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History is a philosophy taught by examples

Israel lies in the midst of
adversarial powers in West Asia,
and has fought several battles
with its neighbours. but it has
now made peace with many
of them as it had seen the
fate of Germany that started
wars at more fronts than it
could handle.

This is the
reason Israel is today part
of I2U2 grouping containing U.A.E.,
for mutual economic benefits.

Xi ling, a researcher in Wuhan
Institute of Virology looked at
the new virus they had
developed. Many had given him
examples of global outbreaks
such as Spanish flu to discourage

his research, but he believed that it his nation and whole of humanity would greatly benefit from his research.

Few days later, a breach led to leakage of the virus, that the world today knows as Covid 19.

These stories show the benefits of learning from history, and the consequences of not doing so.

In this essay, we would explore the importance of philosophy, its relations with history, results ~~for~~ of not learning from it, and lessons for future.

Importance of philosophy - Though
being philosophical

is often not regarded as a good habit in today's world, philosophy is what has helped humans improve and create the peaceful societies of today.

It refers to lessons that help us improve our actions for better, more sustainable and meaningful results.

And history plays the important role of presenting examples to establish the importance of history.

History and philosophy - some of the most important lessons history has taught us are to not indulge in greed, promote peace, possess willpower

, avoid arrogance, work for sustainable solutions, and to not to deal with the devil for short term benefits.

Examples that discourage promotion of greed include the story of Bimbisara, the king of Magadha dynasty whose greed for expansionism was passed onto his son Ajatsatru, who killed his own father for power.

Then there were buddhist monks who indulged in materialistic pleasures and abandoned the core philosophies of their religion, only to have their existence virtually extinguished from the country of origin of Buddhism.

Chandragupta II in greed for more territories ended the buffer with North West, that led to the Hun invasions that led to fall of Gupta empire.

In medieval century, there was Rama Raya, the tactician of Vijayanagar who pitted kingdoms of Bahamani empire against one another, only to be destroyed by their joint alliance.

Then in the times of Industrial Revolution, there was the Great Smog of London caused by greed of capitalists for maximum profits.

Similar events were the 2

World Wars that were fought over control over colonies. And one should not forget the Great Depression of 1930s in Europe and USA that was a result of inequalities due to the greed of Capitalism.

Importance of peace is highlighted by the 2 world wars that ravaged the whole world.

Presence of philosophers like Friedrich Nietzsche in Germany was what led to it playing major role in starting both the wars, and eventually suffering humiliating defeats.

And it was these wars that

led to fall of European supremacy to such extent that it today depends on protection from USA to feel safe from its adversaries.

The most prominent ~~of~~ champion of importance of willpower maybe Gandhiji, who led successive campaigns against one of the mightiest imperialist powers of that time despite periodic setbacks, and played major role in driving them out of the country.

Then there was Vietnam, that defended its sovereignty against the mightiest superpower of the world, USA, and gave

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the latter the taste of defeat that it still remembers.

In modern India, such willpower was shown by IAS officer Armstrong Lane, who built 100 km long road without any government funding.

Need for sustainable development was highlighted ~~it~~ by the menace of Left Wing extremism, that developed due to development at the cost of many tribal communities.

Not to forget the hole in Ozone layer that made the world aware of the harm of development at the cost of environment.

On the political front, Pakistan ~~represents~~ example of military taking power from inefficient leaders, only to turn corrupt, autocratic and inefficient itself.

Dhanananda of Nanda dynasty in ancient India, King Louis XVI of France and Cears of Russia ~~during the yrs~~ before the Russian revolution are examples of the harms of arrogance.

To highlight the harms of conspiring with evil men for short term benefits, history presents case of Nazis, whose appeasement by West against USSR led to the destruction

of economies of Europe.
And finally there was Osama bin Laden, a dog trained by USA against the VSSR, who along with fellow Mujahideens, bit its masters through attacks like 9/11.

But such examples have not necessarily led to people learning from them.

Results of not learning from history-

'History repeats itself, first as a farce, then as a tragedy', well said by Karl Marx, the saying appropriately describes the societies of today.

Despite visible effects of climate

change, ~~developing~~ developed nations such as USA, with high per capita carbon footprint, are not limiting their unsustainable activities, but pushing the responsibilities on developing nations such as India ~~and~~ that have extremely low per capita carbon emissions, and have to get developed to lift their citizens out of poverty.

Not learning from the 2 world wars, and the subsequent Cold War, the world is once again getting divided in camps.

On similar lines, while the consequences of USA's provocations against Russia are still being

seen in the form of war and destruction in Ukraine, it has started to shift from its position of strategic ambiguity on ~~to~~ Taiwan, escalating tensions in the Indo-Pacific region.

