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FEATURING READERS BECOME LEADERS

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...Extraordinary have BIG LIBRARIES.

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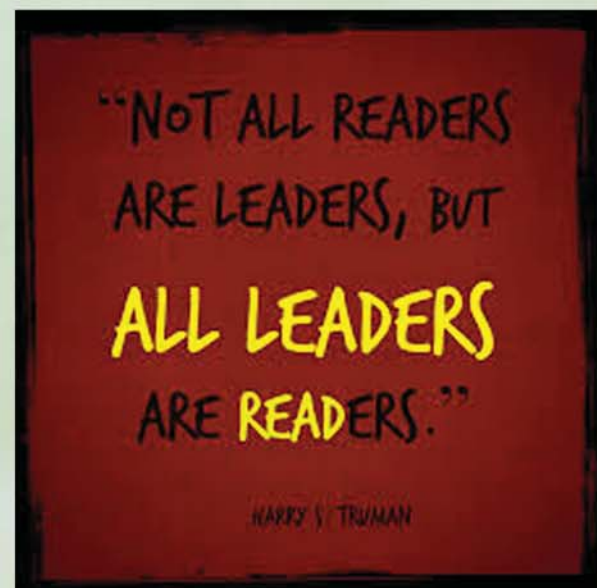


READING... IN THE MAKING OF LEADERSHIP

Today's Reader is tomorrow's Leader –how true and relevant is the statement of Margaret Fuller. Not only does this statement arrest our attention but demands for a world of 'mindfulness' that has been eluding our rational minds, of late, quite interestingly .so as I put on the 'Thinking Cap' to put down my thoughts in black and white, I earnestly invite you to put on the 'Readers Cap' and come along in the quest of Readership for Leadership. Though Reading has largely been regarded as Passive skill of the four (LSRW) vital skills of language acquisition in English language Teaching , the inherent potency that ' Reading ' as a 'habit' has far reaching impact than being a mere decorative tool for communicative 'skill'. On this token, Reading is one of the indispensable skills that need to be nourished. Reading is just not a fashionable hobby to flaunt around when people ask us what our pass time is or is it a monotonous labour of recluse from the maddening crowd.

Reading is primarily a cognitive activity where all the critical and creative faculty are engaged in the thought process of decoding, assimilating, analyzing, discerning and translating the ideas of great souls that are encrypted in the dry papers of books, magazines , novels, newspapers and the other forms of print media.

Thus Reading is basically a mental, deliberation a sort of intellectual conversation that the readers have with the authors themselves .It's a kind of magical incantation so to speak that conjures up the souls of the whole host of Politicians, philosophers, Pastors, Military commanders, Business magnets and other stalwarts that have walked past the planet earth. That's to say, when someone reads Buddha, Plato, Jesus, Shakespeare, Milton, etc; the dead spirits of these great souls literally appear on the dry pages of books and share their hard -earned wisdom with us.



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Thus Reading makes anyone not only knowledgeable, shrewd but more so, very wise which is the essence of Leadership or Leaders. All the great leaders whom we admire today have always been voracious readers in the first place. History is replete with the testimony of this worthy labour which has translated and elevated the ordinary lives of great men from Aristotle, St. Paul, Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi, to our own former President Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. Reading as a process, enriches and ennobles the mind for a healthy living style. It's sort of mental exercise that builds the inner stamina of courage and confidence to rise against the odds of life. In this regard, Addison's statement 'what Exercise is to the body, Reading is to the Mind' Holds true in so far as stretching the mental muscle is concerned.



If Reading is needed for all to develop a healthy mind, it's absolutely necessary for students who aspire to make it to effective administrators, bureaucrats, Policy-makers, Politicians, nation builders, Leaders in other words. The 'vested power' with which these men and women spearhead the nation into a newer destiny has certainly germinated from the painstakingly hours of labour they spent in Reading.

Reading has multiple benefits, for Reading of History bequeaths knowledge of the past which Help shape the present, science gives a go-down of information on recent scientific and technological advancement that drives the world of future. Maths renders analytical bent of mind, Philosophy gives the calibre of speculation and foresightedness, Political science gives births to newer strategies for a better world of Equality, Poetry and literature makes one brim with human milk of kindness, Reading of Auto-biographies and Biographies inspires all when we are down and out, Economics makes one frugal and wise.



