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1) a) Education according to Socrates is not the filling up of vessel, it is the kindling of the spirit.

Role of values.

- ① provides social awareness about issues
[ex] climate change; poverty etc
- ② creates moral beings who can examine the status quo ("it is easy to create strong children than mend broken men").
- ③ promotes social solidarity over race, religion, caste etc
- ④ would lead to leadership, discipline & ability to articulate view (soft-skills)

Role of content

- ① 'knowledge' needed to act in people's interest
- ② it provides root-cause of the issues; offer mental models to think about problems

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- ③ critical thinking developed [ex]: Mathematics.
- ④ problem solving aptitude developed
- ⑤ aptitude to find innovative solutions developed

Measures to make education beyond content learning

- ① provide social awareness seminars [ex]. NCC camps, Green clubs; marathons.
 - ② foster solidarity among students picnic. [ex]: class-
 - ③ leadership & discipline developed by → Japanese 'Totobetsu Kotada' to promote children cleaning classroom
 - ④ provide for annual annual meet, sports meet to develop different dimensions of personality. [ex]: activity, physical aptitude.
- hence, education must be about making children life long learners & inquirers

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i) b.) Attitude is the learnt predisposition towards something or someone.
"Attitude decides a person's attitude".

Role in developing social capital

- ① promotes sense of brotherhood
attitude of celebrating festival life rituals
[ex]: social
- ② promotes attitude of respect
Age India helping elderly care
[ex]: St. Help
- ③ sense of solidarity during crisis period
developed
[ex]: online collaboration by people
to help covid ~~cylinder~~ oxygen cylinder issue
- ④ leads to cooperation for common cause
[ex]: SHG formed.
- ⑤ attitude of scientific exploration promotes
collaborative learning
[ex]: Wikipedia.

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⑥ promotes trust in society [ex]: riots, violence
not happening → "communal harmony associations"
formed

⑦ would prioritise national before self [ex]:
CSR funding by companies for Olympics.

⑧ promote social causes [ex]: "Net-zero" movement
to promote climate transition

however, there can be negative impact

① casteist attitude → promotes violence [ex]

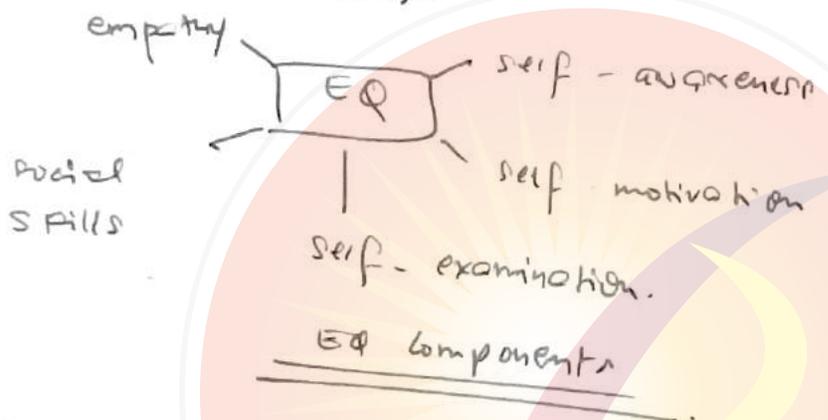
② ethnic biased attitude → nationalism & jingoism [ex]: Puralia
man Rape

③ 'I' instead of 'we' [ex]: consumerist
society formed

hence, the need is to promote social
solidarity driven by Seva of Jeeva? (Vivekanand)
and nesting a duty-oriented society attitude
(Panch plan of PM Modi).

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2.) a) Emotional Intelligence is the application of one's knowledge of emotion and to manage inter personal relations.



Role in resolving the work place conflict

- ① promotes worker-worker solidarity (esprit de corps)
- ② open communication about company's decision taken
 [ex]: "open door" policy of Wipro for reduced friction between senior & junior.
- ③ promote talent & merit [ex]: performance appraised based on outcomes generated
- ④ ensure that toxic work culture doesnot arise [ex]: sexual harassment

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⑤ ensures that 'learning' of team-members occurs with [ex]: "spot light" programme where Infosys promotes learning by mistakes

④ motivate team during failure [ex]: Satish Dhawan took the blame of the failure of INS-1 SLV-3 rocket

③ however, it could also lead to decline in work place ethics & increase conflict.

