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## Conception of Modern Civilization and Alternative Moderately: In 21<sup>th</sup> Century

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### Abstract

About the characteristics of modern civilization, Gandhi said, it is like a “restless bird, the more it gets, the more it went, and still remains unsatisfied”. Modern civilization is the craze civilization for wealth, using restless machinery and produced needless production, as the result vast amount of money are under capture by the few and another side millions of people’s are jobless, homeless, unemployed and fall on starvation. Gandhi criticized machinery and machinist’s civilization in the age of colonial period, when British administrations exploited us by the machinery of the image of modernization, but exploitation behind this disguised images was continuing. It is not only harm for human beings but also harmed in the universal nature by create artificial need, artificial imagination, which is demolished, God’s creatures. Modern civilization deserved authentication of people’s, by the brain washing of human beings. The general thinker Gandhi then called us to protect our priorities of nature, by the act on home rule, and free from artificiality, faraway dark factory and work in the open air, Gandhi also try to gets a position for the women to appearing herself as Queen rather than a factory servant. After that Gandhiji called undemocratic government is better than Democratic one, and called it is prostitution and alter natively used Ramrajya where true application of liberty, equality, fraternity, was proceed. Here, Gandhi not agree to totally of the restrictions of machinists civilization, just use for basic needs, which not makes jobless but created new employment, eradication of poverty, which ,use in general welfare, after that Gandhi’s discussion about supremacy on body and mind to protect him/her self ,all of these content I also elucidated in my paper.

**Keywords:** *True civilization, home rule, modern and industrial civilization, democratic discontent, women empowerment, junk image of modern civilization, modernity and condition of human beings.*

### Introduction

As a postmodernist thinker, Gandhi had excepted himself from modernity and modern civilization. Modern civilization is the instrumentalist, machinist, rationalists, and it is far away from the purity of the soul. In his book Hind Swaraj, Gandhi says that it is satanic civilization(Gandhi 1909), nobody has separated from its life consumption diseases. The construction of hierarchical societies was created by modernity, It creates an artificial society that divides the economy into weak and economically successful, and give rise to two categories such as haves and have not, one side belonged to jobless, homeless, another side is the king of coins and modern civilization gets them opportunity to exploit have nots, here not only human begins are affected by it, but also all universe like ant to man is affected by this disease, artificial needs, artificial competition is increasing day by day and we surrender our self as the servant of mechanism, we accepted all, without question, why. Another side, a natural thinker Gandhi think about making an organic natural garden and always pray to God’s make us natural , nature gives us everything, we live in nature and nature live in with us, but recent day accepting artificiality we are not only ruined nature, natural beauty, loss many species, decreasing natural

resources, lost balance of ecosystem but also destroying our selves, and we also digging our grave in our hand. In this topic, I shall try to show modernity and modern civilization in Gandhi's eye's and gets some view in its alternative.

Gandhi criticized modern civilization as well as mechanical civilization in his Hind Swaraj, and he compared modern civilization to the machinations of the people, democracy as the majority rule, and parliamentary democracy with prostitution, which is also include, , Gandhis a Very Short introduction,(1997) by Vikhu parekh and Bidyut Chakraborty's, The social and political thought of Mahatma Gandhi(2006)Democracy means that the rule of the vast majority , understood by gaining a majority in the political field. Here we can talk about the three divorce bills and citizenship amendment bill. There are three divorce bills where this bill is for Muslim women but Muslim women oppose the bill.(bbc news published 4th April, 2018) After the passing of the Citizenship Amendment Bill, protests, protests, public outcry with police, attacks on people's property, police looting of people etc. have come to light after the passing of the Citizenship Amendment Bill .Demonstration against CAB, Times of India update 13 December 2019 & news 18 com 13 December) 2019 This shows that democracy does not respect the sympathy of everyone, which is the ideology of a particular majority group. modern civilization means that the exploitation of the environment has its consequences and fatalities are cop-2 (economic time update 13 December 2019) However, modern civilization cannot be completely abandoned. It is Gandhiji who has acknowledged that we need to change our attitude.

### **Purpose**

Freeing everything from the barrage of artificiality, all things, starting from human beings, are viewed as moral and bound to humanity, established a true home rule.

