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Q1a)

Moral Absolutism refers to innate sense right and wrong aspect of human conduct. This right wrong is absolute, rigid and unchangeable while Ethical Absolutism Pluralism offers existence of various moralities and ethics under one umbrella.

Moral Absolutism	Ethical Pluralism
① lacks Dynamism	Dynamic and evolving.
② Threat to diverse point of view <u>ego</u> Countries diversities	→ offers existence of various thoughts and philosophies <u>ego</u> Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam.
③ Based on ethical egoism (self interest)	→ Based on ethical altruism

④ Moral absolutist
Challenges reforms.

→ Scope for reforms

⑤ Biased towards
men ego Patriarchy

→ Gives opportunities
for all.

⑥ Hitler moral
absolutist

→ while Gandhi
✓ were followers
of ethical pluralism

→ ⑦ Diverse society

Countries & are in
conflict with this
view

⇒ Promotes good
Culture, Compassion

⇒ Some time moral
absolutism is good
ego Universal Principles
of Truth & Love
etc.

⇒ Charity follows
ethical pluralism.

Both are Compass for decision making and
guidance for human being.

Q1b)

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) is models emerging from deep learning (machine learning) and pretraining with data available.

egs CHAT GPT is generative AI

Ethical Implications of GAI

① Digital Divide in country.

Rich using it
Poor denied.

② Biasness towards vulnerable section

egs

These Chat GPT uses data mostly from developed white countries

③ Privacy Concerns

egs

Microsoft's GAI started revealing data.

④ Inequity in world
→ More development in western world.

⑤ Data security and data breaches

⑥ Exploitation of women
logs Deepfake porn using Generative AI

⑦ Means to an end: Treats humanity
as mean (Data use) → End → Profit
violates Kantian ethics

Positive Implications

① Technology promoting Inclusive education

② Development of Disadvantaged section

Thus there is need for evaluating these tech to ensure human's are not committing Gandhi's Seven Sins

Q2a)

Citizen Charter's are Commitment form
organization for the services and easing
delivery of these services.

egs Indian Railway Charter

Citizen Charter → enhancing transparency and
Combat Corruption

① Improves Public service delivery by
empowering citizen via Information
egs Passport office CoC.

② Builds Public trust in the Institution.
↑ Social Contract Doctrine (Rousseau)

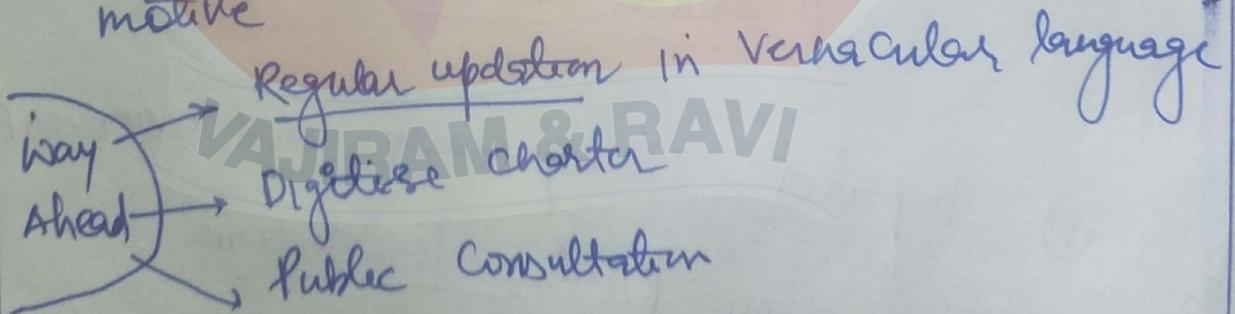
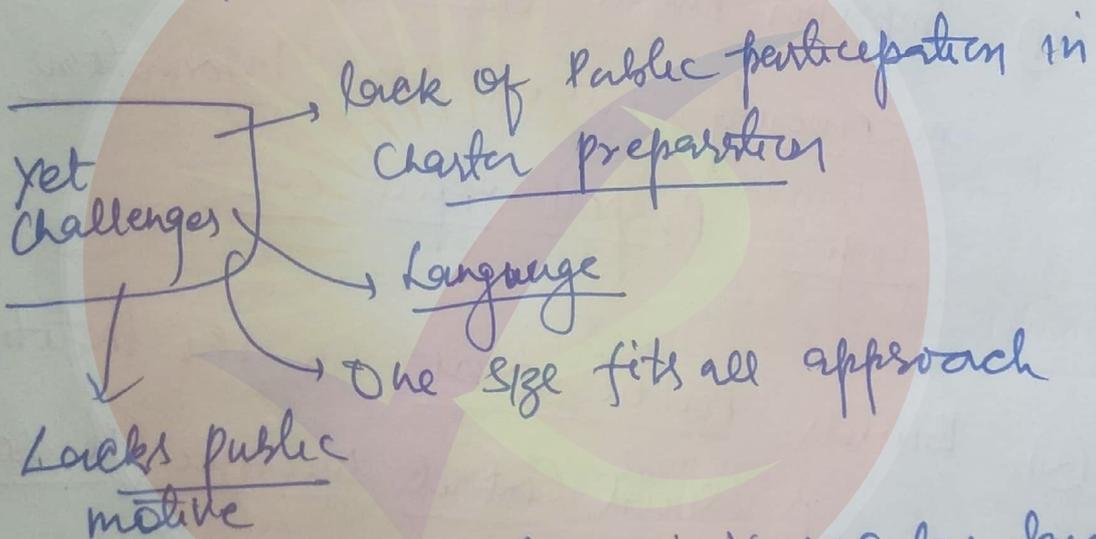
③ Improves Transparency and accountability
from Public Institutions.
egs Via Charter use of Social
audit in MGNREGA (Nagaland)

④ Deterrent for Corruption
as consumers have information of
office.

