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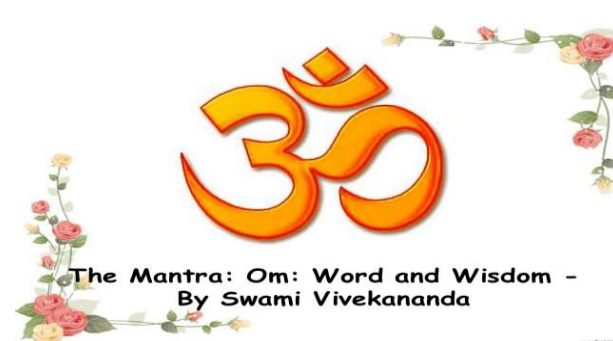


SWAMI VIVEKANANDA SPEAKS THE SYMBOL OF OM



Every idea that you have in mind has a counter part in a word; the word and the thought are inseparable. The external part of one and the same thing is what we call word and the internal part is what we call thought. No man can, by analysis, separate thought from word.

The connection between thoughts and sounds is good, only if there be a real connection between the thing signified and the symbol.



Om (Aum) is such a sound. Om is the basis of all sounds. The first letter A, is the root sound, the key, pronounced without touching any part of the tongue or palate; M represents the last sound in the series, being produced by the closed lips and the U rolls from the very root to the end of the sounding board of the mouth.

Thus, Om represents the whole phenomena of sound producing .

As such, it must be the natural symbol, the matrix of all the various sounds. It denotes the whole range and possibility of all the words that can be made.

All the various religious ideas of the Vedas have gathered themselves round this word Om. Om centres all the different religious ideas in India.

Om has become the one symbol for the religious aspiration of the vast majority of human beings.

This word Om has around it all the various significances. As such, it should be accepted by everyone.



THOUGHTS ON THE GITA

To understand the Bhagavad Gita properly, several things are very important to know.

The reconciliation of the different paths of Dharma and work without desire or attachment – are the two special characteristics of the Gita.

If we can proclaim this message of Gita to the world – then all this disease, grief, sin and sorrow will vanish from the face of the earth. All these ideas of weakness will be nowhere.

ALL INDIA ESSAY COMPETITION ON “MY VIEWS ON DECLARING BHAGWAD GITA AS NATIONAL SCRIPTURE”

Nandini Voice For the Deprived has announced an All India Essay Competition on “ My views on declaring Bhagwad Gita as national scripture “.

Objective :

A senior cabinet minister of Government of India has expressed her personal view that Bhagwad Gita should be declared as national scripture.

Leaders of some political parties have criticised this proposal as anti secular.

There are also views that Bhagwad Gita is of Indian origin and has great relevance and appeal for citizens all over the world for all time to come. Bhagwad Gita is gift of India to the world community and therefore, it will be appropriate to declare Bhagwad Gita as national scripture.

The objective of the essay competition is to give an opportunity to the participants to express their views on the subject. The highlights of the views of the participants would be submitted to the Prime Minister of India.

Eligibility :- All Indian citizens living in India or abroad can participate in the competition.



Other Details :-

- Essay should be of maximum one thousand words and can be written in English, Tamil or Hindi.
- Best of five entries will be chosen for award.
- The last date for submission of the essay is 5th January, 2015

The essay can be sent by post or email to the following address

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M 60/1, 4th Cross Street, Besant Nagar, Chennai - 600090
Tel:-44-24916037. Email:- nsvenkatchennai@gmail.com

UNSEEMLY DISRUPTIONS OF PARLIAMENT AND ASSEMBLIES

It appears to have become a regular scene in parliament and assemblies, of members shouting at each other, disrupting the proceedings and using vituperative language.

It is sad that these elected representatives of the people do not understand their responsibility and the importance of conducting themselves with dignity and decorum.

By such conduct, they are not only losing their respect but are also bringing down the image of parliament and assemblies. Youth viewing such conduct would inevitably feel that they have no role models in India today.

Reader's forum



Readers' forum provides space for the readers to give expression to their views on a variety of socio economic issues that is of relevance to the society.

Further enrichment of the journal with your thoughtful inputs would certainly go a long way in promoting the cause that the journal seeks to espouse.

