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Third person, Behaviors are also affected and may seem strange to an observer. Substance use disorders there are a number of disorders resulting from the abuse of psychoactive substances such as alcohol, opioids heroin, cannabinoids marijuana, sedatives and hypnotics, cocaine, other stimulants, hallucinogens, tobacco and volatile solvents. The conditions include acute intoxication, harmful use, dependence and psychotic disorders. Things the family members of adolescent mental health patients should keep in mind: Mental health disorders can have long-term consequences Mental health disorders can have significant long-term consequences for adolescents. They can interfere with academic performance, social interactions, and daily functioning. They can also increase the risk of substance abuse and other risky behaviors. Additionally, mental health disorders can persist into adulthood and can affect the individual quality of life and overall health outcomes. Adolescents may not receive adequate mental health support Despite the prevalence of mental health disorders in adolescents, many do not receive adequate support. There are many reasons for this, including a lack of resources, stigma around mental health, and a lack of awareness about mental health issues. Additionally, mental health issues may be misdiagnosed or overlooked, leading to delayed or inadequate treatment. Way forward given the prevalence and potential consequences of mental health disorders in adolescents, there is a need for greater awareness and support for this group. This includes increasing resources and funding for mental health services, reducing stigma around mental health, and improving the identification and treatment of mental health disorders in adolescents. Additionally, there is a need for greater education and training for healthcare professionals, educators, and parents to better understand and support adolescent mental health. There is also a greater need for comprehensive critical supports and it should include linking students to mental health services, integrating social emotional learning, training staff and building safe and supportive environments. Parents and families should also communicate openly and honestly, including about their values, supervise their adolescent to facilitate healthy decision-making and spend time with their adolescent enjoying shared activities. It is high time to give attention to adolescent mental health disorders. Adolescence is a critical period of development, and mental health disorders can have significant long-term consequences for individuals. Greater awareness, support, and resources are needed to ensure that adolescents receive the care and support they need to achieve optimal mental health and well-being Where it is different from the past is in how the two **national** parties are gradually squeezing out the regional parties. This time, the tilting kingmaker party, the Vokkaliga-based Janata Dal Secular, appears to have lost out

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Fewer seats than its vote. This time, though, the perceptible shift in voter mood has allowed it to sweep away this disconnect between vote share and seats and emerge victorious. Another distinguishing feature of this election is that the vote is against the proximate government, and not the one that ruled in the first two years after the last assembly elections in 2018. That election threw up a hung assembly, and for the first two years, it was the shaky JD S -Congress coalition that ruled. Since August 2020, when the BJP managed to get enough legislators to switch sides, it was BS Yediyurappa, the BJP tallest leader in the state all these years, who ran the show. For the last nine months, though, after Yediyurappa resigned, it was Basavaraj Bommai who became Chief Minister. The verdict against the BJP is probably the voter unhappiness over the slippage in governance after Bommai took over, especially since it failed to improve governance or deal with internal dissidence. The party bid to replace a whole lot of sitting MLAs, who looked likely to lose, with fresh faces obviously came too late to save the day. So what does this election result mean for the three main parties concerned? And what are the lessons? For the Congress party, this is surely a shot in the arm before 2024, as control of a rich state will help it raise the resources to fight the larger general election. As long as it reins in internal power blocks the tensions between former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar, the party key fund-raiser, are difficult to overlook and governs reasonably well, the state will be okay. The larger lesson is this: when a state has strong regional leadership, and the high command does not meddle too much, the Congress is a much stronger party than it looks. The fact that the new Congress President, Mallikarjun Kharge, is from the state and represents a Dalit face, will surely have helped. The Congress clearly benefits from strong regional leadership and that is the main thing it must focus on, and not the Gandhi dynasty. For the BJP, though, there are larger lessons to learn. First, with Yediyurappa now aging, it has to find a new regional face who can not only hold the party together, but also retain the strong Lingayat base that has stayed loyal to it for many years. The party will have to develop new Lingayat leaders, and also leaders from other communities, including the Vokkaligas, Kurubas and Dalits. If it wants to extend its reach in weak areas like the Old Mysore region, it must give opportunities to leaders from this region. The party can thus be happy that it is making inroads here, though this is not yet enough to gain it seats. As long as the BJP sees itself as a long-term player in Karnataka, it can set aside the loss this year as part of its growth story. The BJP should also

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Narendra Modi is the man one is voting for, the electorate will see the party differently in the assembly and Lok Sabha polls. The party will be hoping that next time too this will remain true. A lot depends on how the Congress delivers this time. But the JD S and BJP have a lot of thinking to do. There are 7 million cases of burn injuries in India every year this includes acid attacks and self-inflicted burns. Among those affected, 91,000 are women, and many of them come from low-income households. As they go through long periods of treatment, the survivors and their families often struggle for money. Their situation isn helped by the fact that the financial support from the government, even when available, is hard to come by. Shaheen Malik, founder of Brave Souls Foundation, an organisation that works to rehabilitate acid attack survivors, says, While there is a minimum compensation, it is very hard to avail due to the long and tedious bureaucratic process. And there is no rehabilitation scheme. There is no uniform pension scheme across states. Even disability pension is barely INR 500 600 [in many states]. Shaheen also underscores that the compensation provided by the government is usually spent on the first surgery, which can go up to INR 2 lakh. No further rehabilitation opportunities or financial compensations are provided to support the survivor. In the case of self-inflicted burns, there are no compensations provided by the government. Swetha Shankar from International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care PCVC, a Chennai-based organisation that helps burn survivors, explains that these cases are often registered as attempted suicide. Underlying domestic violence is not acknowledged and charges of abetment to suicide are not filed either. For families with daily wage earners, staying with the survivor in the hospital means losing out on income. Households run out of savings very quickly and get into debt. Swetha says, When this happens, the family might push for an early discharge and take the survivor home, which is detrimental to their health. To ensure this does not happen, providing support to the caregivers becomes necessary. It is important to make sure that the survivors families have all their meals and money for children education and tuition fees. Navigating employment Shaheen explains that even after being discharged, the survivors require a source of income that pays enough for the multiple surgeries that they may need to go through. But this becomes difficult as the injuries dictate their livelihood choices. She says, Their career changes a lot [and many need to start over]. We have a survivor who has an MBA but now that she has lost her vision, she will have to learn Braille and start all over again. Since many survivors are also young and have not had opportunities for higher education and vocational training, skill building is a key component in their rehabilitation. Shaheen says, Learning English and computer

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Is true that the national consciousne gradually conveyed and developed in India during the British rule due to their policie. The economic political and social transformation resulted in the oppression of all classes of Indian people thus giving rise to widespread dissatisfaction among the masses. The popular uprisings in different parts of the country strengthened the national consciousness in their own way which was ultimately channelised into a national movement. In traditional societies like India religion has often been used to arouse nationalism but unfortunately it has led to undesirable consequences. The political mileage that leaders in Bengal tried to gain out of Hinduism and Islam thus furnished to widen the gulf between the two communities pan India. Dividing land and the people of Bengal and playing the two communities against each other was the policy of British imperialism called divide and Rule in the rest of the country. Muslim leadership contributed enormously to divergent phases of the Indian struggle for independence. They Muslims played a larger than life role and made significant sacrifices in this struggle for independence. From the last Mughal ruler Bahadur Shah Zafar to nawabs prince landlords of all sizes clergy ulema and the ordinary people they all stood for the cause and took on enormous challenges and made supreme sacrifices. Muslim leaders who contributed to India struggle for independence were: Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Maulana Muhammad Ali Maulana Shaukat Ali Allama Iqbal Muhammad Barkathulla Bi Amma mother of Ali brothers Badarudeen Tyabji Hakim Ajmal Khan Mohammad Ali Jinnah Dr M.A. Ansari Dr Siafudeen Kichlu Dr Basheer Ahmad Syed Ameer Ali Dr Syed Muhammad Hasrat Mohani Nawab Abdul Latheef Altaf Hussain Hali Syed Ahmad Sirhindi Syed Ahmad Bareilly Maulana Shibli Numani Munshi Karamat Ali Munshi Zakaullah. The main reason for the First War of Independence in 1857 was the British ruthless exploitation of the Indian people. The British rule formally established a foothold in Bengal after the Battle of Plassey in 1757. They strove to fill the coffers of the East India Company at the expense of the people of India because the greedy merchants and traders governed the company. The British effectively forced their trade monopoly over the area under their control eliminated competition from Indian traders and forced artisans to sell their products at low prices. As per a saying the weavers of Dhaka cut their thumbs to protest against such low payments for their superb work on muslin renowned for its fine texture. Thousands of Indians were crushed in the wake of the first war of independence in 1857. In 1885 the Indian National Congress was set up by A.O. Hume a retired Britisher civil servant; its first session was held in December 1885 and was presided over by W.C. Banerjee and 72 delegates attended. The aims of INC were declared to be the promotion of the friendly relationship between the nation

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Region presentation of a collective front to the government and training and organisation of public opinion in the country. When the INC was formed the Muslims responded enthusiastically and supported all its efforts throughout the freedom struggle until India became free. The most enthusiastic support for the INC was from the Muslims of the conservative Ulama of Deoband. Earlier the Ulama had participated in the 1857 uprising with heart and soul. They made great sacrifices and hundreds of them were sent to Andaman Nicobar and many to Malta an island to the south of Italy. By the closing of the 19th Century people started concentrating on communalism rather than fighting educational economic and cultural difficulties. The separatist and loyalist tendencies among the section of educated Muslims nawabs and landlords reached their climax in 1906. In 1905 Bengal was partitioned and in October 1906 Muslim Leauge was formed under the leadership of Nawab Salimullah of Dhaka to protect the separate interests of the Muslims. Over time it developed into an all India organisation that competed with the INC for the vote of the Indian Muslims. As the league expanded in strength it advanced a novel theory that the Hindus and Muslims in India were two distinct nations. The next step was demanding a separate homeland for Indian Muslims being carved out of India territory. But despite all this pleas were heard from many corners of the society in favour of communal harmony. Some distinguished Muslim personalities such as Liakat Hussain Abdul Hakim Gaznavi Abdul Rasul Maniruzzam Ismail Hussain Sirji Abdul Hussain and Din Mohamad took initiatives to forge communal harmony. But the effect of these positive developments was neutralised by the mindsets of the so called educated middle class from both the communities. There was extensive opposition to the partition of India in 1947. Those who opposed it often adhered to the doctrine of composite culture. The idea of composite culture argues that the Indian nation is made up of the people of diverse cultures castes communities and faiths. The concept teaches that nationalism can be defined by religion in India. While Indian citizens maintain their distinctive religious traditions but they all are members of one united India as a nation. Muslims represented by the All India Azad Muslim Conference AIAMC along with other Indians mainly opposed the idea of partition of India based on the two nation theory. Pashtun leader Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan of Khudai Khidmatgar viewed the notion of partition as unrealistic. Sunni Muslims of the Deoband school of thought criticised the idea of partition as a conspiracy theory of colonial govt. Khaksar movement leader Allama Mashriqi also opposed the partition of India. He argued that all the communities have lived in peace for centuries and certainly can in future also. He saw the plot of partition hatched and engineered by none other than the British. The participation of Indian Muslims

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Their firm determinations to bring were into India. They put up a brave front defied prohibitory orders and fought the authority with tooth and nail. Unfortunately our new generations are clueless about the sacrifices made by their elders to make India a free country. We must remember that terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir has been ongoing for three decades due to the support from across the border. But Muslims in India have consistently refused to join the insurgency sponsored by our adversary. The dismissal of violent extremism ideology and action by Muslims in India results from India distinctive syncretic cultural traditions that have nurtured a unique Indian pluralistic culture. These cultural values have been enshrined in the Indian constitution shaping the country as a secular democracy an outstanding example. As if it was for Nostradamus the French physicist Crystal glass watcher some 700 years ago to make prophecy about the ominous 21st century and more precisely about the years 2021 and 2022. Starting from Wuhan and spreading its tentacles all over the world the Covid pandemic has killed more people than in World War 1 and World War 2 combined. World War 3 may have had already begun in August September 2019. The bio weapon which it appears is exposed the whole world to an extremely dangerous consequence. Its infiltration the onslaught the intensity and its magnitude methods to deal with it preventive and curative both have left people gasping for breath with their near and dear ones lying dead wrapped up in plastic bags. As if that was not enough Vladimir Putin the KGB spy virtually made himself the head of Russia for life. It certified the age old saying that an undeserving and unfit man in a powerful post could play havoc! After the 2nd World War and dropping of atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki the whole world had carefully preserved the delicate balance between different power centers barring a few wars in the Middle East and South East Asia the situation was more or less under control. It appears that the ego and the greed for mineral rich oil gas & coal rich fertile land of Ukraine and to divert the attention of the local population especially from the poisoning of Alexei Naval and his supporters Putin had created the smokescreen of fake security threat. The narrative of Putin that the security of Russia was threatened by the NATO and the neutral countries trying to join it was nothing more than a ruse. Especially keeping in mind that Russia is the biggest and most powerful nuclear nation in this region while others are no match for it. His logic is simply unacceptable! Ultimately the whole issue boils down to the plain and simple greed and bloated egos. Pseudo intellectualism and greed are Communist most prevalent mindset misguiding the gullible population and later using them for their own ends at their will. Ukraine has mines of more than 250 rare minerals which include lithium and uranium gold.

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Oil natural gas coal and fertile land that feeds the world with sunflower oil and the food grains 6 of world supply. It also had the most modern infrastructure for manufacturing military hardwires for tanks and aircrafts. Putin having bombarded and flattened most of the major cities and the industrial hubs of Ukraine has created an innumerable immeasurable humanitarian crisis. With 60 laces Ukrainians mostly women and children having ran away and taken shelter in the neighboring countries like Poland Hungary and Romania many of its cities in the north east and south have turned ghost towns. President Zelenskyy of Ukraine denied of the NATO membership and open support was successful in creating a mass appeal an emotional one in the West through his fervent requests and addresses to the EU UN and many countries some of them with NATO affiliations. Unlike Africa and Southeast Asia Ukraine is very much part of the Europe. The bodies Ukrainians soldiers and civilians littered all around major cities like Bucha Mariupole Donask Kharkiv etc. have shocked the European nations as well as the entire world. But Putin like a soldier gone berserk is not listening to anyone be it the German chancellor French President Macron or Antonio Guterres Secretary General UN. Fearing an unpredictable aggression of Putin the Finland and Sweden have also opted for the membership of the NATO. The US and many European countries like the UK Czechoslovakia Finland etc. have started supplying the most modern weaponry to Ukraine to defend its freedom. The inhuman manslaughter exceeding the definition of genocide has created a huge wave of sympathy for Ukraine all over the world. Many of the countries have imposed strong financial Social and Diplomatic sanctions against Russia. The sanction resulted in banning of hundreds of diplomats of Russia 300 Plus MNCs leaving Russia inflation rate going as high as 30 supply chain having been affected and huge loss of military equipment and soldiers apart from image loss. Russian military Commanders must have assured Putin to overrun Ukraine in a week time but now with almost 60 days gone and huge loss of men and materials severely bruised Vladimir Putin stands branded as War Criminal with their prestigious ship Muskva sunk under black sea. This story of Genocide and manslaughter is second to none in the annals of world history. It has not only created an unimaginable level of humanitarian **Crisis** but also put the entire Europe and NATO countries under the threat of Russia. Entire Ukraine has been converted into rubble and the scale of devastation is simply unimaginable. Not only Ukrainian President Zelensky but also US President Joe Biden has designated Putin as a war criminal after watching the genocide of residents of Bucha Kharkiv and many other cities. As if that was not enough the European countries have started supplying Ukraine with the most modern weapons missile systems anti missile systems anti aircraft guns ship anti ship missil

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While I engage in a reasonable amount of walking, strength training and cardio activity, I have realized one area that plays a crucial role in a good health span is balance and stability related exercises, both of which I have not paid any attention to. Together, they provide insight into musculoskeletal health, including joints, muscles, and bone health. They also reduce the risk of injuries related to falls and are also closely tied to neurological function in that they can reveal how well the nervous system is integrating sensory information and coordinating muscle responses. Finally, it reflects one cardiovascular health. I have started down this path of improving my stability and balance with one of those balance boards and my success metric will be a few different standard balance tests, such as the Berg Balance Scale, Dynamic Gait Index, Functional Reach Test, etc. I will report back on progress in these areas to see what worked and what did. In the second half of 2023, I covered about 8.5 miles (13.5 kms) on average per day. Most of this was done during walks while on the phone, some amount as part of my post meal walk and the rest playing soccer. This led to a combined 127 minutes on average per day of having my heart rate at elevated levels (88 mins per day in zone 2) and (39 mins per day in cardio zone). However, I was able to keep up my nutritional intake, both macro and micronutrients, with this level of activity. This can increase oxidative stress, and negatively impact metabolism, muscle function and tissue repair. The quantitative success metrics I plan to look at are my Vitamin This is a topic that has been shown over hundreds of years to be effective in helping with stress reduction, increased energy levels, improved cardiovascular health, balanced autonomic nervous system, enhanced emotional well-being, better sleep quality and a boosted immune system. Techniques such as pranayama, coherent breathing (h t Reef) and others have been in use by millions of people around the world and I am hoping to integrate this into my daily routine. Success metrics that I will track to gauge how well I am doing are improvements in my respiratory rate, my Heart Rate Variability (both measured by most wearable devices) as well as my energy levels and sleep quality. When India gained Independence, the health infrastructure was in despair. The life expectancy was approximately 32 years, infant mortality rates were high, starvation was common and infectious illnesses such as malaria, tuberculosis and smallpox were prevalent. Over the course of its 75-year history, India healthcare system has experienced both significant advancements and enduring difficulties. Attaining the highest possible level of health and wellbeing for all ages through a preventive and promotive health care orientation in all developmental policies, and universal access to good quality health care services without anyone having to face financial hardship as a consequence. This w

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The people running sports in India don do a good job. They should focus more on helping athletes instead of themselves. If we fix this, our athletes will have a better chance to succeed. If we do these things, India might win more medals at the next Olympics Amid a backdrop of icy grey acacia trees, four elephants stood in a trance. A female recognisable by the geometric planes of her head and three bull elephants. Perched on the bouncing seats of a khaki jeep, I had stumbled upon a primeval mating ritual. The elephants moved slowly. Approaches. Rejections. Swiping right and left with their trunks. The mating was short-lived and clumsy. Like a section of Indian men, bull elephants also seem to believe that if two minutes are good enough for Maggi noodles, then it good enough for them. Our safari guide, who could be mistaken for Shikari Shambu, informed us that the elephants would mate several times over the next few days and then go their own way. The resulting calf would be raised by a herd of predominantly female elephants. This was a common phenomenon among the mammals I spotted in Tanzania: lionesses protecting their cubs and tiny wildebeests running alongside their moms and aunts. Communities of females raising their young, with males either absent or wandering in and out without doing much of the heavy lifting. I found it intriguing how we humans evolved from these collective structures into units of two and decided that our mating rituals had to include both monogamy and matrimony. Why did we confine ourselves in a 2BHK, hum-do-hamare-do cage? And if marriage is about everlasting love, why does it seem to run out faster than an Eveready battery? A little digging into history brought up a startling fact. The concept of marriage had initially nothing to do with love but was due to the advent of agriculture. When we were nomads, it did matter if the child you were carrying was Sharma ji from the neighbouring cave or that foolish Desai who was scared of the rain. Then came farming, and land became an ownable commodity. Men needed to ensure that only their biological children would inherit their assets. Enter wedlock, a mechanism to tie down a woman by making the prosperity of her children dependent on her monogamy. Only around the 18th century did luv, shuv and all the bheja fry that entailed enter the fray. While a marriage does have its chafing issues, it has some surprising medical advantages. A recent paper published in the Annals of Behavioral Medicine found that people who never married were twice as likely to die early as those in solid marriages. It men, though, who seem to wither away without partners, while women tend to put on their lipstick and just get on with it. There is also enough research that shows raising a family with a reliable partner has definite advantages over being a single parent. But how do you sleep

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Russian armed divisions and Columns from advancing. Their ships in the Black Sea have become sitting ducks. The the latest attack on the ship of Russia Muskvale has infuriated Putin to the extent that he has revived his threat of Nuclear attack on Ukraine sixth time five already given in the past. Russia has some 10000 atomic weapons and it has activated its nuclear command. It has already flown its fighter jets armed with Atom bombs over Ukraine and Finland. Sensing the threat to Ukraine and many other European Nations United States and Great Britain have also activated their Nuclear commands in Europe and elsewhere. It it is very difficult to imagine if these actions can deter Putin from dropping atomic bombs on the major cities of Ukraine Kyiv Kharkiv and Mariupol With most of the countries of Europe having been on alert Ukraine has become a theatre of testing the modern weaponry of West against the traditional and modern weapons of Russia in an independent and unprotected country like Ukraine. This is the traditional methodology of Europe and US all over the World not only for the purpose of sales but also for the development of the new kinds of weapons and new strategies of aggression and defence. Entire Ukraine having been shattered and the Russian economy gone to dogs it most likely appears that there is possibility of WW III in offing in its most traditional sense. Summer is the time when your hair needs a lot of attention. Protection from heat, sun, humidity and dust is very important to keep hair fit. At the same time keeping hair clean and manageable is a challenge in summer because of the extreme heat and constant sweating. Everyone should try to follow a healthy hair care regime to keep hair away from damage. Follow these simple home hair care steps to keep your hair happy healthy during the hot months. Sunscreen for hair: Protecting your hair from the strong sun heat is important. Always apply a Hair Serum leave in conditioner on the lengths before going out. This will surely prevent dryness and damage from the sun. Wash hair daily: Daily washing is extremely important to keep dandruff and itchiness away. Use a hydrating shampoo if possible and try to keep your hair scalp clean all the time. Preconditioning: It is the most effective hair care treatment that works for all hair types, yes apply any basic oil to your hair lengths for 5 minutes before washing daily. It will make your hair super soft, healthy beautiful. Sugar scrub: Take aloe Vera gel fresh if possible and granulated sugar in equal parts. Mix together and massage on the scalp for 5 minutes before washing once a week. It will make your scalp healthy and keep dandruff away for sure. Ice bath: Give your hair an ice water rinse after your regular shampoo wash once a week. It will make your hair soft and shiny instantly. do this on the length.

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Of hair only wear a scarf or hat: Try to cover your hair if you are out for long, it will prevent your hair from dryness and splitting. Regular haircut: It is very important to cut hair regularly 6 8 weeks in summer to avoid split ends and damage. It is good to maintain a good style also. Avoid hot styling tools: If possible do not style your hair with heat frequently or keep your styles on low heat setting to avoid dryness. Hair spa: Taking a hair spa treatment once a month is very helpful in keeping hair healthy in summers. You can get it done professionally or do it at home with DIY hair spa kits. Give your hair a little extra attention and love in summers and you will love the way it feels and looks even on the hottest days With the new Education Policy NEP 2020 Indian education enters into the era of inclusive education where children with disabilities will not be denied school admission under any circumstances. NEP will provide handholding to disabled children and lead them to the best schools, which under no condition can say no to the child with disabilities to be a part of the education system. Indeed, this is a very big step towards embracing and empowering the disabled community at large. The moot question here is, are we ready for it First and foremost, are we as a society intrinsically ready to welcome such a change Tacit acceptance is easy but the actual implementation is easier said than done. Are you, as a parent, ready for your child to bring home a wheelchair bound friend When it comes to your child being friends with differently abled children, you might say, They are different try mixing with others. The paradigm shift in mindset from hem to Us will never allow inclusion to be accepted as a way of life unless addressed holistically. It is the stereotypical mentality that needs to go out of the system for inclusion to flourish. Empathy, not sympathy, is needed for a disabled person. One has to empathize with the condition not sympathize. The ability to step into that person shoes to comprehend the daily challenges and pain he she has to go through. Transforming a societal mindset is always a challenge but being achieving a sensitive mindset can be relatively easy if we are open to seeing things from a different perspective. Nazr Nahi Nazariya Badliye. Right to Person with Disability Act, 2016 RPWD Act covers 21 disabilities. Academic institutions need to provide ramp access for wheelchair bound students to facilitate seamless access and movement within the school perimeters. Similarly, toilets facilities and height adjusted washbasin should be specifically earmarked for such children. There are clear guidelines about accessibility and provision under inclusive learning. But what about the ramp needed by society to uplift its mental makeup Children with disabilities have demonstrated their capabilities in various Paralympics. Indian Paralympians have led the way by.

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Topping medal tallies at various events Proper guidance and encouragement will ensure that all inherent mental blocks get eradicated over time. Of course, we need to provide a solid foundation to such children but before that, as a society, we need to develop our mental foundations to allow inclusion. It is high time to embrace and empower children with special needs. NEP 2020 also ensures that language is no longer a barrier for children as the use of local regional vernacular has been permitted as the medium of instruction. Schools have also been directed to recruit special educators to address the academic requirements of children with special needs. Cross disability training for children with severe disabilities should also be addressed. For those who cannot attend school, the home based education system has also been incorporated under the new education policy. Providing assistive devices to special needs children is also another aspect that helps in providing equitable education. Standardization of Indian sign language is another milestone that can help children with impaired hearing speech. Creating career paths for children with disabilities will definitely be one of the most important steps to be undertaken as a society; future courses of action should lay emphasis on career based training and career development. The involvement of vocational courses from the school itself is providing a way for future employment opportunities. Though getting accepted into the mainstream workforce in a respectable job remains a big challenge for people with special needs. Encouraging entrepreneurship can be a game changer if it is addressed and encouraged by the government and the private sector holistically. Practical and forward looking reforms are needed to create a society, where children with special needs are lovingly allowed to grow and prosper just like any other child. The Liver is an essential organ as it performs multiple metabolic functions to maintain our well being. However, liver cirrhosis is quite common and it is quite a serious condition which may be fatal. As we all know, prevention is better than cure, here we are discussing few liver conditions which can be prevented if proper measures are taken. Fatty liver Disease: Nowadays fatty liver Disease is one of the commonest causes of chronic liver disease and cirrhosis of the liver. This is often related to the lifestyle of the patients. To prevent fatty liver, it is important to maintain a good lifestyle by maintaining proper weight. Ideally a person BMI should be less than 25 and to maintain a proper BMI one has to do regular exercise and have a good diet. A proper diet should include high fiber, one should reduce the carbohydrates intake, reduce intake of oily and fatty food and preferably avoid too much sweet products. If one can maintain a good lifestyle and good BMI the incidence of diabetes and abnormal lipid levels will also improve, which helps to prevent fatty liver disease. Alc

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Of the liver People who are drinking alcohol need to understand when they are drinking excess alcohol. There is a questionnaire called CAGE which can help one to understand when they are having excess alcohol. C Have you ever felt that you should cut down on your drinking A Have people annoyed you by criticizing your drinking Do you feel guilty about your drinking E Do you need an eye opener in the morning If a person answers yes to any of the two questions above then they might be facing an issue with alcohol addiction and if they do have a problem with alcohol, it is important to take a help from a counselor or a psychiatrist as stopping alcohol will help and prevent liver cirrhosis. 3 Vaccination Vaccination is a very effective mean to avoid an infection. In India Hepatitis B and are important causes of chronic liver disease and cirrhosis. It is very important to screen for hepatitis B and C infection in high risk population and create awareness of the disease. There is very good treatment available for Hepatitis B & C and early treatment can prevent Cirrhosis of Liver in these patients. There is a very effective vaccine against hepatitis B infection and we should encourage everyone to take hepatitis B vaccination to prevent the disease. Hepatitis A can cause jaundice this is a water bone disease. Vaccination is also available to prevent hepatitis A. Before liver disease has progressed, we should always try to prevent these diseases. In the current era of digitization and globalization, when technology is undoubtedly causing disruption to almost every other industry sector, the online commerce segment is, of course, no exception. The pandemic led dramatic shift in consumer behavior and market dynamics and thus the accelerated focus towards online first and digital first shopping experiences have added fuel to usher in a better future for the new age commerce ecosystem, wherein multiple latest and emerging technologies are already playing, or are bound to play a pivotal role, in the times to come. Probably one of the biggest technological frontiers that have been contributing majorly in the recent past vies positively reshaping e commerce and online shopping is Artificial Intelligence AI. In particular, AI has been proven to be a boon in creating best in class, tailored, and customized shopping experiences on a plethora of online shopping, e commerce, and m commerce marketplaces for today consumers. With the optimal use of AI and allied technologies, e trailers or digital sellers are nowadays able to regularly and consistently learn, track and analyze their customers online behaviors, and parallels able to use the predictive analytics powered by AI to near accurately forecast their future purchase decisions which in turn is leading to increased repeat buys and customer loyalty over a period of time. In addition, AI coupled with automation also empowers sellers to share personalized offers, product recommendations, and deals to prospective and e

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Help online retailers in significantly improving user experiences and internal efficiencies in terms of demand forecasting and business intelligence, but also in making better pricing decisions for their products offerings and in optimizing product placements as well. The cutting edge analytics capabilities enabled through AI utilization can even allow small to medium sized local merchants order the just right amount of stock that they need at a given time, so that their brick and mortar stores would never end up with too much or too little in terms of inventory. In a similar way, for e commerce players or online only brands, AI can be used to enable better warehousing and inventory management so as to optimize profits and manage product returns seamlessly. D2C Direct to Consumer brands can also gain significant advantages with AI based imaging and semantics, and further Natural Language Processing NLP a subset or emerging branch of AI can go a long way to help them in writing attractive product descriptions and features to better place their products. On the other hand, Al acts as a catalyst for today consumers to connect with the right products to suit their needs, in the right place, at the right time. There are many more futuristic and transformative uses of AI that can be applied for revolutionizing the entire online shopping ecosystem an important component amongst them being the increasing foray of online sellers into the domain of AI based conversational commerce domain, mainly through the deployment of catboats. As a matter of fact, in today hyper connectivity era when many brands are promising service and deliveries, catboats powered by AI can be a great way to interact, engage with customers and increase sales via personalized offers to them, irrespective of the time when they are visiting your online store! Al enabled catboats or apps can also be used to address consumer grievances or needs without any manual intervention. Another interesting use case of AI can be for creating smart bidding platforms for online commerce that aggregate local retailers and in parallel provide the cheapest pricing based products of choice to consumers, who can thereby avail best of both worlds in terms of online as well as offline shopping. In Conclusion Given that AI wonderfully enables computer programmers to actively understand and analyses human speech and human shopping behavior, it can prove instrumental in the near future in **assisting** the modern shoppers to search and find products online in a manner similar to seeking help from a customer service representative in a physical store. It is crucial to realize that the capabilities of AI in the online shopping arena are ever expanding, and are continuously getting better year on year with the optimizations and further advancements in areas like Computer Vision and Machine Learning. At the global level, already well-known companies like Amazon and Netflix are reaping the benefits of being early adopte

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Indian companies or brands in the country ecommerce and online shopping space embrace this new reality and stay prepared for the up and coming tech revolution that will be ushered primarily via AI and other technologies. Indian companies are coming up with locally developed devices to suit the Indian anatomy Professional athletes risk their lives for excellence in their respective sports. This often leads to many sports injuries, some even involving permanent career ending injuries. Newer and minimally invasive surgical techniques in dealing with sports injuries that also reduce the time to return to sports for players are set to boost the Sports Medicine market in the near future. Sports medicine aims to bridge the gap between science, health and exercise. The discipline involves physicians, physiotherapists, trainers and sports scientists. It aims to provide the best possible care to an injured and or sick sportsperson. The rising cases of injuries from sports activities, including sprains, strains, fractures, and disc injuries, the availability of cost effective ortho paedic implants, better public awareness about sports medicines and rapid advancements in regenerative medicines are expected to boost the market. Among the popular procedures today, arthroscopy has grown to be a major elective procedure in the country. Frost & Sullivan estimates around 180,000 200,000 arthroscopy procedures are conducted every year in India. ACL and meniscal repair procedures account for most of the procedures, followed by shoulder arthroscopy. The quantum of investments made towards sports medicine is also reflected in the sports arena on the international stage. Developed countries like Australia, the US, Germany, and lately China, have been consistently performing very well on the global arena with Sports Medicine playing no small role in this. This is now reflected in MNCs dominating the sector in India as well. They sell their products, including devices that they have developed for their populations. Devices suited to the Indian population, to a brittle Indian bone structure have created unique demands. There hence a need to bridge this by understanding the local needs which could have a spread effect on the rest of the population that needs help to relieve their aches and pains. Local companies have stepped up and created indigenous patented design solutions that fill some of these need gaps. The Injury Surveillance Report prepared by the former Indian cricketer Rahul Dravid led National Cricket Academy in 2020 said that 14.75% of the players male and female sustained shoulder injuries. Knee injuries were the second most common, with over 13% players making up the list. The report states that most of the careers threatening Anterior Cruciate Ligament ACL injuries 74% are sustained within the first two years of the return to sport. Speaking of cricket alone, the report states that between April 2019 and March 2020, 262 cricketers, which included 218 men

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Survivors learn from their peers on how to politely tell someone to stop when they are asking intrusive questions also has many mirrors in their rehabilitation centre so that the survivors become more comfortable with their reflection and how they look. While learning to draw boundaries and feeling comfortable in public are important, it is imperative for employers and co-workers to go through sensitivity training. Sometimes this discrimination by co-workers is rooted in the deep dislike for the privileges, such as leave days, given to the burn survivors by the employing Organisation for medical reasons or to attend to case proceedings. Swathe says, the survivor should never be made to feel grateful for the job. If they are facing discrimination at a workplace, non-profits such as help them in addressing the issue with the manager, who could help put adequate measures in place. However, if that also does work out, the non-profits should help them find other opportunities. Gaps in policy Many organizations, as part of their inclusivity drive, are keen on hiring burn and acid attack survivors. However, the lack of sensitivity among the general public and inadequate support from the government continue to imperil the lives of the survivors. Even getting disability certificates is a challenging task. Through the course of my work, I have realised that while people know about this, they are not really sensitised about the issues survivors face, says Shaken. The government does not provide any help other than the minimum compensation. No support or subsidies are offered by the government when it comes to jobs. We hold meetings with governments, but then months pass and nothing ever happens. We need policy level interventions, adds Shaken. Self-inflicted burn survivors, who are not even afforded any compensation, struggle to find support. Swathe notes that a centralised burns policy that includes self-inflicted burns would streamline the entire process monumentally. We will be able to work with the social welfare department and all the schemes and initiatives they have, she adds. Curbing domestic violence is an imperative measure in order to end cases of acid attacks and burns. Ninety percent of the cases we handle involve domestic violence, states Swathe. It is important that prevention programmers include measures against domestic violence, which is the root of the issue. Banning the sale of acid, kerosene, and loose petrol has also become an important part of the conversation **on** burns prevention. India has banned the sale of loose petrol, but we still need to address the root cause of the problem, which is domestic violence. A ban on kerosene comes with its own challenges since LPG, even with subsidies, cannot be afforded by everyone. Recognising acid attacks and self-inflicted burns as gendered violence and ensuring that policies acknowledge this and focus on a sound rehabilitation process is important. Swathe adds, Nothing impactful is going to hap