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Reading of English newspapers, novels, Editorials help students to develop their vocabulary power and communication skills which help them in turn, in campus recruitments, Thus the benefits of Reading is many –folded and has helped all the ordinary men and women into unforgettable personalities and leaders. Be that as it may, It's quite, very disheartening to witness in this time and age this worthy habit of Reading is dwindling rather it's on the verge of extinction as its hardly upheld by a few, old age, wheel-chair bound geriatrics of generation X as the majority of Generation Y is deeply plunged in to viewing and merely watching .Reading is replaced by Viewing and readerships by mere spectacular Viewership glitz. contrary to Reading which liberates as a leader does and expands the minds into this cosmic order of things ,Viewing cripples, enslaves and confines the mind into a tiny orbit of mental deterioration. Reading cultivates Toleration which is another trait of leadership while viewing breeds instant gratification and impatience. Thus the Pulse of the modern generation Y is feeble and does not show any sign of Leadership traits.

For these reasons, Reading has to be cultivated in the young minds of students. Of late, a glimmer of hope is found as sincere efforts have been initiated by Reading Enthusiasts in schools , colleges, educational institutions and other public forum by the inception Readers' Park, Readers Clubs, Book exhibitions in the unflinching faith of finding our Reader who will be the future Pillars our Nations.

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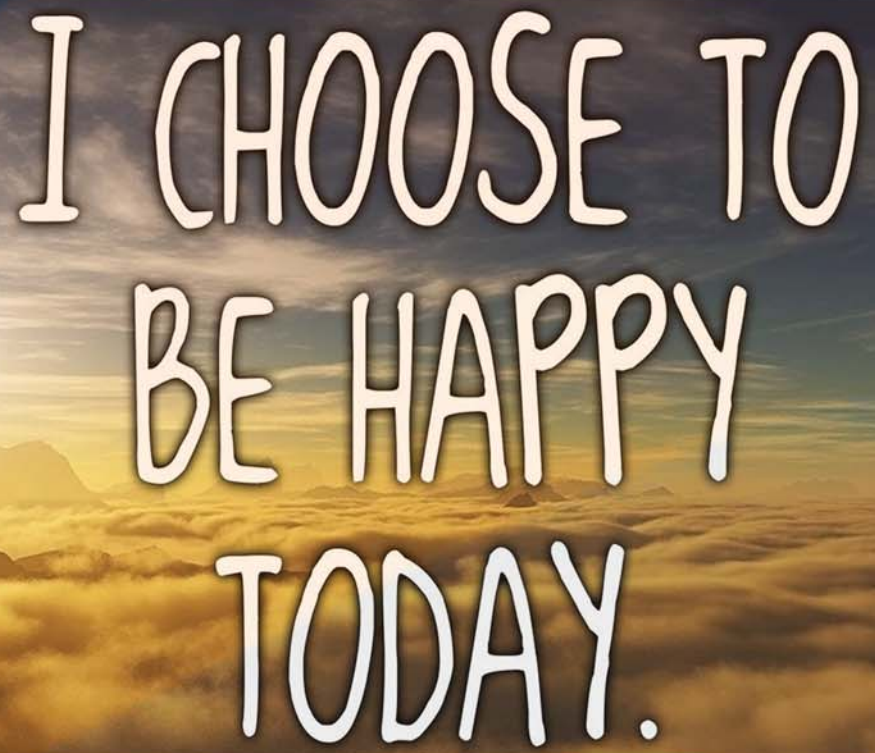
BEING HAPPY AND LIVING IN THE PRESENT

As per the instructions in the Language Lab given by our faculty member, I selected a video titled 'Being happy and living at the moment'. I was very curious to watch the video and the person who would be addressing everyone in that TED talk. I thought an old wise man with a lot experience would give some suggestions and share some of his experience ... bla bla bla. My mind was preoccupied with all these running thoughts in my mind. I clicked open the video and to my great surprise, a girl of 17 years, almost of my age, was addressing nearly thousands of people. It fuelled my curiosity and I stared listening keenly. She had begun to talk, so patiently and slowly like a saint. As I guessed, she had undergone bone marrow transfer when she was six months old and now she is suffering from permanent fibrosis a serious lung disease. She had undergone lots of surgeries and medical treatments.



