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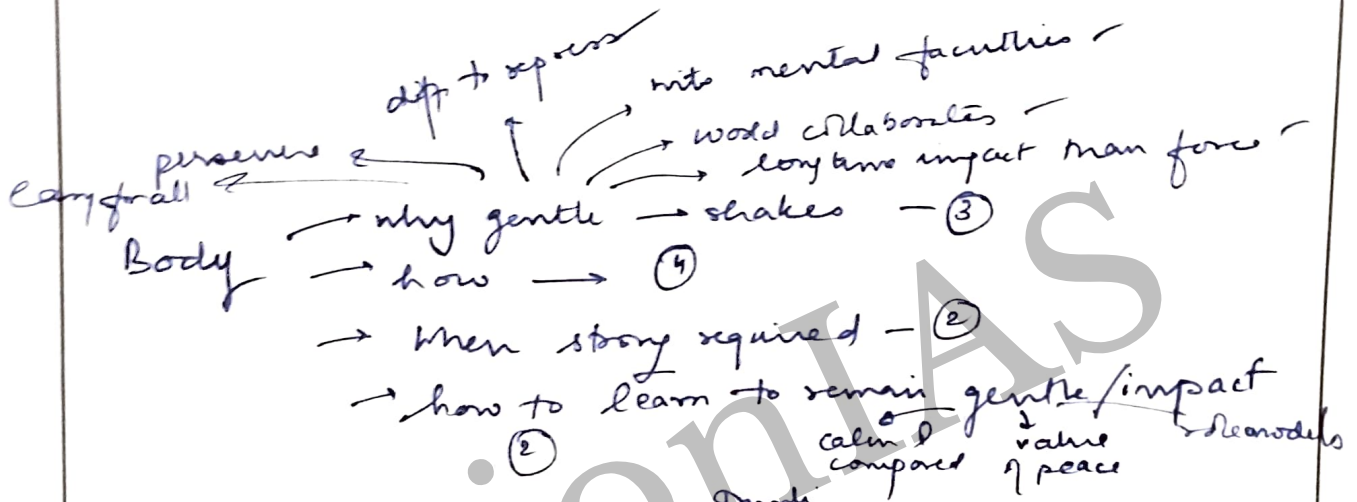
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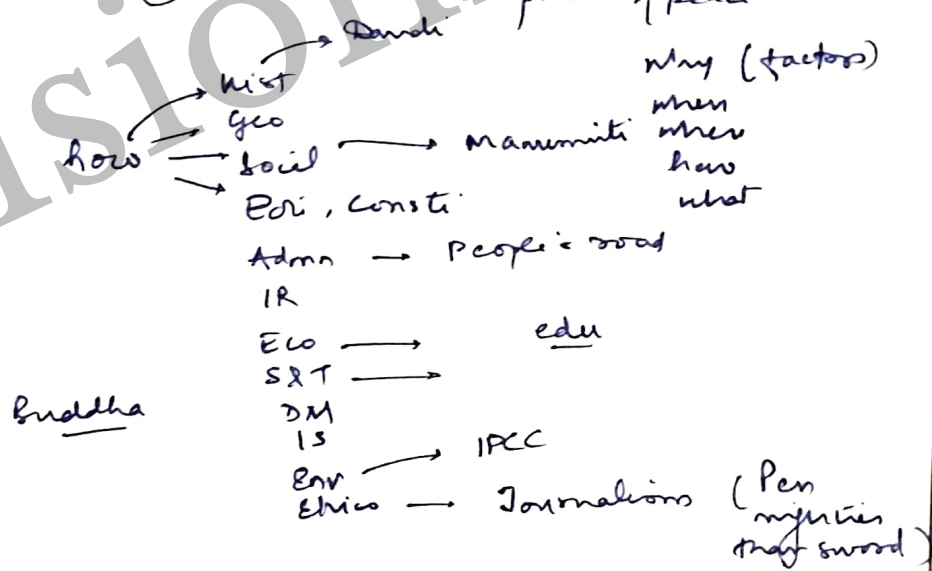
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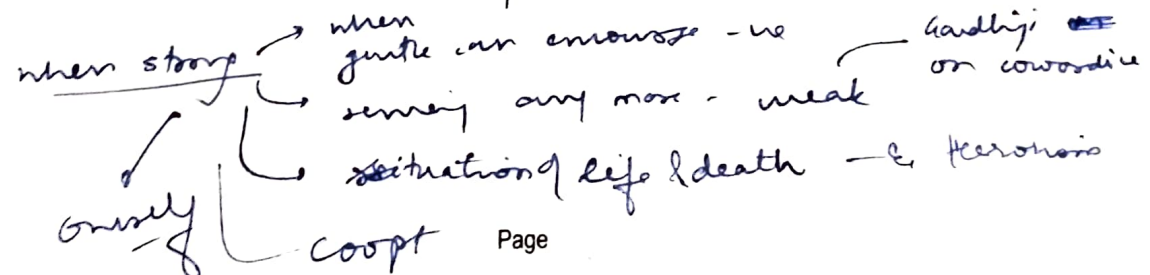
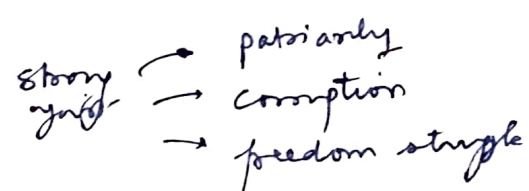
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IN A GENTLE WAY, YOU CAN SHAKE THE WORLD

