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Inequality in a society- A nexus of power politics, state and technology

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Abstract: *Growing inequality is the biggest threat to democracy and humanity in 21st century. Economy controlled by power politics, state and technology shaped the society. meritocracy is itself a fraudulent concept in a capitalist economy where wealth create wealth. technology itself transfer the power from common to few rich who are able to control the economy, politics, and state. technology creates the losers and winners. poverty itself is the cheapest raw material for capitalism, inequality is not a matter of capability but it is a political question.*

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According to Oxfam in its report jan 2017 an economy for 99% since 2015 richest 1% has owned more wealth than rest of the planet, world's eight richest men, by their calculation, now own as much combined wealth as the entire poorest half of humankind, in USA economist Thomas piketty in his research found that over the last 30 years the growth in the income of the bottom 50% has been zero whereas the income of the top 1% have grown 300%, the international labour organization estimates that 21 million people are forced labourer generating an estimated \$150bn in profit each year. as per Oxfam report 2017 across the world corporations are cutting the labour cost which is creating huge inequality, corporation maximize profit in part by paying as little tax as possible. (Oxfam report 2017 "Economy of the 99 Percent and Oxfam report 2016 an economy of the 1%" www.Oxfam.org)

State favors corporation in terms of economic policy and corporation feed political party to control the state is a open secret. State pretend to be custodian of rights of common people actually favors corporate. Copyright on innovation and technology provided by State to corporation is the hidden means of extraction and transfer of hard earned money from common people to corporate. Poverty produce unorganized, bargain less and helpless cheap labour is the basic raw materials for huge corporate profits. Corporate used media based on technology and state used education system to shape the mind of poor people in a particular way so that they must believe that state doing just thing for them. State also uses religion to shape the thought process of common people. the established belief that people get paid what they deserve in market is actually a biggest fraudulent concept as Robert riech Big corporate, Elite class and political parties closing the circle around state to left out the poor for exploitation. whereas political parties controlled by Elite class also need poor and uneducated voter vulnerable to fake news.

Manual labour can't compete with JCB machine, cow Bull can't compete with tractor to plough the field. postman failed to compete with mobile phones, Hand driven wooden boat of Tamilian fisherman can't compete with huge motor boat in sea, iron Smith's furnace of Indian village market can't compete with Tata or Jindal Steel limited in the process of making agricultural tools. kulhar of kumbhars of Indian village lost to plastic and paper tea cup manufactured in Big factories. these are the example of technological change created the new social order where Monopoly and ownership over technology by few Elite and corporate extracted the wealth from ordinary skilled village worker to rich people, as argued by Karl Marx in Das capital. Nobel prize winners economics Joseph Stieglitz in his book "the great divide" argued that technology favors better educated and better skilled worker. The Associate press organized a sobering session on technology and unemployment (in Davos submit 2008) and divided was. JCB machine, tractor, huge motor boat (for fishing), big agricultural tool manufacturer company and plastic and paper tea cup manufacturer defeated the common man reduced their bargaining power on the name of most fraudulent economic concept known as free market .where market is actually not free but



Monopolized and oligopoly is the reality of market.. Technology destroyed more job than created by it and produced huge inequality after 1990. Jan Tinbergen, economists argued that inequality as a race between technology and education. Skill-biased technological change means that new technologies increase the demand for workers with more sophisticated skills, compare to those without such skills. In terms of change and social development, if technology is so simple accessible to all equally then only it will be beneficial for all otherwise it will favor owner and people who have Monopoly over it. Manual labour, farmer, fisherman, ironsmith or kumbhkar of Indian village can't control the manufacturing process of JCB, tractor or Motor boat ,modern agricultural tools or plastic paper tea cup.

As Carl Benedict Frey in his book 'The technology trap. argued that in industrial Revolution (England and Europe), mechanization has been controversial. Machines pushed up productivity, raising incomes per capita. But they threatened to put people out of work, to lower their wages and to divert all the gains from growth to the owners of businesses.... Now, it is robots that threaten work, wages and equality.

In India online railway reservation tickets system introduce by Indian railways significantly reduced the demand of reservation counter and job as reservation clerk is no longer required. ATM mashine replaced the cashier in bank means technology as capital replacing human labour affected the wage as explained by famous Economist Thamas Pickety known as new Karl Marx In his Famous book "New capital". Elite class capitalist never tell truth publically. their lies are their most powerful weapons against common man ,lies about technology that 'it is good for everyone' is the most dangerous and lethal weapons of Elite class. they always project fraudulent concept as best idea like globalization, free market, meritocracy etc as Paul Krugman in his book 'arguing with zombies' said that many fraudulent concept and ideas flourished because these ideas were backed by power full people.

