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GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Lifting people out of extreme poverty in the large and populous countries of South Asia, Africa in 21st century

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Living on an amount below \$3 per day on an average has been the standard definition for people suffering from extreme poverty.

The lack of purchasing power and the inability to deal with price rise, low income and the ability. Countries in Africa and South Asia, have the highest number of people living in financial distress.

Extreme poverty or terms like multi dimensional poverty are needed to assess the real condition of masses and the economy, as locally and within any particular country, the benchmarks and parameters can be changed internally to suit political dispensation & give impression that population of poor is less or high.

Despite efforts and schemes to tackle poverty, these countries still form the major part of the Population that is classified as poor in the world.

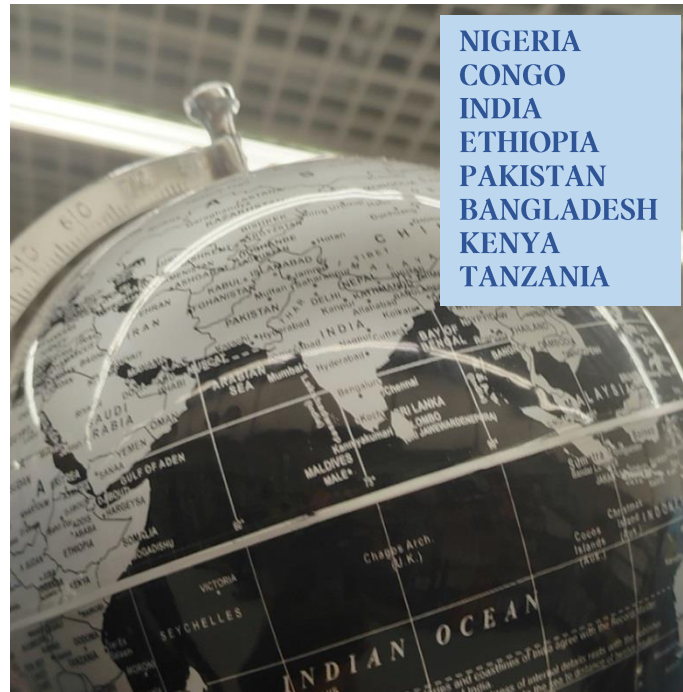
Civil war in African countries or the natural disasters in South Asian countries, make it difficult to bring about a change, fast.

Flood and drought force people to shift. Coastal regions too deal with such disasters. Bangladesh is an example. Disasters due to coast, affect large section.

India started rural job guarantee scheme and also ensures that the poor get grains and the necessary articles to have such families get their meals.

It lifted tens of millions out of poverty in the last two decades. Still, due to the size of the countries and the large population.

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Countries with largest poor population in the world

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Nigeria, Congo and Ethiopia are among the countries with a huge poor population.

Due to its huge size, India accounts with one of the largest population of poor in the world.

Along with India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, form another block that has been battling poverty, especially, acute poverty.

Then, Tanzania, Kenya and Afghanistan are among the nations that too suffer from multi dimensional property.

If living under dollar 3 is taken as a standard method to assess it, then Nigeria has over 100

million people that fall in this category, followed by Congo (90 million), Ethiopia (80 million), India (75 million), Pakistan (75) million.

Mozambique and Madagascar also have huge populace living in penury.

But, if the overall global multidimensional poverty is considered, then data suggests that India could have the highest number of poor.

In fact, extrapolation and estimate even suggest 160-234 million poor in India.

War-ravaged and insurgency affected nations face economic issues, In South America too, poverty is an issue that gets less attention at global level.

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Britain sees surge in online hate against 'others', constant propaganda affects masses and makes them believe 'claims' that damage society

EVIL STRATEGY: Repeating a wild claim, selectively picking data with the intent to misuse and misinform masses, is a style that affects the sanest people & a lie almost becomes the truth.