The beauty of Aisha, the girl who was presenting was her simple, evergreen SMILE from starting till the end. She hinted that happiness depends on our attitude. She had two different choices to make, to be happy and enjoy life to the fullest by forgetting her pathetic condition and pain. Second was to be miserable by restricting herself in a room and think about her pain. She chose the first option, where she was happy and lived in the present moment without thinking about her sufferings. Aisha showed a picture of her taken a year before in which she was totally trapped with various wires, on her to check her heartbeat and wire near nose to watch her oxygen supply. Doctors instructed her to sleep but she found humour in it. She kept on watching the activities of the doctors and laughed aloud.





I CHOOSE TO BE HAPPY TODAY.

As she expected the results were too bad. So, her parents took her to England for further medical treatment. Although she was so fed up with the travel and continuous treatments, she changed her mood by enjoying with her brother by chit chatting and taking photos with him by making her moments so sweet and funny. Aisha's family planned for a trip, where they didn't allow her to enjoy much. She wanted to enjoy the wilderness and nature, but her family hesitated because they were wondering how a girl suffering from fibrosis could walk that far. She was finally allowed to go because of her stubbornness. She had two dogs and she spent most of her time with those dogs, observing them, feeding them and take them for walking. She painted the picture of both of them. She explained saying of Tom Wilson, "A smile is happiness where you can find right under your nose". So, she always kept smiling amidst sadness and pain. She told that she learnt to regain her strength by spending time with nature and animals. All these lifted her mood which in turn made her strong enough to address these many people today. It's all about thinking beyond pain and sadness which would make one look for joy and happiness in all the adverse situations or make adverse situations joyful. She told that one's willingness to accept reality and life as it is would make one more resilient.

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Being happy doesn't require one to be rich because it's a free gift which doesn't incur any cost. It only requires one to convince oneself with all the best thing life has already offered to one and hope for all the fantastic opportunities life has in stock. It requires one to whole heartedly accept one's present and keep one's mind an empty slate to be filled with the experiences in order to make oneself happy and content. Some things such as health, care, love, friends and happiness can't be sold or bought from shops. One cannot even physically experience it because they are very abstract and require one to be open-minded. Dear folks, enjoy everything in life because fear of unknown and fear of failure might try to cripple us and life may threaten us with the thought of death but death is an imminent one, so it's all about making life wonderful while living. I learnt a lesson from Aisha Chaudhari that I should enjoy my life to the fullest because there is plenty of time before we die. Be the reason for someone's smiles today and spread happiness everywhere. Accept whatever life and time bring without complaining because happiness is acceptance. Each and every individual will come across darkness that means not that darkness overrules our life but to force everyone to light their own lives. Take everything positively that you may undergo some bad days and not a bad life. Keep smiling because that is what everyone likes, so be happy, you have only one life to live and don't miss it.

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THE LANGUAGE DEBATE

We are all familiar with the quote "words travel worlds, translators are the drivers". India is the most diverse country in many aspects. Language plays a central and definite role in the diversity of India. There is no national language as declared by the Constitution of India, still, Hindi is used for official purposes such as parliamentary proceedings, judiciary, communications between the Central Government and the State Governments. States within India have the liberty and power to specify their own official language, through legislation and therefore, there are 22 officially recognized languages in India, of which Hindi is the most used.

The limits of
my language are
the limits of my world

Even though no Indian language (not English) was ever declared as the national language, Hindi could be the only choice based on the demographics. Now, the country's only problem lies in conducting exams such as UPSC, GATE etc. because most of the candidates who appear for these exams are not able to overcome the difficulty of English and most of the candidates from South India were not happy with the dominance of Hindi in setting the question papers. As per the 2001 census, around 42.2 crore people listed Hindi as their mother tongue, of which 25.79 crore spoke Hindi in its pure form, and another 16.41 crore in 49 mother tongues similar to Hindi. Overall, around 41.03% of the population has declared Hindi or its sub-groupings as its mother tongue.

