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Transcending Patriots' Day(s)

Rationality and rationalising can be diametric. Borderless world seems like a pipedream nevertheless 'indeed a perceivable possibility' with miles to march toward but at least better quicker than never or too later. This vice-like grip of territorial imperative and affixed greedy sinister motives of human has caused more than enough bloodshed in our history? Shall we continue? As a matter of fact, we go on continuing even today in various changing styles. When will these piling-up of arms and weapons, pompousness and gallantry of armed-forces the world over, their show of strength, victories and defeat become non-extant? Weapons of mass destruction exist, if instances and accidents trigger them, who will be the winner? Of course, no winner and whole species to extinction, perhaps forever and ever. Every elite, political leaders and many know this grave possible and probable nonextant consequence of entire species and the planet very well. But queerly, these are questions and initiatives that are repulsive to politicians thus remained rich-concepts yet unwilling to practise or implement by sorting viable and co-operative means, nevertheless which have exuberant existential answer in itself if implemented!

Implementation? The crux/Convergence of collective responsibilities cutting across countries through far-sighted, benevolent and rational nature of individuals and leaders with paradigm shift towards a higher consciousness or evolving further from present scenario and real sense of civilisation will do. Open-mindedness, awareness covering nook and corner and realisation of voluntary law abiding matters. With so many hungry mouths, deprivations, ever-increasing population, extreme zealotry, monopolies and if teeming vested interests go on thriving, it will never work. Even so-called philanthropies, with sinister designs are functioning today. No doubt, philanthropy motives and potentials are abundant, but meagre real philanthropists. Inauspiciously, for most benevolent and healthy initiatives; marring doppelegangers too sprouted. To stand up against all these is what I called the new patriot and bravery. Understanding ways and tackling climate and environment too is bravery plus altruism. They are patriots for whole humanity and world, the only planet we altogether inhabit. That's where transcendence of Patriots' day, expanding and embracing whole humanity and beyond boundaries of any group irrespective of ethnic, regional, state, country, continent or civilisation has the potential to metamorphose our earth to heaven that exist only in fantasies or very unlikely after-death. Irrefutably, it can't be invoked through supernatural or occult means. Earth or universe as motherland or fatherland, preserving ecology and collaboratively devising and making sustainable plans, effective implementation in the long run defending undesired violence, rights to universal

citizenship in context to their essential links and evolving characteristics is earthly patriotism, which will be so beautiful and progressing.

Sports and competition need not be played only for national or state or regional interest. Certainly it will have ways to evolve and devised amicable and interesting ways. And so-called securities or armies need not lost jobs but utilize in calamities and disaster management or emergent exigencies. Of course many conscientious objectors is bound to arise increasingly. Then, when copious numbers of defence-forces become redundant and useless, its large part of investment can be streamline for betterment of humanity, ecology, environment and holistic development devising flexible rational and judicious plans. By all available parameters at present, its seems like an utopia and too fast forward but should human relationships and its environment should let change and contribute ourselves for worse or better pokes us consciously if not unconsciously. Unless we (people and mainly govt. and leaders around the world) commit and act with far-sightedness, we as human beings will remain juvenile, less evolved and yield to maladjustments from time to time. With scientific advancement, magical-like scrutiny and plans for over-all betterment can be devised instead of investing on where and whom to spy, how to advance sophisticated weapons or production for lucrative business, what to exploit, how to satiate power-hunger and be Machiavellian, so and so! Randomly and accidentally, we seem to survive inspite of so many weapons of mass destruction surrounding us and many sinister persons given responsibility in high pedestals all these years. There is quest in us that repels the idea of us being terminated along-with/defeated by problems and questions that arises but the affinity to solve and find answers haunts us much stronger.

