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Seven Days

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It is a walkers' park in my city. Every morning around fifty walkers of different ages begin to walk before five. After walking, the women gather at a place and men at another place and spend some time in lively talk sharing cheers and emotions.

Monday... ..

“We come here to spend some time happily, but with fears haunting our mind. The thieves may snatch away our golden chains and mangalasutras! The governments and people speak of freedom, freedom and freedom and we do not know what it is and where it is!”

“Mangalasutra is considered as a symbol of security and safety! Now, there is no security and safety for it also!”

“You talk of mangalasutra, where is the security and safety for women?!”

“Do you know what happened recently?! Two golden chains of my daughter were snatched away! We gave complaint in the police station and visited it several times, waste of time and money! After six months, after legal formalities we got back one chain. The value of time and money we spent is more than the price of the chain!”

“What about the second chain?”

“My daughter identified and found it in her friend's neck in her class! She is the police officer's daughter!”

“You are talking of gold chains, where is the security and safety for the girls?!”

“Time is over! Hurry up ! Hurry up ! Hurry up !”

Tuesday

“Your face speaks that you are not so happy! Why?”

“You tell me who is truly happy?! We all live helplessly, with our heads bowed down!”

“You are right. Everyone has to think over it.”

“They speak of democracy. Democracy means people alone. It is for the people by the people. Everything is in the peoples’ hands. What is truly in people’s hands ?!”

“Vote!”

“You are wrong. It is in the hands of money and caste!”

“It is in the constitution..Acts..papers..words..tongues of politicians..Air!”

“Is there truly any place for the people in the democracy?”

“No ! Not at all! No place! People are made helpless!”

“Money, Caste, Corporate companies which finance the political parties, corruption and looting rule the people!”

“Not only vote, peoples elected representatives from sarpanch to Member of Parliament are made a commodity for sale!”

“The globalization necked out the small business men, small farmers, small traders and vendors, small weavers, small cottage industrialists from their proud independent traditional livelihood and made them as daily wage coolies! How to survive?! It is the big question before the small!”

“It is shameful for the mankind that the Darwin’s law-the fittest survive- is made to repeat by the globalization!”

“Overflow of foreign investments may make people forego their economic independence! It may ultimately lead to indirect rule of East India company!”

“It is six ! Hurry up ! Hurry up! Hurry up!”

Wednesday

“Sister, surprisingly you are very silent today! Brother has silenced your tongue in early hours !”

“Who is he to silence my tongue?! I am a well-known singer of classical music at high pitch! If I open my mouth you and he would run away without looking back!”

“All the members of our family live together in our house. We are not able to spare time to talk to each other sharing sweet smiles and cheers! Everyone is busy, busy and busy as running machines! What made our lives burdensome?! Is it a life at all!”

“Work, tiredness, food and sleep..these have become life ! No sharing with mind and heart of love, affinity, attachment and respect created by nature among the family members! All those great values are neglected and ignored! Is it a life at all?!”

“If wife and husband both work, the life is no way less than hell!”

“Unless both work, we cannot meet even the basic and minimum needs. What to do?!”

“We spend lakhs of rupees and work hard many years for degrees! Is it all to cook food in the kitchen and share bed with him?!”

“If money is there, there would be some kind of happiness, otherwise life becomes hell!”

“Man works somewhere else, boys and girls study at different places; woman runs the house with younger children and the old! Everyone is worried about the other! What to do?!”

“The educated youth go abroad for study or employment; they came once in a year or so; parents are worried about them! What to do?!”

“If we want something, we have to forego something; we have to prepare our mind to choose one among the two and content with it. That is what we can do!”

“It is six ! Hurry up ! Hurry up ! Hurry up! “

Thursday

“In the recent decades, we often hear the political slogans of economic security, food security and social security for the poor and common people! Are they anywhere in real terms?!”

“They are all vote bank Traps!”

“What is economic security in the true terms?”

“Moveable and immovable property in the hands of the people gives them economic security. Land, house and such ownership of property is immovable. Whereas, gold, silver and possession of such property is movable. Are they at all in the hands of the poor and the common people?! Then, where is economic security?!”

“The people are drowned and neck in debts and loans with high rates of interest. Sky touching high rates of food grains and other daily consumables and private corporate education and house rents eat away all their income !”

“The lands of the small farmers and small people are taken by the governments in the name of development! In other words, they are deprived of the economic security! Is it the development of the people?! Do we see any development in their life in real terms? For whose development is it all ?!”

“Consumption-market economy- free trade-globalization has become ropes for hanging for the common people! For whom and for whose development are these economic strategies?!”

“These economic strategies affect the social living adversely. Lust for money and lust for goods for comforts and luxuries become the driving force for living. These two joining hands together lead to irregular and illegal earning by corruption and looting and on the other hand increase of lust for goods and ultimately destroy all worth social values! The people’s earnings flow into the hands of the giant malls, private corporate education and star hotels and restaurants leaving the people with empty hands!”

“Then, where is food, economic and social security for the common people?!”

“Time is over ! Hurry up ! Hurry up ! Hurry up!”

Friday

“Fears haunt our mind and heart till our children come back from schools! Ten students with heavy bags travel in an auto-rickshaw! We know that it is not safe at all, yet unavoidable owing to financial problems!”

“The torture is more severe in respect of girls!”

“Why don’t the governments run the buses for the students ?!”

“The private corporate education is mostly owned by the elected representative of political parties! They run their own buses and loot! We cannot afford!”

“It is the people who elected and gave them positions and powers! Why don’t they work sincerely for the people and solving their problems?!”

“Most of them have their own big businesses and are very busy in their own business! Further, they have their own strategies and methods as to how to be elected and keep their positions and powers safe! People are made helpless! This is what we see with our own eyes!”

“Time is over! Hurry up ! Hurry up ! Hurry up !”

Saturday... ..

“Why the public money spent under various welfare schemes and programs could not provide food, economic and social security?! Daily we hear about many suicide deaths!”

“They are good in words, but poisonous in implementation!”

“What ! Why! How!”

“The benefits of the schemes and programs do not reach the hands of the people for whom they are made!”

“They go into the hands of the political workers and cadres of the ruling political party on one hand and on the other hand due to corruption by officials and middlemen “

“People are habituated to live helplessly!”

“Why are you silent? Thinking about tomorrow Sunday?”

“Sunday is not a rest day! It is a day of more work!”

“Time is six ! Hurry up ! Hurry up ! Hurry up !”

Sunday

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