An old man in simple clothes decided to wrestle the world's mightiest empire. He started from Sabarmati Ashram with a band of followers. His small act of picking a lump of salt on Dandi coast against the salt law of British sent a shock wave down the spines of the Crown.

This man was none other than father of our nation, Gandhiji. On the other hand lied Subhash Chandra Bose. Disagreeing with the non violent approach, he created an Indian National Army to create an armed revolution. Bose also shook the foundations of Britishers and was never caught.

The above example shows how two freedom fighters changed the world in their own ways. While one took a gentler approach, other relied on

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strength. None's contribution was any lesser.

In this essay, we will examine why a gentle approach shakes the world? How is its impact visible in different areas? In what situations, we require strength over a gentle way? How do we train ourselves to remain gentle in the most difficult situations?

A gentle way of doing things is defined by peace, calm, lack of brute force and an overall approach guided by strength of mind.

When one remains gentle, the world collaborates with us. This makes it much more easier to change the world for better.

long ago when Ashoka decided to give up war for pursuit of peace he could conquer even the far flung areas due to people's own

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faith in him without any bloodshed. Ashoka also shows us that a gentle approach has a long term impact over short term gains of force. since it hits our intellectual faculties we retain the impact for a long time.

While the use of excessive force in insurgency affected areas has the potential to further aggravate the situation, use of consultative, collaborative and a rehabilitative method brings long term peace. This can be seen in numerous peace agreements done.

Further, a gentler approach is much more difficult to be separated even in the face of extreme adversity. Countless RTI activists, journalists rely on the dictum of 'Pen is mightier than the sword'. Their simple approach of using their writing to blow

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Whistle can't be suppressed even by most powerful.

Not only saving from repression, gentle methods also enables one to persevere much longer. Fighting with force and intensity can quick drain one while peace & calmness is self perpetuating.

Indian masses could carry a long struggle against British because they relied on 'Ahimsa' (non violence) and 'Satyagraha' (search for truth)

Further, gentleness gives the chance to even the weakest to be able to fight her circumstances long ago, when residents of Washwal didn't have to fight the forest contractors, they chose to hug the trees, famously called the 'Chipko movement'.

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How does this gentle approach manifest itself in different fields?

Socially, one can fight the menaces not by an iron fist but by simple symbolisms. Only a calm mind can shake an entire society.

To fight the discrimination and dehumanisation perpetuated by the caste system, Dr BR Ambedkar's one simple act of burning the Manusmriti broke the shackles of centuries old inhuman system.