THE LANGUAGE DEBATE

According to the new government, all the officials and employees should be well-versed in Hindi and all the government offices in India will have a Hindi software installed in their systems. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is all set to promote Hindi as the official language. Since India is a multilingual and multi-racial country, this holds true for every state throughout the nation. Starting right from North i.e. Kashmir to down south i.e. Kanyakumari, one can easily witness this phenomenon. As you navigate the entire length and breadth of the country, the linguistic diversity is evident and the pattern and tone also differs within a short distance even if people are speaking the same dialect.

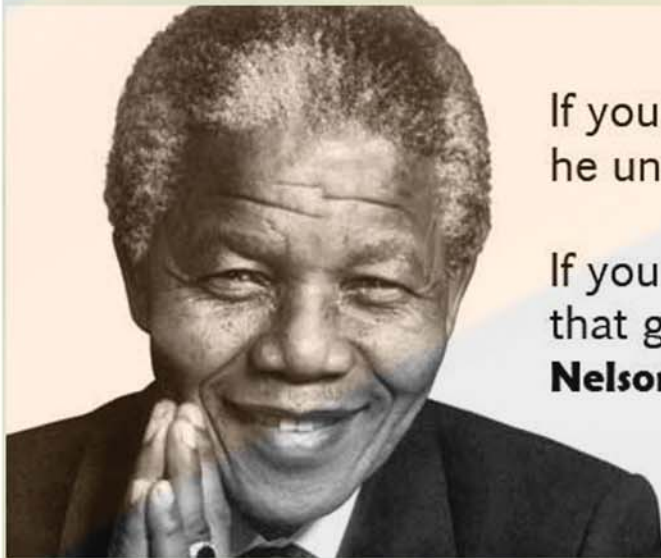


Out of these, as many as 94 languages are spoken by less than 10,000 people each and 23 languages together account for 77 percent of the total population of the country. According to some scholars, the total number of languages and dialects in our country is about 700 (nearly 175 languages and 550 dialects). Out of these, as much as 22 languages are recognised as national languages of the country as they are included in the eighth schedule of the constitution. Even though Hindi remains the apt language to communicate in India and unite the country, we have to respect every language and give equal importance to all the Indian languages for the development and happiness of the country. Hence, this is the right time for the government and all the responsible citizens of the country to come up with an acceptable decision.



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So, to solve the problem of language in national level exams, the government should adopt bilingual pattern, in which either English or Hindi could be given as a choice. In addition to that, a candidate should be given the opportunity to write the exam in his/her own mother tongue. At the same time, question paper setters should also take extreme care while translating the questions from English to any other language so as to avoid any deviations in the meaning of the questions.



If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head.

If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.

Nelson Mandela

To unite the country as one, Hindi might sound an appropriate language for the Indian sub-continent but not at the expense of all the other regional languages that carry their own rich heritage and culture. Every language has its own heritage and culture, therefore, it is the responsibility all citizens to respect and promote Indian languages irrespective the state and religion they belong to. Schools and colleges have higher responsibilities to educate students regarding the importance of learning multiple languages and the diverse nature of our country. So, it becomes one of the most important, yet, most difficult decision the government may need to take which would safeguard the interests of all the languages and cultures in the country.



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SHAME THE RAPISTS

"OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER."

I happened to watch a TED Talk as part of our Communication Skills session, in which Ms. Sunitha Krishnan explained the importance of raising our voices against sexual harassment. She also shared her experience of educating people regarding sexual harassment and the aftermath of such incidents. This talk showed her anger and anguish about a video she came across on 4th February 2016, in which a 17 years old girl was raped by five men in the middle of the forest. When Sunitha watched this video, she was stunned and shocked because those criminals didn't have a glimpse of the crime they were committing. She told that these criminals, while committing such grave criminal activities, feel proud of their ugly work because they know that they could just get away with that. The worst part was that they shared the video in all the social networking sites.



Although this was seen by many people, no one cared about the video and the girl. She was not able to show her anguish and anger, so, she started a campaign, "SHAME THE RAPIST" in social media. She shared few vital information from her internet research on 9 similar videos within 24 hours. When she approached the police station nearby, they sent her back by saying that the place is not under their jurisdiction.



SHAME THE RAPISTS

This happened somewhere in the north but she didn't left the issue in the middle. She didn't want to give this as a reason to give-up on the issue. She then approached the ministry of home affairs and for some time there was some sound afterwards there was silence. Although she filed a case in the Supreme Court later, she wished that this case be taken over by the CBI for further investigation. Her major demands to the Supreme Court were the following,

SUO MOTTO where a government agency acts independently, without anyone's pressure. This would make sure that there is no political, money or power influence that would otherwise weaken the agency.