⑤ Builds good work culture
eego Meri Panchayat Meri Sakhan → CoC of Panchayat

⑥ Improves morale, ↑ services

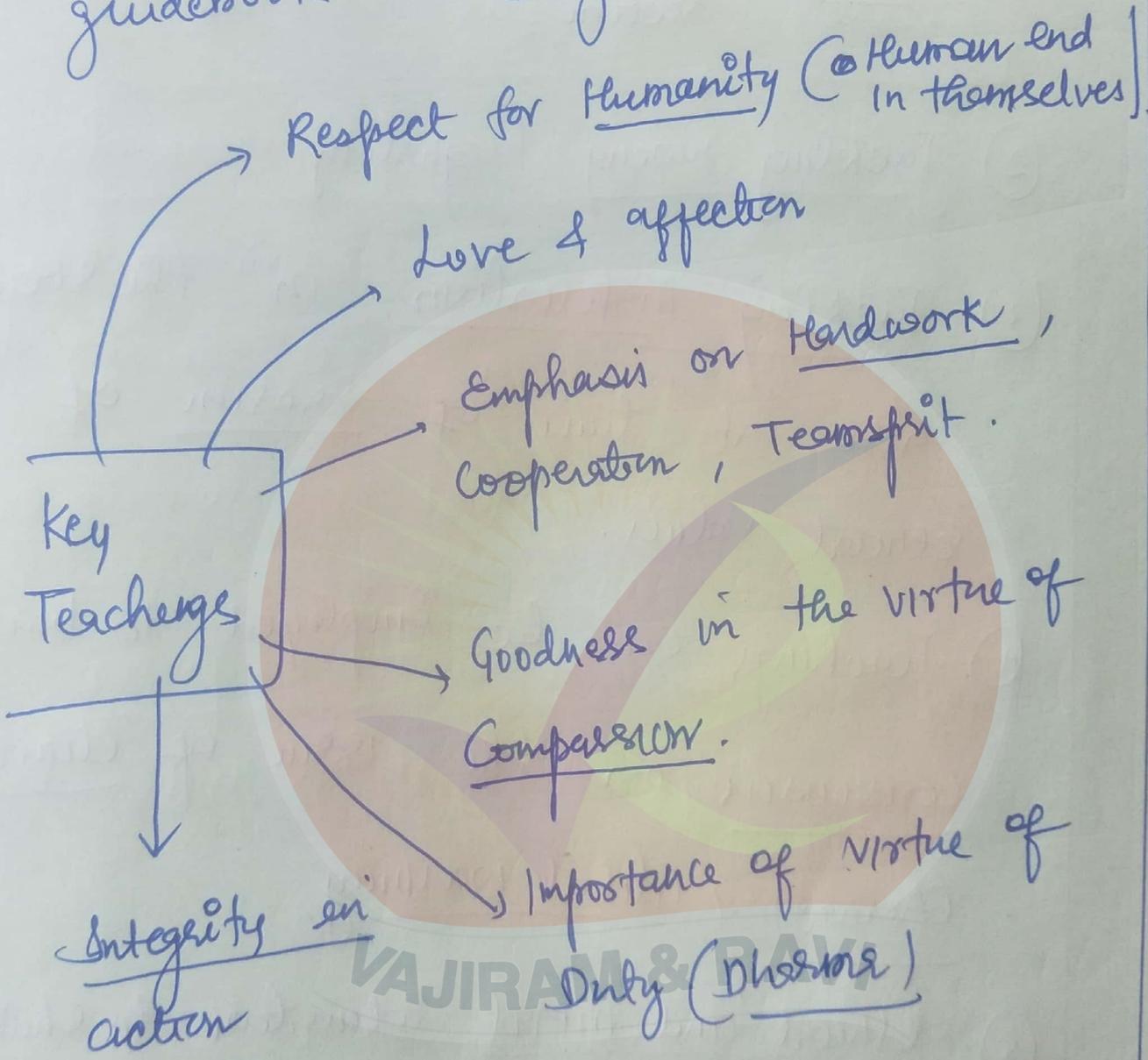
⑦ Helps employee satisfaction (maslow needs)



Charters ensure ethical & good governance
and act as antidote of corruption.

Q2b)

Thiruvalluvar is Tamil Sangam era ethical thinker, philosopher and writer. He wrote Thirukkural, a moral & ethical guidebook in today's era...



Relevance of Thiruvalluvar's teachings

① Social Justice → Human should be treated fairly.
↳ logu → Affirmative action to vulnerable section

② Tackling rising Inequality

③ Tackling materialism in the society also at time of erosion of ethical values.

④ Teachings can be employed to build consensus on the issue of Climate Change & Global warming

⑤ ethical and moral education to children

Thus Thiruvalluvar's teachings are time tested Compass to guide us in our pursuit of life.

(Q3a)

Swami Vivekananda an ardent nationalist, thinker, philosopher emphasises on the dichotomy between heart and mind. He suggest to follow heart instead of mind because of following reasons.

① Heart have Inherent goodness: Human is positive in nature. (Aristotle).

ego Giving charity to needy person

② Heart exposes goodness to others.

ego Palak Muchhal (singer) through singing have done 3000 heart surgeries of children.

③ Heart treats Humanity as end.

it have qualities like Compassion, Empathy etc.

④ Following heart leads best out of

us ego MS DHONI'S Instinctive
captaincy in 2011
World Cup.

Yet sometime mind needs to be employed to solve dilemmas

① Cases of Polluting environment
needs careful evaluation of our activities even done by heart.

ego Throwing food in religiosity on street.

② ~~Some time~~ Heart might overpower rationality as heart is driven by emotions etc.

Yet thought of following heart is paramount while navigating dilemmas of life.

Q3b)

Confucius defines courage through the quote as courage is seeing the right thing and have determination to do that act in the face of adversity.

Knowing right & ~~not~~ inability to do it is lack of courage

① Case of Climate change, countries know pollution will be devastating but unable to find a common solution shows lack of courage.

② In administration: following rigid laws and not doing enough shows lack of courage.

Significance of Courage

① Innovative solutions

ego IAS Atal Kulkarni's Bherose
Call for women safety.

② Fighting injustice

ego Bezawade Wilson fight
to eradicate manual
scavenging.

③ Progress and growth of society.

ego India's goal of 247 Viksit Bharat
shows Courage.

④ Helps in Relationship management:

Courage builds Emotional intelligence

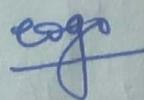
ego Shahrukh Khan during his
son's drug use.

Thus Courage is the ultimate weapon
to do right thing and think rightly.

Q3c)

Dalai Lama being a humanist and proponent of secular ethics ~~calls~~ stresses upon the purpose of life based on Altruism and if one cannot do good things just don't commit bad things.

Purpose of life: Helping others

- ① India's vaccine matri led to health crisis management based on Compassion.
- ② Purpose of helping others improves community bonding and builds social capital  TATA'S Brand Image
- ③ Helping others gives satisfaction  Gandhi's contentment for fighting for needy.

