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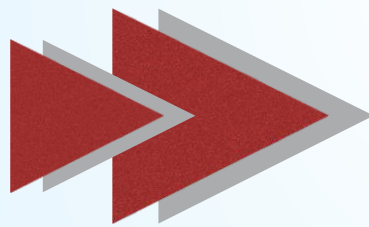
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THEME : INDIAN SOCIETY CULTURE & CIVILIZATION

Write one essay from each Section of the following Topics.

Section-A

1. New India: Aspirations for global leadership.
2. Gender Equality -Turning Promises into Reality.

Section-B

3. There is enough for everyone's need but not for anyone's greed'.
4. The Khelo India: Developing sporting culture in India.

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Essay Topic :

GENDER EQUALITY - TURNING PROMISES INTO REALITY

The Queen is the most powerful entity in the game of Chess. She can criss-cross and create havoc in the enemy's camp. She has the combined power of the Pawns, Bishops and the Rooks. Yet, her existence in the game is premised on the defence and protection of the King. The game cannot proceed if the King falls and Queen cannot become a Sovereign in the King's absence.

Society today, as has been for centuries, been a reflection of Chess when it comes to gender equality. The accident of a chromosomal match or its 'mismatch' can forever decide the future of the fetus in a mother's womb, ^{as} for gender equality is a promise yet to be fulfilled.

Modern States across the world have invariably adopted the Principle of equality. Though a late arrival the equality of gender within the broader principle of equality has taken firm ground, at least on paper. Article 14 of our Constitution guarantees gender equality to us. Article 15 prohibits discrimination based on gender and Article 16 promises the equality of opportunity without any bias of gender.

International institutions and Charters have also echoed the Principle of gender equality. The UN Declaration on Human Rights, Convention on Elimination of Discrimination against Women, International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights all guarantee and promise gender equality. While promises are plenty on gender equality it is the realisation of these promises that have been a challenge.

The Core of the Challenge revolves around Patriarchy and Status Quoism. This is reflected in Indian Parliament's reluctance in passing the Women's Reservation Bill to secure 33% seats for India's women.

Patriarchy

Patriarchy is reflected in 21 million missing girls in India, who are murdered in the womb. Patriarchy enforces gender roles when books depict only women to be nurses and men to be soldiers.

Patriarchy sees to it that maternity leave is given and Paternity leave not discussed to reinforce gender roles.

on its part Status Quoism makes entry of women into the armed forces tougher. Status Quoists argue for retaining adultery in the Penal Code and using the

Challenges

institution of marriage as a
reason to restrict reproductive
rights of a woman.

While gender equality
has been promised by the
Constitution; Patriarchy and status
quoism create hurdles in turning
these promises into reality.

The benefits of ensuring
the realisation of the promises
are not limited to women alone.
The IMF points that India's GDP
could see a 27% increase if
economic gender equality is ensured. Likewise

Societies with social gender equality
have shown a downward trend
in overall crime rates. ^{Similarly} Laws that
are made by legislatures and Judiciary
with adequate representation of
women are far more accommodative
to social diversity reflecting the

Utility of Political gender equality.

Ensuring the Promises of Equality in Economic, Social and Political spheres to women thus has Collective gain and wellbeing as its outcome.

It would take a Creative, far sighted and upright society to bring about the realisation of these promises.

Ensuring Economic gender Equality empowers women to be more independent. It directly helps in the improvement of the family's standard of living. The examples of Lichat Papad and Sewa, tell us the positives that occur when women are economically empowered.

To this end, there needs serious discussion of Matrimonial Property for housewives. It is only because of

Importance of WB

Smooth functioning of a household is a husband able to manage his economic activity. Thus the housewife is an equal partner and not a subservient worker. Matrimonial property will ensure 50% of the husband's earnings to his wife as a matter of right. This will ensure equality within the household from where social equality arises would arise.

Ensuring social gender equality will make free flow of ideas and social mobility easier. India's early Vedic times ensured social gender equality that could be seen from concepts of swayamvar and the right to familial property. It is due to this that Indian early Vedic society was far more advanced than any of its contemporaries.

By learning from our own past we can ensure social gender equality today. Steps like allowing

Permanant Commission of women in armed forces, Criminalisation of dowry and encouraging female education are steps in the right direction.

Social gender equality

Should not be merely taught or preached but must be imbibed in our behavior. Our school books should evolve to portray a man as a nurse or a woman as a cricketer. A mother should imbibe the value of respect in her son. A father should make his daughter believe that she has no limits to her potential. Films and media should be more thoughtful in their portrayal of gender.

For it is only when social gender equality is ensured can the society push for political changes and ensure political gender equality.

