

THE BHARATA FIRST NEWSLETTER



VISION FOR A NEW BHARATA

सा विद्या या विमुक्तये

"That alone is knowledge which liberates"

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*Let's
make
Bharata
great
again*

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Frank Rausan Pereira



Dear Bharatiya, it gives me immense pleasure to launch the first edition of our newsletter. I'm both humbled and honoured by the response that Bharata First has received. In under a month, the platform has managed around 20,000 subscribers, over 3 lakh views on YouTube. All this has been possible thanks to our beloved viewers, without whom all this wouldn't have been possible.

Bharata First is a platform to inform, educate and empower the youth. The vision is "To make Bharata great again". To bridge the vision and execution gap, we have commenced shows such as "Big Picture", "Ask FRP" and "Readings of C. Rajagopalachari's Mahabharata". These shows aim at creating a symphony between Bharata's glorious past and the nearing future. The idea of the many other shows which are in the pipeline, like "Yuva Manch", "Frank Talk", "Chai Pe Charcha" and many more is to give the young minds a place to express their ideas and thoughts for the Bharata they aspire.

Everything that we do at Bharata First has a purpose. We understand that there are challenges, but we always like to put things into perspective and look for the #BestWayForward. We are going through a difficult time; and that is why we like to draw inspiration from our glorious past to build a better future. All this has been possible thanks to a fabulous team that works at Bharata First. Young Bharatiyas putting their best foot forward to build a Bharata of their dreams.

There are two big reasons behind choosing April 15 as the day to launch the newsletter. The first one being, Bharata First completes one month today. Just like any young parent celebrates every milestone of their child, we too would like to celebrate our 'monthiversary' with the launch of the newsletter. The second one being, 15th also happens to be an auspicious day, one of the days of 'Chaitra Navaratri'. As we celebrate the occasion let me remind you that Bharata First is India's child. Let us give it the love and care that any child needs. Let us nurture her, nourish her and care for her; so that one day she will make us all proud and instil in others the true values of Bharata. Small strides that we take today will result in superlative results in the long run. Let's give Bharata First the best of what we can and ensure that generations to come reap the benefits.

I would also like thank those of you who have contributed to the newsletter in the form of articles, poems and art. It really showcases our vibrant culture and capabilities. I really couldn't have asked for more. Please do continue to do your bit in any way possible and together let us make Bharata great again! Jai Bharata!



FREEDOM SERIES

Frank Rausan Pereira



The bird stepped out of the cage with hesitation. The door was open a few days back, but the bird did not dare move out. It started taking little hopping steps to peep out of the door. But then one day it dared to step out. The bird did not leave the cage easily. It hovered around and visited for food. Step-by-step, inch-by-inch, feet-by-feet the bird started moving further. It perched on the tree nearby and stopped going back to the cage for food. It remembered its true self, its identity as a bird and all its friends and generations who have spanned the skies. Eventually it forgot its “caged” identity. That was a moment of freedom in which the bird took flight. As the rays of the sun glimmered against its wings, it glowed like a Golden Phoenix.

This is the idea of a new India. Freedom doesn't come overnight. It is a process that unfolds with time. India is waiting to take flight and shine again. Our true identity is the seeking of the new India. And for this, we will go back to our roots and reconnect with our true identity of Bharata.

Freedom is not the absence of bondage. It is in fact the presence of boundaries within which progressive growth is achieved. Like a dancer is not bound by the presence of a stage, which actually presents an opportunity for infinite expression. Bharata is that platform on which each one of us finds a stage for our potential. The world shall be the audience. The idea of a New India is the actualisation of Human Potential.

This is best described in the timeless wisdom of our Rishis. Rashtra Sukam in the Shukla Yajur Veda provides a vision for India which stands true even in this time and age.

ॐ आ ब्रह्मन् ब्राह्मणो ब्रह्मवर्चसी जायतामाराष्ट्रे राजन्यः शूर
इषव्योऽतिव्याधी महारथो जायतां दोग्धी धेनुर्वोढास्नड्वानाशुः
सप्तिः पुरन्धिर्योषा जिष्णू रथेष्ठाः सभेयो युवाऽस्य यजमानस्य
वीरो जायतां निकामे निकामे नः पर्जन्यो वर्षतु फलवत्यो न ओषधयः
पच्यन्तां योगक्षेमो नः कल्पताम् ।

-शुक्लयजुर्वेदः २२, २२ [Shukla Yajur Veda 22:22]

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I seek the energy of the Universe to Grace us thus:

That the wisest of the wise are born in my nation, that we may have skilled and brave warriors who can defend us from any attack, that we are blessed with abundance,

That our words reflect wisdom and love, that we are strong to carry the greatest of responsibilities, that we have flexibility and dynamism to grow ahead under any situation, that the glory of women be the foundation of my nation, that we set an example of unity and togetherness,

That each one of us be gifted and express our potential, that we all live to contribute selflessly, that our children surpass our expectations, that all our goals and desires be fulfilled,

That the clouds of my nation shower us with nourishing rains, that the food of my land be medicine, that we have noble intentions that manifest for all.

