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Today, India is on a road lined with Plunder,  
Poverty and Parchedness.

It is time to act to turn India around.

To bring about a total U-Turn!

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## “Corruption begins where the sense of belongingness ends”



“As the sense of belongingness grows, we feel responsible for everyone and everything. It then becomes difficult to cheat or deceive, as you know that the person on the receiving end is after all your own. This feeling of belongingness increases through spirituality which makes one recognise everyone as their own.”

- H. H. Sri Sri Ravi Shankarji

## Gandhiji had once said



“There is enough for man’s needs but not enough for his greed”.

- Mahatma Gandhi

Greed for money and power has always led to plunder. Wave after wave of plunder has hit India in the past centuries. It has successfully recovered and regenerated prosperity again and again. The question one may ask is has India regained its prosperity after independence? If not, why? Is there a way to make India prosperous once again?

Scam after scam has been unearthed. It has not yet hit us that these scams involve our own money and that it is going to affect us directly one way or the other, sooner than later.



Flash back from 60 years after Independence  
India reeling under scams

**Contrary to what the colonial mindset historians have taught us to believe that India has been a poor country. Records show that India has been the prosperous country of the world. With India contributing over 30 percent of world GDP for 2000 years and more.**

## Three Waves of Plunder

India has been plundered many a times over, in the last 1000 years. The plunders of India, can be slotted into 3 waves of looting:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wave of Plunder: Near West Onslaughts



Sultan of Ghazni

The looting by Muhmud of Ghazni and Mohamad of Ghauri (1000 CE), of most of North India and the plunder of Delhi by Nadir Shah (1700 CE) caused heavy loss of wealth as well as damage to life and property. The invaders came, looted and took away all the loot back to their kingdoms.



Nadir Shah



The Peacock throne



The Kohinoor Diamond

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave of Plunder: The Colonial Plunder

The drain of Indian wealth, primarily by the East India Company of the British between 1600 CE to 1947 CE.

Will Durant, American Historian, Thinker and Writer says in his book 'Our Oriental Heritage'



Will Durant

*"I had not thought it possible that any government could allow its subjects to sink to such misery. I was filled with astonishment and indignation at the apparently conscious and deliberate bleeding of India by England throughout a hundred and fifty years. I began to feel that I had come upon the greatest crime in all history."*

Sir. Dadabhai Naoroji (1825-1917) who studied the state of India under the British for 50 years from 1867 to 1917 says:



Sir. Dadabhai Naoroji

- The British rule was the greatest curse with which India has been afflicted with
- From the richest country in the world it made India the poorest country in the civilized world
- It was continuous impoverishment and exhaustion of the country
- This drain of wealth from India was the principle and basic cause of the poverty of the people

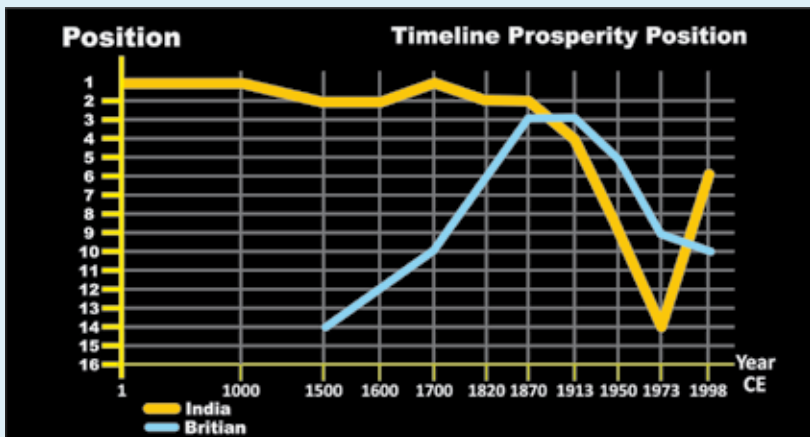
### Mahatma Gandhi's Estimate of Rs. 1,068,000,000,000



Cattle - The rural backbone of India

In the Mahatma's estimate, at least 30,000 cattle, were killed per day, to feed the British army, during its conquest. This slaughter of the cows and the economy, went on unabated every day for over 100 years. This comes to around 1,068,000,000 cows. When multiplied at a very conservative rate of Rs. 1000 per animal, the value of cattle slaughtered comes to a staggering value of Rs. 1,068,000,000,000.

**Dr. K. M. Munshi**, one of the intellectual giants of India at the time of Independence, in his book "The Ruin That Britain Wrought" in 1946, writes that "the total amount of treasure that the British looted from India had already reached £1,000,000,000 i.e., £1 Billion by 1901."



The following chart shows the decline of Indian prosperity vis-a-vis ascent of English. It is not surprising to see here when India dropped from the 1st position

to the 17th, England rose from the 14th to the 2nd position in terms of economic prosperity.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave of Plunder: Corruption

The third wave of plunder is the looting of Indian money by Indians themselves from 1950 CE till date by way of corruption, tax evasion and black monies.

Fortunately, this 3rd Wave of Plunder is Reversible

In the last few years many countries have effected and have got their black monies back. US, Germany, France, Philippines, Mali, Peru, Nigeria are a few to name.

When so many can get their monies back why not India? After all this money belongs to the people of India, the effort to bring it back cannot be limited to a few govt. agencies alone.

**If this is to happen, do we have an action plan ready, on how the economic energy from this monetary Tsunami can be applied to energize India into development, not just for a decade or two but for the next century?**

**There are so many needs of this country like infrastructure, defence, health, education, law, roads and water. The question is which one factor will have a multiplying effect, an exponential effect on the others?**

We need to look not just at the present or to the future for answers but also at the past, as to how India had been prosperous over the last millennia, in a sustainable manner?

The answer is simple... WATER.

## Water – The Reason for Prosperity of this land

This land has got over 9 lakh 50 thousand water harnessing systems from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. We have around 6 Lakh villages, which means there are about 3 water-harnessing projects for every 2 villages. These have not been built in the last few decades but have come down to us in the last few millennia. They are the legacy of this land. It is these water harnessing projects which have survived the onslaught of time, are the primary cause of the prosperity of the land. These water bodies were interconnected with each other at village level,



Chain Tanks

as well regional level too. This connectivity ensured that the water was shared and balanced across water bodies. For example like the Chain Tank System of the Carnatic.

We need to rejuvenate all these water bodies, which have gone into disrepair in the last 150 years. So what happened in the last 150 years?

After the 1857 War of Independence, the Britishers wanted to teach Indians a lesson and took control of all the water bodies by the Public Works Department Act. This one act destroyed the fabric of the water harnessing systems of this land. As the government become the new owner, the local people lost the sense of ownership of the water bodies. This led to the decline of the water bodies, their connectivity, the prosperity of the villages and the sustainability of the land as a whole.

## Way Forward

When the ethos of the land has been decentralisation. Every village, every community was empowered, the British regime turned around the system to a centralised one for their convenience of tax collection, which was their whole purpose of being here. To U-Turn back to prosperity we need to

1. Bring back the wealth of this country stashed abroad as black monies
2. Deploy it in reviving the water bodies and thier connect.
3. Empower people back with effective decentralisation.

This is possible only if there is a change in mindset of getting back the ethos of the land. It has to be a collective effort of:

1. Government policy
2. Youth
3. Media

An awakening of all the parties involved, regarding the basic fundamentals, is required. And it is very much possible in our lifetime to bring about a total U-Turn in the destiny of India. Our Book 'You Turn India\*' written by Shri. D.K. Hari and D.K. Hema Hari is a contribution in this direction.



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