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The loudest voices in the choir don't always make the best harmony.

Recently in Southpost of United Kingdom, violent stabbing of three ~~yo~~ girls happened. It was proven that it is done by a Rwandan boy. However, there came the loudest voices, full of illogical fears. UK started burning in the name of Islamophobia. These voices took advantage of opportunity to express their racism and hatred towards minorities. However,

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They harmed the harmony of a democratic country. These loud voices are against tolerance, peace and love. Such loud voices of intolerance in the society are not best for multicultural harmony.

The loudest voices sometimes are needed for making the songs hearable in choir. But too much loudness destroys the harmony.

The harmony of universe lies in interdependence. At many occasions, the harmonious systems witness Tsunamis. These destroy the existing the harmony. But do these distinctive and disastorous voices have any purpose? They may be in search of recognition or power. Or they may end up reforming the original system.



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First of all, let us understand the significance of Harmony. Harmony is the song of this universe. From galaxies to tiny atoms, we have discovered harmony in nature.

Human societies also nurture harmony because it is the way of survival. The tribal wisdom of Maldhari tribes living in Gir Forests teaches us how to live in coexistence with Asiatic lions & larger biodiversity.

Nevertheless, these harmonious songs are not permanently peaceful. Some loudest voices emerge and harm the existing harmony. This explains how Taliban, loudest voice in Afghanistan destroyed the dreams of women to educate themselves.



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Further, let us explore what are the intentions behind these loud voices. Firstly, the endless desire to power motivates one to speak loudly and distinctively. That's how voices of Mir Qasim, Jagat Seth, Rai Durlabh raised against Sirajud-daula's rule in Bengal. It led to victory of Britishers in Battle of Plassey in 1757.

Secondly, these loud voices may be putting efforts at wrong place. ~~It~~ Instead of focusing on notes & rhythm, they put their energy on their vocals. In Russia-Ukraine crisis, NATO allies are focusing more on Ukraine's military defence (loud voices) but less on having Peace talks with Moscow (not making best harmony)

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In addition, some loud voices are there to catch full attention of listness. For example, Coronil Advertise-
-ment during COVID-19. It claimed without evidence that it can cure the virus. But does it benefit listness? No, it destroys the rhythm of fair competition for the consumers.

Before exploring further, let us pause and reflect, 'Do these voices are always bad for system?' We will discover that Harmony is neither stable nor always best for the society.

Some loud voices are like storms which sweep away shibboleths of past. They challenge the uselessness and biasedness of existing harmony.

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Such voice was raised by Dr. Semmelweis. There was song in his times that 'Doctors are Gentlemen, they don't need to wash their hands'. But he loudly alleged that maternal mortality is caused by unhygienic hands. This broke the old choir & new choir came up - Compulsory hand washing in all health centres around the world.

However, not all loud voices are capable enough to crack the unreasonable choirs making shallow harmony. Galileo was killed for his geocentric heliocentric beliefs by the choir of geocentric believers.

Nevertheless, eventually the shallow harmonies break with numerous loud voices for a stronger harmonious systems.

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Thus, we observe cyclical events around us, which is the cyclical between harmony and disharmony.

Sometimes, the loudest voices in the choir make their own harmony.

What remains with the feeble voices?

Either they have to conform to the system or they start their own song.

This can be illustrated in the attempts of Nuclear disarmament.

powerful loud voices of US and Russia made their own song —

Yes to ~~the~~ Vertical Proliferation and No to

Horizontal. Some small voices like

India criticized this 'Haves' & 'Have nots' division of nuclear world. But other

small voices like Pelindaba treaty of Africa

sang the song of 'Nuclear Free Zones'.



Such unique voices are not welcomed by the whole choir. When they are not able to make harmony in the choir → some of the voices wander out of it.

One such wanderer was Mohammad Ali, ~~the~~ one of the greatest boxers. In 1967, his loud voice against Vietnam war of US and his refusal to participate in it made him out of choir. He lost his boxing titles but found his choir of principles.

These wandering voices either loose themselves or figure out a new choir to match with their vocals. For example, India carved its own voice in Russia-Ukraine crisis. Instead of joining western sanctions, India continued oil trade with Russia. This resulted in positive sum game for world in form of oil

price stability.

So far, we tried to trace the fate of distinct voices in a choir and impact on harmony. However, we can also observe how the loudest voices can sometimes are best for the harmony in the same choir.

The authoritative Vasily Arshipov loudly said 'No' in the choir which was in tune to attack USA with Nuclear weapons in 1967 (Cuban Missile crisis). His voice though, out of tune, was made the best harmonious deal with the world.

To summarize, Harmony with monotonous voices are desirable if they are peaceful and based on justice. But the urge of power or the

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Sense of injustice can produce the loudest voices. Sometimes, these voices can be feeble. So, Harmony lies not in monotomy but diversity of voices in long run.

For sustainable harmony, all choir members should be trained for equity. As Antonio Guterres remarked that present world is not warming but boiling, harmonious future is in Climate Adaptation & Mitigation. The voices which are incoherence must be checked. And the voices ~~which~~ ~~are~~ of environmentalism should be given loudest amplifier.

loot Rumi in 'Guest house' gives the message that human mind is a guest house where joy & suffering both comes. If loudest voices come

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in this guest house, we will welcome that even if they destroy harmony. Because, they will give us opportunity to make stronger ~~ha~~ and stronger harmony!



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Section B.