Beyond society, technology presents a perfect example where simple inventions have turned the world on its head. Ranging from pre historic wheel to modern artificial intelligence, one's small act of innovation is beginning a new era.

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Similarly, to preserve our environment we have to learn to remain gentle with mother nature. The idea of sustainable development is based on growing with nature rather than growing at the cost of nature.

We must learn from indigenous communities across the world who live at peace with their surroundings. Khasi community in Meghalaya preserve forests worshipping them as sacred groves.

Even at the level of governance, gentle methods triumph over brute force. An administrator who is receptive, empathetic, compassionate can better understand and solve even insurmountable problems.

Mr Armstrong Pame, realising the flight of people, built a road of 100 km, entirely with crowd funding. It is famously called as 'People's road'.

Even at economic level, when the past was guided by forceful accumulation of profits, violating rights of workers as seen in early Industrial Revolution in England, it eventually led to an economic collapse.

When we transitioned to gentle, peaceful, legal and ethical ways of generating wealth via incorporating labour rights, diversity, inclusion, we see a sustainable growth.

When ~~gentle~~ gentleness can guarantee us peace, happiness and victory, are there any situations which require an iron fist?

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When remaining gentle can further encourage unwelcome behaviour, one must transition to use of strength and vigour.

For example, taking a gentle approach against corruption may not be the best idea. As Kautilya said, we require strong penal provisions to curb corruption from its roots.

Further, remaining gentle can at times signify weakness or worse cowardice. Even Gandhiji preferred violence to cowardice.

When one quietly bears inhuman acts around oneself in the name of remaining gentle, it is nothing short of cowardice. Seeing a woman being molested on road without raising

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one's voice is one such behaviour.

Also, there are situations of life and death which require the use of force to save the life lines of many. Armed forces constantly maintaining vigil on the borders against barbaric terrorism cannot resort to gentle ways.

At the same time, one needs to learn to be strict towards oneself.

To inculcate values of discipline, hard work, tenacity, one has to move past gentleness.

Greatest sports players of the likes of Tendulkar, Michael Phelps, Wilma Rudolph have never been gentle on themselves. They pushed their limits every single day.

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Having seen the different situations requiring strength vs gentleness we will now understand how can one cultivate a calm, gentle attitude.

First of all, one has to be constantly exposed to role models who are epitome of peace. Likes of Gandhiji, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela and so on teach us to value simplicity over force.

Nently, the society must actively encourage gentleness over complexity. We must value strength of education which can shake the world of many over strength of guns.

At the same time, institutions of family, religion, judiciary and so on have to deeply incorporate

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peace within society. Family should
socialise us to value means as much
as ends to choose a peaceful method.

However, the most important
is to focus on children, on whose
shoulders, the nation stands. They
must be taught with experiences.

Bose was the first person to
call Gandhiji the father of our nation.
For when he realised the power
of gentle way to shake the world.

ABILITY WILL NEVER CATCH UP WITH THE DEMAND FOR IT

For the first in history, the world's scientists designed a vaccine at such a break neck speed. Numerous technologies related to messenger RNA, DNA, proteins and so on were utilised. It seemed our abilities have

finally defeated Covid 19.

It wasn't long before the virus mutated and all hitherto designed vaccines started seeing breakthrough infections. We were

once again made to start to tackle the new challenge.

The above example shows how our abilities were not sufficient in the face of constantly rising new demands.

In this essay, we will examine why is it difficult for our abilities to catch up with the demand for them? What are the positive and negative implications of this ability-demand mismatch? Are there any situations in which ability can surpass the demand? Finally we'll see how can we improve our abilities to be better prepared for all possible demands.

The reasons for a dichotomous situation between ability and demands are multifold.

First of all, as Marx remarked long ago, man is a dissatisfied animal. perpetually Once one set of needs are fulfilled, we are quick to bring new ones. This leads to

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constant creation of newer and newer demands.

For example, technologies see constant upgradation as we keep on wanting more. Once we invented bicycle, we want a faster mode. So we moved to cars and motorcycles. Now we want further comfort, so our abilities are trying to catch up to design self driving cars.