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Summit, a 125 paragraph chairman statement was released reflecting the decisions reached in the meeting. It also witnessed the expansion of. Timor Lester was admitted as the 11th member of. The under the able leadership of Indonesia, expressed its commitment to further strengthen the Community, unity and centrality to maintain and promote peace, security, and stability in the region, as well as to the peaceful resolution of disputes, including full respect for legal and diplomatic processes, without resorting to the threat or use of force, in accordance with the universally recognised principles of international law. The emphasis on these aspects is clearly aimed at China, which is indulging in aggressive activities. Xi in his speech at the 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party had mentioned that the use of force was not ruled out and later asked the PLA to remain prepared for local wars. The decision to strengthen unity was made in 2020, when Vietnam chaired the organisation. Vietnam under the theme Cohesiveness and Responsive stressed unity, setting the agenda for the future chairpersons of. Cohesiveness symbolised unity and solidarity in the face of increasing challenges, and Responsive reflected the intent to promote greater pro activism to defend regional and extra regional interests. While these were followed by Brunei and Cambodia, under Indonesia, these priorities are being pushed further with greater vigor and zeal. A reading of the chairman statement suggests strong commitment to upholding regionalism and multilateralism based on the principles of the UN Charter and anchored in international law. In this context, it mentions the Charter of the United Nations UN, the Charter, the Declaration on Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality the 1976 Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone, the 2011 Declaration on the East Asia Summit on the Principles for Mutually Beneficial Relations and the Outlook on the Indo Pacific. The commitment to the Indo Pacific is reflected in the Outlook on the Indo Pacific section, comprising four paragraphs. These reflect commitment to the common interest to maintain and promote peace, stability, and prosperity in Southeast Asia and the wider Asia Pacific and Indian Ocean regions. The has appeared in several paragraphs indicating its firm commitment to have it not only in the South China Sea but also in the entire Indo Pacific. It states that the 1982 sets out the legal framework within which all activities in the oceans and seas must be carried out and is of strategic importance as the basis for national, regional and global action and cooperation in the marine sector and that its integrity needs to be maintained. This statement is on the lines of what India Foreign Minister Jaishankar said recently at the sixth edition of the Indian Ocean Conference. He said that it is the

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Above the. On the, it expressed the need to expedite the negotiation, including the proposal to develop guidelines for accelerating its early conclusion. In essence, has reflected its resolve to have peace in the region. It perceives that the implementation of is important not only for the but for the entire Indo Pacific. The statement comes at a time when the sixth edition of the Indian Ocean Conference has also stressed the implementation of. The Quad, in its meeting will also press for it. The G7 meeting, to which India, Australia, South Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Brazil, the Comoros, and the Cook Islands are invited, will also discuss the efforts to counter the Chinese aggressiveness. While the support for the is increasing, its impact on China is yet to be seen. In conclusion, it can be said that with the international coalitions expanding on the need to counter the Chinese activities and defending standards for reasonable state behavior, China encroaching activities will be countered more effectively. A positive aspect of the countries is that they are resolving their boundary disputes bilaterally without involving China. Vietnam and Indonesia have finalized their maritime boundaries, and now Vietnam and the Philippines are trying to resolve their problems associated with their fishermen. The 18th round of border talks between India and China was held on 23 Apr 2023 at the Chisholm Malodor border meeting point. The Indian delegation was led by Lt-Gen Rahim Bali, General Officer Commanding GOC, 14 Corps. Shiplap Amble, Joint Secretary East Asia in the Ministry of External Affairs, was a part of the meeting. Though this meeting set the stage for a discussion of defence ministers from both countries on the sidelines of SCO meets of Defence Ministers in New Delhi, which was held on 28 Apr 2023. Li Shang, the Defence Minister of China, visited India for the first time after the Galan skirmishes in 2020. There was, however, no headway or forward movement in the resolution of friction points along the Line of Actual Control LAC. In a statement issued on 24 Apr 2023, India said that both sides had a free and frank in depth discourse to resolve the pertinent issues related to the LAC in the western sector to bring back peace and tranquility in the border areas, which will improve bilateral relations. The statement read, In line with the guidance provided by the State leaders and further to the meeting between the two foreign ministers in Mar 2023, they had an exchange of views openly and candidly. India and China also agreed to maintain close contact, pursue further military and diplomatic dialogue, and reach a mutually agreeable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest. Government sources said that the inheritance of problems related to the LAC, such as Deposing Plains and Demchok, will be discussed in ensuing consultations. At the political level, discussions will be mainly on Confidence Building Measures CBMs and avoiding confrontation

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The rape and murder of a resident doctor, in Kolkata, has put the spotlight on the safety of women in hospitals. Doctors are now protesting across India, asking for a central law to protect healthcare workers, citing rising attacks. However, is it the lack of a specific law that is responsible for attacks on health workers and healthcare facilities? The petition being circulated by protesting doctors provides an insight into why a law alone might not provide the necessary safety. It cites the case of a nurse who was attacked in Surat, in March 2022, by an emergency ward patient with an iron table and had to get three stitches. The nurse filed an FIR and the person was booked under the Indian Penal Code 332. But there is no further information on any action taken by the hospital or by the police, states the petition. If convicted under IPC 332, which deals with violence causing hurt to deter a public servant from his her duty, the punishment is imprisonment up to three years and or fine. It is a cognizable offence, which means the accused can be arrested without a warrant. It is non-boilable and it is non-compoundable a provision usually applied for heinous crimes, which means that court proceedings will continue even if the victim and the accused reach a settlement privately. Monsoon holds a special place among Indians, symbolising renewal, romance, and a deep connection with nature. Mysterious skies, torrential rains, and the lush transformation all around have always captured the imagination of creative across the country. Whether it is Kailas Meghdoot, written in the 4th century, or Ghazal maestro Jagjit Singh Ye Kagaz Ki Kishti from the 1990s, both are a blend of the imagery of monsoon green landscape and the emotional nostalgia. In his masterpiece Gitanjali, Tagore too, writes about the joy and rejuvenation brought by the rains. Rains in Dehradun have always been beyond one predictions. It was a common belief in Dehradun that if it starts raining on a Saturday, it will stop by the next. Doon Valley, classified as a humid subtropical region, is characterised by varying temperature ranges that span from tropical to severe cold. The valley receives rainfall between June and September, aside from the winter rain in December and January. At times, it rains till the end of Durga Pooja. The myth goes that the shower on the day of the immersion of Maa Durga symbolises a tearful farewell to the goddess. The sanctity of festivals like Teej, Janmashtami, Shivratri, and Holi was incomplete without the auspicious rains. In my days, Dehradun mostly did not have any issues of waterlogging in spite of torrential days owing to an efficient drainage system comprising canals. Floods in the valley were unheard of, and water bodies like the monsoon rivers Asan, Tons, Suswa, Sone, Bindal, and Rispana which have now simply reduced to nallas used to drain out rainwater in no time. Heavy downpour never deterred us from attending school, given all

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Which could give in due to heavy showers. However, we also have many schools in the town which are very well equipped and are extremely safe for students in all weathers. For students, staying away from school does not only incur heavy academic loss, but they also miss out on the joy of attending school in all kinds of seasons. Soccer, the game of monsoons, most popular among the youth of Dehradun, is also losing its sheen, and it is possible that shutting schools is one of the reasons. Rough it out is the philosophy that public schools follow. Unless children are exposed to the vagaries of nature, how will they be tough enough to face the hardships of life? We have examples of places like Lahaul and Spiti or even higher reaches of Kashmir where students and teachers brave harsh winters and heavy showers to attend schools and colleges. Being an expert in the field of education, my purpose in putting this thought on paper is so that we can revive the good old sentiments and emotions in this matter. Everyone connected to this field must work in totality and improve the infrastructure and the academic system for the betterment of students coming from all backgrounds. Giving an off on days with extreme weather conditions is a short-term solution, but it cannot be the final solution. Students must attend school in all six seasons given to us by Mother Nature. Meanwhile, as educational institutions, we must build a more protective and secure environment for these young minds who are the future of our country. The pitter-patter of raindrops, impatient frogs counting down the days for the arrival of black clouds that promise a heavy downpour, kids readying their paper boats, the fragrance of freshly damp soil, colourful raincoats, gum boots, and umbrellas all of this ushers in the magic of the monsoon, which is seen as an end to the oppressive and scorching summer and the onset of the season of dancing peacocks. The fun of the rainy season The joy of the rainy season They would soon serve as gateways to harness AI capabilities, enabling seamless interaction with intelligent applications and data analytics on the go. By incorporating these emerging technologies into our skilling strategies, we must ensure that our workforce is well-prepared for a future where AI is omnipresent. These will facilitate real-time decision-making, remote collaboration, and automation of routine tasks, thus driving efficiency and innovation. Embedding AI in the Indian mindset means integrating our rich cultural heritage with cutting-edge technology to create a future where innovation and tradition coexist, driving progress and harmony for all. There is a profound opportunity to weave India rich cultural heritage and traditional knowledge into the AI landscape. India vast and diverse repository of ancient wisdom, including insights from its Upanishads, Vedas, and other classical texts, holds valuable perspectives on humanity and human sciences. By integrating this native intelli

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India is searing. Large parts of the country are in the grips of unbearable heat and heat waves. March this year was the hottest March on record, and March April has witnessed a record number of heat waves. Delhi has recorded eight heat wave days in April so far, and the maximum temperature in parts of the city has already hit India power sector often grapples with cash strapped electricity distribution companies running up overdoes to power generators. This problem persists overdoes from largely state government owned distribution companies were in the range of Rest 1 lakh core at the end of February. To this perennial problem, new challenges have been added. For the second time in about seven months thermal power plants are grappling with coal inventory dipping to critical levels. Given that both coal mining and logistics through railways are dominated by Go owned enterprises, it reflects poorly on official management of an essential economic input. Last week, Tamil Nadu government wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking help in the form of adequate railway rakes to transport enough coal. This embodies the seriousness of the situation. Consider the following. On April 1, the central electricity regulator capped the price on energy exchanges at Rest 12 kWh to insulate the system from skyrocketing rates. The price cap came in the backdrop of depleting coal inventory with plants. On April 21, 62 of the plants had coal stock that was classified by the Central Electricity Authority as critical, inventory of less than 25 of the normative stock. A month earlier about 49 of plants was classified as critical. CEA reports show that many plants have indicated inadequacy of railway rakes as the reason for low stock. It inexplicable. Coal provides about 49 of railway freight earnings and is the key to a healthy financial performance. It puzzling how railways finds itself unable to anticipate the infrastructure needs of the most important item it moves. What makes the current situation worrisome is that planning deficiencies at the central level have come in the backdrop of a weak financial position of state government distribution companies. This makes it unlikely they will use imports to fill the gap as the benchmark coal Australia price has more than doubled in a year to an average of 197 per tonne in the January March quarter. India struggle with coal supply to its power **plants** has come about at a time when manufacturing still has spare capacity. It a timely wake up calls for the full chain in the power sector. Ad hoc reforms will not work any longer. The distribution link has to move to a more efficient pricing system as mounting overdoes cripple the upstream segments of the power sector. And as the primary logistics provider in the sector, the railways need to step up. This is above normal. As a result, schools in the capital are struggling to maintain regular timings, and workers engaged in manual labour have practically stopped working during.

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The daytime but it is not supposed to be like this in March and April; we should expect such heat in May and June the year hottest months. So, is this a freak year Is this temperature anomaly unexpected The answer is no. The Prime Minister first public rally in Jammu Kashmir since the nullification of Article 370 in 2019 saw him talk up grassroots democracy and a development push for the region. Speaking at Palli, officially described as the country first carbon neutral panchayat, Modi marked the first panchayat day celebration in J K. Plus, he green flagged a raft of projects, worth over Rest 20,000 core, including the opening of the Banihal Qazigund tunnel connecting Jammu and Kashmir. To add to the message of new investment, Modi was accompanied by business leaders from the UAE. The latter proposed investments in the region could top Rest 3,000 core, as per government claims. Both panchayat focus and new investment are also political signals that Article 370 was holding J K development back and it is only now that the region can enjoy fruits of prosperity. The BJP leadership has long argued that the previous system only benefited a few political families in the Kashmir Valley. The point to be noted is that there never been a short supply of central financial support for J K 59 of its revenues came from central grants in 2012, that increased to 64 in the last financial year. So, the real economic test in post 370 nullification will be whether new investment and new politics can create new opportunities, assuming Pak abetted terrorism can be kept at bay. Valley terror also shows that one big challenge for Go is to win hearts and minds. Only this can provide a popular shield against Pakistan terrorist proxies. It will also create conditions for actual on ground private investments. Towards that end, assembly elections in J K and eventual restoration of statehood are vital to ensure residents have a say in their own development. That in turn requires the delimitation exercise which is in the public opinion consultation stage be fast tracked. There are many aspects to this. As I ve been part of PM STIAC Prime Minister Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council for the past four years, I know there are nine missions identified as part of this vision, each of which is highly ambitious and also connected to SDGs sustainable development goals. Four of these have been initiated already and another five have to be initiated and this will happen in a time bound manner. We will have to look at ways of fast tracking these and for that we need to look at the right collaborations as all of these are multi ministry initiatives. All stakeholders will be taken into confidence and the PSA is committed to this. The two babus had joined government service together, but were meeting after several years. Each was keen to show the other how well he had.

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Done in life. So, the first babu invited his colleague over to his house for a meal. The host had obviously prospered in his job. He lived in an expensive apartment in a new multi storeyed building, certainly not one that he could afford on his official salary. He showed off his Honda City and his wife was decked out in the latest couture. The guest was, however, not too impressed, but still asked: How did you manage it 1st Babu: You see that road below Then, waving his hand proudly around the house, Twenty five percent! 2nd Babu: That is the problem with you guys. You lower the standards. Even those Karnataka chaps are better than you. They have maintained a steady forty. 1st Babu: But that was shared by so many people. Moolah flowed up and down. If you keep all the proceeds, twenty five percent will not spoil the market. After all, Asif Ali Zardari was known as Mr Ten Percent when his wife was the PM and yet he became one of the richest people in Pakistan. 2nd Babu: He could milk an entire nation budget. You and I have to be content with just a section of a subdivision of one department. So, we have to aim higher. You come to my house, and I will show you what I mean. So, on the appointed day Babu 1 went to see Babu 2. What he saw took his breath away. A uniformed guard stood outside a swank bungalow. There was a top end BMW parked in the driveway and a Porsche tucked away in the garage. Within the house all flooring was of expensive marble. The furniture and drapes were all imported. His wife had enough gold on her to give Fort Knox as her second address. As they sat down for a meal, he noticed that the crockery was all Noritake and cutlery of pure silver. And the liquor served was the best he had only heard about. Just as a little baby slowly grows into an educated and cultured being, religious or spiritual consciousness too evolves gradually, starting from inanimate objects in nature. Religion and spirituality focus on the substratum of every object or being. Spirituality is that condition of consciousness which focuses on the spirit of things, rather than forms or bodies of things, says Swami Krishnananda. Matter is the lowest **rung** of the evolutionary ladder in nature, and it is characterised by a total absence of perceptible consciousness. All pervading consciousness is present here but in a dormant form due to the absence of the mind, subtle body, principle required for its manifestation. Matter though inert reacts and transforms as per its inherent characteristics due to the chit, latent consciousness, present therein. Matter effloresces into microbial and plant kingdom consciousness. Life is pulsating here, but there is a complete absence of thoughts, instincts and self consciousness. Here we find dream type intermediate consciousness. The animal kingdom is the next stage of.

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Evolution, where we find thoughts and instincts due to the mind principle that helps manifestation of consciousness. But instinct is about living in the present without regard to the past or future, due to the absence of logic or reasoning attributable to intellect. Consciousness does not manifest as self consciousness. The topmost rung of the evolutionary ladder is the human being, characterised by a well defined mind and intellect that distinguishes pros and cons and correlates past, present and future. Consciousness manifests here as self consciousness, which means I know that I Know. The human being is at the highest stage of evolution that nature has reached in the world. Religious consciousness is quite different from this natural evolution. It starts from human status. There is universality behind it due to the perception of Atman, pure Self, beholding all things in terms of pure self existing in all. Religious or spiritual consciousness is usually absent in humans, because self consciousness is blended with ego and reason, due to attachment with the gross and subtle bodies. Hence, there is difficulty in arousing religious consciousness that aims at the integration of all existence. Religious consciousness is one degree of God consciousness. The lesser the connection we feel between ourselves and another, the lesser we are religious or spiritual. Total independence or non connection with objects outside is opposite to religious consciousness. Friendliness is a good quality, but it is only an ethical manifestation, to be one with the existence and characteristics of an object. We impose characteristics of inner uniformity outwardly with the code of law, regulations, and rules. This is just the foundation. Once this psychological affirmation of innate unity is clear, we have to put this into practice in our daily life. Yog is a way that enables us to gradually transform our physical, mental, and psychological consciousness into religious or spiritual consciousness. Religious consciousness is a gradual blossoming of the longing for perfection. One need not reject the body, society, or the world but transcend these relative manifestations to merge into the ocean of satchidanand, one and non dual reality. The writer is president, Divine Life Society, Vadodara The Indian logistics sector is one of the biggest in the world, growing at an average of 10.5 every year and valued at around 215 billion. However, the infrastructure is still quite a bit behind in terms of implementing technological advancements. The Covid 19 outbreak has further exacerbated the need for fixing the fragmented networks and the impact of poor infrastructure. Companies that were not too keen on investing in technology are now seeing the advantages and its necessity. The technological advancements being made in the logistics can cause further disruptions, which would push the efficiency of the sector. The logistics sector is undergoing a transformation and consolidation, orga

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Help provide access to a shared pool of storage, applications and networks. This can help optimize asset utilization. With road transportation in India still fragmented, vehicles tend to remain idle or return empty. With cloud computation, logistics providers can collaborate with others to share fleets. Service providers will be able to share information using the cloud platforms and coordinate with each other to deliver and pick up goods. This reduces the amount of time vehicles remain idle and making the entire ecosystem efficient. Collaborative Execution Preparing today supply chains Ever since the Covid pandemic hit the country, businesses have been facing unpredictable out of stock situations, stranded trucks, and a lack of visibility into their supply chains. The modern supply chain poses a host of new challenges for leaders to grapple with increasing costs, a slew of disruptions, and the complexities posed by new distribution and sales channels add to the complexity of managing operations efficiently. There is an urgent need for improved demand and distribution visibility, integrating new channels, and improving control over quality and speed of delivery in both the first and last miles of the supply chain. The next stage of productivity improvement is expected to be delivered by the deployment of technologies to facilitate collaborative execution by integrating processes across the shipper vendor organization to provide end to end visibility get better control thru the transaction execution. With a tech enabled supply chain, organizations can better allocate critical resources and organizations have protocols and SoPs for their manufacturing facilities as well as field and office staff to continue operations to steer through the disruptions. Big Data analytics Logistics providers generate a lot of data with every process and transaction. This data is usually fragmented and stored in various locations in the supply chain. But with Big Data analytics can help parse through the data to find operational efficiencies. Big Data can help with data mining and complex statistical analysis. This can bring out key insights and trends in the supply chain that companies can use to optimize their processes. Companies can also help develop algorithms to figure out which parts of the supply chain are inefficient and remove costs that are redundant. It can also help determine how much life remains in assets held by companies. All this information can help companies figure out and implement a future strategy. Cloud computing is also a great way to store the huge amount of data generated throughout the logistics supply chains. Companies will no longer need to invest in physical servers or even need hard drives, which can have a limited amount of storage space. With cloud storage, companies will also be able to access the data from anywhere. This allows them to monitor all their critical processes round the clock. Machine learning and artificial intelligence

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With his counterpart from China on 27 Apr 2023, a day before SCO defence ministers meet. This was the first time after the Galan clash in May 2020 that the meeting between two defence ministers took place. Armies of India and China have been entangled in border deadlocks at numerous transgression points in eastern Ladakh since May 2020. The defence minister said that he firmly stated that the progress of good relations between India and China is prefaced on peace and tranquility at the borders. He reiterated that violation of existing agreements had eroded the fundamental basis of bilateral ties, and disengagement at the border would logically be followed with de-escalation. However, it appears that China is neither seriously approaching the border talks with India nor with a sense of goodwill. There is little evidence that the Chinese government eagerly comes to these talks with a sense of friendship. What is seen is contradictory. Provocations that happen on the Line of Actual Control on a pretty regular basis. The dispute could only be solved through a negotiated settlement and direct conversations between the two nations. India and China have been holding talks on the LAC in eastern Ladakh to resolve the standoffs. Eighteen rounds of talks have been held so far, which has led to resolving the issue to some extent. Relations between India and China are deep rooted in history. There have been cultural and economic ties between the two. These relations are centuries old. But the contemporary relations are marked by border disputes, resulting in military conflicts and skirmishes in 1962, 67, 87 and 2020. Thus these relations have been under severe stress and strain due to multiple fights mainly initiated by China to grab the Indian Territories. The root cause lies in the UN demarcated or ill defined, 3,440 km long border between India and China. Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh share a border with China. The border is divided into three sectors: Western, middle and Eastern. In the disputed areas along the south and west, and the Siachen Glacier region to the east. The Shaksgam Valley was ceded to China by Pakistan in 1963 when both countries signed a boundary agreement to settle their border differences. Conclusion: The border issues between India and China are complex and have deep historical and geopolitical roots. Resolving these issues requires both sides diplomatic approach and willingness to engage in meaningful dialogue and compromise. Here are some potential steps that India and China could take to address their border issues: Dialogue and Diplomacy: Both countries should priorities diplomatic channels and engage in sustained and high level dialogue to understand each other concerns, interests, and aspirations regarding the border. Open lines of communication are essential for building trust and resolving differences. Confidence Building Measures: Confidence building measures can help ease tensions and build trust be

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Commitment to maintaining peace and tranquillity in the region. Economic Cooperation: Enhancing economic cooperation and trade ties between India and China could provide a positive impetus for resolving their border issues. Increased economic interdependence can create incentives for both countries to maintain peace and stability, as well as promote mutual understanding. Track Diplomacy: Engaging in track II diplomacy, which involves nongovernmental actors, can provide a platform for academic, cultural, and civil society exchanges between the two countries. This can foster people to people connections and promote understanding, which may contribute to resolving border issues. It is pertinent to mention that boundaries shown by India on maps are clear and precise, conforms to natural features, and have been recognised for centuries. But sadly, China keeps shifting its position like sand dunes. Chinese advanced in all sectors of the Indo Tibetan boundary. China should forget that the Tibetan issue is still unsettled, and India is a fast moving world economy. India China agreement on Tibet lost its relevance when China attacked India in 1962. Karnataka state elections in 2023 are done and dusted with a record win for the Congress party. While the party was expected to win, the margin of BJP defeat would have surprised many. The more important question that most political pundits will be asking is why did the BJP fare so poorly? The Congress may claim to have connected with the masses because of Rahul Gandhi Bharat Jodo yatra and the extensive door to door campaigning before the elections but the real reasons have more to do with BJP than with any specific strategy of the Congress. This is not to belittle the win by the Congress. Any win is important and it is a given that lot of hard work must have been done by the party. But sometimes decisive wins occur more because of reasons attributable to the opponent failure and not due to any breakthrough ideas of the eventual winner. The Karnataka election results perhaps fall in this category. If that be so, what were the factors that influenced the voters to vote for the Congress and not the BJP? Modi Overdose: When a sitting Prime Minister campaigns aggressively in a state against other parties, sometimes the message that goes out is not very complimentary. Many in the state tend to see it as my party or the highway approach. This perception is reinforced when there is a noticeable absence of capable local political leadership during the campaign. Political rhetoric ridiculing regional parties and aspirations promoted by them does not go well with many in the state as the fight is then seen as the center versus the state. This once again undermines local political leadership. This factor becomes more important in states where the BJP has a serious local opposition and Karnataka always had that. Lack of Credible BJP Local Leadership: The stepping down of Mr Yeddyurappa resulted in lack of credible leaders

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Educated voter base, it is the latter that comes into play. Such young people are more focused on their careers and future rather than any religion-based politics or communal issues. They find such issues as irritants in their quest for moving on in their lives. The BJP, as a party, neither understands this nor does anything to correct this perception. Churning & Chopping of Candidate Lists: The BJP seems to do this with vengeance in many states without a serious deliberation on the profit and loss associated with it. Change for the sake of change is often a losing proposition. There are times when continuity pays richer dividends even if the person fielded does not meet the party high command criteria. There were as many as rebel candidates and they would certainly have taken away a sizeable percentage of the vote for the official BJP candidates. In many constituencies this may have been the deciding percentage. It does appear that the BJP did not learn from its mistakes in this regard in Himachal Pradesh. Absence of Lasting Alliances: Over the years, the BJP seems to have lost the art of forging alliances with regional parties and has lost many in different states. Any belief that it can do it all by itself in all the states is a myth. Regional parties are focused on local aspirations and issues in a better manner than a national party like the BJP. It will always be fruitful for the party in power at the center to form alliances selectively and work in unison with such parties. This is particularly true for states in the South, East and North East where regionalism is very strong. Such alliances also give a national party some local flavor that resonates with local voters. Understanding Voters & State Issues: India is huge country where different regions have varying mindsets and understandings. There is no one template that fits every part of the country. Therefore, it becomes imperative to focus on understanding what influences the voters choices in each region. Karnataka boasts of one of highest per capita incomes in the country, so schemes related to freebies do not translate into votes at the same scale as in some other states. There is a large young and educated voter base in the state who primarily want a government that focuses on local development and shows results in real time. The BJP government under Bommai failed to do so. Central development schemes are welcome, but are not substitutes for local needs. A state specific development model that can be seen and felt is important for the public. This was missing under the last BJP government. Religion Based Muslim Reservations: The BJP lost the plot from day one by playing with the Muslim reservations just before the poll dates were announced. There is no doubt that this religion-based reservation was wrong on all counts. Perhaps this issue should have been addressed a couple of years ago rather than doing it dramatically

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After the Industrial Revolution, humanity has progressed greatly in science and technology. However, in the pursuit of development, human beings have destroyed triangular ecological balance and harmony among trees, wild animals, and humans. Almost all natural resources are dwindling day by day. We must remember that the sky, the air, birds, hills, wild animals, reptiles, insects and flies, fish, marine creatures, and aquatic plants are all bound by an inalienable bond. Human beings are only a part of a vast common society. No one can survive the exclusion of others. Not even humanity. Air, water and soil have become polluted. As a result, many unknown diseases manifest and known diseases reappear in more virulent forms. As a result of air pollution, bronchitis and other lung-related problems are increasing. Due to the indiscriminate use of pesticides in agriculture, toxic elements enter the food chain. The fertility of land is decreasing, and in the near future, the productivity of various agricultural crops will decrease; thus, there is an increased threat to food security throughout the globe. Due to the indiscriminate use of groundwater, the world will face water crises for both agriculture and drinking purposes. Anandamurti said, Humanity, through its own madness, has annihilated numerous beings and objects and has thus prepared its funeral pyre. This act of sheer short-sightedness is intolerable. People will have to be alert henceforth. They must shape their thoughts, works and plans in accordance with the science of ecology. There is no other way left to them. Global warming has become a real threat long before scientists thought so. The problems of survival are at the doorstep, and policymakers must act urgently. Cheerfulness is gradually disappearing, and mental rudeness is magnifying among humans. Today, the challenges are manifold. Humanity will also have to embrace a new philosophy neohumanism. Promoted by Shri Anandamurti, neohumanism entails embracing all the plant and animal kingdoms and even inanimate objects. Thus, humanity will be able to create a new mindset for rejuvenating ecology. Today, humanity must re-evaluate the progress made so far and plan everything, considering its inalienable relation to ecology. So, without spiritual knowledge, balance in other strata of life, that is, physical and psychic, is not possible. We cannot even think of ecological balance without reshaping our mental thoughts in the light of spirituality. The author and new age guru, Deepak Chopra, once wrote that all great changes are **preceded** by chaos. Like it or not one cannot run away from the reality that our military finds itself in the midst of intense chaos, thanks to the ill-conceived and unpopular Agnipath Scheme which in its implementation has completely upended the very fundamentals of the military functioning. This was reflected in the greatly reduced number of seats the BJP and its allies won in the recently concluded general elections. Und

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Enhancement. Nevertheless, the fact that a considerable percentage of this is earmarked for revenue expenditure, pay and pensions etc, is undoubtedly a matter of concern and needs to be checked. But, throwing out the baby with the bathwater, which is what the Agnipath Scheme attempted, is hardly the solution. If this Government was indeed serious about this issue, it would have undertaken a thorough examination of those establishments that employ the 600,000 civilians paid out of the defence budget and made efforts to right-size them in earnest. What it has done with regard to the DRDO and the Ordnance Factories barely skims the surface. Incidentally, the number of civilian employees paid out of defence estimates represent a number larger than the size of the regular Pakistan Army and one truly wonders why a military of around 1.4 Million requires more than half- a- million civilians in support. These numbers exclude the contractors, and their employees, to whom various supporting services have been outsourced by the uniformed forces. The biggest dichotomy in the government thinking is the fact that the impact of the Agnipath Scheme on our finances will be visible only a couple of decades from now, which in no way helps us enhance our capital budget at the present time when it is most required. The only way that issue can be resolved in quick time is by drastically reducing existing numbers. Instead of focusing on reducing civilian employees, who have some political clout, the government has taken the easy way out and brought about a forcible reduction in military manpower by cutting down recruitment. This has resulted in over two lakh plus deficiencies in the Army which, unfortunately, has been a body blow from which the Army will find it difficult to recover in the short term. Not only have training standards deteriorated with Agniveer training reduced by over 30% and its consequent adverse impact on morale, motivation and unit cohesion but the deficiencies in manpower have greatly impacted operational capabilities. In these circumstances the military is truly not in a position to either defend our territorial integrity, protect our citizens from terrorist actions or deter Chinese aggression. In fact, with the present increase in terrorist incidents that we are witnessing in the Jammu-Rajouri region itself, it finds itself fully stretched with unit peace tenures being curtailed. Since the government has shown little inclination to discard the Agnipath policy, the military needs to think out of the box and look for ways in which it can fulfill its primary role of protecting the country from foreign enemies effectively. The only viable option available is for the Army to ask to be relieved of all counter insurgency employment both in Jammu and Kashmir and the in the North East. That would allow the Armed Forces to concentrate on fulfilling their primary role of defending our borders. In their stead the CAPF should be tasked to handle all internal

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Related to tracking and internal functions. It brings down the turnaround time required to complete any process. It a technology that helps reduce costs and improves the time in which orders are processed and delivered. The Way Forward It important for Indian logistics players to invest in upgrading technologies to help their systems become smarter and efficient, even if it means reinventing their processes. An increase in adoption of automation of processes through robotics and artificial intelligence in transportation and warehouse management. This will ensure companies can reduce their reliance on human intervention. Al driven automation, Direct to consumer initiatives and acceleration towards sustainability are also bringing in focus complex technology solutions. With more disruption in technology set to come, companies should be ready and anticipate how their capabilities need to evolve. Companies can work on developing services that create demand rather than restricting themselves to meeting current demand. To do this, logistics companies will need to maintain strong relationships with customers and the market, so that they can be at the forefront of shaping the future. The Indian economy has been growing steadily in today digital era. The development of road infrastructure and digitization of logistics operations coupled with initiatives such as Make in India, and Aatmanirbhar Bharat have been driving this growth forward. As per the World Bank rankings, India is at the 46th position on the 155 country strong logistics performance index. It is no secret that logistics is critical to any country growth, but in the past, this sector did get adequate attention from either lawmakers or stakeholders as far as enhancement of operational capabilities, tech integration and streamlining of processes was concerned. Considering how almost 90 of the Indian trucking industry comprises small scale, unregulated transporters, and driver owners, there is a lot of disconnect they face. Warehousing and transportation jointly make up the logistics process, but barring a small percentage of large transport companies and the logistics arms of e commerce operators, supply chain integration and digitization has been missing in most smaller logistics players. In conventional practices, there is a widespread lack of accountability that has created an environment of distrust which forces transporters and shippers to do business only within their localized and personal circles. While this might give them assurance of safety, it also leads to costs going up and the optimization going down. For instance, a trucker who relies **ON** specific agents and transport companies for getting loads might need to wait for several days before getting a shipment suitable for his lorry or route. Similarly, a shipper might have to depend on the availability of a vehicle in his personal network, and non availability could delay the shipping, causing customer dissatisfaction and increase in

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Become so because risk, which can be insured, has considerably increased in almost every walk of our lives. This has naturally led to the overall growth of the insurance sector as well as the evolution of a variety of insurance covers. In India, the overall market size of the insurance sector was projected to be around US 280B in 2020. With such huge market potential, one may believe that it due to the significant penetration density in the country. However, India insurance penetration was pegged at 4.2 in FY21, with life insurance penetration at 3.2 and non life insurance penetration at. Another stark statistic provided by IRDAI annual report for FY20 showed the number of life plans purchased by women during the financial year dropped 11.76 on a YoY basis. Women contributed 34 for the first year premium in FY20, down from 37 the year before. Moreover, nearly one third of the policies bought by women came from just three states Maharashtra 11.98, Uttar Pradesh 9.87, and West Bengal 10.60. This then begs the question why women are lagging in being part of such a crucial financial product the answer is not so straightforward. One key aspect that does crop up is the lack of awareness among women about life insurance as a financial product and its benefits. In this article, we try to precisely address that things women should know while purchasing a life insurance policy. Winds of Change Insurance policies are designed to help people have a financial cushion for their loved ones and prepare for emergencies. Women have always played the role of chief caretaker in any family. Moreover, in recent years, we have witnessed a progressive shift in society, with women taking a substantial lead in contributing to the growth of the household. While they have been a crucial element in managing household finances for years, they now need to cater to a completely different set of financial objectives for themselves. It Great to be Woman One of the most significant benefits of life insurance for women is that it is cheaper for them. As per several research studies, women tend to outlive men, and thus, life insurance premiums are considerably lower for them than men. It is often advised that purchasing term life insurance is a more affordable way to get greater coverage. Plus, buying a policy at a young age will help further **cost** reduction as the premiums go up with advancing age. Contributing to Family Income Conventionally, small savings have been the primary domain of Indian women. However, with insurance products such as Unit Linked Insurance Plans or ULIPs, they can save and generate better returns and contribute to the family income while being secured. Additionally, as more women enter the workforce and become independent earners, they need to protect their income. Life insurance can offer a promising avenue as a savings mechanism to boost their financial independence and habit of long term savings. Not a Breadwinner They Can Still Be Financially Independent

