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Essay

“ Nations fail when they do not excel in socio-economic and political aspects, if a nation is not willing to adopt economic progress then soon it will fall into prey of internal and external chaos which will ultimately bring havoc destruction to that nation.” Book “ why nations fail”.

This statement given in the book shows the significance of success of nations in three aspects which are socio, politico and economic progressions. It is clear and crystal that nations low in these aspects would definitely disintegrate. Hence, it can be deduced that

nations which do not have democracy, economic stability, mechanism of strict accountability of their leaders and religious freedom along with religious harmony fail in all aspects. Moreover, absence of free media and lack of education of its masses drive a nation towards its bleak future. However, nations can succeed if they bring democracy, educate their people and augment their economic potential. These factors play a very pivotal role in success of nations. Ergo, it can be said that nations fail to achieve their success when they do not follow said principles, but this does not mean that nations cannot gain their aims, it is fact that they can attain a ray of glory and prosperity by implementing some measures.

Characteristics of successful nations are democracy, economic stability, higher spending on human

welfare and human development.

Moreover, free media, fair elections, independent judiciary and political stability are the key characteristics of successful nations.

To begin with, nations fail because of absence of democracy. When states are obstive to give the right of electing government according to the choice of people. Democracy gives a right of electing representatives of own choice to the people. A well-known political leader has rightly said "Nations which do not have right of electing government of own choice cannot achieve prosperity." It means that with the absence of democracy nations fail to have progressive set up. In this context example of South Sudan is very shocking factor where people are in the siege of civil war because they are ruled by military that is authoritarian regime. So, absence of true democracy is leading cause of failure

failure of nation.

Moreover, paucity of economic stability lead nations towards a permanent failure, without economic stability no nation on the planet is able to succeed. Economic instability brings chaos, crime, division of people. Economic instability is caused due to meagerness of long term policies, political stability and democracy. Case of Afghanistan is very recent case that is being run by Taliban after the fall of Kabul. Taliban are now in search of economic stability due to various sanctions on them by world communities. It signifies that economic stability is pivotal. Hence, another horrendous factor of failure of nations is economic instability.

Moving ahead, nations fail due to lack of accountability of their leaders who are involved in corruption, violation of laws and other criminal activities. Lack of

accountability is caused due to paucity of merit and rule of law. In this context example of Pakistan is very alarming. According to Transparency International organization in its report published in October, 2017, "In Pakistan no one has ever given a punishment prescribed in law since its inception." This is very shocking to see the accountability process of Pakistan. It means that nations fail when they do not follow the process accountability of leaders. Hence, lack of accountability of leaders is also major cause of failure of nations.

Furthermore, lack of religious freedom and religious harmony is major factor behind failure of nations. When people of specific religion or sect are not entitled to freedom of their beliefs, this damages the religious harmony which eventually become reason of religious extremism. Lack of religious freedom and religious harmony, the latter means

living together with peace and harmonial manner, has inflammed the meanance of religious extremism in Yemen and Syria which are on the wreck of war. Hence, lack of religious freedom and religious
 • is also leading factor for the failure of nations.

Moreover, absence of free media is also a major cause of failure of nations. People of the specific nation if not allowed to have an access to free media, then they can never attend the sense of freedom. If media and press are completely censored then a nation cannot have a right of freedom of speech. Media censorship in North Korea and Afghanistan are two major examples of failure of nations. So, nations fail to be successful when they do not have free media.

Additionally, lack of educating people also pushes a nation towards failure of a nation. As per the laws of UNO, education is a fundamental right of a person because education breeds a myriad of prospects. Without proper education no nation can ever achieve its success. In this context, Sub-Saharan states of Africa are the living examples of failure of nations because they lack of education of their people. To conclude, lack of education is also a major cause of failures of nations.

Another reason of failure of nation is less spending on human development. Human development includes investing on health, education and welfare of people. Countries with low spending on human development are failing to achieve their success. Without spending on human development no nation can ever be successful. In this regard example of

Afghanistan is in front of the world that its people are falling in prey of lethal diseases due to less spending on human development. Hence, low spending on human development is also a major issue for failure nations.

Moreover, nations fail when they do not implement rule of law effectively. Rule of law means following and implementing laws and rules equally without any disparity among all citizens. Lack of rule of law leads a nation towards disturbance and chaos. Lack of rule of law in Somalia is a latest example of the destruction of a nation. So, 'Lack of rule of law's implementation is also a major cause.

To add more, ever augmenting crime rate within a territory of nation is also a leading cause of a failure of a nation.

High crime rate in any nation breeds terrorism, extremism and civil war. A nation facing a crime rate at higher level is never able to achieve any prosperity. Case in point of Kenya in this context is alarming thing that is striving for many years to be path of progress, but it is failed due to high crime rate. Even, nations also fail due to high crime rate.

Last but not the least, nations fail to achieve prosperity when they are devoid of political stability. Political instability can be explained as "the lack of long term elected government and continuous chaotic situation within a domain of state." Lack of political stability gives a way to various internal and external factors such as economic instability, high polarization in society, lack of foreign direct investment and other issues. Civil war in

South Sudan is a shocking example of political instability.

Therefore, nations also fail when they are devoid of political stability.

The previous paragraphs have discussed the factors responsible for failure of nations. In coming paragraphs, the suggestions will be offered for the success of nations.

To begin with, nations can be successful by bringing democracy. "Democracy is the government of the people by the people for the people." Said Abraham Lincoln. This quotation signifies the importance of democracy. If people are given the right of electing their representatives as per their choices. Then, nations can be successful, in this context the example of democracy of Scandinavian states, is very satisfactory because they are full of democratic principles. Hence, nations can be successful

by adopting the spirit of democracy.

Moreover, nations can also be successful by educating their people. Education brings peace, awareness and political stability. Example of USA is a significant model for the world, USA has become a successful nation because of education of his people.

Other examples are Finland, Norway and Denmark which have the highest literacy rate in the world and are successful nations.

Moving ahead, by strengthening economy nations can be successful.

As economic stability is mother of all the developments and progress. Japan was completely destroyed in 1945 by attacks of bombing by the USA, but Japan decided to strengthen its economy after havoc destruction. Another example is of China that is now world's second largest economy; before 1980s China was nothing but a failed state, it emerged as powerful

economy after 2019. Hence, the nations can be successful by achieving economic development.

Additionally, nations can also be successful by implementing free media. Success of a nation is totally dependent on the freedom of media, freedom of speech and freedom of its people. In this context, free of media in the USA is a living example, media there is not censored as like other states. On going protests of pro Palestinian protests in the USA are given complete coverage. Therefore, nations can also be successful by having free media.

In the last, by investing on human development nations can also be successful. Human development consists of humans lives betterment in the healthcare, education field and economic well-being. In this context,

The example of Singapore is on the topmost, it invests larger part of its GDP on its people and human development. Hence, nations can also be successful by investing on human development.

To conclude, nations fail to achieve success due to various factors such as, lack of education of people, low spending on human development and nations also fail when they are devoid of implementing laws. Moreover, nations also fail when they fail to control rate of crime. Nations also fail to achieve prosperity and progress when they are faced with political instability. However, these problems do not mean that nations cannot be successful. Obviously, nations can be successful by ameliorating their economy, having free media and having higher spending on human development. Hence, one should not be disappointed of failure of

its nation passing through hard times because at the end of tunnel there is always a ray of hope and positivity.

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