HANDING ALL NINE VIDEOS TO CBI – She wanted the CBI to take control of all the nine videos that would act as the prime evidence against the criminals who harassed and raped women. CBI will act without the influence of the state politics, thus would help the victims get at least delayed justice.

NATIONAL SEX OFFENDERS REGISTER – She wanted the register of National Sex Offenders to be maintained strictly. This would help the law enforcing agencies to control, monitor and prevent future crimes.

TASK FORCE – She wanted a special force against sexual harassment be formed on State and Central level that would fight these cold blooded criminals and nail them in front of the law. This she thought would be public friendly and will have more accountability as the members would be of the general public and would act ethically. The good thing is that she won the case, at last.



SHAME THE RAPISTS

Now that the CBI started investigating the case, they identified the people in one of the videos. On 20th March 2017, CBI arrested three men from a company who raped the worker of their company. They had also uploaded the video in social media. The three men named Dev, Kaushik and Sahu were brought in front of the law and sentenced. Later, CBI found the one who uploaded the other videos in internet and the culprit was just a 19 years old boy from Bangalore who also had 479 similar videos in his computer. He was also sentenced to imprisonment.

INDIA is the largest consumer of this kind of videos and these coupled with the high speed internet, generous availability of mobile phones in the hands of the adolescents and the freedom this generation has without any responsibility leads them to involve in such acts. Parents are too busy earning, society is too busy bringing new life styles and companies are too busy selling their products that makes the young generation vulnerable to all the modern crimes the society faces today. Even the closest relations, friends and other acquaintances involve in these acts which has spread a new fear in the society. We may try the following steps to prevent future incidents such as open campaign against rape and rapists, severe punishments for these crimes, teach our children to respect women and finally treat women as human beings and equals.

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TIPS FOR BETTER CONVERSATION

“One good conversation can shift the direction of change forever”. We live in the 21st century which is a fully automated world. A good conversation creates a great impact on a person’s interpersonal skills. In this technology enabled gadget era, we have failed miserably to speak to each other. A conversation should strike a balance between talking and listening, but unfortunately we all lack in both. We often spend our leisure time using smartphones, laptops and other electronic gadgets. The smartphones which we use in our daily life can be a powerful gadget to us in terms of shaping our personality. The funny thing here is that we stay connected with people not by speaking, but by texting. All the social media like whatsapp, Facebook, Instagram are ruining our lives because they all separate us from the humans. One acquires communication skills not just by reading but also by having good conversations.

A bunch of my friends are coming over this evening to play on their phones.



I just went through a TED TALK given by Celeste Headlee on this topic. I could really feel the difference in me after watching her talking about having better conversations and it prompted me and made me realise the importance of having good conversation. In my point of view, following are few ways to have better conversations. Firstly, one should avoid multitasking because many people have a wavering mind and they think of too many things at the same time. Thus we should try to concentrate on only one thing at a time in order to avoid the errors while having a conversation. Secondly, one should be able to ask as many questions as possible such as when, what, where, how, why etc. to the speaker in order to have a better transaction. If one fails to ask questions, the effect of a conversation will be much lesser.



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Thirdly, one should never lie, whatever may be the situation. One should have the guts to say the truth whether the consequence would be good or bad because being authentic will make the conversation more effective. The real art of conversation is not only to say things at the right place but leave the wrong things at the tempting moment unsaid.



BE BRAVE
ENOUGH
TO START A
CONVERSATION
THAT MATTERS

Margaret Wheatley

Fourthly, one should keenly listen to the speaker. One should concentrate towards the words spoken by the speaker which will create a good rapport among the two. Statistics says that our human brain has an ability to listen up to 500 words per minute. An average person can speak up to 275 words per minute. Out of those 275, only 50 words gets registered into our minds which is due to lack of listening. One real life example is the students who listened to their teachers and become successful. Finally, one should talk to all kinds of people whom so ever it may be. May it be the person whom you like or dislike, a thief or children. Experience comes from having good conversation with versatile people from all backgrounds. "Most of the people don't listen with the intent to understand but they listen with the intent to reply".