President of India writing memoirs while in office

It is reported that President of India's memoirs , "The Dramatic Decade – Indira Gandhi Years" was released.



The immediate thought that comes to one's mind is as to whether it is appropriate for President of India to release his memoirs while in office, which is bound to be controversial. One may not be wrong if he would think that President could have waited till his retirement to publish his memoir. Perhaps, President may not be setting up a good precedent.

Some may say that it would not be proper to be critical of an act of President of India, the highest constitutional authority . But, it is also essential to keep in view that such situation should be avoided, to the extent possible, where the act could be viewed critically.

Name withheld on request

Article on corruption

Dear Sir,

Nice to see December, 2014 issue - quite comprehensive as usual.

Article on corruption and the present Government is well brought about. Their mind set must be cleaned before we can expect something concrete.

N V Subbaraman

Disgusting behaviour of IIT M students

Dear Sir,

A very good December, 2014 issue. Very broad and relevant coverage of subjects of importance..

One point. The kiss of love show by IIT students mentioned in the issue, was disgusting. I hope they would not do it again.

D.K. OZA

DESPERATE CALLS



You can enjoy your prosperity only if you share your income with the deprived and thus discover the satisfaction that it provides.

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Bangalore West Lions Super Speciality Eye Hospital was established in 1984 as a unit of Lions Club of Bangalore West Trust. The objective of the trust is to fight against blindness.



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Mr. T. Ashok Kumar requests kind hearted persons for financial support to continue his education.

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* Master Sahin Haque, age 8 years, is suffering from rheumatic heart disease. He has to undergo open heart surgery at Sagar Hospitals, Bangalore. Estimated cost of the surgery is Rs. 1,50,000/-

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* Ms.Anu , age 11 years, is suffering from rheumatic heart disease. She has to undergo open heart surgery at, Needy Heart Foundation Fortis Hospital Bangalore. Estimated cost of the surgery is Rs.1,50,000/-

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* Master Gokula Kannan, S/o.Mr.Karuppaiah, age 10 years has to undergo chemotherapy at Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai. Estimated cost of the treatment is Rs.3,00,000/-

* Master Jaya Kumar, S/o.Mr. Jaya Paul , age 17 years has to undergo open heart surgery at Frontier Life Line. Estimated cost of the surgery is Rs.3,44,000/-

* Baby Bhuvaneshwari, D/o.Mr.Pitchai, age 2 years has to undergo chemotherapy at Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai. Estimated cost of the treatment is Rs.3,00,000/-

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Phone:42137401/28235324

RAJAJI - MAHATMA GANDHI PRAISED HIM AS HIS CONSCIENCE KEEPER

Mr.C.Rajagopalachari (Rajaji), the first Governor General of independent India was a great patriot and an intellectual who could think beyond his time and express his views with clarity and courage of conviction.

Rajaji was born on 10th December and he passed away on 25th December. One would wish that Narendra Modi government would remember him in the month of December, just as the government did so correctly in the case of Sardar Vallabhai Patel recently.

Rajaji's contribution to national cause in pre independent India was as significant as his contribution to the post independent India. Rajaji was so forthright and honest in expressing his views , that Gandhiji had no hesitation in applauding him as his conscience keeper.

After several decades of Rajaji's passing away, as one would recall his life ,what would be seen as most striking was Rajaji's capacity to think beyond his time and his practical and pragmatic approach to everyone of the issues , whether it would concern India or the world.

At the present juncture, it would be appropriate to briefly highlight some of Rajaji's great acts and views.

Salt satyagraha



Rajaji's salt satyagraha in Vedaranyam, Tamil Nadu was as significant and dignified as that of Dandi march of Mahatma Gandhi.

This salt satyagraha of Rajaji helped considerably in spreading the spirit and philosophy of Gandhiji' in southern part of the country at a time, when communication was not that extensive as it is today.

Call for unilateral disarmament

In the cold war era, Rajaji advocated unilateral disarmament of nuclear weapons by USA and travelled to USA to meet President Kennedy to advocate his idea. While Rajaji's idea was not implemented, certainly it set everyone's thoughts rolling on such possibility, as one of the healthy ways of avoiding military conflict in the world.

Support for free enterprise

Rajaji recognised the importance of free enterprise to promote rapid industrial and economic development in the country and disapproved Nehru's vision of government sponsored centralised economy.

