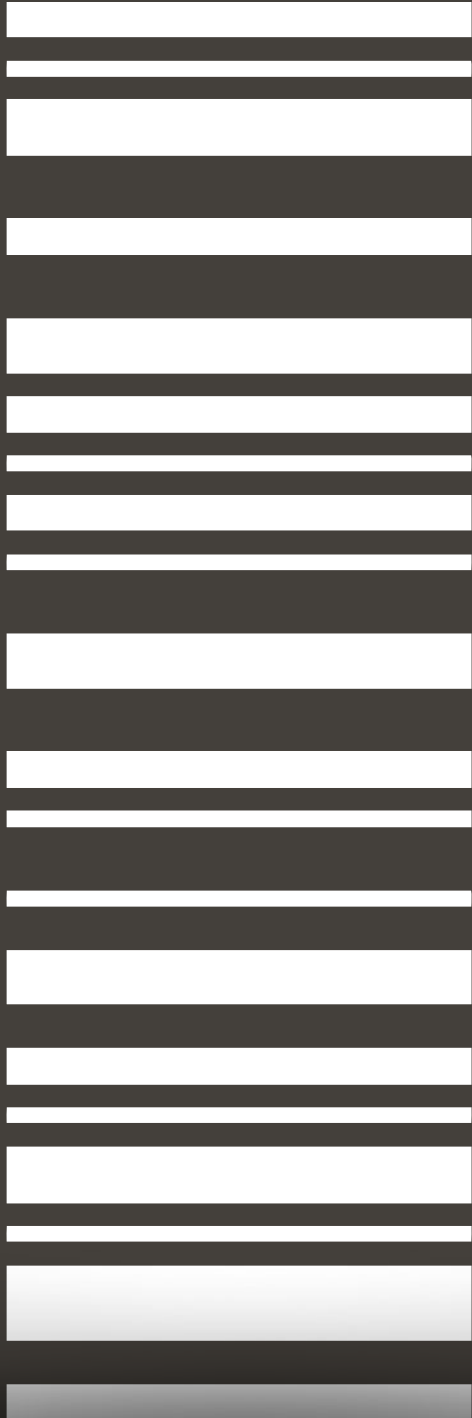




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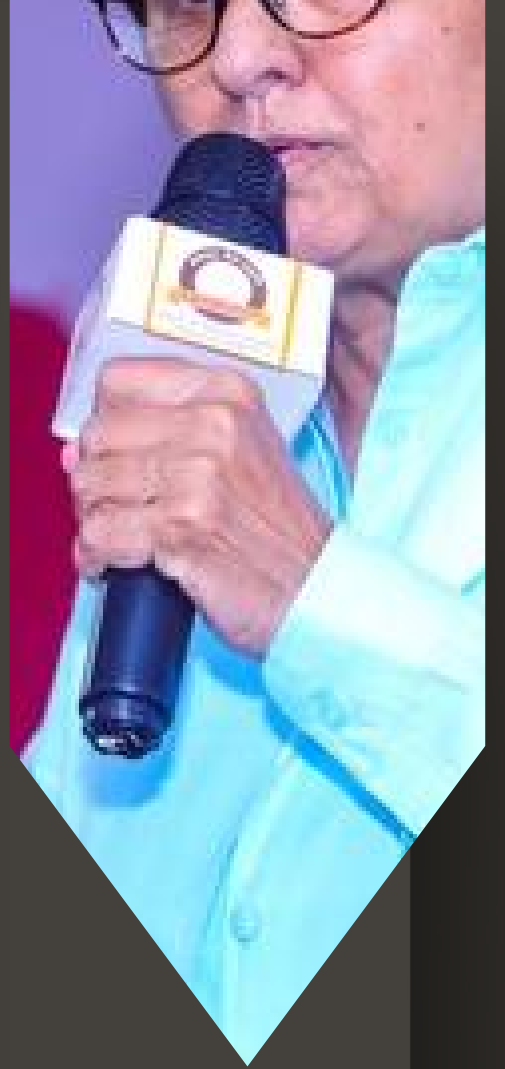




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Letter from the President



Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to present to you the Annual Magazine of Sankalp - The Civil Services Society for the session 2024–25. This magazine is not just a compilation of activities and achievements; it is a reflection of the collective vision, hard work, and unwavering spirit of our members.

The past year has been a journey of learning, leadership, and service. As a Society, we strived to empower aspirants by providing them with opportunities to learn, grow, and connect. From academic initiatives and awareness drives to creative campaigns and community building, every effort was rooted in our motto that is- “Sankalp: Seva Shakti.”

What makes our journey truly special is the contribution of each member. Every event, every project, and every milestone was possible because of the dedication of our team and the support of our well-wishers. This year reminded us that our Society is not just an organisation but a family, united by a shared dream to serve the nation.

As we move forward, our responsibility as a Society only grows. We are not just preparing aspirants for examinations; we are shaping future leaders who will carry the values of integrity, inclusiveness, and service to the nation. I sincerely hope our Society continues to be a beacon of motivation for aspirants from all corners of India.

As President, I am proud of how far we have come, but I am equally hopeful of the heights we will reach in the future. I encourage all our members to carry forward the same zeal, integrity, and sense of responsibility, and continue making Sankalp a platform that inspires and empowers aspirants across India.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Aditya Chaurasiya
President

Sankalp -The Civil Services Society, University of Delhi



Letter from the Vice– President

My journey with Sankalp has been nothing short of transformative. From joining as a regular member to becoming the College Representative, and eventually serving as the Vice President, each step has been filled with learning, growth, and purpose. This society has not only shaped me as an aspirant but as a leader, speaker, and thinker.

Sankalp stands as a dynamic platform where aspirants from both Delhi University and beyond come together, driven by a shared dream of public service. The environment fosters intellectual curiosity, discipline, and mutual growth. From thought-provoking seminars, vibrant group discussions, and enriching public speaking sessions, to interacting with inspiring personalities, every experience has contributed immensely to the holistic development of its members.

The Vice President of Sankalp plays a pivotal role in supporting the President and ensuring the smooth functioning of the society. Acting as a bridge between the Sankalp- Society and college representatives, the Vice President helps in streamlining communication and collaboration. Working closely with the Executive Council, the Vice President takes the lead in planning and executing various academic and developmental activities.

Witnessing students evolve – from hesitant speakers to confident debaters, from passive listeners to proactive contributors – has been one of the most fulfilling aspects of this journey.

As I sign off from my role, I carry forward not just memories, but the spirit of Sankalp – of commitment, growth, and the relentless pursuit of service to the nation.

Ashish Kumar Singh
Vice President
Sankalp – The Civil Services Society, University of Delhi

Letter from the General Secretary



When I first joined SANKALP, I was unaware of how societies function in DU, what it would be like to join a society outside my college, how I would contribute to the team, and several doubts popped up in my mind, but sooner or later, down the line, they all vanished as I steadily started understanding the organization.

Sankalp - The Civil Services Society of the University of Delhi has always aimed to serve as a ladder of growth and development for students aiming to become Civil servants in the future, and above all, responsible citizens of the country. We have always put our best foot forward to provide seminars/webinars, study materials, daily newspapers, quiz activities, discussion sessions and other creative efforts for the benefit of all the aspiring students in DU and beyond.

I joined Sankalp as a member, then as the College Representative and now as the General Secretary. On this journey, I have learned the importance of teamwork, collective effort, holistic development, dedication, connecting with people and effective initiatives for the wider society. No initiative can reach its maximum potential if it's put on one's shoulders alone. Therefore, each member's contribution- small or big-matters! I'm grateful to work with such an amazing team of executives, core heads & members, and college representatives of Sankalp.

To all the members of Sankalp, I have always believed that "When opportunity presents itself, don't be afraid to go after it."

Never be afraid to chase your heart's desire, learn to bounce back at times of failure and stay resolute to focus on your Karma.

There will be tons of opportunities waiting for you in line, once you're sure of what you want in life and how you wish to navigate the path to your respective aspects of a successful life.

**Nishtha Negi
General Secretary**

Sankalp – The Civil Services Society, University of Delhi



Letter from the Joint Secretary

"Some journeys begin with questions. Mine began with a Sankalp."

Two years ago, I walked into this society not knowing exactly what awaited me — just a desire to contribute, to grow, and to belong. I started as a member of the Public Relations and Sponsorship Team in 2023, and was soon given the opportunity to serve as a College Representative. That year was my foundation - filled with emails, meetings, pitches, rejections, and breakthroughs. I learned how to speak with institutions, negotiate with sponsors, and most importantly, how to hold my ground with grace and patience. That experience didn't just teach me professional skills — it shaped my leadership, resilience, and belief in collaboration. It prepared me to step into a greater role, as the Joint Secretary of Sankalp for the session 2024-25.

This tenure brought a whole new perspective. I wasn't just participating in events — I was helping lead them. Coordinating the Sponsorship, Organizing, and various other teams, I saw first-hand how strategy meets execution, how plans evolve under pressure, and how success tastes sweeter when it's shared. Every moment, from late-night calls to last-minute turnarounds, made me a better teammate, a better leader, and a better version of myself. But more than roles and designations, Sankalp has been my second home.

To the new members and juniors-
Sankalp is not just a society; it is a living commitment. Every task you take up, every challenge you face, will shape your character. Take initiative, ask questions, make mistakes, and most importantly - never forget the values this society stands for. Dream big. Work harder. Lead with heart!

Tushar Gupta
Joint Secretary
Sankalp – The Civil Services Society, University of Delhi

ADVISORY BOARD



Purvi Chauhan

From the Advisory Board Head

"Some roles are not taken, they are earned. And some journeys don't just change you — they reveal you."

My journey with Sankalp has been just that — a path of discovery, growth, and countless memories stitched with purpose.

From its very first orientation to landmark events, Sankalp has not only grown in numbers — it has grown in impact, in maturity, and in the hearts of those who've been a part of it. Each event, each campaign, each discussion was a step forward — not just for the society, but for each one of us.

I've had the privilege to walk this path as the Vice President and now as the Head of the Advisory Council. But what I cherish most isn't the title — it's the culture we built. A culture of openness, of encouragement, of always rising above the challenges, together. Yes, there were long meetings, missed deadlines, last-minute ideas that somehow turned into magic. But those are the moments that shaped us — that gave us the strength to continue.

Sankalp is not perfect — and that's its biggest strength. It evolves with every batch, every new voice, every bold idea. It is not built by one, but by many — and today, it stands as a symbol of belief, effort, and shared growth. As Head of the Advisory Council today, I don't see myself as someone who's done — but someone who's here to make sure others can begin. Because good leadership is not about holding power — it's about passing it on, wisely.

To the upcoming team — take this platform as more than just an opportunity. Take it as a chance to grow, to learn, and to build something that outlives your own tenure.

"Main akela hi chala tha jaanib-e-manzil magar, Log saath aate gaye aur kaarvan banta gaya."

— Majrooh Sultanpuri

Let Sankalp continue to be the wind beneath your wings, as it once was for me. Let it challenge you, teach you, and most importantly — transform you.

Purvi Chauhan
Head, Advisory Council
Sankalp – The Civil Services Society,
University of Delhi

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Over the past two years, my journey with SANKALP – The Civil Services Society, University of Delhi, has been nothing short of transformative.

As Swami Vivekananda rightly said, "Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life – think of it, dream of it, live on that idea."

I shall admit my vision has always been to establish a community with commitment, discipline, and devotion as the fundamental pillars.

As the Co-Head and Spokesperson of the Advisory Council (2024-25), I have been fortunate enough to get to hold conversation, provide insight, and play a significant role in providing direction for our members.

As the Organizing Head during the 2023-24 session, I had the opportunity to organize and manage various events. I managed to maintain an innovative thread throughout every event and initiative. Regardless of my focus area, I ensured that every effort contributed to the overarching vision. Supporting the Content, Public Relations, and Sponsorship teams taught me the true value of collaboration and resilience.

Looking back, I see not just achievements but a strong foundation for future aspirations.



Shivansh Pandey

From the Advisory Board Co-Head

"Look at the sky. We are not alone. The whole universe is friendly to us and conspires only to give the best to those who dream and work."

- Dr. APJ ABDUL KALAM

I am grateful for the journey and even more excited for the road ahead — because, "The best way to predict the future is to create it."

Shivansh Pandey
Co-head
Advisory Council
Sankalp – The Civil Services Society,
University of Delhi

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Harsh Gupta

From the Advisory Board Member

"Some journeys don't start with a map in hand; they start with a fire in the heart."

Sankalp's journey began exactly like that — in a quiet corner of a classroom, where a few dreams, a few questions, and a big ambition found each other. We didn't know exactly where we would reach, but we knew why we started.

As a founding member and now a part of the Advisory Council, I have witnessed Sankalp's story — from being a small idea to becoming a strong family, a platform that nurtures leadership, ideas, and friendships.

I still remember our very first orientation — a meet of barely 20-25 students, but hearts full of passion. We made a silent promise that day: this society would be more than just a society; it would be a home.

Today, as I look back, I realize — true leadership isn't about standing at the front; it's about preparing others to lead after you.

Sankalp taught us all that. It gave us challenges, victories, setbacks, and moments of pure pride.

In last for new team, I just want to say — never forget that you are part of a dream that is bigger than any one of us.

Lead with sincerity, act with courage, and most importantly, carry forward the culture of Sankalp with love and responsibility.

"The destination will come, even if after a few wrong turns; those who never step out of their homes are the ones truly lost."

— Dushyant Kumar

Sankalp isn't just an organisation. It's a living Sankalp — a commitment to growth, to excellence, and to each other.

Harsh Gupta
Member
Advisory Council
Sankalp – The Civil Services
Society, University of Delhi

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"Not all foundations are built with stone and cement. Some are made with hope, faith, and a stubborn kind of love."

Dear younger me,
You didn't know much back then - no clear map, no big resources. Just four friends, a small dream, and a heart full of belief that something good could be created.

We didn't have fancy banners or big plans. We had late-night talks, endless hopes, and that crazy feeling that if we stuck together, we could make something that mattered.

I still remember how we stayed after classes, scribbling ideas on rough pages, getting excited over tiny wins. How 20-25 people slowly joined us - not because we had something huge to offer, but because they felt the honesty in our dream. And somewhere between all the meetings, the mistakes, the laughter, and the struggles - Sankalp became family.

Sankalp gave me lessons I'll carry forever:

- How to be patient when things fall apart.
- How to celebrate even the smallest steps forward.
- And most of all, how to believe - in people, in ideas, in the magic of trying again.

Today, when I look back, I don't remember the certificates or the big numbers.



Lalit Kant Dubey

From the Advisory Board Member

I remember the smiles, the meetings, the shared disappointments, the crazy hopes that kept us alive. That's what we built — not just a society, but a piece of our hearts that will live on.

To those who are now taking Sankalp forward - Protect it, nurture it, love it like it's your own dream because it's not just a society but a living, breathing story written by all of us who dared to believe.

