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ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE

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1- Moral reasoning refers to using the knowledge of values and principle in order to take decision based on spirit of rightness

Differ from other forms :-

- i) It encompasses use of empathy, rather than complete objectivity
- ii) It uses principle of integrity and commitment with scientific temper
- iii) The scope of "out of box strategy", dis sense of micro-accountability.

Influence of factors :-

Cultural → spirit of fraternity and tolerance
→ Using ideas like "middle path"
and overcoming selfish desires

Societal → Social responsibility of greater good
→ School ethical centrisem for
social cohesion and integration

Intersection with ethical decision making

- i) The spirit of commitment and dedication to ensure consistency in decision making despite adversity
- ii) Helps to showcase fortitude and perseverance at situations demanding courage like disaster management
- iii) The 3D's approach of devotion, determination and discipline for effective action-decision consistency.

Moral considerations supersede :-

- i) They help in going beyond basic principles to showcase ethical governance
- ii) It helps to balance objectivity with empathy by compassionate action
- iii) It helps in broadening spectrum of public trust by ensuring self-accountability. Thus aiding in quality service delivery.

2- Kautilya's Arthashastra continues to be "gems of governance instructions" because of the foresightedness and accommodation of principles of ethical governance.

Combines realist and philosophical element

i) The detailed analysis on corruption by comparing it to "poisonous honey" and Civil servants as honey bees.

ii) The commitment principles based on idea of Utilitarianism by "Yatha Raja, Yatha Praja" ideas

iii) The impartiality in conduct is similar to Rawls's Veil of ignorance for objective decision making

iv) The importance on citizen-centric governance based on idea of "happiness of king, lies in his subject".

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Application in modern governance

i) Amnesty International stated that the effective way to control corruption is self-control and reforms in one's own conduct.

ii) The spirit of transparency and accountability with responsible conduct to serve for public wellbeing.

iii) The need for objectivity and impartiality as PM Modi called it "fourth lion of emblem" to ensure public trust.

iv) The need of his guidance in showcasing integrity in action by defining professional and personal space.

These Arthashastra can be guiding book to teach ethics in governance.

3- Virtue refers to values or principle that determines one's thought and course of action like virtue of honesty helps in telling truth.

Moral Virtues

- i) It is based on ethical principles like integrity, impartiality.
- ii) It helps in broaden conduct based on cognitive, affective and behaviour tendencies.
- iii) It promotes sense of empathy and compassion.
- iv) They helps in adhering ethical principles and code of ethics.
- v) It helps in promoting creativity and innovation.

Intellectual virtues

It is based on cognitive competency like IQ.

It is narrower based on limited cognitive tendencies.

It is based on objectivity and scientific temper.

It limits to legal principles and code of conduct.

It leads to rigid approach on empiricism.

Significance of practical wisdom

i) It helps in overcoming situation of dilemma like Lord Krishna taught "Stitha Prayna" in Bhagwad Gita

ii) It motivates one to look upon to innovative means like IAS Arun Kumar came to use crowdfunding in building roads

iii) It helps in right application of knowledge with emotional compitancy like Mother Teresa in serving for well-being of Indian society

iv) It promotes persistent efforts in action and thus upholds consistency like IAS Ashok Khemka as "crusader of integrity in public services"

Thus practical wisdom aids civil servant to achieve goals of good governance.

4- Rabindra Tagore stated that 'he is against the very idea of nation and believes that globe is one common nation based on brotherhood and social integration'

Tagore's vision of universal humanism:-

- i) He believed that principle of humanity like empathy, fraternity exists the same that can't be bound with borders
- ii) Transcends national boundaries
With LPG reforms and emerging common global problems like climate change, Covid Pandemic etc.
- iii) The need for global peace due to "spill-over effect" like Ukraine War disrupting global value chains
- iv) The broadened responsibility of global commons against weaponization of space or safety of cryogenic poles.

Implication in global ethics

- i) It is crucial for promoting spirit of multi-lateralism with sense of shared responsibility towards global order.
- ii) The development of "global willingness" to serve for inclusion and sustainable development of all stakeholders.
- iii) It will limit expansionist tendencies based on idea of border, and expand rather humanitarian support on lines of Vasudaiiva Kutumbakam.
- iv) The development of greater sense of responsibility like India through Vaccine Maitri Initiative.

Thus Tagore's idea is keep to achieve Sarvodaya in global level.

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5- Ethics refers to guiding values, principle to uphold the path of righteousness

Power is the ability to realize one's own will, despite of others in social setting.