TIPS FOR BETTER CONVERSATION

These words of Steven cave suits perfectly for the current generation people because we keep running behind the world. A better conversation has indefinite advantages as it would not only improve our language proficiency, it would also improves our knowledge, concentration, vocabulary etc. It would improve relationships, solve conflicts, bring out new ideas and provide one a better companionship. It would bring more openness in oneself in terms of understanding others and accepting them without any discrimination. Better conversations have the ability to solve issues that affect people for a long time.



I withdraw from people and places from time to time. I need space from a world that is filled with millions of mouths that talk too much but never have anything to say.

Kaitlin Foster

Everyone you will ever meet would know something which you don't. A better Conversation is considered as the most effective way of sharing thoughts. Every person in this world is unique and they have those qualities which no one else in this world has. A better conversation is a meeting of mind with different memories and habits. When minds meet they don't just exchange facts, they transform them, reshape them, draw different implications from them and engage in new trains of thoughts. Conversation doesn't reshuffle the cards instead it creates new cards. So, friends, engage in real human conversations that would not only help you become diverse but it would also bring you out of prejudice and stereotyping.



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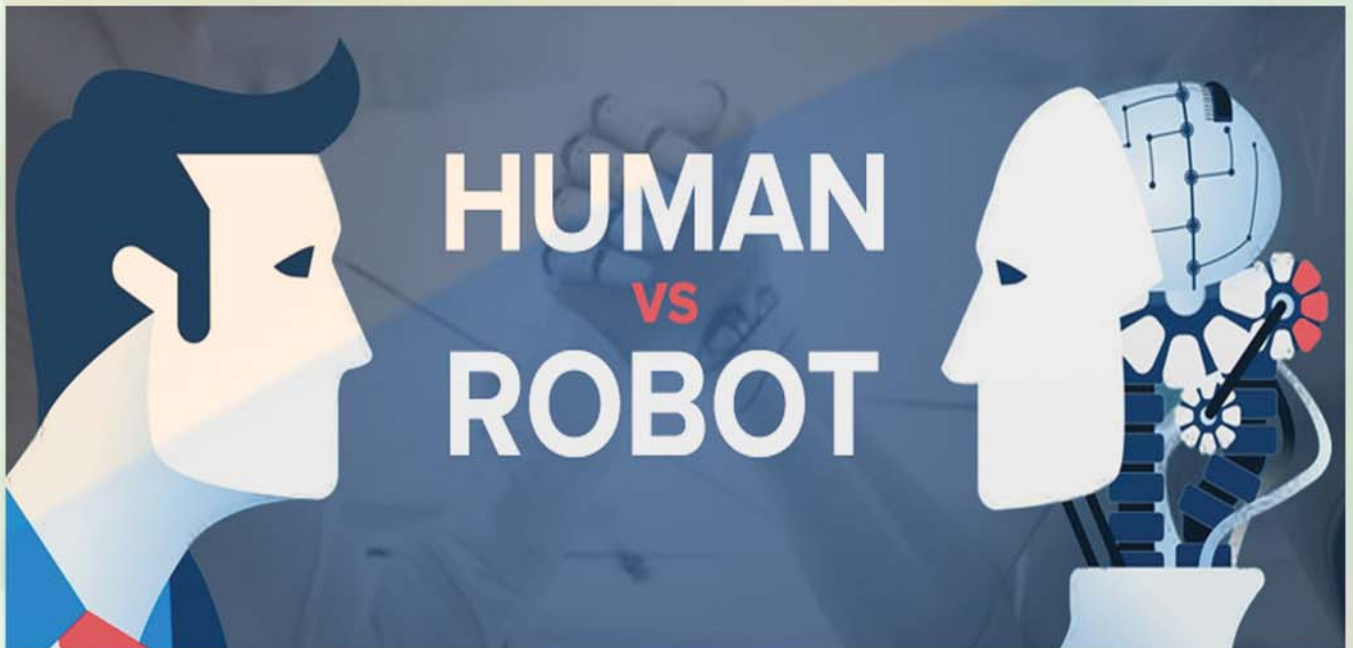
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A ROBOT WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE YOUR JOB

The world is craving with technologies and newer ideas take over the older ones almost every day. From the wheel which shaped our civilization to the smartphone that's shaping the future, one can't deny that there are more surprises in store for us in the future to be explored. Similarly, artificial intelligence is the new face of the world today. This is going to be the next big thing that will take over all the other technologies that are present. The problem is that we still do not know what would be good for human beings and what would harm them.



