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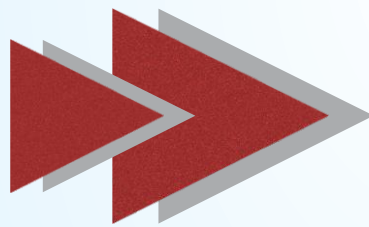
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THEME : ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, TECHNOLOGY

Write one essay from each Section of the following Topics.

Section-A

1. Tackling of corruption demands an entire generation of strong willed and determined citizens.
2. Social Media-A means of social networking or social hatred?

Section-B

3. Indian democracy at the crossroads of development.
4. Artificial Intelligence: Blessing or curse?

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Essay Topic :

SOCIAL MEDIA - A MEANS OF SOCIAL NETWORKING
OR SOCIAL HATRED ?

"Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual
power. We have guided missiles and misguided
men."

- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

The year was 2015. Chennai was flooded. Lives
were lost and many were left without
any home, food. Someone sitting in the
remote corner of the world, thought of
utilising social media to help those that
were left estranged. A massive social media
campaign was started and people were asked
to donate food, clothes and provide relief.

However, in 2012, the same social
media was used to mobilise people in
the city of Bangalore. But this time, it
was used to spread hatred against north-
east people and force them to move out
of the city.

Also
define
Social
Media

Social media, thus used for social networking on one side, was used to spread social hatred on the other.

Through this essay, we will try to understand what exactly is social networking and social hatred. How social media can be used to spread both? Also, we will see what all can be done to realise the full potential of social media in a positive way.

SOCIAL NETWORKING & SOCIAL HATRED : DEFINITION

Social networking means connecting with family, friends or other people. It can be used to inform about whereabouts and spread ideas & knowledge.

Social hatred means using the social media for spreading militant thoughts, communal and regional philosophies, trolling, cyber-bullying etc.

SOCIAL MEDIA: A DOUBLE EDGED SWORD

Let us now understand how social media is a means for both social networking and social hatred.

Youtube videos, facebook posts, blogs etc. can be used for a widespread reach and make sure that your opinions, views are heard. Through these platforms, information, ideas, knowledge reach the remotest corners of the world. Whole world is stitched into one network.

But, the same platforms are used for ideological indoctrination. During the lone terrorist attacks in US, Paris, it was found that they have been in touch with ISIS through social media. They were brainwashed by their narrow philosophies and used to spread hatred in the society.

Also, same social media platforms are used for terrorism financing. Where on one hand, social media is used to raise funds and donations for victims of terrorism,

disasters etc On the other hand, it is misused

by spreading hatred against particular section

of the society. Videos condemning western

countries, holding them responsible for their

backwardness and asking people to use

weapons against them can be easily found

on internet.

Social media can also be used for

networking with far away doctors, read tele-

health services. It can be used to raise donations

for those who cannot afford health care

services. However, it can also be used to

mobilize resources to particular section of

the society. For eg. In 2009, a massive

transplantation racket was busted in Tamil

Nadu. It was used to provide wealthy people

with transplanted organs. This was a

manifestation of "hatred" against the poor people

Recently, Prime Minister of India also

asked people to use social media for

spreading love for their daughters.

#Selfie With Daughters campaign soon became

This is more a challenge than hatred

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Viral and India collectively took proud in their daughters.

Similarly, campaigns like #metoo were used to spread awareness on the extent of problem of sexual harassment. It highlighted how deeply our society is affected by such crimes. Therefore, social networking was effectively used in these cases.

However, social media is also used to spread false news and false information, which gives rise to radical elements in the society. Techniques like image-morphing, e-mail spoofing etc. are used to incline the public opinion in their favour.

For eg. Recently, it was found that Karbi Anglong violence has been the result of false rumours on social media. This

leads to rise of communalism and regionalism in the society, which further leads to HATE CRIMES. Increased cases of mob lynching, cow vigilantism are a result of it.

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Pages like "Humans of New York", "Humans of Bombay" are an excellent examples of social networking. These pages made on facebook are used to bring awareness of different sections of the world to the whole community.

Their personal stories help other people understand their grievances, relate to them and learn from them.

But there are also pages which spread hatred against Refugees and helps in increasing Xenophobia in the society.

Such Xenophobic elements are a leading cause for miseries of Rohingyas, Syrian refugees etc.

It also spreads the wave of deglobalisation in the society and can even result in manipulating elections of a country like US. Free and fair elections are pillar of a democratic society. Such hatred elements attack the very pillar of democracy.

Trolling on social media has become the new common. Celebrities, specially are

at its receiving end. Celebrities live a public life and any information of their personal life is usually available on social media. This allows the trolls, who work under the anonymity feature, to spread hatred elements, abuses against such celebrities.