May our freedom nurture the entire world.

A billion fireflies will shape Bharat's future

Arun Maira



India's policymakers have been counting, for the past twenty years, on India's youthful population to shape the future of the country. Meanwhile, while India's GDP has grown—and for some years it was the fastest growing economy in the world behind China—the natural environment has been damaged, and the lives and livelihoods of Indians have not been improving. According to global assessments, India ranks 120 out of 122 countries in water quality, 179 out of 180 in air quality, and 94 amongst 107 countries in the Global Hunger Index.

Economists presumed that the large numbers of young people in India—the largest number in the world—would produce a “demographic dividend” for the Indian economy. This they would if they had decent jobs with good incomes so that they could spend and boost the market, and also could save and provide the economy with resources for investment. However, the pattern of India's economic growth has been lop-sided. It has increased wealth at the top, where India has many more millionaires and billionaires than before. Whereas it has not generated enough jobs for the masses. In fact, the Indian economy has the lowest employment elasticity in the world, i.e., the numbers of jobs generated per unit of GDP growth.

It has become fashionable, and disingenuous too, for older persons to now say to the youth that it is up to them to shape the country's future. After all, they are going to have to live in it. Fortunately, many young people in India have taken up the challenge of shaping a better economy along with a better society. I am referring here not to the “unicorns”, i.e., young people who have created billion-dollar enterprises in the stock market, but to the millions of young people who are working with communities in India's villages and cities to enable people to learn and earn, while nurturing the societies and natural environments in which they live.

One thing is clear. We cannot carry on the way we have. Because, as Albert Einstein said, to continue using the same approach that has caused the problem you want to solve is madness. Therefore, young people who want to make our beautifully diverse country a good home for all Indians, rich and poor, whatever languages they speak, and whatever their religions and castes, must adopt a new method of transformation. The new method must improve all-round environment, social, and economic conditions in every district of the country. India is too diverse a country to be managed from the center with large scale standard solutions. Therefore, leaders of change are required everywhere. And these leaders of change must encourage people to work together to make all-round improvements collaboratively.

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Transformative change in the country will be brought about by millions of young Indians, each of whom, no matter how small their resources, can inspire people around themselves to work together to improve conditions for everyone. Such leaders are like fireflies (jugnoos) who have their own light within, who rise up in the darkness, and inspire others to rise up with them. Thus, flocks of many little fireflies transform dark scenes with their glowing lights.

In this method of leadership, a leader does not need a high, official position with authority over others. Nor does she need lots of money to give incentives to others, or power to compel others to follow. Others follow because they believe that the leader wants to make change for their benefit, and not for gaining more power and wealth for himself. Such leaders understand deeply what matters to people, and the people also believe that the leader genuinely does. This is the way of leadership of fireflies.

Millions of people followed Gandhiji, though he was not their official president or prime minister. Neither did he have the means to pay them, nor would he ever use force to make them fall in line. Yet, he could lead a massive movement for change. Indeed, Gandhiji was the greatest example of the ‘firefly’ model of leadership the world has seen in the last century.

Young Indians should choose the cause that matters most to them, and work wherever their personal histories enable them to, in villages or towns, to make the world better for everyone around them. Because millions of circles of light around India, lit up by a billion fireflies rising, will make Bharat shine from within for all.

Arun Maira

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Bharata - My vision

Shakti Sinha



As the world moves into uncertain times, it is essential that citizens of Bharatvarsha must reimagine what they would like our country to be, not necessarily in the near-term but certainly in their lifetime. The global changes predate Covid, and has implications for our common economic, social and political life. Critically, where do we Bharata in 2047, when we celebrate a century of our independence. True, a lot of our evolving thoughts got thrown off-track due to the debilitating impact of the virus that emerged from Wuhan, so we would have to substantially re-work our assumptions. What is even more critical is that our goals and objectives, while necessarily ambitious, must not be starry-eyed and must be backed by rigorously worked out road map.