These incidences demand that lessons learnt from history be adopted in plans for future

Lessons for future - To learn from history, the first step is maintenance of historical records, and promotion of history free of any political distortions.

Philosophies learnt from examples

of history should be taught to children from early age as part of curriculum; and Indian culture, that has developed over a period of 5000 years, should be promoted.

Finally, history teaches the importance of principles that should be adhered to for creation of a prosperous society.

As said by Dwight D. Eisenhower, "people who value their privileges over their principles, soon lose both"

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Ans-2 believe in power of argument, rather than argument of power

There was a very influential family in my neighbourhood that used to create troubles for its neighbours because it could; but they had to flee the area after they crossed roads with someone far more powerful and unreasonable.

After USA placed sanctions on India after the success of its nuclear programme in 1998, propaganda by Indian diaspora in USA and series of high level talks between ambassadors from India and USA led to the famous 123 agreement

that had laid foundations of
the India-USA relations for
future

These incidences indicate the
horns of argument of power and
the power of power of arguments.

In this essay, we would explore
the factors behind allure of power,
benefits of arguments over power,
situations that require use of
power and the balance
between the two ideologies

Allure of argument of power -

Use of power to solve problems
is tempting as it is an easy
way and requires less degree
of patience and creative
thinking.

But it is maybe unsustainable, and a situation may arise where a person sees every problem as a nailed to be hammered down.

Popular media also plays role in promoting such ideology through shows like Mix Mirzapur, that to make abuse of power look "cool".

But often, arguments present more sustainable solutions to problems power fails to solve
power of argument versus power-

Incidences across different spheres
and different parts of the world
have shown the might of
power of argument.

In political domain, propaganda and participation in debates by political ~~to~~ parties, through media and other means, are the time tested methods of influencing voters in a democracy; as compared to the use of power as was done in the infamous Emergency of the 1970s, that led to non-congress government at centre for first time.

In USA, debate between presidential candidates right before the elections plays important role in deciding the outcomes of the elections.

On the economic front, while

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policies formulated through debates and discussions go long way in development of economies, unilateral decisions for political mileage have led to economic crises, such as the one in Sri Lanka today.

While India has historically defended its rights, along with those of other developing nations at WTO, trade wars under Donald Trump led to many companies reducing their presence in USA.

According to research of IMF, US Dollar constitutes 59% of the global transactions today.

, as compared to 70% in 1990s,
and frequent use of sanctions
and freezing of assets by USA
has played large role in this.

On the social front, parenting
requires a healthy mix of use
of arguments with power, else
the children may revolt
when parents lose powers
with age.

In International relations, the
current war in Ukraine is
due to USA's poor treatment
of Russia post dissolution of
USSR in 1990s, just because
it could do so. Use of
diplomacy and respect for

Russia's red lines would have averted the crisis, and allowed USA to focus all its resources in competition with China in the Indo-Pacific region.

Similarly, while use of force by China to resolve disputes along the LAC led to the 2020 Galwan clashes, that led to India severely restricting Chinese FDI, Bangladesh recently got the territories it had disputes over with India as it opted for arbitration.

Further, peaceful acceptance of the decision by India has

propelled India-Bangladesh ties
to historic highs.

Similarly, while Israel has
been trying to suppress Iran's
nuclear programme through
force, it is the nuclear
agreement between Iran and
other developed countries
that has diffused the
situation.

In security domain, while
decades of military action in
the North East India bore
no results, peace accords,
an creation of separate states
and developmental programmes
has largely made the region

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Emergency free to such extent that AFSPA Act is currently fully applicable in only 31 districts of 4 states of the region (according to MHA)

Similarly, rehabilitation programmes, and government reaching out to locals in the Red Corridor has suppressed Left Wing Extremism in the region.

But this doesn't mean that there aren't situations that require use of power

Need for use of power - power is needed when the other parties are not being

reasonable, are driven by vested interests or misled due to intense propaganda. One such example would be strengthening of Muslim League, whose popularity among muslims increased due to concessions by Congress and the British government, finally culminating in the demand for separate nation.

Armed forces require absolute discipline, and allowing arguments might lead to fall in efficiency of the army.

A recent example where vested interests are involved would be demand of thousands

belonging to Tyagi community
in UP, demanding release
of Srikant Tyagi, who was
involved in hooliganism and
encroachments. His family
members even demand that
authorities rebuild the razed
illegal constructions!

Balance between arguments and
use of power -

Correct balance is needed
for best and sustainable
results, and it is something
that is learnt through experience.
So, children should be
exposed to such decision
making from a young age
through activities.

Further, virtues of self control and calmness, that are the sine qua non for making good decisions should be promoted through Indian culture that has contained these values in forms of stories and teachings for ages.

As Grandhiji once said, "When restraint and courtesy are added to strength, the latter becomes irresistable".

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