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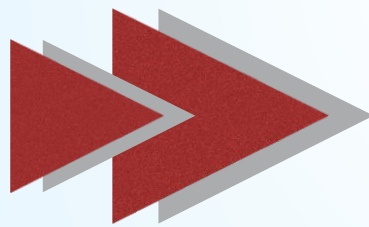
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## THEME : INDIAN SOCIETY CULTURE & CIVILIZATION

Write one essay from each Section of the following Topics.

### Section-A

New India: Aspirations for global leadership.

Gender Equality -Turning Promises Into Reality.

### Section-B

'There is enough for everyone's need but not for anyone's greed'.

The Khelo India: Developing sporting culture in India.

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Essay Topic : .....

**NEW INDIA : ASPIRATIONS FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP**

At the stroke of midnight of 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1947, India signed a tryst with destiny. Breaking the colonial shackles of 200 yrs of British rule, it not only survived, but thrived.

High population levels, <17% literacy levels, few resources was what India was left with. It managed to fight all these barriers and developed its international relations as a new independent country. Despite being a relatively weaker country economically, it emerged as a strong global leader.

In the prevailing winds of Cold War and bipolar world, it managed to stand tall and strong through Non-Alignment Movement (NAM). Its role as a mediator in Korean Peninsula was appreciated at the global level.

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Today, with the GDP growth of  $> 7\%$ , India is world's largest growing economy. From empty coffers to  $> \$400$  billion foreign reserves, it has come a long way to become the NEW INDIA that we see today. *Mention about new India in India*

Through this essay we will try to understand what are the aspirations for global leadership for this new India? How India aspires to complete these and what are the barriers along the way.

Temporal

Francis Fukuyama, at the End of Cold War, said it to be the 'End of History'.

But his predictions were short-lived and there was the rise of multi-polar world.

Rising economies like India, China are giving tough competition to developed countries like US, Europe.

Under this multi-polar world, significance of Indian Ocean has also risen multifold.

US recently renamed its Pacific Ocean Strategy.

Command as Indo-Pacific Command. This signifies India's importance as a new leader in the Indian Maritime Region.

In the International Institutions like UN, WTO, India represents voice of developing nations of ASIA, specially the neighbourhood countries. It has emerged as a strong leader in South-South Cooperation. It also works towards reforming International Institutions.

G-7 Club, under the leadership of India, Japan, Germany, Brazil asks for better representation Permanent seats of UNSC. India has formed regional groupings like BRICS, BIMSTEC to maintain peace in the region and assist other developing economies.

India's International leadership is also visible as its steps towards eradicating terrorism. Recently, it helped Phillipines's Irawi Province to fight against terrorism. It is making greater efforts towards adopting a universal treaty against terrorism at UN.

shows it as a strong leader.

Let us now see India's aspirations for global leadership in sectors like environment, technology, Polity, etc.

### ENVIRONMENT

Despite being a developing economy, India has remained on forefront in global conventions like Montreal Protocol, Stockholm convention etc. Its INDC's under Paris deal shows its huge commitments in saving the environment and thus lead by an example.

Integrate these developments with New India Initiative

### TECHNOLOGY

India is the first country to successfully send MARS Mission in its first attempt. It was also done at a cost much lesser than as compared to developed countries. SAARC Satellite, has been recently launched to assist neighbouring countries in weather prediction, GPS based applications etc. This shows India as a strong leader in space technology.

Bengaluru in India is said to be the second 'Silicon Valley' of the World. India's has contributed large to the world's service sector through provision of BPOs, startups like Flipkart, highly trained personnel etc. Globa It has also provided the World CEOs like Sundar Pichai. Thus, India is a strong leader potential for service sector.

## POLITICAL

India is the largest democracy of the world. Despite this, it has managed to hold free and fair elections for 70 years. Election Commission of India is one of the finest working bodies of the world. It has been also asked to assist other nations and train them for elections.

CAG of India is also another such body known for its efficiency of work. It has been recently elected to audit UN bodies like WIPO. Thus, India has strong potential to lead the world towards better administration.





Parallel rise of another axis of power between China, Russia, Pakistan fears the emergence of bipolar world again b/w East and West.

India in this situation stands to lose from both the sides.

