



Essay-list: Topic wise last 25 years (1993-2017)

A: India Since Independence

- Is the Colonial mentality hindering India's Success? -2013
- In the context of Gandhiji's views on the matter, explore, on an evolutionary scale, the terms 'Swadhinata', 'Swaraj' and 'Dharmarajya'. Critically comment on their contemporary relevance to Indian democracy -2012
- Dreams which should not let India sleep. -2015
- Why should we be proud of being Indians? -2000
- Whither Indian democracy? -1995
- How far has democracy in India delivered the goods? -2003
- What we have not learnt during fifty years of independence. -1997
- What have we gained from our democratic set-up? -2001
- My vision of India in 2001 -1993

B: Federalism, Decentralization

- Impact of the new economic measures on fiscal ties between the union and states in India. -2017
- Water disputes between States in federal India. -2016
- Cooperative federalism: Myth or reality. -2016
- Creation of smaller states and the consequent administrative, economic and developmental implication -2011
- Evaluation of Panchayati Raj System in India from the point of view of eradication of power to people. -2007
- Water resources should be under the control of the central government. -2004
- The language problem in India: its past, present and prospects. -1998

C: Administration

- How should a civil servant conduct himself? -2003
- Politics without ethics is a disaster. -1995
- The VIP cult is a bane of Indian democracy -1996
- Need for transparency in public administration. -1996
- The country's need for a better disaster management system. -2000
- Politics, bureaucracy and business – fatal triangle. -1994



D: Judiciary

- We may brave human laws but cannot resist natural laws. -2017
- Justice must reach the poor -2005
- Judicial activism and Indian democracy. -2004
- Judicial activism. -1997

E: Poverty, Social Justice

- Economic growth without distributive justice is bound to breed violence. -1993
- The focus of health care is increasingly getting skewed towards the 'haves' of our society. -2009
- Food security for sustainable national development -2005
- Reservation, politics and empowerment. -1999

F: Indian Culture and Values

- Indian culture today: a myth or a reality? -2000
- Modernism and our traditional socio-ethical values. -2000
- The composite culture of India. -1998
- The Indian society at the crossroads. -1994
- From traditional Indian philanthropy to the gates-buffet model-a natural progression or a paradigm shift? -2010
- New cults and godmen: a threat to traditional religion -1996

G: Media, TV & Cinema

- Responsibility of media in a democracy. -2002
- Role of media in good governance -2008
- Does Indian cinema shape our popular culture or merely reflect it? -2011
- How has satellite television brought about cultural change in Indian mindsets? -2007
- Is sting operation an invasion of privacy? -2014
- Mass media and cultural invasion. -1999
- The misinterpretation and misuse of freedom in India. -1998

Economy, Development

A: Growth vs Development

- Digital economy: A leveller or a source of economic inequality. -2016
- Innovation is the key determinant of economic growth and social welfare. -2016
- Near jobless growth in India: An anomaly or an outcome of economic reforms. -2016
- Crisis faced in India – moral or economic. -2015
- Was it the policy paralysis or the paralysis of implementation which slowed the growth of our country? -2014
- GDP (Gross Domestic Product) along with GDH (Gross Domestic Happiness) would be the right indices for judging the wellbeing of a country-2013
- Can capitalism bring inclusive growth? -2015
- Resource management in the Indian context. -1999

B: Environment vs. Development

- Ecological considerations need not hamper development. -1993
- Protection of ecology and environment is essential for sustained economic development. -2006
- Should a moratorium be imposed on all fresh mining in tribal areas of the country? -2010
- Urbanization is a blessing in disguise. -1997
- Urbanisation and its hazards -2008

C: Global

- Globalization would finish small-scale industries in India. -2006
- Multinational corporations – saviours or saboteurs -1994
- Special economic zone: boon or bane -2008
- Is the criticism that the ‘Public-Private-Partnership’ (PPP) model for development is more of a bane than a boon in the Indian context, justified? -2012
- 2.4 Sectors of Economy
- Farming has lost the ability to be a source of subsistence for majority of farmers in India. -2017
- BPO boom in India. -2007
- Tourism: Can this be the next big thing for India? -2014
- Are our traditional handicrafts doomed to a slow death? -2009



Education

A: Values in Education

- Destiny of a nation is shaped in its classrooms. -2017
- Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make a man more clever devil-2015
- Independent thinking should be encouraged right from the childhood. -2007
- Are the standardized tests good measure of academic ability or progress? -2014
- Irrelevance of the classroom. -2001
- Is the growing level of competition good for the youth? -2014
- Literacy is growing very fast, but there is no corresponding growth in education. -1996
- Is an egalitarian society possible by educating the masses? -2008
- What is real education? -2005