Suryanshu

India's Parliament has a mere 12% female M.P.s. The Supreme Court has had only 7 female Judges since its inception. Even the Constituent Assembly had only 15 out of 299 members as women. The corridors of power have had very few women walking on them. While we may take pride in Raziya Sultan, Didda, Chandaboba and Indira Gandhi they remain mere exceptions.

Ensuring adequate representation of women in all three spheres of the State will help in not only in realisation of promise of equality but also give creative solutions to our long lasting problems. Political gender equality is the ultimate reflection of a mature society reflecting in ensuring the promise of gender equality.

Never have in our history we have been in today's position that helps and empowers us in correcting our mistakes. Gender inequality is one such mistake. Ensuring gender equality by the realisation of our promises is not only because it is for collective good, but because it is the right thing to do.

The soul of any promise is the belief that it will be enforced or undertaken. Our trust with destiny is not only for Indian men but also the women. A promise to keep our trust with destiny was made and it should be kept by turning promises into reality.

Gender equality - turning Promises into reality.

What are the Promises.

Gender roles
Financial equality.
Opportunity.

Everyday Patriarchy
Films portrayal

NE/Kerala
Women in Cabinet.

Triple talaq. Police/CRPF
LGBT/Dowry/adultery

Crimes
Equality in pay
at in Private Sphere.
Transgenders.

Cricket/sports.
Parliament/Judiciary.

driving in arabia
Property

sex ratio

Challenges

overcoming them.

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Women Entrepreneur.

What are the promises

Why should they be fulfilled

Challenges in fulfilling

Overcoming the Challenges

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Geo

Society

Polity

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Internal security.

Economics

Environ

disaster management.

Office

Satellite.

Essay Topic :

'THERE IS ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE'S NEED BUT NOT FOR ANYONE'S GREED'

There were only two in the garden of Eden: Adam and Eve. They had everything they needed within the garden, they were fulfilled and content. Why then did Adam and Eve eat the fruit of knowledge? Were they greedy to get what they did not have?

Today the Pursuit of Knowledge is definitely not greed, it is a virtuous need. The juxtaposition of Biblical Story with today's reality shows us the free flow of need and greed as terms that are fluid. When I asked for a new tablet, my father said not to be greedy since we already had a television when my father had asked

His mother for television, she told him not to be greedy as they already had a radio. Today neither a radio nor a television or a tablet is seen as anyone's greed but everyone's need.

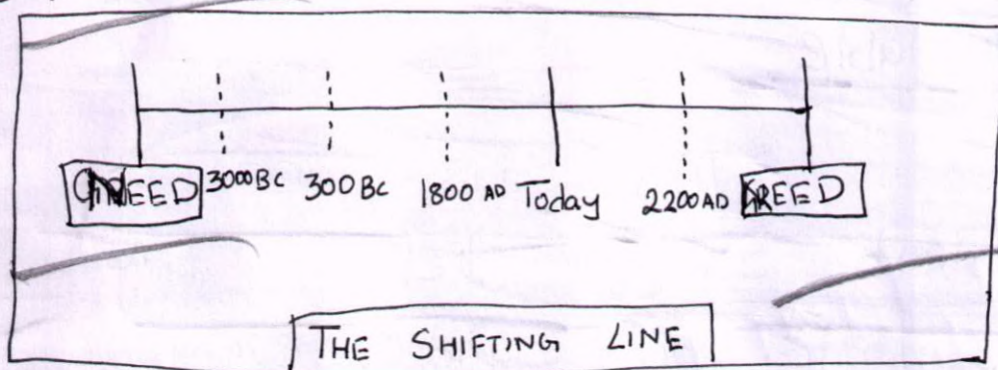
This evolution of need and greed with time makes the task of drawing the line between them a tougher task.

But inspite of such constant evolution, historically starting from Gauthama Buddha to the UN Sustainable Developmental Goals agree that:

"Greed begins, when need ends."

If we are to represent greed and need in a linear scale seen against time it will look like the diagram

below :



Besides understanding the shifting greed to need, the origin of greed and need has to be understood to showcase the difference further. Aristotle states that greed originates in an individual's mind while Darwin places need as an instinct of survival that originates from necessity.

Thus need is everyone's necessity, while greed is one person's excessity. Hence Mahatma Gandhi says that "there is enough for everyone's need but not for anyone's greed". For need is

limitable while greed is
unlimitable.

There has been a
constant struggle between the
this limited need and of everyone
and the unlimited greed of one.

There are times when collective
need has won over an individual's
greed and there are times when
an individual's greed has won over
collective need. This constant struggle
irrespective of the result keeps
proving that there is enough
for everyone's need but not for
anyone's greed.

The origins of the first
world war teaches us that the
world could accommodate the need of
for all European powers for market
and raw materials but it did not

have enough for their greed of markets and raw materials. This individual greed being unlimited in nature resulted in the death of 11 million people and destroying whole civilisations.