Lalit Kant Dubey
Member
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University of Delhi

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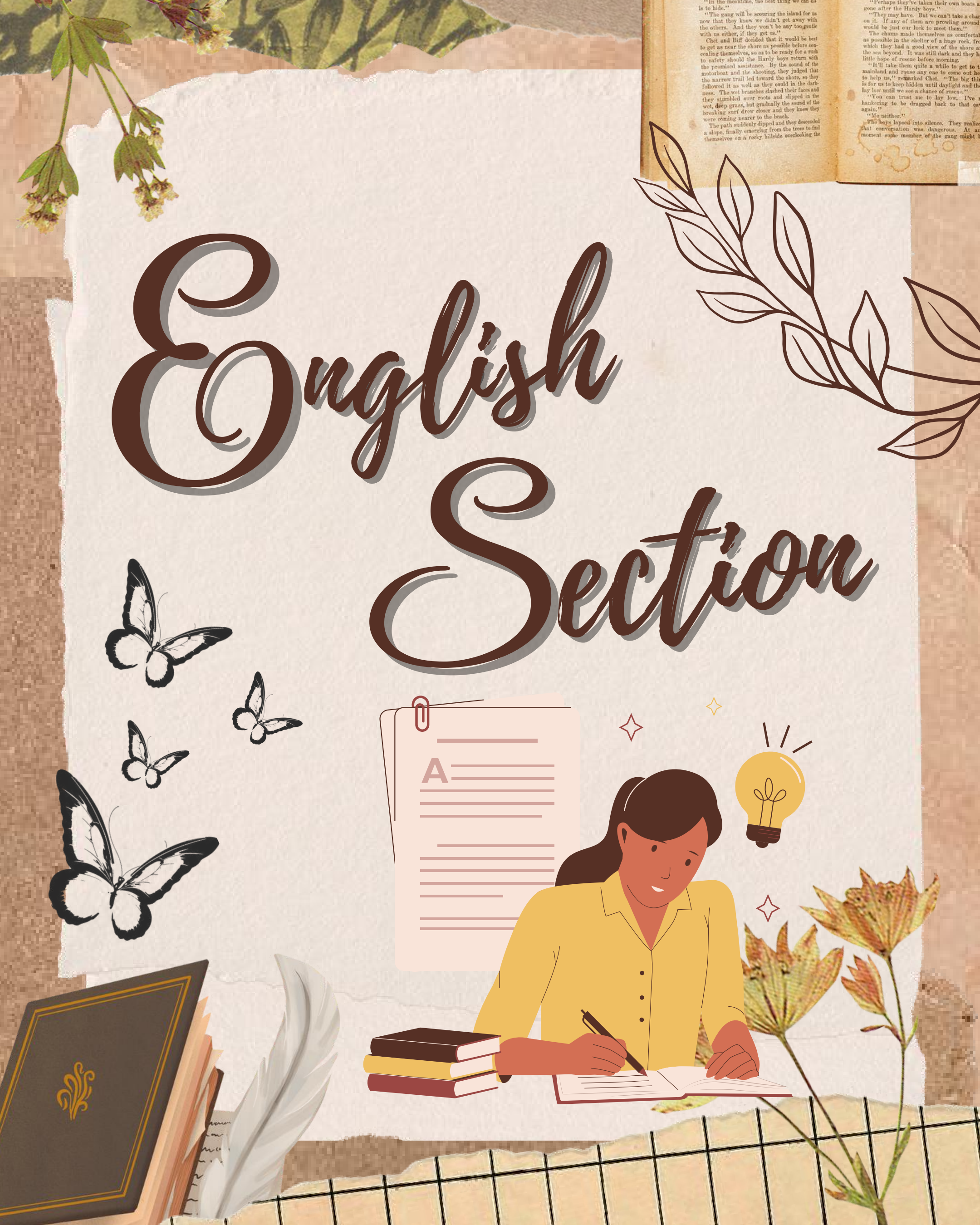
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When Mornings Smelled of Home

Mornings broke with temple chimes,
And jasmine strings in sleepy rhymes,
The kitchen sang of brewing chai,
As dosa sizzled, clouds drifted by.

Godavari whispered by the fields,
Its waters gold, its fragrance healed,
We'd race the breeze, we'd chase the sun,
A thousand dreams, all just begun.

After school, the veena played,
Soft Carnatic notes that swayed,
Tiny feet on marble spun,
Kuchipudi's grace till day was done.

Anklets chimed in evening's hush,
As mothers hummed in twilight's blush,
The world was art, the heart was free,
Each moment wove eternity.

Now in college lanes I race,
Chasing hours I can't replace,
Yet in my dreams, those mornings rise,
With Godavari under open skies.

The veena calls, the river sighs,
The dancer's steps, the mango skies,
They live within, though far I roam,
The sweetest mornings still smell of home.

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PREVENT THE CHAINS

Man is born free but everywhere is in chains
The vast mentality of Rousseau claims.
May it be man's manhood or women's veil,
The society assures the chains to prevail.

You can't cry, go for a push up;
Oh, is that your sister's makeup?
Financial responsibility is all upon you:
Cooking, cleaning is not your job to do!

Be ready to be a bride, it's too late.
Will come to pick you up if it's past eight.
Learn to stitch and throw away the ball;
Don't pay heed if someone stare or call.

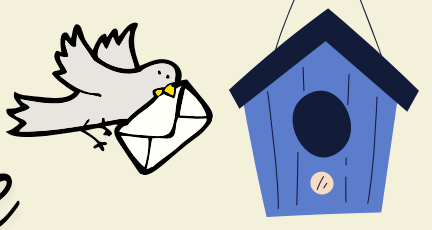
Female or male, young or old
Difficulties equally enfold.
Let all the negativities drain,
Refreshing mentality prevents the chain!

It's not always about the native
postcard ,
Being away from loved souls is hard.
One can never avoid some unexpected
instance,
And for that, we then curse the distance!

I am away to grind, to achieve, to fulfill
what I need;
But what's at stake always gives me
chills.
Sweating hard, trying more, and
grinding indeed ,
However, the heart sometimes cries
while it feels.

HRISHITA AGARWAL

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The ADDRESS

Everything changes when your
address changes,
All feels weird, and you start acting
strange.

With time, without options, we still
have to cope,
But every time, going back is what
we hope!

Today, when I was nauseous and
feverish,
I recalled: silence while I rest, a
comforting meal,
My loved ones threatening my fever
to vanish;
Their warmth and love were what
helped me heal.

And as expected, around 10 calls
and 10 questions:
A sort of hide-and-seek , their
worries and my tears.
In the end, of course, I got to
resume,
But they were here, pampering me,
I assume.



The Kite and The Master

The kite rises and touches the sky;
Till it is controlled,
Till it is tied,
Till it is under supervision of his master,
Till it is disciplined...

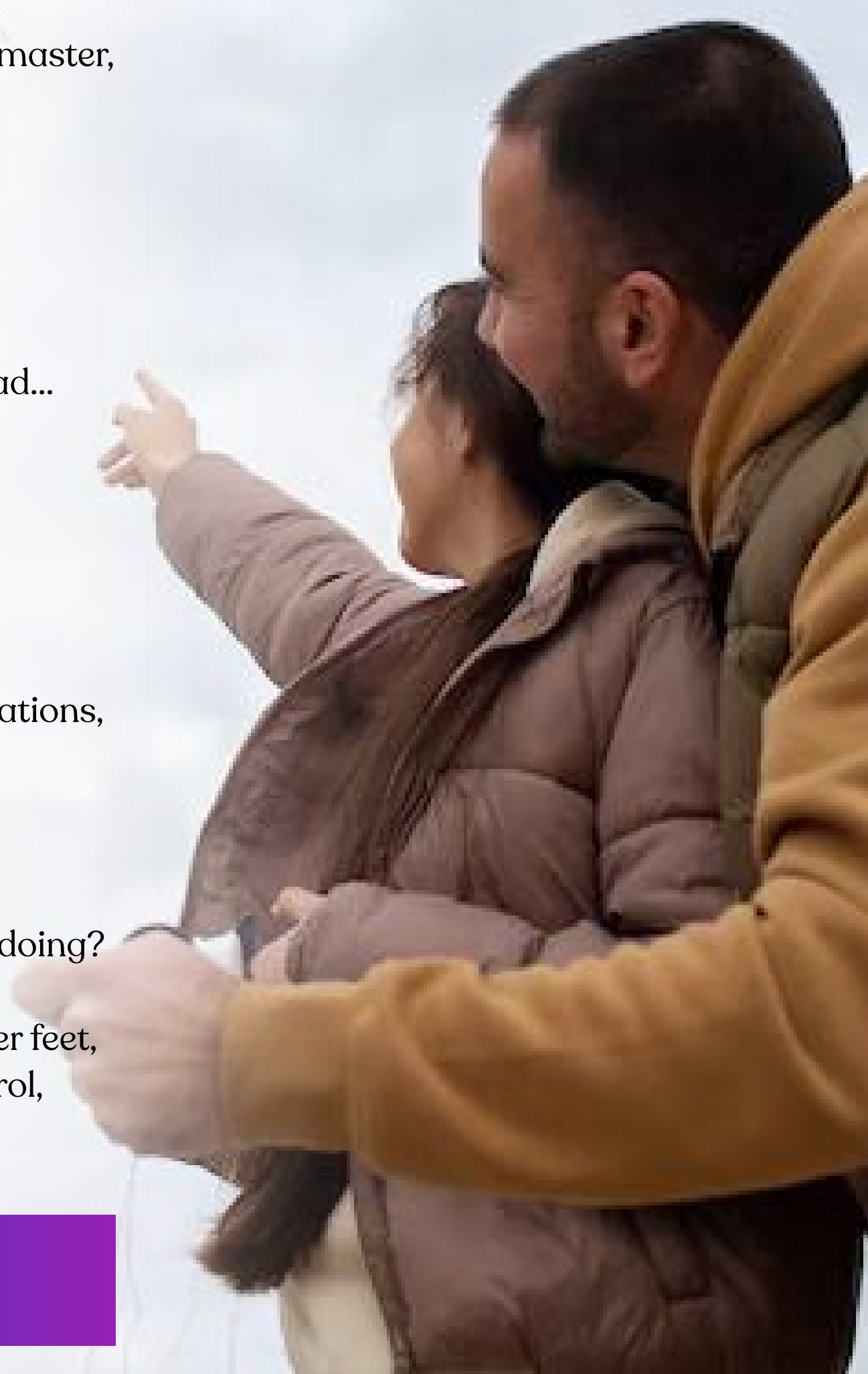
But the downfall begins;
When its string is cut,
When it is no longer tied,
When it is set free,
When its matter leaves the thread...

Think of the pain that the
Master and helper absorb;
due to deacceleration,
due to down motion,
due to breaking of their dreams,
due to shattering of their expectations,
from the little kite...

O' God,
Let the kite learn its lesson,
Let the kite analyse what is she doing?
Let the kite not be buried,
Let the kite not be stappled under feet,
Let the kite again be under control,
Let the kite rise again,
Now the master is helpless.

AMAN PANDEY

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THAT PHASE OF LIFE, BOTH MAGIC & STRIFE

Sometime I think I can own the world,
with dreams in my heart , like wings
unfurled

It's like we are the same,
Can make the change forever !!!
What's more interesting matters,
Concentrating on studies will make
you better

Have pride , joy and faith,
will make you one day great,
Can hope for the future best,
God will see the rest.....

Hang the tension on the wall,
See the great things in the small,
Be humble have some grace,
Don't be rumble in the beginning of
race ...

Journey is life long ;
So play it with full grace !!!

Not so empty, nor so far...
You will achieve success one day
without any scar,
Prior to hurry not so good,
you can do one day whatever you
would,
Doesn't matter how many times you
loose,
just wait for the right movement to
groove...

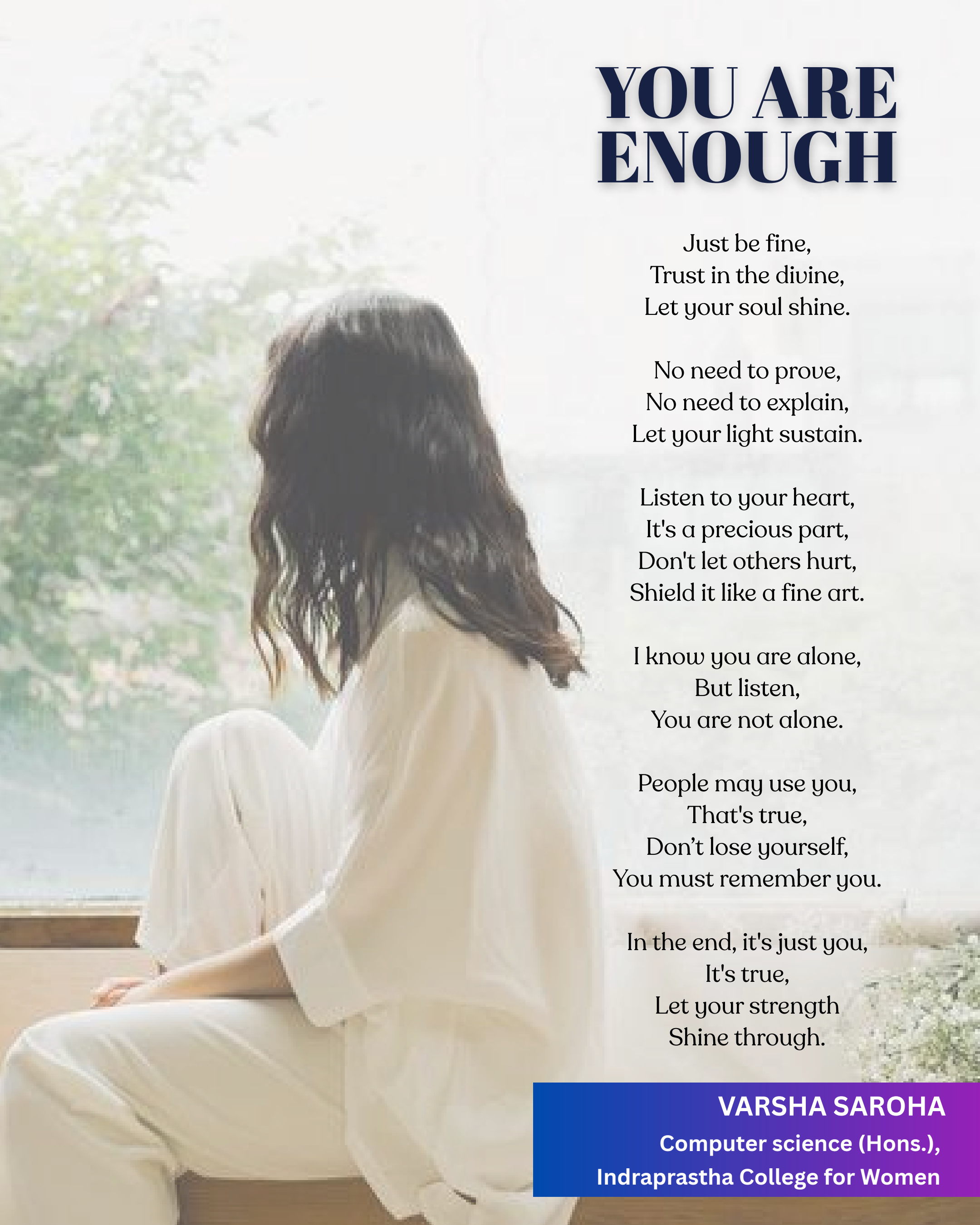
The beauty of one thing in you,
can enrich you with joy,
like a child with a toy,
spreading laughter and love, nothing
there to destroy...

