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Section A

Even the finest sword plunged into salt water will eventually rust.

Dawn of Indian polity started in Early Vedic period with marvellous beginning. It was characterised by inclusive decision making through assembly of people, including women, which were Sabha, samiti and Vidhata. As time went on, rulers became lustful of power and higher sections of society became status-greedy. In later Vedic period women were ousted from assemblies and practices like untouchability developed. Vedic religion started as finest sword engrained into salt waters of power lust and inequality. Eventually, it got rusted in the face of reform movements like Jainism, Buddhism, etc.

Just like vedic religion, human society has many finest of personalities, practices and cultures which characterises finest qualities and virtues. Such entities set an examples for others to duplicate them to create goodness in the society. But many times they start to deep them ~~into~~ themselves into Saltwater, that is bad influence.

Under the influence of evil and untruth, their character is rusted to the level that they eventually perishes. In this essay, first we ^{will} witness such examples. Then we will analyse certain reasons responsible for such occurrences. Finally, we will also portray certain stark examples who emerged as irony to this line of thought and maintained

their finest character despite presence of salt water.

In the spectrum of world history, socialist power establishments started from USSR. Lenin through his advocacy for equality, justice to the downtrodden and poverty alienation emerged as finest sword of socialism. But, as he established power of Bolsheviks through Coup, and further continued bloody civil war against others, deepened himself in saltwater of power greed. Finally, starting with purges of opponents, his finest character got ruined to an evil authoritarianism.

Similar is the case with USA's bill of rights which sought for "equality and liberty for all

men." Starting with bright values of equality and liberty, USA emerged as first republic country. But, it didn't have true equality as it barred women, the African-american and natives from enjoying such rights. Eventually, the skewed view of the bill of rights got rectified and eventually perished by reformers like Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King.

In case of Indian polity also, our constitution acts as stone lighthouse for values of democracy, liberty, equality and fraternity. It also contains some emergency provisions to deal with timely exigencies. But when the finest sword, i.e. our constitution is repleted with power greed through misuse of president rule (Article 356) or national emergency provisions (Article 354), it

gets rusted.

similarly, rusting of steel
frame of India, that is civil
services, by egregious crimes
like corruption, political biasness,
etc can be seen. Sardar Vallabhbhai
Patel envisaged an incorruptible
, selfless and citizen-centric civil
services as finest sword of governance.
But when it entered into maelstrom
of corruption, its character is diluted,
and it become unfriendly to citizens.

Communalism in Indian
society can also be seen as
rusting of unity. At the time of
1857 revolt, there was Hindu-Muslim
unity as finest sword against
imperial-British. But as it
dipped itself into saltwaters of

Separate electorate, separateness in
nationalist agencies, it got rusted
with communal bickering. Even
today we can analyse echo
of that pain of separateness.

In the sphere of economy, idea
of 'Laissez Faire' was seen as
finest sword for economic growth
with advent of industrial revolution.
Certainly profit grew and we witnessed
economic growth. But saltwater of
greed and making of profit at
cost of worker's wellbeing led
to misery for the latter. It incurred
heavy blow during the great depression
of 1929, and Laissez faire capitalism
was looked down upon due to
its irreversible rusting.

Having discussed multidimensional
examples where finest character people

or ideologies when entered to ~~realties~~
got eventually rusted, we now can
analyse reason for such occurrences.

firstly, when finest sword
starts to indulge in immoral
endeavour, it dent its fineness.
Which becomes reason for its
rusting. As has been seen in
case of corruption in civil services,
it can be said that misuse
of power for personal benefits
results into rusting of its strength.

secondly, when value-less
education prevails in society it
makes the finest swords more
clever devil. In such scenario,
the brightest minds start to
indulge in unethical way of

making benefits for themselves. Illustration of this example is best seen in Pakistani nuclear program head's deeds. He sold the nuclear secrets to North-Korea for personal benefits. By doing it his knowledge and character got ruined.

Thirdly, finest swords like constitution of democracies may get ruined when liberty is provided without equality. It results into supremacy of few over many and strength of democracy is ruined forever. It is witnessed in case of USA's constitution as has been discussed earlier.

Fourthly, when finest swords of economic growth goes on path

of unsustainability, they get
ruined by negative externalities
like climate change, global
warming, etc. Hence, right path
of making program is important
to achieve good end.

on the other hand
of the above discussion, there
are certain stark examples which
didn't get ruined despite presence
of saltwater.

Justice M H Rana is
one of such example. Having been
judge in British-India, he was
proud to partial judicial system and
unruly laws made by British-dominated
parliament. Despite that he stood
in saltwater of colonialism and

advocated for welfare of Indians.
Instead of being ruined, he inspired
many people to identify economic
depredations that colonialism is
posing to the country.

similar is the case with
IES officer Satendra Dubey. He
exposed corruption in National
Highways Authority at the cost
of his life. He, thus, proved
himself as finest voice against
corruption and bravery of fighting
for public welfare. His loss of
life is not rusting, but inspiration
for today's aspirants and citizens.

Gandhiji's life is also
an example of similar nature.
His finest ideals of truth and

non-violence were tested during non-cooperation movement. Violent incidents like chauri-chaura put his advocacy for non-violence in salt-water. Instead of ^{being} carried by public opinion, he revoked non-cooperation movement to retain his fine-ideals in fighting against evil British with some resilience.