B: Scheme implementation

- “Education for all” campaign in India: myth or reality. -2006
- Restructuring of Indian education system. -1995

C: Higher education

- Privatization of higher education in India. -2002
- Credit – based higher education system – status, opportunities and challenges -2011



Quote based, Philosophy, Ethics

A: Character, honesty

- We may brave human laws but cannot resist natural laws. -2017
- Need brings greed, if greed increases it spoils breed. -2016
- Character of an institution is reflected in its leader. -2015
- With greater power comes greater responsibility. -2014
- Words are sharper than the two-edged sword. -2014
- Attitude makes, habit makes character and character makes a man. -2007

B: Knowledge

- There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so. -2003
- Disinterested intellectual curiosity is the lifeblood of civilisation. -1995

C: Compassion

- Joy is the simplest form of gratitude. -2017
- Compassion is the basic of all morality would -1993
- Lending hands to someone is better than giving a dole. -2015
- Be the change you want to see in others (Gandhi)-2013

D: Truth

- Truth is lived, not taught -1996
- When money speaks, the truth is silent. -1995
- Search for truth can only be a spiritual problem. -2002

E: Youth, Discipline

- Discipline means success, anarchy means ruin -2008
- Youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle, old age a regret -1994
- If youth knew, if age could. -2002
- Youth culture today. -1999



- Fifty Golds in Olympics: Can this be a reality for India? -2014

F: Towards excellence

- Quick but steady wins the race. -2015
- Useless life is an early death. -1994
- Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds. -1995
- The paths of glory lead but to the grave. -2002
- The pursuit of excellence. -2001

Women Empowerment

A: National Politics

- Greater political power alone will not improve women's plight. -1997
- Women's reservation bill would usher in empowerment for women in India. -2006
- The new emerging women power: the ground realities. -1995

B: World / Quote type

- If women ruled the world -2005
- The hand that rocks the cradle -2005

C: Empowerment overall

- Fulfilment of 'new woman' in India is a myth. -2017
- If development is not engendered, it is endangered. -2016
- Whither women's emancipation? -2004
- Empowerment alone cannot help our women. -2001
- Women empowerment: challenges and prospects. -1999

D: Compared to men

- Woman is god's best creation. -1998
 - Men have failed: let women take over. -1993
 - Managing work and home – is the Indian working woman getting a fair deal? -2012
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International issues, Internal Security

A: Globalization

- Geography may remain the same; history need not. -2010
- Modernisation and westernisation are not identical concepts. -1994
- 'globalization' vs. 'nationalism' -2009
- National identity and patriotism -2008
- Globalizations and its impact on Indian culture. -2004
- The masks of new imperialism. -2003
- As civilization advances culture declines. -2003
- The implications of globalization for India. -2000
- My vision of an ideal world order. -2001
- India's contribution to world wisdom. -1998
- The world of the twenty-first century. -1998
- Preparedness of our society for India's global leadership role. -2010

B: International Org./ Bilateral

- Has the Non-Alignment Movement (NAM) lost its relevance in a multi-polar world? -2017
- Restructuring of UNO reflect present realities -1996
- The global order: political and economic -1993
- India's role in promoting ASEAN co-operation. -2004
- Importance of Indo-US nuclear agreement -2006

C: Security

- Good fences make good neighbours -2009
- Terrorism and world peace -2005
- True religion cannot be misused. -1997
- In the Indian context, both human intelligence and technical intelligence are crucial in combating terrorism -2011
- Is autonomy the best answer to combat balkanization? -2007
- Are we a 'soft' state? -2009



Science-Technology

A: Science and Religion

- Spirituality and scientific temper. -2003
- Science and Mysticism: Are they compatible? -2012

B: Science and Education

- Modern technological education and human values. -2002
- Value-based science and education. -1999
- The march of science and the erosion of human values. -2001

C: Computer and internet

- 'Social media' is inherently a selfish medium. -2017
- Cyberspace and Internet: Blessing or curse to the human civilization in the long run - 2016
- Increasing computerization would lead to the creation of a dehumanized society. -2006
- The cyber world: its charms and challenges. -2000
- Computer: the harbinger of silent revolution. -1993

D: Science-Tech: others

- Technology cannot replace manpower. -2015
- Science and technology is the panacea for the growth and security of the nation-2013
- The modern doctor and his patients. -1997
- The lure of space. -2004