You could, you can and you will with
such grace,
Nothing more to say - just shine in your
place !!!

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YOU ARE ENOUGH

Just be fine,
Trust in the divine,
Let your soul shine.

No need to prove,
No need to explain,
Let your light sustain.

Listen to your heart,
It's a precious part,
Don't let others hurt,
Shield it like a fine art.

I know you are alone,
But listen,
You are not alone.

People may use you,
That's true,
Don't lose yourself,
You must remember you.

In the end, it's just you,
It's true,
Let your strength
Shine through.

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Believe in Hope

In moments when the world feels dim,
And hope seems lost, just on a whim,
Believe, for deep within your heart,
A spark exists—a brand new start.

Through tangled paths and winding roads,
With heavy hearts and heavy loads,
Hope whispers softly in your ear,
"Keep moving forward, never fear."

Believe in dreams that shine so bright,
Like stars that pierce the darkest night.
Each step you take, no matter how small,
Will bring you closer to it all.

Hope is the compass, guiding you,
Through stormy skies, and skies of blue.
It lifts you high, it makes you strong,
And carries you where you belong.

So stand up tall and trust the flow,
For in your heart, the answers grow.
Believe in hope, and you will see,
The future bright, where you are free.

PUNEET KUMAR

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BANGLADESH

- The Silent Sufferings!!

Got independence in 71, took oath as secular,
Made little effort to remain so, and now exactly polar.
Talked about minority welfare and together treading.
Circumstances turned tables, and now minorities are bleeding.

A regime violently crumbled, suspicion was in air.
Communalism penetrated and majoritarianism chaired,
Communities looked askance and fanatic players exploited the situation,
Hindus, Buddhists, Jains were all in despair and surrendered to the agitation.

Houses bulldozed, clothes stripped and death was awarded,
The innocent were crushed and the rule of Law thwarted,
Mass murder executed, the blood of humanity spilled and covered with mud.
Go and do the DNA, the Idea of “one man one blood” although established but was nipped in the bud.

Religion, was so badly enthused with pride in the maniac minds,
That it tore asunder the core values of democracy,
Moments took such a dramatic turn that the promising state turned into an autocracy,
Each life matters, the idea has been buried down,
The guardian has become a step-father and selectively mourns.

Let humanity, come close and help to calm the troubled waters.
And not demonise established relationships,
The Universal fraternity should have its space,
And The superiority of one culture over the other shouldn't race.

Make atonements and sweeten the sour ties,
So as to prosper and rise above the horizon of differences in the sky.

ASHUTOSH MANMATH NATH

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The words left unheard

The unending desire of shouting at the world,
The long lasting desire to let out my rage,
Lurks in my eyes in a very sombre gaze.....

The wish to tell them that yeah I am enough and do not require your acceptance to be
all PERFECT,
always stays in my eyes intact.

The world treats me as if I am a curse and never was a boon,
but I hope to change it's opinion soon.

The world shouts, hurts and let my eyes cry,
but I will never let my life dry.

The world judges me by asking if I can cook,
Oh man, please let me study and do not let my future shook.

Please understand my emotions,
I am a girl, not a puppet,
to move out of the home I don't need to have thousands of permissions.

The world requires a change in their perception,
so that any girl do not feel from it any dejection.

The bitter words that hurt the most to my innermost core,
I take them as the steps of my success that will roar.

I know I am no less than a pearl,
but the world do not accept me as who I am, just because I am born as a GIRL

Mirror : The Resemblance

It enters the world from just a small seed
Just like a young girl who's giving a start to
read;
Gaining the height, it starts making new
friends
And the girl plays the whole day without
an end.

Slowly, slowly knowing about the past ages
The girl one by one tries to cross the
different stages,
The little plant day-by-day grows and
grows,
And the little girl about the world knows
and knows.

When, the ability comes in the plant
And the little girl being maturity grant,
The curtains of the actual hidden face of
life then open.
The real evils try to make them weaken.

'We'll fight and we'll win!':
The both feels this within.
To remove the fear which was increasing in
excess,
They both decide to achieve the badge of
success.

Maybe either in heavy rain or non-stop
winds,
The plant never got uprooted on
ruined.
And the girl who studied day and night
to achieve her aim,
Gifted her parents love, proud and
fame.

Now the plants started to provide juicy
fruits
And the girl continued to cross the
hurdles in her route.
The plant was now beautiful, tender
and flame,
Gorgeous, strong and successful the
girl became;

Their minds and strength not at all
differ,
'Excellent in their work' -they prefer.
Without losing any one of their hope,
They both are always ready for the
problems to cope.

HRISHITA AGARWAL
B. Com(H), 2nd Year, Lakshmibai College

SANKALP – A TEMPLE OF DREAMS

In Delhi's heart where young minds rise,
Sankalp stands tall, touching the skies.
A temple of learning, pure and bright,
Guiding many towards the light.

Aditya leads, an all-round star,
With wisdom that shines near and far.
Advisors think with thoughtful grace,
Each event finds its perfect place.

From Miranda's charm to Hansraj's pride,
In over ten colleges, we spread wide.
Webinars, seminars, knowledge we share,
Motivation flows through the open air.

Tarang rings weekly, voices in sync,
We speak, we listen, we learn, we think.
Tests we take, with purpose clear,
For UPSC dreams that we hold dear.

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ASHISH KUMAR SINGH

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Not for POWER, BUT FOR *Purpose*

"Because real power lies not in authority, but in responsibility."

-Aditya Chaurasiya
(President)

Sankalp – The Civil Services Society

What Civil Services Means to Me ?

According to me, civil service is not just a job or a duty — it is a deep sense of responsibility towards my country and my people. It is the silent oath I have taken — to serve, to heal, and to touch lives, even when no one is watching. When I think of service, I don't imagine power; I imagine responsibility. I imagine the trust of millions who dream silently, waiting for someone to listen, someone to act. Civil services, to me, is not a destination — it is a lifetime journey where duty and compassion guide every choice and every action.

Why Do I Want to Be a Civil Servant?

Is it because of job security?

No. Many government jobs offer security_____

Is it because of power?

No. Members of Parliament and Ministers hold even greater power_____

Then why do I want to be a civil servant?

Because it is a calling of responsibility — a responsibility towards my nation, and a belief that people have placed in me. Because it offers a kind of inner satisfaction — the fulfillment that comes from serving the nation selflessly. Because it gives me the opportunity to be a silent force behind change — to be remembered, not for power, but for service. Because it provides the rare chance to bring positive, lasting a positive change in society.

You rarely get opportunities to transform ideas into action in any other career — whether in private sector jobs or elsewhere. Though numerous perks are offered to officers, no material benefit can compare to the feeling of holding the power to change lives in your hands. And when that power is directed with honesty and dedication, it can transform an entire nation.

(Leadership is earned not by power, but by a sense of purpose & responsibility)

Rooted Inequality, Women Empowerment and Disempowerment Together

-Janhvi Yadav



I was attending an extempore, and got shocked with one of the questions "Is maternity leave a right or a privilege?" Oh human! We are very developed, highest stage of human civilization with AI and all that, but sadly.. see your mindset. The 'Janani' of the earth is compelled to prove their extreme need as right. Do you know- "Maternity leave is the period of time a mother takes off from work before and after the birth of her child, it's meant to allow her to recover physically, bond with the baby and adjust to her new responsibility "

RedMed, a global health technology leader recently revealed in its report that women experienced poor sleep quality than men, denied of 3 days restorative sleep in a week.

The reason is simple 'Workload'. Women are primarily the caretakers of their families of both children and 'Elder' along with job- no relief from domestic chores. Thus, the so-called phrase "WOMEN EMPOWERMENT" becomes nothing short of the exploitation of women's labour. Some women leave their jobs after giving birth, while others stay but live chaotic and congested lives.

What happened in RG Kar Medical college is example of threat of disempowerment after empowerment, According to NCRB in 2022 up to 3098 girls (under 18) were rescued from trafficking in India and we don't know the number of still trapped. All of this is happening because of deep rooted inequality, women are merely treated as objects, she has very limited rights. Gloria Stelnem said in her article "If men could Menstruate"- "Then menstruation would be cited as proof only men could serve in army, occupy political office, become Priest, in a week period leave in all the firms, offices was compulsory, Sanitary supplies would be federally funded, subsidised and freely allocated- this all because child bearing is highest strength."

Nature loves diversity , it cherished diversity above all ,it have created 'billions of species' but not a single species are similar, within species there is diversity in human context one diversity is female and male that we have made 'Women vs Men' and If talking about remedy it lies in us so never afraid from working for your best always remember once you achieve there will be only praising, Break the mould of thought which is filled with wrong ethics don't be afraid to reduce the burden and say "I have cooked one time now it's your turn". Spread justice, equality, positive thoughts in your surroundings.

Remember : "Women are made, not born"

-Simone de Beauvoir

“A call to protect the givers of life”

"The health of a mother is the health of a nation."

Motherhood is the universal experience, a sacred bond that transcends cultures, borders and time. Yet for millions of women, this journey is shadowed by preventable risks- risks that claim lives, shatter families and perpetuate cycles of poverty and inequality. Maternal health encompassing the physical, mental and social well-being of women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum period, remains one of the most pressing global challenges of our time. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that in 2020 alone, 287,000 women lost their lives to maternal causes. These are not mere numbers; they are daughters, sisters and mothers whose absence leaves an indelible void.

As we rally behind the slogan for "Safe Motherhood: Every woman's right, every community's right," we must confront the stark realities of maternal mortality, address systematic inequities and champion solutions that empower women and save lives.

"No woman should be die giving life."

-Dr. Mahmoud Fathalla, former FIGO President.

The statistics paint a grim picture. Maternal mortality, defined as the death of a woman during pregnancy or within 42 days of childbirth from causes related to or aggravated by pregnancy, remains unacceptably high. In low-income countries, a woman's lifetime risk of maternal death is 1 in 45, compared to 1 in 5,400 in high-income countries.

"A mother's life is the foundation of a child's future."

Safe motherhood, a concept launched by the Safe Motherhood Initiative in 1987, rests on a framework of interconnected pillars: family planning, antenatal care, skilled birth attendance and postpartum support. Awareness campaigns must illuminate each pillar, empowering women and communities to demand and deliver these essentials. Access to contraception and reproductive education allows women to plan pregnancies, reducing risks associated with too early, too-late or too frequent births. Yet, 218 million women in developing regions have an unmet need for modern contraception. The slogan "Empower her choice, protect her life" encapsulates the need to destigmatize family planning and expands access, particularly in conservative societies. Regular check-ups during pregnancy can detect and manage conditions like preeclampsia or anaemia. WHO recommends at least eight antenatal visits, yet in low-income settings, only 50% of women

receive the minimum four- Awareness must emphasize early care, with messages like "Every visit counts, every mother matters". The presence of a trained midwife, nurse, or doctor during childbirth slashes mortality rates. Globally, skilled attendance has risen from 58% in 1990 to 81% in 2019, but gaps remain in rural zones "Birth with care, life to spare" is a rallying cry to train more birth attendants.

"A mother's mind deserves as much care as her body." While physical risks dominate maternal health discourse, mental health is an equally vital frontier. Postpartum depression (PPD) affects 10-15% of mothers globally, with rates climbing to 20% in developing countries. Anxiety, psychosis and trauma from complicated births further compound the burden. Yet stigma silences many, and resources remain scarce.

"Maternal health is a mirror of justice." Maternal health disparities reflect deeper societal features. Poverty locks women out of care-transportation costs, user fees or lost wages deter clinic visits. Gender norms too, play a role-early marriage and lack of decision-making power heighten risks.

"Awareness is the spark; action is the flame." Raising awareness is not an end but a means. Effective strategies span grassroots to global levels. Workshops, radio broadcasts and theatre in local languages can reach illiterate populations. Social media campaigns-hashtags like #SafeMotherhoodNow-can amplify messages. "Our voice can start a chorus." Awareness begins with us; share a statistic, volunteer at a clinic, or donate to organizations like UNFPA or Every Mother counts. Teachers can educate students; artists can create murals and influencers can spark viral campaigns. "Your action today, her life tomorrow" reminds us that, small steps build a movement.

"Safe motherhood is not a gift; it is a right."

The journey to safe motherhood is long, but not impossible. It demands awareness that pierces silence, action that bridges gaps and compassion that honours every woman's worth. As we chant "no mother left behind," let us commit to a future where childbirth is a celebration, not a risk-where every mother survives, thrives and passes on a Legacy of hope. The time to act is now, for the health of mother is the heartbeat of humanity.

RELIGIOUS TERRORISM

- Aishani Verma

We all are very much aware of the Pahalgam attack that happened on 22 April, 2025. People were shot. Innocent lives lost. Families broken. The terrorists openly attacked the tourists, painting the green grass red. What was the motive? Was religion behind the brutal attack or was it in the name of nationalism? These questions have made me scratch my head. But what deeply affected me is horror they left behind.

It is speculated that three out of the five terrorists are from Pakistan while the other two are local militants. However, the Pakistan Defence Minister has repudiated such claims, saying Pakistan had no hand in the attack. Well, we surely know how true these claims are. As an immediate response, the Government of India brought about five measures with one of them being the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty, that had come into effect in 1960. This proved to be a major blow to Pakistan.

Keeping this in mind let's delve into the questions with which we began. The motive here is clear- terrorism. Even though not publicly professing the sponsors behind the attack, we are aware of the "organisation". Often, we restrain ourselves to associate such terror activities with religion, which is not wrong but the truth spits contrasting facts. Accept it or not, over time terrorism has been associated with a particular religion. Humans carry out dreadful actions targeting other humans in the name of faith to fulfil their "desired aim". This is what has been happening, be it the 9/11 attacks or the recent Kashmir case. The word terrorism has become synonymous to religious extremism, whether we like it or not.

A survey of the major religious terrorist groups in the 1990s would reveal that almost all experience a serious sense of crisis in their environment, which has led to an increase in the number of groups recently formed and caused an escalation in their activities.

As the name suggests, religious terrorism simply means any activity carried out to achieve religious goals often involving violence and bloodshed in the process. To thoroughly understand such extremism, one should analyse the minds of these terrorists. Most often they participate in activities driven by a desperate want to achieve their aim. Now that aim could be anything, religious or nationalistic. However, nothing is black and white in this world. It could also be both, i.e., religious as well as nationalistic.

The interdependency between these two is significant and we can't ignore this at all.

Politics too has a major role to play. This is further exacerbated by the state-funded terrorism with the sole objective of nationalist-separatist agendas of the political parties.

Let us examine this from a different angle. Now, have you ever wondered why and how even a completely sane person falls into this rabbit hole? After reading an article on the same subject, I came across a term called "crisis mentality", that is multifaceted in nature and spans over cultural, political, economic, social and psychological dimensions. After the Cold War period, there was an inclination towards 'one worldism' which proved to be a perceived threat for these people. They, therefore, used faith as a refuge and tool to justify their actions as a means of protecting their religion and identity.

