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Why Nations Fail?

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Among hundreds of nations across the world, some are enjoying a prosperous life and termed as successful nations, while some are categorized as failed. There are multiple reasons for failure of a nation in economic domain,

If the wealth of a nation is conc. in few elites, it is deemed to collapse. The lack of investment in human capital development also led to failure of a nation, as it is not equip with required impetus to compete in this globalized world. Also, poor governance makes a country vulnerable and to failure. Moreover, dependence on a single sector of economy makes a country vulnerable to economic shocks and results in failure of its economy. In political sphere, the concentration of ~~wealth~~ political powers by few political elites is a major reasons of failure of majority of failed states. Similarly, political instability and polarization make a country vulnerable

and open gate to failure of nation. Likewise, foreign interventions in form of attack, invasion or sanctions leads to failure of a state. There are also social reasons for failure of a state. An illiterate citizenry cannot develop a successful state; hence, it is deemed to collapse. Also, prevailing gender inequality leads to failure of a nation, as they form the backbone of society. Furthermore, lack of vigilant citizens to keep an eye on the political power elites makes a nation vulnerable to political extremism and exploitation. Likewise, unending ethnic and religious conflicts is a major reasons of collapse of nation across the globe. These reasons can be overcome by adopting certain reforms,

which will make a nation successful. Every nation must provide free and compulsory education to all of its citizens. It must overcome political polarization by building political harmony. It must invest in human capital development and embark on ^{Journey to} economic reforms to overcome economic inequality. Hence, the nations fail due to concentration of economic and political power in hands of few elites, political polarization and high illiteracy. A nation must embark on journey of social, political and economic reforms to become a successful nation.

To begin with, there are multiple reasons for failure of nations but

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among them concentration of wealth in few elites is a major reason. when wealth is concentrated in few, ~~they~~ it leads to creation of stratification in society. This class structure is rule by those who hold majority of wealth and subjugate those who control lower class. This results in formation of exploitative economic institutions which take care of interest of those elites rather than whole population. This cause the nation to dwindle in poverty, such that majority lives in poverty while few elites enjoy their lavish lifestyle. The same phenomenon is manifested in Haiti, where majority of wealth is concentrated in few elites, making the rest of citizens impoverished. Thus, the concentration of

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in economic elites is a major reason for failure of a state.

Similarly, lack of investment in human capital development also results in failure of nation. Along with infrastructure development, human capital development plays greater role in development of a nation. If a country does not invest properly on its human capital, it become vulnerable to failure. The citizens does not have required skills to form a resilient social and economic system. Therefore, the nation collapses. For instance, the lack of development of human capital in Afghanistan leads to collapse of state even after investment of billions of dollars on infrastructure and defence by NATO allies.

Hence, failure to invest in human capital leads to failure of nation.

Likewise, poor governance structure also leads to failure of nation. Governance is the phenomenon of governing society and state. The flawed system of governance not only leads to collapse of trust of citizens of state institutions but also leads to economic downfall, as no one invests in those markets which is marked by poor governance. For example, the prevailing poor governance structure in Venezuela leads to collapse of economy and failure of state. Hence, if a country has poor governance structure it is deemed to collapse.

Moreover, over dependence of economy on a single sector

also leads to failure of a nation. Overdependence means that economy is more than 50% dependent on production from a single sector. This overdependence makes a country vulnerable to foreign economic shocks. In case of collapse of global economic system, this economy cannot withstand the shock. This results in a cycle of economic downfall characterized by unemployment, liquidity crisis and rising poverty. For instance, the economic dependence of Zimbabwe on agriculture predominantly tobacco leads to collapse of its economy when global prices came down and its production collapses. Hence, lack of economic diversification leads to failure of nations.

Furthermore, in political domain, the concentration of political power in hands of few aristocrats also leads to collapse of a nation. When power is concentrated in few individuals, they start abusing it. They formed political institutions which serve interests of those few elites. They also in turn form economic institutions, through utilizing their political powers, which serve their interest rather than whole of the populace. Therefore, they constitute a system which weakens the society and state but those few earn huge amount of wealth. The same was manifested in Myanmar, where the military leadership took control of state and starts an exploitative system resulting in failure of the state. Hence, the oligarchy

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is a major reason for failure of a nation.

In addition, the lack of political stability also results in failure of nation. Political stability is essential for peaceful order and economic development of a nation. When a country enters in an unending cycle of instability, the law and order situation worsened followed by elimination of trust of investors in economy, as the policies change day-by-day. Political instability also creates power vacuum, which starts a fight for gaining power, which in turn results in grave political crisis. For instance, the fall of Saad Beir government in early 1990s led to a power vacuum, which in turn started

a power struggle and the country enter an unending political instability and now categorized as the most impoverished state in the world. Hence, political instability forms the root cause of failure of a nation.

Similarly, political polarization makes a country vulnerable to failure. Political polarization is characterized by ^{extreme} political differences, attitude and ideologies where none is ready to engage in dialogue and find solution to prevailing issues. This is very dangerous for any nation. The people divided in two camps where no one listens to other. any nation which is divided internally cannot withstand any aggression. Moreover, they are also not united for national growth and

progress; therefore, a cycle of misgovernance and economic mismanagement started leading to failure of a state.

For instance, the divided beliefs of Royal Special Forces (RSF) and Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) leads to a civil war marked by killing of civilian and economic downfall.