It's the human intelligence that built all the technologies, even artificial intelligence. Almost all the technologies were invented with an aim to help the society. Artificial intelligence is none other than machine learning the human intelligence and executing it flawlessly. In future, artificial intelligence will take our jobs and we will be left without much jobs. In 2030, 30% of jobs will be replaced by machines using artificial intelligence. Now-a-days, many companies have started replacing workers with robots. FOXCONN and WALMART have already replaced 2.1 million employees with drones and US department of defence has only one employee, who fly a large fleet of drones. Even in automobiles, companies such as CRUISE, TESLA and UBER are planning for 75% of driverless cars by 2040. This they say would reduce traffic and this would benefit humans in some ways, where humanoids would act as human beings.

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But some people think that they are afraid of artificial intelligence, even Elon Musk and Bill Gates have also mentioned that this would bring some problems in the future. The best part is that humans will still have different roles to play such as designing the robot, animating the robot, managing the robot and finally maintaining the robot. Above all, one needs to constantly watch the robots as they are deployed in the field because artificial intelligence cannot equate the human intelligence which is coupled with emotions. This would definitely increase our job opportunities because from artificial intelligence to intelligence amplification, humans would try to develop or invent some more new technologies.

All these would help the society progress and improve social benefits. In future, there will be more demand for the robots as people would start using robots for household works, although people might become lazy. All these robots can be of very useful to people who find difficult to work due to their physical or psychological illness. Thus some inventions come out to lead people out of difficulty. Moreover, artificial intelligence helps people in every aspects of their life. As the quote says, "Everything we love about civilization is a product of intelligence, so amplifying our human intelligence with artificial intelligence has the potential of helping civilization flourish like never before- as long as we manage to keep the technology beneficial", artificial intelligence has the potential to become more intelligent than any human. These robots will be with us, learn from us and watch us every time. We could simply consider it as weapon because a weapon can either save or slay lives and it just depends on the one who is holding it.

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WAR BETWEEN THE GENIUSES



There are lots of series that have been telecasted on different channels but some series stay evergreen in our memories. One among them is American Genius and it's a documentary series that was telecasted on National geographic channel. The documentary showcased the battle between the greatest brains and inventors in the USA including their personal feud. The series employed a "versus" approach in examining world changing innovations. When it comes to innovations, it is not a step forward taken by a single person as many people have taken different problems in their hands pioneered their own solutions. When they exhibited these to the world in order to be the better ones, they would normally end as loggerheads. This particular series that I watched was aired in 2015. The first episode featured the epic gladiator match between the legendary thinker Steve Jobs and the sublime Bill Gates who both were keen on developing personal computers for common men.

They have not only taken the credit in inventing personal computers but also the smart phones and other portable devices. It mainly shows that how far both of them have gone in order to attain supremacy in the digital age and maintain the images of their companies.

It is all about reputation. When Bill Gates was a student in Harvard, he didn't have any interest in attending classes because he wasn't a studious one in studies. Gates, along with his schoolmates skipped the classes and tried to hack the school computers. Those computers were all mainframe models which were used for tough calculations. They were not easier one to meddle with but Gates was a prodigy and he knew how to handle a mainframe computer although it was a herculean task. He created codes in pouched strips of papers and presented it to Altair to see if it approved his idea.

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On the other hand, Steve Jobs, a Seattle guy returning from his spiritual visit to India was shown the future personal computer by his pal Steve Wozniak, which for the first time had monitor and keyboard. Above all, the best feature of that personal computer was the usage method of input language where the input code can be typed in normal language. The show also had Steve Wozniak revealing the main difference between Jobs and Gates and their approach of doing business and advertising products. It was the dawn of a new age and it was really a new revolution.