Furthermore, the online videos that surface on the Internet show videos and clips of young men and children engaging with arms and being brainwashed. They lose their ability to think rationally and blindly move ahead on the path of extremism. It is true that excess of anything can be bad. Even good things should not be done in excess.

To sum it up, terrorism is nothing but a global concern. Such attacks might continue in future, and we should be prepared to tackle it efficiently. It is, after all, about the lives of the innocent citizens and soldiers who die with no fault of theirs. In order to become a developed country in the true sense, we must root out all such issues. Particularly, India should retaliate with the same power and intensity with which they attack. We must not forget that the Indian land belongs to Gandhi as much as it belongs to Bose.





हिंदी साहित्य

राष्ट्रधर्म

जिस युवा के हाथ में है,
ध्वजा राष्ट्र धर्म की।
ग्लानि उसे होती नहीं,
अपयशों वाले कर्म की ॥

जो युवा अपने कंधों पर,
ज़िम्मेदारी उठा रहा।
हेडफोन लगाए कान में,
बाइक को है रौंदा रहा ॥

जिस धरती का वो इंच-इंच,
कट-मर के लाए थे बड़े।
युवा नशे में डूबकर,
नाली में जाके गिर पड़े ॥

उस धरती की रक्षा है करता,
शायद सैनिक का ही बल।
भीतर तो देश के हैं करते,
युवा, पेपर में नकल ॥

देश की अखंडता में और,
पड़ रहा है खल।
और राज-नीति में,
करते है नेता लोग छल ॥

युवा नहीं है माँगते,
कि देश अब आगे चले।
वें माँगते हैं अब तो बस,
पैसे मिले, धुआँ चले ॥

युवा खोलो अब आँख तुम,
पढ़ाई पर भी ध्यान दो।
पंडित बनो न पोथी पढ़,
उत्थान में स्वदान दो ॥

जिसे है खेलों में रुचि,
खेले वह देश के लिए।

जो लिखता लेखनी से है,
लिखे वह देश के लिए ॥
जो नृत्य करना जानता,
जीते भारत की ओर से।
गाना बजाना आए तो,
गाए हृदय की कोर से ॥

प्रतिभा से अपनी तुम चलो,
करो राष्ट्र कर्म को।
बन जाओ उदाहरण चलो,
निभाओ राष्ट्र धर्म को ॥

सेवा हो राष्ट्र की यही,
सिद्धांत तुम्हारा बने।
माता की कोख बोले कि,
क्यों और न ऐसे जने??

लो मान हार तुम नहीं,
साकार करो बात को।
जुट जाओ राष्ट्र धर्म में,
गर्वित करो निज मात को ॥

गर्वित करो निज मात को....
गर्वित करो निज मात को....



2025 - एक नया बदलाव

विफल सफल हुए प्रयास मेरे,
पर बड़े अभ्यास मेरे ।
गतवर्ष में जो थे अधूरे,
होंगे अब संकल्प पूरे ॥

पाया तो था मैंने तब भी,
पर हाँ खोया थोड़ा ज्यादा।
इस वर्ष होगा अधिक श्रम,
जीतने का खुद-से वादा॥

संकल्प लेता हूँ मैं अब,
कि हार मानूँगा नहीं।
हार या गिर जाऊँ चाहे,
मुख को फेरूँगा नहीं ॥

दृग में होगी मेरे अग्नि,
हिम शिखर से पाँव मेरे,
नारायण से मांगू वर में,
सफल हो सब दाव मेरे॥



वक्त

जैसे समुद्र स्वच्छंद रहे,
मदपान में ज्यों आनंद रहे ।
वैसे ही वक्त नहीं झुकता,
चाहे कोई प्रतिद्वंद रहे॥

जैसे यमराज के शासन से,
हर कोई छोड़ घर आया है।
वैसे ही अभी तक शनि से,
कोई नहीं बच पाया है ॥

सद्कर्म करो, सद् धर्म करो,
अवगुण भी गुण हो जाता है।
वरना कौरवों की ही भांति,
वंश लोप हो जाता है ॥

वक्त के असर से बचे नहीं,
हो राम कृष्ण चाहे सीता ।
बस कम करो सदैव अच्छा,
समझाती है पवन गीता ॥

वक्त और कर्म है बंधे हुए,
ज्यों भविष्य और वर्तमान ।
वक्त पर करो कर्म अच्छे ,
ताकि आए वक्त महान ।

वक्त वक्त पे हार है,
वक्त वक्त पे जीत ।
वक्त वक्त पे रोएगा,
जो वक्त गया ये बीत ॥

एक दौड़ में चले जा रहे असों से छोर तक पहुँचेंगे तो सब बताएँगे

बताएँगे अंधेरे कमरों में ठहरी वो सिसकियाँ और आवाज़ें,
अनजान मोड़ पर शुरू हुई ये कशमकश की बातें।
सपनों की होड़ में अपनों से छूटता लगाव,
थामने वाले हाथों को खोने का बिखराव।
हर पल खुद को झंझोरता समंदर सा शोर,
रातों में बिखरे मनोबल को समेटता भोर।
हर सलाह, फरमाइश, हर कोशिश, हर गुंजाइश का कर्ज़ चुकाएँगे,
एक दौड़ में चले जा रहे असों से,
छोर तक पहुँचेंगे तो सब बताएँगे।

बताएँगे चाय की प्याली के बहाने उन टपरियों में सहेजा सुकून,
कंधे पर बस्ते से ज़्यादा ज़िम्मेदारियों को संभालता जुनून।
आंचल की छाँव छोड़ मौसम के तकाजों को शुकर भी बढ़ता प्रयास,
पगडंडियों से तंज़ गलियों को नापता आत्मविश्वास।
उम्मीदों और कुर्बानियों की शाख पर पले सपने,
कुछ साथ और कुछ मुँह फेर कर खड़े अपने।
चार दीवारों से लेकर अंतर्मन में छिड़े हर द्वंद्व के किस्से ज़रूर सुनाएँगे,
एक दौड़ में चले जा रहे असों से,
छोर तक पहुँचेंगे तो सब बताएँगे।

आँखों पर बने घेरे में समेटी हुई कहानियाँ,
हर हार के बाद भी सहेजे हुए साहस की जुबानियाँ।
कुछ तानों की चोट से दिल में धड़कता लहू,
मन में उफनती दुविधाओं को आखिर किससे कहूँ?
माँ-बाप की सिमटती ज़रूरतें,
गुज़रते दिन के साथ उनके क़दमों में जहाँ को ला रखने की हसरतें।
इस सफ़र में खर्च होते माँ के गहने,
इस दिवाली भी बाबा ने न जाने क्यों पुराने कपड़े ही पहने।
हर कुर्बानी, हर कसक, बिकते हर कतरे को सूत समेट लौटाएँगे।
एक दौड़ में चले जा रहे असों से,
छोर तक पहुँचेंगे तो सब बताएँगे।

आ चलें सीधा आ चलें अकेला

जिंदगी है उलझनो का मेला,
एक तरफ सीधा, एक तरफ उलझा ।
भीड़ भागती है उलझनो को सुलझाने में,
तू यह समय लगा अपने कदम बढाने में ।
आ चलें सीधा, आ चलें अकेला ॥

माना आसान है जतरछा रास्ता शुरू में,
माना कजिन है सीधा रास्ता शुरू में ।
मत कर देरी पहला कदम रखने में,
मत कर समय बबाद भीड़ सिंग चलने में ।
आ चलें सीधा, आ चलें अकेला ॥

करेगी तुझसे तुलना यह दुजनया ज़ालिम है,
मत कर तुलना जकसी से तू अपना माजलक है।
इतना भी मुश्किल नहीं होता,
खुद पर काबू पाना,
अपनों का ध्यान रख, मत बना बहाना ।
आ चलें सीधा, आ चलें अकेला ॥

दिखा दे सबको की तू इसिान है,
क्योंकि रेंगना तो मुदों को भी आता है ।
भरोसा रख खुदा और अपने हौसलो,
तुझे तो चिंद बनना है, कोई तारा नहीं है तू ।
आ चलें सीधा, आ चलें अकेला ॥

बनाती है जिंदगी खुद परीक्षा का पैमाना,
मांगती है लागत में हमसे हर बिंद पसीना । आ भीड़
जाए बिना डरे बिना घबराए,
असफलताए तो जहस्सा है जीत का ।
आ चलें सीधा, आ चलें अकेला ॥

दिखती कामयाबी सबको है,
पाने का जूनून कुछ में ही ।
जो सह सके सिंसार के ताने,
जो सह सके पैरो के छाले ।
बन इतना कठोर तू, हिला सके ना कोई ढेला,
आ चलें सीधा, आ चलें अकेला ॥

क्यों सोचता है इतना कामयाबी का,
यह एक जदन में नहीं जमलती ।
सालों तक तप जकया हो ज सने,
उसके जलए गुलाब सी शकखलती ।
पार कर हर उस कांटे को जो है नुकीला,
आ चलें सीधा, आ चलें अकेला ॥

कर आज कुछ ऐसा,
लोग तेरे माता-पिता को प्रणाम करें ।
कर कल कुछ ऐसा,
तेरा कल तुझे धन्यवाद करें ।
कर परसो कुछ ऐसा,
नर्सो सारा जग तुझे सलाम करें ।
ना होगा किसीसे से झगड़ा ना कोई झमेला,
जहाँ तक चलेगा सीधा, जब तक चलेगा अकेला ।

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ज़िंदगी का सबक

कभी धूप, कभी छाँव मिलेगी,
हर मोड़ पे इक राह मिलेगी।
जो टूटी हैं उम्मीद की डोरियाँ,
वहीं नई उड़ान मिलेगी।

ग़म के साये भी सहने पड़ेंगे,
अशकों के मोती गहने पड़ेंगे।
पर गिर के उठना ही जीवन है,
खुद से हर जंग लड़ने पड़ेंगे।

संघर्ष ही जीवन का गहना है,
हर दर्द के पीछे सपन बसेरा है।
जो थम गए, वो मिट गए,
चलते रहे, उन्हीं का सवेरा है।

यकीन रख, ये दौर भी ढल जाएगा,
हर अंधेरा रोशनी में बदल जाएगा।

इतना बुरा भी नहीं

बदल रही है हवा ज़माने की,
सुन सदा इस जगत के फ़साने की।
जो खो गया, वो मिलेगा फिर,
राह नई है सपने सजाने की।

ईश्वर की लीला अनजानी है,
हर मुश्किल में भी मेहरबानी है।
जो गिर रहा, वो सँभल भी जाएगा,
बस दिल में जगी जो कहानी है।

अभी अँधेरा है, कल सवेरा होगा,
हर ग़म के बाद बसेरा होगा।
जो आज ठहर कर सोच रहा है,
कल वही जीत का चेहरा होगा।

चल उम्मीदों से राह बनाते चल,
इतना बुरा भी नहीं, मुस्कुराते चल।

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कसूर बंध गया नैनन पर

नाह शास्त्र अन् सो, नाह आश्र अन् सो।
'नाही किसी अपात सो।
हम तो घायल हुए,
घनश्याम तेरे अनुराग युक्त नयन सो।

नाह स्मृति रही,
गति भी थम सी है रही।
विशिष्ट सा एक रोग हुआ,
जब से इन नैनन सो संजोग हुआ।

तीक्ष्ण बाण भी कुछ नहीं तुलना मे,
प्रभावी ढालें भी व्यर्थ हैं अकस्मात
फेरी जब तीर्ची चितवन हैं।

सदा चमकती यह लोचन,
लुभा ले जाए हमारा मन ।
करुणा भरे यह नेत्र, दो तुम्हारे,
स्वर्ग क्या! वैकुण्ठ भी हैं इनसे हारे।

ब्रजवासी मुग्ध हुए प्रेम में
सूर्य लगाए चक्कर पहले वक्त से।
बिखरे हैं किरणे गिरिधर पर,
कसूर बंध गया इन नैनों पर।

नाह चाहत मेरी अमृत की।
नाही धन भंडार की।
करो विनती मेरे मुरलीधर से
मोहे आहत कर इन नैनन से।

युवा वर्ष का संघर्ष

मन में एक संकल्प लिए,
चल पड़े हैं लक्ष्य को पाने ,
चाहे आए लाख चुनौतियां रस्ते में ,
हौसला हमारा न डगमगाए ।

संकल्पों की शक्ति से
बढ़ते हैं आगे ,
जीवन के हर मोड़ पर ,
एक नई शुरुआत हैं।

प्रश्न है बहुत ,
उत्तर किस किस के दूं।
कहा से चला राही,
कहा को पहुंचेगा ,इसका अंदाजा नहीं।

सपनों की गठरी कांधे पर,
उम्मीदों का बोझ उठाए,
चलता है वह धूप में भी,
आँधियों से आँख मिलाए।

रास्ते कंटीले होते हैं,
कभी अपनों के सवाल,
कभी दुनिया के ताने,
कभी खुद से भी जंग बेहाल।

मन में है आग, दिल में तूफान,
पर राहें हैं उलझी हुई सी,
हर मोड़ पे एक इम्तिहान,
हर कदम पे कसौटी नई सी।

कभी असफलता का चुभता तीर,
कभी अकेलेपन का भारी वीरान,
फिर भी वह हँसकर चलता है,
लिए भविष्य का सुनहरा अरमान।

हार नहीं है मंजूर उसे,
थकना भी गुनाह लगे,
वो युवा है – सवालों का सैलाब,
जवाबों की तलाश में आगे बढ़े।

जो गिरा, वो उठा भी,
जो टूटा, फिर जुड़ा भी,
यही तो है उसकी पहचान,
यही है उसकी असली जान।

आकृति वत्स
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मानवता का अद्भुत खेल

आज मानवता ने क्या अद्भुत खेल दिखाया है,
भ्रष्टाचार और कायरता में पूरा देश समाया है।

यह मेरा है वो तेरा इसमें खो गई है मानवता,
धर्म - अधर्म में समाप्त हो गई है मानवता।

मानव ने मानवता को प्रेम भाव से दूर कराया है,
आज मानवता ने क्या अद्भुत खेल दिखाया है।

धोका खाते - खाते विश्वास खो रही है मानवता,
नफ़रत से भरी इस दुनिया में रो रही है मानवता।

हाँ।वो गरीब है, उसे पैसे की पहचान नहीं है,
तो क्या मानवता का उसको थोड़ा सा भी ज्ञान नहीं है।

महान बनने की चाह ने इंसान बनना भुलाया है,
आज मानवता ने क्या अद्भुत खेल दिखाया है।

सभ्य समाज की निर्ममता से रोती है यह मानवता,
एक गुड़िया को ज़िंदा जला कर सोती है यह मानवता।

कैसा यह कलयुग है जिसमें नारी रोज़ इज्जत खोती है,
इंसानियत इंसान की आँखें मुंदकर सोती है।

हैवानियत दिखाकर इंसान ने मानवता पर कलंक लगाया है,
आज मानवता ने क्या अद्भुत खेल दिखाया है।