Relations between them

i) Ethics with power

It leads to sensible use of authority in achieving social good like Abraham Lincoln as President for abolition of slavery in USA.

ii) Ethics without power

It leads to lack of ability to inspire others and hence limited scope of reaching to greater heights.

iii) Power without ethics

It creates "Frankenstein monster" of human like Adolf Hitler's Fascism and Lebensraum on racial ideology.

Make it more clear

How?

Influence of power on ethical decision making

i) It leads to making impact at larger level like Ratan Tata for developing sense of commitment in his work culture

ii) Power helps in ensuring consistency with leadership quality like PM Shastri shown through "Jai Kisan, Jai Kisan"

iii) Power plays a vital role in shaping intention of decision like right intention helps to promote humanity.

Strategy to be promoted :-

i) The right socialization for developing ethical character like APJ Abdul Kalam during his childhood

ii) The emotional intelligence to regulate control on power for good utility

iii) The sense of responsibility for right usage.

In this way power helps in ethical governance

Good/Make it Score level context of power

6- Economic Globalization refers to interconnectedness, integration and interdependence of economic situations into common global responsibility

Impact of on traditional cultural values

→ Focus on equality in economic sphere like POSH Guidelines

Positive

→ Emerging practices like CSR for Philanthropic outcomes

→ Providing social security to workers as seen in MNC culture

Negative

→ Erosion of traditional values like idea of drain of wealth by few elites

→ The changing course in social patterns like isolated nuclear families due to urban based economic system

→ The prevalence of practices like nepotism against value of equal opportunities

The value crisis occurring :-

1) Developing countries

a) Erosion of traditional system based on MNCization of economy with better competency than domestic firms

b) The exploitation of labour force like sweatshops in Bangladesh

c) The shifting focus towards anthropocentrism leading to environmental degradation

2) Developed countries

a) The culture of conspicuous consumption leading to selfish and status based living

b) Reducing social bonds and emerging new crimes due to proletarianization of lower classes.

Thus need for ethical guidelines to ensure right growth of economic globalization.

7- The examined life refers to calculative way of living based on self-feedback mechanism to adhere to one's own moral character.

Foundational approach to ethical living

- i) The focus on self-knowledge prevent dependency on external means to teach and thus ensure active learning.
- ii) The shift of narrative from seeing to vigilant observation in order to ensure meaningful living.
- iii) The examined life act as means of self control on desires and selfish goals for greater good.
- iv) The examined life imparts competency for persistent improvement towards moral development.

Application of Socrates method :-

i) Educational practices

a) The focus on vocational learning to impart practical knowledge and better skill development

b) The comprehensive evaluation based on self-measuring capabilities rather than limited external grading.

ii) Civic Engagements

a) The capabilities in controlling one's thought with empathy for better support building

b) The development of ability to comprehend in a manner that can be clearly understood by act participant

Thus embodying these skills will help civil servants in showcasing potential for quality service delivery.

Why it is significant
for home & abroad

Analysis

8- Attitude refers to "readiness of psyche" to act, react in the manner based on cognitive, affective and behavioural tendencies like positive attitude promotes active learning.

Attitude towards culture heritage :-

i) Positive attitude :-

- ↳ It promotes sustainable tourism with responsibility to preserve
- ↳ It creates empathy with architect for promoting it to wider level
- ↳ The right use of knowledge in expanding its reach through means like social media.

ii) Negative attitude

- ↳ It leads to destruction by irresponsible acts like unnecessary writing on them
- ↳ The sense of antipathy by showing non-tolerance towards other religious

monuments

↳ The spread of hatred by wrongly influencing based on prejudices.

Citizen attitude shape policy decisions :-

1) Positive attitude promotes tourism and thus policy in improving modes of connectivity and developing local value chain nearby it

1) Negative attitude leads to closure with restricted entry and thus loss of potential socio-economic development

b) Shaping tourism development :-

1) Positive attitude → promote influx
↓
Frequent visit → happy memories
and more development

1) Negative attitude → hatred for place
↓
loss of opportunity → reduced tourism

Thus right attitude holds key for sustainable tourism.

9. Martha Nussbaum's capability approach is based on development of social capital to account for improving prospects of individual's capacity to involve in meaningful work.

Capabilities approach :-

- i) It expands the theorem of economic well-being by accounting for social development based on health, education and skill development.
- ii) It seeks for providing sustainable approach for longevity in progressive living.
- iii) The development of full potential based on multi-dimensional progress in economic, social and political aspect.
- iv) The shifting narrative from top-

down approach on tickle down to
inclusive bottom-up principle.