④ Helping others promote global peace
prosperity and sustainable development
goals achievement [ego] India's investment
in Afghanistan

Unable to Help \Rightarrow then don't hurt

① Hurting ~~at~~ violates Kantian ethics treats

humanity as means
[ego] China's ~~to~~ Uyghur Muslim

② Violation of Human rights

[ego] supplying of war equipments
by west to Russia-Ukraine
war.

③ Hurting against the virtue, ~~the~~ moral
autonomy (Kant)

[ego] Capital punishment of wrong
conviction.

Yes, this thought is very much required
in present situation of conflict
and tension around the globe

Q4a)

Attitude is learned enduring pre disposition to act favourably or unfavourably towards attitude object.

ego [Dogs are good. → (Person)₁
Dogs are bad → (Person)₂ → Due to Phobia]

Attitude shapes our perceptions & intentions

① ABC model → attitude formed based on affection, behaviour or cognition.

② Attitude reflects our perceptions.
ego Patriarchal attitude in children

③ Attitude due to socialization from family, society and education.

Behaviour in tangible Expression

① Patriarchal attitude reflected through:
↳ women discrimination & exploitation

(ego) Bulli Bai Case

② Attitude of positive towards civic responsibility

(ego) using Toilets, stopping littering in public spaces.

③ Bureaucratic attitude reflected via Red tape, Corruption etc

(ego) (IAS) Pura Singh 3 crore Rupees seized by ED.

④ Attitudes in society: Materialistic

reflected through hefty buying on e-commerce platform.

Thus behaviour gives expression to the ingrained attitude within us.

Q4b)

Emotional intelligence (EI) is ability to recognise and understand emotion of oneself and of others and use them in productive manner.

Example: MS DHONI'S last over in 2007
world cup based on EI.

EI helps in overcoming challenges and achieve success

① Self awareness Promotes → helps recognising emotions before they impact decision.

② As per Daniel Coleman success at work → 20 IQ & 80% EQ.

③ Self Regulation: Helps to use emotion in positive way
e.g. Gandhi's Recalling of
Non Cooperation movement 1922.

(4) Building cooperation and team and having leadership quality.
eggs Kiran Bedi used EI in her IPS
career

(5) Helps in Conflict resolution

Impact on Resilience & Decision making

(1) Resilience during stressful condition

eggs work life balance

(2) Gives strength to bounce back
eggs Vinod Phogat

(3) Inclusive & Participative Decision making

eggs Sree Dhasan Metro Man

(4) Builds courage to devote oneself

beyond duty eggs Satendra Dubey
gave his life

Thus EoI is tool and needs to be developed via role modeling, training & socialization of children.

Q5a)

Current & future countries are facing brunt of climate change through rising sea levels, extreme weather events -

In this context developed countries setting climate targets without devolving any substantial funds raises ethical questions -

- ① Climate Justice → Developed countries historical polluter.
- ② Climate targets at the cost of developing and providing energy to poor. for developing countries -
- ③ Violation of polluter pay principle
- ④ Inequality b/w countries.
- ⑤ Lack of capacities to the developing nations.

⑥ Double standards of developed nations as they still polluting and fixing targets for others.

⑦ Disproportionate impact of ~~impact~~ climate change

(e.g.) Tuvalu sinking while USA have mitigation technology.

⑧ No climate target for private players due to faulty taxation rising inequality

(e.g.) As per Oxfam
1% holds 40% wealth
Bottom 50% → 3% wealth.

Need of the hour → use Kantian ethics of moral autonomy.
→ focus on utilitarian philosophy to tackle CO₂
→ Need of Valudhava Kutumbkam approach (G20 theme)

Ensuring this will make world more just and humane to live and prosper.

Q5b)

Our Constitution calls for fair distribution of wealth among citizens (article 39(b) & 39(c)).

Moral consequences for misusing benefits to weaker section of society

① Basis of Conscience

ego Puja Senghal case

② Fear of authority to get caught -

③ Injustice to weaker section
violates $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Kantian ethics / categorical imperative} \\ \text{Sin as per Gandhi} \end{array} \right.$

as it is "wealth without conscience"

④ It is against constitutional values,
illegal as well as immoral.

⑤ leads to loss of trust in the institution

⑥ Perpetuates maxim of "power without responsibility" & inequality.

Measures to curb such misuse

① Sensitivity training :

① Visiting slums

② making see the faces of weaker section.

② Ethical Education in Country (NEP 2020)

② Strong Deterrence mechanism needed.
↳ ego strengthen oversight mechanism.

④ multilayer authentication.