सत्य की विजय

यह अधीर तथा असहायों की जान
बचाता है, इसकी सुंदरता हर कोई नहीं
बुझ पाता है।

इस राह पर खुद को बिठाना होगा,
झूठ के हाथों बिकने से खुद को बचाना
होगा।

हर झूठे व्यक्ति एक दिन खुद को गलत
पाते हैं,
यही तो सत्य की विजय दर्शाते हैं।

जीवन के संघर्षों से लड़ना है तो,
जीवन में कुछ हासिल करना है तो,
शीश झुका कर सत्य न्याय की राह पर
चलना होगा,
झूठ की नदी से हटकर सत्य के सागर में
गलना होगा,
यही तो बड़े - बुजुर्ग और शिक्षक हमें
सिखाते हैं, यही तो सत्य की विजय
दर्शाते हैं।

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आत्मविश्वास और मैं

माना की थोड़ा रुक गया हूं मैं,
माना कि थोड़ा थक गया हूं मैं।
माना कि राह में अंधेरा छाया है,
माना कि विपत्तियों का साया है।

लो मान लिया मैं नहीं पूर्णतः तैयार,
लो मान लिया तलवार में कम है धार,
हां मान लिया दृश्य हो गए हैं धुंधले
हां मान लिया मैं झांक रहा हूं बगले ।

किंतु मुझे मुश्किलों से निकलना आता है,
मुझे सूर्य की तरह जलना आता है
होता होगा अंधेरा रात में
मुझे चांद की तरह चमकना आता है।

कैसे भूलूं गांधी का अथक प्रयास
कैसे भूल जाऊं भगत सिंह का वो विजय प्रयास
याद है मुझे लक्ष्मीबाई की कुर्बानी
हां याद है मुझे अंबेडकर की कहानी।

जब इतिहास में न हुआ कभी वीर भयभीत
जब ऐसा रहा मेरा अतीत,
फिर कैसे लगाऊं प्रश्न चिह्न अपनी क्षमता पर
कैसे करूं शक मैं मन की दृढ़ता पर
कितने भी बड़े हों मुश्किल – ए हालात
कितने भी गहरे हों गमों के जज्बात
हो विपत्ति भले ही पर्वत समान

चाहे लगी हो बाधाओं की दुकान
मैं करूंगा सामना हर उस विचार का
जिसने प्रश्न किया है मेरी योग्यता और
अधिकार का ।
मेरी हिम्मत हार जाए ऐसा कोई वार नहीं
और मेरी क्षमताओं को नष्ट कर दे ऐसा कोई
प्रहार नहीं।

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सुकून की तलाश

जब हर रोज़ की भागदौड़ से थक जाती हूँ,
जब शहर की भीड़ को देख घबरा उठती हूँ,
जब हर जगह भीड़-भाड़, धुआं-धुआं होता है,
फिर भी सब कुछ सुनसान-सुनसान सा लगता है,
जब सब कुछ होते हुए भी, बस खाली-खाली
सा लगता है-
तब घर जाने का मन करता है।
हाँ, तब घर जाने का मन करता है।

जब ठंडी हवाओं में भी कुछ आग सी हो,
शाम के ढलते सूरज में भी कुछ ताप सा हो,
जब खाने में स्वाद तो हो,
मगर उसमें माँ का प्यार न हो-
जब सर में दर्द हो, और पापा का माथे पे हाथ न हो,
तब घर जाने का मन करता है।
हाँ, तब घर जाने का मन करता है।

जब कहने को बातें बहुत हों,
मगर सुनने वाला कोई न हो,
जब घूमने-फिरने का दिल तो करे,
मगर साथ में चलने वाला वो भाई न हो,
जब कोई ये कहने वाला न हो- "डर मत, मैं हूँ ना",
जब छोटी-छोटी बातों पर डांटने वाली बहन न हो,
जब किसी के तानों में भी प्रेम न झलके-
तब घर जाने का मन करता है।
हाँ, तब घर जाने का मन करता है।

जब बारिश तो हो, मगर पानी की बूंदें सुकून न दें,
जब हरे-भरे पेड़ तो हों, मगर उनकी छाँव न मिलें,
जब थोड़ी देर के लिए समझदारी का नकाब उतारकर
कोई इंसान बच्चा बनना चाहे,
जैसा है वैसा ही बनना चाहे,
जब दिल शरारत करने को कहे
मगर साथ में हँसने-खेलने वाला कोई दोस्त न हो-
तब घर जाने का मन करता है।
हाँ, तब घर जाने का मन करता है।

नंदनी शर्मा
कॉलेज

भारतीय गणराज्य की संस्थापक माताएँ

जब इतिहास ने अपना द्वार खोला,
24 जनवरी, उन्नीस सौ पचास की भोर,
गूँज उठी भारत माँ की वाणी,
“स्वयं को हम यह संविधान देते हैं, गौरव से भरपूर।”

ग्यारह दीप जलाए इतिहास के आँगन में,
रेणुका राय, हंसा मेहता, अमृत कौर की पहचान,
एनी मस्करीन, अम्मू स्वामिनाथन संग,
कमला चौधरी, सुचेता कृपलानी का था सम्मान।

दुर्गाबाई, कुदसिया अइज़ाज़ रसूल की आवाज,
पूर्णिमा बनर्जी, दक्षिण भारत से दक्षयानी वेलायुधन भी आयीं साथ,
उन सबने, मिलकर, स्वप्नों का नवनिर्माण किया,
‘भारत के लोग’ – इस आह्वान को आकार दिया।

पर क्या केवल अंगूठा लगाया था उन्होंने उस संकल्प पर?
या अपने संघर्षों से, अपने स्वप्नों से, उसे प्राण दिए थे भर?
क्या वे बस मौन साक्षी थीं उस ऐतिहासिक घड़ी की,
या थीं वे स्वयं संवैधानिक नैतिकता की जाग्रत प्रहरी ?

हां! वे थीं संविधान की सर्जकाएँ,
न केवल आदर्शों की, बल्कि जीते-जागते सपनों की थामनेवाली,
स्वतंत्रता, समानता, बंधुता के नये मायने रचने वाली,
नारी चेतना की नयी राहें खोलने वाली।

हंसा मेहता – जिन्हें बंबई क्रॉनिकल और लॉस एंजलेस टाइम्स ने कहा,
‘भारत की नारीवादी मुहिम की प्रतिनिधि’ – यही था उनका परिचय सच्चा।
वे सभी महिलाएँ दशकों से संघर्ष कर रही थीं,
सामाजिक, राजनीतिक, आर्थिक अधिकारों के लिए लड़ रही थीं।

संविधान को अपनाना नहीं था मात्र औपचारिकता,
था वह स्वयं को स्वप्न समर्पित करने का महापर्व,
था वह आत्म-उपहार, वर्षों की पीड़ा का उत्तरदायित्व,
था वह भारत की नारियों के लिए नये युग का प्रथम पर्व।

वे एक नहीं, अनेक स्वप्नों की मूर्तियाँ थीं,
किसी एक विचारधारा में सीमित नहीं,
सेक्युलरिज्म को, समाजवाद को, नागरिकता को
अपने दृष्टिकोण से नया आयाम देती थीं।

वे संविधान में प्राण फूंकती रहीं,
नारी चेतना को उसमें गूँथती रहीं,
लोकतंत्र के मंदिर में अपना दीप जलाती रहीं,
अपने अधिकारों के साथ पूरे समाज को दिशा दिखाती रहीं।

वे संघर्ष करती रहीं निर्वाचन की कठिन राहों पर,
जाति, लिंग, भेदभाव की दीवारें लांघती रहीं,
एक बार चुने जाने के बाद, वे रुकी नहीं,
नैतिक कल्पनाशक्ति से संविधान के पन्नों को भरती रहीं।

उनके हस्ताक्षर मात्र स्याही के निशान नहीं थे,
वे थे युगों के संकल्पों के चिह्न,
वे थी आज़ादी की आधी आबादी का घोष,
वे थीं संविधान की स्त्रैण आत्मा की पहली ओजस्वी
गूँज।

“हम, भारत की महिलाएँ,” जब बोलीं,
तो गूँजा वह स्वर पूरे इतिहास में,
न केवल संविधान को अंगीकार किया उन्होंने,
बल्कि स्त्री-सशक्तिकरण के पथ को अनंत काल तक
जगमगाया।

वे संस्थापक माताएँ थीं—
नारीत्व की चेतना में बसी संविधान की सह-
रचनाकार,
संविधान की नैतिक कल्पना में गूँजी उनकी
आवाज,
फिर क्यों न आज उन्हें नारीवाद के संग
संवैधानिकता में भी पाया जाए?

वे असाधारण नहीं मात्र,
थीं वे साझी स्वप्नदृष्टा, संवादकर्ता, स्वप्न बुनने
वाली,
संविधान के हर अधिकार में, हर न्याय में,
उनकी साँसों की महक आज भी बसती है
चुपचाप।

उनकी छाप आज भी झलकती है –
न्याय के हर आह्वान में, अधिकार के हर प्रतिरोध
में,
समानता की हर पुकार में,
स्वतंत्रता के हर स्वप्न में।

समय आ गया है उन्हें पुनः अपनाने का,
उनके संघर्षों को, उनके सपनों को,
फिर से जीवित करने का,
भारतीय संविधान की जीवंत नारी आत्मा को
पहचानने का।

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(नोट: यह कविता अच्युत चेतन द्वारा दिये गये सार्वजनिक व्याख्यान “Reclaiming the Founding Mothers of the Indian Republic” के आधार पर रची गई है।
संदर्भ: Bombay Chronicle Weekly और Los Angeles Times में 1940 के दशक में हंसा मेहता को ‘राष्ट्रीयतावादी और नारीवादी’ के रूप में संबोधित किया गया था।)

वो समाज

जहाँ किशोर कर्मठ न होकर कट्टर हो रहे हों,
जब उनकी सोच संकुचित और विचार बद से बदतर हो रहे हों –
जब युवा

संयोग से मिले ‘उपनाम’ पर लाठियाँ निकाल लें,
जब वे शब्दों की गरिमा को नकार कर
अभद्रता को अपनी जुबान पर स्वीकार लें।

जब लोग
हिंसा करते हुए “जय श्रीराम” चिल्लाकर
राम को पुरुषोत्तम से पत्थर बना रहे हों –
या
बंदूकें हाथ में लेकर “अल्लाह” पुकार
अपने धर्म को कट्टर बना रहे हो।

जब नेता
देश को आगे खड़ा कर,
अपनी कुर्सी बचाने के लिए
हज़ारों बच्चे-बूढ़े, महिलाएं-पुरुषों को बारूद बना दें,
और मलबे के नीचे दबे उनके शरीरों को
ताबूत भी न पनाह दे।

तो तुम बैठना, दो पल और सोचना –
हमारे मस्तिष्क में यह जो समाज इतना बड़ा है,
असल में यह कितना खोखला है –
और नग्न होकर
मरघट के बीच खड़ा है।

विवेक शर्मा

भारत मेरा देश

तीन रंगों का यह तिरंगा, देता यह संदेश,
बोल कर मैं क्या बताऊँ, भारत मेरा देश।

ज्ञान-विज्ञान और अनुशासन से, बना है इसका भेष,
वीर-वीरांगना शिक्षक-दीक्षक, विद्वानी है परिवेश,
निर्मल नदियाँ मधुर स्वर में, गाती गुण विशेष,
खेतों में उपजे हरियाली, कृषक बने नरेश,
गूँजे सारा देश जोश में, जब हो उत्सव विशेष, अनेकता में एकता है, भाईचारा यहाँ है शेष,
तीन रंगों का यह तिरंगा, देता यह संदेश,
बोल कर मैं क्या बताऊँ, भारत मेरा देश।

माँ की ममता अद्वितीय यहाँ, बालक सीखे श्रीगणेश,
मिलनसार है, मददगार है, माने मेहमानों को देवेश,
संस्कृति-संस्कार हमारे, रीति-रिवाज है विशेष, यार हमारे इतने जिगरी, करते कभी ना झगड़ा द्वेष,
मातृभूमि के प्रेमी हैं हम, आने ना दे आँच विशेष,
और बताओ क्या बोलूँ मैं, शब्द बचे मेरे निःशेष,
तीन रंगों का यह तिरंगा, देता यह संदेश,
बोल कर मैं क्या बताऊँ, भारत मेरा देश।।

जयप्रकाश थोरी

विकसित भारत @2047

विकसित भारत का औपचारिक शुभारंभ एक महत्वपूर्ण मील का पत्थर है। भारत की स्वतंत्रता के 100वें वर्ष, यानी 2047 तक भारत को विकसित राष्ट्र की श्रेणी में लाने की संभावना वास्तव में मनोरम है। देश की तीव्र प्रगति को देखते हुए इस महत्त्वकांती लक्ष्य को साकार कर सकना संभव नज़र आता है। भारतवासियों के दिलोदिमाग में यह बातें अपना पैठ बनाती प्रतीत हो रही है। विकसित भारत के तहत आर्थिक विकास पर अत्यधिक बल दिया गया है हालांकि सर्वांगीण विकास हेतु जीवन के विभिन्न पक्षों एवं आयामों का विकास अपरिहार्य है।

1947 में 40 बिलियन यूएस डॉलर वाली अर्थव्यवस्था आज 3.7 ट्रिलियन यूएस डॉलर की हो गयी है। साक्षरता दर आजादी के समय मात्र 14% थी जो वर्तमान में बढ़कर लगभग 80 प्रतिशत पहुँच गयी है वहीं जीवन प्रत्याशा दर में बढ़ोत्तरी हुई है। लोगों के प्रति-व्यक्ति आय, पीपीपी, सामाजिक-आर्थिक स्तर के विभिन्न पहलुओं में वृद्धि देखने को मिली है।

1991 भारत के आर्थिक विकास की दिशा में अत्यंत परिवर्तनकारी दौर रहा है। देश ने आर्थिक संकट से उभरने हेतु नई आर्थिक नीति 1991 को लागू किया जिसके अंतर्गत उदारीकरण, वैश्वीकरण एवं निजीकरण को अपनाया गया। इससे भारत में निवेश आकर्षित हुआ एवं रोजगार के नये साधनों के साथ लोगों के विकल्पों में वृद्धि हुई। 2016 से भारत में इंटरनेट की क्रांति दौड़ पड़ी। सभी लोग, राज्य एवं देश, एक दूसरे से जुड़ने लगे। हाल के वर्षों में भारत ने खेल, चिकित्सा, विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी, अंतरिक्ष विज्ञान, सैन्य ताकत, आइटी क्षेत्र में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि की है। भारत ने अपने आधारभूत संरचना को मजबूत करने हेतु कई व्यापक नीतियां चालू की हैं। वर्तमान समय में देश साइबर सुरक्षा, विदेश नीति, डिजीटलीकरण, तकनीक जैसे क्षेत्रों में भरपूर काम कर रहा है। भारत ने योग, दर्शन, सांस्कृतिक, आध्यात्मिक, नैतिक एवं बौद्धिक विकास से पूरे विश्व में अपना स्थान कायम किया है।

