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Write an essay on any TWO of the following topics, in not more than 1100 words Each.

1. New World Order in Ever Evolving Dimensions of World Goepolitics.
2. **Democracy and Indian Nation:** Aspirations and Achievements.
3. **Civil Society:** A Special Nucleus of Independent Public Activity in Modern Society.
4. Should the Examination System be Overhauled?

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Essentially an essay consists of three major parts:

- the introduction
- the main body
- the conclusion

The introduction is intended to lead the reader into the topic and clarify what the essay will specifically deal with. It usually consists of one paragraph, but this depends on the length of the essay and the amount of background information the context requires. The introduction will contain a key sentence (or, if necessary, more than one) that represents the thread running through the whole essay. This sentence is called the thesis statement.

The main body deals with the major ideas that support the thesis statement. Each main idea is presented in a separate paragraph ("one notion, one paragraph") and developed with supporting ideas in the form of explanations, definitions, or similar, and illustrated with examples where appropriate or necessary.

The conclusion brings the reader back to the purpose of the essay and draws all the points together before making a final comment on the result of the discussion/argument. Often this final comment will point towards some consequence the discussion may have for the future or make some observation about what the discussion has revealed on a general level.

Ultimately an essay will show a progression from a general level (in the introduction) down to the specific (thesis statement and body) and back up to the general level again (conclusion). The reader will be expecting this so it gives your essay a sense of completion.

Get the Balance Right

You probably know that all essays should have an introduction, body and conclusion. Less well-known is that the balance of these elements in crucial. A good rule of thumb is:

Introduction: 10 %
Body: 80 %
Conclusion: 10 %

If you get these elements out of balance you generally have a poor essay.

IMPORTANT: Have a Thesis (statement)!

An essay is a waste of time to read if it does not have a thesis. It MUST have one.
This is something that most students have trouble with. A "thesis" means ***a personal point of view on a topic that you have argued for.***
Often students are frightened about having their own point of view. However, there is nothing to be worried about. It does not mean that their point of view must be completely original;

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Democracy and Indian Nation: Aspiration and achievements

India is the world's largest democracy. The traditional definition of democracy, is a form of government that is of, for and by the people. However, the scope of definition is large and can be expanded to social, economic, cultural and environmental democracy. This implies, that in all these spheres, the actions of the government must reflect the mandate and aspiration of the people. The term, 'Indian Nation', symbolizes the huge social, political, economic and cultural heterogenity of India. Such diversity makes, the concept of democracy, even more important. With a democratic form of government, there is ample scope for the people to aspire and achieve in various spheres of life. These aspirations can be seen in myriad example: A youth Hardik Patel, asking for overhaul of reservation

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politics, civil societies aspiring for universal health coverage or worried parents aspiring for better law and order for their daughter, we will look into various fields, expectations and achievements, in the framework of Indian democracy via this essay. We will also look into the historatal build up of Indian democracy and the aspirations and achievements in the process.

Democratic aspirations in the Vedic - Sabha & Samit

HISTORICAL BUILDUP OF DEMOCRACY AND UNDERLYING ASPIRATIONS:

The highly centralized and totalitarian British India was resented unanimously by all sections of Indian society. During the freedom movement, there was a general consensus, that democracy has to be the form of government in Independent India. There were various aspirations which got further emboldened by the rigid and unjust British laws and steps. These included freedom of speech, economic, political, social rights et al

But Indian Nation could not emerge

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With Independence, these aspirations got a boost. The immediate demand were the land reforms and the state control of the industries (for faster growth). The other demand was to fulfill the mandate of Article 14 (positive discrimination) by giving reservations. With the 1975 emergency, aspiration for political freedom and dissent came to the forefront. The need for uplifting the poor were seen in the 6th five year plan. Post 1991 liberalisation, the aspirations of better growth, more employement, better education, health etal have increased. Thus with each passing decade, the Indian nation, aspired for a better democracy, with enhanced civil rights. Let us look at the achievements and aspirations in various fields, in the subsequent paragraphs.