② promotes emotional manipulation of employees [ex]: credit taking, back-stabbing.

② would promote using emotion to get concession [ex]: emotional blackmailing.

③ leads to emotional decision making [ex]: leave given to employees & indiscriminately.

hence, we need to adopt - ~~staple~~
(sthiraprajya) (steady wisdom) to resolve the conflict.

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2) b)

Bilateral relations among nations must be
driven by - UN charter principles, respect
for all nations and national interest (राष्ट्रीय
विव)

Due to mutual
suspicion
becomes
difficult to
resolve

① due to security dilemma
promoted

② led leads to arms race

③ uncertainty about the
intention of the
nation [ex]: cold war
conflict

④ due to fear of retaliation
if not acted [ex]: world war 2
action by Germany

⑤ decline in use of Kantian response
to resolve the conflict (eg: UN, ICJ).

Role of sanctions in promoting ethical
relations among countries

① by respecting territorial integrity of all

nations [ex]: India - Bangladesh used ICT to resolve the maritime dispute

② we respect the mutual security concerns

[ex]: confidence building measures taken by Indo-China in 1990s.

③ to promote UN charter values of human rights, respect for minority rights [ex]: India raising issue of diaspora with USA.

④ promote cooperation under liberal institutionalism [ex]: India formed BIMSTEC, DAPAC

⑤ eschew from use of force to defend interest [ex]: Ind EU formed to use dialogue to resolve conflict among the nations

we need to, thus, remember the value of Tagore's "narrow domestic walls" to be broken to promote mutual cooperation in common humanity's interest

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3) a)

In the subramaniam Balaji case, the supreme court had opined that use of electoral freebies practise would ~~promote~~ harm free & fair democratic process

~~Effect~~

Populist measures of freebies

- ① to woo voters to vote
[ex] - ~~setting~~ providing free scooter.
- ② ~~to do~~ due to no accountability under code of conduct.
- ③ lack of voter awareness
- ④ by promoting freebie "redistributive justice" in claimed
- ⑤ due to "politics without principles" followed.

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Ethical issues out of free-bie culture

- ① promotes political inequality among newer parties
- ② fiscal prudence violated

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③ leads to inefficient use of public funds

[ex] : capex funding is needed

④ provides competitive populism → row to bottom

⑤ "collective good" violated as some nations are preferred in distribution of goods

⑥ may lead to decline in comprehensive national power [ex] : decline of Venezuela, Argentina due to Populism.

However, free soc culture also :-

① promotes democratic socialism [ex] : welfare provided

② promotes 'Seven days of today'

③ mandated for welfare state with high poverty

④ would otherwise lead to electoral resentment & elitism -

Hence, a balanced approach of promoting 'merit good' with high spillover effect & positive externality can be used.

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3.) (b) Integrity is the attribute of upholding the the highest standards of governance,

vital for socio-economic development of nation

① promotes pro-people governance used to prevent pilferage [ex]: DBT

② improve efficiency of service delivery [ex]: Citizen Charter of Paragat Jans Kendro promoting time-bound service

③ promotes sole-based bureaucracy [ex]: IAS opened "Cafe Aro" for disabled section

④ improvement in reach with 'Jal Bhayida' [ex]: Jal Jeeva Mission has water management committee for monitoring outcomes.

⑤ provides for feedback system [ex]: feedback call center, AI-based grievance address

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⑥ focusing on outcome & not output [ex]: finance
commission using outcomes of ULB for
funding

⑦ ~~special~~ care & compassion driven
governance [ex]: "community policing" - BCU of
Faith by Kerala Police.

ways to implement probity

① reducing hierarchical structures

② improve citizen - interface with the state

[ex]: Saajh Pahal of Punjab police to promote
ease of complaining

③ training of personnel [ex]: Mission Karmyogi
mission Sohanishiksha.

④ promote upright officers [ex]: PM excellence
in governance
award

there, we need to promote probity
for 'Nyaya' based governance.