### **Discussion**

Gandhi saw modern civilization is the craze for machinery it helps to labor savings where man busy to labor savings for earning more profit as the result of thousands are under open sky and fall on starvation. Quoting an English writer's word Gandhi said in his book Hind Swaraj modern civilization is a disease, it is objective of bodily welfare like building, shooting, booting, wearing, in our formal life it promotes bodily welfare. The modernization gives opportunities to the people to travel, to fly and covered all over the world a few hours, this is called civilization, but nobody asks why? And silently ready to be a slave in the darker factory room stayed away from the open air, as being a competitor of modernization, to buying luxury. This civilization created much of diseases and innovation much of Hospital is the test of modern civilization. Gandhi said women are the queen of home (Gandhi 1909) but modern civilization makes them servant of factories.

### **Some new features of modern civilization**

Gandhi said, machines are the exploiting instruments of few elite and bad man ,railway fulfilled the bad man views with rapidity, and make the holy place India have become unholy and it had done new job to spread plague germ, railway is the cause of famine because owing the facilities of locomotives people sell their grain and unaware about famine. Gandhi upset about these and said the man is the creature of nature and gift of God, man has restricted locomotive speed by

their hand and feet, we did not need rush from place to place. All difficulties are created by us ,after that it compiled us to employ a new job as doctor, lawyer, etc.

Doctor: Gandhi quoted the quote from the English writer as saying the modern system is the tree and its branches are the practical profession, immorality is the root of the tree(Gandhi 1909).There is a rumor circulating in our society that doctors are the second god in the eyes of men. Gandhi seeing its original reality and told us, the doctors are the businessman and disease body of a human being is the place of business, by which many people affected. After that Gandhi said we care about disease's pain but ignored how disease arises. Gandhi said, I overeat, I have indignation, I go to a doctor, he give me medicine, I am cure, I overeat again and I take the pill again. (Gandhi 1909) The doctor helps me to cure my body temporarily but it weakens my mind permanently. Today man is the just a subjective body of coloring food, western fashions, and technologies. At present we are under the domination of modern civilization and it always cover us, we known fast food like pizza, hamburger, Chou min, cold drinks are very harmful to our bodies and causes of many diseases but we make it's our fashion, by the Brainwashing of modern civilization, we forgot our own food(as a Bengali)like fish rice, murirghonto, etc, to protect myself.I use Gandhi's view. Gandhi said, you would accurate master over yourself, your bodies and mind. you would free yourself from the vices and would have become free from disease. Hospital is the institutions for the generating of sin, man less care of their bodies and immortality increase, as the result we go to medical and deprived self-control and become effeminate, doctor not serving for humanities, it is just for honors and riches doctor show their knowledge and charge extreme fees.

**Gandhi's true civilization:** Gandhi said that "mind is a restless bird, the more its gate the more its wants and still remains unsatisfied" (Gandhi 1909)' here Gandhi accentuations true civilization, which contains morality, happiness. True civilization support to controlling and Supremacy over mind, and limitation to indulgence, follow our ancestor path's and ideas and separate us from luxuries and pleasure, Here Gandhi strongly emphasised on happiness was largely a mental condition, not wealth and bodily happiness. A Man's happiness does not necessarily depend on his richness and poorness, often seen rich to be unhappy and poor to be happy..., disobeying machinery, Gandhi that our real happiness and health consists in the proper use of our hands and feet. In the modern age, large city, variety of cars, food, luxury materials all of this in our hand but it does not get us real happiness another side it produced swindler, thieves, and robbers, whore, where the poor man would be robbed by rich's. At present, Gandhi's prophecy has come to true. In the twenty-first century so many money scams happened in India, by the richest person some of them are Bijoy Malia, Nirav Modi, Mehul Choksey, Lolit Modi continued and so on, but they enjoyed beautiful life on another country by getting political asylum. Without knowing them Gandhi cautions us many years ago. And alternatively, imagination a pure natural village, where any poison is exhausted by the sword of ethics, the sword of ethics is always eternal here, here people lived independently and followed their agricultural occupation, work in the open field, and where people enjoying true home rule Swaraj. Here Gandhi did not speak of ancient Indian civilization where two years old babies are married, eleven year's old girls are mother and housewives, where women practices polyandry, wherein the name of religion girls are delicate themselves prostitution, all of this not place in Gandhi's view of true civilization and he tried to remove of this remains and utilized the new spirit that is born in us for purging ourselves from this evil.