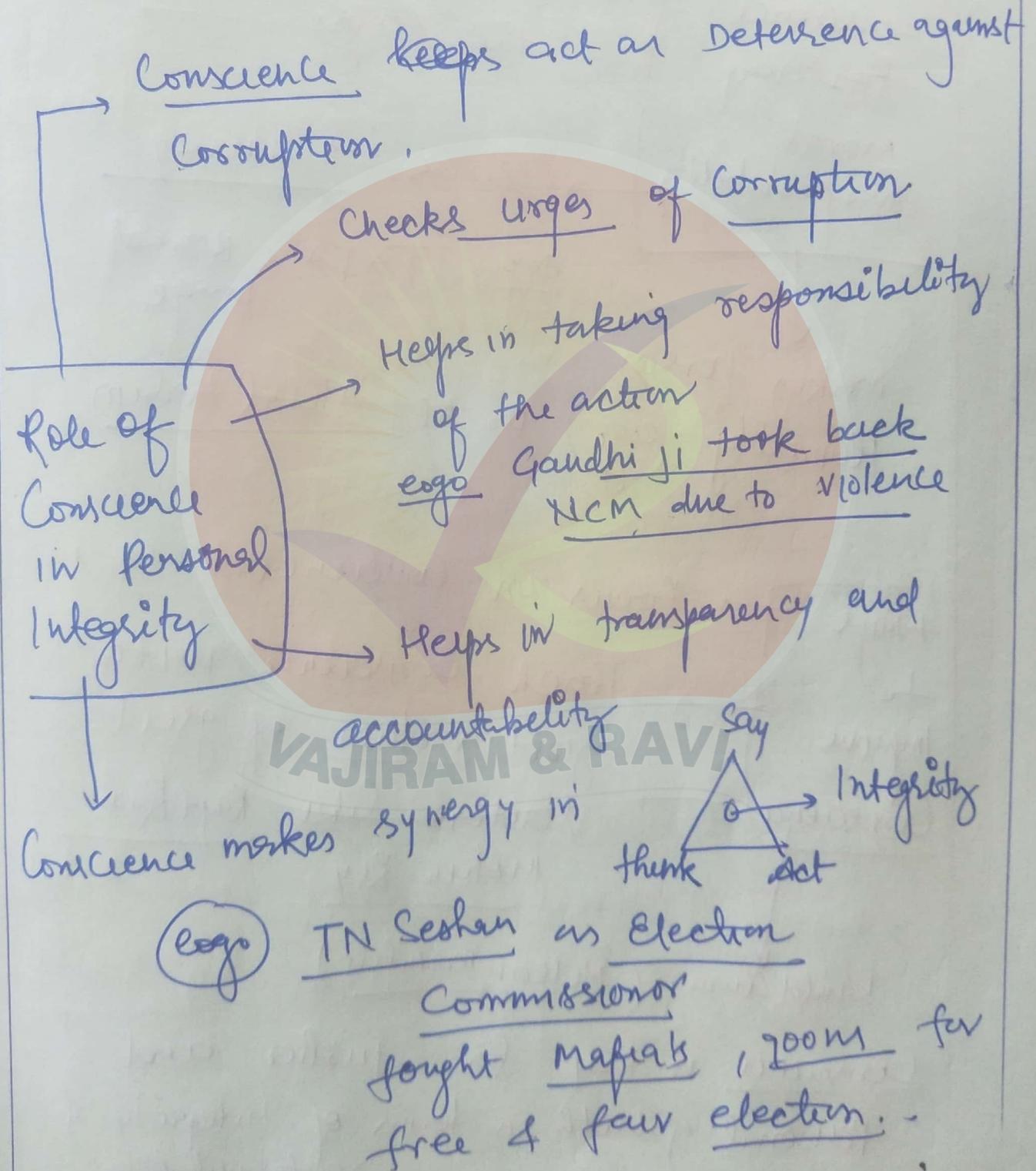
⑤ ethical leadership at the top echelon

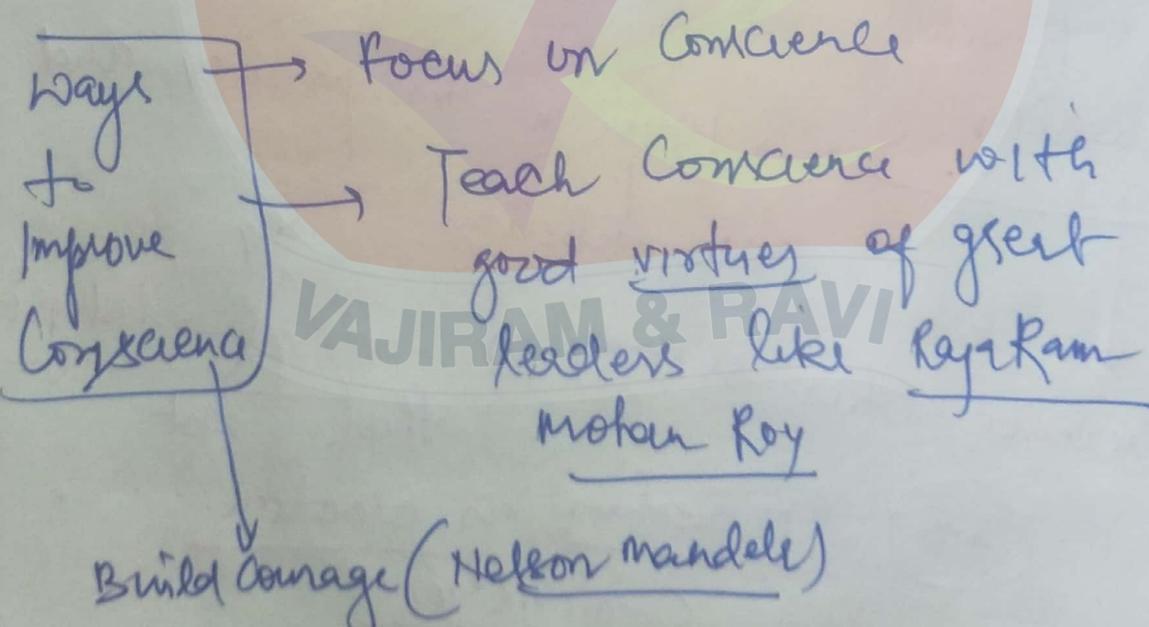
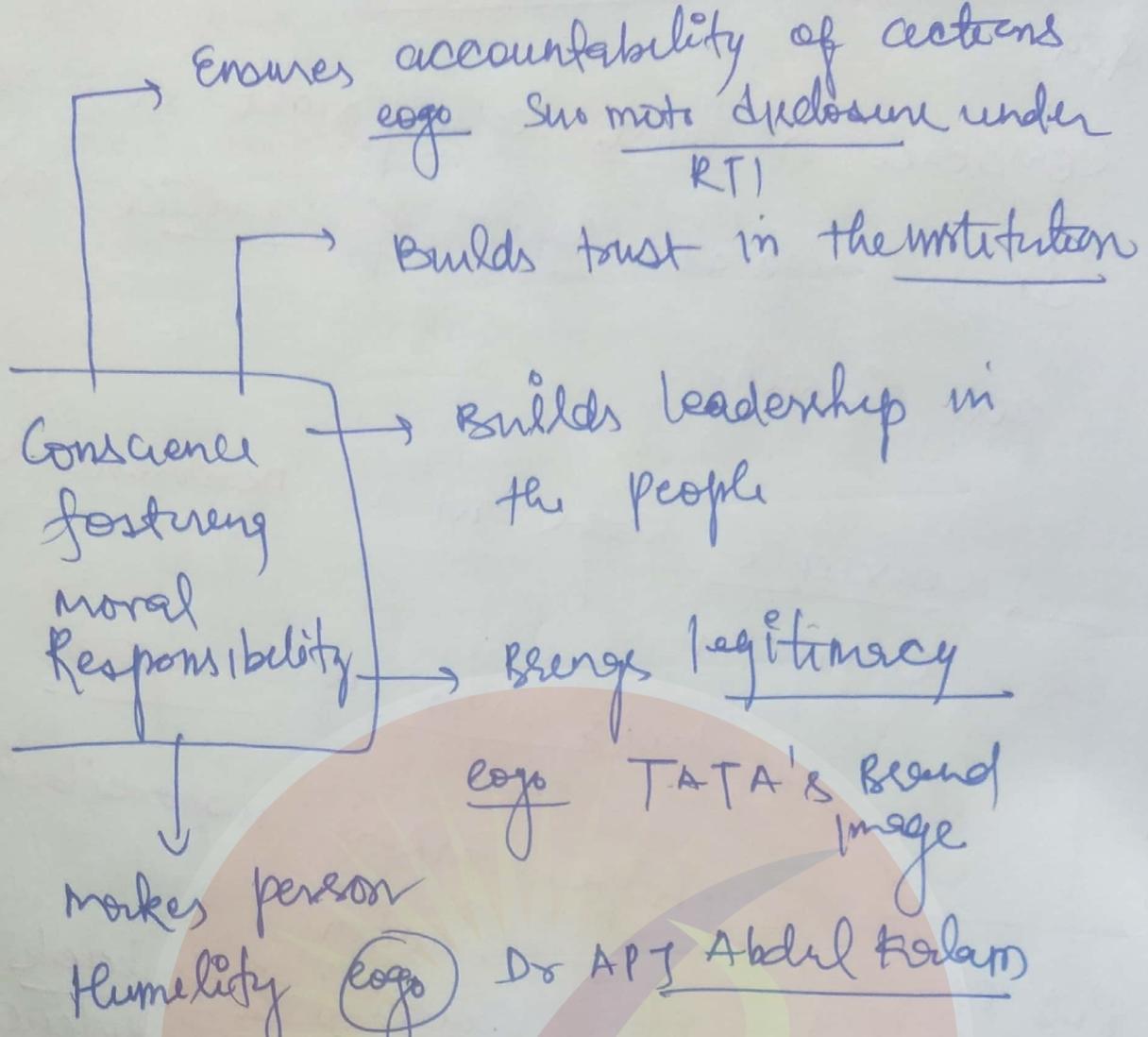
of society
ego Ashok Khemka