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4) a)

wisdom is the ability to use knowledge and information for wise & long-term decision making

[ex]: Gandhi's decision to withdraw from NCM (1919) post Chauri Chaura incident

Ready to accept the truth

- ① by examining the truth; self-reflection about status quo [ex]: Socrates believed "unexamined life not worth"
- ② by promoting dialogue / dialectic [ex]: parliamentary debates for truth to emerge
- ③ by ~~force~~ being tolerant towards values that don't agree [ex]: Aristotle's 'sul-i-kul' philosophy.
- ④ promoting honesty in conversation [ex]: tackling interpersonal relations problem.
- ⑤ by developing internal risk management systems

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Ex: independent directors not providing info about wrong doing

Renouncing the untruth.

① by shedding one's previous beliefs Ex: Germany accepted the Holocaust fault

② by having character to make course correction

Ex: T. Johnson - Johnson CEO apologised post-Tylenol scam

③ to have courage of conviction to shed the bias & prejudice Ex: Justice Varkekar accepted to undergo counselling session to know about & LGBT

hence, the need is :-

① constant 'Atma-Nirikshah' (self-examination)

② promoting freedom of speech

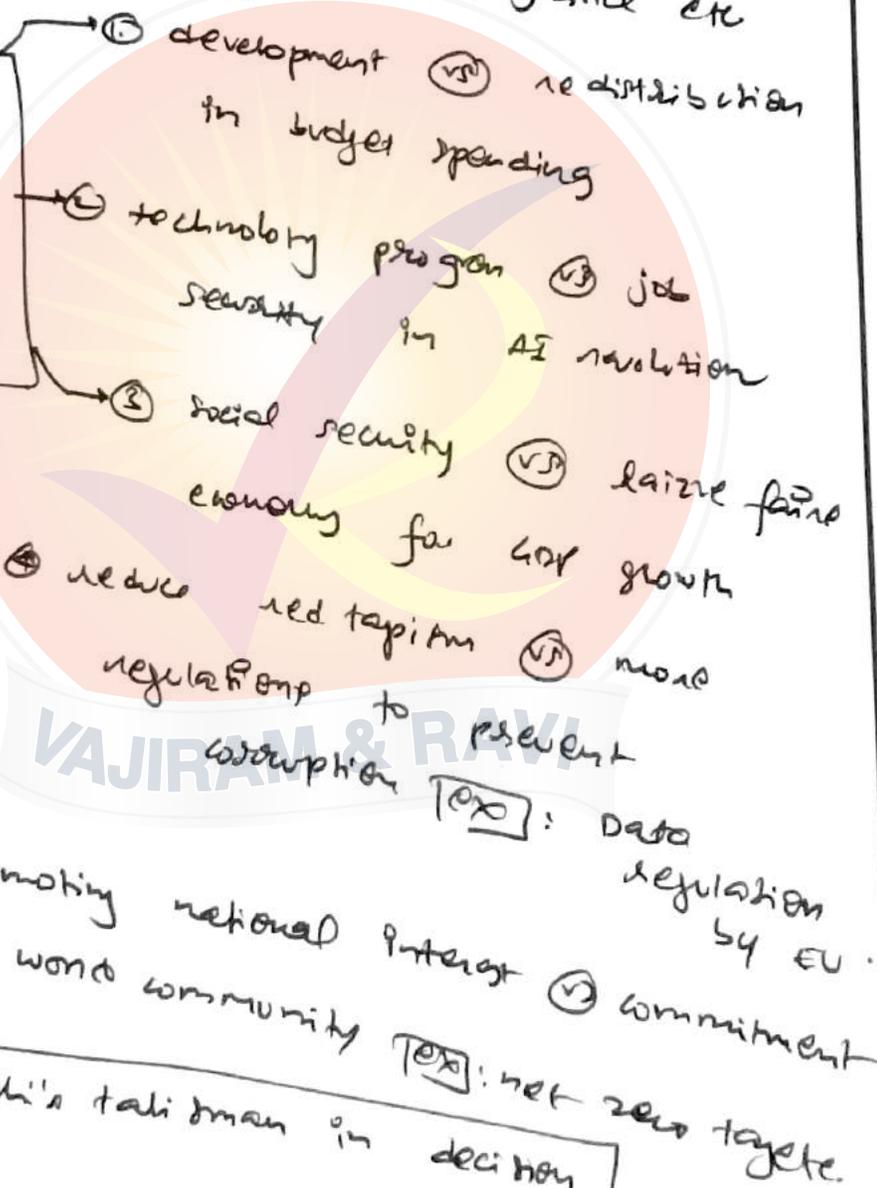
③ developing structures Ex: whistle blowing mechanism.

