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Our Cultural Values and its Present application on Mahabharata

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Mahabharata is one of the greatest epics of India written thousands of years ago by Vyasa. Even though it is a very old sacred Hindu Scripture its morals and its values is still prevailing today. It not only reforms but guide human relationships, and teaches useful values. It is not only a war between humans (i.e.) Pandavas and Kauravas but a text filled with lessons on duty, relationships, virtues, leadership and consequences of human actions. Some of ~~main~~ values of the divine scripture is Dharma (Righteousness), Truth along with integrity, Respect, Loyalty, Perseverance and courage, Equality, Importance of friendship, Role of Women, consequences of greed and jealousy, Guidance from elders.

DHARMA:- The central Theme of Mahabharata is Dharma the righteousness in duty. Even the epic or main characters in Mahabharata face a situation where they must choose between right and wrong. Yudhishtira the first, eldest of Pandavas is known for his adherence in Dharma. He tries to remain truthful in all situations. In our modern world Dharma bring a greater sense of responsibility and the spirit of honesty and following our moral duty. Dharma helps us to choose right path and make us contribute positively to our society.

Truth along with Integrity: Again Yudhishtira (the eldest) Pandava is embodiment of Truth. The destruction and downfall of Kauravas is mainly because of their jealousy and dishonesty. Meanwhile Pandavas although they make mistakes they uphold honesty.



Truth and integrity is essential for building strong relationships, trust in society, transparency and fairness in situation. If truthfulness prevails everywhere then problems can easily be solved. It helps to avoid misunderstanding and promotes harmony. This value of Mahabharata reminds us to be sincere and authentic.

Respect: Throughout Mahabharata characters show deep respect to their elders especially gurus. Pandavas respect their teacher Dronacharya and Kripacharya even while fighting against them in battle. They also show respect to elders in the family like Bhishma, who guides them with wisdom. Even today in our beloved country India respect for elders, parents and teachers is the backbone of our culture. This epic reminds us to honour knowledge, age, experience and older generations. This value encourages gratitude and new learning.

Loyalty: Loyalty is also a epic value of Mahabharata. The loyalty between Krishna and Arjuna is one of the best examples of this value. Krishna supports Arjuna not just as a divine guide but as a loyal friend. Loyalty is a bond which was the key to the success of Pandavas. In our day to day life loyalty helps to build social relationships, helps in cooperation, it builds trust.

Courage:

Courage: Mahabharata not only teaches courage as a physical strength but as bravery to face situations, accept mistakes and move forward. Draupadi's humiliation was enormous but her courage kept her moving. Arjuna's courage in Battlefield. Bhima's courage in protecting his family highlight perseverance and determination. In the current world let us take the example of students. Students often face pressure while studying, academic pressure emotional stress and competition. The value of courage teaches us to stay strong even in difficult times and believe in our abilities. This helps us to overcome failure, achieve goals whether in studies or sports or life challenges. This perspective is perseverance.

Equality: The war in Mahabharata is fought because the Pandavas were denied to get their rightful share of kingdom. Many areas Mahabharata emphasizes justice and equality. Characters like Vidura stand for equality, speaking openly against injustice. Even today issues like discrimination, injustice and unfairness prevail in India. This epic reminds us to promote equality and question back against injustice. It encourages to respect and treat everyone equally irrespective of their gender, age, religion or community they belong to.

Importance of Friendship: There are very beautiful and admirable friendships in Mahabharata like Arjuna and Krishna. Karna and Duryodhana show how strong such relationships can influence one's life. Krishna guides Arjuna towards righteous, Karna's loyalty to Duryodhana although admirable led to his death.



Friendship plays an important role in shaping our lives. The epic tells us to choose friends wisely, stay loyal and influence each other positively. It also warns us that wrong friendship can lead to harmful path.

Role of Women

Women in Mahabharata are shown as strong, intelligent and influential. Draupadi, Kunti and Gandhari play major role that impact the course of events. The epic portrays the dignity and strength of women and reminding society to treat them with respect. In modern times gender equality and jealousy, women's rights are important issues. The Mahabharata teaches that the women are powerful contributors to society and must be treated with honour, fairness and equality.

Consequences of Greed and Jealousy:

The downfall of Kauravas is mainly because of their greed, pride and jealousy. Duryodhana's envy of the Pandavas leads to the war and destruction of an entire generation. The epic clearly shows that negative emotions bring sufferings not only to oneself but also the other. Even today jealousy, selfishness and greed causes conflicts at personal, social and global levels. The Mahabharata teaches us to control these emotion and act with maturity, kindness and fairness. Enmity, wedge, greed are not a quality of good person. Even gods and goddesses who have power help each other. We are human who not be happy without any enemy.

10 Wisdom and Guidance from elders:

Characters like Bhishma, Vidura offer wisdom that helps others make the right decisions. Their teachings form an important part of Indian ethical thought.

In modern world, where everyone is busy and confused by many choices, guidance from experienced people helps us take balanced decisions. These teachings encourage reflection, patience and emotional control.

Mahabharata is not just a mythological story: it is a treasure of cultural values that guide human behaviour even today. Values like Dharma, truth, respect, loyalty, courage, justice and wisdom continue to shape Indian society and individual character. They help us live meaningful lives, build healthy relationships, and contribute to a more ethical world. Even after thousands of years, the teachings of Mahabharata remain timeless and relevant, reminding us that culture is not only about tradition but also about the values that guide us toward a better life.