

Q NO. 02

## India's Growing Beggar Population.

The cities of India, when visited by foreigners, are referred to as the cities of beggars and dust, due to the rise in number of beggars. No statistical data or causes are needed to bring reforms. Rather prevailingness of beggars and their effect on the lives of citizens need to be accounted. Religious and social conscience about beggars is one of the reasons why they prevail and sustain. Generational begging defies the expectation of self-sufficiency through work. Even capable persons, with some patches in their clothes, turn to this fraternity of begging, and it can be witnessed in almost every nook and corner. Odd as it may appear, some beggars are wealthier than their impoverished donors. Enlightenment in the consciousness of Indians has started discourses about these beggars. In the west, begging is deemed as crime through vagrancy act of Parliament. Poverty, unemployment, and increase in population has given impetus to the rise of beggars. It needs to be cleared in mind that no betterment will it bring by giving unaccounted charity to the able beggars. Though, addressing beggars requires changing social attitudes, education on social science, and enforcing anti-vagrancy laws. A sane outlook on life is needed to combat this widespread issue, with some focus on holy cities where beggars often lead unholy lives.



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The author suggests that in the future, freedom from the constant influx of information and technology, represented by "blinking machines, streaming videos, and scrolling headlines," is likely to become a scarcity. It is because if we are more inundated with connectivity, we may then crave more for the moments of disconnections.

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Due to continuous influx of information and the fast pace of the modern life, people lose the skill of being fully present in the moment and engaging in deep, reflective thinking. The urgency of slowing down is important for finding the time and space to think. However, the constant barrage of information hampers this ability, leading to a lack of attentiveness and deep thoughts.

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The author's claim means that despite having numerous means of communication, people often engage in frequent and superficial interactions. This is because they are so engrossed in their busy lives, responding to the constant demands of blinking machines and other distractions, that they have less time for meaningful conversations.

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People are showing an interest in traditional practices like yoga, meditation, and tai chi because these activities offer a way to slow down and reconnect with a more contemplative and peaceful way of life. These practices can help individuals regain attentiveness, memory, and improved cognition.

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Modern individuals might find it challenging to empathize with others because empathy as well as deep thought, relies on ~~more~~ mind processes that are inherently slow. In our high-speed, information saturated lives, there is little time for the kind of slow, deep thinking necessary for genuine empathy. The constant rush prevents individuals from fully connecting with others and understanding their feelings.



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- (a) Fakeem used to wear glasses when he was younger, but now he wears contact lenses.
- (b) Salma has taken her driving test five times so far without success, but she has not given up.
- (c) Sü Azhar Afzal has been reading a novel for five days.
- (d) The prices of onions has come down.
- (e) He said that he was suffering from fever.
- (f) Sü Ali Shatab left for Karachi last week.
- (g) He wishes he were a prince.

Q NO. 05

(A)

The Hodja always wanted to learn something new, and one day he had a sudden inspiration to learn how to play the lute. He approached a music teacher and asked him, "How much do you charge for private lute lessons?" "Three silver pieces for the first month, after that one silver piece a month."

"Oh, great!" exclaimed Hodja. "Then I'll start with the second month."



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- (i) He quarreled over a tiffle.
- (ii) He is addicted to smoking.
- (iii) He resigned from his job.
- (iv) I am waiting at the bus stop.
- ~~(v)~~ (v) I looked this word up in the dictionary, but I still don't understand it.
- (vi) Are you for or against the President?
- (vii) I'd rather be single than in a bad relationship.
- (viii) We've put a lot of effort in this project.

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(i) Khushbakht's affection for animals was genuine.  
And her constant laughter was an affectation.

(ii) The movie had a censor to review its contents.  
Critics didn't hesitate to censure the poor quality of the movie.

(iii) The car had dual exhaust pipes.  
The duel between the racers was intense.

(iv) She became famous for her singing.  
And her twin sister became notorious for her scandals.

(v) The painter chose a vibrant hue for the sky.  
The lumberjack used an axe to hew the tree.

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Meggie asked Tom, "Tom, how much money did you give for the rabbits?"

Tom replied, "I gave five shillings and six pence."

Meggie said, "I think I've got more than that in my box upstairs. I'll ask mother to give it to you."

Tom asked, "What for? I don't want your money. I've ~~got~~ got for more money?"

Meggie said, "I want to buy some more rabbits."

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A student's life obligation is to learn (acquire knowledge) from teachers and books that can ~~help~~ light up the dark paths of life. Fulfilling this obligation requires uniformity and consistency. Any external influence that negates them should be kept separate from the circle of learning. Otherwise, there is a risk that student's absorbing will remain incomplete and wasting the valuable time that should have been devoted solely to acquiring knowledge. A mere happening of political activity be devoted to interests. Our nation needs scholars and virtues more than political workers, who are well-versed in ~~at~~ eastern, western, religious and worldly knowledge, all at a time, which is apparent that only then such all-rounder people are born. Whereas, political factors should not interfere in academic pursuits. It is said that in comparison to western education, our educational standards are lower to some extent which is the result of our economic conditions. And perhaps, it is not insincere to say that many of our teachers may be lacking in lightening the passion for knowledge in the hearts of their students; however, a significant part of this responsibility undoubtedly rests with the students themselves.