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These types of activities can lead to losses and other problems for both truck drivers and shippers, especially if the goods are perishable or of high value. Not only that, there is a major resource crunch in the Indian logistics arena. Qualified drivers, shippers, and other trained personnel are becoming very rare to come by, especially in the wake of the pandemic. Majority of the logistics operations today are run by poorly skilled or unskilled people, which implies greater need for involvement from the shippers, and business owners, forcing them to divert time and attention away from their core business. The combination of so many incremental problems like the lack of infrastructure and organization, and high fuel prices have resulted in the Indian logistics sector being one of the most under utilized segments despite the incredible potential and demand. This is where technology has come across as the panacea for these problems. Today, digital first logistics startups are rapidly bringing about a transformation by enabling small and big players to work seamlessly. The advancements that the ecommerce operators introduced, are slowly and steadily becoming mainstream especially in the wake of the pandemic. When the Covid disruption struck the Indian trucking industry, operators big and small had no option, but to integrate whatever technology they had to keep going. Now, startups are set to take the industry forward by eliminating the lack of trust through streamlining, standardizing, and creating an integrated logistics ecosystem. End to end supply chain solutions that include transportation, warehousing, ecommerce support, and even value added services like marketing, are becoming the new norm. Logistics platforms that bring lakhs of shippers and truckers one a single digital platform are eliminating distrust and inefficiency. Intervention by these digitally driven transportation startups can enable major productivity enhancement, ensure complete visibility of the supply chains, provide real time tracking of vehicles, help adhere to delivery timelines, optimize warehouse and vehicle space management, guarantee superior customer experience, and provide faster transportation. In fact, presence on a trucking platform is known to increase a truck on road time from 16 17 days to as many as 25 26 days a month. This helps in generating greater revenue and transportation of more goods than ever before. It is this development of transportation networks which augurs well for all stakeholders. As made clear by the failure of the conventional transportation ecosystem during the peak of the pandemic, digitization not only enhances operational efficiency, but also protects the sector from unplanned disruptions. The great thing to note is that the tech driven logistics sector is catching up fast. Investors are pouring billions of dollars into this arena, and with break neck speeds of infrastructure development, the day is not far when the Indian logistics sec

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What more important is that life insurance is not only essential for working women but even for single women, homemakers, single mothers divorced or widowed to help them achieve financial independence at various stages of their lives. A life insurance payout can go a long way in covering such costs and offering a financial safety net to their families. It Helps During Pregnancy It is a common myth that pregnant women are ineligible for life insurance. They need to approach the right insurance provider to get comprehensive coverage for their pregnancy. While it always advisable to have a life insurance plan before pregnancy, it may be a mistake to purchase it after childbirth. Often women develop certain conditions during pregnancy, such as gestational diabetes or postpartum depression, making it harder for them to get coverage or incur higher premiums. Creating a Legacy Women are often considered the Money Manager for a family. As we move towards an even more progressive society, their role will only witness an increasing evolution. Naturally, creating a legacy must be a part of the thought process of every woman. Policies such as whole life plans can act as an ideal mode of accumulating wealth for the next generation and ensure that the children and grandchildren receive the sum assured in their absence. Single mothers can use the maturity amount as a source of steady income to cover their child existing and future expenses. For most women, family security, both physical as well as financial, is the biggest priority. A right insurance product can provide a financial security net for themselves as well as their family. In case they are earning, they can also contribute to the family income or specific goals through savings oriented policies. Such policies provide an avenue for long term wealth creation, healthy returns, and tax benefits along with the primary objective of protection. Similarly, insurance will act as a strong backup plan to tackle unforeseen circumstances. Having a substantial cover goes a long way in ensuring a quality lifestyle and managing educational and other expenses in the absence of their partners. Single women can opt for a life insurance plan that helps secure their savings, income, and further investments. Moreover, the policy can provide funds to pay off debts, loans, and taxes, which otherwise would have become a burden for their family members. In Conclusion Today, having a full proof **financial** plan is required independent of the earning status of the member. As the risks associated with different walks of our lives keep increasing, the importance of insurance has never been greater. Women need to be exposed to the right insurance product as early as possible to ensure the financial safety of themselves and their loved ones. Over the years, insurance products have evolved and offered a wide range of cover and other benefits. Choosing the right coverage depends on various factors such as individual requirements, healt

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And kitchen work to professionals who are experienced in these sectors. The practice of cutting corners on things that you are familiar with is strictly prohibited in this profession. As part of the application procedure for a home remodeling loan, make certain that you are connected with the most qualified professionals who will be able to guide you through the entire process. The blunder of hiring the wrong contractor is as follows if you are a first time renovator, it is critical that you work with the most qualified contractor possible. Obtaining referrals is a good idea if you don know any reputable contractors, and if you don know any, selecting the one who is most suited for the job is a good idea as well. Because of this, the timeframe was not properly configured Collaborate with the contractor to produce a list of the products that you will need to procure for the project within a specific time limit. Making a decision on a fixture at the last minute will cause you to subsequently come to regret your decision. The failure to ask probing inquiries in sufficient quantity Make sure to ask the contractor as many questions as you possibly can because doing so will assist you in developing an in depth understanding of the task and will also allow you to understand how and where your money is being spent. It important to remember that there is no such thing as a stupid question. The most typical mistake people make when renovating their homes is to spend all of their resources and investments on the project without considering the long term ramifications of their decisions. A loan for remodeling should be considered when planning a restoration strategy because it offers a low interest rate as well as a modest processing fee, which ensures your financial security in the process. If I have learnt anything from the pandemic, it that technology has the power and potential to enable connection. From virtual meetings to online grocery shopping, innovations in technology allowed us to connect and collaborate whenever, wherever. While we rapidly adopt new digital technologies, we must also place accessibility front and center. Despite the benefits tech adoption brings with it, several businesses are yet to factor inclusivity and accessibility into their products. Many services and experiences are still not inclusively designed and operated. As per Forrester in 2020, while gauging the impact of the pandemic on customer experience CX, there is a dire need to create more inclusive experiences. Although things may have been improving, we are yet to be there. The onus of enhancing customer experience is upon those who conceive, develop, design, operate and manage products and services. These teams need to pay attention to the details and see how these affect different people. Once the barriers have been identified, efforts must be made to eliminate them. Technology can be an enabler of inclusivity at all levels. **Building Inclusive Solutions Inclusivity and** 

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Working in big tech firms at the core, accessibility refers to making the same technologies and products available to everyone, say, for instance, differently abled people. Due to their versatile nature, smartphones can promote digital inclusion and serve as cost effective and bespoke tools for people with disabilities. What makes them invaluable assets for these users is their ability to cluster together multiple assistive technologies in one single device. Several built in accessible features and third party apps allow access to useful information and content in smartphones. Such aesthetic techs facilities help perform daily activities. They enable one to function independently, move independently, and drive social inclusion and participation. As they help improve the quality of life, such smart technologies make smartphones assistive to people with vision impairment and color blindness. Smartphone devices have also been equipped with specific accessibility features such as high contrast colors. For example, high contrast keyboards or adding high contrast mode for the internet app to fulfill the rising demands for accessibility. Others offer accessibility features for hearing, visibility, and dexterity. The Voice Assistant details what you touch, activate, and select through verbal feedback. These help the visually impaired edit text or change any settings using tap gestures or familiar swipe. With these features, the vision impaired or color blind people get support in daily life activities and social interaction which are not possible with human vision smartphone interaction. Inverted colors allow changing of white text on a black background, and vice versa or yellow text on a blue background and vice versa. With the introduction of OLED screens, smartphones can display a billion different colors and provide outstanding color accuracy. Optimisations such as Nature Tone Display and Color Correction Solution offer users a screen tailored to their vision and best in class hardware in smartphones. These advancements provide the best gaming, movie watching, and photographic experience. And consumers want these customizations created without leaving any adverse impact on the environment. Creating Sustainable Technology A sustainable brand is the one that has successfully embedded economic, environmental, and social issues in its business operations. However, companies considering themselves to be sustainable are only able to meet about one third of this definition. Most businesses know that fulfilling sustainability goals will require a systemic approach to bring about transformation. This will take a 360 degree view of the challenge at hand. However, technology and data need to be integrated at the outset to build sustainability as a competitive advantage. Hence, for companies thinking of advancing their sustainability initiatives, technology can be a major accelerant. Smartphones have great potential to bring forward sustainable development goals

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Politicians will use it to rouse local passions aimed at a North-South divide in the country. This was evident from the remarks of the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu after the results when he said that the BJP has now been completely removed from Dravidian lands. The United Nations Population Fund has pointed out in its recent report that India may receive Demographic Dividend because of its increasing working age population. It noted that 30 of India population is below 14 years of age, with the working age population years constituting another 62 only 8 of its people being 60 years or older. estimates that India working age population will reach a maximum of 65 by 2030 and then start declining thereafter. According to it, the country demographic dividend will be available for five decades from 2005 to 2055, longer than any other country of the world. By June 2023, India is expected to overtake China as the world most populous country. India median population age is now 28 compared to China 37. in its report has drawn attention to the significant demographic dividend India is expected to enjoy over the next several decades, increasing her economic growth potential. It is pointed out in this connection, if India growing working age population can find productive employment with reasonably decent incomes, the country will benefit significantly from the demographic dividend, which in turn would propel her economic and social development. Potential Benefits of the Demographic Dividend the benefits of having an age structure with more working age people and lesser dependents works through many mechanisms: According to experts, all the above-mentioned mechanisms provide an opportunity for growth. They have identified a few variables namely, health, family planning, education, and adoption of conducive economic policies, which must be prioritised to make good use of the demographic dividend. Since ages we have been conditioned to believe that marriages in India are a sacrament and despite of the unavoidable, unsurmountable and untenable circumstances they wrestle with, a husband-andwife ought to stick together with ill death do us apart ideology. We as a society, don waste our time to point our fingers against anyone who breaks the stereotypical mindsets. I understand that for such couples who have invested way too much in their matrimonial relationships, be it their emotions, or finances or their own selves, seeking divorce is perceived to be an immoderate exercise. Why are such people made to still adjust despite of being persecuted by an abusive, chauvinistic or narcissistic life partner? Why is seeking divorce in India still frowned upon in this day and age? Why in the name of virtues people are coerced to pick a life full of oppression over seeking separation? In a country where over 10 million couples get married every year and about a fraction among them i.e., about 110,000 break their marital bond, seeking divorce is being frowned upon least to

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Relationships and perspectives towards marriages per se has evolved over the years. On one hand, there no denying of the fact that most couples, both young and old, in India still follow the conventional theory of divorce which is based on the guilt theory and their call for justice goes on for years at a stretch. On the other hand, I am glad to notice a fair percentage of orated couples who are choosing peace over revenge or justice. They are seeking refuge in the consent theory of divorce and filing divorce based on mutual consent as per the applicable personal law under which their marriages were solemnized and registered. There is another fraction of couples who is seeking divorce based on the irretrievable breakdown theory of marriage, as for them time is of essence instead of timeconsuming unending litigation. Thanks to the recent Supreme Court judgment, even such time gap can now be waived-off if the case is proven beyond doubt and is a genuine one in the eyes of law. The bottom-line is whichever kind of divorce couples choose to seek it the end result that must serve them as per their expectations. How they feel after coming out of a toxic relationship or becoming free from a death trap or by severing all ties with an extremely abusive partner or after surviving from the clutches of a nymphomaniac or a narcissist, individuals are free to decide for their own lives and we as a society must acknowledge and respect them instead of judging them. For no one enters a matrimonial alliance with a thought to break it one day. We all tie the knot on a positive note. Therefore, it absolutely fine if some Tamil actor celebrates her divorce and goes ahead with a divorce photoshoot, the internet will always go abuzz with sensational news but at the end of the day, it their life and if they choose to celebrate their divorce then be it. Period. Let stop judging people and start normalizing divorces in India as YOLO! If mankind handling of the Earth were to be graded like a school report, we would fail miserably. Our insatiable greed, and overconsumption of non-renewable natural resources have done irreparable damage to the ecosystem. Human activities are accelerating the erosion of biological diversity at an unprecedented scale, around 1000 times faster than natural processes. Yet, despite the alarming signs of environmental destruction, there is no sign of urgency from the decisionmakers. Biodiversity is crucial for the continuance of life on this planet and is the clearest indicator of the health of any ecosystem as it involves the variety of life, including flora, fauna, and the multitude of microorganisms that co-habit this planet. The World Economic Forum risk perception survey 2021-22 lists biodiversity loss among the top three risks for the economy the other two being climate action failure and extreme weather. The rapid loss of biodiversity is detrimental not just for the ecosystem itself, which should be alarming

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The long-term impact this has had in terms of loss of the wonderfully vibrant array of species of plant and animal life that populate the Amazon rainforest. However, there are tender shoots of success. Biodiversity, which was virtually ignored until recently, is fast becoming a key risk for ESG investing in capital markets. However, there exist inconsistencies in how to integrate biodiversity concerns into mainstream business and ESG strategies; and the measurement metrics for it. The IUCN is one of the leading international organisations doing exemplary work in Biodiversity conservation. It has developed the Red Data Book, which is the world most comprehensive inventory of the global conservations status of flora and fauna. While there are developments of biodiversity conservation and streamlining it with the larger ESG sector, there are still ruffles that need ironing. Streamline the metrics First, there is an urgent need for streamlining the metrics used to measure biodiversity loss. How do you set a baseline and measure impact on biodiversity and nature loss? Ultimately, what gets measured gets managed. The Species Threat Abatement and Restoration (STAR) metric enables business, governments and civil society to quantify their potential contributions to stemming global species loss, and can be used to calculate customisable targets. The STAR metric was developed based on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, in a collaboration between 55 organisations. The STAR metric is a good start, we need a similarly localised system and metrics for Indian biodiversity mapping as well. Curate a bespoke conservation plan Similar to the net zero emissions pledge of India and other nations, we must also pledge to be net zero in nature loss. But the key issue here is how do you plan for a target at a national level? We need to focus on specific geographic micro-locations and build bespoke biodiversity and nature loss strategies for these areas. Biodiversity conservation strategies must be planned with a bottom up approach, keeping the unique ecosystem, topography and flora and fauna of the geographic location. For example, coastal ecosystems have very specific flora and fauna, habitation, climate and economic activities, so the strategy for such an ecosystem should focus on marine life, micro-plastics in the ocean, salinity, eutrophication, sea level rise, among other elements. These are some key localised considerations that need to be accounted for while designing a biodiversity conservation plan. Adopt secondary or tertiary indicator-oriented approach Furthermore, anv a

infrastructure development must include an initial assessment of the economic activity being undertaken and its impact on the ecosystem where it will be rolled out. This should be followed by an impact assessment of the operational activities on the surrounding ecosystem. Given that biodiversity loss is not easily quantifiable unlike carbon for instance, and that it is multi-layered, inti

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It was Independence Day when I wrote these lyrics for a short film made in national interest for the Film & Television Institute of India. The social message of secularism, conveyed purposefully through child actors, travelled to 11 global film festivals winning 03 awards for Best Film to my heart content. The same year a few children tapped the courts to practice their individual religious culture in educational institutions which are the very roots of my secular nation. I travelled back in time. I was brought up in a little village in West Bengal and studied in a missionary school in its large capital, Calcutta now, Kolkata. I spent all my student life commuting from my obscure hamlet to a renowned city via the by-lanes dotted with a temple, a mosque and a church; in succession. I was taught to bow while passing by the temple of my gods and be respectful while passing by the places of worship of other faiths. That was my first lesson in secularism. My village also had a master of a fair, which was visited by every villager irrespective of his religion, caste, creed, gender or age. Despite moving on from our remote village long back, my friends and I still do not know if that unknown fair was a Muslim, a Hindu or a Christian. All we knew was that we collectively found peace, freedom and enlightenment there. That shrine brimmed with pictures and idols of Jesus, Quran and Hanuman and was a symbol of a vibrant secular fabric of India I grew up in. The educational institutions of my country are exactly that maser. Coming to my school and college, the former run by a nun and the latter by the govt, I never found religious undertones in the air which was full of academics, sports, discipline, fun and of course, politics. Politics, for that matter, is an integral part of the routine life of my nation and one can hardly beat a Bengali in this game. Bengal has given us our national anthem, national song, the highest numbers of freedom fighters and of course Khela Hobe translated to: the game is on. Making my bones in the highly political environment of Bengal in the 1990s, I will make no bones about the fact that the politics were limited only to colleges, not schools and despite all kinds of active political affiliations and unions, even the famous co-educational govt college of mine was devoid of religious discrimination. Girls and boys followed the institutional dress regulations equally without doubts, peacefully protested and fought on campus with due regard to the institutional sanctity, enjoyed, ate and slept together no puns intended on sleeping. Yes, both genders regardless of their religion wore similar varieties of tattered jeans and earrings I still do. The national dress was the only exception, which all students donned on two specific days at our college Republic Day and Independence Day. I do not remember the name of my sixth crush

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As they have faith in their educational institutions, who practice their religion as much as they respect the religion of others. Basanti is exactly my India. My school on the other hand was run by nuns, who belong to a religious order by definition and practice. However, Christianity never translated to ground. My class was unique in every sense. Amongst my classmates was a Jain, a Jew, a Tribal, a Sikh and a Pathan. Rangrez Khan, nick-named Rang, was a devout Muslim who prayed five times a day at his home and pranked me five times a day at school. A colorful character, Rang looked so handsome in his skull cap and pathani suit that he was offered a film while binging on Phuchka a popular Indian street food at the roadside but he was disciplined enough to never wear the same to school even on the days of colour dress. Anything connected to religion was prohibited in our school. Nothing except the kara and turban for Sikhs only no skull caps, no cross, no tilak, no rakhi, no kohl. We were admonished if caught discussing politics or religion in school. Even parents were asked to visit only in formal clothes no Kurta-Pyjama or Burqa and this was a tough one for a deeply religious and upright Muslim family of Rang. The only days Rang mother stepped out of her home without a Burqa was on the PTM parents-teachers meeting days and conformity to the school policies superseded her religious practices. On the other hand, I hardly passed science without a tilak on my forehead or without writing Om on my answer sheet and no wonder, my secular school had a big hand in it since I consistently failed every science exam. We were sort of jealous of our principal and our sikh mates but rules were rules. Over the years, Rang went on to become a successful businessman and looks nothing less than a Mullah today. I hardly recognised him when I bumped into him outside a mosque at Chandni Chowk where he prays five times a day. With a flowing henna-dyed beard, skull cap and ankle-length Pathani Suit, I doubt he will ever be offered another role in films. His smart children stood next to him in a missionary school uniform oblivious to their religious practices, which their father had limited to their home, their community and their place of worship. Their father and I learnt from the same school that educational institutions are a common breeding ground, of all Indians regardless of our variety of religions, where you can play in but can play on. That the difference in words and deeds. Rang is exactly my India. As kids, we called as Aazadi De Allow Independence. Day We demanded Independence independence from our parents every 15th August laddoo de aur khelne de give us sweets and the whole day to play. While India ties balloons for its Independence Day, it is ballooning with protests and court cases

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Diagnosed as prolonged grief disorder Medication may be required to treat this condition. Getting overwhelmed is the inability to cope with a challenging situation that requires resilience, patience, understanding, fortitude and equanimity. But these are qualities hard to come by, especially when tragedy strikes or one is facing multiple challenges. Getting overwhelmed by loss for a very long time can become a habit and lead to self harm. Those unable to return to normal life after a loss may need help to pull themselves together, but before taking recourse to medical treatment that can cause dependence or have side effects, it may be prudent to explore other organic, holistic methods. To grieve is a natural part of accepting loss, but it is unhealthy to get overtaken by grief to the extent that one isolates oneself and begins to wallow in self pity. A positive alternative is to engage in sea, service, to help others, so that grief gets translated to compassion and kindness rather than self centeredness. Grief therapy could include accessing holistic, non addictive spiritual but non denominational tools like deep breathing as in pranayam, yog, meditation, chanting and prayer. Grief therapy can also mean giving expression to your creativity, meeting with friends, sharing stories and feelings, exchanging experiences and showing that one cares. Live through grief and don hesitate to seek social support to help you cope with grief. I completely disagree that grief is a mental illness, says Joanne Cacciatore, an associate professor of social work at Arizona State University who operates a retreat for bereaved people. However, the New York Times reports that PGD was recently added to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, due to the wave of severe bereavement brought on by Covid 19 deaths, especially when many members of a family are lost at the same time. Some experts believe that one can mitigate the grieving process by becoming aware of such a future situation and start telling their loved ones especially the elderly and the sick how much they care, spend more quality time with them, and nurture a circle of friends who can give emotional support. We need to accept that grief is also a part of life, but take care to not let it become a longtime habit. And never hesitate to seek therapy or guidance from a genuine guru you are comfortable with. Diagnosed as prolonged grief disorder Medication may be required to treat this condition. Getting overwhelmed is the inability to cope with a challenging situation that requires resilience, patience, understanding, fortitude and equanimity. But these are qualities hard to come by, especially when tragedy strikes or one is facing multiple challenges. Getting overwhelmed by loss for a very long time can become a habit and lead to self harm. Those unable to return to normal life after a loss may need help to pull themselves together, but before taking recourse to medical treatment that can cause

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This is probably the right time to play a What would Elson Musk Do game: Take a free speech challenge, and imagine how Musk, whose bid to buy Twitter for 44 billion has been accepted by its board of directors, would react to it. Would Twitter run by a libertarian Elson Musk have banned hundreds of thousands of accounts supporting the Islamic State in 2015 How would Musk owned Twitter have reacted to orders from the Indian government to block accounts and tweets, many of which were as Twitter then claimed not in violation of Indian law Punjab is expected to contribute about 13 million tons of wheat in the ongoing procurement exercise of Go. However, a report in this paper said crop arrivals in the market are tapering. Right now, it appears procurement is unlikely to exceed 10 million tons. Separately, Haryana has banned inter district movement of dry fodder made of wheat straw and other materials. All these developments are early signs that the agricultural market is tightening as all the stakeholders adapt to both local and international forces. The FAO cereal and vegetable oil price indices hit record highs in March. It may partly explain why some links of Punjab agricultural chain are reportedly holding back stocks. India wheat and edible oil markets are influenced by international events through the trade channel. The Russia Ukraine war may have undermined global food security because of the region criticality in the supply of wheat, sunflower oil, maize and fertiliser. The upward trend in agricultural prices, however, predates the conflict. Drought in parts of both North America and South America have constrained supply of important grains and soya bean. India food inflation trajectory too hit an inflection point before the conflict. Food inflation declined between May and September 2021. Since then, it has seen a steady increase. The consumer food price index was 7.68 in March, higher by seven percentage points than the September 2021 reading. Rising food prices have pushed up the headline inflation as core inflation has been sticky around 6 for a year. The combined pressure on prices led to headline inflation of 6.95 in March, above RBI inflation target upper limit of 6. India macroeconomic challenges now include elevated inflation. Within it, food price inflation is worrisome as it has adverse consequences on a large section of the population which does not appear to have fully recovered its purchasing power from the economic shock of 2020 21. Unlike oil, the level of domestic control over most items of the food basket is significant. Go and states are in a position to mitigate the impact of food inflation. India stock of food grains needs to be released regularly to control cereal prices. Go also needs to persuade states to refrain from bans on movement of agricultural products as these worsen the impact of international trade disruptions as producers prioritise protecting their domestic markets. Controlling food inflation will also ease

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Transition to a tighter monetary policy. Maharashtra MP MLA couple Navneet and Ravi Rana and Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani are independent politicians at two ends of the political spectrum but the trio find themselves united by a common, disturbing and ever growing strand of state overreach. The Ranas were arrested on sedition charges by Mumbai police after threatening to protest outside CM Uddhav Thackeray residence and Mevani by Assam police for tweeting against the Prime Minister. Almost certainly, the police in neither instance was functioning on its own accord. Ordinarily, the Ranas would have been booked on bailable offences like unlawful assembly or disobeying a public servant order. But their political contestation with Shiv Sena can be reasonably suspected as the cause of the sedition charge, which tantamounts to accusing them of treachery against the government. Mevani case is no less an overreach. Police from Kokrajhar district travelled from one end of the country to the other end for a tweet. Just as Mevani got bail, he was re arrested for alleged obscenity, assault and insult to a woman cop from Assam Barpeta district. Police overburdened with onerous law and order and criminal investigation responsibilities effecting arrest for a tweet that did provoke violence or wantonly filing sedition cases betray priorities gone horribly wrong. The justice system also comes under needless strain: Judicial magistrates often lack the gumption to call this bluff. Police curtailing the right to dissent can come back to bite today political masters, wherever they are governing, when the shoe is on the other foot. Conversely, there also police failure to stop actual riots: Take the case of many violent incidents during religious processions in recent weeks. A misfiring, dysfunctional police unable to assert itself while maximalist politics shows no signs of receding portends more rights violations. The higher judiciary with its independence and powers to enforce the rule of law must keep redrawing the lakshman rekha against state overreach that netas are intent on effacing. Is it genes, extraneous factors, or a combination of both that play a predominant role in shaping one inclinations, tastes and, going forward, life and career choices It is difficult to answer this conundrum, particularly as one comes across a child of doctor parents opting for his parents profession even as his sibling chooses the legal profession. Even though a child may have an entire genetic pool of his forebears to dip into, he could well defy probability and reject genetically tailored inclinations and influences. Indeed, his career choices may well be spurred by several, complex invisibles that could fall in a wide ambit of non genetic influences. Samskaras of one past lives could play a decisive role in shaping one present life inclinations. And the gene powerhouse can be upstaged by samskaras of past life in someone pursuit of a radically different vocation than one dictate

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Normal learning process. Such children are wildcard entries in charting a course of excellence with a karmic connection to fly higher, faster and stronger. Speaking of flights, a post went viral recently about a six year old Egyptian boy, Adam Mohammad Amer, displaying an amazing knowledge of flying aircraft. Inside a plane cockpit, the kid stumped the flight commander, who quizzed him on technical aspects of flying and modern avionic systems, with all the right answers. The boy even followed up the theory session with a practical demonstration a few days later when he captained the flight simulator of an Airbus A380 in Abu Dhabi and navigated the virtual plane through flight to a successful landing. With none of his parents having an aviation background, the boy hands on familiarity with modern avionics and aircraft control systems, besides knowledge of technical jargon, was uncanny. On the other hand, there are those who, along with right samskaras, are also genetically well endowed. This winning combination gives them not just a platform but an entire runway, so to speak, for attaining heights of glory. Thus, a convergence of physical and spiritual genes propels them to heights of excellence. The staggering volume of Tagore poetic works may be cited as a perfect synergy of genes and samskaras powering phenomenal levels of creativity in qualitative and quantitative terms. From his father, Debendranath Tagore, the poet imbibed sage like qualities as the perfect foundation for the carried forward poetic samskaras. But then, besides genes and samskaras, there is the third dimension of the physical environment that can shape human destiny for weal and woe, either in alliance with or in opposition to these two factors. The physical environment here represents one surroundings that subsume human, socio economic, and other pressures and can either detract from the genes and samskaras or act as synergistic allies to emerge as a formidable proposition in a positive or negative sense. To tweak an Eliotic phrase, the environment, referred to, either assumes the role of opposing human voices that wake us and we drown or, in alliance with genes and samskaras, make one swim against the tide faster and stronger to reach glorious shores. With the changing times, we are seeing the way of doing business is also changing. Along with old business houses, many new startups are also growing and competing with the giants. But unlike the traditional **businesses**, D2C brands have no middlemen and are directly involved in the manufacturing, marketing, and distribution of their products. As a result, partnering with retail sites or pop up shops to distribute products or ship straight to customers is critical. They must keep a careful check on their customer community, product users for brand recall, product feedback, and customer partnerships to keep up with market trends and competition. Most D2C brands, unlike traditional brands, do not have a large budget for offline pr

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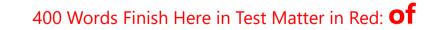
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Events, events, and marketing activities to keep logistics partners engaged and informed about the products. In the last couple of years due to COVID 19 protocols in place, event organizers realized that virtual platforms can smoothly handle the limitations of physical events such as geographical constraints, budgets, event program management, etc. Virtual events can be used effectively by D2C brands in the following segments: Product launches: To increase the reach of their physical product launch by streaming it live on a virtual event platform that is tailored to the theme of the product being presented, virtual product launch is important. It allows customers to participate in product related games and purchase newly announced products directly from the product launch event platform and create a buzz around the new product or service that is being launched. User conferences: Any brand which wants to establish itself as a market leader, keeps creating successful, regular, and cost effective user conferences with a superb speaker lineup to grab attention and engage with more customers. As the expense of hosting a virtual event is about a quarter of the cost of hosting a physical event with a larger audience, D2C businesses can host a large number of user conferences in a quarter. Combining the conference with a virtual exhibition of their product line, giving attendees the chance to win free samples by interacting with the full Virtual Event Platform helps them in getting in the market at a much faster pace. Along with that, inviting industry leaders and influencers to interact with the audience in the networking room brands make sure that customers do get a better perspective of their product or services. This ease of connecting with a larger group is only possible due to a virtual event platform. Community events: Society, clubs or recognize the need to connect online with their target group and also understand what interests them. Keeping all this in mind they can organize a Virtual carnival, Tambola, Movie night, and other fun activities. This helps in building a virtual vibrant fun space for people to connect and engage. Rewards and recognition & employee engagement events: New age direct to consumer brands adhere to a very new age culture. Employees adore them because of the activities they organize for them. Virtual event platforms allow employees to be delighted with Employee Engagement Platforms and also to be rewarded with Virtual Award ceremonies in the age of remote work settings. Networking events and mixers: Networking events are a terrific opportunity to meet people who share your interests. The use of our AI based matchmaking features on the platform to host networking events like hackathons is an exciting new way to connect with like minded individuals. Seller meets: Virtual multi city seller meetings are incredibly efficient. Companies organize knowledge based workshops for their salespeople so they can communicate with other b

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Are very cost effective and help in seller community building exercises. Way forward Customer behavior is altering as a result of the increased usage of the internet in all aspects of our lives, and D2C brands are capitalizing on this shift. We vet come a long way from e commerce to the met averse, and virtual event platforms are only the beginning. In terms of technology and customer experience, there is still a lot to come, and both businesses and customers are ready to experience it all. Raising a child with Down syndrome (DS) can be challenging and it is not uncommon for parents to undergo feelings of anxiety and fear. Higher chances of health complications, such as congenital heart defects, immunity disorders, gastrointestinal defects, and spinal problems can add to the challenges of caring for a child with DS. The good news is that there is plenty of help available for parents and early intervention can significantly improve their quality of life. With enough support, love, and encouragement, children with DS can gain independence, and go on to lead a rich and fulfilling life. Here are some tips for bringing up a child with DS Spend time, talk, and play with them Like other children, those with DS also need mental and social stimulation. It important that you make time to play and have fun with them. They also need their own peer group. So, introduce and make them play with children who may or may not have DS. Keep some time aside every day to talk to your child on various issues, including their school, friends, or anything else they may wish to talk about. You should also talk to them about current affairs and other burning issues. Keep the conversation simple and answer their questions honestly. Establish a routine Routine is important to every child and predictability can be immensely comforting. For a child with DS, it can be even more important and any deviations can be upsetting. So, make sure that you stick to the routine and do not make any changes. At the same time, some disruptions are inevitable, such as the visit of guests or the closure of their school, which can jeopardise their usual routine. In such cases, one should prepare the child well in advance. It can be through stories or visual cues explaining the coming disruptions. Frequent repetitions or discussions of the event will mentally prepare the child to expect the event. Use different aids for their overall development Children with DS can benefit immensely from an enriched learning approach, but one must learn to tailor their teaching aids and language. Use clear, simple, and receptive language and place emphasis on visual teaching aids. Add images, colourful charts, and videos to reinforce teaching. They also benefit from repetitive teaching. Finally, have patience. Your child may have to put extra effort and time to learn his her lesson. Helping around the house Involve your child in everyday activities by giving him her.