For eg. An Indian Television Actress, Hina Khan was mercilessly trolled for wearing "non-appropriate" clothes during the holy month of Ramzaan. These trolls are nothing but an online manifestation of Khap Panchayats.

On one hand, where Saudi Women are sharing their pictures on social media while self-driving, gives hope to other women to fight for their rights, incidents like trolling for choice of wearing clothes, choice of partner etc. brings them down.

This shows ^{how} social networking and social hatred can play a role for the society.

Even children are not spared from the effects of this social hatred.

Many depressing elements on the social media who have hatred in their heart for other people as well their own lives have developed games like BLUE-WHALE CHALLENGE.

Such games helicinate children to do certain activities and end their own lives. Till now, India has seen 60 suicides related to this challenge. Incidents like these show the how effectively social media can be used as a means to spread social hatred.

Social hatred against tribals manifests in the form of stigmising their daily life routines. It even surfaced in the form of violation of their privacy. For eg. leaked Jarawa community of Andamans's video.

Therefore, through this essay, we have seen how social media has been effectively used as a means for both social networking

and social hatred.

SOCIAL MEDIA: TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE

Suggest
With the increasing penetration of social media and its widespread influence on all the sections of the society, it is necessary that it is used in a positive way.

For this, we need a New Social Media Policy. The Policy must take into account today's realities and challenges of the society. It should find a balance between Right to Speech and Expression and Right to privacy, dignified and peaceful life.

European Union's new data Protection Policy prohibits the use of online data to spread separatist elements and for ideological indoctrination. This can go a long way if replicated in other countries.

Finally, we need to realise that it is us who turn this social media into

Boom or Bane for our society. Children should be made aware about its both positive and negative use. School curriculum must contain awareness on Social Media.

With the right values at heart, we all can utilise full potential of social media in the form of social networking and spread peace rather than hated in the world.

As APJ Abdul Kalam, once said

“Where there is righteousness in the heart,
there is beauty in the character.
Where there is beauty in the character,
there is harmony in the home.
Where there is harmony in the home,
there is order in the nation.
Where there is order in the nation,
there is peace in the world.”

Essay Topic :

INDIAN DEMOCRACY AT THE CROSSROADS OF DEVELOPMENT

"A nation doesn't become fit for democracy,
it becomes fit with democracy"

- AMARTYA SEN

Seventy

70 years ago, India signed a tryst with destiny
on the stroke of midnight of 15th August, 1947.
It freed itself from all the colonial shackles
and established itself as a democratic country
as envisioned under Constitutional ideals.

Since then, it has come a long way.

It is the highest growing economy of the
world with GDP growth of 7%. Its literacy
rate has increased from 17% to 74%. Life
expectancy has been increased from 28 years
to 64 years. Poverty has been reduced from
70% to 21%. (TENDULKAR COMMITTEE). Free and
fair elections have been held for almost
to years.

We have not only SURVIVED but THRIVED.
India has become an international case study
for such large scales of development in short period.

Development has far wider meaning than growth. It refers to growth along with other factors like environment, vulnerable sections of society like women, tribals etc. kept in mind.

and economic sphere.

sphere, it also means democracy in social

Democracy is not just limited to political

The definition holds relevance even today.

"for the people, by the people, of the people."

Abraham Lincoln, referred to democracy as

DEMOCRACY and DEVELOPMENT : MEANING

Through this essay, we will first understand that what do we mean by democracy and development. Then, we will see how Indian democracy has performed wrt its development. We will also have a look at ways to keep it achieve more.

INDIAN DEMOCRACY and DEVELOPMENT : ACROSS TIME AND SPACE

Let us now take a look on how our
democracy has performed w.r.t our development

ECONOMIC SECTOR : We have already discussed
that India is the largest growing economy of
the world today. We have even surpassed
the GDP of our colonial masters. Per capita
income has been raised multifold. from
empty coffers, today we stand at \$400 billion
foreign exchange reserves.

Following the constitutional ideals of
economic opportunity to all, equal distribution
of resources, we have tried to involve all
sections of society into our success story
of development.

But, we have lagged behind to provide
full economic democracy. ~ 21% population is
still under the poverty line. According to
SECC, 2011, almost 50% population is suffering
from at least one deprivation.

Labour force Participation rate for females is at minimal ~27% with global average of 30%. Tribals are still under represented at high salaried jobs. Issues of jobless growth has surfaced.

Thus, economic democracy hasn't performed well.

is at crossroads of out

POLITICAL SECTOR India is the largest democracy of the world. Women of India were among the earliest in the world to enjoy Universal Adult Franchise.

