance and unawareness - But the shocking voting turnout gave them a defeat of the years they achieved franchise -

But after so many years, be it India or be it US, the great festival of voting has become any other batteration and the sovereign free citizens, not even exercising their Right to vote - When even the rights are not exercised in the name of duty, politics corrupt and democracy takes the mask of autocracy, people reduced to means to their ends -

This breeds the myriad issues of corruption, genocides, terrorism, criminalisation of politics and the the great fargam

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is made to dry up in its own pride.
Mahatma Gandhi rightly said,
"In fulfilling our duties lies our biggest virtue. To do one's duty is the only right that one can claim."

There is a management maxim which says that rights without responsibility leads to boastful inefficiency and thus, the Democratic Right, if not exercised by the people, in their choice, in their voice, in the decisions, against inactions and regarding philosophy, the egalitarian society that is dreamt of in the democratic preamble, gets reduced to a utopian blunder, a perfect gift of inactivity.

The policy paralysis which India went through, the growing ad-hocism in the United States, the increasing crisis in Venezuela, the inbreeding of terror, all are the offsprings of unprofessional exercise of rights of a country.

A great plan without proper execution can fail miserably before an average plan with great implementation. It is the duty of the citizens that they do not let their wealth of democracy turn to rags.

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The Benign Duty for its Sake :

Having talked of the voracious outcomes, an irresponsible right can have, even a tinge of dutifulness and proper portrayal of responsibility can work wonders for the Democracy -

The people, through elections, vote for their ideology; the concept that they want to permeate in their society - The political parties are basically a pawn in the hands of the governed, the public service is still the right, and should be utilized to attain the Common Good of Good Governance.

If the people of a nation feel for their country to become secular, they cannot vote as dumb spectators and should vote for the larger good. In the era of sectarianism, individualism and communalism, the religious opium is served to the people who themselves get high, keeping their right in the air.

Any society that wants to change has to take the reins in their own hands and Reject the ideology that is anathema to their ideal.

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The Americans abolished slavery by rising against the politicians, that had very cozily accepted the status quo. Our representatives cannot be expected to bring reforms on ~~on~~ their own, only the public rulers can and should direct in that desired path -

Some Scandinavian nations like Sweden, countries like Switzerland practice the Right to Recall, to keep their representatives at check and punish them in case their mandate is not adhered to -

The recent dichotomous case of Bocpit portrays how the people of Britain, in absence of responsible caution and lack of wit in their exercise of democracy, have stuck their once great nation into a quagmire -

When the general public reverts to the deep slumber of boastful democracy, crony capitalism creeps in and the greedy juicy wires are bound to choke the voice of the needy -

The noble aim of welfare state, that the Indian constitution preaches, cannot be

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materialised in the absence of public control over the elected representatives -

Around a half of human race was made to lurch in degradation when the powerful men treated women as possessions. It was the Responsible Citizenry that had voiced the arrogance and made a step to the path of salvation -

In the name of Democracy, South Africa treated the Blacks as second-class citizens and only the responsible people led by Nelson Mandela worked miraculously to show the true meaning of Freedom -

The public, the media, the NGOs played a vital role in the passing of Lokpal Bill to control the rampant corruption prevalent in the Indian polity

It is rightly said that people are governed by the government they deserve.

Democracy cannot be judged as an event, but needs to be treated like a process. Just as the society evolves,

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the world develops, the Democracy as a system needs to develop. It is true that the executive of the government is voted by popular mandate and reverberate the voice of the public that they ought to serve; but power needs to be controlled and Right needs to be exercised -

We cannot be selfish citizens, craving only for our self-centred daily life needs. The society, as a whole, including the rich and the poor, the men and women, the LGBTQ, the upper and lower, have to progress together as a system; and thus, should act together with all nerve and steel, to uncover the democratic veil and personify the true meaning of democracy -

"We all love the flowers, the juicy ripe fruits; But we can't negate to water the roots! Democracy was formed, continues to be formed, let's fortify the base, before it's stormed."