Where do we see Bharata in 2047? We, of course, would like to see Bharata emerge as a developed country, part of the United Nations Security Council. A nation which is no more a rule-taker but a rule-maker, a country seen as an oasis of peace that is a net security provider. India as the nub of global knowledge networks, which would empower millions of India to effectively participate in the digital world, as creators. All this is unobjectionable so what we must ask ourselves is how do we get there? What are the building blocks without which progress would be uneven, with raging inequality?

To start with the basics, Bharata must have abolished poverty, and be a nation where everyone has a shelter over her head, with water supply and sanitation facilities. Going further, where no one is illiterate and where everyone, irrespective of gender, caste or ethnicity has gone through a minimum of 12 years of schooling. Universal health coverage if backed by access to clean water and sanitation, and improved dietary preferences would bring down infant and maternal mortality rates and make malnourishment and stunting a historical memory. Crucially, they would liberate the girl child and her mother from the drudgery of long hours spent in menial tasks that detract them from their efforts at self-growth, giving them agency that they often tragically lack. Apart from ethics, and requirements of justice, it is estimated that our Gross National Product would be a quarter higher is all girls in the age group 15-18 were to go through schooling. At present, almost 40% of them are out of school.

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You could ask me whether these are not something we should be doing in any case? Absolutely so. But then, why have we not achieved it? Yes, we have made very substantial progress, particularly over the past two decades, but we are still very far from our potential. And if you look at the quality aspects, like learning outcomes, then the way ahead is very challenging. It looks almost impossible, but it is doable if we put our minds to it, and go about it systematically, learning from the experience of others.

One of the soundest principles to come out of the political economy of public administration from the European Union is the principle of subsidiarity. This means that functions are best performed at the lowest level possible. Obviously, national defence, internal security, monetary policy, diplomacy would have to be centralised. But should the day-to-day management of state-run schools be directly be the responsibility of the directorate of education in the state capital, which sit on top of tens of thousands of schools, lakhs of teachers and crores of students? Can we not think of a better model so that local inputs and directions make for a more accountable system that delivers better? This does not imply anarchy but simply where local priorities and energies are not swamped by centralising forces.

There are no ready-made templates that we can simply cut-and-paste. But what do I mean by a system that combines a common national vision with local drive? To take the case of education, the union government can determine the national objectives, after going through a consultative process. It can devise a core curriculum and develop textbooks for delivering this curriculum. The state governments can add the local context – historical, geographical and social content. It can produce textbooks to complement this effort and standardise teacher education, besides arranging for funding for setting up and running schools. The districts can conduct teacher recruitment, procure textbooks and in consultation with local panchayats, locate schools and other educational infrastructure. The individual schools then appoint the teachers selected, and sets up a school management committee with representatives of the panchayat, parents and teachers. The community must ‘own’ the school as its their children who are ultimately going to go through the school. India’s school learning outcomes are among the lowest in the world, with most children in grade 7 unable to solve mathematical problems set for grade 3. This cannot go on. Similar initiatives would be required in the health sector. Fortunately, we are moving very fast on providing all homes with water connections, power supply and sanitation.

The above example is only that, not a framework that must be applied in toto. And in any case, technological and political changes should ensure that the system is dynamic e.g., digital technology now allows us to switch on, and off, street lights, which had to be done locally. The other set of issues deals with economic freedoms. The Prime Minister was right to point to the need to empower entrepreneurs. Historically, Bharata was a global economic powerhouse, thanks to our traders, manufacturers particularly skilled craft persons and a sophisticated banking system where letters of credit were honoured from South China to West and Central Asia. Dealing with this would require a full article. Ultimately, it would be the professionalisation of the civil services, with teams created to deliver of specifics replacing rigid hierarchies that are becoming outdated. Bharata needs to move on, and fully engage with the 21st century so that the people and the country stand high in the global system.