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4) b.)

Today, the governance has become complex owing to the new challenges of - technology revolution, climate change, gender justice etc

Multiple ethical dilemmas created due to it



Role of Gandhi's talisman in decision making.

- 1) provides moral sensitivity towards "last, least, lost"

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② promotes spirit of selflessness for people's welfare
[ex] : SAS Animeshwar Singh cleared septic tank self to promote idea of Swachh Bharat.

③ policy making keeping vulnerable population at center
[ex] : Forest Right Act concludes Gram Sabha consultation.

④ promoting 'Jan Shakti' by capability building
[ex] : using capability building & by skill development; digital education.

⑤ active effort to address social inequality
[ex] : Mid Day Meal dalit student discrimination addressed

⑥ 'Jan Shakti darin' to promote community participation

hence, only when no one is left behind then the idea of "vikrit Bharat" can be realised.

"no one must fall through cracks in society"
- Bible

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b) a) Corruption is the abuse of public ~~personal~~ power for personal gain [ex]: embezzlement -> bribery, misappropriation of funds etc.

When accountability weakens, corruption increase

- ① due to no peoples oversight over conduct [ex]: social auditing
- ② creates culture of impunity [ex]: mly suspended for actions.
- ③ prevents any answerability for bypse on corruption [ex]: DOA vs. MCO over corruption in building audit
- ④ promotes 'Chalta Hai' attitude among public. because don't know who to blame
- ⑤ presence of "Swayam Seva" syndromal where no one can question civil servants.
- ⑥ leads to ~~de~~ no legal accountability prevents grievance redressal [ex]: APJIO under RTI Act not implemented

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Division of power is ambiguous.

- ① leads to fragmented ~~acc~~ accountability lex.
NCT Delhi govt vs home ministry.
 - ② promotes using unclear rules for rent seeking
 - ③ creates "blame passing" syndrome to others.
 - ④ leads to using 'rules' to create confusion over accountability.
 - ⑤ difficult to prosecute for corruption due to no clarity over who is responsible
- Hence, the need is to promote :-
- ① streamlining the system for officer-based accountability.
 - ② promote ~~and~~ social oversight, civil society scrutiny.
 - ③ culture of responsibility to be promoted.

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6.) b.)
1.) Non-partisanship is the attribute of not aligning with a particular political party / social organisation [ex]: Supreme Court, role of CBI/ED to be non-partisan.

- 2.)
- ↳ promotes institutional trust
 - ↳ uphold constitutional values
 - ↳ upholding justice & fairness
- [ex]: EC's role in free & fair election.

② Cognitive Dissonance occurs when one is to act against the moral call of conscience

[ex]: SC Bose resigned from ICS due to cognitive dissonance.

- ↳ it promotes ethical guidance
- ↳ prevents violating moral compam.
- ↳ creates guilt if not followed

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③ veil of ignorance is the Rawlsian concept of not knowing the outcome of an action before acting on it.

[ex]: SC has veil of ignorance in deciding outcome of electoral dispute case

- ↳ promotes objectivity.
- ↳ ensures that no bias in decision-making
- ↳ promotes reasoning without any partisanship.

④ Moral relativism is the use of 'स्थान, काल, पता' (place, time, position) to justify deviating from moral norms.

• [ex]: justifying war for national interest -

- ↳ justifies "common good" [ex] = role of police SC & wife in curbing speech to prevent riots
- ↳ "Fallshood can take place of good" if

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leads to unsystematic common goal"

[ex]: use of violence by revolutionaries
justified for freedom.

→ it enables new values to form

[ex]: rise of 'Asian values'

- ⑤ Social influence is the use of -
communication / persuasion to bring
social change
- ↳ 'Man Ki Baot' for bringing good
work of citizens
to right
 - ↳ Swachh Bharat Mission
promoted 'toilet' jingles by
↳ motivates
initiative
 - ↳ 'social proofing' of actions [ex]:
showing success stories to feel
the need of change.

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5.) a)

Meaning : The quote highlights the importance of education in creating spirit of tolerance among people. It opens up the 'mirror into window' to expand horizon of thinking.

