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TOPIC — War happens when language fails.

Language ; breakers of or makers of war ?

"Why the countries <sup>that</sup> we call so strong are so powerful in creating wars, but are so weak in bringing peace?" This was quoted by Malala Yousufzai, the wondergirl from Pakistan. Wars are hotly debated topics that are controversial that often divide opinion. Wars are now a common thing between two countries or the people. The ongoing Hamas-Israel war or the Russia-Ukraine war was may or may not be an ~~intend~~ intentional one. What can be the reasons that leads a country to destroy another country by creating war? There are plethora of answers like geographic, political or economical. But if creating war was that easy, why is bringing peace so hard? There comes the factor called communication. Have you ever envisaged a world where people ~~where~~ lived in absolute harmony? Then there would be no wars. For that communication is necessary for

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people to understand the mind of the other. Therefore, language plays an important role in war and peace.

Taking the classic case of India, we have a history of 200 years of pangs of agony where we were enslaved by the British rule. In 1857, the seeds of freedom struggle were sown. We fought for rights and opportunity, protested in denial, many sacrifices were done by people. The question arises here when we think of what went wrong? <sup>wasn't</sup> communicating to them for a peace treaty enough for us? Amidst all of those treaties the language failed to communicate properly between them. That was when the war became mandatory. But was war the only option to bring peace afterwards?

Language is a simple term but it has a powerful impact on the life of people. It is often used to communicate or transfer information between two masses. When language fails, understanding becomes misunderstanding. This often leads to fights, riots, or wars.





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That is why language plays a crucial role in peace keeping. Language acts as the messenger of information from our mind to others and ourselves too. That is why we can say that there are two types of war. ~~in the war~~. Firstly, the war between two countries or states. These wars often leads to the loss of a country's resource and affect <sup>as a</sup> ~~the~~ whole. Secondly, there is a war ~~between~~ that happens inside ourselves. This war is far more dangerous ~~that~~ than the other war. When the language of self awareness, self confidence, self satisfaction fails, the internal war and conflict of our own mind takes place. As a consequence, suicides can be the result of such war. ~~whereas martyr dies in the war between 2 countries~~. Communication is not only for ~~the~~ understanding others but also to understand <sup>when</sup> ourselves first. The language of harmony, cooperation, peace and love between two countries or provinces fails war happens between them. This is where & we should work, for this is the exact need of hour.





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From the first world war to the Russia-ukraine war, it has only created death and destruction. It is high time we understand that war never brings peace. It was during the world war II in 1945, the manhattan project was undergoing which destroyed the two cities of Japan named Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 7<sup>th</sup>. ~~then~~ Robert J oppenheimer, the father of nuclear weapon ~~has~~ <sup>then</sup> recited a ~~verse~~ verse from Gita " Now, I ~~am~~ <sup>have become the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>I</sup> destroyed of the world. I ~~have~~ <sup>am</sup> become the death". critics still ~~says~~ <sup>argues</sup> that those bombings were never necessary because Japan had already surrendered. But supportess say that the bombings were necessary to stop the war immediately.

~~The~~ The after effects of those bombings are still ~~beared~~ <sup>affected.</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>by</sup> the people of Japan. their land was shattered into shards, peopee were dying, economy was crashing, global humiliation and manifold. But they have superseded every <sup>other</sup> country to become an economic superpower again. this is what is meant by the saying " The greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising

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everytime we fail'.

It was technology which was used to destroy those cities. The advancement of nuclear power and technology is at the peak nowadays. Technology is a useful servant but a dangerous master. Mahatma Gandhi once said that "the diabolical use of technology is dangerous to mankind" the use of nuclear weapons for war comes under this. But as an Indian, we can be proud that the nehuvian concept of Non-alignment policy has brought us the 'nuclear weapon for peaceful purpose' act. In the history of India, we have never initiated a war. The diplomacy we keep between the foreign <sup>country</sup> relations are is a matter worth contemplating. India have ranked 28<sup>th</sup> in the Global soft power Index in 2024. This shows our good communicating skill between the countries. We have always kept a good relationship between the neighbouring countries and kept a safe distance from the superpowers. The signing of Non-proliferation Treaty and CTBT (Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty) in 1971 and 1996 respectively shows

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India's positive attitude towards nuclear ~~war~~ technology and peace keeping.