RAJAJI - MAHATMA GANDHI PRAISED HIM AS HIS CONSCIENCE KEEPER

Rajaji had the courage of conviction to argue that there was nothing wrong in the concept of profit making by industries and commercial establishments , though at the same time he stressed the need for ethics and adhering to moral principles in management of private sectors.

Today, after experimenting with the centralised economy for several decades and realising the futility, the governments in India are resorting to building up private sector which was precisely what Rajaji advocated. By not accepting Rajaji's views on the significance of private enterprises for several years until 1990s, the country has lost valuable time and opportunity.

Indo Pakistan relationship

With regard to Indo Pakistan relationships, Rajaji repeatedly said that the best way of maintaining cordial relationships between the two neighbours was to promote people to people cooperation on the basis of social, cultural and business relationships, which would pave way for building up appropriate climate that would force the governments of both the countries to find peaceful and long standing solution. Even today, this suggestion of Rajaji appears to be the best way to build healthy relationship between India and Pakistan.



Books on Ramayana and Mahabharatha

Rajaji's books in Tamil on Ramayana and Mahabharatha , written in simple style so that everyone can understand , will be read by the young and old for several generations to come.

Need to recall Rajaji's message

Saga of Rajaji cannot be fully told in a brief article but certainly the country should discuss and debate knowledgeably about the contribution of this great man to the pre and post independent India at national level.

Rajaji's relations with other leaders

Rajaji's relations with leaders like Nehru, E.V.RamaswamyNaicker(Periyar) in Tamil Nadu and others with whom he crossed swords for political reasons were extremely cordial on the personal front.

When Nehru passed away, Rajaji grieved as to why he was still there when Nehru had gone. When Rajaji passed away, E.V.Ramaswamy Naicker came to the cremation ground in wheel chair at his ripe age and cried inconsolably. Such standards of personal relationships amongst political leaders are becoming a far cry these days.

VIEWS ON THE ARTICLE ON RAJAJI

The article on "Rajaji- Mahatma Gandhi praised him as his conscience keeper" was circulated in the context of Rajaji's birthday on 10 th Decemebr,2014. Many persons have appreciated the contents of the article and expressed their admiration for Rajaji.

Excerpt from selected letters are published. Due to want of space , several letters could not be accommodated.



Thank you for touching appreciation of Rajaji.

Gopalkrishna Gandhi

Rajaji was right on people to people co-operation between India and Pakistant.But politicians and their military will defeat the mission

Bhagvanji Raiyani

I feel that Rajaji was an incredibly intelligent man. Rajaji had prophetic vision.

Rajaji was intensely practical and yet totally anchored in ethical parameters. That was very appealing. I think he was totally free from egoistic feelings. He had given deep thought to the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and accepted the basics.

Rajaji was not at all fond of high positions. His simplicity was impressive.

D.K.Oza

I have read the Hindi translations of Rajaji's Ramayana and Mahabharat at my age of 10-12. It has a very simple style and easily understood. If any youngster have time, I would recommend them to read them.

Dr.Mohunta

I agree with you about Rajaji's contribution to the country in various fields. Among Gandhiji's political associates, he was certainly the most pragmatic and practical in his approach and thinking.

RK Khandelwal

Considering the present level of politicians, it is really sad that we do not have a statesman like Rajaji today.

R.Narasimhan

OBSERVATIONS ON THE CLEAN INDIA CAMPAIGN

A seminar was organised in Chennai on 22nd November, 2014 on "How to make Clean India campaign successful?"

Seminar was well attended by cross section of engineers, IT professionals, social activists and teaching community.

Highlights of the observations and recommendations made in the seminar are given in this article.



* Lack of cleanliness in public places may be a sociological problem in India. Such conditions have existed in India for the last several decades .

* The mind set of the people must be changed and they should be sensitised ,which is now being done by Modi government and India has a very long way to go.

* Governments at various levels are responsible for unclean conditions today in public places, much more than the people.

* The so called celebrities and politicians sweeping for a few minutes in front of camera may bring the campaign to ridicule, if it continues.

* While the government of India has announced Clean India Campaign , it has not evolved an integrated strategy to handle the waste in eco friendly and appropriate manner.