Meaning in present context

- ① role in promoting social harmony **Text**: teachings of Keshin, Dadu Doyal
- ② role in exposing to different cultures **Text**: 'Bhand bhavs han' of IAS officers.
- ③ to promote dialogue & debate **Text**: seminars, debate competition, Youth parliament
- ④ spirit of 'unity in diversity' inculcated
- ⑤ leads to erode examination of biases for emancipation **Text**: role of youths, phule education to promote caste sensitivity

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Way Ahead

- ① promote - value based education Ex: Mulla Praveh of UCL
 - ② promote surrogate teachers who are working selflessly Ex: National Teachers Award
 - ③ Education for ~~social~~ ^{social} ~~etc~~ ^{etc} ~~shant~~ ^{shant} ~~Shant~~ ^{Shant} Ex: Tamil-Kochi, Varanasi tour.
- hence, need is to create "Panch Plan" as priority for students.



5) b)

Meaning : service has to be driven by the inner zeal to provide care to the vulnerable section. It cannot be imposed by external entity.

Service without joy

Does not help the servant

- ① as it does not lead to self-satisfaction
- ② does not develop into virtue for self
- ③ does not lead to change of heart & mind.
- ④ shows dishonesty in conduct
- ⑤ leads to fractured reasoning where charity for self interest
- ⑥ promotes selfish service → dilutes idea of purity of mind for service

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Doesnot help the served

- ① due to ~~the~~ bond between service receiver and giver not developed
- ② lead to half-hearted service [ex] people left in process of distribution of food packets.
- ③ promotes no feeling of gratitude by service receiver
- ④ would not create social capital between different sections.

Hence we need (Sattva-Vissudhi)
(clarity of mind) to promote 'service'.

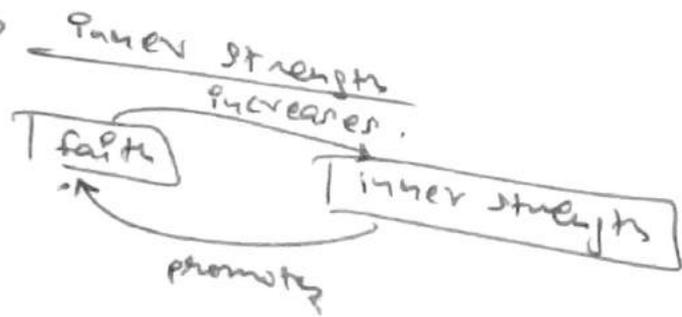
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5-) c.)

Meaning: The quote highlights the role of faith in self/god/community & the strength of character & will to achieve any desired result.

Role of faith

1. gives hope **ex**: Gandhi had faith in the masses.
2. provides confidence to overcome the issue **ex**: faith in socialist democracy to arise from emergency.
3. provides motivation to work hard **ex**: UN Secretary General has faith in peace possible in Palestine.
4. promotes inner strength



Role of inner strength.

- ① to ~~persevere~~ persevere for outcomes [ex]: ^{negotiation} CRT, ^
- ② to not give-up at all [ex]: Dhoni ~~Indo-~~
- ③ to keep making incremental reforms
[ex]: piecemeal approach needs strength.
- ④ rising after failure [ex]: Thomas Alva Edison.

Hence, we need to promote - idols like Daxxatya Ram Manjhi (Mountain man) who should resilience. Adversity quotient also needs to be developed.

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Article 47 of Part IV of the constitution mandates that the state shall prohibit consumption of intoxicating drinks and drugs.

(a) Ethical dilemma in case

(i) Professional interest of career not being jeopardised (vs) voice of conscience to act against drug peddler as supererogatory duty

(ii) Role of parent to uphold ^{child's} future (vs) call of duty as 'Guru' to protect students' interest

(iii) Short-term self-interest (vs) long-term damage to reputation of college if it takes.

(iv) Role of upholding rule of law (vs) utilitarian interest of not remaining silent in such case.

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- Ⓒ college promoting drugs inside campus
vs
Ⓓ college's interest of reputation

Ⓔ Options Available to Dr. Anand

Ⓐ To do nothing

Pros	Cons.
1.) demotivating → moral dilance ⇒ for utilitarian benefit 2.) if it harms one's child, should not be done (family duty)	1.) would violate student's interest (long term) 2.) voice of conscience not heard 3.) character dented

Ⓑ Act on one's own by whistleblowing

Pros	Cons.
① would prevent the drug abuse ② knowing wrong, but not acting on it would have been worse form of cowardice	① "knee jerk" reaction ② could have given chance to requisite department to act ③ shows impulsive nature

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5) Take the matter with evidence to the department of student's affairs anonymously.