Thus it is moral as well as legal obligation to not me interest of weaker section of society.

Q69)

Conscience is Innate sense of right or wrong,
It is highest court of justice as
per Gandhi.

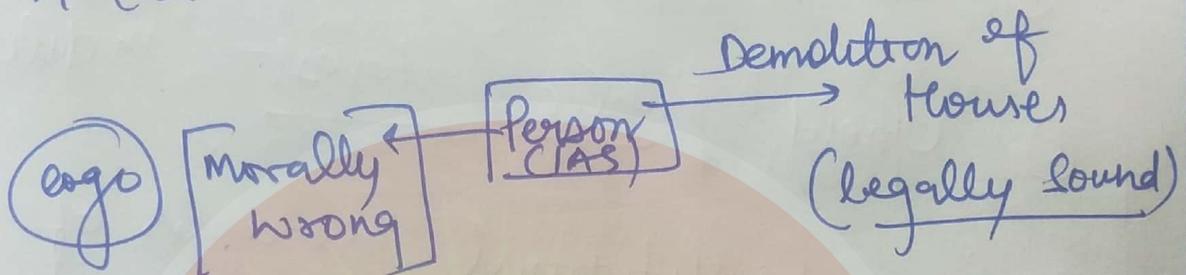




Conscience is key for Justice and Personal growth in term of Integrity & responsibility.

Qcb)

ethical dilemmas refers to a situation where two ethical values are in conflict with one other, adopting one violates other



Ways to address ethical dilemma

① using Gandhi Ji's Taliman
see whether action empowers weakest

ego Clearing ^{Peaceful} protest on streets to save life on ambulance.

② use ALIK → accountability
→ Legality
→ Integrity
→ Responsibility.

③ using Kantian ethics of treating human as end

ego Eviction of tribals from their lands.

④ Use Principle of Natural Justice

⑤ Uphold public interest in dilemmas

⑥ Use Constitutional principles of Justice, Equality, Liberty etc

ego Dilemma of violating Right to Privacy for greater good of society → Internet Ban.

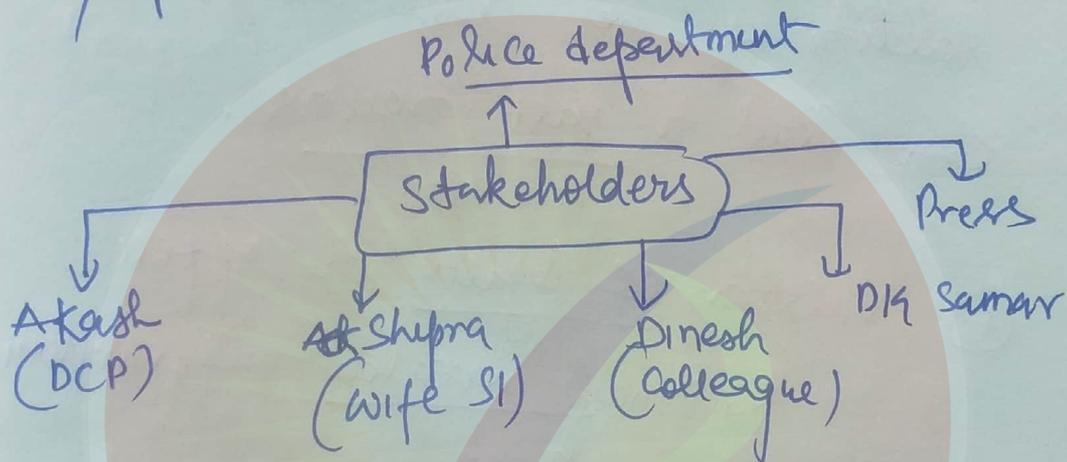
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Thus dilemmas should be tackled through ethical reasoning and tested ethical principles given by greek.

Case Studies

Q7

Present case highlights perceived conflict of interest and if it is resolved inaccurately can lead to bad consequences. Also issue of media trials and irresponsible behaviour by person to reveal private information.



(a) Ethical issues of the case.

- ① Conflict of interest in the professional rating by Akash to her wife.

② Violation of Principle of Natural Justice
Dinesh reprimanded due to small
grievance.

③ Privacy revealed : Infringes
dignity of women (Shipra) and
sacredness of her relationship, even that
can lead to past trauma.

④ Violation of loyalty to office.
↳ Dinesh revealed information
to Press.