Again Steve Jobs along with his pals founded Apple at the same time his counterpart Bill Gates founded Microsoft. Both were determined to make affordable personal computer and a user-friendly interface. There was a talk that Gates' Microsoft OS was a stolen version of the Apple OS which was sooner to be released. This paved way for an even greater fallout between the two. While Bill was surging on top with Microsoft, Jobs' Apple plummeted and eventually, Jobs was sacked from the Company by the Board only to be inducted later after a gap of 7 years. With Microsoft, which was rising higher and above, Jobs was even more determined to make Apple, once again, than the ones he did before and he did it. By introducing touch screen mobiles a.k.a smartphones, earphones, and iPod proved to be a cutting-edge in the world of science and technology. Apple was a tremendous success but unfortunately, in 2011, Jobs passed away from pancreatic cancer which ultimately ended up the battle between the two greatest American geniuses of our times but their history of awe will be etched in our civilization ever.



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COOL NEW GADGETS

It's a brave new world and we witness new gadgets and technology almost every day. Everyone who live in this world including kids and elders love to have some technological gadget around them either for useful purpose or for fun. This increased attraction towards the technological gadgets have paved the way for more inventions and new gadgets that steal the time of people thus keeping them engaged. In this line, there are five new gadgets such as Rogo, Gecko, Wall Dock, Charge Stand and Drop Rinter that would make their entry into this world that would revolutionize the mobile phone industry because they could help a person with smartphones.

ROGO:- Rogo is one of the gadgets that would help one to keep the mobile phone on the wall. It is also called as a smartphone helper. If we set an alarm at 6.00 am, it would call the person by name. It would remind one about all the notifications which come to the mobile phone using its voice mode. When we are on video calls and if the phone is with Rogo, it would rotate the phone if we move back side. Rogo would also act as a personal assistance to the people. We can talk to it and if we ask something, it would show automatically without any physical touch and it can rotate were we move.



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GECKO - The Gecko is a gadget which looks like an ordinary electronic device but it could get us all the information. It has a replaceable battery in that and it can take all the photos including selfies. It can also record motion pictures without human involvement. We can use this device in all places, even in cold or hot places. WALL

DOCK - Wall Dock is a gadget which acts as a mobile charger. It will help charge the mobile phone, by hanging on the wall. It has two connectors, one is USB and another is Bluetooth. Both are connected through the wire. It would make the charging task easier for the smart phone users.

CHARGE STAND - Charge Stand is also a charger device and we could keep our mobile phones on the wall, with the help of the charge stand. It also has a mini USB connector which helps the mobile device charge itself. It helps to charge the mobile phone anywhere and even from the wall sockets.

DROP RINTER - The Drop Rinter is the last gadgets among the five upcoming technology. It is used to take printouts. It costs less but would help one have a portable printer. It has a small hole which is used to connect to the charger and it is a rechargeable device. It could be used in supermarkets and also by bus conductors. It can be connected through the smart phones, thus one can use it for personal use too.

All the new technologies have brought sea of change in this world both on a personal and on a corporate level. All the technological devices are considered to be useful to human kind but there is also an opinion that these devices act as great distractions and make people lazy. It would be always wise to take the good use of the gadgets and leave anything that would harm human nature.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY SURPRISE

We all gathered to reminisce and respect the sacrifices of our great leaders as remembered by our beloved Principal in his Independence Day speech. Saluting the flag when hoisted gave us the reassurance that the glory of our nation will continue to soar high as we pass on the torch to the next generation. The icing on the cake was the spectacular display of Independence Day Parade by our NSS students which made us all feel proud to be an Indian.

Something out of the ordinary occurred when we all thought the ceremony is over and were about to disburse. One voice called everyone's attention and the voice belonged to a young man standing on the dais making an appeal to gather around and listen to his message that he wants to convey on this nationally significant day. Ravi Teja is a student of Collaborative Education Programme, in his final year of Diploma, hailing from Andhra. This young man delivered a thought-provoking extempore speech which included Dr. Abdul Kalam's dream, for a developed nation which will come true soon if all youngsters in this nation recognize their role towards nation building.

There was so much conviction in his speech to express how he strongly feels patriotic and expects his fellow citizens to recall their duty towards the nation besides building their career. Everyone applauded the wonderful act of sharing his noble thought. Secretary and Principal shook hands with him and appreciated his valour to exhibit his spontaneous message to his peers and others. It is the youngsters like Ravi Teja who give us the reassurance that days are not far off when India will emerge as the world order. Kudos to Ravi Teja, he inspired everyone!

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