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SECTION-A

④. Rome wasn't built in a day, but it burned in one.

In the 18th century, the Marathas power was rising giving a tough challenge to Britishers in India. This power was building with acumen & visionary union of Marathas Confederacy:-
Comprising Peshwas, Holkars, Bhonsles, Scindias and Gaekwads.

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Their resilient union was formed after several battles, & resiliency. In first Anglo-Maratha War of (1775-~~1802~~), they were successful in ring fencing the Britishers.

However, this mighty union fell like house of cards in Second Anglo Maratha war of 1805; when Peshwas of Poona allied with Britishers. The internal conflict between Peshwas & Holkars burnt their empire in one day.

This demonstrates that creation takes time, while destruction is instantaneous. In this essay, we will expose why Rome wasn't built in a day? How it is possible that it burned so quick? Also, we must wonder the cosmos of creation &

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destruction. It is equally intriguing to know whether strong will or strong walls can prevent the burning of great creations.

The answer to the question - Why Rome wasn't build in a day? may be hidden in nature's selection and variation reality. The evolution of Homo Sapiens show how it took centuries to transform from semi-erect Australopithecus to Neandrathals and finally to Homo Sapiens; this Rome was also not built in a day.

But the destruction of the great achievements is often instantaneous. The disappearance of Neandrathals, for instance, happened when they failed to expand and experiment. Externally, Homo Erectus overpowered them.

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Let us dig deeper and understand the nuances of evolving creation and instant destruction. Mostly, the creations are experiments and learning from mistakes. The Accomodating Union of India ~~was~~ ^{is} also an ever-evolving creation.

For instance, Indian accomodated diverse interests such as ethnic assertions via 5th and 6th schedule to give cultural autonomy to indigenous people. But it also learnt that there are limits to accomodation & prevented burnings in Kashmir, Punjab and North-East.

The building of great things like Rome is ~~not~~ only long but also a collective creation. For example,

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South African society built a social cohesion between Blacks and Whites by forgiving the injustices of Apartheid. Under the compassionate leadership of Nelson Mandela, the South African community promoted social endosmosis between ideas and people.

However, the internal and external rifts challenge the mettle of the great Rome. Even minute splinters can blind the eyes. In Indo-Pacific, there is a small island Micronesia. The communities built their cultural heritage on their coasts. But the external challenge of climate change and coastal erosion is burning their age old traditions & knowledge.

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Sometimes, we fail to examine our realities and cease to experiment. Our Internal weaknesses causes our demise. For example; the West Bengal Horror rape cases of Doctor & legal student is a wake-up call that our women empowerment is burning. Can we ~~call~~ ourselves a nation of rich culture; if we fail to protect ~~our~~ & respect our Durga, Saraswati and Laxmi?

Having discussed the processes of creation and destruction, let us shed light on their cyclical nature. Every breakdown becomes a chance of Breakthrough. For instance, Pratima Baswa, tribal girl from Jharkhand was preparing hard for Indian Hockey team. But an injury

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broke her dreams to build ~~Rome~~ her Rome.
But, she was not deterred. She
trained other tribal girls. Every single
day her Rome was burning with less
resources; family resistances & shy girls.

But she kept on building the
empire using stones & sticks and
trained Indian Hockey Captain salima Tete.
Roatima infused the vision in them that

"To wear Indian jersey, one need not to be
rich, but one needs to be disciplined"

It demonstrates that burning
of the Rome may not be in our
hands, but building it is. It depends
more on how resilient structure you
built upon. @ ~~resistant~~

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This resilient structure has less to do with material resources but more to do with inner will, conscience and ethics of care.

To illustrate this, let us go to Odisha's resilient village - Venkatraipur. This village is vulnerable to Tsunamis & Cyclones. But with Gandhian ideals of Sarvodaya & Swaraj, they gained UNESCO title of 'Tsunami-Ready'.

It can be concluded that indeed greatness takes time. But real greatness is not in building but in endurance and strong will power. It is also true that Empires will die,

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but Ideas & Values never die.

Today we are standing at the
Crossroads — facing terrorism, AI disruptions
and geopolitical conflicts. They all have
potential to burn our social cohesion,
economic development and global peace. It
is time to re-examine our foundational
values to muster resolute & righteous
will-power for evolving our Romes.

We must not be afraid of
destructions but we must be afraid of
never learning. As Rumi's lines enlighten
us in our breakdowns :-

" Even if they are crowds of sorrows
that ~~to~~ empty your house of its
furniture; "

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Welcome each guest honourably ---
He might be clearing you out
for new delight "

This points towards the timeless
legacy of Endurance, Evolution and
Recreation.