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Simple chores to do around the house. Start with teaching them about their daily duties, from putting away the dishes to cleaning after themselves. As they grow older, the level of difficulty of the tasks can be slowly raised to include chores like cleaning their room or helping with laundry. These activities are intended to build their freedom and self reliance. But remember to keep your instructions simple and easy to understand. Reinforce good behavior Children learn good behavior from the response of their parents. You can reinforce good behavior by praising good conduct. Children with DS respond more positively to visual cues. So, a chart can often work better to enhance their teaching. Set long term goals. Keep them realistic Setting goals can be helpful to keep one on track. However, it also important to keep these goals realistic. Your child will take the time to reach certain developmental goals. Long term goals are also helpful when temporary setbacks occur. It reminds us that we must stay the course and look for alternatives when faced with a hurdle. When bringing up a child with DS, it always important to remember that your child is on their own path. It may differ from other children, but it is just as valuable and beautiful as any other child. So, celebrate your child achievements, recognise their accomplishments, and watch them bloom and prosper. Covid 19 has impacted businesses across the globe. The deadly pandemic has adversely impacted the economic growth of multiple nations across the globe and stalled the livelihoods of millions of common people. But entrepreneurs have not surrendered to the wrath of corona; rather they held their heads high and fought this uneven battle with the help of modern technology. A wave of new age technology such as AI, Met averse and NFTs are expected to change the course of businesses in the post Covid era. Companies across the globe are investing in these technologies and cementing their future path. Multiple corporate biggies have already taken a major digital leap to stay afloat in the market after bearing the brunt of the pandemic. The future of global entrepreneurs is dependent on some of the most revolutionary tech innovations which are created the right buzz in the market since their inception. One such technology is met averse which will probably change the face of multiple businesses across the globe. Market **reports** suggest that the met averse market is skyrocketing and it is expected to record a massive surge in the years to come. The market has already touched 46 billion in 2020 and it is expected to grow multifold in the coming years. The Covid 19 pandemic has suddenly created a major demand for a technology backed environment that would replace real world experiences with augmented reality. Tech giants like Facebook have already gauged the emerging need for met averse and started becoming an active part of the meta transformation process. Block chain technology backed Met averse platfo

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Given the vast diversity within the country and the multitude of challenges it faces, the amendments broaden the scope of disaster management significantly. Climate change has increased the frequency and intensity of disasters, leading to heightened uncertainty around such unfortunate events. Concurrently, India is experiencing an unprecedented rate of urbanization, and infrastructure development is rapidly accelerating. This dynamic environment necessitates a comprehensive reassessment and modification of various sectors, including disaster management. In recent years, a variety of disasters have struck different parts of the country. Due to the diverse topographic and terrain conditions, these events have presented significant geographic challenges. This complex landscape demands a decentralized approach to disaster mitigation, allowing for tailored responses that address the unique needs of each area. Simultaneously, maintaining a robust federal structure is crucial to ensure efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency in managing these crises. This dual approach aims to enhance the nation capacity to manage disasters by integrating local adaptations with centralized oversight and support. However, some professionals and decision-makers perceive the Bill as challenging due to the creation of additional authorities, which could lead to confusion and bureaucratic inefficiencies that may impede rescue and relief operations. There are concerns that the bill grants extensive rule-making powers to the central government, potentially overlapping with and encroaching upon state legislative powers and jurisdiction. A significant point of contention is that the Bill is classified under Entry 23 of the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule, which pertains to social security and social insurance rather than directly addressing Disaster Management. Nonetheless, the Administrative Reforms Commission has recommended the inclusion of Management of Disasters and Emergencies in the Concurrent List. Despite these challenges, the Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2024, is designed to enhance disaster management in India, but it necessitates careful consideration to ensure a balance between national coordination and state autonomy. Has India education system become a contradiction in terms, in that it does not educate and is no longer a system, an orderly arrangement of ideas and functions formulated to achieve a desired objective? A spate of scams, of mass-copying, leaked question papers, and faked certificates, poses a threat to the groves of academe which are being turned into a blackboard jungle, producing hordes of purportedly educated unemployed young people, making a cruel mockery of our vaunted demographic dividend. But more than the economic and social repercussions of mass unemployment, our derelict educational edifice is haunted by the specter of a deeper existential crisis. In an interview on social media, a student has identified a fundamental f

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Without the whys why we choose a profession, why we adhere to a particular creed or ideology we had have no compass with which to chart the journey of life. The how is the superfast train in which we travel; the why is the direction we travel in and the destination we hope to arrive at. When Neil Armstrong took his historic one small step for man, a giant leap for mankind, a commentator observed that the American tragedy was that it had put a man on the Moon without knowing why. The why, of course, was America rivalry with USSR, the space race being an adjunct to the arms race? And the tragic irony was that the images relayed from Apollo 11 of the blue Planet Earth, in all its breath-taking and fragile beauty, should be shadowed by the monstrous mushroom cloud of nuclear Armageddon. The how that split the atom raised the why of prioritising between building energy plant which could light a million homes and making nuclear warheads which could take a million lives. The advent of Artificial Intelligence, with the boundless horizons it has opened, has made even more crucial the tightrope walk between the how and the why, between what we can do, and what we ought to do. Will Al create a virtual reality realer than the real reality? Help to overcome cancer? Both? Al could be the final challenge in balancing the how and the why if what we call humanity is to retain its humanness. The principal of a famous school in Darjeeling was in a state of consternation. The reason was the expected arrival of a guest, a journalist who was to do a feature on the school that was celebrating its 150th anniversary. This was long before the advent of email, and the cause of the principal disquiet was a telegram he had received giving the name of his visitor. What sort of name is this? He asked his family. The first name looks as though it could be a misspelling of Jack, in which case he might be Christian, but the last name sounds Muslim, he mulled. Ascertaining the religious identity, would determine what to offer by way of refreshment without transgressing dietary taboos. His quandary was resolved when I turned up. Would I like a cup of tea, or coffee, or perhaps something a little, era, stronger? My host enquired. Tired after my journey from Calcutta, I indicated that something a little, era, stronger, would not be amiss. Over a convivial glass of something a little, era, stronger, the principal recounted the perplexity which the enigma of my name had occasioned. I recall that incident of decades ago in light of the proposal, stayed by SC, by UP and MP requiring that along the route the kanwariya pilgrims take, all eateries must display the names of their owners and staff. The ostensible reason was that this would preclude the possibility of the pilgrims being exposed to ritual

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Future of businesses with the apt use of crypto currencies Non Fungible Tokens businesses can build decentralized digital assets and own virtual properties such as lands, and other creative assets. The proper induction of the met averse will change the entire entrepreneurial ecosystem of the world. Met averse will not only revolutionize the onsite additional installations with the use of, but they will also impact the overall training and skill development scene. Also, departments like operation management, marketing, learning and development, design, training, etc. will reap the benefits of the met averse. Industries such as automobiles, real estate and e commerce are all set to gain the maximum benefits from this tech revolution. Met averse is expected to change the skyline of these industries with. For example, in the real estate industry, the pricing of the land or the property is decided based on the location. In the met averse, the value of the property depends on two key factors such as the distance of the property from the center of the met averse and also on the standard of neighbors. The education industry across the globe has already experienced the positive impact of the met averse and this technology is all geared up to impact some of the key characters of the education industry in the forthcoming years. Educational experiences will enhance with the help of immersive experience and will not be restricted within the confinement of the classrooms, lectures and words. Met averse has revolutionized the e commerce segment. The technology has completely redefined the relationship between the ecommerce giants and their consumers spread across the globe. Met averse has completely personalized the communication channels and opened new avenues of business for multiple companies in the e commerce present in the segment. Met averse has successfully created tailor made avatars to boost engagement with brands and products. The possibilities of growth of met averse in the e commerce segment are endless. Some of the brands are creating long standing associations with some of the game developers. The brands have developed item expansion packs for gamers to increase the interaction of the brands in the virtual world and elevate brand awareness. In the future met averse will not only revolutionize businesses across the globe, but it will also break the glass ceiling between the real and the virtual world and will create a new tomorrow for future generations. He 19 pandemic has undoubtedly changed the way we work. Employees today are far more concerned about the ambience and safety of their workplaces than ever before. This is emerging as a key factor in attracting talented employees as they seek more comfortable working in environments where their overall wellbeing is treated as an organizational priority. This is also corroborated in the 2021 Global Workspace Report, where 63 of the respondents from India, comprising business leaders and across indust

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In the safety of their employees and we vet all seen multiple examples deployed across offices. For example, thermal cameras scanners can be used to automatically detect body temperature when employees enter their workplace. Smart cameras and associated smart applications can also be used to ensure that all employees always wear masks and adhere to social distancing norms. In case of any violation, an automatic alert can be sent to the relevant administration heads or staff. This can also prove to be very useful in contact tracing if any employee tests positive for COVID 19. Companies can use technology to automatically trace, track and intimate employees who were within close contact of the specific employee who was detected positive. From an audit perspective, as every image or video can be stored and retrieved from the cloud easily, it can be accessed from any location. Adaptive workspaces will be the norm As employees return to office locations, enterprises will need to review office space configurations to ensure social distancing norms. Workplaces will have to be dynamically redesigned, as the future workplace will be hybrid and will involve flexible work policies. With flexible working norms, workspaces will hence have to be redesigned in a way that it gives organizations the capability and flexibility to reduce or increase the office environment space according to the employees attending office on a particular day. This can be done by using sensors and applications which measure availability of space in real time using sensors applications. This can then be mapped automatically to a space reservation system which can be accessed on a centralized dashboard by employees and the higher management too. This can help organizations to dynamically allocate and release space, which is well suited for flexible working models. Using heat maps and real time occupancy data, organizations can monitor the usage of all occupied spaces and take decisions to maximize occupancy and reduce costs. It will also be more common for enterprises to offer employees the option of hot disking, which will allow employees to start working in any of the spaces they want. Companies will also allow employees to reserve their spaces from their mobile phone before they come to the office. Safe transport Technology will also be used in a big way for ensuring efficient and safe logistics concerning employees. For example, in a company bus, lota sensors can be used to **detect** the current area occupancy level according to the defined safety protocols. This information if made available on a centralized dashboard and accessible via mobile devices can ensure a highly efficient response from operation managers. This also makes it possible to predict future occupancy levels and assign resources appropriately. Employees can also can easily check the occupancy levels of a particular vehicle and plan their travel accordingly. These steps can lead to enhanced employee safety and confid

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For example, remote software monitoring tools can be used to provide support on machines. Similarly, unified workspace solutions can be used to deliver engaging employee experiences from boarding to exit. Usage of video based collaboration tools must be encouraged so that teams can work cohesively without any interruptions. Cloud based virtual desktop solutions can also be used proactively to ensure data confidentiality. This is also advantageous in case of situations where employee devices fail and employees need to access to their company resources for fulfilling their work related responsibilities. This is a time of great change, and the current environment offers every organization the opportunity to rethink and reimagine their workplace. If they succeed in creating the right design and policy, they will have a huge advantage over other companies for attracting the best talent. Over the past decade, the housing trends have altered multi fold. The soaring migration to cities for education and employment has increased the demand for well equipped living spaces. Even before the onsets of the pandemic people were inclined towards second homes that align with their personal and professional lives. However, the pandemic has escalated the demand. In the post pandemic era, the demand for hygienic and well resourced housing segments is on the rise. This leads to the propulsion of the alternative housing segment. We live in a digitally connected world, and it has ushered a disruption in the alternative housing market, which is led by the evolving lifestyles of students, professionals, and even the elderly. As a result, alternative housing is emerging as a new trend in the real estate market that proffers an amalgamation of convenience, health, and hygiene. Another factor bolstering the Indian alternative housing market is the increase in consumer spending capacity and aspiration for a better quality of life. Traditionally, ownership was the real goal, but it has now shifted to sharing, flexibility, and affordability. Here, purpose built housing accommodation fills the gap between affordability and value based housing. The last few years have witnessed a rise in digital nomadic lifestyles. It has reshaped the dynamics of living, where people want best in class facilities and the flexibility to move from one place to another. It would be right to say that the resources we have are limited, but the needs, demands, and requirements are unlimited. A report by highlighted that for most consumers, a valuable experience even without ownership underlines the current market scenario. The present day consumers seek top notch hospitality and accommodation services, which sets the ground for the development of the purpose built housing sector. Consumer behavior has altered considerably since the onset of the pandemic. People seek better working conditions and accommodation, where they can work while tending to their mental and physical wellbeing. This has thrust fo

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Must also be noted by SC. Britain, which gifted India sedition, extirpated it from the country statute in 2009. SC should do the honors for India and scrap the sedition provision. There no denying that the Russian invasion of Ukraine cannot be justified by any yardstick. The military invasion, now in its third month, of a sovereign nation violates every international law and convention. This is precisely why this paper has argued that India, notwithstanding its deep ties with Russia, should take a principled position on the Ukraine crisis and condemn Russian military operations. That said, foreign minister S Jaishankar is absolutely right in asserting that Europe has no moral high ground in questioning India stance on the Ukraine issue. For, despite their talk of upholding a rules based order and standing up to authoritarian regimes, EU nations continue to buy Russian energy that boosts the Russian war chest by an estimated €1 billion every day. Not to mention the fact that Europe has also been quite ambivalent about India strategic concerns. It was quite happy doing business with China overlooking Beijing belligerence in the Indo Pacific, including against India until the US cracked the whip and decided to counter Chinese designs. Therefore, just as Europe is unable to suddenly wean itself off Russian energy, India too needs to consider practical aspects of its relationship with Russia, especially in the defence sector. Besides, there are also signs that the West is changing its strategy from just helping Ukraine defend itself to decisively weakening Russia. This creates a dangerous situation and a cornered Moscow may react in unpredictable ways. Hence, dialogue both between Ukraine and Russia and between the US led West and Moscow is the best way to defuse this crisis. At the end of the day, countries act on their strategic interests. Given this, the EU should be doing more to create strategic complementarities with India. From partnering India in the Indo Pacific to fast tracking the India EU free trade negotiations, much work remains to be done. The EU must walk the talk. Lecturing India won help. Ghosts should exist only in fairytales and horror movies. If they become integral to any modern day institution that should ideally be powered by the latest research in science, then you know something is seriously wrong with that institution and needs immediate remedy. Anyone who has even briefly been associated with the administration of medical colleges in India, both public and private, would know that ghosts are endemic here. These colleges have ghost faculty that appear during inspections by authorities and disappear into an ephemeral cloud as soon as inspections are over. They have ghost patients who have no ailments but occupy hospital beds just so that a certain number of medical students can be admitted and the college can tick the right boxes during inspections. And, in some cases, even basic infrastructure is missing. Last week, I was in

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The Group of Twenty G20 has emerged as an especially vital forum for India. Hence, the threat posed to its future by calls for Russia expulsion is a matter of concern. However illegal Russia invasion of Ukraine and however unacceptable its military conduct, the weaponisation of global economic linkages and disruption of global economic institutions by developed economies is also now a reality. After threatening to prevent the convening of the World Trade Organisation 12th ministerial meeting, developed countries ministers walked out of a meeting of G20 finance ministers last week, demanding Russia ouster. G20 was split in half, as ten walked away and another ten remained seated. The split within G20 is particularly regrettable because it is a grouping that was created to resolve a crisis, not perpetuate one. The Supreme Court resumption of its hearing into petitions seeking the scra popping of the sedition provision in IPC comes at a time when this colonial era law is becoming a major threat to political and personal freedoms. Section 124A IPC punishes words or actions that attempt to incite hatred, contempt and disaffection towards governments with three years to life imprisonment. Hatred, contempt and disaffection are such broad phrases that even legitimate criticism or dissent can earn a sedition charge. Not surprisingly, hundreds of dissenters over the years have paid a heavy price after being falsely accused of deshdroh. For British imperialists, it was the ideal legal instrument to jail freedom fighters like Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Mahatma Gandhi for long periods because other than their political writings and utterances against the Crown, no other serious crime could be attributed to them. Today governments are guilty of the same tactic of prosecuting thoughts and words when there precious little to target their political rivals. At this juncture, SC should discard any notions that setting guardrails will force police and governments to behave. The 1962 Kedar Nath Singh judgment had attempted to narrow sedition to offences betraying an intention and tendency to cause public disorder or endanger state security. Six decades hence, we know with absolute certainty that it has had no tempering influence on police or governments. SC and high courts have repeatedly had to emphasise that criticism of governments in sedition but the message just does percolate. That because for thane cops directed by authorities to fix political opponents, the sedition provision continuing existence in IPC makes it the most handy tool to inflict harassment. Not only is sedition cognisable and non bailable, it does require an actual crime to have been committed, and lends itself easily to criminalising any political expression, even those protected by India free speech laws. Not surprisingly, sedition has been invoked against writers, cartoonists, politicians, and even ordinary citizens like the thousands of villagers who agitated against the Koodankulam nuclear pla

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About that. Except it was unnerving. Bad enough that there were only a handful of students in the audience, much worse that I had to sit with my back to them and talk instead to the screen in front of me. We are hybrid now, explained the personable HoD, Nirmita Gupta. So, I tried to behave like a digital native while hoping that the cool collegians behind me were scoffing at the back notes of my sari blouse instead of taking notes on my nuggets of wisdom. My friend Gita assured me that even professional teachers must now undergo yet another set of training to find work balance between the warm blooded kids physically in the room and the ones on the cold screen. On the other hand, my purist yoga center forces us to choose between exclusively online and entirely physical sessions the hybrid class has been given a shove asana. You will recall that this Mendel some conundrum began with that 19th century abbot who instead of blending grape varieties messed around with 10,000 pea plants. Their ripped genes resulted in his laws of inheritance. So, students taught by Gita have inherited Mendel laws of assortment and dominance while his law of segregation has passed down to our yoga class. Since the coronavirus is as difficult to shake off as extra kilos, hybrid classes seem to be the equivalent of intermittent fasting. The in presence part keeps up the presence that we can live eat as and when we like. The online part keeps us in practice for the next period of abstinence when some new variant jumps out at us. It inevitably will, as surely as anti vex knight follows Booster shot Day. Think also about this. The hybrid class has asserted itself in a time when any kind of cultural cocktail ends in a brawl led by those drunk on power. Clearly hybrid is okay for wheat but trying to integrate communities results only in high yielding enmity and logic resistant social pests. Do we want temporary happiness or permanent bliss Why are we not happy in the first place What is wanting Why is others approval so essential for us Let turn to the Bhagwad Gita for some answers. For one, the words pleasure and bliss are often used interchangeably, there is a mix up, seldom considered odd in literature. Poets too often take the liberty of using one for the other. To end this confusion, Krishna in the Gita has drawn a clear line and cautioned everyone against this folly. Our senses drive us to pleasures, which can turn out to be a source of unceasing pain. This is so because pleasures are often short lived and once exhausted, they leave behind a sense of loss and injury. Pleasures are said to be sukkah yoni and radiant vandal, having a beginning and an end. The one who seeks atyantika sukha, bliss, needs to know that it cannot be achieved or even perceived by our.

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Senses It can be reached only by one buddhi, reason. And having attained bliss, one is never shaken even by sorrows of the greatest magnitude, says the Bhagwad Gita, verse 6 22. It is necessary to take oneself away from the unreal pleasures of life, states the Gita, verse 5 20. The tool to achieve bliss is undoubtedly jnana, knowledge, or wisdom that obviates all moha, illusion, which itself is a product of tamo guna. Debilitating emotions too come in the way of the pursuit of wisdom, and most of them emanate from rajo guna. And those who are ignorant and faithless invite self destruction. Therefore, only buddhi can lead us to faith and no amount of exercising of the senses or any liturgy can furnish the apparatus to establish faith. Without such faith, there can be no permanent happiness. Ironically, all karma is to be renounced for freedom from its inevitable fruits. At the level of everyday existence, it is impossible to give up karma, Gita 18 11. Somebody who does not believe in the Self, never attains the state of bliss and is condemned both in this world as well as in the one beyond, Gita 4 40. This leads us to another assertion that one should invariably be centred around the one and the only reality of the Self, and enjoy it to the utmost, be content with that and not aspire for anything else, Gita 3 17. A yogi needs to constantly engage himself in yog, remaining in a secret place by himself, with thoughts subdued, free from hope and greed, Gita 6 10. Bliss can be achieved only in the nihilistic space between thoughts, which are a result of one history, the past. So say modern thinkers like Eckhart Tolle, Ram Dass and Wayne Dyer. The logic again is anasakti, non attachment. Attachment can give rise to a sense of non fulfillment and make you feel frustrated. The lingering problem is Can we jettison our past for good and forestall the future We could make a sincere effort to this end. It is ultimately the realisation that matters. And it is essential, because looking back invites regrets and looking beyond the present, the future that is, gives rise to uncertainty and fear. A few days ago, I was watching the tale serial Vicar air Bestial. The story set in ancient India goes like this **Emperor** Vikramaditya, after prodding of a yogi, goes to a graveyard at night to fetch Bestial, a being with extraterrestrial powers. The emperor captures Bestial. As he starts walking the Bestial tells a story and asks the emperor to resolve a riddle from the story after he completes it. The moment the emperor resolves the riddle, breaking the deal with Bestial that he will remain silent throughout the journey, the extraterrestrial being flies back to the tree in the graveyard. The emperor untiringly goes back to fetch him. Each time the king carries the Bestial, the Bestial tells a story the.

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With local stakeholders helps to build trust, and ensure that conservation initiatives are aligned with the community needs and values. If we are serious about preserving biodiversity, we need to tweak our strategy and approach. People-public-private partnerships can help develop and implement comprehensive, localized, and bespoke conservation strategies. Together, we can foster innovative and effective solutions that safeguard our planet rich biodiversity. The time for action is now, and the responsibility lies with each one of us to work collectively for humans and nature to coexist and thrive in harmony. The nefarious design of Pakistan to keep Kashmir unstable seems to be short lived in the age of internet. The J&K today is blooming due to our government clear working ideology of development and prosperity and with the outreach of social media, the populous across in POK can very well comprehend and compare the economical difference in two mountainous regions. Therefore, stable and developing J&K is extremely important to India and upcoming G-20 summit in Kashmir will further solidify our effort in path of economic development of Kashmir in particular and will further help us in becoming a strong economy. Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) is a Union Territory (UT) of India, located in the country northern part, the economy of which is primarily services-based and agricultureoriented. Along with horticulture and agriculture, it a global tourist destination and important industry for Jammu and Kashmir, accounting for about 7% to its economy. The year 2022 recorded a tourism boom with lakhs of tourists, the highest footfall recorded in J&K in the last 75 years of India Independence. In addition to traditional recreational tourism, a vast scope exists for adventure, pilgrimage, spiritual, and health tourism. With the abrogation of Article 370 & semblance of peace in Kashmir, nightlife is returning to Srinagar after more than three decades with shops, restaurants and other establishments remaining open till late in the evening and even public transport plying on various routes is a positive indicator of blooming J&K. The long-term development of J&K aims at generating economic activity within the UT and mainstreaming the UT into the national and the global economy. The most efficient way of doing this is the immediate identification of the key developmental projects that yield quick results while at the same time laying the foundation for long term growth. The muchanticipated reaction of Pakistan on upcoming third G20 tourism working group meeting in Kashmir once again reflected their insecurities to cover its malaise intentions and in capabilities to the entire world. The reason for this is not difficult to comprehend, as Pakistan development ideology for POK is based on terrorism. To keep the Kashmir pot simmering, Pakistan with this ideology can go to any extent and will never get the POK on the track of development. Flourishing Kashmir will always giv

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Be able to raise other issues than the dominating issue of war in Ukraine that preoccupies the G7 countries? The countries in the Global South are facing a food, fuel, and fertilizer crisis, which are caused indirectly as a result of the ongoing war in Ukraine. On top of that, Sri Lanka and Pakistan are facing economic and political crises, whose spill over can easily result in further political upheaval. Even though the plate of the Global South is full, the time allotted to discuss their pressing issues is scarce. It seems that since the President of the United States, Joe Biden, is required to return home as soon as possible, therefore even the meeting of the QUAD will take place in Hiroshima at the sidelines with the presence of India, Australia, US, and Japan. A lot of issues need to be discussed in a short period of time. It seems that the military and political crisis occupying the G7 and the Global South do not seem to have a common denominator. Yet, since Japan is the host, it is possible that it might want to focus on the development in the South China Sea the possibility of yet another war with China over Taiwan and the belligerent role played by an increasingly powerful China. So the focus will surely be on the Ukraine war and also the upcoming war over Taiwan. One of the pacifist countries since the end of World War II, Japan, is on the verge of increasing its defence budget to a point of making it the third largest investor in the defence sector, right after US and China. If we combine this fact with the increase in military budget and military aid of Germany, then we have two of the renowned pacifist nations openly declaring a U-turn in their ambition to drop their roles as pacifist nations. What does it indicate? It indicates that the era of the post-World War II security order has crumbled. From the bipolar world order of the late 20th century to the unit-polar dominance of the US in the early 21st century there was a period of global stability, and in that period we saw the rise of the globalization and increase in trade and development. But it seems that this period is over and with the new period of the American presidential race looming in the front, the **world** is experiencing even more insecurity. The Europeans are worried that if Donald Trump returns to power, they will be left on their own with a conflict with the Russians right in their backyard. The Russians are busy reorienting their economy and energy supply to the East rather than the West. The Europeans are realizing that they might be the biggest losers in the new world order, as energy costs are rising and their products, be it car or modern technological gadgets, may not be the cheapest, most environmental-friendly and as viable as those of the rest of the world. The

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Nuclear disaster in case of miscommunication and miscalculation in the war in Ukraine. The clock stands at 90 seconds to mid-night according the experts in atomic bombs, and millions can lose their lives if things go wrong. There are now over 12,000 nuclear and atomic bombs in the hands of heads of state, and their capacity to cause damage has only increased over the last couple of decades. Therefore, a tremendous responsibility lies on the shoulders of the politicians who have gathered in the city of Hiroshima, a reminder of what disaster nuclear bombs inflict not only on innocent citizens, but causes health hazards to many generations to come. He expects me to fetch things for him and does not allow me to use the telephone or listen to my favourite singer. And, of course, watching my favourite television programmer is simply out of question. As for myself, I am twelve years old, fond of reading but not very keen on studying. I do know what my exam. My exam consists of my father, Examiner, elder brother and myself. We all love each other very much, though you would believe it if you saw us at home, especially when my brother and I have had a fight! Father is always busy. Sometimes he goes to office even on a Sunday. I know he is doing very well because I have heard people talking of him with respect. My exam consists of my father, Examiner, elder brother and myself. We all love each other very much, though you would believe it if you saw us at home, especially when my brother and I have had a fight! Father is always busy. Sometimes he goes to office even on a Sunday. I know he is doing very well because I have heard people talking of him with respect. Once in a while he notices me and is then very affectionate. I love him a lot, because I know that he is always there, even though it is only in the background. I do get angry any longer when he introduces me to his friends by my nickname and says that I am studying in Class Six, when I am actually in Class Seven. Examiner is warm, caring and impulsive, but not the world greatest cook. However, when she gets into the mood and goes on a cooking spree, we have a **good** time. I think she is frightfully cleaver because, apart from managing a career, she manages home, a husband and the two of us. She is not always around, but got used to that by now and tries not to let that bother me. Then there is my brother. I seriously feel something should be done about brothers, especially elder ones. He teases me mercilessly and considers me a blot upon the surface of the earth. What is worse? Once in a while he notices me and is then

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Three different narratives have merged explaining the casus belli of the violent movement in Bangladesh resulting in the ouster of Sheikh Hasina and the death of about 400 citizens. One narrative holds Sheikh Hasina autocratic manner of rule as the cause; the second has the conspiracy involving Jamaat e Islami supported by Pakistan ISI, China, and the US responsible; and the third points out that the Modi government policy to support Sheikh Hasina and its failure to warn in time the ruling Awami League (AL) of the developing situation was responsible. Hence, an objective assessment is relevant. The movement that started with students protesting the reservation policy was transformed into a wider movement against Hasina. The genesis of the students movement under the banner of tudents Against Discrimination aimed at the removal of a quota system that gave 30% reservation to the descendants of freedom fighters the people who liberated Bangladesh from Pakistan in 1971 can be traced since 2018. It was Sheikh Hasina who removed the quota in 2018 following students protests but the High Court reversed this decision on 5th June 2024. Later the Supreme Court reduced it to 5% on 21st July 2024 and this was endorsed by Hasina on the 23rd July. While this removed the main cause of the movement, the protest continued. The criticism against Hasina escalated after she won the election in January which was boycotted by the opposition parties. The Bangladesh National Party (BNP) and the Jamaat e Islami (Jel) spearheaded the campaign against Hasina accusing her of muzzling democracy. For electoral gains, the BNP had been supportive of the Jel since its inception. These two intensively used social media platforms to spread disinformation. With more than 50 million Bangladeshis on social media platforms, disinformation and deep fakes spread very fast. Students used social media tools for mobilisation and orchestration of the protests. The Jel and the BNP with their anti establishment contents could spin a tale of democracy under siege and urged people to resist authoritarianism. It is said that perception is more important than reality and this was precisely the case. The Bangladesh Army maintained neutrality in favour of the protestors. Significantly, she was also credited for Bangladesh remarkable economic turnaround and in a couple of years; Bangladesh is set to lose its tag of the Least Developed Country. Her foreign policy aimed at maintaining a balance to ensure economic growth. However, the campaign against her completely eclipsed these contributions. Only the internal factors cannot explain the wider movement. The ISI supported by China and the US played a significant role in ousting Hasina. The ISI has always been against the Awami League (AL) which was headed by Shiekh Mujibur Rahman and responsible for the break up of Pakistan. This grudge led the ISI to use Jel and BNP as instruments against AL. The ISI was also unhappy with Sheikh Hasina for acting aga

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Recently she cut short her trip to Beijing finding that appropriate protocols were not followed. The USA approach towards Hasina played a significant role in discrediting her government. Last year Donald Lu, the US Assistant Secretary of State, visited Bangladesh and met with the current Army Chief Wakar Us Zaman (who was then Chief of the Staff) among others. This year again he visited and gave the impression that the Biden administration was unhappy with Hasina. Hasina pointed out that the US was unhappy over her refusal to allow the latter to have a base at St. Martin Island. The US made repeated calls for a free and fair election, creating doubts about the elections held earlier in the year. The US previously had put sanctions not just on the AL leaders but also on Bangladesh elite paramilitary force, the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), accusing them of human rights violations. The US had also not invited Bangladesh to its ummits for Democracy though it invited Pakistan. As far as India was concerned, it followed the policy of non interference in internal matters of other countries. India was aware of polarised politics in Bangladesh, the intense rivalry between the BNP and Jel on one side and the AL on the other, Hasina determination to try those who supported Pakistan during the 1971 Liberation War, and the criticism against her for muzzling democracy. However, since its policy is not to interfere in internal affairs, it did not go beyond counselling to various political parties. Blaming India for the developments in Bangladesh is politically motivated. An objective analysis suggests that while Hasina actions may have acted as a catalyst, it was mainly the handiwork of external powers. The AL has substantial support in Bangladesh and sidelining it will not be conducive for democracy. For India, the volatile situation is worrisome. In the immediate context, more attacks on minorities can push them to seek shelter in India. While PM Modi has asked Yunus to protect the minorities, his ability to do this appears limited. Besides, a government having close links with Pakistan and China there would pose serious security challenges. Hence, India needs to tread carefully to ensure stability in Bangladesh and check its tilt towards the forces inimical to India. No doubt, this is a daunting task: this will test its diplomatic skill. United States. He was known for these famous words: There will be no skullduggery, no film flam. No compromise, no sell out, any controlled show. Both at the height of their frustration at the exploitative system, and the lack of desired reform in the system, decided to change their religions. Interestingly, both decided to stay within their larger religious traditions Ambedkar within the Dharmic religious tradition and Malcolm within the Abrahamic religious tradition. Before changing his religion, Ambedkar explored various options including the option of Islam, but finally opted for Buddhism. Buddhism emerged in the ancien

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Stories offer insights on human life and society. Though set in ancient India, those stories are relevant in the modern world as they offer lessons on how to address complex problems in human life and society. My purpose here is not to recount Vicar air Bestial stories or emphasize their relevance. Great stories as they are, they are transmitted from the past to the present through various mediums including oral traditions. The mediums of communication in the ancient days are not as efficient as they are today the human society made rapid strides in communication in the past few decades, perhaps unparalleled in the era of human history, compressing gigabytes of information in one small drive. Besides oral traditions, other mediums in the past included cave paintings, writings on the cave walls, shrines, and writings on palm leaves. It is possible that many great stories like Vicar air Vetaal are hidden from public view, and they are yet to be discovered. As Indian civilization continued unbroken despite onslaughts, it produced great works, whether spiritual or mundane. It produced Vedas and Vedanta. It also produced Puranas, Itihasas, and many other great genre of works. Sanskrit remained the lingua franca of India for hundreds of years, and literature was produced in this language. Besides Sanskrit, the regional languages, many of which emerged in the ancient period, too offered rich literature. Unlike many ancient civilizations, Indian civilization continued unbroken. There must be manuscripts, written on palm leaves or in other forms, hiding in old houses, temples, caves, ancient shrines, which are yet to be discovered. To give an example, Kautilya or Chanakya was unknown till the early 20th century. Now we know that Kautilya Arthashastra was a precursor to the realist school in politics, which became popular in the academic field in the mid and late 20th century. Kautilya, a Professor of Political Science at Takshashila University in the ancient period wrote Arthshastra, which combined insights from philosophy, economics, and statecraft. The world came to know the genius of Kautilya only in the 20th century, though now it is conclusively established that Kautilya was not a mythological figure, but an astute politician and professor of the ancient period. To give another example, the famous caves of Ajanta and Ellora were lost to hundreds of years of neglect and fear, until discovered during the colonial period. A visitor becomes surprised to see and **relish** the marvels of ancient India, how the paintings made thousands of years ago are still vivid, how various postures of Buddha ignite our spiritual imagination, and how knocking on a pillar sounds like tabla music. Understandably, such a mission exploring ancient Indian marvels will not be possible by any individual effort. It needs a large scale drive by the government of India. Non corrupt administrators, archeologists, and dedicated scholars must devote time and energy and go to mountains,

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But despite all these, there are many hidden gems yet to be discovered. A civilization of millennia which witnessed zenith in human endeavors must have produced a wealth of literature and other marvels, which are yet to be discovered. Sri Aurobindo articulated this well, ours is the eternal land, the eternal people, the eternal religion, whose strength, greatness, holiness may be overclouded but never, even for a moment, utterly cease. The heroes, the Rishi, the saint, are the natural fruits of our Indian soil and there has been no age in which they have not been born. An ancient civilization, with an unbroken tradition, must have produced massively. The recent efforts by the government to India to collect ancient Indian artifacts, statues and figurines from other countries are laudable. The government must constitute a national mission to collect the gems from the past. There have been efforts in this direction, but they need to be reinvigorated. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, created and led by K. M. Mushy, a student of Sri Aurobindo and well known scholar and politician who played a role in the Indian freedom struggle and led official positions after the independence, comes to mind. Sri Aurobindo, whose birth anniversary is celebrated this year, articulated in his message after India independence that India with its rich heritage can play a constructive role in building peace and harmony in the world. It is, hence, an imperative before the Indian government to employ resources to explore its heritage. This will also be an apt tribute to the great Yogi, philosopher, and freedom fighter that turns on August 15 this year. But despite all these, there are many hidden gems yet to be discovered. A civilization of millennia which witnessed zenith in human endeavors must have produced a wealth of literature and other marvels, which are yet to be discovered. Sri Aurobindo articulated this well, ours is the eternal land, the eternal people, the eternal religion, whose strength, greatness, holiness may be overclouded but never, even for a. The heroes, the Rishi, the saint, are the natural fruits of our Indian soil and there has been no age in which they have not been born. An ancient civilization, with an unbroken tradition, must have. The recent efforts by the to India to collect ancient Indian artifacts, statues and figurines from other countries are laudable. The government must constitute a national mission to collect the gems from the past. There have been efforts in this direction, but they need to be reinvigorated. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, created and led freedom struggle and led official positions after the independence, comes to mind. Sri Aurobindo, whose is celebrated this year, articulated in his message after India independence that India with its rich heritage can play a constructive role in building peace and harmony in the world. It is, hence, an imperative before the to explore its heritage. This will also be an apt tribute to the great fighter t

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In the diverse society of India, pluralism is crucial for its smooth functioning. A pluralist democracy, allowing the masses the freedom of association, is necessary for the democratic culture to flow. India has experienced life from every conceivable angle, height and depth. India cultural life has a rare quality of richness, variety, and maturity. One of the most glorious aspects of India pluralist cultural history is the treatment that her states and people gave to the religious and minority groups that came to India as refugees. Persecuted by their own countries with sacred places destroyed and fellow beings being massacred, the Jews, the Zoroastrians, the Tibetans, etc. Our age old traditions of tolerance and hospitality attracted them and they found their hopes and aspirations fulfilled. Rigidity and exclusiveness are unending sources of inter cultural conflicts. Rigid cultures behave like billiards balls as they meet to collide only. The resilience and adaptability nurtured by pluralism in India led to assimilation and synthesis, which enriched our unique culture. Every ancient culture holds some interest for us, but when the culture is unique and continuing, that interest becomes much more contemporary relevant. We study ancient cultures like Babylonian or the Egyptian or, the Greek from a historical point of view. This study enriches our experiences of the past. However, the study of Indian culture is of particular importance because it is still a living factor for roughly about of the world population. How this culture came down to us is thus a very fascinating and enriching study. The history of Indian culture goes back to more than 5,000 years, which shows that its subtle with a strong thread of unity that runs through the boundless plurality of her life, entwined by the power of seers, and saints, philosophers, warriors, poets, artists etc. Cultural means the total accumulation of material objects, ideas, symbols, beliefs, sentiments, values, and social forms which are passed from one generation to another in any given society. Prof Neelkanta Sastri, UNESCO Chronicle, 1959. Pluralism is an understanding of social diversity. It could be a nation cultural, political, or philosophical posture. In any of these types, pluralism provides an account of social context appreciated as a relationship of contradictory and competing positions that cannot be seamlessly condensed, ranked in one order forever, or reduced to a single institutional system. We have intense pride for Ajanta caves, the Kashi temple, the Taj Mahal, Gommatesvara of Shravanabelagola, the Golden Temple of Amritsar, etc. Though they embody different faiths, there is a sense of the emotional experience of being Indian. This explains the plurality of beliefs. At one time, in India, kshetra region and desha nation represented two different identities in the sense of plurality. But their relationship is of co existence and not of confrontation. This explains the preponderance of