⑤ Media trials : Violates Privacy
(Article 21 → KS Puttaswamy Judgement)

⑥ Reputational Damage to the
Department of Police :

(b) DIG Samar action should comprise of the following: ~~short term~~:

(1) Independent enquiry of the case ~~for~~ within the department.

(2) Address media and call for Behave responsibly as per media Ethics

(3) Give AKash and Shupra some days of leave to adjust to circumstances if they want.

(4) Strict warning within the department against grievances revealing in the press

(5) Transferring Shupra or Akash to different Police Station to address ~~case~~ perceived conflict of ~~an~~ interest. It will be nearby Police Station.

(6) Based on finding of report action to include

if found	if not
↓ guilty	↓
as per due process punishment	making him return back to work.

By doing this Samr will uphold values

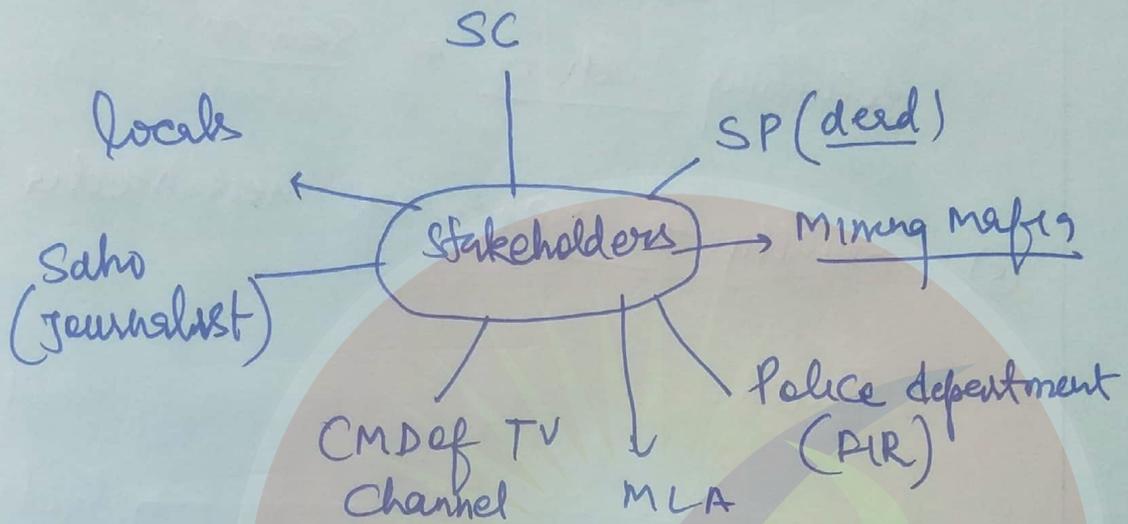
(i) Kartian Ethics (rational thinking)

(ii) spirit of Puttaswamy Judgement

Addressing grievances. within the department is key to ensure smooth functioning of the administration.

Q8

Case at hand is a classic issue of illegal activities (Sand mining) and unholy nexus operating within it to sustain it.



(a) Ethical dilemmas faced by Sahoo

(1) Personal interest vs Professional Duty (Journalist)

(2) upholding justice (revealing report) vs familial obligation (40 lakh loans)

③ Means (Benefits) vs Ends (Justice) or ignoring matter

④ upholding Constitutional and sc's decision of Environmental Conservation vs following advice of Senior.

⑤ Loyalty to owner of new media vs Truth.

⑥ Option available to Sahoo

⑦ follow advice of CMD

<u>Merit</u>	<u>Demerit</u>
① 40 lakh loans for son's illness	① against PMS (Justice)
② <u>Professional Progress</u>	② Crisis of <u>Conscience</u>
③	③ <u>Compromising Integrity</u>
④	④ <u>Justice Compromised</u>

(ii) Persuade CMD to Disclose report to Public on Prime time

Merit	Demerit
(i) Sets right precedent	(i) <u>Wrath of MLA, owner</u>
(ii) Ensures Justice	(ii) Threat to his life, <u>service</u>
(iii) <u>Ethically correct</u> (Kant's C/I)	
(iv) <u>News channel growth</u>	

(iii) Resign from media house become whistle blower by revealing report secretly to Police

Merit	Demerit
(i) Avoiding confrontation with <u>MLA, mafia</u>	(i) <u>Loss of job</u>
(ii) Duty as <u>journalist</u>	(ii) <u>Son's illness</u> due to <u>lack of money</u>
(iii) Setting right precedent of justice	(iii) <u>against loyalty</u>

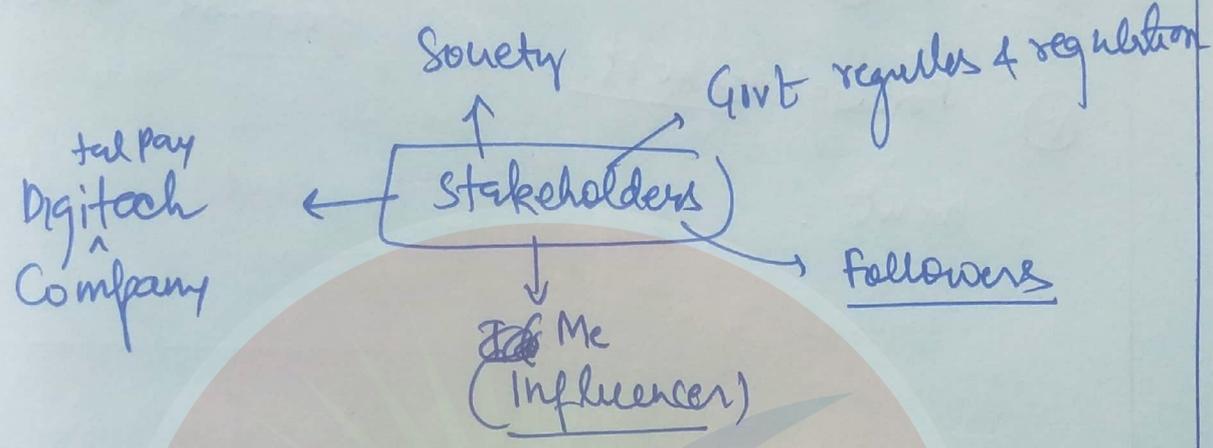
(IV) Reveal Report by changing facts of the case to save powerful.

Merit	Demerit
① Money of toil for son	① against Conscience, Integrity,
② happy CMD	② Journalistic <u>Principles</u>
	③ against Justice

Thus Evaluating Each option and
Choosing the best which reflects
Justice (Preamble), Sustainability (SP4)
and is in sync with legal obligation
should be chosen forward.