Monopoly over technology killed more people than guns, pharmaceutical companies create the scarcity of medicine only because they got patent by State , most costly medicine in America compare to the other countries is the cruel reality. Indian Pharma companies increased the price of antibiotic Azithromycin 500% during covid-19 pandemic. it's classical white colour crime as explained by famous American sociologist Criminologist Edwin Sutherland in his speech at American sociological association in 1939. Robert Reich in his book the system said that Americans have clung to the meritocratic tautology that individuals are paid what they're worth in the market, without examining changes in the legal and political institutions that define the market. This tautology is easily confused with a moral claim that people deserve what they are paid. Further he argued that meritocratic tautology is only meaningful when legal and political institutions are morally just. In india only three companies reliance geo, vodaphone, and Airtel have Monopoly in telecom sector. In e-commerce sector Amazon have Monopoly in America because US govt granted the patent to Amazon . It's founder zeff Bezos is successful not because of meritocratic system but system of Monopoly. in a capitalist economy in which wealth create wealth itself contradictory to the meritocracy, dynastic wealth makes a mockery of meritocracy.

Robert Reich argued that We're already at a point where many of today's super-rich have never done a day's work in their lives. Six out of the ten wealthiest Americans alive today are heirs to prominent fortunes.

Technology alone cannot create inequality in presence of functional democracy because corporate need permission by State, bound by rules and law of the land , so policy of state matter the most. policy favour-mechanism by State to Elite class capitalist in terms of reduction in corporate tax, based on fraudulent concept as reduced corporate tax will create job. Monopoly over extraction of mineral, oil, gas, on very cheap rate which is nothing compared to the market price of these public resources permitted by State only, corporate continuously reducing the job with mechanization but getting the cheap resources and tax reduction on the name of employment generation.

It is the state who is increasing indirect tax on the name social welfare schemes. Is like putting lamb with



buffalo to pull the cart loaded with fodder for buffalo. Privatization of health care and education trapping the poor in poverty, even thrashing the lower middle class in poverty. Josef Stieglitz in his book, the great divide argued that costly health care and higher education worsened the conditions of American society is the most unequal society in advanced industrialized world. In India NPA of public sector banks skyrocketed to 14 lakh crore just as equal to half of the annual budget is the money taken by corporate but unable or don't want to payback. to save the bank Govt. have to bell out the bank with taxpayer money. it is state policy is the classic example of extraction of money from ordinary poor to rich is a white colour crime coined by Edwin Sutherland the American sociologist. No of people getting subsidized and free ration by Govt PDS system is increasing every year means that more and more people are falling in poverty trap, food inflation thrashing people in poverty because they expend their 90 % income on food and other basic need. so slightly increased food inflation hit them hard ,it was the policy of then British Indian state the permanent settlement 1793 created the inequality, it was the robbery on highway by State to snatch the fertile land, basically created by ordinary people by clearing the forest since bronze age. And after the independence even landlords claimed ownership on land which was actually belongs to farmers. Same things happened in México(Aztec) thousands year ago when Spanish arrived, created the new system of export driven economy, property right, ecomienda system to regulate race class and slave labour. all these were the policy of Spanish -Mexican state responsible for concentration of wealth in few hand of a small portion of the society . Even in 21st century Mexico is the one of the most unequal society in south America and whole world, a country of poor and top billinairs like caloss slime warren Baffet and others.

Landlessness is the real cause of poverty in India where state is main stakeholder. Despite the enactment of Zamindari abolition act 1956 except few state like Kerala, west Bengal and Jammu and Kashmir , maximum state never fully implemented the act. by creating loopholes in law maximum Zamidars manage to hold the big share of land on the name of their family members and relatives, on the name of college, school campus, temple campus garden(bag) village pond, Dharmshala campus, and making trust on their name with help of kinship based bureaucracy. Farmers land were acquired by State on minimum price on name of development and special economic zone were created for corporate benefit. huge network of four/two lane highway have been built by state on poor farmers land who only have manual bicycle not able to use highway. it the state policy used to transfer the wealth the land of farmer to privileged class, as Josef Stieglitz said that politics and economy have been locked in vicious cycle to creat further more inequality and poverty.

State sponsored centralized health care and education facilities in metro s and big cities forcing farmers to sell their land in rural villages at min 20 times cheaper than urban cities to by a plot of land in cities for the education of their children. Hospitals, University, medical college, IITS, AIIMS, and research institute built by state in Big cities forcing migration from village to cities creating scarcity of land and skyrocketing price of land snatching the all savings of lower Middle class Indian. It is not the natural free market phenomenon but a systematically created by nexus of govt -corporate and political mafia who controlled the land in the periphery of cities involved in predatory real estate. For example in a planned way game start with purchase of land in periphery of cities by political mafia and corporate, Elite and bureaucrats. bureaucrats and political mafia push the govt (in realty political mafia and bureaucrats are itself the govt)to come with so called development plan as new ring road , express way ,new housing society, hospitals and govts institutions etc.

it is the state policy decision to impose Equal rate of GST on poor and rich population .goods and service tax itself is a financial tools used by political decision makers under the influence of super rich to Create the inequality. inequality always benefit Elite class and industries because Inequality only can provide cheap labour. Despite the various restriction by American and European countries on textile industries of Bangladesh Managed to survive only because of availability of huge no of cheap labour specially women' labour. Economic



Historian Noah Hariri argued that industrial revolution happened in Britain only because black death created the scarcity of labour force which stimulate the mechanization and industrial revolution.

It is established fact that large portion of the corporate profit is earned by reducing labour cost. Mechanization, monopoly and policy favour by State rather than competition and efficiency.

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