In the end of this essay, we can say that the very character of finest sword determines whether it will get rusty in salt water or will stand still. A weak and feeble character without virtues is

Prone to rusting. But, ethical
thinking and self-less agenda
for life makes one a resistant
against rusting by bad influence

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Section-B

A gilded cage is still a cage

China has emerged as economic superpower in today's time. It has also become largest exporter of rare-earth elements, electronics, etc. It improved its welfare condition for its citizens. But all such developmental achievements reduce to mere an animal existence for its citizens.

The citizens can neither speak against tyranny of rulers nor can access to such platforms, where they can ask for grievance redressal. They are subject to excessive state surveillance which encroaches their privacy. China

, thus, emerged as a guided cage to its citizens, which still is cage curbing their freedom.

A cage is a setup which bars freedom to its prisoners. Barred freedoms can be their fundamental rights including those of speech, life with dignity, equality, etc. When such cage becomes an ecosystem for betterment of life of its prisoners, it gets title of 'guided cage'. Nevertheless, unfreedoms continue and guided cage still remains a cage.

Historically, feudalism among various civilizations acted as

cage for its subjects. There were certain instances where feudal lord was benevolent to its subjects. Subjects also felt obliged to the masters. But when subjects couldn't produce enough profits or benefits for such benevolent masters, they faced tyranny of the latter. Benevolent feudal lords built a gilded cage for its subjects, but it was cage still.

similar is the case with colonialism. for example, British, in India, carried their exploitative pursuit to bleed India socially, economically and politically. But during the process they introduced certain

developments like introduction of railways, English Education, etc.

Certainly, such developments helped Indians, or at least few Indians.

But, they were aimed at further resource exploitations. India was perceived as white man's burden; but in reality it was cage.

Similar is the case with status of women in Indian history. In ancient Indian society, women were assigned a higher and respectable position or status. But since Gupta period, women were barred from taking part in outside activities. On the one hand, by assigning prestige to women built gendered environment. But on the other they

became prisoners of their own
prestige, and caged in house
in the name of that.

In terms of international
relations, hegemonic practices by
world powers build gilded
cage for their partners. For
examples by various economic
and military aids USA and USSR
carried on proxy wars in their
respective partner countries, during
Cold war era. The beneficiaries
of aid were caged to act in
a manner as asked by their
financiers.

Munshi premchand's 'Goda'
highlights double standards of
zamindars towards peasants.

It gives examples where Zamindars
wash feet of poor people to
attain benevolent character. But
they continue practices of forced
labour ("Begar") which were inhumane.
However respect a forced labourer
got from his master, still W/L/W.
was in cage of exploitation.

Having seen many examples
where gilded cage it still remains
cage for its prisoner, we can see
certain threats the cages put
to its prisoner.

Cage of authoritarianism
, however benevolent, exploits its
citizens by various means. For
example, a North-Korean citizen
who is appointed at very high

administrative post is vulnerable
to loss of life if he speaks
against the leader, Kim Jong
un. ~~His~~ Citizens of North
Korea are living life of just
animal existence without any
liberty to live with dignity.

Cage of poverty for people
in hawern "equal" democracy is
egregious to their life. Mere
defining a democracy as 'equal'
is not sufficient to alleviate
poverty. In this context, Dr.
B R Ambedkar said political
democracy without social
democracy perishes over time.
Hence, cage of poverty put threat
on life of poor to exercise their basic

rights.

Cage of various communal ideologies put threat on unity among people of vibrant democracy. Many communalists poses their ideologies as bringing welfare for certain communities. They creates guided cage by citing various texts which is of religious significance. But they end up creating hostile society with deep percolation of disunity.

Cage of economic aid to the poor countries definitely hampers ^{their} sovereign functioning. For example by virtue of granting economic relief, the beneficiaries are asked to vote in favour

of the aid giving nation at international forums like United Nations. The beneficiaries are made to lose their territorial integrity through economic aids. For example, China's occupation at Hambantota port in the name of 99 years of loan is example of it. Sri Lanka is in gilded cage of China on the face of it.

Cage of prestige for women is creating attitude of servitude in them. It hampers women's economic, political and social growth. Dowry system, domestic violence against women, sexual harassment at workplace, etc are manifestation of this gilded cage of prestige of women in

Indian society.

In conclusion, we can ask ourselves certain way outs of these prisons.

firstly, ideals of democracy, liberty and equality must be truly projected in reality. It can be done through poverty alleviation, political and social empowerment of citizens.

secondly, values like peace, love and tolerance are the need of the hour to break the chains of menaces like communal, ethnic violence, etc. Guided cage of ethno-nationalism or communal excessions can be broken by

ideas of unity and diversity.

Thirdly, literacy and value-based education must be percolated to enable people to identify their unfreedoms. For example, an unaware forced labourer would continue to preach servitude of its master, unless he get awareness of his freedom.

Fourthly, to end cage of hegemony, ideas of sovereignty and independence must be echoed in international ~~forum~~ to protect developing countries from exploitation.

Lastly, inclusive development is the way to break cage of poverty for marginalised sections of

Citizens. It is need of the moment
to identify "welfare for all
as welfare for individual" as goal
of development.

Concluding this essay, we
can say ^{that} however gilded cage
proves for its prisoners, it still
clips wings of prisoners to ~~make~~
them come out of it. It ^{inherently} ~~inherently~~
curbs potential for upliftment and
freedom of its prisoners. Thereby
it remains cage perpetually.

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