विजन इंडिया @2047 अगले 25 वर्षों में भारत के विकास का खाका तैयार करने के लिए नीति आयोग द्वारा शुरू की गई एक परियोजना है। विकास की प्रकृति हमेशा समावेशी होनी चाहिए। राजीव गांधी ने कहा था "विकास से मेरा मतलब है जहाँ सबसे कमजोर व्यक्ति को बराबरी के पायदान पर लाकर खड़ा कर दिया जाए। विकसित भारत के विभिन्न पहलुओं के रूप में संरचनात्मक रूपांतरण, श्रम बाज़ारों का निर्माण, प्रतिस्पर्धात्मकता बढ़ाना, वित्तीय एवं सामाजिक समावेशन में सुधार, निर्णय एवं शासन व्यवस्था में सुधार एवं हरित क्रांति के अंतर्गत अवसरों का लाभ उठाना आदि शामिल है।

भारत की वर्तमान चुनौतियों के रूप में अपने पड़ोसी देशों से सीमा- विवाद, पश्चिमी एवं अरब विश्व से रिश्ते, HDI स्तर में सुधार, आंतरिक कलह, पर्यावरणीय चिंताएँ, रोजगार आदि शामिल है। यह भारत के लिए चिंताजनक है कि अभी भी धर्म-जाति संघर्ष, महिलाओं का उत्पीड़न, कुछेक राज्यों में निम्न शिक्षा स्तर, बेरोजगारी एवं अपराध जैसी समस्याएँ व्याप्त हैं। लेकिन ये सारी चुनौतियाँ भारत को बेहतर एवं दिनोदिन उन्नति हेतु प्रोत्साहित करती हैं।

आर्थिक विकास के साथ-साथ खुशहाली और कल्याण को महत्व देने वाले समग्र दृष्टिकोण को अपनाकर भारत एक अधिक सतत एवं परिपूर्णकारी विकास प्रक्षेप प्राप्त करने की आकांक्षा पाल सकता है। भारत को व समग्र विकास हेतु काफी प्रयास करने की आवश्यकता है। हमारे पास विशाल संसाधन मानव के रूप में है जो अपने जीवन में सफलता एवं सार्थकता का समन्वय करे तो निश्चय ही भारतवर्ष महान बनेगा, जिसके लिए हमें मिलकर प्रयास करना होगा। दुष्यंत कुमार की यह पंक्ति हमें ऊर्जा से भर देती है एवं अपने राष्ट्र हेतु कर्मबोध के प्रति अग्रसर करती है -

इस नदी की धार में, ठंडी हवा आती तो है,
नाव जर्जर ही सही, लहरों से टकराती तो है,
एक चिंगारी कहीं से ढूँढ़ लाओ दोस्तों,
इस दिये में तेल से भीगी हुई बाती तो है।

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भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच सिंधु जल संधि (Indus Waters Treaty) को अब तक दक्षिण एशिया के सबसे स्थिर और टिकाऊ जल समझौतों में गिना जाता रहा है। हालाँकि 23 अप्रैल 2025 में उत्पन्न नई परिस्थितियों ने इस संधि की स्थिरता पर गंभीर प्रश्न चिह्न लगा दिया है। हालिये घटनाओं में, भारत सरकार ने पाकिस्तान को जल प्रवाह से जुड़ी जानकारी साझा करना, बाढ़ की पूर्व चेतावनी देना और सिंधु आयोग के माध्यम से होने वाले संवाद स्थगित कर दिए हैं। यह कदम उस आतंकवादी घटना के बाद उठाया गया जिसमें भारतीय क्षेत्र पहलगाम, जम्मू-कश्मीर में कई नागरिकों की जान गई थी और भारत ने इसके लिए प्रत्यक्ष या अप्रत्यक्ष रूप से पाकिस्तान को जिम्मेदार ठहराया। भारत ने पूर्वी नदियों पर अपने नियंत्रण को और मजबूत करते हुए पश्चिमी नदियों के जल प्रवाह पर भी अधिक से अधिक प्रोजेक्ट शुरू करने का संकल्प लिया है। इससे न केवल पाकिस्तान की जल आपूर्ति बल्कि उसकी कृषि और आर्थिक पर भी गहरा असर पड़ने की आशंका है।

सिंधु जल संधि का इतिहास 1947 के भारत-पाकिस्तान विभाजन से जुड़ा है। विभाजन के समय सिंधु नदी प्रणाली के जल स्रोत भारत में थे, लेकिन प्रवाह पाकिस्तान की ओर होता था। 1 अप्रैल 1948 को भारत द्वारा पाकिस्तान की ओर पानी रोकने की घटना ने दोनों देशों के बीच गंभीर तनाव पैदा कर दिया था। इसी पृष्ठभूमि में विश्व बैंक की मध्यस्थता से नौ वर्षों तक चली बातचीत के बाद 19 सितंबर 1960 को सिंधु जल संधि पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए। इस संधि के तहत तीन पूर्वी नदियाँ रावी, ब्यास और सतलुज भारत को दी गईं और तीन पश्चिमी नदियाँ - सिंधु, झेलम और चिनाब पाकिस्तान को आवंटित की गईं। इसके अतिरिक्त, भारत को पश्चिमी नदियों का सीमित उपयोग करने की अनुमति भी दी गई थी, विशेषकर घरेलू कार्यों, सिंचाई और 'रन-ऑफ-द-रिवर' जलविद्युत परियोजनाओं के लिए।

इस संधि के आधार पर पाकिस्तान ने अपने कृषि ढांचे को विकसित किया। आज पाकिस्तान की लगभग 80 प्रतिशत कृषि सिंधु नदी प्रणाली के जल पर निर्भर है। इसके अलावा, देश के कुल जल संसाधनों का 90 प्रतिशत हिस्सा भी इन्हीं नदियों से आता है। पाकिस्तान के प्रमुख प्रांत, जैसे पंजाब और सिंध, जहाँ देश की लगभग 70 प्रतिशत कृषि होती है, सीधे-सीधे सिंधु जल पर निर्भर हैं। पंजाब प्रांत, जिसे पाकिस्तान का 'अन्न भंडार' कहा जाता है, सिंधु और उसकी सहायक नदियों के जल से अपने प्रमुख फसलों गेहूँ, कपास, और गन्ना -की सिंचाई करता है। सिंध प्रांत के निचले क्षेत्र भी सिंधु नदी पर निर्भर हैं, विशेष रूप से चावल की खेती और खारे पानी से बचाव हेतु। ऐसे में यदि भारत द्वारा जल नियंत्रण को व्यावहारिक रूप से लागू किया जाता है, तो इन क्षेत्रों में बड़े पैमाने पर जल संकट उत्पन्न हो सकता है, जिससे कृषि उत्पादन में 30 से 40 प्रतिशत तक की गिरावट आ सकती है।

सिंधु जल संधि में यह भी प्रावधान था कि यदि विवाद उत्पन्न हो तो पहले आपसी बातचीत से समाधान खोजा जाएगा, फिर तटस्थ विशेषज्ञ की मध्यस्थता ली जाएगी, और अंततः आवश्यकता पड़ने पर विश्व बैंक द्वारा समर्थित मध्यस्थता अदालत में मामला जाएगा। इसी ढांचे के तहत 2005 और 2010 में भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच बगलीहार और किशनगंगा जलविद्युत परियोजनाओं को लेकर विवाद भी उठे थे, जिन्हें बाद में अंतरराष्ट्रीय मध्यस्थता द्वारा सुलझाया गया।

वर्तमान घटनाक्रम में, यदि भारत पूर्वी नदियों का पानी पूरी तरह से प्रयोग करता है और पश्चिमी नदियों पर बड़े स्तर पर जलविद्युत परियोजनाएँ विकसित करता है, तो पाकिस्तान को मिलने वाला जल प्रवाह काफी हद तक कम हो सकता है। विशेषज्ञों का अनुमान है कि इससे पाकिस्तान के कुल जल उपलब्धता में 20 से 25 प्रतिशत तक की कटौती हो सकती है, जो कि एक गंभीर जल संकट का रूप ले सकती है। पाकिस्तान पहले से ही जल संकट से जूझ रहा है: संयुक्त राष्ट्र की 2022 की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार पाकिस्तान उन देशों में है जहाँ प्रति व्यक्ति जल उपलब्धता तेजी से घट रही है और 2025 तक पाकिस्तान 'जल दुर्लभता' की स्थिति में प्रवेश कर सकता है।

इसके अतिरिक्त, सिंधु जल संधि के निलंबन का प्रभाव केवल आर्थिक या पर्यावरणीय नहीं रहेगा, बल्कि यह क्षेत्रीय भू-राजनीति को भी प्रभावित करेगा। पाकिस्तान ने भारत के हालिया कदम को 'युद्ध जैसा कृत्य' (Act of War) बताते हुए चेतावनी दी है कि यदि जल प्रवाह को बाधित किया गया तो पाकिस्तान अपने सभी द्विपक्षीय समझौते और कूटनीतिक संबंधों की समीक्षा करेगा। चीन, जो पहले से ही

पाकिस्तान के साथ 'चीन-पाकिस्तान आर्थिक गलियारा' (CPEC) परियोजना के तहत गहरे सम्बन्ध विकसित कर रहा है, इस संकट का लाभ उठाकर पाकिस्तान के साथ अपने प्रभाव को और मजबूत कर सकता है। वहीं अमेरिका और विश्व बैंक जैसे संस्थानों पर दबाव बढ़ेगा कि वे इस विवाद को हल करने में मध्यस्थता करें।

अंततः, सिंधु जल संधि लंबे समय तक भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच विश्वसनीयता का एक आधार रही थी। यदि इस संधि की संरचना कमजोर होती है, तो इससे न केवल दक्षिण एशिया की स्थिरता को खतरा है, बल्कि वैश्विक जल कूटनीति के सिद्धांतों को भी चुनौती मिलेगी। ऐसे में दोनों देशों के लिए यह आवश्यक हो जाता है कि वे सामरिक हितों से ऊपर उठकर दीर्घकालीन क्षेत्रीय शांति और सतत विकास को प्राथमिकता दें।



डोनाल्ड ट्रम्प अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति बन गए अब भारत पर क्या-क्या प्रभाव पड़ेगा ?

अब अमेरिका के 47वें राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रम्प बन गए ये रिपब्लिकन पार्टी के तरफ से उम्मीदवार के रूप में खड़े हुए थे। डोनाल्ड ट्रम्प की वापसी से नीतिगत व्यवधान और अप्रत्याशिता उत्पन्न हो सकती है कमला हैरिस की जीत बिडेन प्रशासन की नीतियों में निरंतरता सुनिश्चित कर सकती थी। अमेरिका और भारत के बीच व्यापार और व्यवसाय नीतियों पर विशेष रूप से ट्रम्प के नेतृत्व में काफी प्रभाव पड़ेगा। ट्रम्प ने भारत को व्यापार दुर्व्यवहार करार दिया है जिससे नए सिरे से व्यापार तनाव बढ़ सकता है और 75 अरब डॉलर से अधिक मूल्य के भारतीय निर्यात पर उच्च टैरिफ की संभावना का संकेत है।

ट्रम्प की व्यापार नीतियाँ और अतीत के तनाव-

- ट्रम्प के पिछले कार्यकाल में संरक्षणवाद और व्यापार अलगाववाद पर ज़ोर दिया गया था, जिससे विश्व व्यापार संगठन विवाद समाधान प्रक्रिया अवरुद्ध हो गई और भारत सहित प्रमुख भागीदारों के साथ व्यापार संघर्ष शुरू हो गया।
- 2019 भारत ने सामान्यीकृत वरीयता प्रणाली कार्यकाल के तहत शुल्क मुक्त पहुँच खो दी।

भारत-अमेरिका आर्थिक संबंधों पर प्रभाव-

- व्यापार समझौतों पर पुनर्विचार ट्रम्प प्रशासन की व्यापारिक नीतियाँ “अमेरिका फर्स्ट” पर जोर देती हैं, जिसके कारण भारत और अमेरिका के बीच मौजूदा व्यापार समझौतों पर पुनर्विचार हो सकता है।
- ट्रम्प का झुकाव उच्च टैरिफ लागू करने की तरफ था। इसके परिणामस्वरूप भारतीय उत्पादों के लिए अमेरिकी बाजार में पहुँच महंगी हो सकती है।

आर्थिक मोर्चे पर रोजगार पर प्रभाव-

- भारतीय आईटी सेक्टर पर प्रभाव ट्रम्प प्रशासन का एच-1बी वीजा कार्यक्रम को लेकर सख्त रवैया था। अगर यह जारी रहा तो भारत के आईटी प्रोफेशनल्स की अमेरिका में रोजगार के अवसर सीमित हो सकते हैं।
- फार्मा उद्योग पर प्रभाव: अमेरिकी दवा बाजार में भारतीय कंपनियों के उत्पादों की पहुँच को चुनौती मिल सकती है, जिससे भारतीय फार्मा कंपनियों पर असर पड़ सकता है।

रक्षा संबंध और सैन्य सहयोग-

- सुरक्षा सहयोग में वृद्धि: भारत और अमेरिका के बीच रक्षा समझौते जैसे LEMOA और COMCASA का विस्तार संभव है, जो सैन्य सहयोग को और मजबूत करेगा।
- आतंकवाद के खिलाफ साझेदारी अमेरिका और भारत के बीच आतंकवाद विरोधी सहयोग में वृद्धि हो सकती है, खासकर पाकिस्तान पर दबाव बनाए रखने के लिए। सैन्य तकनीक का हस्तांतरण अमेरिका से उन्नत सैन्य तकनीकों का हस्तांतरण भारत को किया जा सकता है, जो भारत की रक्षा प्रणाली को मजबूत करेगा।
- ट्रम्प का रुख चीन के खिलाफ सख्त रहा है। अमेरिका की चीन को रोकने की नीति के कारण भारत के लिए रणनीतिक रूप से महत्वपूर्ण है, जो भारत को क्षेत्रीय शक्ति बनने में सहायक हो सकता है।

पर्यावरण और जलवायु परिवर्तन पर नीति-

- ट्रम्प प्रशासन ने पेरिस जलवायु समझौते से अमेरिका को बाहर कर दिया, जिससे वैश्विक जलवायु प्रयासों पर असर पड़ा है। इससे भारत के पर्यावरण नीतियों पर भी असर पड़ सकता है।
- अमेरिका से स्वच्छ ऊर्जा तकनीकों में सहयोग की कमी हो सकती है, जिससे भारत की नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा क्षेत्र की प्रगति धीमी हो सकती है।

2019-2023

UPSC TREND ANALYSIS

Trend analysis in the UPSC examination deciphers evolving patterns in question framing, subject weightage, and thematic focus—empowering aspirants to align preparation with changing evaluative dynamics.