Gandhi said that machinery is the chief symbols of great sin, man become slaves by the machinery, then Gandhi said it is better to send money rather than construct machinery and reproduce Manchester in India, Gandhi was mostly awarded to saving us from machinist disease, Though not familiar with the current machine, Gandhi warned us about the mechanics of religion. We know the characteristics of Mobile phone, it separates us from real-life communication, creates loneliness, hampered to create new relationships in the bus, in the train, etc, But in Gandhi's natural society, there was a sincerity of heart and where hearts were united. Now today we talk to mobile, we laugh with it, we chat with it. Now a day we may separate from our family but can't mobile.

Modern civilization as characterized by such features of the rationalism, secularism, industrialization, scientific culture, individualism, technological mastery over nature, drives towards globalization and liberal democracy all of these imagination concept of modernity, (Parekh 1997 )all of the imagination deserved good and moral view but its impact is mostly bad, I discuss it later shortly. On the other hand, its character is aggressive, brutal, imperialist, violent, exploit and unhappy, misunderstood the nature and limits of the reason and no appropriation of the individual swabhava.

### **Some imagination of modern civilization**

Democracy: Gandhi believes that undemocratic government is better than Democratic, it is just valuable pressure of dominant classes and they accept ruthless, brute, violence, absolutism, to protect their own interest. Modern Democratic government is the forms of few people's power by the name of the citizens, the citizens in this democracy are like pawns of the elite, it also saves masquerade and confers moral legitimacy of class rules. Gandhi took a dim view of parliamentary democracy and its assembly, where the opposition is suppressed and where majority try to hold on to the throat of opposition to stop their sound without Care's their feeling. Here I also try to elucidate other features of modern civilization (1) secularism, nowhere in the world fiend's proper secularism, in England where Catholic-Protestant dilemma followed some and much more alternative process followed many countries. (2) rationalism is the machinery to create heartless man, an example If a person dies in front of you as an accident, you do not help him because your logical judgment will tie you to your danger, to say fall on traps of police. (3) Globalization is the instruments of exploitation, It is well understood that the stand on the octopus model, applicable to international relations and by the Joseph Stiglitz thesis globalization and its discontent.

**Gandhi's alternative view to counter modernity:** A question arises why we are subjugated in our independent country, searching for this answer let's go to Gandhi's Hind Swaraj. Where Gandhi asked his reader what is Swaraj? His reader give answer removed English man from our country, then Gandhi asked why do you want to drive away from the English.

Reader: because they take away our money year after year, reserved most of the important post for themselves, we kept in the state of slavery.

Gandhi: if they become gentle, do not take away our money from year after years and give us the most responsible post, then would you still consider their presence to be harmful?

Reader: it is similar to the question of whether there is any harm in associating with a tiger if they change their nature. Swaraj we get when we have same power, we shall then hoist our flag, we must have our navy, army, our own magnificence and when India's voice tremble the world.

Gandhi: you want English rule without an English man, you want tiger nature but not tiger, you would make India English, you called Hindustan but Englishtan . This is not the Swaraj that I want. (Gandhi 1909)

Gandhi always prays to God that may India never follow the mother of Parliament views as it like sterile women and prostitution. The natural condition of that Parliament is that without outside pressure it can do nothing.

The thinking matter is what we wanted and what I got. Here I think we got what we wanted.

21th Century and Gandhi: if we see in the Gandhi's eyes, we see 21th century is the age of crisis, pollution, scams, negligence, division of the myself and yourself, in 21th century we are richer but rapidly lose our natural resources and natural friends and we may be prepared, for destroy of our world, we have no time about thinking we must aware about it .if we do not aware about it we will must die.

It is not forgotten that when Gandhi think about that, since that time we were under colonization of British rule, they had claimed we are loutish, even since this time called us orientalist. They help to makes us modern by brutal force (as an Indian)

We know that modern civilization as machinists civilization, but Gandhi did not go to totalitarian restrictions above machinery, he went to use the machine in primary needs, it gets the opportunity to create employed, create a home does not make them homeless. One word Gandhi think about in general, like Rousseau's "General will". Gandhi said that manufacturer is for basic needs not for rush of wealth. No discrimination, only Swaraj, I also found what's Gandhi's think about Naturalization, Indian civilization, and Ram Rajya when I close my eye's and fill about it, and a gentle pure breeze touches my soul.

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