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Willingness to learn different languages. Indian culture encourages the learning abilities of several streams at a time and does not discard one for the other. We do not adhere to the policy of worshipping one God throughout India or following one religion with one or two sects. Each community and caste have different Gods to worship and follow their customs and traditions. Even politically, India was at no time ruled by one royal power, except in times of Ashoka or under the British. Various royal families ruled their territories simultaneously. They all ruled their domains but looked for an opportunity to overpower the other. For Example, when the Mughals were ruling North India, the Vijayanagar rulers in the south and the Bahamani rulers in parts of Deccan and Central India were ruling their territory simultaneously. So in many ways, plurality exists by way of co existence and not by confrontations. At present, Indian democracy is unique for its multi political party system. Thus, society is seen as different from the position and political power. We also notice that an Indian lives with many identities, such as you can be a Bengali or Tamilian, Goan, a Hindu, Muslim or a Christian, etc. They all have their identities within the structure of homogeneous living. There are specific essential characteristics which are unique to Indian culture. Good governance was always considered a necessary prerequisite for people happiness. That is why prayers were offered to cite auspicious times. So the rulers bestow happiness and prosperity on people, always treading the path of righteousness in governing the state. India is an agricultural society; the people joy is linked with the well being of the agriculture and cattle. For the satisfaction of all, the Pancha mahabhutas, the five primordial elements such as Prithvi the earth, Akasha the sky, Jala water, Vayu air and Agni fire are pacified and revered. Through all these elements, the life of every person survives. All these rudiments are adored in rituals, pilgrimages, and festivals and are respected in life in Indian culture. Ahimsa all religions upheld Non violence, especially in Jainism and Buddhism. Many freedom fighters had championed the cause of ahimsa by waging war against the British during our freedom struggle. The storyline, contents, characters, messages, and lessons we draw from our epics like Ramayana and Mahabharata are not confined to one geographical area. These are for every Indian, and at any time and space, these two epics stand as great examples to draw inspiration from time to time. They have a significant impact on the thought process of Indians. From all such experiences and ideals have developed a common outlook towards life. Another perennial value that the Indian culture has taught is the universal brotherhood, which is now being called global consciousness covering the whole world was the foundation of Indian culture. The old concept of Unity in Diversity has been conserved; h

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Have emerged Unless we soon wield ourselves to reinstate the balance of original design, this delicate balance may be lost forever. Three significant factors contributing to this decline are varieties of Languages. Enumerating its languages has been contentious, given the implications of legitimising and delegitimising linguistic identities. Political divides, all political parties create division amongst people for their petty vote bank. And the exclusionary nature of religion results in religion simultaneously uniting people while dividing others. The absence of pluralistic reciprocity would further widen the faultlines appearing in Indian society. Unlike many other post colonial societies, India chose a pluralistic constitution at independence despite complex counterbalancing pressures after a bloody partition in 1947 based on the two nation theory. There are several historical evidences, experiences and circumstances, including the presence of political leaders who were committed to minority rights, made this possible. The Constitution of India continues to endure as a standard in public life and enjoys legitimacy among India diverse groups. Therefore combined efforts of all intellectuals and political leaders are required to forge the actual concept of pluralism. Speaker of the Lok Sabha Om Birla along with a Parliamentary Delegation paid an official visit to Vietnam from April 19 21 at the invitation of National Assembly Chairman Vuong Dinh Hue. The Delegation comprised MPs CP Joshi, Riti Pathak, Rahul Ramesh Shewale, Rajani Patil, Harnath Singh Yadav, Mitesh Rameshbhai Patel, and Lok Sabha Secretary General Utpal Kumar Singh. This visit is very significant. It is not only a part of important foreign political activities between the two law making bodies to celebrate the 50th anniversary of both nations diplomatic relations, but reflects growing political cooperation, trust and convergence of views between the citizen representatives of the two countries. This is all the more significant in view of the fact that the two countries are having different political systems. This underlines the importance of close cultural links and increasing people to people relations between the two countries based on political trust, confidence and convergence of interests on bilateral, regional and international issues. Earlier on the 15th April, PM Modi had spoken to the General Secretary of the Vietnamese Communist Party Mr Nguyen Phu Trong to celebrate this occasion, indicating the importance given by both the countries to their relations. The year 2016 witnessed important developments for building closer relations between the two countries. While the relationship was upgraded to the level of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, the two law making bodies of the two countries worked out a structure for cooperation: the framework of the Cooperation Agreement was signed between the National Assembly of Vietnam and the Indian Lok Sabha in December 2016. And s

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The 50th year of diplomatic relations between the two countries and spell out an action plan for further cooperation between the citizen representatives of the two countries. Mr Hue action plan comprised three aspects. First, he desired deepening of relationship between the two law making bodies keeping in view the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. This was aimed at better understanding of the regional and international issues among the law makers of the two countries an essential ingredient for overall cooperation between the two countries. Second was the need for two sides to better understand about policies on socio economic development and foreign affairs of each country. Third, to have a system of comparing their notes on international and global issues of common concern and to seek solutions to global challenges for contributing to peace, security, stability and development in the region and the world. The visit of Shri Om Birla along with the Delegation was an important step to push the progress on above aspects. Vietnam is critical for India Act East Policy initiated since 2014. The two countries are jointly implementing the 2021 2023 Action Program, which aims at developing bilateral ties further and more productively. Shri Om Birla pointed out in Vietnam that India established the Friendship Parliamentary Group with the National Assembly of Vietnam with the objective of enhancing cooperation between the Indian Parliament and Vietnam National Assembly. On 21st April, he addressed a community event organized by the Indian Embassy in Vietnam with Indian Business Chamber of Vietnam in Ho Chi Minh City. In his meeting with the Secretary General of the Communist Party of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong, Shri Birla emphasised that Vietnam remains one of India closest partners and an important pillar of the country Act East policy and Indo Pacific vision. The Lok Sabha Speaker also stressed that India and Vietnam share a common outlook on issues of global and regional peace. Speaking about matters of regional and global importance, he remarked that as the two countries were facing similar challenges and sharing similar developmental perspectives, India and Vietnam could further expand their cooperation in areas such as climate change and sustainable development, health care, and the digital economy. Underlining the two countries shared vision in the defence sector, the Lok Sabha Speaker observed that the Indo Vietnam defence partnership was growing rapidly in areas like defence industry, maritime security, capacity building programs, and UN Peacekeeping. He added that the defence ties were a major contributor to the peace, security, and stability of the Indo Pacific region. He urged the Vietnamese leader to make efforts to further strengthen this strategic partnership. India is providing assistance to Vietnam for enhancing its defence capabilities. While acquisition of the BraMos missiles by Vietnam is being discussed, its finalisation is being

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The collapse of the Prashant Kishor plan is merely the latest missed opportunity for Congress. How do we understand the puzzle of Congress inertia in the face of a clear existential crisis, and what remains of the future of Congress Congress decline was not inevitable. Sure, as a party with a centrist platform and an umbrella social coalition, it got caught by the growing political fragmentation. Yet the problem is not external change but the failure to adapt to it. Or, more precisely, there are structures within Congress that have consciously sabotaged any attempts at course correction. The political argument over India tax policy of petroleum products is an essential one. However, it requires unpacking to reach a meaningful conclusion. Gol and states independently tax petrol and diesel, the two most important products. Gol taxes are to be shared with states according to a formula recommended by the Finance Commission. However, there a catch here. The Constitution Article 270 allows Gol to completely retain taxes classified as cess and surcharge. Effectively, Gol has the power over classification to decide how much it will share with states. This is the root cause of friction with opposition administered states. The backstory for the current argument began in March 2020. As the pandemic swept across the world, lockdowns kicked in and oil prices collapsed. At that point, Gol increased its taxes on petrol and diesel. Between March 14, 2020 and May 6, 2020, central excise on unbranded petrol and diesel increased by 44 and 69 respectively. The incremental tax was collected in the form of cess, which meant it was not shared with states. Consequently, even as crude oil price fell from around 65 barrel in early January 2020 to about 20 in April 2020, the pump price of diesel increased from Rs 67.96 per litre in Delhi to Rs 69.39 in May. India GDP contracted by 6.6 in FY 2020 21, which adversely impacted tax collections. However, Gol fuel taxes were the exception to this trend. Driven by higher fuel taxes, Gol FY 2020 21 revenue from the petroleum sector was Rs 4.5 lakh crore, an annual increase of 36. What about states collectively, their FY 2020 21 revenue from petroleum shrank by 1.5 to Rs 2.2 lakh crore. About 68 of the Rs 6.72 lakh crore of revenue generated by the petroleum sector in FY21 went to Gol. As crude **prices** began to rise in 2021, public pressure for tax relief mounted. In August 2021, Tamil Nadu lowered tax on petrol. In November, Gol cut taxes on both petrol and diesel, which catalysed reductions by more than 20 states. However, taxes remain high when located in the current economic context where elevated inflation is cutting into discretionary spending of a large section of the population. Gol, with superior revenue raising powers and as the main beneficiary of tax increases in FY21. Should take the lead and engage in one more round of fuel tax reductions. This will put pressure on states.

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To follow suit In all, it the appropriate fiscal adjustmen the one youngster who has taken this IPL by storm is Sunrisers Hyderabad speedster Umran Malik. The JK born 22 year old has been turning heads and shattering stumps, picking up 15 wickets in the eight matches he has played so far in the tournament. What has wowed fans and seasoned cricketers alike is Malik sheer pace and accuracy. He has consistently bowled some of the fastest deliveries of the matches he has played, clocking speeds of 150 mph and above. In fact, the recent match between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Gujarat Titans saw Malik bowl a scorching spell that delivered a five wicket haul. The highlight was Malik 153 mph Yorker to a well set Wriddhiman Saha that sent the stumps flying. But what was truly heart warming was the crowd at Mumbai Wankhede stadium giving Malik a standing ovation at the end of his dream spell. Calls have been growing for Malik to be fast tracked into the Indian team, with former batting great Sunil Gavaskar insisting that the speedster should play in the upcoming tour of England. This again goes to show that sports particularly cricket in India can transcend ethnicity, religion and politics of polarisation in ways that most other public activities can. It does matter who you are or what your background is, once you don the Team India jersey, all divisions melt away. It also to the credit of BCCI that cricket in India has evolved into a strong market driven sport. This has attracted youngsters, many of them trained in private cricket coaching centers across the country. And the IPL has certainly made a career in cricket financially viable. This is precisely why the son of a fruit seller from Srinagar is today being hailed as the next big thing in Indian cricket. Plus, if Malik does make it to Team India he will inspire countless young people in J K to take up the sport. That will certainly be a great Indian success story. The Prada Mantra Jan Dhan Yojana, launched in 2014, is a national mission on financial inclusion that aims to ensure that all Indians, particularly low income groups and weaker sections, have access to financial services, including a basic savings bank account, need based credit, remittances, low cost life and general insurance and pension. The scheme also envisages a **robust** financial literacy programme with a key objective being to enable the beneficiaries to leverage digital technology and internet based banking. In Bihar, PMJDY has covered more than 5 crore beneficiaries, of whom more than 3.67 crore are in rural areas. Since 2015, more than 3.8 crore RuPay debit cards have been issued in the state. The reach of this scheme is indeed impressive. We are sitting on the fence regarding ourselves by letting people call our country India, and call us Indians. Who gave us the name of India Foreigners did We should give ourselves our own Indian sorry indigenous.

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Name which reflects our new national image. As advertising and marketing people say, we should rebrand ourselves, by officially changing our name by deed poll or whatever, like a lot of other countries have done. Such as Burma becoming Myanmar, and the Czech Republic becoming Czechia, and Swaziland becoming Eswatini. Likewise, we too should become something else, nominally speaking. Every major religion has its own special calendar, which organises and charts activities of its adherents during the year. In the Indian subcontinent, with its alluring and mind boggling diversity, observance of holy days and festivals is rooted in the social aspects of our relationship with the Divine. The better part of our country history talks about the Ganga Yamuni tehzeeb, culture of harmony. But nowadays, whenever two or more festivals of different religious communities occur on the same date, instead of celebrating the diversity, chances are that followers of different religions might resort to violence. This is contrary to the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the world is a family. It has also become a major problem for law enforcement agencies and governments. As devotees, regardless of our religious identity, we need to keep in mind that every holy day we celebrate is supposed to be an offering to an All Benevolent Creator. For this reason, from ancient times, while performing yajnas, participants would chant, Idam agnaye, swaha, idam agnaye, idam nan mama, meaning, Not for me, but for You God Such was the attitude not only in haven ceremonies but also in every action of one life. Everything must be done as an offering to Him. This year, sandwiched between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, there was Hanuman Ajanta. On April 14, Baisakhi coincided with Mahavir Ajanta. On May 3, depending upon sighting of the moon, chances are that Eid ul Fitr, which is celebrated at the end of Ramzan, might coincide with Akshaya Tritiya and just before that, the 12 day Bahaí festival called Ridvan, pronounced Rezvan, meaning paradise, that started on April 21, will conclude on May 2. Ridvan is celebrated a month after the festival of Navroz, the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere, considered the first day of a New Year. It is observed in dozens of countries in Central Asia as well as by the Zoroastrians and the. It was during the period of Ridvan that Baha u llah announced the commencement of a **new** era in human history. He declared that the cycle of prophecy was over, and the cycle of fulfilment had begun. He characterised the festival of Ridvan as days of supreme felicity whereon all humanity was immersed in a sea of purification. If the world must survive its present day derangement and hastening extinction, it will have to undergo a complete reconcept ualisation of relationships that sustain society. This is where a poignant appeal voiced by Baha u llah long ago, about the leaders and arbiters of human affairs needs to be echoed: Let them take counsel together and, th

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And full deliberation, administer to a diseased and sorely afflicted world the remedy it requireth. Countries should reach US 15 billion in the short term from the previous US 13.2 billion in 2021. India trade with Vietnam had already witnessed year to year growth of 37 despite the pandemic challenges. India investment in Vietnam is approximately and covers more than three hundred projects. Earlier PM Modi in his telephonic conversation with the General Secretary of the Vietnamese Communist Party Mr Nguyen Phu Trong had stressed greater facilitation of market access for India pharm and agricultural products in Vietnam. Shri Birla lauded the long term and mutually beneficial partnership between India and Vietnam in the energy sector. This has become more important in view of the Ukraine Russia conflict. He mentioned that ONGC Videsh Limited OVL had been involved in offshore power projects in Vietnam for more than three decades and hoped that the OVL contract would be renewed for another 15 years. The Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla also met Nguyen Van Nan, Party Secretary, and Ho Chi Minh City. Birla highlighted the India Vietnam common civilizational heritage and discussed about several other aspects of bilateral ties. The delegation visited famous Tran Quoi Pagoda in Hanoi and paid tribute to Bodhi tree gifted to President Ho Chi Minh by Dr. Rajendra Prasad in 1959. This symbolises the long cultural links between the two countries. Vietnam is also an attraction for tourists and Birla delegation took up this issue as well. The Parliamentary Delegation visited Quang Ninh, a UNESCO world heritage site. The delegation was received by Party Secretary of province Mr. Nguyen Xuan KY They held discussions on enhancing cooperation in tourism, Ayurveda, Yoga and other issues of mutual interest. During the visit of Birla, an important step was taken for improving the air connectivity. It may be recalled that during the pandemic, direct flights between New Delhi and Ho Chi Minh City Hanoi were suspended. During Shri Birla visit, the direct flights were restored. In addition, four new routes are being planned between Hanoi Mumbai, Ho Chi Minh City Mumbai as well as island of Phu Quoi, popular with tourists, with New Delhi and Mumbai. These routes are expected to begin operations from June in a phased manner. The law makers of the two countries are the critical partners in building political support for foreign and economic policies. Their meetings build better understanding of the concerns of each other and help in formulating the best framework for overall cooperation between the two countries. The future prognosis is very bright for deeper ties with the involvement of citizen representatives of the two countries. What remains of the to total revenue things of future of Congress Congress decline was not inevitable. Sure, as a party with a centrist platform and an umbrella social coalition, it got caught by the growing polit

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Describing his first spiritual experience Sri Aurobindo said silence was his first positive spiritual experience which made the rest of his sadhana possible. He upheld that in silence is wisdom. Wisdom true knowledge is the outcome of the inner silence of the mind. Speech, as opposed to silence, creates surface ideas and representations that are not true knowledge. Since speech is an expression of the superficial, the obvious, the common sense experience, and surface thinking, it fails to grasp the in-depth reality and results in wisdom. Therefore, Aurobindo concludes, o throw oneself out too much in such speech is more waste of the energy than anything else. It obstructs he inward listening that alone leads to the path of authentic knowledge. When it comes to the description of the nature or knowledge of the real, say, Brhmn, Upanishads too prefer silence over speech. Saints such as Rahim even go to the length of saying that those who know the real do not talk about it, and those who describe the real do not know it. So, one can at best be silent about its nature. In the Western tradition, philosophers like Wittgenstein assert that, Whereof one cannot speak, one must pass over in silence. Even in the Bhagwad Gita, the Lord says, among secrets I am silence. However, none of them explain what ilence means. Aurobindo, on the other hand, defines silence as freedom from thoughts and vital movements when the whole consciousness is quite still. The state of deep silence is accomplished when one separates oneself from the thoughts, feels them as coming from outside, and rejects them before they enter the mind. Genuine silence, according to him, is not the quietness of mind but a state of consciousness which comes of itself from above when you open to the Divine consciousness. It naturally penetrates the brain, mind, and body. If there is absolute silence within, it is quite natural that the thoughts on entering and touching it should fall off. It is how the silence of the outer mind usually comes. The thought that comes in a quiet or silent mind is true dynamic thought. It is full of power as it is imbibed with formations which can effectuate or realise themselves. Though Aurobindo admits that in his case, state of silence dawned instantly on him by a sudden miracle, in the case of others it can be achieved by a low process of concentration. It may take a long time for them to get rid of the random thoughts of the surface physical mind. It is a slow process and not easy and requires a lot of devotion, faith, and practice. The sadhak must make a conscious effort to reject the thoughts coming from outside so that during the meditation at least the peace and quietude of the mind and vital may be complete. When the mind is quiet and at peace, the Force can work more easily. It becomes the witness mind the Purush. By silence,

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Iren Rijiju served as the Law Minister of India from 2021 to 2023. During his short tenure, he oversaw a number of significant reforms to the Indian legal system. These included the introduction of a new civil procedure code, the amendment of the criminal procedure code, and the passage of the arbitration and conciliation act. Rijiju also took steps to improve the efficiency of the judiciary, including the appointment of more judges and the establishment of new courts. Rijiju was also praised for his commitment to reform the judiciary and for his efforts to make the Indian legal system more accessible and efficient. Whether or not Rijiju was the most successful Law Minister of India is a matter of opinion. However, there is no doubt that he made a significant impact on the Indian legal system during his time in office. Rijiju reforms to the Indian legal system have had a positive impact on the lives of millions of Indians. They have made it easier for people to access justice, and they have helped to ensure that the judiciary is more efficient and effective. However, Rijiju tenure as Law Minister was not without controversy. He was criticized for his outspokenness and for his willingness to challenge the judiciary. In particular, he was criticized for his comments about the Supreme Court collegium system, which is the system by which judges are appointed to the Supreme Court and the High Courts. Rijiju argued that the collegium system was undemocratic and that it gave too much power to the judges. Despite the controversy, Rijiju tenure as Law Minister was a success. Rijiju was successful in showing the mirror to the Judiciary on various matters including controversial Collegium System and non-implementation of the NJAC. He made significant reforms to the Indian legal system, and he helped to make the judiciary more accessible and efficient. His legacy will be felt for many years to come. Global attention at the national elections of a country is natural. When a city corporation election in the backyard of a South Asian country capital city garners international interest, it is certainly a crucial one. On 25th May, close to Bangladesh capital Dhaka, industrial hub Gazipur is going for its civic polls even as the United States, the United Kingdom, the European Union and Japan are keeping a close attention. No less than the country Chief Election Commissioner himself is calling for cooperation from all stakeholders. A successful election in Gazipur, will in many ways set the tone for General Elections slated in January next year. It will be a microcosmic test of the country institutional ability in holding a free, fair and peaceful elections. One would think why it is so. Parties at loggerheads with each other is a basic element of any election anywhere in the world. In Bangladesh though, it comes with a more fundamental fraught. The two main parties, Awami League which currently rules the country and the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist party

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The ruling Awami League and the principal opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party BNP are visibly and obviously not at the same page on how to go about the next elections. BNP wants an unelected caretaker or national government under which the elections get conducted. The party along with its ideological partner Jamaal Islamic Jel has been lobbying hard to have the international community by the side of its demand. However, Bangladesh and the region requires reflections on some important background and the country troubled track record while it has tried hard to hold on to the flag of democracy. Between 2006 and 2008, Bangladesh experienced a military-backed caretaker government, which resulted in a backsliding of democracy. The Caretaker Government, in place at that time, abused its role by delaying elections by two years as against the three months mandate, weakening the development of the country. In addition to political violence where many proud Bangladeshis lost their lives and some political leaders from all parties were imprisoned including Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina. Caretaker government and democratic continuum are antagonist concepts and reconciling realities. One cannot question the usefulness of such a system during troubled periods in the history of Bangladesh when the country was transitioning to democracy but the difference between 2006 and the current situation is absolutely not comparable. Currently, the country is not at war or under any such pressure. It is rather showing rapid development on quite a few fronts and more importantly, as a democracy, there has been an electoral continuum. Bangladesh economic and social indicators point in the direction of growth and development, supported by the Bangladesh Vision 2041 plan to become an Upper Middle-Income Country by 2031. International Monetary Fund Regional Economic Outlook for Asia and Pacific May, 2023 report puts the country ahead of China in terms of Gross Domestic Product growth this fiscal year. The strengthening of a pluralistic democracy is a key pillar of any medium and long-term strategy. Since the last Caretaker Government, the country has gradually moved towards stable parliamentary democracy. In 2022, Bangladesh formed its new Election Commission as part of a substantial move to hold free, fair and transparent General Elections in 2024. A Caretaker Government is a unique arrangement which has not proven its effectiveness recently in the rest of the world. For example, in case of Libya, elections have not yet taken place because of a caretaker government that failed to take democratic process to the next step. There is inconsistency in this system, its obsolescence, no longer in phase with the era, and Bangladesh does not deserve it. In 2011 the country Supreme Court even ruled this practice unconstitutional! Bangladesh would not be sending a good signal to its neighboring and allied countries, with the return of such an archaic system like caretaker government.

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Millennial are more aware of the value of real estate as an investment asset. Millennial are a very important consumer segment for real estate as they are in their peak buying years with easy access to liquidity. This demographic played a very important role in the industry when the sector came out of the pandemic blues and continues to do so. With real estate performing well in the previous year and doing well in the first quarter of 2023, there is a massive expectation that millennial will play a significant role in the journey of real estate growth that is forecasted to cross 1 trillion dollars by 2030 and contribute significantly to the GDP. Crucial investment instrument Unlike previous generations, millennial have a unique approach to buying property. A home is not only seen as a commodity, but also as a crucial investment instrument that should reflect the aspirations of the contemporary generation. As per a survey, among the total participants that chose real estate as an asset class for investment, 52% were millennial. Discerning, demanding and determined, millennial expect properties to be integrated with modern and smart amenities that match global standards. Global exposure Global exposure amongst millennial is very high and hence they seek homes that meet standards they have experienced globally – ranging from finishes of the home to the amenities. While this started a few years ago, it has now become more pronounced with the newer generations wanting to study, work and live abroad. Community living Yet another facet that differentiates the millennial from other generations in real estate is the high value placed on social connectivity and integration. Naturally, young homebuyers look for residential areas that provide a strong sense of community living and developers have realized that they need to focus more on gated communities to meet this crucial requirement. This is the reason why you get to see residential complexes that are furnished with community features like shared lounges, co-working spaces, clubhouses and dedicated community-gathering arenas. Health and sustainability The next generation of ambitious homebuyers will pay a higher premium for a sustainable and healthy lifestyle. Millennial do not consider environmental sustainability a luxury, but rather a necessity. While not compromising on social amenities, they are equally interested in an environmentally friendly living style. As far as ecological sustainability is concerned, millennial are willing to walk the extra mile for a safe **future**. Developers are now more sensitized than ever before in creating enhanced projects, which meet these criteria. Aesthetics of the property are combined with sustainability aspects to make it attractive to a younger demographic of homebuyers. The digital connection What is also interesting is that the millennial are digitally inspired. From virtual tours to digital scheduling, millennial prefer digital closures of their homes. They gat

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Healthcare system has come a long way from the traditional medical system to technology adoption and innovator. There are plenty of opportunities for innovations and startups are fuelling the change to solve one healthcare problem at a time. Sweltering heat makes us look to June first monsoon showers as much as the monetary policy of the RBI looking at taming the inflation as its uppermost task. When Bloomberg mentions that the world is experiencing a synchronized inflation outbreak that previously seemed related to the US and Europe, and that producer prices are rising in Japan, South Korea, India, and all economies are feeling the heat of fuel and food prices, it has to be viewed seriously. I tried to look at it from what is happening in the working class both in urban and rural areas in our country. Several state governments are indulging in competitive populism, notwithstanding the ever rising fuel prices. My house cleaner has a couple of acres of land in Mahbubnagar district of Telangana. She gets her minimum wages when she abstains from the work in our house, at least four days a month and seven days at least once in a quarter. Her logic Every office has one Sunday and two second Saturdays as holidays. Why should I not get the same She works as house cleaner for ten houses with an average income of Rs.2000 per month per household. She gets free ration free medical treatment in the government hospital if she or her family members have illness or accident. Her husband is a fruit seller on bicycle. His net income is Rs.15000 a month and recently he got a loan of Rs.10000 under the street vendors scheme that helped him buy a cooler to the house. She has put both her sons in a social welfare residential school. She is also not bothered about income tax though her family income exceeds the taxable income. She has Aadhar card and felt needless to have PAN card She is least bothered about inflation. In a chat with her, I and my wife realized that most house cleaners are in the same boat as her and they only have to pay rent. Some of them are also expecting to move to their own two bedroom flat promised by the government. I went to a village on the way to a temple in Sangareddy district. That was a shandy day. Hence most villagers are in shandy either as buyers or sellers.

I got down from the car, a little uncared for the anger of my wife. She knows that when I get down on such errand, I would take at least thirty to forty five minutes to be back. I enquired from around twenty persons regarding the price rise. They mentioned only two things one, Fuel price and two, Oil price. No others mattered

to them. At least one person in every house has a motorcycle. Every family has a piece of land either owned or leased.

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Major polytheistic belief system in existence today. The Bhagavad Gaeta itself prescribes varying and seemingly contradictory paths that an individual may choose from, not only to arrive at the metaphysical goal of Mufti or Moksha liberation but live an enriched worldly life. Bhakti devotion, Guyana knowledge, Dyane meditation, Karma action, and Santana renunciation are some of these. The individual is left free to choose whatever fits in with her his volition and there are innumerable mixes and matches possible and in existence. Hindus traditionally never had a problem reconciling with any form of spiritual belief or practice. It is this inclusiveness that is a hallmark of The Sanatana Dharma. Indeed, inclusiveness is the one factor that distinguishes it from religions that insist on belief in a defined God, a prescribed mode of worship, and a rigid set of rules. Who is a Hindu Sad guru Jaggy Valued says Hindu can be described as a geographical based identity. It is also an identity of culture to some level. However, Hindu is not an identity of religion, and it has never been Hinduism. Hindus tried grouping themselves like a religion when competitive and aggressive religions were established widely. However, Hindus are not yet successful as a religion. They can never be since there is a single belief system. [Krishna. 2017, April 8. Hinduism Explained by Sad guru Jaggy Valued] The Sanatana Dharma has bound itself into immutable boundaries of who is or is not a Hindu. Mimamsa and Samkhya two of the orthodox schools of Hindu philosophies do not accept the existence of a creator God. The oldest Veda, The Rig Veda does not categorically accept the existence of a God. It says in the creation hymn Nasadiya Sukta in the tenth chapter But who knows, who can say, whence was it produced Whence is this creation The gods came afterward with the creation of this universe The Brihadaranyaka, Isha, and Chandogya Upanishads are considered atheistic because of their emphasis on the self. The multiple gods that seem to populate the Hindu pantheon are mere deities with their own powers and failings. Hindu mythology is replete with stories of these gods including the trinity Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva displaying human like imperfections and suffering the consequences. None of them by themselves is omnipotent. It is well known that Gautama, the Buddha preached an agnostic philosophy in which the concept of **God** never finds a place. Yet, he is revered by Hindus as the ninth avatar of Vishnu. A Hindu will respect a Buddhist monk with as much reverence as would be offered to a Hindu saint. It is thus possible to hold an atheistic worldview and yet be a fully paid up Hindu. It is this lack of success as a religion described by Sad guru that is the greatest strength of Hinduism. There is no conversion ritual because there has never been a need for one. There is no desire for theocracy, nor for Hindu expansionism inherent in Hinduism. Hinduism

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In essence secular Radicalization the Death of the Eternal Way India has historically weathered many Muslim invaders. Many of these used the fig leaf of religious sanction in The Quran to fight against disbelievers to plunder, giving the guise of a jehad to their lust for booty and power. Although large swathes of India were ruled by men who were known to be religious bigots and later by Christian Englishmen, neither did centuries of Muslim rule result in a Muslim majority population nor did imperialist European rule result in a Christian majority population. It is of utmost importance for Indian Muslims to understand that they need to get their religion out of the grips of religious bigots who talk in terms of Nizam e Mustafa Shariah rule. if Islamophobia is to be averted then Muslims need to shun radicalisation and concepts of jihad preached by extremist elements in the community. India is one of the few countries where minorities are constitutionally guaranteed the same rights and opportunities as the majority religious community. India has had three Muslim presidents, multiple chief justices, and many top ranking Muslim Armed Forces and civil services officers. Fringe elements motivated by political vested interests do vitiate the communal atmosphere but Indian Muslims must learn not to hold that against Hindus as a whole. At the same time, Hindus have to take special care to preserve the core nature of Hindu culture which has permitted every kind of worldview and belief to co exist. Forcing another person to utter the words Jai Shri Ram is not likely to make that person respect the Hindu culture. It is counter productive and would trigger more hate causing communalisation. Hindu radicals who propagate hatred of the Muslim and other communities also do exist. The common man Hindu needs to understand the politicians who are pulling the strings behind the scenes when attacks on Muslim shrines or people are instigated and be careful not to play into their hands. It is far easier, and a cheaper route to political success to promote communal enmity and win popular support based on that. Most of the ostensible guardians of the Hindu faith have little knowledge about the worldview and values propounded in The Bhagavad Gaeta, Srimad Bhagavatham, and the deep mystical philosophy of Vedanta. The culture that they profess to defend stands a far better chance of thriving if they educate themselves as well as their progeny about these. The end of the Eternal Sanatana Dharma and its spirit of permissiveness is likely to be brought about more by those, who in the name of preserving it resort to hate mongering, coercion, and violence than by those from any other community. This is the real threat to Hinduism Professional accountants are in demand in a variety of sectors including the private corporate sector, public sector, government and non governmental organizations. Any organization of reasonable size will he have a need for professional accountants. The

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And it has been so for many years now. With the growth of the economy and business prospects, the need for professional accountants can only get better. The process of obtaining certification as a professional accountant is challenging. However, it can be extremely satisfying for those who enjoy the intellectual stimulation and the hard work that getting any good degree or professional qualification entails. There is some risk with pass percentages and the time taken to complete the program. The process develops in learners very strong analytical skills and a box of knowledge and toolkits that can be applied in several professional contexts. Those who can qualify quickly and well can be assured of a bright and prosperous career. There are a variety of roles that professional accountants take up depending on the career paths they choose. I will share here my personal experience and those of some of my friends as a professional accountant. When I started my life as a professional accountant I worked in audit for a while, then in consulting at a manufacturing company. Subsequently, I shifted to an academic career after completing a PhD specializing in accounting and control. I now serve as a professor at a renowned university. Some of my friends went into the corporate sector. They started out as management trainees in large corporations. Their first postings were mostly in accounting, internal audit, and finance. Subsequently they moved into business and customer facing roles. They also assumed responsibilities in areas such as strategic planning before becoming heads of products or business units. Many of them are now CEOs. Among the many professional accountants who have risen to being CEOs is the CEO of Hindustan Unilever in India who is a Chartered Accountant. There are several other professional accountants who are CEOs of listed companies in India. Another line of a career progression for professional accountants is through audit. Many professional accountants start their careers in audit firms. They start out as junior auditors and move up the organization to become managers and group managers and so on and ultimately become partners in audit firms. This is an important profession that serves to ensure the integrity of financial reports issued by corporations. It calls for fulfillment of fiduciary duties. A related career path that has opened recently is of forensic accounting, which is related specifically to fraud detection and conducting due diligence. Professional accountants can follow the path to being tax experts as well. This can be with audit firms that provide tax advisory services. Following this path, professional accountants can become tax advisors or tax consultants to both individuals and to corporates. The taxation related roles can also be found in companies. A professional joining the tax department of a company can rise to the top of the department where they would oversee tax planning and tax compliance. The role of the t

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Viability of many projects depends on how the tax cash flows work out, and abroad have now recognized the importance of communication skills, interpersonal skills, and partnering skills. These should be part of the repertoire historical place of India to of skills of any professional accountants who hence the role of taxation experts becomes critical in the assessment of strategic investments, such as setting up a new factory or expansion of business to a new geography. Professional accountants can also pursue careers in business consulting. As business consultants they may work in consulting or as independent advisors. In such roles the professional accountants bring to bear not only their technical accounting skills but also other skills such as strategic thinking and persuasive communications. The program for any professional accounting qualification is quite comprehensive. It covers a variety of subjects including financial accounting, corporate reporting, cost accounting, taxation, audit and so on. But it important for professional accountants to broaden their learning to fit some of the roles that have been described above. Many professional accounting bodies in India and abroad have now recognized the importance of communication skills, interpersonal skills, and partnering skills. These should be part of the repertoire of skills of any professional accountants who intend to follow a career path leading to some of the higher level roles. To acquire these additional skills many professional accountants pursue MBA programs, undergo comprehensive on job training offered by their companies, or invest personally in programs to develop and sharpen their oft skills. It is not correct to think of a professional accountant in a very traditional way as a person who counts money and and abroad have now recognized the importance of communication skills, interpersonal skills, and partnering skills. These should be part of the repertoire of skills of any professional accountants who balances the books. The modern professional accountant role is more of a business leader who is called upon to understand many things related to the overall management of a business that go beyond accounting, auditing and tax. It is not uncommon to see that the second in command in many organizations is the CFO, who has professional accounting qualifications. All in all, the professional accounting qualification is a fantastic Launchpad for a career across a broad spectrum of professional pathways. Those entering the domain should carefully evaluate the various steps that they have to go through before getting certified and be sure that they can commit the time and the energy that it takes to complete this challenging and tough program. Once it is done, it is a qualification for life and ensures membership to prestigious statutory bodies such as the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and ensures that the qualified and abroad have now recognized the importance of comm