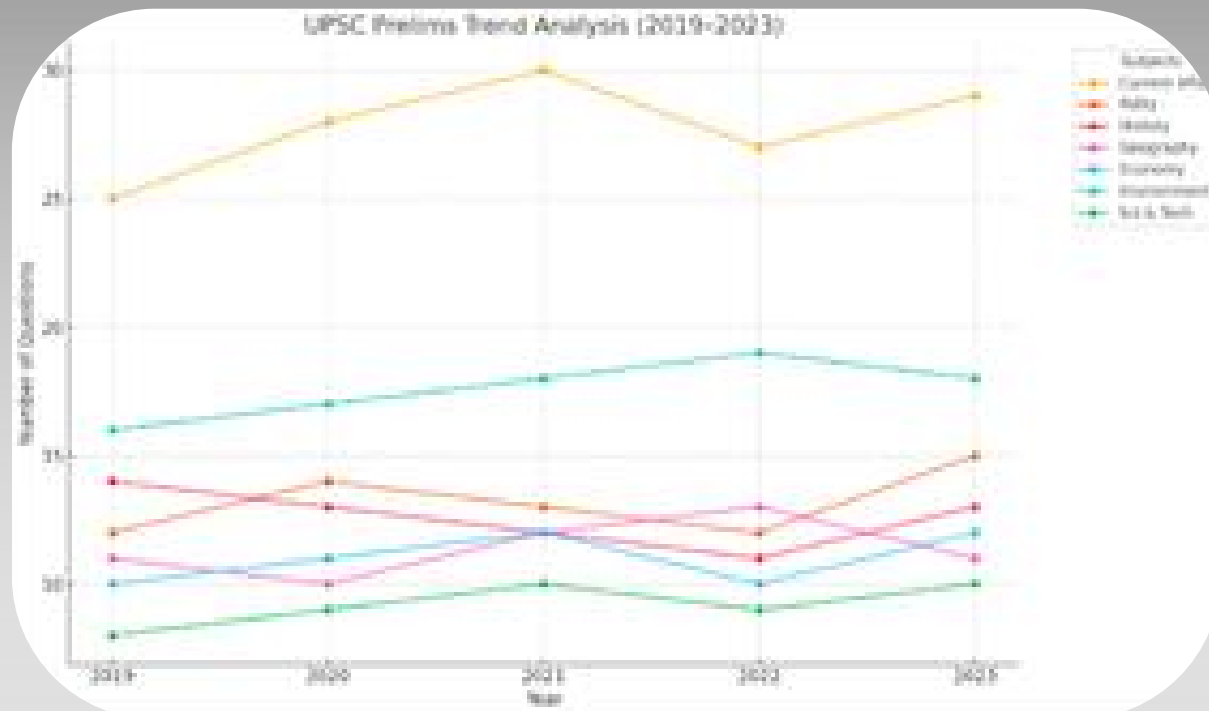
Syllabus at a Glance -

Stage	Paper	Subjects / Components	Remarks
Preliminary Exam	Paper I – General Studies	- Current Affairs - History & Indian National Movement - Geography - Polity - Economy - Environment - General Science	Scored for merit
	Paper II – CSAT	- Comprehension - Reasoning - Decision Making - Numeracy (up to Class X) - Data Interpretation	<i>Qualifying only</i> (33% required)
Mains Exam	Paper A – Indian Language	One Indian Language from the 8th Schedule of the Constitution	Qualifying (Minimum 25%)
	Paper B – English	English Language (Comprehension, Grammar, Essay)	Qualifying (Minimum 25%)
	Paper I – Essay	Two essays on general or abstract topics	Counted for merit
	Paper II – GSI	-History -Geography -Indian Society -Culture	
	Paper III – GS II	- Polity - Constitution - Governance - International Relations	

Stage	Paper	Subjects / Components	Remarks
	Paper IV – GS III	- Economy - Science & Tech - Environment - Disaster Management - Security Issues	
	Paper V – GS IV	- Ethics - Integrity - Aptitude - Case Studies	
	Papers VI & VII – Optional Subject	Two papers on one subject chosen from the UPSC list (e.g., History, PSIR, Sociology, etc.)	Counted for merit
Interview	Personality Test	- Communication - Leadership - Integrity - Current Affairs Awareness - Decision Making	275 Marks – Counted for Final Rank



PRELIMS



Current Affairs and Environment have shown a consistent and dominant presence, while Polity and History remain stable contributors. The Science & Tech section, though moderate, has seen a subtle upward trajectory.

PAPER I – GENERAL STUDIES (GS): THE CORE BATTLEGROUND

This paper holds the key to selection for the Mains. It comprises 100 multiple-choice questions and carries 200 marks.



Current Affairs: The Dominant Force

Trend: From 2016 onwards, the weightage of current affairs has steadily risen, often accounting for 25–30 questions.



Polity: Conceptual Depth Over Factual Recall

Around 12–14 questions, with increasing weight on Modern Indian History and Art & Culture.



History: Balanced Yet Unpredictable

Around 10–12 questions, split between Indian and World Geography.



Economy: Application-Oriented

10–12 questions test on understanding of economic concepts, through government schemes, budgets, and reports.



Environment & Ecology: Rising Prominence

Growing influence, with 15–18 questions per year.



Science & Technology: Selective but Critical

8–10 questions, focus cutting-edge topics.

PAPER II – CSAT: No Longer a Mere Formality

Though qualifying in nature, requiring only 33%, CSAT has grown in complexity post-2015.

III. OBSERVATIONAL INSIGHTS & STRATEGIC POINTERS

- 🎯 **Unpredictability as a Constant:** UPSC is known to break trends; hence, balanced preparation across all subjects is imperative.
- 🎯 **Mock Tests Matter:** Consistent practice of full-length, time-bound mocks helps in mastering the art of elimination and time management.

I. ESSAY PAPER – PAPER I: SHIFTING FROM SIMPLICITY TO SUBTLETY

- EARLIER ESSAYS REVOLVED AROUND STRAIGHTFORWARD SOCIO-POLITICAL ISSUES.
- RECENT YEARS HAVE WITNESSED AN INCREASING SHIFT TOWARDS ABSTRACT,
- PHILOSOPHICAL, AND METAPHORICAL THEMES.

INSIGHT:

- ESSAYS DEMAND ORIGINALITY, BALANCE, STRUCTURE, AND A NUANCED WORLDVIEW.
- ESSAYS THAT INTERLINK PHILOSOPHY, GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND SOCIETY ARE MORE FAVORABLY VIEWED.

II. GS PAPER I – INDIAN HERITAGE, HISTORY, SOCIETY & GEOGRAPHY

Theme	Trend Highlights
History	Questions remain consistent on Modern History, Art & Culture, and Post-Independence India. A growing emphasis is observed on obscure personalities and cultural symbolism.
Society	Increasing focus on gender, urbanization, secularism, and contemporary social challenges like caste in modern context.
Geography	Tilt toward applied physical geography , climate-related questions , and resource-based mapping . Integration with environment and disaster management is notable.

III. GS PAPER II – POLITY, CONSTITUTION, GOVERNANCE, IR

Sub-section	Trends
Polity	Shift from factual to interpretative questions – testing understanding of separation of powers, judicial review, legislative accountability.
Governance	Questions now focus on implementation challenges, e-governance, and civil society participation.
International Relations	Growing stress on India's multilateral diplomacy, Indo-Pacific strategy, and neighborhood dynamics (China, Sri Lanka, etc.).

IV. GS PAPER III – ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, TECH, SECURITY, DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Segment	Evolving Trends
Economy	Move from static fiscal concepts to dynamic economic reforms, budget implications, and inclusive growth.
Technology	Emergence of themes like Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Quantum Tech, and Digital India.
Environment	Strong linkage with international environmental agreements, climate finance, and sustainability.
Security	Growing emphasis on cyber threats , internal security , and issues like border management and <i>Naxalism</i> .

V. GS PAPER IV – ETHICS, INTEGRITY & APTITUDE

TREND OBSERVATIONS:

- THE THEORETICAL SECTION FOCUSES ON CONCEPTS LIKE MORAL THINKERS, VALUES IN PUBLIC LIFE, AND ETHICAL DILEMMAS.
- THE CASE STUDY SECTION IS WITNESSING INCREASINGLY REAL-LIFE BUREAUCRATIC CHALLENGES, WITH A STRESS ON BALANCED, INNOVATIVE, AND EMPATHETIC DECISION-MAKING.

EXPECTED TRAITS:

- BALANCED APPROACH, ETHICAL REASONING, AND VALUE-CENTRIC LEADERSHIP ARE KEY.
- QUOTES AND EXAMPLES OF REAL-LIFE CIVIL SERVANT GREATLY ENHANCE ANSWERS.

VI. OPTIONAL PAPERS (PAPER V & VI): SPECIALIZED DEPTH

TREND INSIGHTS:

- QUESTIONS ARE NOW APPLICATION-HEAVY, REQUIRING A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT WITH CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE.
- POPULAR OPTIONALS LIKE PSIR, HISTORY, SOCIOLOGY, AND ANTHROPOLOGY WITNESS STABLE PATTERNS BUT WITH OCCASIONAL THEMATIC SURPRISES.

STRATEGIC INSIGHTS FOR MAINS SUCCESS

Key Element	Strategic Observation
Answer Writing	Mastering introduction-body-conclusion (IBC) structure with value-enriched content is essential.
Diagrams & Flowcharts	Increasingly valued in GS answers to depict polity structure, economy models, or ethics flow.
Time Management	With 20 questions in 180 minutes, clarity and conciseness take precedence over verbosity.
Integration of Current Affairs	Dynamic examples from governance, economy, and diplomacy greatly boost answer quality.

Puzzles *AND* *Riddles*



1

You are standing in a room with three light switches. Each switch corresponds to one of three light bulbs in a room. Each light bulb is either on or off. You can't see the light bulbs from where you are, but you can turn the switches on and off as many times as you want. How can you figure out which switch corresponds to which light bulb?

2

A man walks into a bar and asks the bartender for a glass of water. The bartender pulls out a gun and points it at the man. The man thanks the bartender and leaves. Why did the man thank the bartender?

3

You are presented with three doors, behind one of which is a car. You choose a door, but before it is opened, the host opens one of the other two doors and shows you that it doesn't have the car. Should you stick with your original choice or switch to the other unopened door?

4

How many people need to be in a room so that there is a 50% chance that at least two people share the same birthday?



5

A man was gazing through the window of the 33rd floor of the building. He suddenly opened the window and jumped on the other side of the window. On landing the floor, there was not a sheer mark of injury on him. How can that be possible if he did not use any kind of parachute and did not land on a soft surface?

6

I have 100 coins in my wallet.
What is the minimum number of coin(s), i would be required in order to make sure each coin touched exactly three other coins.

7

Four people need to cross a dark river at night. They have only one torch and the river is too risky to cross without the torch. if all people cross simultaneously then torch light won't be sufficient. Speed of each person of crossing the river is different across time for each person is 1 min, 2 mins, 7 mins and 10 mins. What is the shortest time needed for all four of them to cross the river?

8

What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?



9

Read the data given below carefully and answer the following questions:

Eight friends Vandana, Aparna, Devika, Arunima, Charu, Nandita, Sagarika and Fatima went shopping.

Each of them bought shoes from 8 different brands – Puma, Reebok, Adidas, Bata, Nike, Woodland, Lee Cooper and Fila but not necessarily in the same order.

The colour of each pair of shoes was different – black, white, brown, pink, green, grey, blue and purple but not necessarily in the same order

- Devika did not buy the purple colour shoes but shopped from Woodland.
- Vandana and Charu did not buy brown shoes.
- Vandana doesn't like Puma.
- Fatima doesn't like Fila but bought a pink pair of shoes.
- Aparna's favourite colour is blue and she bought the shoes of her favourite colour.
- Nandita shopped at Bata.
- Arunima likes Adidas and bought her grey colour shoes from there.
- The one who shopped at Reebok has brown shoes and the one who bought Green shoes shopped at Puma.
- The one who likes Nike bought black shoes.

Q1. Which of the given sets is incorrect?

Vandana – Nike – Black

Devika – Woodland – White

Nandita – Bata – Purple

Charu – Bata – Green

Arunima – Adidas – Grey



9

Q 2. Which brand shoes did Devika buy?

Woodland
Fila
Nike
Reebok
Lee Cooper

Q 3. If Fatima bought shoes from Lee Cooper. What was the colour of the shoes she bought?

Brown
Pink
Purple
Black
Grey

Q 4. Which of the below-given pairs of shoe brands and their colour is correct?

Reebok – Black
Puma – Green
Nike – Pink
Woodland – Green
Lee Cooper – Blue

Q 5. Which colour shoes did Arunima buy?

Black
Purple
White
Blue
Grey



10

Five friends - Rohan, Sohan, Mohan, Karan, and Haran - appeared for the UPSC _exam. Their ranks are 1, 2, 3, 4_, and 5, but not in that order.

Using the following clues, determine their ranks:

- Rohan's rank is higher than Sohan's.
- Mohan's rank is lower than Karan's.
- Haran's rank is not 1 or 5.

11

A UPSC aspirant is 25 years old. The minimum age for appearing in the UPSC exam is 21 years, and the maximum age is 32 years for the general category. How many more years can the aspirant appear for the exam?

12

Suppose there are two islands. On Island A, everyone always tells the truth. On Island B, everyone always lies. You meet a person at the crossroads who says, "I come from Island A."
Can you determine which island the person comes from by asking just one yes/no question? If so, what should you ask?

13

A chemist mixes two clear liquids. The resulting solution suddenly turns bright pink.

Based on the colour change, suggest what type of chemical reaction might have occurred.

(Hint: think about pH indicators)



14

In a library, there are 5 ancient manuscripts. Each has a different colour (red, blue, green, yellow, black) and each is written in a different language (Greek, Latin, Sanskrit, Arabic, Chinese).

Clues:

The Greek manuscript is not red or blue.

The Latin manuscript is next to the black one.

The Sanskrit manuscript is blue.

The yellow manuscript is at the far left.

The Arabic manuscript is not next to the green one.

15

Premises:

All philosophers are curious.

Some philosophers are musicians.

No curious person is lazy.

Which of the following conclusions logically follow?

- a) Some musicians are not lazy.
- b) Some curious people are musicians.
- c) All musicians are philosophers.





QUIZ ZONE

“A QUIZ A DAY KEEPS
STAGNATION AT BAY”

1. Which of the following pairs is correctly matched regarding the year of establishment?

- a) Parliamentary Forum on Disaster Management - 2008
- b) Parliamentary Forum on Millennium Development Goals - 2011
- c) Parliamentary Forum on Artisans and Craftspeople - 2013
- d) Parliamentary Forum on Water Conservation and Management - 1970

2. Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha?

- a) He is elected by the Rajya Sabha members.
- b) He is subordinate to the Chairman.
- c) He acts as Chairman in the latter's absence.
- d) He must be given 14 days' notice for removal resolution.