Political sphere: The aspirations in this field are as

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follows: A strong democracy, stable government, better representation of all classes in politics, power to the people (i.e. more decentralization), cooperative and competitive federalism etal. Achievements, must be seen in each of ~~these~~ above mentioned aspiration. Indian democracy is applauded worldwide for its stability and strength. The governments at the centre, have been stable (overall), however some of the state government (for example in Jharkhand) have been highly unstable. The first-past-the post system, followed is appreciable for its simplicity, but is not a very good representative of the people's mandate. For example, the present government, got less than 50% of the votes. Further there is skewed representation of women in the parliament. In the decentralization aspect, the 73rd & 74th amendment act provided for ~~reservation~~ Urban and rural local bodies. However, as the ~~pro~~ Punchi Commission points out, these bodies have

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The competitive and cooperative federalism, domain ~~is bein~~ has been taken up very arduously by the ~~present~~ government and its achievements ~~will be visible with~~ time.

Economic sphere: India has a huge demographic divident and requires 1 million job per month. There is a large proportion of rural and urban poor, who aspire for a better life. Further there are budding entrepreneurs, who wish for more government ~~support~~. Apart from these aspirations of the people the government itself aspires to 'Make-In India'. Achievements have been slow in this field, owing to the very nature of democracy. The concept of 'Make-In India' is yet to take a quick start. As the Economic Survey points out, ~~the~~ India is witnessing a phase of jobless growth. However, it must be acknowledged that achievements in economic sphere takes time and we must

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not judge it in a short term.

Cultural sphere: Art 29 of the constitution, gives right to the minorities to protect language, script and culture of its own. Thus every culture aspires the same and the nation as a whole, aspires to preserve its cultural diversity. The achievements have been appreciably with various political scientists commending the way India has handled its diversity. However, of late, there has been growth of intolerance and a sense of impunity in some sections. Recently Mr. Dhabolkar, was killed due to his rational views. The tribal culture is diminishing fast without much effort to preserve it. Overall, the present day developments might eclipse the achievements in the past, that ensured our cultural unity.

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ASPIRATIONS FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHT: Health and Education: ~~Indian~~ People have become more aware about the importance of better health and education support from the government. The aspire for a quality, universal health coverage and similar demands in education sector Achievements can be seen ~~in~~ by the recent ASER report, which showed a universal primary education further in ~~edu~~ health field, India has been successful in combating diseases like Polio, increments in institutional delivery, fall in child mortality ratio etc. However the dimmer side is equally strong. The school drop-out ratio is large and the secondary education still has a low coverage. In the health field, ~~our~~ India accounts for the maximum number of undernourished children and universal health coverage is still a distant reality. Overall the field has seen mixed achievements

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ASPIRING TO BECOME A SUPERPOWER:

India, with its strength of DDD (Demand, democracy and demography) aspires to be a global superpower. The progress though little, has been in the right direction. Indias strength has been recognized world wide. Recently United Nations General Assembly, adopted a negotiating text, to consider Indias membership to the security council. Thus India has had good relations with most of the countries and its aspiration of becoming a leading power will be achieved in future.

Suggestions

Conclusion:- Via this essay, we tried to point out the aspirations of people in political, economic, cultural and social fields. Further we say the

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~~as~~ aspiration of the Indian state as a whole to become a global superpower. Across the spectrum, we saw mixed results, with achievements in some fields and very slow progress in others. A note of caution must be signed, as with increasing aspirations and ambitions, in a democracy, there is an increasing chance of frustration, dejection or anarchy, if the achievements are delayed. The Patel Rally in Gujrat, shows how aspirations can turn into protests with time. However, with a vibrant democracy, the people get a chance to debate and discuss issues related to their achievement. The progress, though slow, but is steady and stable.

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Civil Society: A special nucleous of Independent Public ~~authority~~ activity in Modern Society:

Civil society can be defined as bodies that are largely independent of government, but play a crucial role in governance. These include Non-governmental organizations, self-help groups, various independent think tanks, charity organizations, pressure groups etal. Due to their vivid role in the society, they can be called as a special nucleus of Independent Public authority. We will see, this 'vivid' role via this essay. ~~The~~ It includes various aspects like policy formulation, policy execution, social sector development, environmental preservation, data collection and keeping a check on the government. Let us explore the same in the subsequent paragraphs ~~via this essay~~.