YUVA AWAAZ



Empowering women in every field should be our priority. Major political parties in a highly literate state like Kerala is not able to give 20% of their seats to women in 2021. This is were we should change, this is were we should think

- Pavin Shaji Mathew

नव राष्ट्र

जंग लगी तलवारों को,
फिर से चमकाने आया हूँ।
में वीर शिवाजी की बातें
तुमको बतलाने आया हूँ।।

हिमलेय के नर नारी सुन लो,
काश्मीर कन्याकुमारी सुन लो,
सुन सिंधु धरा के हर वासी,
सुन लो अए गंगा की कासी।
नव निश्चल निश्चित पल कर लो,
तुम आज अभी से पर्ण भर लो।।

है मौन दशा संघर्ष कहाँ?
वो कायरता की वाणी है।
तुम दोहरादो इतिहास वही,
जिसमे झांसी की रानी है।।

है जिसमे गांधी की लाठी।
सूत चढ़ी चरखा काठी।
अठरा सौ सत्तावन (1857) हो,
या हो करगिल की घाटी।।

अभिलाषी मन कब सोता है?
सूरज का तेज कहाँ खोता है?
राष्ट्र धर्म का दीप बने,
वो बोस सुभाष अमर होता है।।

उठ लिखो नया एक काल देश का,
उजलित देश प्रेम बाती।
स्वर्ण चिड़ा हो आसमान में,
स्वर्ग धरा भारत माटी।।

-विकल्प



My Bharata

One day I started dreaming about my Bharata
When I dream of a future Bharata
I dream of equality and svabhimanta
When I dream of a better Bharata
I dream of secularism and sadbhavna
When I dream of everyone's Bharata
I dream of inclusivity and antodya
When I dream of an evolved Bharata
I dream of tolerance and nari sammanta
But then I realized
Aren't all this the dreams enshrined in our Constitution?
Didn't we all expected this from our Independence?
Then why even after 70 years we are far behind these dreams?
We can blame Politicians, Bureaucrats, System and Institutions
But don't you think we all are equally responsible?

Where is the dream of new and better India?
In seven decades, we have seen progress
But is it just about getting consensus?
Policies are in abundance
Then why do we have a lower global index?
Reservation is the required affirmation
Has it not been resolved in political processions?
Questions are on a never-ending list
Solutions don't have a holistic gist.
We blame, we hate
We take and take
We suppress, we neglect
We flaunt every act
We wanna uplift
We wanna empower
We try and try but fail.

Let's have an introspection for a transformation,
Because the power we hold is voting
That can remove any part that is corroding
Let's Start changing , Start loving
Start caring , Start sharing
Start breaking chains , Start accepting
Maybe we'll realise that
We are not as powerless as we think we are.

After all, Bharata is not a moment
It is the air that we breathe and soil that we eat
Bharata is 'us', a better and empowered us.
Bharata is the vision of future us.



Do we behave the same or have come a little far...
Again we have been greeted with the tar instead of flower..
People showing rationality are being brutally threatened..
Even gets a head shot in public and are dismantled..
We talk of the same, then we drag in the caste..
Comments, abuses, even ink has been thrown in the past..
Form some it is usual, respect everyone's point of view..
Some ask for revenge and prepare their own set of crew..
The game then begins and the players are all fixed..
Either vote a party or press the veto, the feelings are all mixed..
Make promises doing this or that, none of them actually cares..
The sweetest, wears a face innocent so as to plead..
Not to fulfill the basics but to satisfy one's unending greed..
Still we vote in some hope that we will achieve what we deserved..
Don't have to label people or their caste in a category that's reserved..
Are we foolish or have we started liking the way..
Or the brain has stopped working, white has intersected grey..
Even the nutrients stay back on the fields..
Not having enough to feed, as limited is the yield..
No but the question..where does this all go..
Either in a private go down or at some shop floor...
Even after the surplus the prices high touching the sky..
People cannot feed their own, in night, all they do is cry..
No need to lament and feel for what has been done till date..
We need to take a step forward to build The empire now lost..
We need to be called the 'Golden Bird' at any cost..
The competition is tough around, we need young brains..
We need to plough the land and nourish the grains..
We need to sow the seed now as to reap the best so far..
We need to cut the roots corrupted and throw them behind the bar..
Its us the youth who when work together will mark the change..
As its said and supported 'Success is always the best revenge'..

- Somesh Pathak



My vision for Bharata

A nation's future depends on how its young generation is being brought up today. In my vision of Bharata, the main focus would be on inculcating in the mind of every child moral and ethical values, patriotism, curiosity, awareness about environmental issue, national and international affairs, scientific temperament, efficient use of natural resources and duty to protect public property etc.

In my vision of Bharata, every Child would be groomed to grow as a self disciplined, confident and independent individual on the lines of Japanese model of education and child development by making PHD as a minimum education qualification to be a primary teacher.