7. Can India Tame the Turbulent Neighbourhood Beast?

Former Prime Minister of India Vajpayee ji remarked that 'one can change friends, but can't change neighbours. one can change history, but can't change geography.' This irrevocable truth poses the question, 'Do India has choice to tame its neighbourhood beast?' More of a choice, it appears compulsion for India.



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In this essay, let us explore how and why this neighbourhood became beast for India. Can India transform this beast into humane as in Beauty & Beast story? While exploring stumbling blocks, we will dig out the rays of hope in South Asia.

Primarily, let us have acquaintance with India's Neighbourhood, that is, South Asia. South Asia has unique civilizational developments. It is the birthplace of Harappan civilization and various religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism. Assimilation of Islamic, Persian and Greeks way of life has enriched this region.

Moreover, the region has geographical unity guarded by Himalayas in North and Indian ocean in South.

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However, this subcontinent is politically and economically least integrated in the world. India is oasis of Democracy in the desert of authoritarianism.

There is Taliban in Afghanistan, Deep state (Terrorism) in Pakistan, Military coup in Myanmar, instability in Nepal and Bangladesh.

In addition to political assimilarity, there is least economic integration. As per 'Glass Half full' report of World Bank, the intra regional trade is just 1% and the intra regional investment is merely 5%. ASEAN, on the other hand, has 25% (approx.) of Intra regional trade.

This explains how South Asia has given worst example of Regionalism to the world in form of SAARC.

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For India, it is difficult to navigate choppy waters of South Asia.

If Ethnic Diversity has given unique civilizational ties to South Asia since ancient times, it has also caused Identity crisis.

The biggest victims of the identity crisis are India and Pakistan.

There is majority - minority dilemma which has made them 'Prisoners of Past'.

India suffers territorial integrity in Kashmir and unconventional warfare of terrorism from Pakistan.

Other than Identity clash, there are cartographic disputes of India with its neighbour. Unsettled Line of Actual Control with China triggered Galwan Clashes in 2020. Also, these

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are unclarities on Treaty of Sugauli, 1816 with Nepal on Kalapani, Lipuleth areas.

There is colonial hangover on many disputes happening in South Asia. Sinderpal (Scholar) in his Article 'Whose Imagined Area?' gives the perspective of how Anglo-American needs artificially crafted South Asia.

India since Independence is managing its neighbourhood challenges. as it let us now shed light on how India has carved a ray of hope in mountain of despair.

The continued Foreign Policy with the legacy of 'Neighbourhood First' is based on traditional cum Constitutional morality. Traditionally, India believes in

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Vasudeva Kutumbhum and Constitutionally
Article 51 calls for peace in International
relations.

With its Gujral Doctrine,
India tried to melt the perception of
'Big Bully brother' in the eyes of its
small neighbours. To illustrate, India
aided Nepal & Bangladesh with Hydroelectric
projects. Also, helped Sri Lanka with
\$4 billion economic aid in its recent
financial crisis.

To deal with Chinese strategic
strings of pearls in Indian Ocean,
India has increased its maritime
presence with bases such as Sittwe in
Myanmar and Dugm in Oman.

India's successful interplay
of soft cum Hard power can be seen
in formation of QUAD and BIMSTEC.

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India shifted from Continental mindset to Maritime possibilities in its neighbour. The vision for Indo-Pacific as highlighted by P.M Modi is that of 'Free, Open and Inclusive.'

Along with these good pages, India has some controversial pages in its history of dealing with neighbourhood. One of these are display of hard power by interfering in Bangladesh in 1971 and Sri Lanka in 1980s.

These tragic events where minorities were exploited forced humanitarian interferences by India. India raised the UN idea of 'sovereignty - Responsibility to protect' in its neighbourhood. But not all its neighbours appreciated the Big Brotherly stance.

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Presently, Indian soft power investments in Afghanistan under Ashraf Ghani, Myanmar under Solih and Bangladesh under Hasina suffered blow with uncertain regime changes.

For taming these uncertainties and misapprehensions, revival of SAARC is paramount. SAARC has no meeting since Pulwama terror attack by Pakistan on India. India figured out SAARC minus one routes. But without bringing Peace with pieces in ~~the~~ Indo-Pakistan relations, regionalism can fail.

There are numerous thorns in Indo-Pakistan relations. But we should not forget flowers. Indus Water Treaty, 1960 is one such flower ~~where~~ which has seen three wax but is standing as a ray of hope.

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Such generous deals are paramount for Peace. In addition to Hydrodiplomacy, Economic chains of Interdependence are powerful harbingeres of Peace. The success of European Union (EU) and ASEAN has these chains.

For Economic Interdependence, there is need of two ways. First, is ~~externally~~ external, re-building South Asia Free trade Agreement (SAFTA). Second is internal, Peripheries as Core.

~~Kartarpur Corridor (Religion)~~

Kartarpur Corridor (Religious diplomacy) and lahore to Amritsar (Economic diplomacy) is one periphery. The other periphery is North-East India to connect South-East Asians.

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As we agreed in the beginning, taming its neighbourhood is compulsory of India. India can't become 'Vishwaguru' without peace in its neighbourhood.

Moreover, Security is never divided or singular. Security is Indivisible. It means security of all South Asian Nations is not self-sufficient but interdependent. In fight to terrorism, climate change or violence, they can either perish separately or flourish together.

It is uncertain when India will ~~see~~ accomplish tamed neighbourhood beast which has become humane. But India should always strive for building regional harmony.

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India can achieve its dream by arming itself with ancient vision of Jambudvipa. Here, India is a south petal of world flower. This humility and belief in multiculturalism is 'message of Peace' to the world.