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Role of civil society in Ancient India:

In the Rig vedic period, Sabha and Samity, a body of elders and general populace, respectively, acted a civil society. They assisted the king and his ministers. Even in mythological India lord Rama had to leave his wife, due to the pressure from the civil society. The power of civil society is such, that, as Romilla Thapar opines, Ashoka had to embrace Buddhism to pacify the civil society after the Kalinga war. Even in British India, the civil society both in India and abroad pressurized the Britishers to respect Indian freedom and aspirations. Thus civil society has played a role, for a long time.

Let us, look into the various sectors in which the

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civil society acts as a special nucleus of independent public activity

Overall Policy formulation: civil society is crucial for all the stages of policy formulation, be it legislation, execution, acting as a think tank or keeping a check on the government and its executive wing.

Legislation: ~~In the~~ The famous Right to Information Act, was possible due to the efforts of various stalwarts in our civil society. Arundhati Roy is often complimented for her role in legislating the draft, along with her colleagues. The parliament and its committees often take views and support from the civil society, before passing any legislation. The Land aquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement bill was highly opposed

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by the Kisan civil society and had to be later withdrawn.

Execution of Policies: The large number of civil societies, and their broad reach make them an independent centre, in-itself, for executing government policies. The various NGOs, are at the fore-front of the Swatch Bharat Mission. The Red cross society has often come to the rescue of the administration ~~[illegible]~~, while implementing disaster rescue operations.

ACTING AS A THINK TANK: There are many bodies, we comprising of research scholars and retired, experienced bureaucrats, that act as independent think tanks in various field. For example the ORF (Observed research foundation) acts as a think tank in respect of foreign relation. The IDSA, is a defence - think tank. These are independent from the government but play

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a crucial role as a nucleus of public activity.

EFFORTS FOR SOCIAL UPLIFTMENT:

~~The sara~~ A large number of bodies are dedicated to improvement in the field of health, education, political representation, skill training etc. for example the ASER, takes out annual reports about the education development in India. Self help groups like SEWA, Mysada, play an important role in skill training, employment generation of the women. Civil society keeps a check on any arbitrary policy decision of the government, that can effect weaker section of the society. In the health area, civil society has helped in combating polio and increasing the institutional delivery. Thus, the civil society act as an important independent nucleus of public activity in this area.

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Environmental Activism: Article 51(a) of the constitution, makes it one's fundamental duty to preserve and protect the forests, lakes, wildlife and environment. Civil society has played an important role in this fulfilling this duty. Various non-governmental bodies, have questioned the government on their decisions for hasty environmental clearances. Further, the civil society keeps the public aware on this front. The The civil society, (NGOs, in Particular) recently criticized the government on mis-management of CAMPA funds (Compensatory Afforestation and management of Protected area), which the government had to respond by bringing up the CAMPA bill. Thus, the civil society acts as a special nucleus of independent public activity on this front.

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Thus, we saw that civil society, in various ways act as centres of independent public activity. However recent reports from Intelligent Bureau, begs us to think over the question: Are they really independent? Various analysts point out that, ~~as in the cold war~~ civil societies rarely act independently (Example in the cold war era). They support their argument by pointing the fact that only 10% of the NGOs, file their returns under the FCRA (Foreign currency regulation act). Thus, the critics opine, the NGOs (that form a large part of civil society), do not work independently and objectively. Rather, they have been a detriment to our growth. Thus there have been doubts raised by some in calling civil

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society, a special nucleus of independent public activity.

Conclusion:

~~We saw that~~

The role of civil society cannot be denied in the modern society. The government, acknowledging this formulated the National Policy on Voluntary Sector, 2007 to effectively engage with civil society for better outcomes. In this essay, we saw how civil society has played a role ~~as~~ in the ancient past further, we saw, how in various fields, the civil society acts as a special nucleus of independent public activity. Further, we saw the other dimension of the same, where-in analysts had doubts on independent character of civil society

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