This piece of writing broaches and points to some or may appear to be reeked of self-contradicting attributes. Even life itself is marked by contrasting (strongly appears) extremes of birth and death which in-between survive and fuel by relative concepts of truth, imaginations and circumstantial practicalities. But what concerns here is about unhassled evolutionary course, complementary and supplementary perspectives instead of contrast and comparison that barriers and divides. When one look up at a clear night sky (deep dark background), one see celestial objects (bright) in their majestic beauty. Because of that contrast between the deep dark background and bright brilliant light, though distant we enjoy clearly the wonderful curiosity and wander our imaginations. It's about realising, sometimes existential wholeness and embracing the contrast as complementarity towards inclusiveness and necessary corrections of concepts and ideas. It's about looking inside out and looking outside in too, how naive or adventurous one may be. It's also about certain

concerns of melting each other cultures or defining identities as broil into soups but also opportune alternate perspectives, say retain like the attribute of Singju's components in their distinct uniqueness and symphonic flavour too. After-all, varieties enrich the garden called earth and who knows what scientific and on-going trends have to offer in future about our defining patterns. It is also realising about the highly probable actual magnitude of the macabre denouement of infinite problems likely to face soon how near or far so relative to the prevailing power dynamics. It's also about, one may not be powerful enough to initiate challenging campaigns and movements by circumstances, may not be able to script, invent and discover stuffs that ameliorates over-all problem quickly, unluckily or vagariously fail to walk the rope of ideal kind or conform to society that happened tenably, but still have the right to constructive criticism, suggestion, share opinions and reflections that suits and deem demanded in permutation and combination of ways as per differences of angles, perceptions and outlook even from a prison cell, from one about to be hanged or executed or from top of the pyramid or anybody dare to, through any medium if it makes sense, relevant or able to decode what it truly meant or points for.

As usually said and agreed, it always starts a journey with a single step, oceans are made-up of innumerable droplets, butterfly-effects and even placebo effects are existential phenomena in addition to wonder and mysteries of known unknowns and unknown unknowns. Sometimes it seems, seamlessness and sharp boundaries have its deepening plays in different dimensions as sides of a same flipping coin. Differences and variations meant to me richness of values and embracing existential realities including wild imaginations whose ever wonder and wander daringly or at ease.

It may be easy to talk, write, dream or fantasise but the path to make it happened is often meandering with unexpected acquaintances along entailing painstaking efforts. By virtue of human tendency to be 'Happy within-and-around', whatever it be, for success, development, relationships or endeavour anything; itself deduces the fact that no human or the humanity need no more war and bloodshed whether incidentally or accidentally, to yield patriots or heroes of any form. Instead we need heroes or realise one's own unique heroism for favourable holistic advancement as a whole. Fairly, as a matter of fact, strangely and very commonly, majority of the individual, people or govt. often freaks out when it comes to dealing with, 'neighbour' be it in context to locality, state, country or region; sorry to mention the resiliency of that inextricable human-nature as of now. There dwells the baby steps and teething issues. Wish always, the ability to start walking and pushing limitations should not amounts to signature on water.

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Asian Games 2018 - Day 6

Heena Sidhu wins bronze, heartbreak for Manu

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Experienced Indian shooter Heena Sidhu settled for a bronze medal in a topsy-turvy women's 10m air rifle final of the Asian Games in Palembang on Friday. Heena shot a near-perfect 10.8 with just three shooters left in the field but a 9.6 in the next attempt dashed her hopes of a better finish at the Jakabaring Shooting Range.

Having made an incredible comeback after languishing at 13th and 17th places in the qualification stage, Heena did not look content with the eventual third-place finish as



she managed to reduce the gap to a mere 0.1 between her and the gold medal. Heena shot 219.3 in the final. There was more disappointment in store for 16-year-old Manu Bhaker as the Commonwealth Games gold-medallist was eliminated at fifth place with a score of 176.2. For two straight events at the ongoing Games, Bhaker shot brilliantly in the qualifications and cracked in the final. The Haryana girl had topped the 25m pistol qualification with a Games record and was third on Friday.