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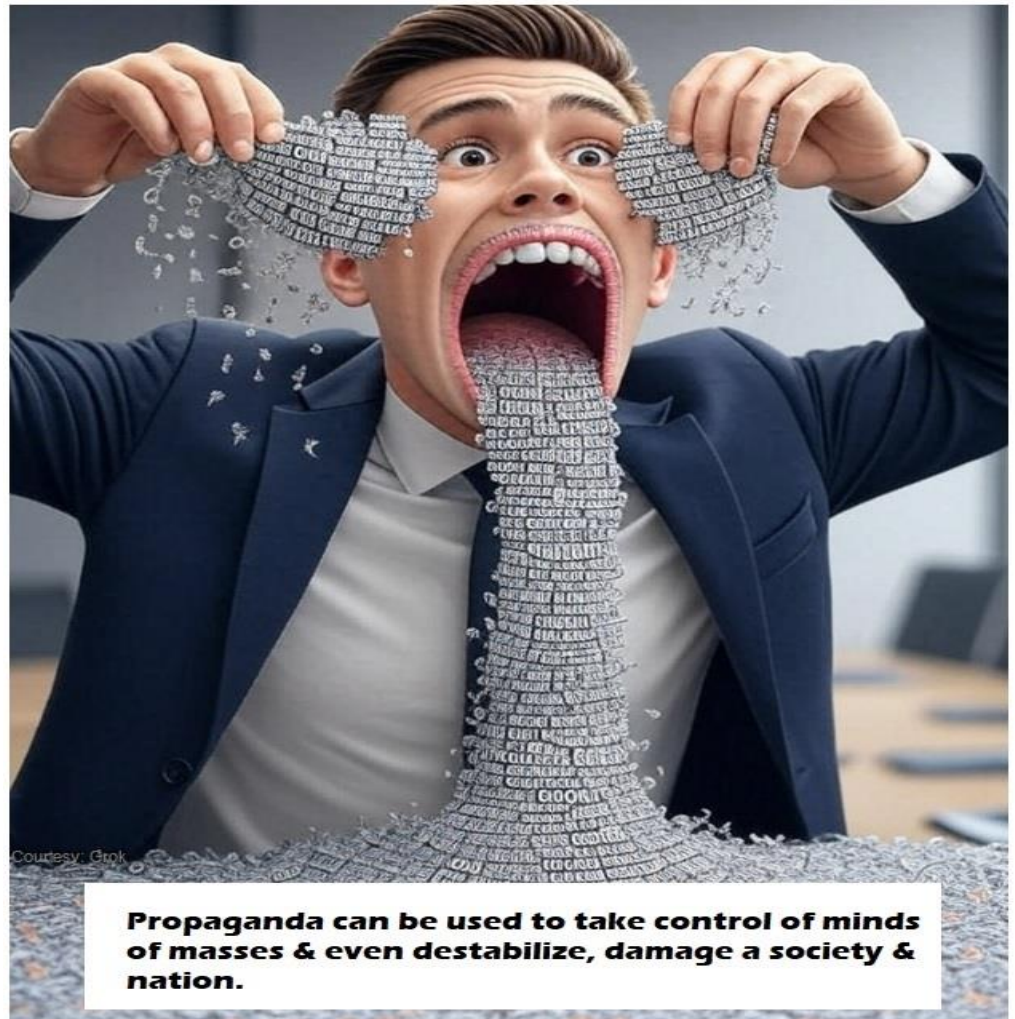
Propagandists spread a lie, keep repeating it. A section that has power to spread narrative and also has a gang of influencers who can push the propaganda, will repeat it, day & night.

Soon, a situation comes when it becomes so common that no one dares to even ask, 'where is data to support this argument or the basis of this claim?'. 'Forget data', 'we don't care about it, 'we know its true, we say it', come the replies. Germany then, Britain now?

This question has come up due to the ongoing wave of hatred against immigrants that has been fuelled by a section of 'influencers' on social media platforms. Actually, any false or wild claim can be made mainstream, if you own the press or have stronger presence in newsrooms [media houses] than others or you have alliance with xenophobes with millions of followers who can share a message, again and again, like maniacs.

Propaganda makes people believe the conspiracy theories. For example, the cunning among propagandists, will take, for example 25-50 out of 10,000 crimes, now use the images of these 25-50 cases, alternatively and again and again, one each day. It will be two months pass before first photo repeats.

The rage is built each and every day—level of anger and hate goes up, dangerously. Especially, it happens when celebrities or some politicians with huge following or a big personality associated with a major social media platform, become part of this propaganda. The message goes that if a man accused belongs to this race and hence all members of this race are bad. They do it with a clear hateful aim and hence the plan succeeds.



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Though truth could be far from it. Further, they do what a section of 'society' wants to hear too [we are great, they are bad] & go on to suppress info about incidents that are far more but don't fit in the scheme of things of the propagandists. Even, the media men get affected by the trend, as media too needs eyeballs and sensationalism sells. They make majority feel insecure and instill sense of fear.

Ask them to share official record of any major crime--all murders or all rapes in a place in a year or six months along with names of all the accused or list of all serial killers. But, they won't share this basic info that is needed for any analysis, if indeed race or region would be used to generalize & label all people of entire section as 'opponents'. The method has been used by Nazis in the past and happens in other parts of the world too. Nations have suffered.