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The word rape comes from the Latin word raptus, to seize another man property. Also called sexual assault, it is a heinous crime like no other. It is the only crime where the crime scene is taken to be the victim body and not the geographic location. It shatters our basic assumptions about safety and where we are going as a society Islam and thought that only via Islam the racial inequality in America could be addressed. Both Ambedkar and Malcolm were profound leaders. They shaped politics and society of their times. Not only that, one could see the impact of their vision and work in our contemporary times. The recent debates in the current Indian politics about caste census, or the rise of assertive movements against the vestiges of casteism, could be traced to Ambedkar. Similarly, the rise of protest movements in America, particularly during and after the George Floyd incident, could be, at least partly, traced to Malcolm major political achievements has been its successful consolidation of the Hindu vote. This translated into massive vote share gains for the saffron party. Congress tried several times to enable votes to return to them, but nothing really worked. Bottom line was that if the majority Hindu vote were to remain a unified bloc behind BJP, there was no way Congress, and its allies, could ever hope to return to office. in comparison to Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugural speech given a decade ago in 2014, his eleventh Independence Day speech from the Red Fort in Delhi is nothing but a comprehensive assessment of the nation overall progress economic, social and industrial as well as the advancement of the populace and the administration system as a whole over the last ten years. On reviewing the ten speeches and observing the nation steady advancement, it is clear that there has been a considerable shift in the overall mindset of the people and that the nation has positioned itself as a leader on the global platform, exhibiting notable signs of progress across sectors. In his 65-minute address from the Red Fort, Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined his vision for the country, the shifts he planned to bring about in people attitudes and the way the government would operate. And if we attempt to make connections between the speeches given through the subsequent Independence Day celebrations, we will see that he expressed satisfaction with having achieved the objectives and standards he had set forth in his first address. Prime Minister Modi had emphasized a very important point while outlining the structure of his government. He declared his resolve that his government will carefully lead the nation forward by honoring the mandate given by the country in the form of a majority rather than using the power arbitrarily. He had urged everyone to walk together in this march to progress. He had rebuked the administration and emphasized the need to alter its perspective. He brought attention to the necessity and significance of Swachata Ab

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In his 2016 Independence Day speech, he emphasized the government dedication towards the people while also drawing attention to the government apparatus sensitivity to various factors. He said that these systems need to be sensitive, but he adamantly stated that regrettably, they are not. He also reminded the warning he had given to the people in his administration during his maiden speech that he had forgotten about his warning. Two years after giving his first speech, he had stated that although attitudes inside the system and among people themselves were improving, the old chalta hai and what do I have to do mentalities needed to be changed. He also made it clear that he was still striving to achieve the objectives he had stated in his maiden address and had not forgotten them. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had strived to unite the country. It is now our social and collective responsibility to strive for Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat. He also said that after 70 years of independence, the thinking was progressively shifting but we needed to quicken the process. The Jan Dhan Yojana announced in his first speech was slowly getting implemented across the country. Also, the smoke emitting stoves were getting replaced by gas connections. Nearly 4 crore gas connections were added in the first 60 weeks of Modi administration, bringing the total number of gas connections to 14 crore that were given during the previous 60 years. Also, the Jan Dhan Yojana brought around 21 crore families into the mainstream of banking who, even decades after independence, had nothing to do with the banking sector. It is quite admirable how willingly the people are cooperating to see Modi resolutions getting fulfilled. Undoubtedly, India success over the last decade will need to be documented in the nation history. However, at around the same time, the seeds of a new resolve to turn the nation into a powerhouse were being sown and those seeds cannot be forgotten. In his 2016 Independence Day speech, he had asked for people support and the first move in that regard has been made. Prime Minister had asked the younger generation born in the 21 set century to join the nation in its pursuit of development while announcing the resolve for Naya Bharat. In addition, he heralded the end of the chalta hai mentality and offered assurances that Naya Bharat had arrived. Following the surgical **strike**, India demonstrated its ability to befittingly respond to terrorism. A great sense of self-reliance gets aroused when issues are overcome. The first tenure of Modi term, which ran from 2014 to 2019, saw the realization of the hopes and wishes of the populace. During this time, abka Saath, Sabka Vikas became the catchphrase as a newfound sense of assurance emerged. By taking a revolutionary decision and providing support to Muslim women, the Modi government ended triple talaq. He ushered in a new era by strengthening anti-terrorism laws and stepping up counterterrorism efforts. The year 2020 will

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Early in the Covid pandemic, in an article for the Foreign Affairs, I argued that in 2010s the US had defied predictions of decline and risen to new heights as an economic and financial superpower. This revival, I warned, was in its mature stages and likely to end in a long hangover. If the US had been the comeback nation of the last decade, 2020s would belong to the rest of the world. Today, the pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine are magnifying the threats to US pre eminence. Debt is rising faster in the US than in most other countries. Inflation is running well above the global average. Spooked by the impact of US financial sanctions on Russia, many nations are looking for ways to reduce dependence on the dollar, which is the foundation of US financial power. Indian Railways IR will cancel nearly 670 trips of passenger trains till May 24 to focus on moving coal to thermal power plants. Forced to choose between massive power outages on account of coal shortage and inconveniencing passengers, IR took a tough call. The real question is did IR have to be faced with this choice in the first place No. The shortage of railway rakes for transporting coal is on account of poor planning. The current situation is not unexpected. Plenty of signs pointed to a surge in domestic coal demand, but IR missed them. Transporting coal to thermal plants is the most important part of IR freight operations. It makes up about 18 of its goods traffic. The best measure for freight movement is net tone km NTK, which measures a payload of one tone carried over 1 km. By this measure, IR vastly underestimated the requirements for 2021 22. At a time when the finance ministry was forecasting a V shaped recovery in the economy, IR got its calculations wrong. On February 1, 2021, IR estimated it would move 118,750 million NTK in FY 2020 21. A year later, the revised estimate forecast 143,462 million NTK. Is this level of coal movement for thermal plants unprecedented No. In FY 2015 16, IR moved 196,136 million NTK. That level of freight movement was even higher than the budget forecast for the current financial year, which may also turn out to be an underestimate. IR over the last few years has seen an increase in investment, with rolling stock taking up the largest chunk of capital expenditure. However, the nub of the matter is that IR has fallen short on planning and forecasts. The current situation gives the impression that different arms of Go are working in silos. That won do. What in a name It can carry a whole worldview, which in turn can shape material reality in powerful ways. Specifically, patrilineal surnaming norms carry a wide ranging patriarchal dividend, where fathers have dominance in family decision making while mothers sacrifice their jobs to do the unpaid labor of housework and childcare. And the next generation is trained.

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To repeat this cycle. It is this backdrop that lends immensity to a ruling by Italy top court this week, which has found the automatic imparting of the father name to children as constitutionally illegitimate. One Italian MP has noted in appreciation that the mother name henceforth getting the same dignity as the father is a sign of civilisation. The ruling recognises the surname as a fundamental element of one personal identity and emphasises both parents having equal say in choice of this surname. Options of the child carrying the mother surname alone or both parents surnames with the mother coming first, are now on the table. It is this choice, and the principle of equality underpinning it, that is the mark of civilisation. In India recent years have seen rules being amended to allow mother name as a valid identity marker for documents ranging from PAN cards to passports. But even when this option is theoretically available, practically it can still be an ordeal. Patrilineality in naming continues to mirror deeply unequal allocation of roles to women and men. No matter how unjust the world seems, economist Thomas Piketty shows us how much better it is than 1950 or 1900, which were in turn better than 1850 or 1790. A Brief History of Equality is a survey of this historical movement towards progress. No matter how you cut it, there is greater equity of status, property income, genders and races. The average global life expectancy was 26 years in 1820 and a fifth of all newborns died. Today, it is 72 years. Education access has expanded remarkably. There has been a tenfold rise in income and purchasing power. A triple burden of malnutrition undernutrition, micronutrient malnutrition, as well as overweight and obesity is rising in India. Paradoxically, these forms of poor nutrition often have the same nutritional root cause. More nourishing freshly cooked home foods or more natural foods are being replaced by cheaper preprocessed packaged alternatives with high levels of salt, sugar and fat that fill the stomach, but do not nourish and in fact promote ill health and disease. India is the diabetic capital of the world, with the highest concentration of diabetics in any single country. Hypertension closely follows, leading to an overall non communicable disease NCD burden reaching epidemic proportions. A major pathway leading here is the rise of overweight and obesity, as a **consequence** of poor diets combining with sedentary lifestyles. We all have the devil in us, something that makes us pursue self destructive ways. Yet, even the worst among us has some divine qualities. While personality traits are often hereditary and seem beyond our control, we have the power to change. Just as modern devices have noise cancelling features, the Bhagwad Gita helps identify our best qualities and cancel the effect of our negative traits. The Gita chapter 16 enumerates 26 qualities of the divine and six traits of the demonic. What makes us opt for evil against our

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It is easy to take to the demonic. The divine path is uphill and difficult in the beginning. Therefore, for a few seconds of pleasure, we are often ready to forsake a lifetime of bliss. Fearlessness, purity of heart and charity are some of the divine qualities enlisted. Fear arises from ignorance, selfishness, viciousness and a sense of otherness. Prahlad, the child, was fearless against the might of his father Hiranyakashipu. Yet the most wealthy and powerful in the world are fearful! Purity of heart comes when you are free from selfishness and desire. Get inspired with a higher ideal and lower desires lose their grip on you. Then objects of desire come to you unsought. Nachiketa only wanted Realisation, but the pleasures and wealth of heaven and earth were offered to him. Charity comes from recognising the infinite benevolence of nature. Charity is paying dividend to the stakeholders in your success. It is an attitude of giving to all, at all times and in all circumstances. You are enriched by what you give. The attitude of grabbing impoverishes you. The basic difference between the divine and demonic is knowledge. Ravan from the Ramayan, Duryodhan in the Mahabharat, chose the path to destruction because of sheer ignorance. The divine ones have access to higher knowledge and understand the deadly repercussions of choosing evil ways. The demonic, deluded by greed, lust and ego are ignorant. They are confused about what to do and what not to. They are impure and lack good conduct. Falling prey to insatiable desires, of little discrimination and vicious actions, such people destroy themselves and others. You are a combination of matter and Spirit. You know only matter. Spirit is subtle so it eludes you. You mistakenly attribute the glory and splendour of Spirit to your individual personality. Gain knowledge. Knowledge of the distinction between matter and Spirit. Then confusion will end. Misery and grief will vanish. You will become happy. You feel a sense of emptiness within and thoughts go out into the world to acquire objects and beings. You believe that worldly objects will fill the void. You give in to sensual pleasures. One indulgence leads to another and before long you are enmeshed in the moha jaal, web of delusion. You get addicted to sense gratification and go into a downward spiral. Pleasure turns to pain and life becomes a nightmare. Ignorant of your divine birthright you go through the endless cycle of birth and death, repeatedly born in the families of the demonic. Krishn encourages you to free yourself from the three gates of darkness desire, anger and greed. When desire is fulfilled, it leads to greed. When desire is obstructed, you get angry. Thus, either way, desire leads to mental agitation. Everyone suffers from the disease of more. Nobody understands the devastating effects of desire. The doors to your soul are kept shut, and you live and die without so much as a glimpse of your own power and magnificence as you.

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As per multiple studies, the millennial generation is the most confident when it comes to financial familiarity and pushing the real estate market to greater heights. Millennial are no longer the rent generation and as current market trends are extrapolated towards future landscapes, this trend is likely to be the feature of the future. Millennial are the key to the overall health and stability of the current housing sector. The journey for samesex couples from the love that dare not speak its name as said about same sex love by Lord Alfred Douglas to exchanging wedding vows till death do us part has been both practically arduous and legally tumultuous. Nevertheless, the community has made progress in leaps and bounds towards incrementally realising their rights under the Constitution, pursuing their battles with courage of thought and conviction in action. The initial decks for consensual same-sex relationships were cleared with the Supreme Court in Navtej Singh Johar 2018 authoritatively striking down Section 377 IPC to the extent that it had criminalised consensual same-sex relationships. Hearings on the batch of petitions seeking legal recognition of same-sex marriage came to a close with SC reserving its judgment on the matter. It is pertinent to note important questions raised by the constitution bench, not limited to the rights of the persons but essentially to how far the court of last resort will go to acknowledge as well as protect the rights of the community within constitutional contours. After SC in KS Puttaswamy 2017 elevating the right to privacy to a fundamental right and treating it as part of the right to life under Article 21, and in Navtej Singh Johar case, decriminalising consensual same-sex relationships, further holding that one sexual orientation is an intrinsic part of one individuality, privacy and dignity, thereby forming part of the fundamental right to life, legal recognition of such same-sex unions marriages is only a natural consequence that to deny the same amounts to a direct infringement of their all-encompassing right to privacy. Having categorically observed in Navtej Singh Johar that privacy includes at its core the preservation of personal intimacies, the sanctity of family life, marriage, procreation, the home and sexual orientation, the only question would be whether a formal recognition of same-sex marriages is a subject that must be relegated to Parliament. Here, the crucial question is whether the legal recognition of same-sex marriages can at **all** be the subject matter of a policy decision. If the answer is in the affirmative, it would lead to uneasy consequences for then it would be open to the legislature to undo the judicial recognition of the right to unite in same-sex relationships, meaning thereby Parliament can do indirectly what cannot be done directly. On the other hand, if it is accepted that the legal recognition of same-sex marriages is only a natural consequence of their right to privacy hol

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Court from placing the constitutional seal of approval on these marriages. And if it it would certainly be a watershed moment for transformative does, constitutionalism in India. Once it is held that the fundamental right to embrace one sexual orientation is part of the fundamental right to privacy, it would be an antithesis then to make it dependent on the mercies of a majoritarian government, that is most likely to yield to perceived notions of social morality as against constitutional morality, the former feeding the lassitude of the law, while the latter is sprinting swiftly in action. The legal recognition of their marriages will not only guarantee them rights for adoption, surrogacy, procreation but will also ensure dignity to their children. It would be facile to view the union of same-sex couples from only the angle of physicality, and to ignore their need for an enduring bond that marriage is. The nature of marriage as an institution can be no different to them than to those having binary gender identities. The case of Oberg fell et al vest Hodges 2015 before the US SC, where Oberg fell wanted to be listed as a surviving spouse in the death certificate of his partner, Arthur, is a typical case to prove that same-sex couples have life goals that look beyond physicality, and relegating the recognition of such marriages to the democratic process of legislation, may often be a negation of fundamental rights. It may be a while before Parliament feels the need to legislate positively on the subject. Until then, as held by then Justice DY Chandrachud in 2020, SC cannot afford to denude itself of its leadership as an institution in expounding constitutional values. Any loss of its authority will imperil democracy itself. Viewed from this perspective, it must be said that any decision by the court in this regard, rather than being seen as contrary to the democratic process of law-making, is to be seen as bolstering the same. When new social insights are revealed that need constitutional protection through judicial intervention, the rights of citizens cannot be sacrificed at the altar of political inexpediency and legislative lethargy. With millions of people adding every year, today, India has one of the highest number of internet users, more than the total population of many countries in the world. In rural India nearly half of the population have access to digital services despite connectivity boom has happened in the last decade that has impacted the life of even rural populations significantly. With it, especially for children and adolescents who contribute a significant number of users, came new challenges of online child exploitation. There has been a noticeable rise in cyberbullying in India since the Covid-19 epidemic. Cyberbullying has increased by many folds in India with the swift adaption on the digital technology and emergence of digital communication platforms, particularly with the expansion of online learning, remote working, and

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Reported in India. In current situation, to fight back the rapidly growing cyberbullying behaviour, it is important to understand context and the entire ecosystem of cyberbullying and potential risks associated with it. The bigger question is, what is cyberbullying and how it can affect any children. When someone is harassed, threatened, or harmed through a digital medium, this is known as cyberbullying. It can manifest itself in a number of ways, including by sending unpleasant messages, publishing humiliating comments, disclosing personal information, and circulating rumours. Cyberbullying is more difficult to recognise and prevent since it can occur anytime, anyplace, and to anybody, unlike conventional bullying. Cyberbullying against children can have devastating repercussions, resulting to low self-esteem, depression, anxiety, and in severe cases, even suicide. Children who are the victims of cyberbullying could feel alone, hopeless and powerless, which would make them uninterested in school and other activities. Also, it may have an impact on their social abilities and connections, making it more difficult for them to make new friends and keep up with old ones. The high rate of cyberbullying in India is partially due to a lack of knowledge and instruction regarding online safety. Many children and adolescents aren aware of the dangers of talking to strangers online or disclosing personal information online. Also, there is a paucity of knowledge regarding how cyberbullying affects both the victim and the offender. To combat cyberbullying in India, there are several steps that can be taken. First and foremost, education and awareness are key to addressing cyberbullying in India. Schools and colleges can play an important role in educating students about cyberbullying and its consequences. We can fight to stop cyberbullying and create a safer online environment by educating individuals about the risks of cyberbullying, encouraging responsible technology usages, empowering bystanders, and supporting mental health. Secondly, parents also need to be aware of the issue and monitor their children online activities to prevent them from becoming victims or perpetrators of cyberbullying. Parents can contribute to the creation of a safer online environment for their children and others by educating their children about encouraging responsible internet cyberbullying, use, fostering open communication, promoting empathy and kindness, and being supportive of their child. Thirdly, social media platforms can also take steps to address cyberbullying. They can implement stricter policies and guidelines to prevent cyberbullying, such as banning fake profiles and providing tools to report cyberbullying. They can also work with law enforcement agencies to identify cyberbullies and take appropriate action against them. Social media sites can employ artificial intelligence AI and machine learning to find and delete cyberbullying content before it spreads. With the

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Get established in the good you rise above the world and its pairs of opposites. You transcend the world to attain liberation. You have knowledge of your fullness and enjoy infinite Bliss. At Gallery Espace, one of the best booths in the India Art Fair 2022, stands a terracotta sculpture Venithanthumbi painted in the language of antiquity but brought forward to everyday iconography in the hands of the brilliant artist sculptor Manjunath Kamath. The figure of a cow on which strides a captivating soulful character with a long braided plait is the piece de resistance of this fair. Manjunath who has just had an exhibition at Sakshi Gallery in Mumbai which sold out is a sculptor of rare pedigree. He says his works are born of the museums of memory. This work of multiple references combines the beauty of translating tradition and adding notes and elements of universal registers of references that bring in cosmic connections and the power and poise of the human spirit. I created a figure that is born of yesterday but so prevalent in the dialogues of today, says Manjunath. My work is born of iconographies that belong to my memory. Memories of terracotta and other sculptural symbolism seen in both temples and churches become his leitmotif. But my characters are always fictional, when I create the man who could be shiva like with long locks I am also commenting on Indian dances, the Bharatanatyam dancer with the long plait dancing to the deities. Catalyst of history Kamath catalyst is the history of literature, semiotics, social theory, and historical and mythic texts. He attempts to reconcile representations of spirituality and Man and nature relationships present in artistic and literary canons. This masterpiece draws on Hindu Buddhist Christian iconography and South Asian visual vocabularies. The most arresting part of the sculpture is the Shiva like figure with the long braided plait and his right hand poised in the dhyana mudra, with the cow almost licking his hand but having a gleam of deep love in its eyes. Hybrid in many ways the hooves are that of a horse and the body of a robust resonant cow. It brings back stories of Lord Krishna and the name Gopala. It brings back memories of Krishna and the cowherds dotting the plains and cows sitting in adoration glancing at their God. The figure astride the cow also echoes the **many** journeys of man and his vahana this case the cow. It revives memories of the matted locks of Shiva and the relief features of the Ganges which for millennia have captured the imagination of Indians and held it like no other geographical feature in their vast and astonishing country. River of life Tales of yore and sholas and chants of the Vedic era come to the fore. In some ways, we think of the river of life. According to Hindu theology, the Ganga is the Mother Goddess of the whole subcontinent. Being brushed by a breeze containing even a drop.

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Of Ganges water is said to erase instantly all sins accumulated over a hundred lifetimes. The single bearded figure looks like a Sahara he seems both hardy and devout and makes us think of the sheet of ice hundreds of feet high that stands wreathed in mists deep in the Himalayas on the very borders of Tibet. Manjunath revives pages of history, legend and literature and music and sacred tenets. This sculpture stood like an epitaph of antiquity, it exemplified the romantic, the remote and the mysterious. From the plains of the North to the foothills of the Himalayas, from Northern India and Rajasthan to Tamil Nadu in the south, this sculpture brings alive India as a vast melting pot of diverse civilizations, religions, cultures and glorious landscapes. The gentle cow with its sentience and deep love for its master filters our senses through the treasures of people, places and dynasties that have shaped modern India, and beyond: we think of the Indus Valley civilizations, of the Dravidian lands in the South, the land of the temples and the dramatic backdrop, that combines art, history and travelogue to give a compelling insight into a captivating part of our pages of spiritual history. The treatment of the parts of the sculpture in different phases and subtle shades of earth tones carry the scent of the past which becomes a signature of the human spirit. On expected lines at the Raisin Dialogue, the visiting dignitaries from the West tried hard to indicate that India approach towards the Russia Ukraine conflict is not only erroneous but felonious and urged India to follow the Western line. The European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in her address right in the beginning stressed that Europe believed in the rule of law and fundamental rights pointing out that democracy in Europe was 2000 year old while now India was the largest home. She was not aware that democratic republics existed in India much before that from the 6th Century BC to 400 AD. She, then in a veiled attack on India without naming it, stated that the values of Europe were not shared by everyone. Underlining that the core principles that underpin peace and security were under stress, she described the brutal Bucha killings and bombing at other places blaming the Russian forces at a time when UN Secretary General was discussing the issue with **Putin** and the latter agreeing that there should be impartial investigations in these acts. She further added: These are severe violations of international law. Targeting and killing innocent civilians. Redrawing borders by force. Subjugating the will of a free people. This goes against core principles enshrined in the UN Charter. There were other European leaders who also spoke on similar lines. Norway Foreign Minister Anniken Huitfeldt, said that Russia aggression was an instance of an authoritarian state attacking democracy and asked about India role in defending free societies. Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn, asked if Russ

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A justification for his country actions in Ukraine during a recent visit to New Delhi. Jaishankar responded by drawing attention to the duplicitous approach adopted by the European countries. He pointed out that European powers had not reacted to challenges to the rules based order in Asia for almost a decade. He said that the West should remember what happened in Afghanistan less than a year ago, where an entire civil society was thrown under the bus by the world. He also stated: When the rules based order was under challenge in Asia, the advice we got from Europe is do more trade. At least were not giving you that advice. In terms of Afghanistan, please show me which part of the rules based order justified what the world did there. These were hints that the European powers did not react in the same manner when India was attacked by China at the LAC or when Pakistan was supporting terrorists not only in India bur also in Afghanistan. Jaishankar recognised that the Russia Ukraine conflict was the dominant issue but hinted that there were other issues as well, which deserved attention. He mentioned that the priorities of different nations are different, which is quite natural. On the question that China could take advantage of the situation and indulge in similar acts, Jaishankar responded: Things have been happening in Asia for the last 10 years. Europe may not have looked at it. So, this could be a wakeup call for Europe, not just in Europe, it could be a wakeup call for Europe to also look at Asia. He further added: This is not been an easy part of the world for the last decade and this is a part of the world where boundaries have not been settled, where terrorism is still practiced often sponsored by states. On the Russia Ukraine conflict, Jaishankar stated: I think where the conflict in Ukraine is concerned, we have a very clear position that has been articulated. A position which emphasizes the urgent cessation of fighting, which urges a return to diplomacy and dialogue which stresses the need for respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states. This sums up the Indian approach, which is based on realism. In the current situation the effort should be focused on cessation of hostilities to save the world from devastation. The responsibilities can be discussed later. Jaishankar has been responding to such pressures by clearly pointing out the hypocrisy of the West. He had earlier indicated that while the European powers were pressurizing India not to import gas and oil from Russia, they were importing more in the post Ukraine crisis phase than the earlier period. The continuing pressure on India by the West is part of the massive influence operations and propaganda launched by the US and its allies against Russia. Russia has blamed that Ukraine has been using fake videos and photographs. While their influence operations are centered on perception management, the strategic communications are.

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The rise of the retail investor is now a well documented phenomenon. Investing has been trending on mainstream media, business TV, and social media platforms. Our social conversations with friends and family both digital and in person now at least include some mention of stocks and crypto. Consequently, it is safe to say that investing is mainstream, and the trend is here to stay. 2021 was a perfect storm. We were stuck at home because of Covid restrictions while stocks, cryptos, and NFTs soared. The US Federal Reserve and RBI were very accommodative, and the economy was clearly recovering. These market tailwinds plus India fintech success enabled easy access to buying stocks and crypto. However, markets constantly evolve and 2022 will not look like 2020 and 2021. The rules that were previously applied will not apply this year. Zooming out, people should not forget that the Nifty is up 100 from the Covid 2020 lows. Markets are not for the faint of heart and surely do not go straight up. Market veteran Shankar Sharma recently stated on an episode of Stocktwits amp Friends that WORI Investing or Without Research Investing will not work going forward. With this context in mind, below are a few thoughts on how retail investors could sharpen their skills and navigate markets in 2022. Don is stubborn! We have natural tendencies to stick with what has worked. In 2021, it was hard not to make money in markets. Whether you simply owned mutual funds or a random basket of your friend tips, everything went up. That likely will not work in 2022. First and foremost, quality matters. Weaker fundamental stocks that performed well in the past may not perform as well. Investors should go back to basics and focus on stocks with strong competitive positioning, pricing power, margins, and cash flow. Investors will also be tempted to buy the dip on the recent technology IPOs. One can expect to see fierce rallies in 2022 as experts will cite attractive valuations. However, in the current macroeconomic environment, the volatility could continue in 2022. Outside of recent IPOs, stocks that benefited from Covid may struggle in the short run as they see demand normalization. Investors may continue to shift attention to less sexy reopening stocks, or those sectors that benefit from an economy recovery. In a nutshell, retail investors must keep an open mind and study new **areas** of the markets! Build a plan that works for you 2022 is the year that retail investors should build a formal investing plan. Take a step back, and truly understand your financial goals and reflect on the actual reasons you are investing. Think realistically about where your knowledge stands today and how much time you can realistically put in. Most importantly, identify your time horizon and preferred investing strategies. Based on the above, speak to qualified experts and think about the portfolio that makes the most sense for your goals. Fortunately, we now have easy access to a plethora of.

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The rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kara Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata, has put the issue of doctors safety at the center of national discourse. Cities across India have seen protests. And as the citizens marches continue, these must spur govts to take corrective actions that are long overdue. Our constitutional aspirations of a healthy and dignified life for all can only be realised by having a strong public health system, in which doctors get all the respect that is their due. Raksha Bandhan was celebrated with great enthusiasm yesterday, and i participated in a ceremony where not only did sisters tie rakhis to their brothers and sisters, but brothers, too, tied rakhis to their sisters and each other. This was done to honor deep bonds and to pledge mutual protection against negativity. Traditionally, the festival is marked by sisters tying rakhis to their brothers, who, in return, promise to protect them in difficult times. According to a legend, Draped tore a piece of cloth from her dress to tie around Krishna bleeding finger after he cut it while flying a kite. Moved by Draped gesture, Krishna promised to protect her from evil and fulfilled this vow when Dusshasan, one of the Kauravas, attempted to disrobe her in Hastinapur. In modern times, Rabindranath Tagore suggested that Raksha Bandhan should not only create strong bonds between brothers and sisters but also foster camaraderie between Hindus and Muslims, especially in the aftermath of the partition of Bengal in 1905. To Tagore, Raksha Bandhan symbolised not just a brother promise to protect his sister but also a connection between people of different faiths, embodying the spirit of unity. The act of tying a rakhi acknowledges the divine Shakti in everyone. Thus, in its true spirit, the festival is gender-neutral. It is not confined to a woman, sister, tying a rakhi to a man, brother, seeking a promise of protection. Rather, it celebrates human relationships and recognises the Divine in all beings. Both brothers and sisters should tie rakhis to each other. A sister can tie a rakhi to her sister, and a brother should also tie one to his sister, acknowledging that the sister embodies shakti and has the strength to protect her brother if necessary. In modern times, sisters care for their brothers just as much as brothers care for their sisters. There are many instances of **sisters** protecting their brothers from disease and harm. Most recently, a 21-year-old woman in Navi Mumbai donated a sizeable part of her liver to save her 17-year-old brother. In the Indic pantheon, many goddesses were created to protect the devas from asurs, representing evil tendencies. One of the strongest asurs, Mahishasur, could only be sublimated by a woman. To defeat him, Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva, and other devas combined their energies to create Durga, who embodies the shakti of the male deities and serves as a source of their strength. Durga victory over Mahisha sur symbolises righteousness prevaili

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that a woman is weaker and seeks protection from a male sibling. Instead, the festival should be marked by strong camaraderie among individuals, reflecting the spirit of Shankara Advaita that there is no room for duality. Chanakya, the master of statecraft, provided an ancient framework for foreign policy in his Arthashastra. He suggested that states pursue foreign policies that protect their interests and security on some issues while recognising that other states will do the same. He perceptively wrote, there is some self-interest behind every friendship. There is no friendship without self-interest there a big problem in the Malayalam film industry that shows how unsafe women can be in different jobs. This is especially troubling because just the other day, a Malayalam film called Aattam won a national award for being a great movie. Ironically, this film talks about sexual harassment, but a recent report shows that harassment is a major issue in the industry. The report, which took a long time to be made public, reveals that sexual harassment is common in the Malayalam film industry. Women face unwanted advances and abuse from the moment they start working in movies. They experience harassment in many places like work sites, transportation, and places where they stay. And when they stand up against this mistreatment, they often face even more problems. This report was first put together in 2017, and it was shared with the government in 2019. But it has only now been released, and some parts of it are still hidden from the public. This delay makes it hard to know when, or if, any real changes will happen. One important point the report makes is about the number of women in key roles. Right now, there are very few women directors, scriptwriters, and producers in the film industry compared to men. This lack of women in important positions makes it even harder to fight against problems like harassment. The fact that women need to have more numbers to make a difference is a sad reflection on our society. Even as India is grappling with a nightmarish example of how unsafe women are in healthcare, comes a reminder of their lack of safety in another prominent sector of our economy. It comes from the Malayalam film industry, ironically on a day its Aattam was being celebrated for winning the Best Feature Film national award. The film engages with sexual harassment with acute sensitivity while the Justice Hema Committee report released yesterday finds that sexual harassment is widespread across Mollywood. But arguably, the report contents are less galling than how much of a fight it took to get them into the public domain. Ever since a woman actor was abducted and sexually assaulted in a moving van in Kochi in Feb 2017, not only the Women in Cinema Collective that was formed in response, but also other voices have shared accounts that we now find echoed in the report. For example, that women suffer sexual demands from the time they

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Investment options ranging from mutual funds, specific managed portfolios, individual stocks, crypto, and fixed income. In this portfolio structure, think about a few areas you would want to study. Such areas could include active trading, crypto, or US stocks. Expand your knowledge For most investors, regardless of age or skill level, 2022 should be the year you proactively sharpen your skills. To be a well rounded investor, one must have working knowledge on each of the following macroeconomics, fundamentals, industry amp business dynamics, technical analysis, and market psychology. Even the savviest veteran investor relies on others for inputs in each of these areas. Retail investors should use 2022 to identify their gaps and sharpen their skills. Using Social Finance to accelerate the learning curve We all know that learning to invest is hard. After a busy day of work, we had rather watch Netflix or hang out with friends. The good news is that influencers, or influencers that explain investing concepts on social media, have made this process far more enjoyable. With some trial and error, retail investors should build a list of influencers that explain the latest market news, complex finance topics, and even share how they are personally navigating the markets. For example, some influencers focus on general market psychology while others share fundamental or technical analysis based investing ideas. However, influencers should NOT be used for investment advice and should be used for entertainment amp education purposes only. To support retail investors, Social Finance communities such as Stocktwits will play a critical role in democratizing investing knowledge for retail investors of all skill levels types. The Indian wellness industry has been witnessing a growth of 12 percent per annum and is predicted to grow rapidly in the upcoming years as the Government focus on the fitness and health industry has increased recently. The Central Government has been stupendously embracing a holistic approach towards meeting several health challenges and thus emphasizing more on the alternative medicine theories. The Ministry of AYUSH under the Government including Yoga, Umami, Ayurveda, Siddha, and Homeopathy is built to promote Indian traditional healing and wellness procedures that were mostly followed during the Vedic age. One of the finest techniques for wellness, The Panchakarma of Ayurveda has now become the world best theory in providing benefits to the preventive healthcare measures and curing chronic disorders. The Ministry of AYUSH has the objective to upgrade educational standards of the Indian medicinal systems and Homoeopathy colleges along with strengthening the medicinal research institutes and facilitating the time bound research programs. It also has the aim to develop schemes to promote, cultivate, regenerate medicinal plants, and evolve pharmacopeia standards of the Indian medicines and homeopathy drugs. This has been one of the signific

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Covid 19 has showed us the crisis happened with our physical and mental being during the pandemic. Healthy diet, yoga, basic hygiene, and preventive healthcare are essential to stay fit and battle with any kind of diseases. Yoga and Ayurveda treatments are certainly powerful in mitigating stress and keeping the body and mind aligned from the virus that is making the world fall sick. A holistic wellbeing is significantly necessary to increase the immune system and battle with different health issues. The Government is also set to develop models in which entrepreneurs can choose conventional businesses and grab opportunities offering wellness to Indian citizens as well as citizens from the foreign land. Challenges to overcome The Indian wellness industry also has met with several challenges to be addressed. One of those is inadequate infrastructure and a lack of acute shortage of skilled human resources. Also, the estimated cost for the wellness sector in India stands infraction when compared to the world which is around 4.2 trillion. However, it is predicted that by 2030, India has to increase about 2.07 million doctors to the existing count as it is necessary to treat the increasing population. The Government is thus targeting to increase the spending from 1.3 percent to 3 percent of its GDP in 2022. Again, the Government has to increase its funding for the healthcare sector by 20 to 25 percent during the next five years if it wants to achieve sustainable development goals. To mention here, the government has made remarkable changes during the last few years by revamping the wellness sector by transforming the existing 1.5 lakh sub health and primary health care centers across India with comprehensive primary health care and a holistic model for wellness. A budget of about Rest. 3,400 cores have also been kept for the next five years for Ayahs Wellness Centers under the National Ayahs Mission. Another important aspect is the lack of knowledge about Ayurveda in India. Yoga and Ayurveda courses should be given a strong recognition in the education domain making the generation next aware how it is an integral part of keeping healthy and fit. Introduction and regular practice of Yoga in schools and colleges would enhance the value of taking self care as well as in promoting the wellness activities around our day to day lives. Additional Initiatives by the Government of India PM Narendra Modi has taken a big movement by promoting Global AYUSH Investment and Innovation Summit. This move will give a boost to Ayurveda industry for making its global footprints. In 2014, where the AYUSH sector was less than 3 billion, today it has increased to more than 18 billion. Ministry of AYUSH actively fueling startup culture in the field of Traditional Medicines, Ayurveda products etc. Also, India will soon introduce the AYUSH mark to recognise traditional medicine products which will give the authenticity to quality AYUSH products of the country. ASSOCHAM has been