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Section - B

7. Accountability isn't the enemy of
autonomy, it is a necessary
condition.

It is time tested idea that
Independence of Judiciary promises a
civilized society with individual dignity.
However, the instances like illicit cash
found in the house of Justice Verma in
Delhi and soft stance on allegations of
serious crimes on US President, raises

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eyebrows - to whom Judiciary is accountable?
Isn't the wedding of accountability
and autonomy, ensures more individual
dignity and effective check on power?

Indeed Autonomy is essential
for effective functioning but without
accountability; it becomes an ivory
tower crippled with arbitrariness;
corruption and isolated from ground reality.

This essay is about examining
the Accountability as a necessary
prerequisite for true and just autonomy.

We will also explore To whom one
should be accountable and why?

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To begin with, Autonomy is the cradle of creative freedom. It wants freedom from any restrictions or incompetencies that can limit one's development. Galileo, to illustrate, was killed due to death of intellectual autonomy where society didn't tolerate his ~~own~~ unconventional truth of Heliocentrism.

But, the presence of unbridled creative freedom is equally dangerous. With autonomous will, humanity created Nuclear weapons but only accountability has potential to turn these into Atoms for Peace.

~~The~~ Accountability is a ~~magical~~

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word that reduces arbitrariness and scope of corruption in autonomous decisions and actions. For instance, Right to Information, Act 2005 in India brought answerability of power to citizens. It has brought Rule of law in schemes such as MGNREGA.

However, when one yields superpower like US hegemonic power in the world, without accountability, it becomes violent and undemocratic autonomy.

To whom US is accountable for its bomb throwing off on Iran?

In such cases, the decisions lack long term vision and rationality. For instance, in Middle East, the

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Autonomous powers like US, China and Russia often focus on preventing nuclear proliferation and terrorism. But no one takes accountability to the root causes of social, religious & economic divides fracturing the ~~the~~ region.

In addition, if one has autonomy to take actions then it must be accompanied by responsibility of grievance redressal if such actions ~~are~~ result into unfavourable outcomes. For example, Election Commission of India navigated through dangers of Gir Forest to ensure right to vote of a single person; also it established booths in extreme conditions like Siachen glacier.

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Moving further, neoliberal markets believe that autonomy is significant for bringing efficiency and Innovations in the economy. We need Market

Autonomy for Industrial Revolution 4.0 driven by AI. We need it for space innovations and defence indigenization.

But we equally need market accountability to marginalized sections and to environment. It is the vision behind Corporate Social Responsibility to ensure Profit, People and Planet well-being.

To illustrate, Checks & Balances like Competition Commission of India is needed to prevent monopolies like

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Google in Android market. ~~SEBI~~ SEBI
is needed to prevent Insider trading.
And National Green Tribunal is required
as a green guardian of our development.

But, sometimes too much accountability
becomes a bigger challenge. For example,
legislators in India under Anti-Defection law
face problem in prioritizing their conscience,
their constituency or their party while
taking decisions. Due to whip, they are
forced to dance on party tunes.

So, the question arises - To whom
one should be accountable? For an
individual, Gandhi argues that Court of
Conscience is the highest Court. For example,

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in 1967 during Vietnam War, American Boxer Muhammad Ali took a very unconventional & challenging decision by his free will. He refused to participate in the war. Though, he lost his boxing titles & his patriotism accountability was questioned. But he was accountable to his inner conscience and ethical values.

Secondly, for societies and institutions, larger public collective well-being must be the guardian. To illustrate, German Holocaust survivor wrote a letter to the school management as a principal. He wrote, "I have seen trained nusses injecting poisons; trained engineers crafting gas chambers and educated graduates performing

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unimaginable human violence"; If we are producing such students, we must shut the school!!

His ~~was~~ letter resonates with all autonomous agents and institutions. If their outcomes are not accountable to social & environmental well-being, their autonomy is ~~is~~ dangerous.

On contrary, we must also be aware that to whom we are not accountable. In today's hyper-mediated world, we must guard our data autonomy from Big-tech surveillance. It should not dictate us what we eat, what we purchase or to whom we vote for?

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To sum up, Greatest Power
brings Greater responsibility. From
judicial accountability to data autonomy,
we understood the ~~balance~~ importance of
Checks and Balances.

The future generations are
expecting their inherent right to live
in just, equitable and eco-friendly world.
We must watch our autonomies ~~to~~ as
globe is boiling, Tech. automation is
replacing jobs and inequalities are widening.

It is imperative to take
accountability, ~~to~~ initiate beginning in
organic circles of constructive autonomy.

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" From self-swaraj to gram swaraj ;
From gram-swaraj to Enlightened
National Interest ;
From Enlightened Nation to Vasudaiva
Kuhumbkum. "

At every circle ; righteousness
autonomy merges with ethical
accountability.