Pros	Cons.
1.) Kept one's conscience clear. 2.) Did not violate any code of conduct. 3.) No harm to the self interest (anonymously filed)	1.) may not lead to action 2.) would require disclosing one's one's identity → may lead to retaliation

Course of action to be taken

- 1) follow option 2 and share the evidence ~~with~~ with one's identity.
- 2) don't fear any retaliation (courage of conviction)
- 3) If ~~not~~ action ~~is~~ not taken, then provide evidence to - director ("graduated" approach)

Reasons:

- 1.) to uphold value of integrity need was to disclose without compromise
- 2.) If ~~the~~ self ~~one's~~ career cannot be ~~formed~~

on edifice of false hood

2.) need to uphold the calling of the
 गुरु as "Guru".

③ Law/Rules related to drugs

- ① NDPS Act → for consumption/sale prohibited.
- ② Customs Act → for export/import
- ③ PMLA, 2002 → for using drugs for organised crime
- ④ "organised crime" mentioned in - BNS, 2023

Here, we need to have - "Nahi market"
 Bharat & the fight has to be of upholding
 civic responsibility

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According to UN Habitat, 66% of India's population is going to live in cities by 2050 contributing to 80% to GDP. Hence, smart governance is needed for management of 'Janpad' (Kautilya's ^{Saptanga} ~~Manend~~ Siddhanta)

① Ethical Issues involved

- ① social contract by state violated → poor urban governance
- ② 'evdaimonia' of people affected due to state's failure
- ③ prevalence of non-communicable diseases → affecting 'Antodayas'
- ④ corruption in contract allocation (sansthoritishtha)
- ⑤ collusion of officer and company in corruption (narrow view of good life)
- ⑥ misutilization of public fund
- ⑦ ecological ethics of sustainable cities violated

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5) Options Available.

1) Not act and continue as it is

Pros

- ① promote only friend's interest of personal relation
- ② no legal responsibility to act → so, not taking the burden (minimalist approach)

Cons.

- ① people's welfare affected
- ② smart city mission ethos diluted
- ③ moral dilemma or corruption

2) Terminate the contract immediately with sufficient warning

Pros

- ① decisive approach in public interest
- ② efficient use of public fund

Cons.

- ① friendship affected (personal values)

3) Discuss Intimate friend informally about your stance & explain him that you would take necessary steps come what may

Pros)

- ① 'golden mean' approach
- ② valuing friendship.

Cons

- ① may not lead to change.

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My course of action	Reason
① Follow <u>option 3</u>	to atleast provide due warning informally
② If not rectified then uphold rule of law & terminate contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No compromise or favouring goal • public trust > friendship
③ Explain friend that he cannot exercise arbitrary discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'LAKSHMAN REKHA' of rules need to be followed
④ Institute inquiry to look into systemic reforms & possible players in corruption	to ensure long term addressal of the problem.
⑤ use of e-governance to prevent future corruption	technology to provide transparency
⑥ If friend found guilty in corruption then file case	friendship doesn't imply turning blind eye to his misdeeds
⑦ solve mother's problem by providing treatment	→ companion should

How, civil servants do not have promethian
god like powers to act 'arbitrarily'
(S. Jaishankar case)



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In Atharva veda, it is mentioned - that -

"Yatno vasi Pujate, Romate Tatra Devata"

(where women are respected, god ^{resides} ~~resides~~)