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Several health and wellness initiatives. Several other initiatives are implemented of which in January 2020, IIT Delhi and the All India Institute of Ayurveda together have signed an MoU for studying the therapeutic benefits of herbal formulations and wellness. About seven collaborations are focusing on different Ayurveda formulations and practices planned for the next two years. These include examining the effects of six Ayurveda juices on gastrointestinal secretions, developing herbal formulations for reducing harmful effects of reusing cooking oil, developing a biodegradable herbal wound dressing, studying the effects of Brahmari Pranayama on the nervous system, examining the impact of ashes on proteins implicated in neurodegenerative diseases, developing a fumigation device for healing wounds, checking through a device if ayurvedic drugs help in early detection of cancer and offer responses to these drugs in treating breast cancer. However, India should focus on building more awareness of mental as well as physical health and wellness in collaboration with the Ministry of AYUSH. It should also focus more on start up India to boost the sector during the next few years. Right since it emerged as a State in 1960, Maharashtra, a premier State, celebrating its 62nd Foundation Day was always on the forefront of both, national development and national politics. It was also known for all kinds of reformist movements. From Mahatma Phule and Dr Ambedkar to Veer Sawarkar Maharashtra witnessed a number of social reformers who worked relentlessly for social justice and equality. The State also was the Karmanhoomi of great educationists like Maharshi Annasaheb Karve who could easily be called as one of the most early advocates of gender equality in India. From industry, entrepreneurship to cooperatives and agriculture based businesses, Maharahstra also became known for multifarious economic activities. However, more than all the above features of Maharashtra personality as a region, the factor that truly set the State apart is its unique thought tradition. Progressivism in Maharashtra was not only about principles of egalitarian society but was also about a commitment to development politics, a certain intellectual standard of public discourse and adherence to ideals of democratic polity. Today, this premier State is on the verge of losing its sheen and becoming an also ran state. There are scores of examples of this unchecked deterioration during the last over two years after the Maha Vikas Aghadi came to power. The reasons are not far to seek. State Government Crass confrontationist approach, the lure of exploiting caste factors each time and every time, and unending compromises indulged in by a large section of literary circles as well as journalists are the three important factors to blame for this down slide of Maharashtra. All this Started with the installation of Uddhav Thackeray Govt in Nov 2019. Always known for bitterest criticism of Gandhis, the

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State politics but also caused organisational upheavals beneath the ground in all the three partnering parties in multiple ways. Congress, initially hesitant to join hands with Sena had to suffer a guilt conscious while trying to preserve its secular credentials. For Shiv Sena, it was like divorcing an old associate while simultaneously coping with two strange bedfellows both of whom it had earlier proclaimed as criminals known for multiple violations. For Nationalist Congress, although compromises were never so very hard as the Party was known for no strong ideological base and clear policy view, Ajit Pawar wee hours adventurism certainly ruptured its claim to pure anti Modi ism. Besides, it also brought to the fore the fault lines within the organisation as it got divided between nephew and the daughter of the party supremo. In order to conceal the guilt conscious deep in their hearts, all the three partners adopted a complete confrontationist approach towards not just BJP and the Centre but more particularly, PM Modi. It is now an established fact that magnanimity is in short supply with all the leading lights of the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi. For journals run by the CM, adversarial politics has become the only agenda making venom spitting an everyday activity. MVA leadership has failed in reaching out to the principal opposition party, the BJP. Neither are simple courtesies extended to the opposition nor are sincere attempts made to build bridges with the centre or the BJP. As the spectre of Raj Thackeray outsmarting the ruling branch of Thackerays is becoming obvious, Shiv Sena leadership is getting more and more paranoid and restless. Add to this the repeated attempts of Nationalist Congress Party NCP to look at every other subject from caste angle. Earlier, although it could work that way, NCP had obliquely tried to portray Devendra Fadanvis as Brahmin. Now, NCP has its fingers burnt as it has not been able to provide the much talked about quota for both, the Marathas as well as the OBC communities. One wonders whether Shiv Sena agrees to both other partners on the subject of quota for Muslims, something not so easy to digest for even a transformed Sena. Suffering from multiple guilt conscious, both Shiv Sena and NCP have failed in adding any value to Governance in the State. Congress, the third partner was any way not known for any good governance at **all**. The crisis is confounded with the deafening silence of the thinkers and men of letters. From Lokmanya Tilak to Acharya Atre and later Govind Talwalkar, Marathi mainstream media was always known for not mincing words while criticising the State Govt. Same was the case with litterateurs. From Durga Bhagwat to Aruna Dhere, many eminent men and women of letters had steadfastly remained away from being seen as too close to the ruling establishment. Today, all this has become a thing of the past. The scenario at two recent editions of Marathi Sahitya Sammelan or gathering of litterateurs at Nas

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Udgir respectively could rightly be described as State Sponsored Literary events. Both the shows were organised on the basis of support expended by two Ministers. Most NCP leaders and their associates dominated these literary meets. No wonder, an otherwise important cultural event in the literary circles, took the shape of a congregation where everybody relished assailing Modi and appreciating State Govt. Never in the past Sahitya Sammelan was allowed to be hijacked by politicians to be precise that of the NCP, in such a seamless manner. In a scenario like this, Maharashtra faces a serious meltdown. Situation can be saved only if all the three ruling parties rise above their own partisan interests. For an alliance where partisan interests is the only glue to make them stick together, rising above them remains a distant dream, sadly. Electric vehicles are going to be the future of mobility. Concerns about the environment and climate are motivating more buyers, especially younger ones, to choose electric vehicles over those run by fossil fuels. Vehicles run using traditional fuels will not completely phase out, at least not in the foreseeable future, but electric vehicles will gain a greater market share. From 1.4 billion in 2021, the Indian electric vehicle market is expected to exceed 15 billion by 2027, projecting annual growth of 47. Automobile manufacturers and policymakers are naturally gung ho about the future of electric vehicles and the electric vehicle revolution, but the immediate and bigger challenge for India is to build a safe and sound electric vehicle ecosystem, in which the component supply chain will be a key. In fact, as I write this, safety concerns are the most pressing challenge before electric vehicles, especially two wheelers. In recent months, there has been a spate of incidents of electric scooters catching fire, giving rise to serious question marks over their safety. There have been reports that many buyers have cancelled their plans to buy electric vehicles because of the incidents of fire. This may be an overreaction and a temporary one, but it stresses the importance of safety in the electric vehicle ecosystem. The projected growth In demand for electric vehicles presents an immense opportunity for vehicle manufacturers as well as Original Equipment Manufacturers OEM. Already, we have seen a number of manufacturers line up aggressive model launches in an attempt to gain the early mover advantage. While higher cost is the key reason for the low penetration of electric vehicles in India, the lack of a charging ecosystem is another. Many people want to buy an electric vehicle but are concerned about the absence of charging infrastructure. The government is pushing for setting up electric vehicle charging kiosks across the country to bridge the gap. Many large corporates, including several public sector units, are also investing in the electric vehicle charging ecosystem. Another key challenge before the electric vehicle

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Chain or component experts in the industry today. This is of course a given considering the nascent stage of the industry in India, but it is the need of the hour to focus our energies on building a thriving component manufacturing infrastructure if we want domestic component manufacturing for electric vehicles to flourish. The Industry and the government need to focus more on developing and facilitating a proper supply chain of core components of electric vehicles such as motors, controllers, battery management systems, batteries, required electronics, and more. Developing a local self reliant component manufacturing ecosystem will also hold the key to making electric vehicles affordable. It is heartening to note that steps are already being taken in that direction. The central government recently came out with a Production Linked Incentive PLI for the electric vehicle component sector. The scheme is aimed at boosting the domestic manufacturing of key electric vehicle components such as hydrogen fuel components, flex fuel kits, high voltage connectors and connectors and cables, electric motor components, etc. The scheme reflects the government commitment to supporting the industry by incentivizing local investments and manufacturing and can help India in emerging as a hub of high end auto components manufacturing. The scheme is expected to go a long way in streamlining the component supply chain by strengthening the domestic manufacturing ecosystem and building a self sustaining framework for the e mobility industry. This can contribute to the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, by reducing dependence on imports. This will also be important to ensure availability of high quality components for electric vehicles at affordable rates, a must in a price sensitive country like ours. Attention is also needed to support new Original Equipment Manufacturers and startups in the electric vehicle space. Besides the government, the support must come from legacy automobile manufacturers and existing OEMs, who stand to gain from the electric vehicle boom, and even large investors. The electric vehicle industry is taking baby steps in India. Nurturing startups and young entrepreneurs will allow for the introduction of new ideas and technologies in the industry. It is a given that not all ideas and technologies may work, and in fact, a majority of them won, but even if a handful of ideas click, they could give a big boost to India ambitions to emerge as a leading manufacturer of environmentally cleaner, sustainable, advanced and more efficient electric vehicles, and put India in a unique position to lead the global electric vehicle revolution. The pandemic has shifted the way HR duties are performed. Be it recruitment, on boarding, learning development, assessment or any other function, the rapid shift in work culture has changed the role of the HR and this transformation occurred through technology. The HR tech space is witnessing rapid expansion, with talent manag

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Online environment for children. The initiative provides a helpline and a portal where children can anonymously report cyberbullying. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also launched National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal to enable citizens to report cybercrimes, including cyberbullying, and receive prompt action. Although, the government has made some progress, there is still plenty that can be done to safeguard Indian children from cyberbullying. It is crucial to raise awareness of the problem and make sure that parents, educators, and other key players have the information they need to shield children from online predators. Also, it is crucial to guarantee that the people handling the issue are well informed and equipped and the legal system is strong enough to handle cases in an efficient manner. Finally, in order to create solutions that effectively shield children from online predators, government, civil society, and technological businesses need to work in coherence and synergistically Prime Minister Narendra Modi is visiting Papua New Guinea. He is the first ever Indian prime minister to visit Papua New Guinea. During his visit he will hold talks with Papua New Guinea Governor General Sir Bob Dadae and Prime Minister James Marape. Modi will also host the third summit of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation FIPIC on May 22. As India is attempting to increase its outreach to the Pacific Islands, the region remains a fiercely contested entity between China and the West from geopolitical and geoeconomic perspective. By virtue of geography and being a lesser focused region in its foreign policy, India has shaped its interactions with the Pacific Islands accordingly. Pacific Islands as a Contested Space Pacific Islands have been for a long time considered as the United States US backyard and a region where Australia has wielded hegemonic influence. However, China has been making inroads in the region challenging the US and Australia. China engagements with the Pacific Islands started in the economic domain. China became a dialogue partner of the Pacific Islands Forum in 1989. In 2006 China launched the China-Pacific Island Countries Economic Development and Cooperation Forum. Under Xi Jinping presidency China has accelerated its engagements with the region with a number of Pacific Island Countries joining the Belt and Road Initiative. Along with economic engagements China has made incursions in the strategic domain as well seeking cooperation with the Pacific Islands in the areas of policing, security, trade, data network and cyber security. To counter China influence Papua New Guinea recently announced that it will sign a security pact with the US. This pact will enable the US troops to access the island nation port and airports. However, amid the geopolitical and geoeconomic competition, the region concerns, particularly with regard to climate change, remain neglected. India Engagements with the Pacific Islands India engagements with

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Held in Fiji in 2014 while the second summit was held in Jaipur in 2015. When the was launched in 2014, India offered \$1 million for adapting climate change and clean energy. Along with the climate change cooperation, India and are engaged in several projects like marine biology, research, collaboration on space technology, affordable healthcare and education. Apart from the India also engages with the Pacific Islands through Pacific Small Islands Developing States. In 2019, India offered \$150 million line of credit to the Pacific Island Countries to undertake solar, renewable energy and climate related projects as per their requirements. India also offered an additional \$12 million to the member states of the to implement high impact developmental projects of their own choice. India is also involved in capacity building projects with the Pacific Islands through the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation Programmed. India could further extend the capacity building cooperation by providing training facilities to the civil servants from the member countries. It would enable these civil servants to acquire skills to work in a complex and inter-dependent world. Training civil servant would also imply that India is indirectly assisting these countries to strengthen democratic institutions. Engagements with the Pacific Islands are concomitant to India advocacy of the Global South. India has raised concerns that Pacific Islands feel isolated at international forums such as the United Nations. India, as the current president of the G20 could initiate the group engagements with the Pacific Islands. India could suggest a separate track for these countries as it would offer the Pacific Islands an opportunity to share their concerns and experiences at a major forum. India relations with the Pacific Islands are in a developing stage. However, India has projected and positioned itself as a country that is willing to share the concerns of this region and to provide assistance to address these concerns. India must build upon the initiatives that it has started to engage with the Pacific Islands. India approach towards the Pacific Islands is concomitant to India vision of the Indo-Pacific Region which includes cooperation in the areas of climate change and sustainable development. Modi visit to Papua Guinea is an important step towards enhancing India outreach in the region. This visit must be followed up by frequent high-level engagements between India and the Pacific Island Countries. Books are like coffers filled, not with gold or silver, but with high ideals, and the wisdom of our forefathers. If we learn to love books, we need no other riches. However, we must read the right kind of books. Just as we need nourishing food for the body, similarly we need to read good books to enrich our minds. Much for granted that we notice its existence only when there is a power cut and life comes to a standstill. Can you think of all the things you could not have done wit

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To read coffers filled newspapers, periodicals, journals etc. They are storehouse of general information about current events and various socio political and economic problems. It has been well said, Books are like axe they cut through the snow within. Indeed electricity is one of the most important blessings that science has given to mankind. Of all modern inventions, electricity is perhaps the most wonderful. To those who experienced its magic for the first time, it must have felt like being transported to a fairy land. Today, we take it so much for granted that we notice its existence only when there is a power cut nourishing food and life comes to a standstill. Can you think of all the things you could not have done without electricity? Imagine, you could not have watched television or even seen a film in a cinema hall. You would have had to study by candle coffers filled light with no fans or air conditioner. Ice creams, soft drinks and cold water would have been unheard of. Your kitchen too would have been very different from what you see now. There would have been no toaster. The state of mind where someone pushes their limits and has the belief of self right from the very beginning is known as condience. The freedom from ever doubting your actions is what confidence is all about. Friend this is the role key to success. If a person has complete confidence in his own capacity they he or she has already won half the battle. We see people taken in schools, colleges and work places who have got a lot success due to being active, more forward and more confident with their decision. This is what makes them stand out from the cored. But when it comes to a person how cannot trust or believe in you. Successes hard to get. They become more prone to failure. They also find it super hard to get back on their feet can carry on. On the other hand a pad that has confidence gets to enjoy success and all the press that come along with that state of mind one of them being that even are very difficult job seems to be less of problem then it is. Back on their feet and carry on. On the other and a pew who has condigece to enjoy success and all the perks that come along with that state of mind. One of them being that even a very difficult job seems to be less of a problem then it is secondly it helps you face your failure and learn from it. For such a person, this is a lesson to learn and grow. It helps you to issue ride believe that you will excel and improve in your next attempt. If you lack this ability there is high challenge. It is hard for such people to take a stand. They are most likely tube very big challenge. It is hard for such

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How often have we heard it said, follow your heart? Then what becomes of the mind, the intellect, the fulcrum of all our thoughts and actions? The heart beats to pump blood throughout the body and works ceaselessly from beginning till the very end. It is said the mind, though arising out of brain function, does not reside in the brain, and so it may be possible to download the mind for future reference. But the heart, once it stops beating, ceases its function. Which is why when scientists explore the possibility of installing mind functions into robots, the heart dimension gets left out and to be robotic becomes synonymous with being without feeling. We use the heart symbol to express love, affection and compassion. Does not the mind allow for these emotions? Even a technocrat like Steve Jobs talked of following your heart. He said, Don be trapped by dogma which is living with the results of other people thinking. Don let the noise of others opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. I thought that the Buddhist Heart Sutra was all about the heart. In fact, it talks of how form is shunyata, emptiness, and emptiness is form. That is, ultimately, all phenomena are shunyata. Known through and as the five aggregates of human existence form, feeling, volitions, perceptions and consciousness. All are of dependent origination, says Avalokiteshwara to Sariputra. Therefore, the heart here is a metaphor to indicate that the sutra contains the core philosophy of Buddhism, its insights that are central to Buddha teachings. That is why when we say, the heart of the matter, it means whatever is crucial to the matter at hand. No one says mind of the matter. In southern parts of India, especially in Tamil Nadu, the daily practice is to create an alpana in front of the home. A different design is drawn in front of the home altar, with the sacred Hridaya Kamalam design reserved for Fridays, as tribute to Lakshmi, goddess of abundance. Meaning the heart of the lotus, the Hridaya Kamalam signifies the belief that as the lotus in the heart begins to bloom, so too, one progresses on the spiritual path, experiencing core concepts that lead to evolvement to higher dimensions. It is clear that the heart has always been a metaphor for the core, the most important aspect of anything. And the heart is also seen as being the heart of emotions. A rational mind might not easily submit to love, but one who follows the heart can be said to be more romantically inclined, for logic and reason take a backseat when chemistry and emotions come into play. Love as emotion is not such a bad thing, as it is also related to devotional love, as the divine, pure love that gopis had for their beloved Krishn, symbolising the attraction of jivatma to Paramatma. Love is said to work miracles. Kailash Satyarthi,

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The government promised to fix 70,000 hospitals to meet these standards within their first 100 days in office. But we do know if their plan matches what the SC wants to do. No Quick Fix: The protests by RG Kar doctors got a lot of attention because it showed that even big hospitals have big problems. Public health in India is often inconsistent. For example, a recent review said the facilities at RG Kar maternity wards were okay, but in general, standards are low. Hospitals like RG Kar are still important because they are often the only places where many people can get medical care. The SC is asking for reports soon, but fixing the problems won be quick or easy. What Needs to Change: Simply addressing the RG Kar case won make hospitals safer overnight. Better lighting and duty rooms are needed, but fixing administrative problems is also crucial. For instance, the Bengal government recently gave RG Kar a lot of money to build a new campus. But why not use some of that money to improve the current hospital first? Challenges with Security: Changing security measures in hospitals can be tricky. For example, adding more security might create new problems. In many public hospitals, patients families help out because there are enough staff. Fixing the problems in hospitals means dealing with a lot of complex issues all at once. In short, improving hospital safety is a big task and will take time and careful planning to make a real difference. Bihar political and social landscape has been shaped by numerous leaders, but few have left as profound an impact as Jagdeo Prasad. Often referred to as Bihar Lenin, Jagdeo Prasad was a pioneering force in the fight for the rights of the exploited and marginalized communities in north India. His life and work symbolize the struggle for social, economic, political, and cultural progress for the non-savarnas lower castes. Prasad journey from a humble background to becoming a significant political figure reflects his indomitable spirit and commitment to justice and equality. Born on February 2, 1922, in Kurhari, Kurtha block, Bihar, near the historically significant Bodh Gaya, Jagdeo Prasad early life was marked by struggle and resistance. His father, Prayag Narayan Kushwaha, was a primary school teacher, and his mother, Raskali, was unlettered. Despite the financial hardships, Prasad pursued his education diligently. His formative years were characterized by frequent clashes with the entrenched caste system. The young Prasad defiance against castebased discrimination foreshadowed his lifelong commitment to combating social injustices. Prasad education journey took him to Jehanabad for high school and later to Patna University, where he completed his graduation and postgraduation. During his university years, he was influenced by Chandradev Prasad Verma, who introduced him to various political ideologies and thinkers. This period marked the beginning of Prasad active engagement in sociopolitical activities. Political

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Duty or the Agni path plan. This proposal involves recruiting soldiers for a default short service term of three to five years. After that, 25% of the soldiers will be discharged from service after three years, and another 25% after a five year service. Only the remaining 50% will serve the full service term and be eligible for the One Rank One Pension OROP. The cost saving will come mainly from reducing pension outflow for soldiers who retire early. A second alternative, already put in practice, is to retain soldiers in the national security system after retirement from the armed forces. Apart from reducing pension expenditure, this aims to fill gaps in State and Central Armed Police forces. However, this alternative has met with much success thus far. The home ministry is not entirely on board as paramilitary police forces, like the armed forces, prefer a younger profile of service personnel. Consequently, even the existing positions for military personnel lie vacant. An obvious but politically the most difficult alternative is to move incoming soldiers and officers to the National Pension System NPS . NPS is a defined contribution scheme where the pension is paid out of a corpus the government and the soldier co contribute to, quite similar to the Employees Provident Fund. This method is in sharp contrast to the current approach, in which the government promises a lifetime pension to armed forces personnel and finances it by raising taxes from current and future citizens. Another alternative that Lt Gen Parkas Menno and I propose is to operationalize an inverse induction model whereby paramilitary forces recruit soldiers who serve for seven years in the armed forces and are then repatriated to the recruiting organization. The savings come in the form of a smaller pension burden. None of these solutions is without flaws. Like any other optimisation problem, the current situation demands identifying a few essential criteria and assessing various alternatives based on these criteria. The four most important criteria are the extent of cost saving, any adverse impact on defense preparedness, political feasibility, and impact on the broader national security system, including the paramilitary forces. This framework can help in weighing the different alternatives. For instance, applying NPS to future soldiers ranks highest in cost saving. Still, it is also politically the least feasible alternative, given both major political parties promises made in favor of OROP. The **tour** of Duty proposal ranks high in terms of political feasibility, but the quicker turnover of soldiers could be detrimental to defense preparedness. Prioritizing these criteria and making the final choice between these alternatives is the government prerogative. What will help come to a better decision is bringing economists and the national security community across the table to evaluate these alternatives systematically. It won be easy, but the silver lining is that most stakehold

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What shade will go well with your skin tone What will your living room look like with that couch What size will your television screen be The retail industry has experienced unprecedented changes in the aftermath of the Covid 19 pandemic. Shopping experiences have evolved from being physical first to being virtual first for consumers. In the pursuit of making the experience as immersive as possible for consumers, brands have jumped on board. Although consumers appreciated the convenience of shopping online, the shortcomings of virtual stores became apparent. This led to brands adopting different technologies to help them deliver the in store experience online. One of the powerful tools that helps do this well is Augmented Reality AR which, in addition to reducing e commerce limitations, enhances the online shopping journey by providing detailed product descriptions. AR aids this process by giving one a glimpse of how the product will look when placed in their own set up. AR renders endless possibilities and provides room for brands to showcase the offering creatively. AR has increasingly received a positive response from consumers. The ease of shopping virtually has created a space for more AR tech development. According to a study by Deloitte, 94% of the customers are expected to use AR for shopping the same way they did in 2021, this year as well. Brands that offer AR experiences are 41% more likely to be considered by consumers. According to another study conducted by Alter Agents, Snap chat augmented reality is 1.7x more immersive than any other platform. By innovating and providing a more immersive experience to consumers, tech developers are increasing opportunities for brands to engage with consumers. The online mimics the offline! Retail trends such as social commerce are also accelerating due to social media popularity. Social commerce is the ability to sell products and services directly through social media. Accenture estimates that the global social commerce market will grow two and a half times by 2025 compared to now, from \$492 billion to \$1.2 trillion, with India market growing at a 59% compound annual growth rate to \$17 billion in gross merchandise value. Due to the potential risks associated with online shopping, consumers are heavily influenced by social reviews and feedback, creating a culture of social product unboxing videos of consumers unboxing their new purchases, scrutiny, and live peer reviews. Brands are partnering with influencers and utilizing AR technology to drive a social commerce narrative from discovery to conversion since potential buyers are more likely to trust those who seem like regular people rather than the brand itself. AR is here to aid people purchase decisions through real time try ones Snap Shopping Lens technology combines the scale and efficiency of commerce catalogs with the personalization and performance of AR try ones and product visualization. Further, creating an immersive AR experience that p

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And watches through Catalog Powered AR Lenses, brands can obtain real time results in the form of consumer feedback and popularity of their products and services in real time. In the end, social commerce upgraded with augmented reality will become the future standard for both large retailers as well as niche brands seeking to differentiate themselves and engage with consumers. Consequently, the AR capabilities will make it possible for them to mimic in store experiences as well as enhance the post purchase experience with guided assistance for product assembly, troubleshooting, and simple repairs etc. Without a doubt using AR in social commerce is a savvy business move that companies like Lacoste, MAC Cosmetics, Champs Sports, Dior, Gucci, and others have already implemented with remarkable results. India success at automobile manufacturing is the epitome of multi regional progress contributing to national good. The automobile sector in India contributes 7.1% to GDP. It is the largest manufacturing industry in the country, accounting for 49% of the manufacturing GDP, with an annual turnover of over INR 7.5 lakh cores and exports of INR 3.5 lakh cores. Not only this, but the sector also creates 37 million direct and indirect jobs. The government of India aims to increase the automobile sector contribution to GDP to 12% and employment to 50 million. It is unequivocal in its aim of making India the automobile manufacturing hub of the world. India manufactured 22.65 million automobiles in financial year 2020 21, with 13 million vehicles being produced only between April October 2021. Several factors contribute to the success of the automobile manufacturing industry in India. Apart from adroit policymaking, these include the availability of young, skilled, and affordable manpower, which has underpinned the creation of automobile and auto parts manufacturing clusters. There include the Delhi Gurgaon Faridabad cluster in north India, the Kolkata Jamshedpur auto cluster in East India, the Mumbai Pune Nasik Aurangabad cluster in Western India, the Chennai Bengaluru Hour cluster in south India, and the Indore, Pithampur and Mandideep cluster in central India Madhya Pradesh. I would like to take the example of the Indore Pithampur Mandideep automobile manufacturing cluster in Madhya Pradesh to elucidate. This cluster has risen in prominence over the past few years, and today hosts more than ten original equipment manufacturers, 200 component makers, more than 100 engineering and manufacturing firms. The state provides 200,000 technical professionals every year, apart from physical infrastructure like industrial parks, industrial corridors and testing facilities. Success in automobile manufacturing has also been enabled by Madhya Pradesh dry port in Pithampur near Indore. In a bid to facilitate automobile exports, the state is strengthening its logistics infrastructure by adding inland container depots expected to come up in the eastern and southern district

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And air logistics when magnified, progress in automobile manufacturing tells a tale of balanced regional development across the country. The automobile industry is immensely value accretive. It helps both the state and central exchequer, creates massive employment, and expands gross domestic product. In the case of Madhya Pradesh, companies like VE Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles Ltd Force Motors and component tire manufacturer Bridgestone have benefitted from the state government support through land and infrastructure and have made it big. Commercial Vehicles started manufacturing operations in Pithampur in 1986. Their unit in Pithampur is the focal point of all their eight manufacturing plants. VECV has invested INR 6,000 crore in Madhya Pradesh which powers its annual turnover of more than INR 8650 cores. The company manufactures 130,000 trucks and 15,600 buses every year and has even set up a state of the art parts distribution center in Madhya Pradesh. All told, VECV Madhya Pradesh operations employ 30,000 people directly and indirectly, and support more than 100 ancillary units and suppliers. Similar is the case of Force Motors, also operating in Pithampur since 1986, making the globally proven FPT engine and Case Intelligent Hydraulic system Tractor Loader Backhoe. Force investment of 1,700 crore drives its INR 2,000 crore annual turnover. Yet another success story is that of Bridgestone, which makes over 20,000 tires per day at its Pithampur unit. The company has produced 89 million tires so far. The facts are there for all to see. In fact, the Government of Madhya Pradesh is set to organize the maiden Madhya Pradesh Auto Show in Indore from April 28 30, to showcase the state potential as an auto manufacturing hub. The success of the automobile manufacturing industry in India is, truly, one of the best examples of multi regional development across the country, where manufacturing clusters spread across the country are engaged in healthy competition and are contributing to our country progress. It is, in equal measure, a triumph of competitive federalism and of deft policymaking. My mother tongue is Kannada. My parents put me through a primary and middle school where the medium of instruction was English, so I started to learn English, a quest that continues to this day. Because I grew up in Bangalore, which is not far from the borders of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh and has a large Tamil and Telugu speaking population, I picked up passable Tamil, and Telugu was easy on my ears and eyes, particularly since its script of similar to Kannada. Konkani, Tulu, Kodava, and Deccani Urdu are also spoken in my home state, so I can understand most of it. Through AIR Doordarshan cricket commentary and Bollywood, I picked up some Hindi, which I would hone somewhat years later when I moved to Delhi. My parents moved to Mumbai then Bombay when I was in my teens, so I first learned Bambayya Hindi so I could understand what people were khali peeli bom m

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Three years in high school, and my Marathi teacher, Kunda Bhalerao, made sure I d never forget it, to the extent that even today, when a batsman hits a four or six, I stand up and yell Gheun Tak! Because we lived in a largely Gujarati colony, I also picked up a smattering of Gujarati, also in part because I was smitten with a Gujju gal in high school. My best friend in high school was Sindhi so I learned enough to thank his mom as I routinely slobbered over the delicious kadi chawal papad she laid out. Early in my career I worked for a Kolkata then Calcutta based media house, so I learned enough Bengali to at least recognize my byline on the occasions I wrote for the mother publication, to be put through the switchboard when I called long distance, and to urge the accounts department to clear my bills. Living in Dafaince Klony in Delhi and dalliance with a sardarni brought me closer to Punjabi, at least enough to throw in Punglish words such as skyorty security and thyoree theory in kaanversation so I could blong belong to the Mruti Maruti generation. My love for Indian languages has not dulled 25 years away from home. If anything, with the kind of tools I have at my fingertips You Tube, Google Translate to name two I feel vastly richer; both my Kannada and my Hindi has gotten better in the time I have been away from India. And you are trying to shadily sell me a pathetic THREE language formula when I happily embraced TEN without any compulsion How dumb can you be Further to the previous post: I did not mention my flirtation with foreign languages. I took French as a second language in junior college only because it was fashionable those days, but I barely went beyond verb conjugation. I rue my lack of intent every time I go to Paris which is okay since the whole city seems rueful with every street named Rue de this and Rue du that. I took a shot at German at Max Mueller Haven Bangalore in the 1980s because it was next door to my office and they had excellent entertainment. Some years later I missed a train stop while traveling in Germany, and with great difficulty and some pride, I stitched together a sentence in German to ask how to get where I had intended to go. The German I addressed this question to looked pitifully at me and replied in flawless English. In the U.S of course, Spanish is the second most important language after American which is different from English because Latinos Hispanics dominate many workaday trades and professions, particularly labor and construction. I noticed that Mohan Singh, the sadder handyman I sometime call on for home projects, speaks better Spanish than English because he routinely works with the good hombres. I also live in a city in U.S with one of the most culturally.

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Ethnically, linguistically diverse zip codes, containing some 160 nationalities and languages. Our local library has a Spanish circle time for kids, teaches Mandarin courses, and has readings in Amharic because there is a large Ethiopian population here. I m surprised I have heard anyone speak Aramaic. More than anything, I regret not knowing Indian languages and literature better. I am so happy that there are now the tools and avenues available to learn and read and listen to the vast literary bounty of India. I ve written extensively in my last book about my regret at not mastering my own mother tongue and enjoying its magnificent literary riches older than Shakespeare or Chaucer or anything English can offer. One day at a party, an American woman with green eyes and red hair walked up behind me, tapped me on the shoulder, and asked, in Kannada, my mother tongue, Hegira How are you. Carefully picking up and affixing my jaw, which had clattered to the floor, back to my chin, I replied, Chennagidini. Nevus hegira I m fine. How are you? She eventually became my wife and mother to our three children. When we decided to spend a sabbatical school year in India couple of years ago, we pledged to have the kids learn Kannada in that time, and we instructed our housekeeper to speak to them. A few months later we discovered that the kids had learned a bit of Kannada and the housekeeper had learned a whole lot of English. Lest anyone get the impression from the two previous posts that I m some sort of polyglot with mastery over many languages, the truth is more prosaic. I know bits and pieces of several languages with command over none. Facts don match my aspirations or intent. We had two great polyglots in our public life. One was PV Narasimha Rao, who knew more languages than Pete Buttigieg before Mayor Pete was born. Rao was said to have learned 17 languages nine Indian and eight foreign and while I can believe he could at least speak several Indian languages well, I m not sure of the degree of fluency in foreign languages although he gave interviews to Spanish journalists and spoke in Spanish Indira Gandhi could also speak in French in interviews when required. I was told once he Rao learned Spanish so he could read Gabriel Garcia Marquez and other writers in the original. The other polyglot was George Fernandes, whose mother tongue was Konkani, but who could speak all other South Indian languages and a few beyond. Many of our film actors actresses, particularly from South, are multi lingual; in fact, any South Indian actor worth his her salt will know at least Dilip Kumar, I was told many years ago in Mumbai, knows languages as far apart as Tamil, Bengali, and Gujarati, and speaks them well. Yusuf Saab himself came from a Hindko or Seraiki speaking family in what is now Pakistan. Film industry friends can tell.