Hence, the polarized society is vulnerable to collapse.

Also, the foreign interventions are also a major reason for the failure of nation. Foreign interests in a state can lead to intervention by foreign forces. These interventions can be of different ways like invasion, attacks on strategic assets or regime change. These interventions are aimed at securing their interests rather

than the people of the nation. Once, they gain power in these areas they start projecting their interests at expense of the indigenous nation. They destroy the essential social and political system and start plundering the natural resources of the nation. For example, the invasion of Iraq by U.S. forces not only overthrew the Saddam regime but also led to plundering of its resources and destruction of its people and resources. Hence, foreign intervention leads to collapse of a nation.

Likewise, High illiteracy is another major reason that leads to failure of a nation. Education plays a vital role in development of state. It enable enlightened citizens,

~~fore~~ tolerant society and economic growth. The high illiteracy means that majority of citizens have no social and political conscience and lack of this will lead to social and political collapse of the state. Moreover, economic development is also not possible without literate citizens, who are well-equipped with require economic skills. For instance, those countries are today more successful who have high literacy rates. Countries like Finland, Norway and Luxembourg have achieved 98% of literacy rate. Hence, prevailing illiteracy is a road to failure of a nation.

Furthermore, high gender inequality is another major reason for collapse of a

nation. Women play an integral role in a nation. They constitute almost half of population and play essential role in social, political and economic sphere of a nation. Ignoring the role of women and does not provide equal opportunity to them, they are deemed to fail because it is neglecting almost half of its population. For any nation to become successful, they had to achieve greater gender parity. For instance, the countries with highest gender parity like Iceland, which rank 1st in Gender Gap Index, it is one of the successful nation with highest ranking in HDI as well. Hence, the gender inequality also leads to failure of nation.

Similarly, unending ethnic and religious conflicts leads to crisis which in turn leads to failure of nation.

For growth and development of any nation, peace and social cohesion play an essential part so, if a country is marred by continuous ethnic and religious conflict it will ultimately fail to succeed. For instance, the unending conflict in Rwanda between different ethnicities results in genocide of 1994 and complete

collapse of society and political system. Hence, continuous violence in form of ethnic and religious conflicts leads to failure of a state.

Likewise, lack of vigilant citizens to keep an eye on political leaders, also

leads to failure of states. Political power needs checks to proper function. These checks are provided by various constitutional means but the most important check is the vigilant citizens, who keep an eye on the power elites. Whenever they try to abuse the power the citizens resist and overthrow the regime. However, if a country lacks vigilant citizens, the power elites will abuse the power for their vested interest and will lead to failure of nation. For instance, the vigilant citizens of U.S. have kept the govt in check during Watergate scandal. They protest and force president to resign. Hence, the ^{lack of} vigilancy by citizens leads to collapse of nation.

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Although there are multiple reasons for failure of a nation, it must adopt various reforms to overcome these and become a successful nation. First of all, it must reform its education system to ensure education for all. As education plays an integral role in development of a nation, it must be free and compulsory for all. This will open doors for social, political and economic development of nation. For instance, the education system of Norway can be a case in point, which ^{has} ensured higher social and economic development of the country. Thus, to become a successful nation the education reforms are essential.

Secondly, the political polarization must be overcome, through consensus building. The political Polarization fragment society making it vulnerable. The nation must adopt certain political reforms which helps build consensus, especially on matters of public interests. This will help achieve resilience and development. The Charter of Democracy can be a great example in this regard, which brought ^{two} ~~2~~ parties, having complete different ideologies, on one table and achieve a milestone in form of 18th and 25th amendments. Hence, overcoming Polarization can be a great way to ~~over~~ gain a successful global image.

Thirdly, the nation must invest heavily in human

capital development. The human capital development is development of essential social, and economic skills required for development of any nation. Without adequate human capital development no nation can gain success in this globalized world. The countries like Finland with highest ranking in Human Development Index (2024) is also one of the most successful country in the world. Their system of human development can be a case study for developing world. Thus, the investment in human capital is way forward to successful nation.

Last but not the least, the nation must embark on journey to economic

reforms to overcome economic inequality. The economic inequality is one of the major reasons for failure of a nation. Therefore, it must introduce various reforms such as land reform, capital gains tax and inheritance tax. Moreover, the taxation system must be made efficient to tax the powerful elites and then develop social safety nets for impoverished population. The Sweden system of welfare state can be a great example to overcome inequality and serve the interests of majority of population. Hence, the economic reforms to curtail the menace of economic inequality is way forward to achieve greater prosperity.

In conclusion, the major reason for failure of a

nation is indeed the concentration of political and economic power in hands of elites. Followed by lack of access to education, political polarization and unending conflicts. Moreover, poor governance, lack of investment in human capital development and over-dependence on single economic sector also leads to failure of nation in political sphere, anocracy, political instability and polarization paves the way to collapse of a nation. Similarly, high illiteracy and greater gender gap lead to failure of a state. Unending religious and ethnic conflict, also make country internally weak and open gateway to its collapse. The lack of vigilant citizen

to keep an eye on power elites also leads to failure of a state. To become a successful nation, the nation must embark on journey of economic reforms to overcome inequality, ensure free and compulsory education, and human capital development. The building of political consensus on matter of public interest should also be use to overcome political polarization. Although there are multiple factors involve in failure of nation, if a nation adopt correct path and reforms of social, political and economic institutions it can become a successful nation.