After the world war II, the superpower nations have understood the necessity for an organisation which can work as an agent to resolve the issues and war between the nations for a peaceful environment. In 1924, the rise of United Nations Organisation occurs. Then onwards the importance of peace-keeping came to lime light. The basic principles of UNO consists of :

- maintenance of international peace and security
- good relationship between the neighbouring countries
- obligation to international treaties and laws.
- abide by the basic laws of nations.
- fostering harmony within the countries

These ways help us to repair and refurbish the language errors that occurs. Language can be in many forms. The errors occurs in <sup>and cultural</sup> political dimension, religious dimension, economic dimension, educational dimension and many more





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Politics is often intertwined with each and everything. The failure of languages in polity is manifold. The politicians often get into a verbal conflict due to their difference in opinion which then leads to a huge war. But when Religion intervenes in politics the war gets bigger. During the 2023 Kerala Lok Sabha session, the speaker AN Shamsheer's mention of <sup>Lord</sup> Hanuman has created a ruckus in the party politics. Such cases are the reason why war happens. The communal riots in Manipal burning was such an issue of the same kind. ~~India is~~

~~a~~ India is a mosaic of cultural diversity. Diversity doesn't mean that I should know the language of my neighbouring states, it simply means to overlook the differences and respect their culture and diversities. But here diversities become the reason for conflicts and wars. Where there is only a need for a verbal interference to make things right, to make the grudge vanish, to bring peace and harmony, we fuel the fire even more by weapons and wars.





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In 1976, 42<sup>nd</sup> amendment of Indian constitution added the word secularism to our preamble. But where is it actually implemented? Secular state Religion is a thing to unite people on the basis of a common identity according to Emile Durkheim. It isn't something which divides the people. It is crystal clear that India with 1.44 Billion population and 945 million voters makes the largest democracy of the world. Still the dichotomy between democracy and people enjoying them lies wide enough. There is no proper communication from the State to the common people when a democracy fails. Even when the constitution assures fundamental rights from article 14-32 to the part III of the constitution, there still lies <sup>corruption,</sup> inequality and injustice. When these language of equality, justice, equity are served rightly to the people there will be growth for the country, not wars. People fighting for basic rights like the civil rights movement of the US in 1930's is a war of the occurring when these language fails.

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Language and communication; can they be taught through education? Yes, according to UNO education is three types. Firstly, the primary education of school. ~~Secondly, the~~ It is called formal education. Secondly, the informal education which we attain through learning from our environment and society. Thirdly, the non-formal education which is attained from our experiences. In these, informal and non-formal education should has the ability to teach the ~~the~~ right way to communicate, and the right language to communicate. It is nothing but as simple as morals. Theodore Roosevelt has said that "to educate a person in mind and not morals is to educate a menace to the society". The so-called menace exacerbates the diversities and difference of people to create war and conflicts. That is why education is important in the shaping of peaceful environment. Because the first step towards change is awareness. The illiterates always pose threats to peace and becomes hindrance to the nation's growth and development.

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As we said, the languages consists the society's ability to communicate to the higher authority or a different society. When these languages is the form of political, cultural, environmental, economical dimensions ~~pose~~ fails to ~~po~~ and poses a threat to the security of people's equality, justice, liberty, fraternity, livelihood, nationalism, ~~they~~ there occurs war. The right use of language and communication is the actual need of hour. There might be challenges; maybe an insurmount-  
-able amount. But there will be ways to overcome too.

One such simple way to overcome the challenges of peacekeeping is to build awareness. We know that more than 61% of the world consists of youth, the people between the age of 15 and 29. They are the heralds of tight change and the beacon of light.

I unequivocally acquiesce to the fact that we live in a transcendent milieu with sagacious youth with plethora of aumen and manoeuvre. But when these youth





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fails to attain the educational wisdom to use these potential, there is no sustainable future. There will be wars of all kind from every nook and corner. So the youth must know what ~~to~~ is <sup>the</sup> right language to communicate, where is the need to communicate for stopping wars. whatever the war it is, religious or communal, there is always a way to communicate and make harmony.

we still have a lot of wars to fight; the war of poverty, unemployment, women empowerment, climate justice and many more. Even the inequality in the distribution of income needs a war to fight. Because the top 1% consists of 22% of our national income in india. So this war due to failure of languages and communication is not the war for us to fight. let us contribute towards a peaceful ~~and~~ world.