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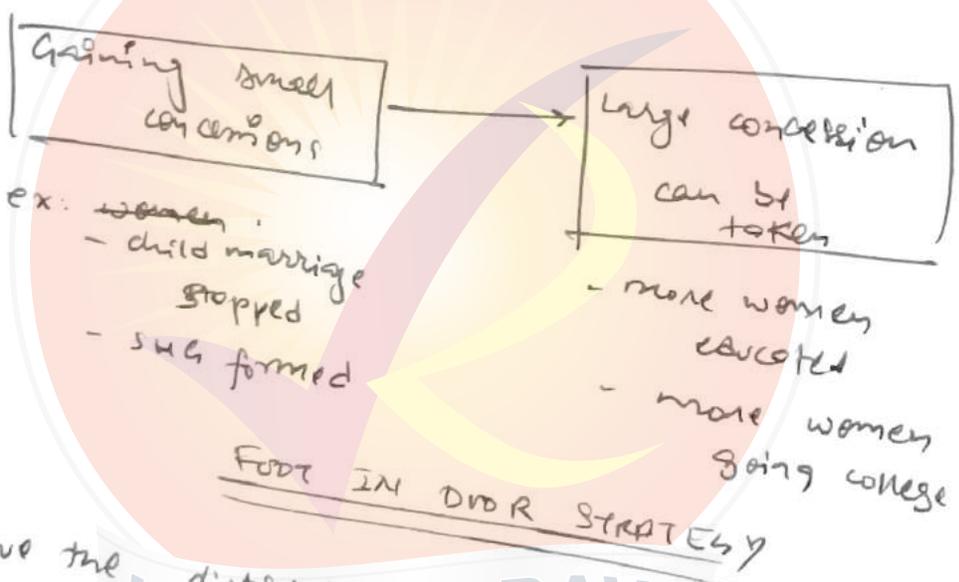
ethical issues involved

- 1) normalisation of patriarchy as "common sense"
- 2) women seen only as tool for - marriages (child marriages), preventing emancipation
- 3) social modality over constitutional morality favoured
- 4) Ambedkar's criticism of - villages as "sink of localism" and "den of ignorance"
- 5) right to life (Art 21) impacted; laws of child marriage affected
- 6) village growth hindered due to women's domestication
(PM Modi : when ~~more~~ women grow, India grows)

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5) Options Available to Rekha.

- 1) To silently accept the situation showing moral silence
- 2) To bravely go against social norms being inspired from Savitri Bai Phule
- 3) To go for "gradual" & "incremental" approach



4) Involve the district administration for laws are violated

6) Course of action to be taken

1) To ensure no rule of law is violated; hence, child marriage immediately made to stop.

2) To not allow pyandide either an

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It is against rule of law.

③ Further, use of dialogue to facilitate women's issues to be understood [ex]:
poor economic condition, socially constrained.

④ to provide job opportunity → use of MGNREGA and National Rural Livelihood Mission

⑤ Using these schemes, urge them to participate in economic sphere

⑥ social influence carried out by providing → NUKKOD Natak, community radio, 'Beh Badao' Posters to at least start challenging patriarchy.

⑦ Involve local MLAs to provide exposure to the world transforming.

⑧ Law & Government steps

Female infanticide

→ PCPNDT Act : for pre natal diagnostics prohibited.

Child Marriage

- child marriage laws to prohibit marriage
- POSCO Act : for sexual relation below 18 yrs.
- Odisha's Aditya portal for reporting child marriage.

Maternal Mortality

- Janani Suraksha Yojna, Shiksha Suraksha Kalyan Kram; ASHA workers.
- Abortion laws like MTP, 2021 to allow safe abortion.

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Free and fair election has been declared part of the basic structure of constitution in Kuldeep Nayyar case. Violating this principle would put the electoral sanctity at risk.

① Ethical dilemma involved

- ① to uphold professional ^{personal} value of fairmen, objectivity & rule of law vs personal interest of ^{plum postings} vs uphold manipulated democracy.
- ② serving the voice of consciousness of not holding minister accountable vs following voice of utilitarianism and follow self-interest
- ③ career ambition vs professional duty as RO.

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⑤ Interest of family ~~text~~: good school vs interest of democracy of fair election.

⑥ responsibility to voters for fairness in election vs following compromised electoral practice

Option Available

① Follow minister's order to uphold self interest

② Follow RPA, 1951 verbatim and not minister's order

③ Explain cordially your position to minister and uphold Option 2

I would choose the following course :-

Justification

① not compromise my position of RD.

• call for democratic integrity

② would convey it to minister that would remain impartial

• showing no nonsense attitude

• pointed to no compromise on character

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① If threatens with consequences face
↳ with smile

• posts are not meant for self-interest; but for public interest
hence, would serve any post

② If threatens to hamper career then also do not compromise

• if we compromise value once, it becomes part of character.