* Integrated waste management programme can be developed only by developing appropriate technologies for the production of derivative products using waste as feed stock.

* The people can be motivated to collect waste , if they would get value for the waste, which is possible by making useful products from waste.

* Bio toilet facilities must be built in public places including every bus stop and railway stations.

* Government must encourage and recognise the formation of pressure groups amongst local communities consisting of motivated persons, so that pressures can be brought on the government departments to do the job efficiently and effectively.

HOW TO MAKE CLEAN INDIA CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL ? HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE ALL INDIA ESSAY COMPETITION

Prime Minister's call for a clean India campaign has caught the mood of the country. Several citizen's initiatives have been launched all over India to take the campaign to its logical end. On his part, the Prime Minister has also directed the government departments to take the necessary steps with vision and dynamism to take the campaign forward.

Nandini Voice for The Deprived organised an All India Essay Competition for the citizens on strategies to make clean India campaign successful. There was good response from the citizens all over India. The entries submitted by the following five persons have been selected for award of prize.

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| * Mr.Prakash Gupta, New Delhi | * Mr.G.Kantharajan, Mumbai |
| * Mr.Deepak Kumar, Lucknow | * Mr.Santosh Kumar Patel,
Madhya Pradesh |
| * Ms.Mathangi Chandrasekaran,
Chennai | |

Highlights of the views and suggestions made by the participants in the essay competition are provided in this article. The views have been submitted to the Prime Minister for his consideration.

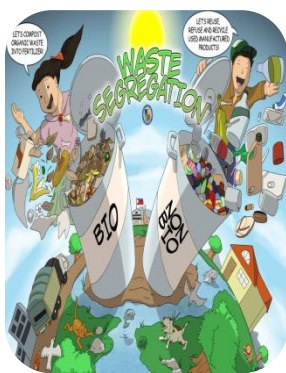


Need for campaign at school level

Mindset towards the need for cleanliness can be developed in a sustained and long lasting manner by initiating the campaign at the school level.

Importance of dustbins in public places

Dustbins should be installed in adequate number in all public places. The very sight of the dustbin would remind the people about the need for using it and give up the habit of throwing away the waste anywhere.



Need for segregation of waste

Each household should be asked to have two dustbins; one for biodegradable and one for non biodegradable waste.

In the case of the bio degradable waste, the household should themselves be persuaded to put them in a composting pit and convert it into manure for use in gardens. In the case of households who do not have land space, community composting pits should be organised in local areas to generate manure locally for use or for sale.

Need for toilets in all households

NGOs must be asked to identify the households that do not have toilets and submit the details to the local civic authorities.

It should then be the responsibility of the civic authorities to take steps to construct toilets in each household wherever possible or community toilets. A dynamic and imaginative civic body should also be able to organise private public partnership for construction of such toilets.

Respect the dignity of karamcharis and rag pickers



It is necessary that the government and the society should recognise the contribution of the karamcharis and rag pickers as professionals, involved in cleanliness campaign and treat them with the dignity that they deserve. Periodically, they should be honoured.

The public private partnership can be launched to provide safety equipment for their use, support the education of their children and organise separate clinics to provide medical treatment to them, if and when necessary.

Use technology in a big way :

Waste has to be recognised as a source of wealth and the ways and means of converting the waste into useful end products must be identified, appropriate to the local areas. Several technologies such as biotechnology already developed in India and abroad should be put to good use.

The government must give active support and incentives for industrial units that are set up to convert such wastes into utility products.

When waste are used as feedstock for the production of value added product, there would be additional incentive for people to collect waste, that may even fetch them some income by sale of the collected waste to the industrial units.

Uses of bio degradable products

In traditional India, paper and cloth bags, dust bins made of bamboo, mud pots, cotton textiles were largely used.

Use of such products should be encouraged and must be given priority for use. This will go a long way in reducing the use of non biodegradable products.



Use of electronic waste

Thousands of tonne of electronic wastes are now being generated in the country. Many value added products can be recovered from such electronic waste. The government must encourage small scale units all over India with facilities for profitably recovering valuable material from electronic waste such as lead , copper etc. which can be reused.