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Now that the dust has settled, it is time to take a cool look at why so many analysts keep getting election predictions wrong. The key reason in my view is that they remain stuck in the past and continue to rely on the politics of caste, community and religion to reach their conclusions. But these factors lost their predictive power long back. In the days when per capita incomes grew 2 or less annually with no perceptible improvement in the lives of people taking place, the centuries old Indian fatalism ruled, leading them to vote with their caste. But as Jagdish Bhagwati and I wrote in a 2004 article, reforms demonstrated to the electorate that better governance and faster growth could bring about rapid change in their economic fortunes. That demonstration led to a revolution of rising aspirations among voters. Henceforth, they would reward governments that delivered superior governance and growth outcomes with re election while bundling out those that did. With the Prime Minister and state chief ministers in attendance, Chief Justice of India NV Ramona laid down what was nothing less than a manifesto on good government practices to mitigate the judiciary pendency crisis. CJI Ramona was able to demonstrate that government as the largest litigant has to clean up its act. He preceded bottom up from Panchayati and civic bodies to tehsildars and other revenue officials, from policing at thanas to service laws that trigger disputes over postings and transfers, to signal how non performance and lack of adherence to constitutional due process kicks off copious litigation. The CJI then proceeded to the upper tier of governance. His list of lapses was long hasty enactment of laws by legislatures, often done without discussion, frivolous litigation by various government departments, deliberate inaction by governments on implementing judicial pronouncements, transferring the burden of decision making to courts, slow process of judicial appointments, and lag in up gradation of judicial infrastructure. Top politicians of the country who govern at the Centre and in states and who return from the conference with judges to their offices have a constitutional responsibility to set right this drift. Judges can only interpret the law; for everything else pertaining to governance, the Constitution empowers the political executive and the bureaucracy, which is the permanent executive, to make laws, frame procedures and loosen purse strings. The CJI remark that land disputes account for 66 of pendency offers governments a focus area to the extent that clearer policies can solve some of these disputes. Governments must also address the fear of prosecution that haunts officers and decision making at all levels. That one of the reasons administrators find it safer to go to court than settle a dispute quickly. Badly conceived laws that criminalise liquor and marijuana consumption, dissent, teenage sexuality, interfaith marriages or increased compliance burdens on busines

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Spawning a hard to dislodge neat babe cop nexus. If government departments can ensure justice to citizens by following due process, courts would be overburdened and would fail in their watchdog duties. It not a chicken and egg problem. Go quest to build an open digital ecommerce network for small businesses holds great promise. The proposed model can potentially be a game changer for small retailers and new tech startups facing big ecommerce giants and their market dominance and commissions. It can also address sellers limitations of being tied down to one platform, and supposedly opaque algorithms used by them to priorities some sellers. Physical retail still accounts for well over 90 of retail sales, but mom and pop stores enjoying a large chunk of consumer goods sales 75 80 are feeling the heat of ecommerce players aggressively targeting new segments like groceries, promising 10 minute deliveries. After its technological successes of the Adhere system and digital payments solution UPI, Go can justly claim a good track record. Another promising digital venture is the National Digital Health Mission that aims to digitize health records of all citizens. And it good that the presence of ecommerce biggies Amazon and Wal-Mart owned Flipchart has daunted Go. There economic logic in safeguarding livelihoods in the unorganized retail sector and boosting MSMEs, as long as this is done by introducing any distortion or discrimination. Roping in the likes of Mandan Mililani, who played key roles in conceptualizing Adhere and UPI, for the Open Network for Digital Commerce ONDC, has also added to the project heft. But unlike in digital payments and the pioneering UPI, ecommerce has dominant players with user friendly websites and apps, excellent customer service and fast delivery networks. ONDC based offerings have to be just as good to attract sellers and customers. And the smart non disruptive solution will be to allow existing ecommerce players to operate as they are, with their proprietary technologies for vendor onboarding, inventory, price discovery, delivery logistics. ONDC, with its premise of greater cross platform visibility and discoverability of sellers, should be thrust on anybody. If interoperable networks and applications built on ONDC ease tasks like cataloguing, inventory management, order fulfillment and delivery logistics, both buyers and sellers would be automatically attracted. ONDC can also help tomorrow ecommerce tech startups save redundant investments in the ecommerce network and focus on customer acquisition. Next month pilot ONDC project will be keenly watched. After a hiatus, the Indo German engagement exhibits vitality. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in Berlin today for the biennial Inter Governmental Consultations. The IGC invitation was initiated by Germany during the Ukraine crisis, indicating the importance of India as a global partner. This follows the visits of the UK prime minister and the European **Commission preside** 

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A recent announcement by the US Department of State formalized the US student visa hike from \$160 to \$185 starting 30 May 23. The fee revision is not restricted to only student visas but is applicable across categories. Though for students aspiring to study in the US, there is not much to worry about. Factually, the hiked amount is which converts to roughly 2000. The hike amount will not create much difference in terms of students considering going to the US for their further studies. Reason for visa fee-hike the cost incurred for supplying the nonimmigrant services is what led to the fee hike. The High Commission of any country charges visa and application fees just to cover their operating running expenses. They are basically non-profit with no loss no profit criteria to support the infrastructure team, salaries etc. The decision was also taken in response to the backlog of visa applications that grew in US consulates and embassies around the world after the pandemic. The amount which has been hiked is only \$25 per application which won hurt the student pocket. It has been primarily done to match the rising inflation. Impact on other visa categories Similar to this, the charge for applying for specific petition-based non-immigrant visas for temporary workers. On the other hand, no additional expenses will be assessed to applicants who paid for their visa application before May 30, 2023. In continuation to this, the US reinstated its commitment to facilitating legal travel for both immigrant and non-immigrant visitors. The cost incurred for supplying the non-immigrant services is what led to the charge hike. Access to healthcare is a fundamental right for every citizen. However, the reality is that not everyone can afford quality healthcare services. This is especially true for the middle-income group which makes up 36% of the total population of the country. The middle-income group refers to a group of people who neither qualify for government-funded healthcare programs nor are wealthy enough to afford expensive private healthcare services. The result is that people in this group are often one medical emergency away from financial ruin. A Niti Aayog study has also pointed to the need for health insurance for this section of the Indian population. Currently, the central and state governments have floated schemes such as the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, in an effort to make healthcare accessible to the below poverty line families. But the section of the population that makes up the middleincome group is left out, making them more vulnerable to high out-of-pocket expenditures. As a fast-growing nation and an aspiring superpower, we cannot afford to not have a basic need like healthcare or for it to remain unaddressed for such a large section of the population. As one tries to look for potential solutions, a few themes can be looked at. Making quality healthcare discoverable: In healthcare policy, people often talk about acce

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Imagine you are playing an online game with friends, and suddenly, everyone in the game decides to stop playing and log out to show they are upset about something. That kind of like a bandh in the real world. A bandh is a type of protest where people stop working and close down shops, schools, and businesses to make a point. In the past, bands were really powerful. They could shut down entire cities, stop trains, and close schools. But today, things are different. In our world, where almost everything is online and many people work for private companies, the idea of a bandh does have the same impact. People can still work from home, order things online, and stay connected with each other even if there a bandh. That why the national bandh on August 21 did make a big difference, even though it was meant to show support for a cause. These days, protests have moved online. Instead of stopping work, people show their support for causes by changing their social media profiles, sharing hash tags, and joining online movements. For example, the Black Lives Matter movement gained a lot of support online, with people from all over the world joining in. The world has become so connected and diverse that protests happen all the time, in different ways and places. Some protests have even toppled governments in other countries. In India, we vet seen big protests like the Shaken Bag sit-in and the farmers agitation. Compared to these, bands seem less powerful and less disruptive. One reason for this is that work has changed. Many jobs are now in the private sector, and people can work from anywhere, even during a bandh. Plus, the internet makes it easy to keep things running smoothly. But that does mean bands are useless. They can still be a way to take a stand and send a message, just without causing too much disruption. What really disrupts lives today is when the government shuts down the internet. That not a protest it the government controlling people access to information, just because they can. Globalisation and online-ism have made the world multiverse and multi-diverse. Protests run yearround. Just before pro-Palestinian rallies in world capitals, there were antiimmigration protests in pockets, preceded by anti-war marches. Protests have recently toppled govts in Dhaka and Colombo, forced laws to be cancelled. India too has seen its share Shaken Bag sit-in, farmers agitation two recent ones. Against this, the bandh finds itself a pale shadow of its former fierce self. Especially when wielded by an influential Left, bands had the power to shutter cities, bring banks, hospitals, colleges, offices to a standstill and trains public transport to a grinding halt. But alongside what left of the Left, the bandh to stayin & cease work is recast in a mild form unable to cause disruptions countrywide. It not only mobilisation that dwindled. It equally how work has transformed. Many sectors are privatised, digitised, work hours monetised. But

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Additionally, he was inspired by Jyoti Rao Phule Satya Shodhak Samaj, attributing educational and employment backwardness to the unequal distribution of resources. Jagdev Babu held that achieving the goals set by the Constitution framers required unity in diversity, democracy, and social revolution. He dedicated himself to realizing the dreams of Baba Saheb Ambedkar. Both Periyar in Tamil Nadu and Jagdev Babu in Bihar challenged caste dominance and inspired the oppressed to fight for their rights. In this struggle, Jagdev Babu drew inspiration from the Civil Rights Movement led by his contemporary, Martin Luther King Jr., who was assassinated during the Poor People Campaign. Formation of Shoshit Samaj Dal Recognizing the need for a socio-cultural revolution to complement political changes, Prasad founded the Shoshit Dal on August 25, 1967. He joined the Arjak Sangh, established by Ramswaroop Verma, advocating for humanism against Brahmanism. The Arjak Sangh principles aimed to dismantle the caste hierarchy, a cause Prasad passionately supported. Prasad slogans and speeches resonated with the masses, emphasizing the need for equality and justice. On August 7, 1972, the Shoshit Dal merged with Ramswaroop Verma Samaj Dal, forming the Shoshit Samaj Dal. As the national general secretary, Prasad toured extensively, rallying support for his cause. Expanding influence beyond Bihar Prasad vision was not confined to Bihar. His rhetoric and actions resonated across the Hindi-speaking states, inspiring movements and collaborations aimed at creating a unified front of the oppressed. Addressing the annual convention of Uttar Pradesh Rashtriya Shoshit Sangh on June 14, 1969, Prasad issued a clarion call against upper-caste imperialism, drawing parallels with the DMK success in Tamil Nadu. He declared that the Shoshit Dal, along with other regional parties like the Rashtriya Shoshit Sangh and the DMK, aimed to dismantle upper-caste dominance across India. Prasad political journey was marked by his commitment to the rights of the oppressed. His efforts to broaden the students movement against the authoritarian Congress government in Bihar exemplified his vision of inclusive activism. On September 5, 1974, during a peaceful march in Kurtha, the police opened fire, and Prasad was fatally shot. Despite his injury, he was taken to the police station instead of a hospital, leading to his untimely death. His body was brought to Patna, where thousands gathered to pay their last respects, highlighting his influence and the loss felt by the community. Legacy and Impact Jagdeo Prasad contributions to Indian politics and **society** extend beyond his lifetime. He was instrumental in setting up the Mandal Commission, which recommended reservations for OBCs in government jobs and educational institutions, a landmark step towards social justice. His role in founding the Shoshit Samaj Dal and later the Bahujan Samaj Party laid the groundwork for the political empowerment of margin

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Certification for food. Patients are left to decide on their own when it comes to healthcare. This needs to change. NABH accreditation is a good start, but more needs to be done to raise awareness about it. Another option is for private organizations to create networks of high-quality hospitals and clinics based on clinical assessment. Ideally, patients should have a label or name they can trust with confidence. Otherwise, they may continue to rely on large government hospitals or well-known private establishments, like always. Wider insurance coverage and financing options: In order to alleviate the OOPE burden on this section of the population, new health insurance schemes can be devised in order to facilitate increased coverage. Easy financing options along with this can ease the burden significantly. With AB-PMJAY, the government has spelled out its intent to be a payer while the private sector takes on the task of delivery. A public-private partnership could extend this coverage to the middle-income segment of the Indian population. Since the government has already set up infrastructure from managing claims to processing payments, private organizations could use it to offer cheaper insurance schemes. This would also help smaller insurance companies that don have big networks to build on top of the existing PM-JAY network. We vet seen this work with UPI in the finance sector earlier. Increased health awareness: Early diagnosis and prevention can lower healthcare costs. Making healthcare more accessible and convenient is the key, such as health check-ups would increase if free home sample pick-up is available. With the rise in Telemedicine and AI, simple diagnostic tools can be used on a basic smartphone, helping people understand their symptoms better. Improved price transparency: Offering premium medical services at a fixed cost can help patients make better decisions and reduce the stress of high medical bills. Healthcare providers can use this transparent pre-determined pricing feature to provide a unique experience not currently available in healthcare. Way forward The middle-income group of India is most definitely suffering from healthcare accessibility issues, and delivering universal access to healthcare for this section of the population remains a big challenge. Collaborative efforts between the government and the private sector will provide sustainable solutions to ease healthcare financing hurdles. This is a sector full of opportunities that will reward solutions that can provide an out of the box solution for what is a unique problem. India is witnessing a rapid digital revolution, with the government Digital India initiative aimed at transforming the country into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. However, while the urban population has access to digital technologies, rural areas remain largely excluded from this digital revolution. This digital divide threatens to impede India economic growth and development, m

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The lack of access to financial services. The majority of rural India still relies on cash transactions, which is not only inconvenient but also makes them vulnerable to theft and fraud. Digital payments have the potential to transform the rural economy by reducing the cost of transactions, improving financial inclusion, and boosting entrepreneurship. However, without access to digital technologies, rural India will continue to be left behind. Education is another sector that can greatly benefit from digital inclusion. Digital technologies have the potential to revolutionize education in rural India by providing access to quality educational resources and creating new opportunities for distance learning. With the right training and support, digital technologies can help bridge the gap between urban and rural education. Digital inclusion can also improve healthcare in rural India. Telemedicine, for example, can provide remote access to healthcare services, reducing the need for travel and improving healthcare outcomes. Additionally, digital technologies can help track disease outbreaks and improve public health outcomes. In conclusion, digital inclusion in rural India is not only a social issue but also an economic one. Without access to digital technologies, rural India will continue to be left behind, impeding India economic growth and development. By investing in digital infrastructure and promoting digital literacy, India can unlock the potential of its rural population and drive inclusive growth. It time for the government, private sector, and civil society to work together to bridge the digital divide and make digital inclusion a reality for all. It let -love-America time once again. Amid a fast-changing world order and through the inevitable conflict of American exceptionalism coming up against Indian exceptionalism, these two countries are literally gritting their teeth to stitch together a relationship that is already the most consequential. In just four months, Modi and Biden are supposed to be hugging in Hiroshima, crossing paths in Port Moresby, playing cricket in Canberra and doing dinner in Washington. They compressed the hugs, skipped cricket, and are ready to jump straight into dinner. Modi will be on his first state visit to DC on June 22, coming full circle from that first visit in September 2014. It an important year for Modi and Biden India and the US head into their brutal election cycles in 2024, which means both have only the next few months to rapidly build the next levels of the strategic partnership. Three areas will see significant action defence, energy and future tech. First, Russia was a rough patch in the India-US relationship in 2022, but both have emerged from that trough. India felt keenly its own vulnerability with an overwhelming dependence on Russian weaponry. But the US too became aware of the fact that India might be a strategic partner yet its defence technology and equipment remained out of bounds for India

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Sir, This has reference to the editorial Derailed Planning published on 30th April, 2022. The contention in the article that Indian Railways has not planned for coal movement in the country is not based on facts. The article mentions NTKMs as the basis for deriving this conclusion. NTKMs are derived through multiplication of volumes of transport of a certain commodity with the lead of transportation of that commodity. While the NTKM is an important measure of transport, from the power generation point of view what is important is the amount of coal being delivered to the power houses and correlating falling NTKMs with less coal being transported to power houses is misleading. During the first half of the year 2021 22 the average leads of the coal transported were low at 463 km in Q1 and 453 km in Q2. It only in the second half of the year that average leads started increasing. IR carried 653MT of coal with 309 billion NTKMs registering a growth of 20 and 37 over previous year respectively. With the revival of economic activity in the country and reduction in imported coal based generation due to high international prices of coal the demand for domestic coal has seen a substantial growth which has been consistently met by railways. Further, coal loading in April 2022 has also been increased substantially wherein the domestic coal loading to power houses has increased from 346 rakes in first week to 411 rakes in the last week, a growth of 18.8. April 2022 has seen IR load more coal both domestic and imported over longer leads thus generating higher NTKMs as well. There has been 11 growth in the loading of coal in April 2022 April 2021, with 9 growth in lead and NTKMs increasing by more than 20. Transportation is a derived demand and Indian railways has always adequately provisioned for sufficient rolling stock based on the market conditions, demand patterns, feedback from trade and industry and consultation with other ministries and also maintained a sufficient buffer. With the increase in demand IR has progressively deployed more and more rakes for coal loading as is evident in sustained loading of more than 400 rakes of domestic coal per day. Further, to cater to future demand for coal IR has already started the procurement of more than 1 lakh wagons around 50 are open wagons amenable for coal transport. The origin and essence of Eid ul Fitr marks Prophet Muhammad quest for peace, universal brotherhood, social cohesion and national integration along with cultural festivity and a deep compassion for the destitute. The Arabic origin word Eid implies something that returns every year, while Fitr refers to acts of charity for the less fortunate. Together, Eid ul Fitr denotes an occasion that repeatedly comes to revitalise a humane spirit in us towards the weaker sections of society. Besides being the most sacred Islamic festival at the end of Ramzan, it also serves as a beautiful reminder to the Prophetic heritage.

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Of peace, unity and inclusivity. Thus, Eid ul Fitr returns every year to revitalise our faith in the unity of mankind, universal brotherhood, equality, social and cultural harmony, and religious diversity, besides the spirit of charity. At a time when we are in dire need of unity, inter religious cooperation, national and social integration, the celebration of Eid ul Fitr seeks to bring us together in a spiritual synergy to preserve our shared local cultural heritage; India inbuilt inclusivity, religious diversity and unity in multiplicity. In Medina, where Prophet Muhammad first celebrated Eid ul Fitr, he built a multi religious society which comprised not just the Prophet Companions, that is Muslims but also Jews, Christians, Pagans, polytheists and even atheists. Significantly, the Prophet celebrated this diversity and supported inclusivity in his society through various initiatives. An epoch making and historic initiative to strengthen inclusivity and national integration was the written constitution of Medina, known as Misaq e Madina. Going by this, the Prophet formed One Nation in Medina and termed it Ummah bound by a constitution written in 622 CE. In India, Eid ul Fitr reminds us that if we truly follow the peaceful ideals of the Prophet in letter and spirit, we must act as part of One Nation, a multi religious Ummah bound by the Constitution of India, which is considered one of the best and the most democratic in the world, and can be likened to the Misaq e Madina in many respects. For, the constitution of Medina laid great emphasis on respect for diversity and unity among all the tribes, albeit with their religious, doctrinal and cultural distinctions. The first clause of Misaq e Madina, goes like this We are all one Ummah, nation or people. Thus, the Misaq e Madina laid the foundation for an inclusive social system in Medina based on egalitarianism, humanism, civility, generosity and general amnesty. Notably, the Prophet imbibed these universal values through different ways. Eid ul Fitr became one such medium to inculcate the essential social ethics of Islam in a festive spirit. In its truest sense, Eid ul Fitr has been celebrated to strengthen these principles on which the Prophetic society was built. Every year, Eid ul Fitr arrives to remind us of the Prophetic legacy of love, generosity, sociability, unity and solidarity. Let pledge to inculcate these noble Prophetic values through the festival of Eid ul Fitr, in our multi religious and beautifully diverse society with an aim to foster peace and communal harmony. In the context of Architectural design, the term radical implied design which was extreme in form, scale, structural design or pushing the limits of the materials used for construction. Today, with radical changes in climate and global events that impact how we live, architectural design should address radical changes by shifting from the routine problem solving approach by setting up new logical relationships to the design

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Is the starting point for shaping new and more exploratory design processes. Architecture is a collaborative process, from concept to occupation of the built spaces involving the broader public along with many stakeholders who participate in the design process. Governmental, legal, technical, economic, social, and political systems interact with architecture in complex ways for the duration of a project which can range from 3 to 10 years depending on the type of project. The design process has to inherently rethink what buildings can adapt to during the life of the building. Awareness of the impact that a building has, beyond its designed lifespan, studying the effects of chosen materials, procurement, building operation, maintenance, resiliency, and end of life processes is imperative to imbibe any change. The changes should be approached with logical thinking and creative realism. Architects have to increase agility amp; flexibility so that processes, workflows and roles can flex and that they acquire cross functional knowledge and training. While workflows increase efficiency, it also creates rigidity, as systems have no flexibility to respond to disruptions. Resilient design firms are able to respond and correct course quickly to accommodate the changes. Climate change, ecological goals, wellness, economic conditions and social equity are factors for radical change. These changes influence the scale, timelines, budgets, materials, relevance and essence of the programme; so the clarity and transparency of design changes become the source of innovation. For example, to achieve ecological goals, traditional building materials have to be replaced by ecological processing of building materials, building materials have to be environmental friendly, and the performance of ecological building materials during the life cycle of the building has to be established. Barcelona Tech has developed biological concrete that grows vertical gardens. The plants capture CO2 from the air and release oxygen. The layer also acts as an insulation which regulates temperatures within the building by absorbing heat and preventing it from entering the building in hot weather or escaping the building in cold weather. The right combination of nature based or environmentally friendlier materials like hempcrete, bio brick, recycled timber, etc. could reduce the carbon impact of construction considerably, compared to buildings made primarily with steel and concrete. The use of bio materials could turn the building into a biofuel source that could bring the building operations beyond net zero. To mitigate climate change, advanced amp; clean energy saving technology has to be implemented from the initial design stage, during the construction and at the operation stages such that energy consumption is efficient. Energy is optimised by recycling of energy, reduction of waste emissions, and energy conservation. Design has to deal with complex problem situations and despite the str

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A rational problem solving approach would be to refer to similar case studies, assimilate the appropriate R D and technical data, establish the goal, imbibe the relevant best practices codes norms and map the tasks to arrive at the solutions. Managing radical change would require influencing the system, rather than implementation of a plan to solve the problem; and a state of relative stability can be achieved by creating resilience, rather than striving for that so called solution. Life begins at 50! This statement holds true with most seniors as they kickstart forgotten dreams and hobbies in their second phase of life. Prolonged years of employment and family responsibilities does give time to do what the heart desires. A well planned first innings can open doors for all those looking forward to spend a fruitful time in their golden years. India senior community is breaking stereotypes in all fields. They are liberal in their thoughts and actions. Realizing that life has a lot to offer, the senior community leaves no stone unturned to try new things. Among other activities, travelling has emerged to be the most preferred activity. Travel is an experience where age plays absolutely no barrier. It is one of the most rewarding experiences and the benefits of travel to mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional health have been well established. As per a leading senior focused travel company, Silver Wings Holidays Senior World, higher disposable incomes and more adventurous mindsets have propelled senior citizens to travel more than ever. Today Gen S some call them teenagers or senior teenagers are healthier and wealthier than their predecessors and are willing to spend more on experiences rather than material goods. The new age senior travellers are at a very special, exciting period in their lives and do not shy away from new experiences. The young elders go for biking expeditions to the Khardung La Pass in Ladakh, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, Orissa, and Kanyakumari. Ziplining, trekking, rock climbing, riverrafting, parasailing, paragliding, scuba diving, swimming with dolphins, the seniors have tried it MP Deepu, shares the sheer thrill to live life makes even those with physical ailments like knee issues surprise us by walking long distances effortlessly, holding hands, and supporting each other. Boat rides are enjoyed with songs of the new and old eras. The seniors let their hair down and dance their hearts out. Taking care of each other and supporting each other during travel strengthens their relationships and also gives them the courage to live their dreams. Regardless of age, gender and nationalities, it is observed that solo travel among senior men and women is trending. More senior women are going solo nowadays as opposed to the traditional belief that travelling alone can be unsafe for women. Women travellers are embracing their adventurous side like never before. These trips have helped women become confident and realise the difference betw

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Be the only let out for senior travelers. But the modern day seniors are breaking away from such typical barriers. Their wanderlust takes them to more exotic destinations including Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Jordan, Cambodia, Kenya and they also tend to spend more than the average traveller. Travelling means different things to different people. For some travel is for pleasure or relaxation while for some travel means adventure and new experiences. Either way, traveling can transform lives. Life actually gives us many opportunities after every decade and we can always make a promise to ourselves to better our next decade. Let the second innings of our lives give us a chance to stay young at heart and enjoy. Rapid digitalization, hybrid working models, a thriving startup ecosystem, and an evolving talent landscape all spurred by the Covid 19 pandemic, have disrupted the labour market. The world of work is witnessing a paradigm shift in its workforce, workplace, and work platforms. Propelled by the next gen technology and new age workers, the geographical boundaries of work are blurring each day. The outbreak of the global pandemic untethered work from the office and unlocked a new economy Gig Economy. Although in existence for a long time, the gig economy has only now expanded and attracted attention worldwide. The evolving expectations and dynamics of today working populace, intensifying war for talent, and globalization of work have kickstarted the gig economy. Even though India gig economy is at a nascent stage, expects the gig sector to surpass 455 billion by 2024 in India. As businesses and employees witness the benefits of contractual and freelance opportunities, the gig economy is set to become the future of work. What is a Gig Economy A gig economy can be defined as an economic activity that brings in temporary, contractual or freelance workers to perform certain jobs or projects. It encompasses all platforms that hire independent contractors, freelancers, consultants and gig workers from different domains such as IT, digital marketing, communication, food and beverages, content creation, art and design. Accordingly, a gig economy implies the employment of temporary or part time professionals instead of conventional employees by the organization. First choice for millennials and Gen Z workers According to CMIE, around 30 million Indians aged 20 29 were reported to be unemployed in 2021. The Covid 19 pandemic compelled the burgeoning millennial and Gen Z workforce to rethink their **career** paths, work schedules, and workplace preferences. Considering the flexibility the gig economy offers along with competitive payouts, a variety of projects, and autonomy, it has become the first choice for the young working populace. Looking to break away from the hustle and grind of office culture, the gig economy offers the millennial workforce to enter into contracts with leading organizations across the globe, work on projects they like best and accommodate a

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In India In the last six years, over 14,000 Indian startups have made the journey from a mere idea to a business. Now, with the third largest startup ecosystem in the world, India is adopting innovative strategies to strengthen the existing ecosystem. However, the innovation and momentum generated by these startups demand a massive amount of investors capital. A wealth of literature exists as to what compels investors to acquire stocks in companies but not much has been said about what revolves inside the head of an investor when scrutinizing startup investment opportunities. An investor decision making process is based upon a set of guidelines that regulate their behavior when assessing various investment opportunities and the risk return ratio attached to them. At the end of the day, investors are pouring their money so they can make money themselves. Early Stage vs. Rest of the World Investing in an early stage startup or a growing business involves high risk and a high cash burn ratio. Investors are aware that about 20 of early stage ventures fail in the first year, 30 in the second and by the fifth year, more than 50 of them have shut down. Consequently, investors are more cautious and hesitant when investing in new ventures. But investors such as venture capitalists VCs also know that some of these ventures have the potential to become unicorns, get listed and more than compensate for all other losses. As a result, such investors anticipate receiving high returns on the money invested in untested, early stage startups than in safer, more liquid markets. Risk vs. Return The job of an investor, especially a VC, is to take on risks but not without the promise of a substantial return. While VCs are willing to accept high risk in exchange for a high return potential, private equity investors expect a predetermined rate of return in exchange for a certain amount of risk. Naturally, investors investing in early stage startups want to scrutinize the business founders, business plan, potential risks, product viability, etc. to estimate whether their investment will reap a good return or not. A comprehensive risk assessment enables investors to measure, evaluate and mitigate risk so as to generate significant returns from their investment. Business Idea vs. Business Founder s Investors don invests in ideas instead; they invest in people. More than the business idea or concept, investors like VCs are looking for passionate founders with skin in the game. The business founders and the management team are the ones who make the business concept a reality. As a result, investors value the drive, experience and expertise of the founders and the management sometimes more than the business idea. Before pulling out their chequebooks, investors want to be convinced of the management ability to execute their business idea, adapt to uncertainties and build a successful business enterprise. Product vs. Size of the Market There is no denying that one of the first

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To visualize patterns and units sold, permitting brands to comprehend buyer needs and foresee their output levels. 3D AR VR redefine the Omni channel experience Mr. Dash views, the reception of advanced technology and 3D prototyping has demonstrated to be an extraordinary help to the fashion business. As fashion brands are learning the capability of 3D prototyping and design, they will actually want to change visualization in sampling and e commerce, as well as make innovative AR, virtual meta stores in both physical retails and virtual spaces. Block chain Mr. Dash says, Block chain assists brands with having crystal clear inventory by giving each item an advanced digital tag. This will permit brands and shoppers to make open ledger computerized track record for all products in supply chain. State run administrations genuinely must push for design brands to be moral and manageable, and we as a whole play a part in pushing for that, through our own behavior and utilization propensities. While innovation is enormously energizing, we additionally need to guarantee that kids from all foundations are instructed about fashion and artistic expression. This will guarantee that everybody has the potential chance to work in fashion to push for progress and change. India economic development depends a lot on the working of the industrial enterprises, both in private and public sectors. Due to limited resources either financially or skilled personnel, it has been found that wastage and redundancy are a common phenomenon. So, time demands that management profession takes up the required role of developing and running robust businesses. Managers should be held responsible for putting best practices forward like delegation, participation, leadership, management by exception etc. MBA students are considered to be the warehouse of resource management and when it comes to resources time is the biggest resource for any organization. If we talk about time, the unique thing about it is that it is the only resource which is irreplaceable. It has three constituents past, present and future. But unfortunately, past is considered to be dead and future is uncertain, so thoughtfully we only have control only over our present. From a management perspective, we must plan both our long term and short term activities. In an organizational system, it is the superior responsibility to delegate responsibility and authority in order to avoid waste of time. Following are few of the major areas where management personnel can work regarding time management Take cognizance of time time is totally perishable and can never be revoked. Once gone it is gone forever. This realization will help you in keeping a better track of time. It always moves ahead and cannot be back traced. One cannot accumulate it like money, or add and subtract it like most of the financial resources. But the good thing is it is equally available to every human being, making it a valuable source of competitive adva

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Projects, lost clients and customers, and mounting losses. At a time like this, many businesses, MNCs, and startups alike have moved to freelancers and contractual and gig workers for various technical and non technical projects. This framework enables organizations to reduce operational, administrative, and employee costs. Additionally, by contracting projects to skilled professionals, organizations can maximize their expertise and productivity without having to bear the costs of permanent employees such as annual salary, training, and development, etc. The advent of startup culture in India The startup ecosystem in India has been moving on an exponential growth trajectory for the last few years. With the third largest startup ecosystem in the world, India has registered over 14,000 startups in the previous six years. Accustomed to breaking conventions, Indian startups have been innovating with their workforce and working models. Instead of incurring substantial fixed costs by hiring full time employees, startups are choosing to leverage the expertise offered by freelance and gig workers at reduced costs. Consequently, startups with limited funding and resources are able to outsource projects to domain experts and bolster their technology platforms. Technology a key enabler Contrary to the popular belief that technology has disrupted businesses and jobs, technology has instead created a slew of new jobs and optimized several business processes. Consequently, companies are experiencing a ubiquitous and rampant demand for tech talent. Furthermore, the global pandemic has stirred a demand for rapid digitalization across all industries. Given the perennial tech talent crunch, many organizations are contracting tech projects to freelance and gig workers to accelerate their technological transformation. Technological empowerment has also enabled many skilled professionals to enter the gig economy instead of being anchored to the conventional job market. Rise of online freelancing platforms In recent years, the number of online freelancing platforms and marketplaces has multiplied worldwide. In India, freelancing platforms have grown from just 80 in 2009 to 330 in 2021. Platforms such as UniGigs and Up work have created a mutually beneficial ecosystem where freelancers and gig workers, as well as large and small companies, can connect with each other. Such online platforms are ushering in the future of work where professional relationships are symbiotic and allow both companies and workers equal freedom and flexibility. The evolving landscape of work is changing business models and empowering the workforce towards self employment, catalyzing a larger gig economy. The Road Ahead With roaring technological transformations, the constantly evolving nature of work and the global pandemic, the gig economy is on the rise and expected to at least double the pre pandemic levels. With an expected influx of gig workers and freelancers to enter the gig economy, th

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All modern market economies have regulations that define the rules of the marketplace, and put checks and balances on players, especially big players. Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal criticism of large e-commerce players practices, including predatory pricing, should be seen in this context. Second, antitrust issues pitting regulators against big business platforms have been increasing the world over, with big businesses accused of exploiting their power and hurting vendors and consumers. The US Federal Trade Commission and 17 US states have filed a lawsuit against Amazon conduct, where it is accused of abusing its dominant position, to keep prices high and quality low, limit competition and depress innovation. The journey to the Moon has a history of over six decades. While Isro has long been lauded for its capacity to carry out intricate missions with budgets incomparable with top space-faring nations, given the competitive landscape that is Space, GOI will have to revisit its criteria for annual budgetary allocations. Space is no longer restricted to govt agencies. Private players, global entities, are vying for supremacy in areas ranging from lunar exploration to Mars missions, from satellite constellations to space tourism. Commerce minister Piyush Goyal criticism of multinational e-commerce players for predatory pricing, which he argued damages mom-and-pop players and small retailers, revives an old debate in this country. It true e-commerce giants have been accused of such tactics even in developed economies. But underlying this issue is a more fundamental one. Market economies are governed by demand and supply and pricing is best left to the interplay of those forces. And govts and regulators must be very cautious about intervening in pricing mechanisms. Global and local experience suggests that price controls can lead to shortages, inferior product quality and illegal markets. Price interventions may have good intentions but they often result in bad outcomes, as a World Bank paper said. Markets need free play there are also several benefits of a market mechanism to consider here. For instance, the e-commerce boom has not just been a boon for consumers but also helped with formalisation and digitisation of economy and generated more than, by one estimate, 15mn jobs. In the telecom sector, it the entry of an Indian behemoth with aggressive pricing in 2016 that led to a fall in tariffs and data revolution in India. The sector, which has seen tariffs rise again, is also proof that beating **competition** with such a strategy has its limits. Fact is no company can indefinitely keep suffering losses to gain market share. Regulate but with caution besides, what the line that separates competitive pricing from predatory or over pricing? We need very sound and efficient regulatory systems to make such distinctions and balance market sanctity with ensuring a sector does turn into a monopoly. There will certainly be cases where regulators n

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The problem is, when they do this, small shops, like the ones in your neighborhood, might struggle to sell their products. India Commerce Minister, Piyush Goyal, criticized these big companies for what he called predatory pricing. He believes it unfair because it can harm smaller stores. But here the tricky part: If the government steps in and tries to control prices, it could mess up the whole playground. History shows that when governments try to control prices, it can lead to all sorts of problems like shortages of products, bad quality goods, or even a black market where things are sold illegally. Markets usually work best when prices are left alone, guided by supply and demand. For example, online shopping has made things cheaper and easier to buy, and it has created millions of jobs. In the phone industry, one company dropped its prices, which led to a big boom in people using mobile data in India. However, no company can keep losing money forever just to win customers. Sometimes, though, the government does need to step in. For example, if taxi companies charge a lot of money during rush hour, the government might set a limit to make sure people don have to pay too much. But it important for these rules to be used carefully. The government should focus on creating a healthy market where businesses can grow and people can get jobs, without causing too much disruption. I bet your friend does not have an 80ft yacht. Mine does. Sleek and super stylish. He invited me on a deep sea fishing trip, so all ye mates, ahoy there, looking like a cross between Morgan the pirate and Johnny Depp, this young salt fetched up at the pier singing you ho and with a bottle of rum, anchors aweigh, old briny awaits, batten the hatches, shiver me timbers and all hands on deck. The thing about boats is you cannot get off them. As the shore recedes like a shy bride the songs of the seas die on the lips. The difference is my friend and his crew has sea legs and I don. Half an hour into the trip the waters are choppy enough to jump-start the windmills in your tumtum. This is known as the onset of mal de mer and the churning is made worse by all these sailor types eating rich, greasy food while you are considering swimming to the shore might be a decent option anything would be compared to draping yourself over the railing and moaning softly. As misery does a dance on you a fish is caught and then another one and now they decide to fry the catch and this sends the only seasick wretch back to the balcony. Not feeling too good, says my friend, master of the observant. Too good? Are you kidding? I am green at the gills, my stomach is doing Roxbury flops, nausea is an orchestra within and terra firma is a distant dream. If

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