In my new Bharata, school going kids would be taught about maintaining hygiene. Keeping classrooms clean would be an extracurricular activity for every child. It will help them understand that no work is insignificant or is responsibility of a certain caste, class or gender but society as a whole is collectively responsible in keeping our surrounding clean and for creating an egalitarian society. School administration regulated and funded by the state would be responsible for providing balanced and nutritious food to every child and school administration, and no child or school administration /staff would be allowed to bring lunch from outside. Children would be taught traditional as well as modern day skills and activities such as archery, mallakhamb, weaving, swimming, self defence, coding, artificial intelligence, languages etc. They would be explored to National parks, cultural heritage, rich literature, play and other art forms from ancient Bharata to the contemporary world. Any formal education on religion through the minority institutions or otherwise, would be made available only after 10+2 education.

It would be mandatory for Children of every government employee /officer and of people's representative to compulsorily enroll his/her child in a government educational institution till 10th standard of their schooling.

Children would be made aware of threats pertaining to sexual offences through animated movies. Sex education would be an integral part of school education.

Every school would have a committee for protection of child from sexual harassment and receiving complaints of such nature for its expeditious disposal in collaboration with local police and judiciary.

'Humanity, scientific temperament and patriotism ' are to be the bed rock my vision of Bharata

-Swati Pedewad



The Bharata of my dreams

India, that is, Bharat. A land of convergence of views, ideologies, religions, cultures, diversities and much more, Bharata Varsha has attracted people from ancient times. Our pot of diversity enables and empowers us to be tolerant, learn from each other and teach and share what we know, not just with people our own, but with the whole world. The vision of a new Bharata entails deep rooted wisdom from our ancient traditions, that takes us forward in any and every field conceivable to humankind. Be it knowledge, research, innovation, technology, sports, medicine, the fine arts, we can do it all if we find that resolve which rests within each one of us, and take the world forward towards a society that respects and encourages all to be the best version of themselves. Learning is important. It is key to maintain the freedom we all desire and yet, learning alone is not enough. It must be accompanied with action and performance of our duties so that we can strive for a world, a society that recognizes the value of each beautiful soul that forms it.

In the words of Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore,

“...Where the mind is let forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action –

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.”

- Kuhu Srivastva



We will be remembered only if we give to our younger generation a prosperous and safe India, resulting out of economic prosperity coupled with civilizational heritage. A quote by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam so profoundly true and transcending through generations.

India has indisputably been a world leader. When you think of strategists, people only think of the war leaders who achieve their ends through bloody means. Can you achieve your ends without blood?

Try unifying a quarter of the world's population to drive out the biggest empire in history, without spending a single bullet or even lifting a single stone. Mahatma Gandhi, yes that is the name who was a master strategist, who had a strong pulse of common people - anywhere in the world. He could use salt and send shivers down the emperor's spine.

You see we live in a eurocentric world and towards the end of the Thirty years war in the 17th century, the Treaty of Westphalia was signed. The most important and lasting outcome of this was the founding of the nation-state. The idea of the nation-state was all nations are entitled to have sovereignty and are equal. The nation-state has a government that derives legitimacy by serving all its citizens.

So where does the republic of India stand amidst all this? Are we a nation-state? We are what is called a multinational state. We have around 2000 ethnic groups and 22 official languages. Most of the states have their own official language and ethnic composition that they could be the nation themselves. And that is exactly what they are: Individual nations who have agreed to form a union and be governed by one central authority while maintaining diversity.

So what holds us together ?

Well, it started with opposition to foreign rule and now after 73 years, we have made India as our identity. Within India, we are Marathi, Kannadiga, Tamil, Bengali but outside, we are Indians. And our founding fathers did a fine job by drafting a very liberal constitution that holds good today even after 70 years. If we want to uphold something, then it must be this constitution. One thing we can learn from history and geopolitics is that States come and go, but you don't mess with nations.

Yes we had the great Indus Valley Civilisation that had broad roads and insanely great drainage. Out of 46 ancient civilizations tabulated by UNESCO - 45 are dead - we are the only ones who still survive.

Yes, we have the world's largest democracy and a really awesome constitution. Yes, we've sent probes on the Moon and Mars, and have sent about 30% of the Current and recent Global Fortune 500 CEOs from our colleges.

We are the same people who wrote amazing poems, designed awesome ships, invented the cutting edge in technology, weaved the finest in fashion, taught the world to measure the universe and count .

We had schools of philosophy, the world wanted to send their kids to, we had people who conquered empires and nations armed with just their ideologies.

We contributed the same (25-27%) to the world economy as the whole of Europe today, and produced breathtaking stuff that the world was crazy about - so crazy that they tried for centuries to find a sea route to India and named the Native Americans after us.