Use for sewage water

It is reported that several important chemicals like ammonia , methanol etc. are now being produced from sewage water abroad. Algae can be cultivated using waste water.

A task force must be created by the government to identify such technology possibilities and implement the appropriate schemes.

Prevent clean India campaign from becoming a farce.

Several so called celebrities like cinema stars and sports persons hold a broom in front of cameras and then are not seen anywhere with broom in public places later on. The politicians also resort to such gimmick. This amounts to ridiculing the campaign itself.

Campaign should not lose momentum

While there have been initial spurt of activities, the campaign should not be allowed to weaken in course of time. Continued debates , discussions and interactive efforts are necessary.

Perhaps, Mr.Narendra Modi can help the campaign further and set an example to others by sweeping atleast for a few minutes every day, as he is reported to spend several minutes every day doing yoga exercise in the morning .

Such examples have been set up in the past by great Indian leaders. Rajaji used to wash his own clothes and Mahatma Gandhi cleaned his toilet himself. Mr.Modi has great stalwarts before him to emulate .

VIOLENCE AMONGST PEOPLE CONTINUE UNABATED IS THE WORLD CIVILISATION REALLY PROGRESSING?

Great strides and improvements have been made in the field of science and technology around the world during the last several decades. Such developments are taking place with amazing speed and depth. Perhaps, even more amazing developments will take place in the coming years.

However, what has not changed is the mind set of the men and women around the world. Prejudices, enmity, violence and greed continue to haunt the humanity, whichever part of the world one may belong to.

While science and technology has seen changes for the better, the battle for the future in the mind of men and women are yet to be won and it appears that there is no likelihood for this to happen in the immediate future.

While great scriptures like Bhagavat Gita are there, great thinkers like Mahatma Gandhi, great religious leaders like AdiSankara, Christ, Allah, Buddha all have lived in this world, the overall impact in improving the mind set of the people appear to be practically insignificant. Basic behavior of men and women have not changed to any visible extent over the last several centuries.

The recent report published by World Health Organisation(WHO) highlight such negative traits in the mind set of human beings around the world. This status report has been prepared by WHO after collecting data from 133 countries, covering 6.1 billion people and representing 88% of the world's population.



The report points out that around 4.75 lakh murders were reported in the world in 2012. About 60% of these victims were males aged between 15 and 44 years, which is the most productive phase of life.

The report of the WHO further says that over one third of murdered women across the world were killed by their male partners, indicating how women face greater threat to their lives from their trusted ones. When women are killed, it is often their partners who are responsible.

WHO report reveals more startling facts which should disturb anyone who think that the world civilization has progressed. The report points out that 25% of all adults have said that they have been physically abused as children. One in five women reports having been sexually abused as child.

Obviously, the ethical and moral forces around the world have not been able to assert themselves adequately to defeat the baser elements in the minds and hearts of human beings. This also indicates that material affluence is no guarantee for spiritual betterment and quality life.

WHY PEOPLE COMMIT SUICIDE ? WHY NOT THEY LIVE LONG ?

Government of India has now decided that it would not be offence anymore to commit suicide. While those who successfully commit suicide will not take note of this law, those who attempt it and fail will have something to cheer about it.! Those who act like committing suicide as a matter of coercion will have the last laugh.

In any case, it is disturbing to know that so many people commit suicide in India.



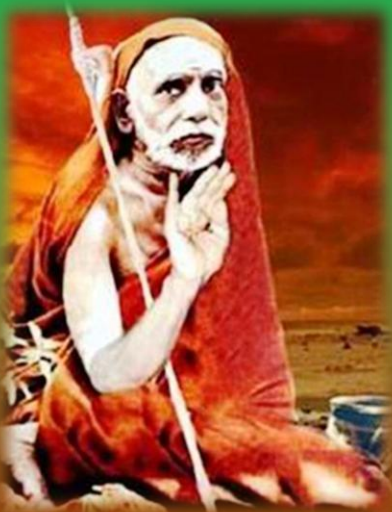
Police report a significant rise in the number of people who commit suicide in Tamil Nadu, which has the highest suicide rates among all states. The state recorded a total of 16,601 suicides in 2013, up by 6% from the previous year.