Rising China is asserting very strongly through its projects like Silk Road initiative, string of pearls theory, South-China sea issue etc. This can pose hurdles for India and reduce its role as a leader in the global world.

Also, groups like Coffee-Club under the leadership of Italy, Canada, Pakistan and others are working against the UNSC reforms. If this succeeds, power will stay in the hands of developed countries like US, Britain. ~~and~~ developing economies of Africa and Asia like India will go unrepresented and unheard.

Therefore, in these situations there is a stronger need for India to emerge as a

global leader and lead the world  
towards a better future.

### TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE

India is known as a peaceful, neutral  
and a strong nation. It has the ability to  
become a strong leader of this global leader.  
Let us see in what ways India's leadership  
can help.

India has a unique ability to maintain  
isolation and dehyphenation in its international  
relations. Its equal cordial relations with  
Saudi Arabia and Iran ; Israel and Palestine  
points towards it. It can thus act as  
neutral mediator between such countries  
and fasten the peace process.

Rising importance of India in Indo-  
Pacific region has improved its relations  
with US. These relations can be diplomatically  
used for greater steps towards environment  
sustainability. US's step to opt out of Paris  
deal is against the international ethos.

Recently, India announced ceasefire along the border of Pakistan in the holy month of Ramzaan. This shows India's solidarity and strong willingness to mend relations with the neighbouring country. Soft diplomacy tools like this can be used for maintaining international peace and order.

India therefore, has all the qualities of a strong global leader. It won't be an assertive leader but the one who believes in "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas".

This should be the New India. As Rabindra Nath Tagore, once said:

ee Where the mind is without fear and  
head is held high ...  
Into that heaven of freedom, O Lord  
Let my country be awake."

Elaboration on how New India will help  
Rule emerge as global  
leadership is  
not visible



Essay Topic : .....

THERE IS ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE'S NEED,  
BUT NOT FOR ANYONE'S GREED.

"I learnt a new word today, PARADOX.

Kusum said she did not had breakfast  
as there was nothing at home to eat.  
But we had a party yesterday, and I saw  
Mom throw away a lot of extra food  
in dustbin today.

She said their locality hasn't received  
water from 4 days..

But our tap is always working.."

— "Play world" of a 9 yrs old

Situation of Kusum is not a local problem.

It extended to national, and international  
levels, it represents unequal division of  
resources. Greed of few to control the  
larger part of the resources, compromise  
on the need of many others. And as  
Mahatma Gandhi says, there is enough for  
everyone's need but not for anyone's greed.

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Let us look at how history has responded to this statement. Then, we will also see its relevance in modern times.

### NEED and GREED: ACROSS TIME and SPACE

Need for Spices to preserve meat marked the discovery of routes. Trade from Spices earned a lot of revenue for countries like Spain, Portugal. Seeing this, other countries like England, France, Denmark also joined the race and thus, began the era of colonialism.

Greed of territories expansion led to many wars. This resulted in drain of wealth and exploitation of countries of Africa and Asia. After effects of such large scale of greed are visible even today. India's GDP was reduced to 3% to mere 0.3%.

Similarly, rise of Germany after WW-I and Treaty of Versailles was the need to

stand against unfair means used by countries like US, England, France. However when it increased to greed, World saw the rise of Hitler. This was followed by mass genocides, exodus of Jews. Spills of which are visible today as Israel-Palestine issue.

Greed of position of a  
Greed to win the Capitalism v/s Communism war during Cold War led to disturbance of peace in the World. Vietnam War, division of Korean peninsula, 'Iron curtain' in Ukraine and many other incidents are results of such greed.

In India, at the time of independence, greater representation and voice to Muslims was the need of the time. But a greed to acquire more powers, rule over a community led to India-Pakistan partition and we all know the loss it brought to us.

History is thus filled with examples that tell us that there is enough scope to fulfill everyone's need. But if this need becomes the greed, world is unable to handle it and it poses a challenge to whole of the humanity.

Let us now understand this statement in the present context.

Technologies like INTERNET, MOBILE etc are the need of the hour. Proper usage of these technologies can bring a revolution in Health, Education sector. It can help in the development of regions isolated by geographical barriers.

However, the greedy use of such resources in the form of email-spoofing, image-morphing, cyber-bullying can cause a lot of harm than good. It can evade one's fundamental rights like Right to Privacy.