We were the original land of opportunities. The original destination of refuge for the hunted and the oppressed. The only land where the non-conformers, the dissenters weren't killed and arguments (shastrarth) were a way of life.

Our best Poet, Kalidasa, was the son of wood cutters. Kabirdas was born to an unwed mother, Maharshi Valmiki, the author of Ramayana, was born into a dalit household, Ved Vyasa, the author of Mahabharata was born to a family of fishermen. Our Rishi of Rishis, Vishwa Mitra, wasn't even a Brahman - and most of us don't know this, because it didn't matter.

Zero brahmins protested in front of King Bharat of Ayodhya, when his elder brother and Kshatriya Prince, killed a celebrated member of their clan, born in greater NOIDA .

There was a time when the tallest people in our society were those who had knowledge and those who gave up their worldly possessions. We equated a king who faced defeat, Maharana Pratap to the same pedestal as Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, a victor - just because Maharana Pratap gave up everything for his principles and still never gave up.

Every society had a group of people devoted to something real. They were essentially concerned with the pursuit of the real, irrespective of what the society around was doing. It is they who gave society culture.

When you look at the observer, who is yourself, you see that India is made up of memories, experiences, influences, traditions and suffering, all of which are the past. So the observer is the past and the present, and tomorrow is waiting and that is also a part of India.

But today, we are a different bunch of people. People seem to have forgotten our glorious past. We do not care about our environment, building upon the knowledge of our forefathers, trying to solve the mysteries of the universe, building amazing things, that the world loves. We have even stopped looking up at the skies at night.

'To India - My Native Land' by Derozio presents India as a deity. In ancient times, she was as beautiful as a goddess. The poet says, "A beauteous halo circled round thy brow".

When the poet was writing this poem, India was suffering from British domination. At the time of Derozio, her state of affairs was so poor that he couldn't find anything plausible in her. It made the poet sad. So he asks himself, "Where is that glory, where that reverence now?"

The poet could neither visualize the "glory" of her past nor her "reverence". Like a chained eagle, she was grounded. Derozio looks back to ancient history when India was glorious in every field, be it arts, science, or architecture. It was a period when India was famous for advanced civilizations and rich cultural traditions.

He wants to dive into the depths of history. There he can find the long-lost history of the country. The glorious past of the country contains the materials for future improvement.

The first step in solving any problem is recognizing there is one. To understand the past, the present which is the past must be understood. That is, through the present is the past. The past is not unrelated to the present. So to understand the past, the door is the present, which is also the door to the future.

The question is, can we do better?

My vision of Bharata is the 'revival of its glorious past'. I would want to end with the lines of the poem, 'Let My Country Awake' written by Rabindranath Tagore as

Where the mind is without fear and the head held high;
Where knowledge is free;
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depth of truth;.....

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

- Ayushi Misra





-Abhay Shawney

OUR CURRENT INITIATIVES

1. **Big Picture - Monday - Friday 6:30 P.M.**
2. **C. Rajagopalachari's Mahabharata - Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M.**
3. **Mega Quiz - Live on Saturday 12:00 P.M.**
4. **FRP on the Hot Seat - Saturday 6:00 P.M.**
5. **UPSC Corner - Saturday 6:30 P.M.**
6. **Ask FRP - Saturday 8:00 P.M.**

WHAT NEXT TO EXPECT

1. **Security Analysis**
2. **Mahabharata Analysis**
3. **Art & Culture Series**
4. **Yuva Manch**
5. **FRP Explainer Series**

BEST OF BIG PICTURE



Tackling Naxal Insurgency - <https://youtu.be/BAwc9Yko4LU>

First Quad leadership summit - <https://youtu.be/DUdVjbHaIE4>

Collegium system in Judiciary - <https://youtu.be/Jz5BUCKm9FM>

Lateral entry in Bureaucracy - <https://youtu.be/6S0-SahUi34>

ABOUT THE QUIZ



Big Picture Quiz initiative is a step from Bharata First towards ensuring the quality learning process. After watching a holistic panel discussion, attempting some tailor-made questions based on it, the quiz ensures a better understanding of the discussion topic. By attempting the quiz, viewers can gauge their level of expertise in the respective topic. The top rank holder of daily quizzes is announced by the team and rewarded with the opportunity to participate in the Mega Quiz. Mega Quiz is conducted at the end of every week. The ultimate winner of the Mega Quiz gets to interview Mr. Frank Rausan Pereira. Overall, Big Picture Quiz Initiative is a step towards strengthening India's informed citizenry.

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