Editorial

Formative Thoughts about Sustainable State

"Can't you try to bringstable change in tradition, custom and contrivances of culture and then uphold your civilization? Won't you be wisely rational, tolerably conservative with a balanced foresight-mentally and physically- in accordance with your family traditions and socio-national traits? Only this will protect you and push forward your existential flow."

— **Thakur Anukulchandra**

State, as an assemblage of people is the structural and functional apparatus to bringstable change in tradition, custom and contrivances of culture of them. There it has to resolve identity logjam. Identity as a citizen is often in conflict with other identities of a person in contemporary state system (CSS). The notion of citizen having the primary allegiance to the state in CSS takes various turns as per the state's constitutional binding to an ideology. From secular to religious, capitalist to communist, society prominence to primacy of democracy, between democracy and authoritarianism, and between majoritarianism and minority appeasement - CSS is not able to resolve this issue of allegiance. Written provisos in every type of constitution are falling short to resolve identity conflict. The result is consequent narrowness in mindset of citizenry expressed in conflict for identity-based differences.

Reasons require to be investigated deeper. There is no dearth of proto-theories from political scientists, philosophers, sociologists, economists, historians, literary luminaries and communication experts. Several types of human identities arising in graduated manner during journey of civilisation are well chronicled. However questions about relation of the state with society, natural environment, ways of worshiping, powerful web machines and world are still waiting for durable solution. Closer look into a barrage of such unresolved issues disturbing peaceful coexistence with equity between states and within state throws many a challenges.

Ideologies of State and Challenges of Stability

Should state be based on features of society as Tagore believed for any trans-generational continuous civilisation? Or should state break the spine of such civilisational society based countries in the altar of statism? Can state be one decentralised unit of an Earth state or continental state like European Union? Should state follow a common way of life or common way of worshiping like in theological states? Should there be differing forms of state structure for states operating in civilisations with break or in continuous civilisations like India?

These questions are arising again and again as our capacity for peace, coexistence, pollution free healthy life, free exchange of ideas between hemispheres, and the necessary evil of security have been compromised since the beginning of CSS with the French Revolution few centuries back. Now the peril is more as evasiveness of Internet super highway, Dark Web and Deep Fake are complicating security, governance and human relations to the level of almost no-control. The most pressing problem is the question below.

Would CSS really be able to re-configure itself in the face of the virtual non-state ICT network to retain its supremacy over its people? Therefore, the task in our hand is clearly cut out. CSS faces human-nature -machine relationship balancing task for its existence. Internet business is the direct rival to state which employs four levels of manipulation strategies given by Chanakya in 4th century BCE. *Sham* (consensus), *dam* (compensation/

incentive), *danda* (punishment) and *bhed* (divide/split) are employed to advance its Godfathers' desire of global control for more tangible wealth and high-trust notional value assets. They would be able to do so as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Communication can easily manipulate the mind playing algorithmic sweet and sour tunes. They would support any group as per their economic profitability with a mask of ethics,morality and human rights. Peace is the first casualty as groups will stick to their no-logic because faculty of logic would be blinded by intelligent people in Internet behemoths.' Constitutional morality' would naturally be the cypher in practice of state craft.

Experimenting Stable State for Peace

No state can achieve stability by forcing allegiance of citizens mechanically or with violence for long. No state can be sustainable without a sound strategy defining human-nature-machine relations and its contingency and emergent plans. It can not develop fast without sacrificing its natural resources, the surer way for either degrading from a rich state to poor one, or resorting to second level of colonisation efforts to stay in comfort devastating others in collusion with virtual space deciders. This development with ambition of staying at top or climbing an unsustainable development ladder with commensurate pride of being powerful goes against human journey of within-nature social cooperation.

Many find fault in the axiom underneath the previous paragraph. They raise a begging question- why the state at all? This question takes us to two divergent ways.

First, let us go back to our innumerable tribal existences having community's simple system of living together without much contact with others. This way of solution does not take the challenge of individual's multiple identity. It is, at the same time oblivious of the reality of evolution in mindset of individual and society where the tribal condition of living within nature has been continuously negated.

Second reply found traction first in formation of the League of Nations arising as a sort of conflict resolving mechanism from the dread and devastation of the First World War. It was partial and on the terms dictated by the powerful states. The same reply was tried in formation of the United Nations after the Second World War. The devastation of the Second World War was more cruel afflicting citizens through generations due to radio-activity spread by atom bombs. There was hope of peace, lesser magnitude of conflicts and stopping war before that began as the harrowing experience could perhaps make us learn. In many cases success came but not in sustainable degree. More importantly, it was not achieved by negating the state but through alignment of states in different blocks of alliances.

There was another way preached with communist ideology. Dissolution of state as the highest goal in the communist state's journey. In those big and small states who avowed in this ideology faced situations deferring achievement of the goal and succumbed to capitalism fully or partially. They were not even sustainable with the ideological terrain charted. "Russia was broken and church returned, and China brought back Confucius after putting the ideology to oblivion for long time of the revolution. In short: rise of statism in communist dispensations has to allow reinventing harking on tradition and heritage revolving around religious core. (IJPED Editorial, December, 2020).

How to resolve multiple 'identity conflict and consequent constricted mindset of citizenry' in 'sync with the object of state'? It brings us to the thought about a state that is sustainable. It has to pass the acid test of human instinct and its expression in human conduct, behaviour and outcome in individual, family, community, state and internet action complex. Otherwise approach to the triad of Peace-Education-Development, which decides sustainability in the long run, would be in tatters.

Re-configuring education for re-purposing state

Re-configuring education as assurance for trans-generational progress with atmosphere for prevalence of peace is the greatest challenge that entire humanity is facing. Such an education can not be complete without