Similarly, weapons technology is need to provide sense of security to the nations. It helps in providing deterrence to wars.

However, the greed for such weapons has led to arms race. Nuclear bombs,

Atomic bombs, Space weapons, have brought the world to brink of war. Such greed has also led to ignorance of basic human services like food, education, health in countries like North Korea.

Let us now discuss the greed in ENVIRONMENT RESOURCES. Oil is a major necessity of any nation, however, only few are blessed with its natural resources.

A sustainable trade between the countries can fulfill the demand of all. But, greed of few nations to control major oil fields has led to proxy wars in countries like Saudi Arabia, Yemen. Also, the greed to extract minor minerals have led to



invasion of Global commons like  
Antarctica, Arctic

Politically too, greed has posed immense threats. It has led to illegal activities like booth capturing, illegal funding of elections, criminalisation of politics etc.

Greed to acquire more power also manifests in the form of REGIONALISM, when national values take lower position. This can lead to fragmentation of a nation.

In India, Khalistan issue is a major testimony to this.

We all know that money is the basic need of every human. It is required for daily requirements like food, clothes, shelter, health, education etc.

However, greed among certain section of the society for money has led to rising inequalities. In India, top 10% rich people hold 56% of money.

Such greed can also lead to corruption, black money, money laundering and thus promote crimes in the society. If we need equitable development of all, there is no place for such greed to exist.

Culturally too, greed to dictate rules and norms of the society can give rise to extra-constitutional institutions like Khap Panchayats. Khap panchayats have been many times involved in the issues of honour-killings, social-boycotts, untouchability incidents etc. This is against our Constitutional ethos. Such greed doesn't allow the progress of all communities like women, dalits etc.

India has believed in the policy of 'Sava dharm Sambhav' and such greed gives challenge to secular fabric of the society. It can also lead to communal incidents like Dadri lynching.

not directly related to topic

Conspicuous

In today's times, we are witnessing a lot of greed in framing of national policies. Policies like 'America First', restriction on H1B visas, Saudisation of jobs, Anti-migrant policies, tariff wars etc. have are danger to everybody. This type of greed cannot bring prosperity to anyone and are a lose-lose situation. It can give rise to refugee crisis as witnessed in Syria, Myanmar.

Therefore, we have seen that how there is no place for greed in this world and it can pose great threats to the entire global world.

Needs need to be properly analyzed and Gandhiji's talisman should be checked to distinguish it from greed. Ethical values of compassion can bring not only prosperity to the person or the nation, but whole world.

APJ Abdul Kalam's address to EU Parliament holds a lot of relevance in today's world.

“Where there is righteousness in heart,  
there is beauty in character.

Where there is beauty in character,  
there is harmony in home.

Where there is harmony in home,  
there is order in the nation.

Where there is order in the nation,  
there is peace in the world.”

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## Essay (2)

- Intro = Satisfactory & Integrate your Intro by ~~explaining~~ referring to Topic sentence i.e. elaborate about 'New India' initiative in

Intro part

- Temporal - visible (More contextual content can be added by mentioning

India's past achievements where India led the world.

- Sectoral - Good but needs to contextualized mention about various aspirations of 'New India' in different spheres - Social, Political, Economic, Educated, Cultural etc.

- Content = Good but not meet demand of topic. You explained about India's credentials to lead world but demand was how New India will help India emerge as Global Leader. Given elaboration is

- Alignment - Good, Reflect topic sentence at end of each para ⇒ Conclusion: Satisfactory upto one line more comprehensive

good but content is ~~satisfactory~~ lacking

Krushboo  
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## Test - 2

64 ⇒ Add more content with examples to enrich your content & enhance score

- Intro = Good
- Temporal = Not visible; (Trace the scenario of human greed beyond need in ancient, medieval, British period etc.)
- Sectoral - Good; More sectors can be added to diversify the elaboration.
- Content - Good; Give more examples of human greed beyond need and also discuss <sup>its</sup> consequences. Also discuss what is the need of the our to meet everybody's needs. Also give your suggestions.
- Alignment ⇒ Good to satisfactory  
↳ Add topic sentence at the end of each para.
- Conclusion - Good, scope to make more comprehensive.
- Language = Good; Legibility ⇒ Good.
- Novelty = visible (Add more examples)



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