Application of the approach :-

i) The educational policy based on
comprehensive grassroots development
by means like vocational training or
use of mother tongue.

ii) The shifting focus from theoretical
learning to practical based on means
like science exhibition, hackathons etc

iii) The social welfare schemes towards
providing basic essential aids like
health, education rather than freebies

iv) The challenge exists in regards
to sluggish nature with low social
acceptance

v) The increased expenditure towards
social institutions development

Thus such approach have high potential
to achieve demographic dividend.

10 - Artificial Intelligence refers to ability of machine to comprehend from inputs, the outcome in order to promote objectivity in activities like governance

Ethical challenges posed :-

- i) The technological deterministic approach will limit avenue of empathy and compassion in administration
- ii) The failure of AI, based on "one size fits all approach" may leads to exclusion of beneficiary like Sharkhand PDS mistake causing death due hunger
- iii) The lack of capability to provide innovative solution to complex problem due algorithmic limitation in computation
- iv) It lacks emotional intelligence to showcase social skills for out of box problems.

v) The excessive objectivity will reinforce the notion of "iron cage of rationality" in bureaucracy.

Ethical guidelines for responsible AI :-

- i) It will ensure limited application across area of objectivity and impartiality in policy implementation
 - ii) Establishing balance in decision making to incorporate human competency of empathy and compassion
 - iii) The role of facilitator by ways of providing alternatives in service delivery
 - iv) The prominent role in feedback receiving and grievance redressal like used by Indian railways.
 - v) The ethical guidelines can ensure better transparency in action by monitoring through AI
- Thus AI can act as secondary tool for good governance.

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Fashion refers to lifestyle choices and way of living that is prevailing in the society based on trends and acceptance by public

Evaluation on moral spectrum :-

- i) The source of fashion must be inspired from social value system and preferences like traditional system in Bani Thani style.
- ii) The purpose of fashion is order to show confidence and morals based on comfort and individual attitude
- iii) The trend setting on the basis of utility and quality like eco-friendly clothes

Ethical Considerations :-

- i) The intention of designer to showcase continuity and change of societal preference

1) The value expression in terms of utilitarianism and value consensus like fashion to wear clothes on social awareness themes

Role of dress code :

1) The shaping of ethos like unity in diversity at grassroot level based on school uniforms.

2) The cultural relevance to preserve traditional attires like turbans in Sikhism based on Guru Granth Sahib.

3) The institutional dynamics to showcase exclusive membership like wearing clothes with IIT tagline.

4) The role in promoting tolerance and brotherhood in social sphere.

5) The sense of empathy like wearing black suit during burial ceremony.

Thus fashion has its own language.

12- The development of Mission Karmayogi is based on idea of changing rigid objective attitude towards public centric approach with greater sense of responsibility.

Rule based governance :-

- i) System based on hyper-rationality making bureaucracy "iron cage of rationality"
- ii) The lack of acceptance of emotional sensitivity and limited empiricism based governance
- iii) The poor culture on book based working to avoid accountability
- iv) The rigid hierarchy with complex evaluation mechanism causing red tapism

Role based governance

- i) Promoting flexibility with sense of micro-accountability

- i) Incentivization of out-of-box approach to ensure complete governance
- ii) The timely upskilling to expand competency across evolving areas of concern.

Potential impact.

- i) The shift from red-tapism to active governance with time bound actions
- ii) Promoting sense of responsibility with scope of compassionate governance
- iii) Healthy work culture with high motivation and commitment

Challenges persist :-

- i) The strict hierarchy of promotion and objective evaluation
- ii) The structural constraints due to resource shortage in governance. Yet, it has potential in bringing minimum government, maximum governance.

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Kant's categorical imperative approach envisages on equitable conduct with impartiality, as he highlights there is no right way to do wrong thing.

Kantian concept :-

- i) The sense of duty is towards universal principles, whereby it challenges Utilitarian idea of maximum good.
- ii) The impartiality in action so as to advocate equal treatment to all like Gandhian Harijan idea.
- iii) He rejects any sort of discrimination and believe all are equal by virtue of human beings.
- iv) Thus complete non-partisanship and objectivity in course.

Relevance and application :-

- i) The objective implementation of public services, thus preventing scope of corruption through means like differential treatment
 - ii) The application in overcoming challenge of political interference like T. N. Seshan showcased as Chief Election Commissioner
 - iii) The right spirit of service with courage like IAS Durga Shakti Nagpal to stand against sand mafia.
 - iv) It ensures persistence in treating equal and follow rule of law
- Thus laying fertile grounds toward ethical governance.