We have ensured that every person in India enjoys the fundamental Rights and develop to their maximum potential.

However, the cases of Emergency as seen in 1975, Criminalisation of Politics, use of money and muscle power during elections, <10% representation of women in Parliament erodes our faith in the political democracy India has achieved.

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TECHNOLOGY SECTOR : India today is known as the hub of technology. Its advancement in pharmaceutical sector are known worldwide. It is the first country for a successful MARS Mission in first attempt.

It has also ~~err~~ achieved huge development in weapons technology. BRAHMOS is an excellent example. It is also starting a revolution in digital sector through 'Digital India'.

But the benefits of this technology are not shared by all the sections of the society. Digital divide is huge in India. Andamans and Nicobar Islands are still working under slow networks of 2G. North-east India is still using primitive tools for agriculture rather than modern technologies for irrigation.

Thus, technology still needs to be democratized and scientific temperament to be raised as envisioned under constitution.

SOCIETAL SECTOR : India has ensured development

of all the communities. It has become one of the few countries with women at all levels of fighter squads. AVANI CHATURVEDI is an example of that. India has also ensured the development of all the minority communities through schemes like NATI RASHMI, EKLAVYA SCHOOLS etc.

But given the rise of hate crimes against minorities in the form of mob lynching and sexual crimes against women, Indian democracy has failed to ensure social democracy. Events like Godhra riots, Delhi lynching are dark spots on Indian democracy.

ENVIRONMENT SECTOR: India is developing progressively in the fields of renewable energy, energy-efficient buildings, cleaner fuels by skipping directly to BS-VI norms, etc.

However, it is witnessing all-time high levels of air pollution. Delhi has registered

itself to be the most polluted city of the world.
 NITI Aayog's Composite Water Management Index Report has highlighted that around 60 core population is facing severe water crisis today. Water has been polluted to extreme levels to microparticulate, uranium contamination.
 Biodiversity is deeply affected. Recently, 1700 trees have been proposed to be cut in Delhi in the name of development.
 This environment degradation is also a manifestation of failed democracy. Constitution of India provides fundamental right to clean environment but this kind of development directly encroaches upon this right.
 Thus, development of industries, sustainable, regeneration practices haven't gone well with environmental democracy.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Since Independence, we have focussed on development of different regions. For eg. Green revolution for the North India. We believed that trickle down approach will work. But instead we are witnessing pockets of high and low development areas in the country today. For eg. Sky line buildings v/s Slum areas in urban areas.

Development has failed to allow all the regions to reap benefits equally. Thus, questioning our democracy.

Through this essay, we have seen how in different sectors, India has developed tremendously. But, such development has failed to get democratized. Not all regions, sections of the society has benefitted from such development. Therefore, this shows that our democracy has not worked to its full potential with our development.

We need to work on the Gandhiji's philosophy of 'SARVODAYA' to achieve full democracy. 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' should be our motto in every sphere.

Social Engineering Campaign should be started to bring Private sector, Govt., all sections of society together and help India achieve the true development with full democracy.

As, UN development Report, 1995 says that 'Development if not engendered, is endangered'

This holds true not only for involvement of women, but all the sections of society.

Only, when India achieves Political, social and Economic democracy as enshrined in the Preamble under Justice, liberty, equality, it will achieve its true development.

Let us hope that India will soon rise to its new development and new democracy

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that works for every section, every
region of the country. Only then it will
become truly "fit". as said by Amartya Sen.

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REMARKS : ESSAY-1

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Overall Remarks:-

Intro - Good

Temporal - not visible (Mention about various modes of social media used by people for communication or networking in past (Ancient or Medieval)

Sectoral - Good ; Scope to add more sectors to elaborate on use of sm as means of SM.

Content - Good ; Scope to add more challenges of using SM as a mean of SM. Points related to history are good.

Good
Conclusion

- Mention some Govt measures for making SM, a safe & secure mean of SM.

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Argument - Good but there is need to reflect topic sentence in each para by relating it with thesis statements



Content Needs to be more

Contextualized

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REMARKS : ESSAY-2

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Overall Remark:-

- Intro - Good
- Temporal - not visible (Trace the origin of d'icy in past.
- Sectoral - Good ; Also add more sectors related to what d'icy aim to achieve and what are these causes due to which d'icy is at cross-roads of development.
- Content - Good but Needs to be more contextualized. Also discuss challenges to democracy and measures

Alignment - Reflect topic sentence in each para by relating it with thesis statements

Conclusion - Scope to improve. Write more comprehensive conclusion by establishing link with necessary content & topic sentence

by Govt for more

successful functioning of d'icy.

- Give your suggestions also.



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