③ As far as good posts are concerned, follow voice of conscience that intent of civil service is 'sewa'

• mirror test: "do you want to look like compromised officer"

• publicity test: "family's respect reduced if matter is leaked"

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hence, need to uphold the democracy which we got from sacrifice & perseverance
I cannot carry the guilt of compromising it at the altar of personal gains.

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The case highlights the issue of pre-crisis management strategy by the state to rescue distressed people. It reflects Gunnar Myrdal's criticism of 'soft state' which cannot implement decisions.

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As commandant office, my way of handling the crisis

Pre-crisis strategy

- 1 to have centralised data base of the resources available for crisis.
- 2 staff allocation to be done so that reserved staff available for crisis response
- 3 now doing regular training drills and mock practise to keep response swift.
- 4 Technology driven approach where focus

is - using NAVIC-based disaster location mapping emergency call center, etc.

During crisis.

- ① use of liaisoning officer to coordinate the response of NDRF with other institutions [EX: police].
- ② engage the local civil society for better response to the crisis.
- ③ provide for adequate staff allocation based on the nature of the crisis.
- ④ use of local population's knowledge to facilitate better response & acting as 'force multiplier' to the response.
- ⑤ Ambulance, first-aid medical kit available for in-house treatment of vulnerable.
- ⑥ crowd control officer to prevent any fake news, anger leading to disruption etc.

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(b) Steps needed to further avoid rail accidents.

1) Analyse the root cause of the accidents

Ex: Train track derailment → do. regular
& inspection.
Poor signalling → improve
signalling method
overworked train
driver → hire more
staff

2) identify susceptible hotspots where the
probability of accidents are higher

Ex: rail bridge, hilly terrain, congested
tracks.

3) use of "doubling of track" to de-congest
the tracks.

4) National Rail Plan provides for - modern
signal method, gps-based real time tracking,
kavach system to prevent collision.

5) train driver being trained with
auxiliary drivers also present -

hence National Railway plan aims at
achieving a ZERO ACCIDENT safe railway
& travel by 2030.

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The use of cheating to attain outcomes of life is a sign of normalisation of 'ends' or 'means'. "Success without sacrifice is never worth" - Dalai Lama

① Ethical Issues!

- ① use of unfair means to attain job violates principles of justice as fairness.
- ② use of unfair means shows moral degeneracy of society that values outcomes.
- ③ deterrence to hardworking candidates.
- ④ shows breakdown of social contract where state cannot implement fair exams.
- ⑤ would lead to 'corrupt men' leading state → decline in state's efficiency.
- ⑥ duty of father to provide education to child.
- ⑦ Precedence of cheating would ruin the

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system of merit [proportional justice]

① silence in moments of crisis shows → decline
in collective consciousness of ethics -

② My action

- 1.) Follow the procedure mentioned in the rule book and to immediately stop the candidate from giving test
- 2.) don't pay heed to threat → "intimidation has no value".
- 3.) use of courage of conviction to stand up against the menace & convince the team members to do so too.
- 4.) persuaded the team about — "law will eventually catch up and punish the perpetrators" hence, need is for strengthening rule of law
- 5.) greed for money would create a crisis of conscience; would violate "wholeness" of my character as integral person and would affect my sense of self-confidence

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6.) for daughter's education, other means like - education loans can be explored; but not education out of corruption money
↳ "what message would it send to daughter".

Online examination pros

- 1.) enables efficiency in exam management
- 2.) reduces scope for mass paper leak.
- 3.) can monitor the exam center
- 4.) reduces paper-use (eco-friendly)

Cons.

- 1.) digital divide in India
- 2.) would lead to cyber hacking of center.
- 3.) issues like - "black screen"; power shut-down are issues
- 4.) lack of comfort of village students.

ways to improve online exam.

- 1.) by using AI & block chain based security architecture
- 2.) CCTV-based real time monitoring of center
- 3.) 'mock exam' at center to provide familiarity with the mode.

- 4.) 'Exam ombudsman' to receive complaints of irregularity.
- 5.) promote legal backing to punishment for cheating [ex]: Uttarakhand anti-cheating laws.

Hence, exam ought to be conducted in fair, transparent manner & with regards to cheating mafia it ought to be dealt as "organised crime" to create deterrent effect.

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