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In public services, which is often annotated to be "iron cage of rationality", provides opportunity to showcase compassion, as witnessed in the given case.

Stakeholders

- i) Kavya, old widow
- ii) Influential villagers
- iii) Me, as DM of the area

Ethical issues :-

- i) The socio-economic hardship faced by Kavya due to natural condition
- ii) Apathy shown by influential villagers to exclude her in claiming support
- iii) The challenge of groundwater and rains causing pertinent problems
- iv) The failure of local authorities to show compassion towards her.

Options available :-

I) Not accept Kavya's matter

Merit :- (a) In consonance to local authorities

(b) As dugwell is in private property

Demerit :- (a) Breakdown of public trust

(b) Against professional integrity

II) Providing Kavya external support

Merit :- (a) Resolving her problems

(b) Compassion towards her

Demerit (a) Not a sustainable option

(b) May lead to increase reporting
of such cases

III) Taking action against dugwell

Merit :- (a) Viable solution for groundwater
use efficiency

(b) Resolving Kavya's problem with
empathy

Demerit :- (a) It may appear as means to
jeopardize individual right

(b) May face clashes with certain
section

My course of action :-

- i) I would show my compassion towards Kavya's problem and ensure trust building in service delivery
 - ii) As illegal borewell is clearly violation of law, thus taking legal action against the neighbours to ensure rule of law
 - iii) Since rainfall scarcity and groundwater issue is quite serious matter, thus looking for means to create public awareness on sustainable management
 - iv) For that, also creating dedicated body to look upon illegal borewell cases to prevent such problems to other for water use rights
- In this way, showcasing compassionate governance with attitude of problem solving.

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In current times the dichotomy between environment and development leads to compromise on one parameter, thereby creating need for comprehensive sustainable solution

- a) Options available to local authority
 - i) Preferring environmental concern on accounts of rich biodiversity and support on fishing and ecotourism to prevent industrial project from environment degradation
 - ii) Opting for industrial project, that aims for economic environment and job creation, with lack of emphasis on environmental concerns
 - iii) The balanced approach based on accounting green development, so as to ensure compliance to clean system and eco-friendly practices.

b) Ethical considerations :-

i) The dependency of natural biodiversity and hence environment centric rather than anthropogenic limitations

ii) Rather than strict dichotomy between the two, accounting for inclusive approach based on sustainable development

iii) Showcasing compassion towards natural resources and hence environment centric development project

iv) The multi-dimensional approach, so as to broaden opportunity by taking middle path.

c) The strategies to be employed:-

i) Short term basis :-

ii) The focus on holistic evaluation of economic project to ensure balance with nature

ii) Empowering local authorities for comprehensive contribution in scouting and demanding environment based Opportunities

iii) The awareness on sustainable means at the focus on nature centric development long term approach

i) The development project are made competant enough for use of clean energy and waste management

ii) The focus on promoting linkages in order to protect environment, which also create opportunities in economic development

iii) The adequate research and development for creating nature specific opportunities with balancing act

Thus ensuring right attitude towards comprehensive sustainable solution

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In the quest of promoting digital governance by using AI based tools for surveillance, the double edged sword like situation arises between good governance and privacy concerns

a) Ethical principles should guide :-

i) The optimum use of AI for effective governance rather than misuse

ii) The adequate safety options to prevent cyber threats with better security

iii) Understanding concern of privacy of individual as it can jeopardize freedom

iv) The reduction of systematic faults and frivolous identification by timely upgradation

v) Taking balanced approach with over-ground policing facilities.

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b) To mitigate biases, policy-maker can:-

i) Have a specific time line approach with declaration of no use without consent

ii) The application only across public sphere, specially in area of law and order problem to build public faith in situational control

iii) The accountable use of AI policing by informing the person held responsible of crime of the source of information

iv) The effective balance with verification from on-ground worker in case of sudden policing needs.

c) Role of public consultations :-

i) Bridging the gap of mistrust and transparency in regards to data management and security

11) The self-accountability showcased by ensuring prior information to public and working in coordinated manner.

Community engagement:-

1) The public centric approach so as to ensure trust amongst people in regards to intention setting

11) The social influence with responsible use of AI to ensure citizen consent for ensuring law and order management

111) Promoting Jan Bhagidari, which makes citizen active facilitators for implementing such changes

Thus resulting into better public rapport building and spirit of minimum government, maximum governance

- 17 - The problem of gentrification persists due to pace of urbanization can't keep up with urban migration, thus creating issue of slums proliferation and unprecedented urban living without social security.