Q9

Above case deals with brand endorsements and their repercussion for various followers.



(a) Moral values that should guide me.

(i) Honesty : Revealing what to Influencer at time of endorsing. for Company.

(ii) Taking Responsibility : Asking for forgiveness to follow investors.

(iii) Accountability
Showing Empathy and Compassion to
Investor.

(iv) Courage: To face the followers.

(v) Forethoughtness for future endow-
ment.

(b) Ethical Issues of Case!

(i) Breach of trust of Investor.

(ii) Corruption and financial mismanage-
ment.

(iii) Issue of taking accountability.

(iv) lack of awareness in the investors
rather they blindly followed
influencer.

(v) Risk of Investing in Stocks affects mental peace, can result into loss of family earnings.

(c) options available to me

(e) Ignore the follower

Merit	Demerit
(i) Peace to self	(i) <u>Crisis of Conscience</u>
(ii) Avoiding taking responsibility	(ii) Violates trust on me.
	(iii) Shows irresponsibility
	(iv) Not <u>Categorical imperative</u>
	(v) <u>loosening of followers.</u>

(ii) Find solutions via company to compensate followers

Merit	Demerit
(i) Shows humane values	(i) Not sustainable
	(ii) Company already

(ii) Leeway to follower facing loss

(iii) Chance for Company to correct mismanagement

(iii) Time taking.

(iii) Public Apology & Assuring for solutions

Merit	Demerit
(i) Right way	(i) Hurting ego.
(ii) taking Resp - responsibility	(ii) may not solve prob - lem

I will choose mix of option (ii) & (iii)

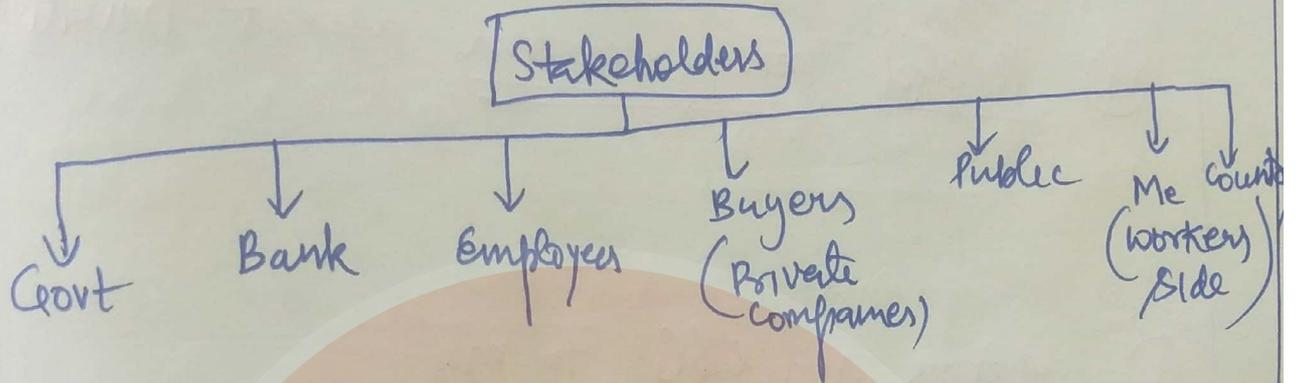
Reasons

(i) Taking responsibility of my endorsement will prevent form guilt of conscience.

(ii) Also Human are not means for an end (Kant)

As per Gandhi Commerce without morality is Sen. By upholding Justice I would prevent committing that Sen

Q10] Case highlights the challenges faced in case of Disinvestment which is related with the LPG reforms of 1991.



Q] Ethical Issues Involved

- (i) Social security of workers
- (ii) ~~Gov~~ Hurdles in govt policy of disinvestment
- (iii) offering bribe to change decision
↳ Issue of Corruption.
- (iv) ~~Gov~~ Stakeholders Cooperation
messeng.

(v) Poor service delivery from banks
↳ loss making (Burden to govt)
Inefficiency.

(vi) Perceived^{ve} misinformation about privatization

(b) options available to me.

(i) Take bribe & side with private player

<u>Demerit</u>	<u>Demerit</u>
(i) <u>against loyalty to workers</u>	(i) <u>Push for early privatization</u>
(ii) <u>Violates <u>PNS</u></u>	(ii) <u>Good banking services</u>

(ii) Deny bribes and give strict warning

<u>Merit</u>	<u>Demerit</u>
(i) <u>Sends right message</u>	(i) <u>Delay</u>

(ii) workers grievances might be addressed

(ii) ~~Trust~~ Conflict may deepen.

(iii) [Push for solving ~~the~~ employees grievances and leverage position]

Merit	Demerit
(i) success for privatization	(i) Delay
(ii) free & fair to employees	(ii) time taking process

I will choose mix of (ii) & (iii) option as this will uphold the interest of workers (Article 43A) of the Constitution.

And as a leader I should uphold the interest of people whom I represent at the same time working in national interest of DR investment.

(C) ~~Measures~~ ^{Steps} taken to reform banking sector.

(I) Bad bank for NPAs.

(II) Digitalization via ~~to~~ CBS (Core banking solution)