At the societal level, one challenges metamorphoses into next and we fail to keep pace.

When we fought to be the best of our abilities to curb sati, we thought this would end patriarchy. However, it emerged in forms of increased violence, education and so on. Even today, gender inequality persists with equal

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vigorous and in newer forms like cyber crimes despite all our ability being put to create an equal society.

Similarly, a nation is constantly threatened by both internal and external factors. Once we learn to win over one kind of threat, in no time, a new one emerges.

When India faced starvation in 1960s, we upgraded our abilities resulting in Green Revolution. Hunger turned to self sufficiency within a short duration. However, once we could curb manifest hunger, we now face latent 'hidden' hunger of malnutrition deficiency. Our abilities once again lagged behind.

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Additionally, we can best see the ability - demand mismatch at the global level. When the whole world came together to save the life protecting Ozone layer, the result was Montreal Protocol.

Fortunately we achieved immense success as is visible in Ozone recovery. However, little did we realise the alternatives for Ozone depleting chlorofluorocarbons ~~to~~ created a new, even more life threatening problem. The alternative gases were major greenhouse gas emitters resulting in climate change.

Having seen how our abilities are never enough for newer set of demands and challenges, are there any positive implications of it?

The inability of ability to match requirements motivates us to constantly improve ourselves. This leads to not only growth of an individual, but an entire society moves forward in the process.

For example, never challenges and demands from citizens motivates administrators to move closer towards good and ethical governance every single day. When Mr Sunny K Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Miao decided to fight drug, he ~~used~~ improved his abilities to administer by focusing on spots as an instrument of change.

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Further, constant efforts to build our abilities also bring about innovation, new ideas and ways of thinking. When lockdowns in Covid demanded strict social distancing, world economy shifted to 'working from home', online education and so on.

~~are~~ At the same time, when the gap between ability and demand is too much, our effort to narrow can lead to unimaginable results.

Wilma Rudolph suffered from polio as a child. Her heart demanded to ~~see~~ run but her abilities didn't allow. It was this mismatch which motivated her to change her destiny. She emerged as the fastest woman on earth by winning three medals in 1960 Olympics.

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However, can our inability to catch has some negative implication as well?

It can result in sutless competition when everyone is trying to outdo challenges. While healthy competition fosters growth, negative spirit leads to decadence.

Similarly when tries to surpass ability, it can at times generate too much stress. For few people, this manifests as crime and denuance.

For example, when one demands riches of the world but is unable to acquire, one can go for 'short cuts' like frauds, scams, insider trading and so on.

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Unable to fulfill demands can also result in demotivation where one refuses to try out any further. This runs counter to the whole idea of constant improvement.

Unfortunate cases of student suicides resulting from failure to fulfill demands of society are a case in point.

However, are there any situations when our ability surpasses demand?

This is best visible when we solve problems of the future.

We generate a solution even before the need arises for it. For example, NASA is working on an asteroid manoeuvring technology to protect earth from a possible attack in future.

Further, at times the equation gets reversed when ability generates demand and not the other way round. laws which are ahead of their time represent our ability to create a demand for social change. For example, honourable Supreme Court's decisions on privacy, decriminalising homosexuality and so on represent a new era.

Likewise, science represents an epitome of ability overpowering demand. Einstein's prediction of gravitation waves and theory of general relativity could be put to use in GPS only after so long. His theories were way ahead of our demand to use them.

How can we best improve our abilities to keep pace and move hand in hand with the demands?

First of all, we must cultivate a zeal to learn from both ours' and others' mistakes. Constant improvement is the only way out. When Michael Jordan couldn't throw a basket ball, he would stay for extra hours to practice even more.

Further, we must also develop a knack to predict future demands so as to mould our abilities in the required direction.

Also, there needs to be a constant match making exercise between demands and required skills to move in the right direction.

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Corona virus will keep on mutating and we will always feel our abilities falling short. But the dire motivation to move ahead is the path forward which has till now saved millions of lives across the globe and will continue to save more.

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