3. In case of the absence of quorum of permanent judges, who appoints an ad hoc judge to the Supreme Court?

- a) Prime Minister
- b) Chief Justice of India with President's consent
- c) President directly
- d) Attorney General of India

4. Which landmark case in 1994 criticized the idea of sovereign immunity in India?

- a) Kasturi Lal case
- b) Nagendra Rao case
- c) Common Cause case
- d) Shah Bano case

5. Which Constitutional Amendment made the President bound by the advice of the Council of Ministers?

- a) 42nd Amendment only
- b) 44th Amendment only
- c) Both 42nd and 44th Amendments
- d) 91st Amendment

6. Which international body defines a co-operative as a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise?

- a) United Nations (UN)
- b) International Labour Organization (ILO)
- c) World Bank
- d) World Trade Organization (WTO)

7. Who was the first Chief Vigilance Commissioner of India?

- a) K. Santhanam
- b) Praveen Kumar Srivastava
- c) Nittoor Srinivasa Rau
- d) T.S.R. Subramanian

8. Under the Constitution, civil servants making contracts in official capacity :

- a) Are personally liable
- b) Are not personally liable; government is liable
- c) Are liable only after retirement
- d) Need Supreme Court clearance

9. Who is the chairperson of NITI Ayog?

- a) President of India
- b) Prime minister of India
- c) Vice President of India
- d) None of these

10. Which type of planning involves planning done at local levels without central interference?

- a) Centralized Planning
- b) Decentralized Planning
- c) Direction Planning
- d) Totalitarian Planning

11. Which of the following battles resulted in a decisive defeat of British forces leading to the Siege of Lucknow?

- a) Battle of Chinhat
- b) Siege of Cawnpore
- c) Relief of Lucknow
- d) Capture of Delhi

12. What was a major limitation regarding suffrage (right to vote) in the Government of India Act, 1919?

- a) Universal suffrage was introduced
- b) Women were banned from voting
- c) Suffrage was highly restricted based on property and education
- d) All adults were given voting rights

13. The British East India Company consolidated power after which battle in 1764?

- a) Battle of Wandiwash
- b) Battle of Plassey
- c) Battle of Buxar
- d) Battle of Panipat

14. In India, the responsibility for economic and social planning is mentioned under :

- a) Residuary Power
- b) State List
- c) Concurrent List
- d) Union List

15. Which minister was NOT a part of Sher Shah's administration?

- a) Diwan-i-Wizarat
- b) Diwan-i-Ariz
- c) Diwan-i-Rasalat
- d) Mir Bakhshi

16. What major reason contributed to the fall of the Sur Empire after Sher Shah's death?

- a) Invasion by Timur
- b) Weak successors and internal feuds
- c) Immediate return of Humayun with a large army
- d) Famine and drought

17. Assertion (A): The Sur Empire was centralized and militarily efficient.
Reason (R): Sher Shah implemented reforms like horse branding (dagh) and descriptive rolls (chehra).

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c) A is true, but R is false.
- d) A is false, but R is true.

18. Assertion (A): S-waves cannot travel through Earth's liquid outer core.
Reason (R): S-waves can only propagate through solid materials.

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c) A is true, but R is false.
- d) A is false, but R is true.

19. Which volcanic zone accounts for around 90% of all earthquakes on Earth?

- a) Mid-Atlantic Ridge
- b) Ring of Fire
- c) East African Rift
- d) Mediterranean Belt

20. Which type of farming was originated in Europe and involves continuous cropping?

- a) Subsistence farming
- b) Mixed farming
- c) Mediterranean farming
- d) Shifting cultivation

21. In the Big Bang theory, what happened immediately after the explosion?

- a) Formation of stars
- b) Creation of planets directly
- c) Formation of atoms and transformation of energy into matter
- d) Complete cooling of the universe

22. The energy driving exogenic forces is derived primarily from:

- a) Earth's rotational friction
- b) Radioactive decay
- c) Solar energy and gravitational pull
- d) Primordial heat

23. What major issue prompted the need for setting up Tribunals?

- a) Economic instability
- b) Pendency of cases in courts
- c) Political decentralization
- d) Privatization of public services

24. The distribution of placer gold deposits in Ghana and Brazil suggests what about their past geographic configuration?

- a) Both were volcanic islands
- b) They shared a connected mountain range
- c) They were once connected as part of a larger landmass
- d) The gold originated in Ghana and was transported by water

25. What component of the universe makes up about 68% and is responsible for the accelerated expansion of the universe?

- a) Normal Matter
- b) Dark Matter
- c) Dark Energy
- d) Plasma

26. Assertion (A): Democratic planning includes public participation in economic decisions.

Reason (R): In democratic planning, the government completely ignores market forces.

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- b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c) A is true, but R is false.
- d) A is false, but R is true.

27. Which of the following correctly describes the Organised Sector?

- a) Free from government regulations
- b) Follows Indian labor laws like the Minimum Wages Act
- c) Mostly unregistered small businesses
- d) Exists outside the formal economy

28. A major negative impact of the Green Revolution was:

- a) Decline in literacy rates
- b) Depletion of groundwater levels
- c) Decrease in food grain production
- d) Reduction in employment opportunities in cities

29. The First Five Year Plan was largely successful due to:

- a) Strategic industrial investments
- b) High foreign direct investment
- c) Good agricultural harvests in its last two years
- d) Focus on exports and liberalization

30. Piaget's Concrete Operational Stage is characterized by:

- a) The ability to think abstractly
- b) The use of language to represent objects
- c) Logical reasoning about concrete experiences
- d) Complete mastery of deductive reasoning



CURRENT AFFAIRS

(NATIONAL)



POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

- **2024 General Elections:** Narendra Modi was sworn in for a third consecutive term as Prime Minister. BJP-led NDA secured a majority, but with a reduced margin compared to 2019.
- **Opposition Revival:** The INDIA alliance made significant gains in several states, especially in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.
- **Ordinance Politics:** Contentious bills were passed by ordinance, especially those concerning criminal law amendments and bureaucratic oversight.

JUDICIARY & LEGAL AFFAIRS

- **NEET-UG Paper Leak Scandal:** The NEET exam faced severe backlash due to allegations of paper leaks and mismanagement. Petitions were filed in the Supreme Court demanding a re-test or CBI probe.
- **Bail of Arvind Kejriwal:** Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal was granted interim bail by the Supreme Court in May 2024 in connection with the liquor policy case; he later returned to Tihar Jail in June.
- **Criminal Law Reform Bills:** New criminal law codes—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam—came into force on July 1, 2024.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

- **India becomes 4th-largest economy:** As per IMF estimates, India surpassed Japan in nominal GDP, climbing to 4th globally.
- **Stock Market Surge:** Sensex crossed 80,000 for the first time in June 2025, buoyed by investor confidence in Modi 3.0 and reforms.
- **Job Creation:** Companies like Cognizant and TCS announced thousands of new tech jobs and infrastructure investments.
- **Startup Slowdown:** Funding winter continued, with several unicorns seeing valuation cuts and mass layoffs in Q4 2024.

DIPLOMACY & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- India–Bangladesh Ties: Sheikh Hasina visited India (June 2024), with renewed talks on CEPA, Teesta water sharing, and regional connectivity.
- Canada–India Diplomatic Thaw: Relations began to normalize in mid-2025 following tensions over Khalistani activities and the Hardeep Singh Nijjar case.
- China Border Talks: No breakthrough in military-level talks; status quo continues along LAC.
- India–Israel: Balanced stance in Israel– Hamas conflict; India called for cessation of violence while supporting humanitarian aid to Gaza.

ENVIRONMENT & DISASTERS

- Monsoon Havoc: Assam, Sikkim, and Himachal Pradesh faced devastating floods and landslides, displacing lakhs and claiming thousands of lives.
- Air Pollution Worsens: AQI in Delhi and NCR hit hazardous levels post-Diwali, despite restrictions on firecrackers and construction.
- India proposes VPPAs: The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission introduced Virtual Power Purchase Agreements to deepen renewable energy trading in power markets.
- Sulphur-cut plan reassessed: A \$30 billion flue-gas desulphurization program for coal plants is under review due to limited pollution reduction and high costs.
- EU trade green rules: India is adjusting policies to align with impending EU environmental trade standards, particularly affecting coffee and scrap export sectors.

ACCIDENTS & TRAGEDIES

- Air India Flight Crash (June 2025): A Boeing 787 Dreamliner crashed after takeoff from Ahmedabad, resulting in 260 deaths. Aviation authorities launched a safety audit.
- Train Collisions: Kanchenjunga Express accident in West Bengal (June 2024) killed at least 11; caused by a signal error and driver overspeeding.
- Uttarakhand Helicopter Crash: In June 2025, a helicopter carrying pilgrims and officials crashed due to poor visibility; all aboard perished.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- ISRO Launches NISAR (Feb 2025): India-US joint satellite to monitor Earth's ecosystems, ice mass, and climate patterns.
- AI Regulation Draft: Government introduced a framework to regulate artificial intelligence ethics, especially in education and elections.
- Space Tourism Talks: ISRO initiated discussions on commercializing low-orbit tourism by 2030.
- Group Captain Shukla returned to earth on July 15 after spending 18 days in the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the Axiom Mission 4.

CULTURE, SPORTS & SOCIETY

- Ram Mandir Inauguration (Jan 22, 2024): Grand consecration ceremony at Ayodhya with national and international coverage.
- IPL 2025: Royal Challengers Bengaluru lifted the trophy in a nail-biting final. The event was marred by a crowd crush incident in Bengaluru.
- Paris Olympics 2024: Indian contingent, especially in wrestling and shooting, delivered a record medal tally.
- Gender Reform: Supreme Court rejected a plea for same-sex marriage, but recommended parliamentary discussion, igniting social debates.
- Chenab Rail Bridge Inaugurated: World's highest rail bridge, a feat of engineering, was opened in Jammu & Kashmir.

DEFENCE

- HAL to produce SSLV rockets: On June 20, 2025, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. secured a ₹511 crore contract to manufacture Small Satellite Launch Vehicles, marking a pivotal stride in India's private sector space ambitions.
- Nuclear liability reforms: In early 2025, the government initiated amendments to civil nuclear liability frameworks, facilitating private sector entry and targeting a tenfold capacity increase (100 GW) by 2047.
- India's first indigenous diving support vessel, INS Nistar, built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), inducted into the Eastern Naval Command (ENC) of Indian Navy headquartered at Visakhapatnam.

FINANCE & MARKETS

- **RBI slashes repo rate by 50 bp:** In June 2025, the RBI cut its repo rate more steeply than anticipated (to 5.5 %), shifting policy to “neutral” to spur growth amid record-low inflation (~2.8 %) [reuters.com](#).
- **Global trading firms enter India:** Citadel, IMC, Millennium, Optiver, and others are expanding in India's derivatives market, igniting a recruitment drive and tech infrastructure upgrade at NSE and BSE [reuters.com](#).
- **SEBI green debt framework:** Introduced in June 2025, now governing social, sustainability, and sustainability-linked bonds with enhanced disclosure norms to bolster ESG investments.

URBAN & ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

- **UP's Urban Green Policy:** Uttar Pradesh approved a three-tier green initiative promoting rooftop gardens, mini-forests, and environmental accountability across urban local bodies.
- **C&D Waste Rules 2025:** New regulations impose extended producer responsibility on large construction projects, mandating waste recycling and reuse.

EDUCATION & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- **Vidya Bharati's Vision 2047:** A five-point roadmap outlines the fusion of tradition, equity, and 21st-century competencies in schooling systems.
- **NTA restructuring & exam reforms:** Starting 2025, the National Testing Agency will be streamlined, adopting biometric and digital safeguards, as per Education Ministry directives.
- **NITI Aayog on higher education:** Advocated increased autonomy, funding, fee flexibility, and employability under NEP implementation.
- **Budget 2025 education focus:** The Union Budget prioritised research, vocational training, and digital literacy with ambitious schemes for AI, IoT, and skill centres.

CURRENT AFFAIRS (INTERNATIONAL)



NORTH AMERICA

- H1-B Visa Program Overhaul:17 January.
- Trump's Inauguration as 47th US President:20 January.
- UN Backs Ukraine Territorial Integrity Resolution: On February 24, 2025.
- Measles Outbreak in the US: By March 14, 2025.
- USA sent letters have been sent to trading partners (including Canada, Mexico, EU, Vietnam, UK) with "take it or leave it" tariff rates. For example, 30% on EU, 35% on Canada, and 30% on Mexico—scheduled to begin August 1, 2025 unless deals are firmed up.

SOUTH AMERICA

- Brazil's Former President Jair Bolsonaro faced charges over an alleged coup attempt to remain in power after his 2022 election loss-January.
- Heavy fighting erupted between the ELN and FARC in Colombia .
- UnitedHealth Group exited the Peruvian market as part of its broader withdrawal from Latin America, booking a \$1.2 billion loss related to the sale of its operations.
- A record-breaking heatwave swept across South America, with temperatures in Rivadavia, Argentina, hitting 46.5°C (115.7°F).
- A massive South American drought, which sparked widespread 2024 wildfires, continues to impact agriculture, water systems, and food security.

AFRICA

- Transitional leader Assimi Goita's mandate was extended until 2030 under a new law, raising concerns about democratic backsliding.
- The ongoing conflict in eastern DRC saw significant developments, with the M23 rebel group, backed by Rwanda, maintaining control over Goma following its capture in January.
- U.S. funding cuts to HIV/AIDS programs in Africa announced after President Donald Trump's January 20 executive order pausing foreign aid for 90 days.
- India's goal in Africa is to 'build together', PM Modi says in Namibia.
- As US abruptly ends support, Liberia faces empty health clinics and unplanned pregnancies.

ASIA

- India monitoring Chabahar Port amid Iran–Israel tensions and tracks strategic infrastructure investment plans like INSTC due to regional instability.
- Asia hit by highest natural disaster toll in 2023, according to WMO causing over 2,000 deaths and 79 events
- Following remarks by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, India initiated quiet diplomacy with ASEAN to reaffirm strategic and economic ties.
- Iran opens airspace for evacuation, enabled safe return of ~1,000 Indian students amid regional escalation.
- Air India's Boeing 787-8 aircraft en route to London crashed into a medical hostel complex soon after take-off from Ahmedabad airport, Gujarat, India on June 12.
- Construction of the world's largest hydropower dam has begun on Tibet's Yarlung Tsangpo River. Dubbed a "project of the century," it may generate 300 million MWh annually, but has drawn objections from India, Bangladesh, and environmental groups

EUROPE

- Stellantis & Renault lobby EU for lighter EV rules to counter Chinese competition.
- EU divided over ending Russian fossil fuel imports, Hungary resists!
- European nations weigh offshore asylum plans, modeled after UK's Rwanda scheme.
- Russia–Ukraine peace talks held in Istanbul, POW swap agreed.
- EU defense rearmament initiative budgeted at €800 billion to bolster deterrence amid Russia uncertainty, reflecting NATO 2030 readiness plan.
- NATO Summit at The Hague (June 24–25) led by Secretary-General Rutte, centered on reinforcing deterrence, defense spending, and Ukraine support
- EU-FTA hopes by year-end, PM Modi expressed confidence in concluding the India–EU free trade agreement by late 2025
- A landmark treaty signed with Germany (July 17) enhances collaboration on defense, migration, and trade.

AUSTRALIA

- AUKUS deal projected to cost AU\$368 billion over 30 years, raising debate
- Record floods hit eastern Australia, at least four dead and more missing.
- Human H5N1 bird-flu case recorded in child returning from India, Australia's first.
- India-Australia defence & tech upgrade in early June, India and Australia expanded their defence and technology collaboration.
- Ex-PM Keating criticizes government defence policy, while officials warn of more Chinese warships entering Australian waters.
- The new Parliament opened on July 22, featuring first speeches from MPs like Labor's Ali France and Sarah Witty, Greens protests over Gaza, and calls for environmental and student debt reforms.





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