In Tamil Nadu, as many as 11,182 men killed themselves in 2013 as compared to 10,748 a year earlier, statistics from the Tamil Nadu crime records bureau show. The number of women who committed suicide dropped from 6,179 in 2012 to 5,419 in 2013.

The increase in suicide is attributed to depression from domestic disputes, disappointment over job failure and reluctance to seek help in distress.

The suicide rate for men and women is around the same till the age of 30, but after that the suicide rate among men increases drastically. The number of women who kill themselves drops off after they touch the age of 30, which counsellors say is probably due to the fact that they feel more empowered by this age and have children to care for.

THOUGHTS OF KANCHI PARAMACHARYA



Now a days when some people are guilty of some mistake or have to face some unbearable sorrow, they kill themselves. Can this be a way of removing the relation with the body? No, it cannot.

Although this gross body goes, again one must take another lowly birth.

Committing suicide is not the right way. The *dharma sastras* say that suicide is a heinous crime.

We have suffered difficulties earlier by committing many sins. Along with them, if the sin of suicide also joins, births and sufferings will only increase.

POLITICIANS STAY IN GOVERNMENT BUNGLOWS ILLEGALLY - TO WHOM THIS COUNTRY BELONG ?

There are a few persons who form political party or join one , manage to assemble large crowd of inter dependent supporters and then win elections by hook or crook. Once they get elected , they seem to think that the assets of the government are their grandfather's property.

The politicians claim that they represent the interests of the poor and downtrodden while contesting the elections !



However, even after they cease to be ministers or members of parliament / assemblies , some politicians refuse to vacate the government bungalows, which they occupy beyond the permitted period . Obviously, they have no sense of responsibility. They even may be shameless, as they do not care as to how the millions of Indians would view their behaviour.

These politicians say that they need more time to vacate the government bungalows than permitted period , "as they are sick or have to educate their children or want the bungalow to be converted into memorial for their godfather".

What about millions of Indians who have no dwellings and who live in extremely unhygienic thatched huts or tiny housings in very poor conditions, as they cannot afford to pay high rent. They too may be sick and have children to educate.

Will the government give them free bungalows? How are these politicians superior in any way to these deprived citizens to ask for special benefits ?

Poor tenants would be driven away like cattle by threats and coercion by the land lord, if they would delay paying the rent even by a week. But, the government is extremely polite and considerate to these politicians , who refuse to vacate the government bungalows and the government patiently wait for them to oblige.

To whom this country belong ?

OBSERVATIONS OF RBI GOVERNOR ON MAKE IN INDIA CAMPAIGN

Reserve Bank Governor Mr.Raghuram Rajan was reported to have cautioned the Government of India on Mr.Modi's "Make in India" campaign. He has called for "Make for India" campaign.

According to media reports, the RBI governor suggested that India should look for regional and domestic demand for growth and the export strategy for growth would be ineffective, as the industrial world is stagnating.

RBI governor appears to think that the make in India campaign launched by Mr.Modi only focuses on manufacturing and targeting for export led growth in the same pattern as what China has adopted.



On the other hand, the emphasis of make in India campaign is only to attract the overseas investors to invest in India and make the products in India. In Mr.Modi's strategy, there is no particular stress on only exporting the products and there is no insistence that such products should not be sold in India. It is up to the producers to decide on the market to be targeted – whether Indian or export market.

RBI governor appears to have pointed out that the export led growth would not be easy for India, since the global economy is still weak and is less likely to absorb substantial additional amount of imports in the immediate future. This stand of the RBI governor appears to be incorrect, as the projects envisaged by Mr.Modi in make in India campaign may take some time for implementation and it would be unrealistic to think that the world market would continue to remain weak for long time to come. The world market is seen to have cyclical nature and this trend would continue, with depression becoming a passing phase in the course of time.

RBI governor has to keep in mind that the purchasing capacity in India is still very low and Indian market by itself may not be able to absorb all the additional production in India. If Indian projects were to focus only on the Indian market, and then in that case, the production would be guided by Indian per capita income and consumption. If Indian GDP and per capita income were to be pushed up, the production has to be increased and there is no choice other than looking to the larger world market for Indian products. The export market is not optional for Indian producing units but is a necessary need.

One may conclude that the projects set up in India have to necessarily focus both on the Indian and world market, whether one would call it "make in India" or "make for India".



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