Asian Games 2018 Medal Tally

Sl No.	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	60	41	22	123
2	Japan	26	29	35	90
3	Korea	19	22	28	69
4	Iran	10	11	8	29
5	Indonesia	9	7	11	27
6	Thailand	6	4	18	28
7	India	6	4	13	23
8	North Korea	6	2	5	13
9	Chinese Taipei	5	6	11	22
10	Uzbekistan	4	9	7	20
11	Mongolia	3	2	4	9
12	Kazakhstan	2	7	19	28
13	Singapore	2	1	6	9
14	Vietnam	1	5	7	13
15	Hong Kong	1	4	12	17
16	Malaysia	1	3	1	5
17	Lebanon	1	1	2	4
18	Macau	1	1	0	2
19	Philippines	1	0	5	6
20	Jordan	1	0	3	4
21	Kyrgyzstan	0	4	5	9
22	Turkmenistan	0	1	1	2
23	Saudi Arabia	0	1	0	1
24	Myanmar	0	0	2	2
24	Afghanistan	0	0	1	1
25	Pakistan	0	0	1	1
26	Qatar	0	0	1	1
-	Total	165	165	228	558

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came in the next rowing event with the four-man Indian team of Sawarn Singh/Dattu Bhokanal/Om Prakash/Sukhmeet Singh winning gold, India's fifth of the Games, in men's Quadruple Sculls.

After the three medals added by the rowers, India now have a total of 21 medals (5 gold, 4 silver and 12 bronze).

It all began with Dushyant, who had won Heat 1 in the qualification stage. He carried forward that form in the final, bettering his qualification time by quite some distance. Dushyant, who had clocked 7:43.08 in Heats but brought his A game in the final, clocking a time of 7:18.76 to finish behind gold medallist Korea's Hyunsu Park (7:12:86) and silver medallist Hin Chun Chiu (7:14.16) of Hong Kong.

Next up was the men's Lightweight Double Sculls event. Indian duo of Rohit Kumar and Bhagwan Singh had qualified for the final through the Repechage after finishing second in their Heat. In the Repechage round, the Indian pair clocked the best time of 7:14.23 to top the charts and march into the final.

In the final, the Japanese and Korean teams proved too strong, leaving India to fight out for the bronze against Games host Indonesia. Rohit and Bhagwan easily beat the Indonesian challenge, finishing nearly 3 seconds ahead of them with a time of 7:04.61 to clinch the bronze. The highlight for Indian rowing came in the men's Quadruple event with Sawarn Singh/Dattu Bhokanal/Om Prakash/Sukhmeet Singh doing the country proud.

The awesome-foursome had topped the charts and clocked the best time in the two heats combined (6:15.18). In the final, the four Indian rowers once again produced a sterling effort to clock a time of 6:17.13 to finish well ahead of silver medallist Indonesia (6:20.58) and bronze winners Thailand (6:22.41)

Assam Rifles conducts Inter School Basketball Competition

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Mantripukhri battalion of HQ IGAR (South) conducted Inter School Basketball Competition as a part of Annual Sports tournament for the year 2018-19 at the Assam Rifles Public School, Mantripukhri, from 21st - 23rd August. A total of seven Assam Rifles Public Schools under IGAR (South) participated in the said competition to include schools from Mantripukhri, Keithelmanbi, Jwalamukhi, Maram, Pallel, Thoubal and Kakching. The event commenced with a motivational inaugural speech by the Vice-Chairman, ARPS, Mantripukhri to all



young participants. The competition started with league matches in which all teams displayed great skills and team spirit to excel. ARPS, Mantripukhri with better coordination, skill level and stamina outclassed their

counterparts and lifted the winning trophy defeating ARPS, Pallel in the finals. Players and Team Captains appreciated the smooth conduct of matches in terms of providing better facilities in terms of basketball court,

experienced referees and transparency in conduct of the matches. Winning team will now represent IGAR (S) at DGAR Inter School Basketball Competition scheduled from 27th -31st August at Dimapur.