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INSPIRING: Carrying forward Sir Syed's mission, setting up educational institutions

Sir Syed Educational Society has shown the way and set up schools with impressive campuses, running the institutions successfully in Kanpur and Unnao. Others should also take the mission forward, especially, at regional and district levels, as AMU alumni associations exist all over the world.

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Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's role as a reformer & educationist is part of history and everyone knows about it.

The varsity that he set up, led to emergence of an educated class in India, long before the dawn of independence.

Though AMU gave a fillip to education, after it was founded, more such institutions didn't come up in other regions of North India, especially, districts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

For decades, it was seen as if education was in the hands of the state and as if it was the government's prerogative alone to open schools and colleges.

The Sir Syed Public Schools in Kanpur & Unnao are examples of how active and focused Alig alumni can bring about a major positive change in society. In fact, varsity old boys' active interest can bring about a transformation in the North.

In contrast, decades ago, people in South India decided to stop looking at just the government and they started building private colleges, schools and institutions.

Sensing need to provide affordable education and a safe campus with teachers who guide the students, schools were opened in Kanpur and Unnao. In the recently held event at the Sir Syed Public School in Kanpur, prominent personalities from different fields and other states, participated. Former DG Chhattisgarh police, MW Ansari, Idris Ahmad & AMU fraternity members were present. Students were given scholarships under Raftaar scheme.



Photos of Sir Syed Public Schools in Kanpur (right) & Unnao (inset). Unnao campus photo by Faiz Khan.

Unlike UP, states like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka & Andhra (now AP and Telangana are separate states), had taken early lead in this regard. Due to the push in Deccan, a number of minority owned educational institutes were set up in Southern India.

From the chain of Anjuman Islam institutes in Maharashtra in the past to the Azam Campus in Pune, Al Amin group in Karnataka and Hyderabad based societies took up cudgels and worked in the education sector. In fact, the 1949 order led to a unique situation in UP,

Urdu was given a raw deal and that way, the state with the highest concentration of Muslims in India, witnessed removal of Urdu from education system and it affected generations.

Students across the state found it hard to cope when the language was suddenly dropped and even as third language, it was practically not given space in schools and replaced by Sanskrit.

The importance of private schools and more campuses that can provide education in accordance with the need of the

girls amid safe and secure environment, is essential.

Aligarh Muslim University has its alumni, excel in diverse fields across the world, and the Old Boys' associations, too, exist in most countries.

Initiatives at district and regional level can go a long way in bringing the much needed change.

Sir Syed Educational Society and the Human Welfare Foundation (HWF) awarded scholarships to children who lost their fathers at an early age. The children's mothers were also invited for the programme.

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Fast strides: Muslims march ahead on literacy in Central India, other states and rural parts

Data is available but info about narrowing gap between communities' literacy & Muslim women racing ahead in rural India (a recent report), are ignored in media.



Crises report has been available for long, but periodic survey reports in last few years, also corroborate. It's not just about the entire Central Indian region, which had 20 crore or 200 million population, then, & now has estimated population of two billion or 12 cr. Below to population of China, more than that of Egypt, S Africa, Turkey & 39 other countries.

In other regions too, Muslim literacy rate has gone up. An old data is a particular way of making headlines, narrowing difference between Hindu & Muslim. Literacy gaps not attention. In search engine (internet), newspapers will make sweeping remarks like 'backbone' or 'low literacy level, though data & surveys after Census, also show community's forward march.

Biggest states in the country are India & China. India's literacy rate is 68% and China's is 66%. Muslims in India are 14.6% of population. In the last census, Hindu literacy rate was 74% and Muslim 62%. In 2011, Hindu literacy rate was 74% and Muslim 62%. In 2011, Hindu literacy rate was 74% and Muslim 62%. In 2011, Hindu literacy rate was 74% and Muslim 62%.



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SLOW PROGRESS: Women's representation in legislature remains low in many Asian countries



The representation of women in parliaments in United Nations report suggests that the one of the major indicators of gender equality, proportion of women in the legislature, stand up after 1990 but it is still far behind a level of parity.

The number of countries in the world that



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Growing influence, Grand projects, investment in infrastructure: Will it eventually be China's century?



China is getting transformed at a fast pace. The country has gained more influence at the global level. Its infrastructure is world class—improving connectivity, running high speed trains, investing in key sectors, developing its own world class cities, projects abroad, strong economy & establishing ties with nations in Asia & Africa.

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China has been immensely successful in production of goods for global consumption and this boom in production, has made it the leading exporter among all the countries in the world.



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