(III) Supervision under RBI

(IV) Narsimha Committee on Banking Reforms → Capitalization of Banks

(V) Structuring of loans during covid

(VI) Disinvestment of PSBs

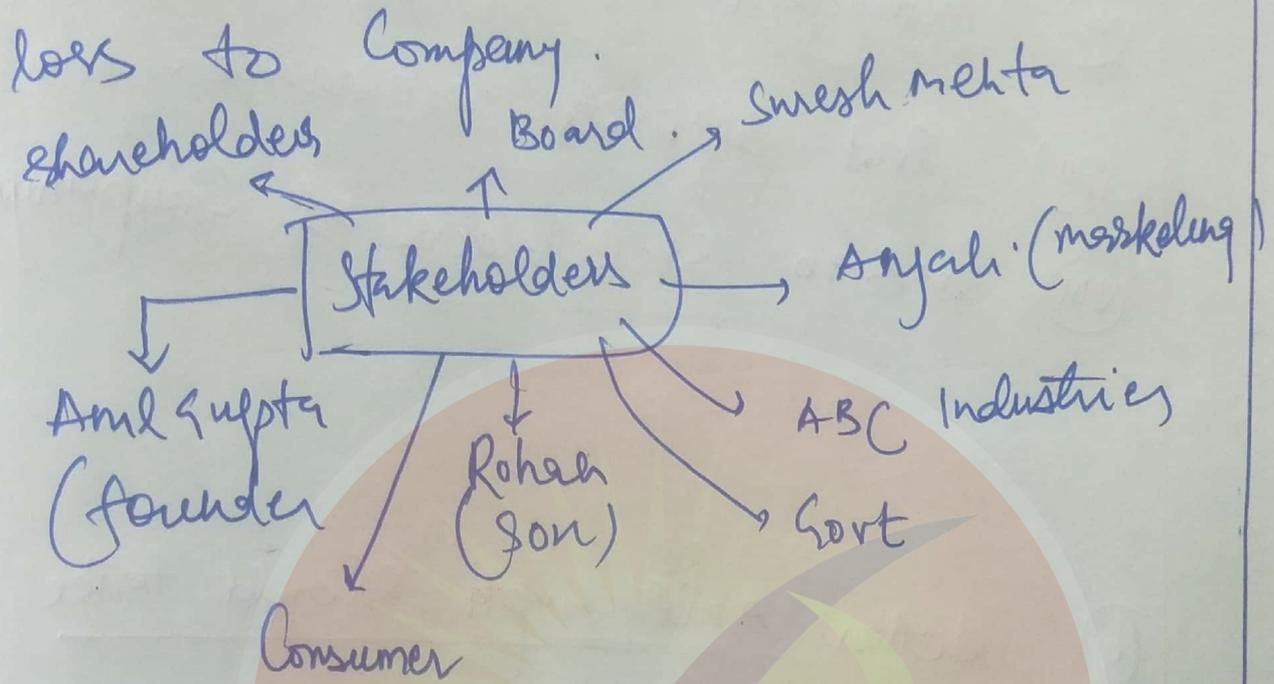
(V) PCA → Prompt Corrective action

(VI) Mission Indradhanush

This is ensuring our banking sector working for Viksit Bharat 2047.

Q11

Case reflects Nepotism which affects work culture and leading to significant loss to Company.



(a) Ethical Issues of Case

- (i) Favouritism and Nepotism.
- (ii) Poor work culture.
- (iii) Lack of motivation among employees.

- (iv) favouurism over merit
- (v) Loss to Shareholders.
- (vi) Incompetent leadership.
- (vii) Bad Corporate governance.
- (viii) Loss to Stakeholders of Companies.

(b) Action Anil Gupta should take
to restore company

- (1) Remove his son from the Post and appoint after following due process based on merit
- (2) Articulate mistake directly to company's meeting and strive for building good

work culture in the future.

(m) Motivate and Inspire Employees for taking company forward.

Reasons → Merit should be Awarded.

Favouritism violates equality

Stakeholders interest are Supreme.

(c) Steps taken by Govt to improve

Corporate Governance

(1) Company's act 2013

making CSR mandatory

(ii) Regulator in various sector.

esgo → SEBI, Ministry of Corporate Affairs
→ CCI (for Competition)

(iii) Udai Kotak Committee recommendation of Independent Director have been followed.

(iv) Lodha Committee

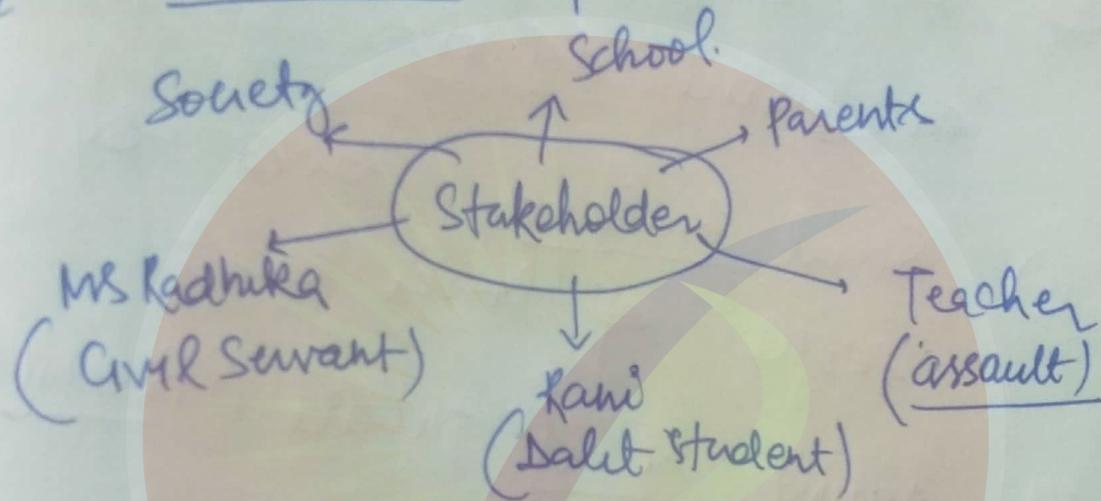
(v) SEBI's ESG and BRSR

Compliances.

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All these measures are to bring ethical corporate governance in the country.

Q19] Given case reflects the perpetration of caste in the education system. Also death of student infringes the RTE's ~~map~~ objective. This is due to ~~factor~~ social attitude present in society.



Q9] ethical issues

- ① Loss of life due to caste based attitude
- ② caste discrimination in school premises → in admissions and teaching.

- ③ Failure of State to protect children
 - ④ Lack of sensitivity training among teachers.
 - ⑤ Political pressure's undue influence on justice delivery.
 - ⑥ Social exclusion faced by people of lower caste
 - ⑦ Against social justice (Preamble)
 - ⑧
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- ⑥ Moral Values that should guide for MS Radhika
 - ① Compassion towards Rani's family.

(2) Integrity (zero Tolerance towards violence against women/children)

(3) Honesty in taking quick action

(4) Courage: To fight caste atrocities.

(5) Objectivity of the case

(6) Justice at the core.

(7) Foundational values (Nolan Committee)

(8) Ways to Navigate Entrenched nature of caste based discrimination VIA

① Persuasion and Social Influence

to change attitude

eg Rohit high profile celebrity for
awareness.

② Strengthening laws Implementation

eg SC & ST atrocities prevention
act 1989.

③ Teacher training as per RTI act

④ Involve family, teachers, society's
chiefs eg Municipality in
awareness drive.

Also ~~steps~~ Radhika herself should

eat cooked meal from lower caste

house to showcase "Be the change

you want to see in others"