It is not only the war between nations but also the war within a nation that teach us about need and greed. The greed of one regime to remain in power has made millions in North Korea without access to individual needs of everyone. Their southern neighbour on the other hand has shown what can be achieved if everyone's need are provided for even at the cost of one person's greed.

The world war and the Korean episode tells us the truth behind power that there is enough power for everyone's need

but not for anyone's greed.

The resource crisis that we face today is very similar to power. The framers of our Constitution understood this and mandated that resources will be used for collective welfare and that the state shall actively target the concentration of wealth. It is for this reason that we adopted a socialistic governance process.

But today individual greed has trumped over constitutional guarantees as could be seen from the Oxfam report that 1% of Indians own 68% of wealth. This has made the access to basic needs of our citizens tougher, the state is struggling to provide quality health, education and infrastructure because individual greed has resulted in resource concentration, thus proving that

there is enough for everyone's need
but not for anyone's greed

The Crisis of resource
Sharing and Power Sharing is a
manifestation of the struggle between
limited need and unlimited greed.

Crony Capitalism, Selfish individualism
and Cruel dictatorship reflects an
individual's unlimited greed. To counter
this and secure everyone's need
we have to resort to social
welfarism, thoughtful collectivism and
informed democracy.

The Bhopal gas tragedy
was a reflection of Crony Capitalistic
greed of an individual company which
was countered by the social welfarism
of Shri M.C. Mehta in securing the need
of the affected.

Similarly the auctioning
of forest timber to private parties

Use
short
sentences

Use Short Sentences

Showed the greed of selfish individualism, which was countered by the thoughtful collectivism of the Chipko movement which assured everyone's need to access forest resources.

The Arab Spring in Tunisia exemplified that the greed of power of an individual can be countered by the need of power of everyone through informed democracy.

Use Short Sentences

Thus the world will see the struggle of limited need and unlimited greed forever. While the definition of what is need and what is greed may keep evolving with time and society there is no denial that there is enough only for everyone's need and not for anyone's greed.

So if asked again about the choice that Adam and Eve made in the garden of Eden the answer will depend ^{on} if it was their need or their individual greed because the garden of Eden has enough for everyone's need but not for anyone's greed.

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enough for everyone's need but
not for anyone's greed.

greed has no limits

Self Preservation.

Circular economy (D)
Sandhi
Power

Socialism v.
Capitalism

World war.
colonialism

Collectivism v.
individualism

Power

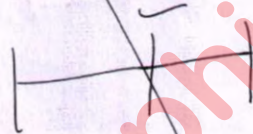
Democracy v.
dictatorship

→ Syria
→ N. Korea

greed

Corruption

Why are we greedy



Global environmental damages.

Bhopal
Plastic

need → greed
Religion

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Topic sentence = Needs to be visible in paras for better contextuality

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REMARKS : ESSAY-1

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Overall Remark:-

Introduction is satisfactory. Explain meaning of given statement precisely. Also explain context of given statement. Scope to add more logical illustration to reflect that there is enough for needs but not for greed.

Temporal - visible

Sectoral - Add more contextual spheres to discuss human greed beyond need & its disastrous consequences to establish that there is enough for needs but not for greed.

Content = Good but needs to be more

Contextualized.

Elaborate more logically & explicitly how human greed beyond needs in various

needs sustainably. Also mention some interlinking spheres (temporal + International) to connect resources in different spheres & meet everyone's needs in sustainable manner. Alignment - Use short sentences in paras. Para format = 60+

Spheres leads to disastrous consequences, thereby establishing that there is enough for needs but not for greed. Also suggest what needs to be done to prevent greed & meet

Also mention importance factor that would help to bring more G.E in society in all spheres. Given suggestions = 49

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Conclusion → Needs to be contextualized

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REMARKS : ESSAY-2

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Content needs to be contextualized about G.E. Paragraph alignment is not good. First write all about G.E. then challenges. No novelty in content.

Overall Remark:

Intro - Good. Also define term G.E & include temporal aspects in concept of G.E.
 Temporal - not visible (Mention scenarios of G.E in Past)
 Sectoral - Discuss in various spheres - Family, social, Political, economic, cultural etc. how G.E is turning into reality.
 Content - Good. But add content to reflect G.E is turning into reality. Discuss with examples (Childhood + Internet) how G.E is turning into reality now.
 Also discuss more challenges to G.E for turning into reality. Your elaboration reflects more about importance of G.E. It could be a part of elaboration but not the central idea.

Alignment of Paragraph in short paras = 49. But use short sentences & reflect topic sentence in content.

reflects more about importance of G.E. It could be a part of elaboration but not the central idea



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