Stakeholders in the case :-

- i) The low income families and migrants living in informal settlements
- ii) Developers, aiming to capitalize on real estate opportunities
- iii) City officials to take the call for same.

Ethical issue :-

- i) The short term pain to be faced by settlers due to temporary rehabilitation
- ii) The prevailing socio-economic problems due to low urban settlement
- iii) The true intention of developers and cause of taking up the project.

Action points for city officials :-

- i) The need for comprehensive scouting of the plan by developers with intention understanding
- ii) Taking to social auditing for active feedbacks from informal settlers and also checking affordability for them.
- iii) As social housings and equitable urban planning is necessary, aiding developers through systematic support in planning and resource optimization
- iv) Taking into account the available options of temporary re-settlement with adequate housing facilities
- v) The need to gather support from Civil societies for temporary

very good for

arrangements for rehabilitations with
basic amenities

vi) Looking for channels of integrating
the development through forms
like PM Awas Yojana - Urban.

vii) The importance in ensuring
sustainable housing facilities by
developing in consonance to standards
with prior focus on green and clean
sources based on GRHA Guidelines

viii) The shaping of opportunity as
way to smart cities idea, with
focus on holistic urban development

In this manner, as city officials
we can account for inclusive
approach based on all stakeholders
for urban development.

- 18- The Forest Rights Act, 2006 provide for legal support against illegal logging and destruction of forest, while safeguard rights of use and ownership of local inhabitants.

Stakeholders

- 1) Rajesh, local inhabitant
- 11) Other settlers relying on forest ecosystem
- 111) Local contractors accounting illegal logging
- 1V) Me, as DM of the place

Ethical issues :-

- 1) The environment degradation causing loss of natural resources
- 11) The illegal logging leading to loss of assets and failure of rule of law
- 111) The bureaucratic apathy by inaction against illegal acts
- 1V) Problems faced by local people,

who are facing problem due to illicit acts of contractor.

Options available

I) Taking no action against contractor

Merit:- (a) Safeguard my reputation and career prospect

Demerits (a) Clear violation of law and order

(b) Against my professional integrity and commitment

II) Taking strict action against contractor

Merit:- (a) No tolerance policy against illegal act

(b) Safeguard interest of local people

Demerit:- (a) May jeopardize my future progress

(b) Barrier from local politician

III) Accounting for senior advice

Merit:- (a) Accountable action based on senior instruction

Demerit:- No guarantee aid for local people and against my conscience.

My course of action :-

i) Since, as Permanent executives, our role is to ensure, rule of law thus strict actions against contractors in illegal logging

ii) The legal mandate to protect interest of local communities, thus ensuring best course of action to safeguard interest of local people.

iii) The courage and perseverance to act against contractors despite strong connections to showcase true commitment towards my role

iv) It also showcase my role in protecting environment against

illegal activities

Thus ensuring integrity and dedication towards my responsibility.

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The judicious utilization of fund and also showcasing fortitude and perseverance towards reconstruction post disaster are essential needs to be showcased by disaster relief team to ensure building public trust and capabilities to restart.

a) Immediate measures Dr. Ahmad should take:-

- i) Resolving the problem of corruption to ensure judicious utilization of public funds
- ii) Establishing contacts with Civil societies to provide humanitarian aid across shelter homes for social security of victims
- iii) Creating vigilante group with public participation to prevent violence and citizen centric law and order management

1v) Providing trust building mechanisms by interacting through local leaders to promote empathy with people and support disaster relief team in their work.

b) To ensure economic recovery:-

i) Taking to reconstruction by providing credit support through microfinance institutions

ii) Providing knowledge on retrofitting in structure to improve flood resilient re-development

iii) Advocating for cooperative based approach by pooling existing resources

c) To maintain social order:-

i) A dedicated committee with public volunteering to resolve cases of conflict

ii) Adequate trust building by constant engagement and providing basic facilities

Importance of community engagement

- i) The Jan Bhagidari based active reconstruction with nuanced approach
- ii) Having public faith and confidence towards resettlement efforts

To foster it :-

- i) The need to empower local Panchayats to showcase commitment and empathy towards victims in shelter homes
- ii) Showcasing transparency and accountability in regards to financial management with social audits.

Long term strategies

- i) Ensuring preparedness with early warning system through dopplers
 - ii) The risk reduction by structural means of competant development
 - iii) Accounting to practices of Panchayat empowerment for effective mitigation
- Thus ensuring public trust on government in situations like these.