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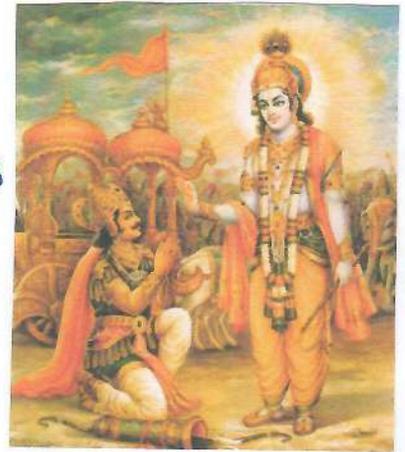
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The Mahabharata : More than a story

Our culture is not just built on rituals or festivals, but on values and inner truths passed down through centuries. One such timeless treasure is the Mahabharata — not just an epic, but a mirror of life.

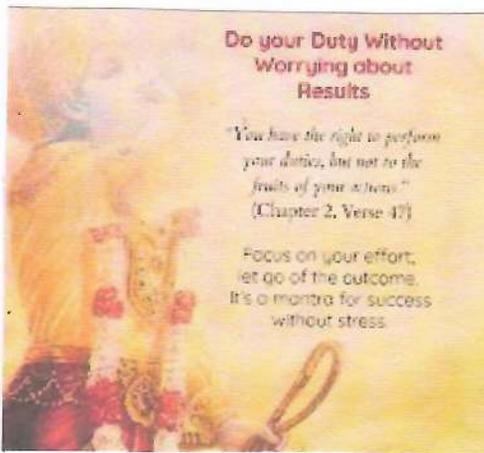


Though written thousand of years ago, its themes, conflicts, and lessons still shape our present society in silent yet strong ways. The characters, dilemmas and outcomes are not distant stories but daily realities we live, often without even realizing. The Mahabharata is not just a war epic — it is guide to human behaviour. It talks about dharma (duty), karma (actions), and the struggle between right and wrong.

In today's fast-moving world, we still face the same inner wars; whether to follow truth or take shortcuts, whether to speak up or stay silent, whether to choose peace or ego. These are the same questions Arjuna faced on battlefield of Kurukshetra — a battlefield that exists within us even today. This shows how deeply our culture is rooted in the Mahabharata, not just as an ancient book, but as a living philosophy.

Modern Reflections of Dharma and Karma

Today, people deal with moral confusion everywhere — in exams, at work, in friendships. Like Arjuna, may feel lost when facing big choices. Should I speak truth and lose marks? Should I help someone if it risks my reputation? These are dharma conflicts.



Krishna's advice to Arjuna

— **"Do your duty without expecting results"** — is a

message for all of us. Even school students can relate when they study hard but

don't get marks they hoped for. The Mahabharata reminds us that actions matter more than results — a lesson that strengthens our cultural values of honesty and dedication.

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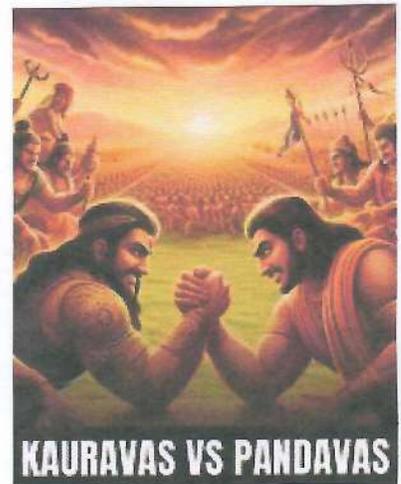


Family, Ego and Relationships



In the Mahabharata, the Kauravas and Pandavas are family — yet jealousy, ego and anger destroy that bond. Isn't that happening today too? Families are breaking over property, misunderstanding, and pride. Just like Duryodhana couldn't see the value of peace, people today often choose ego over unity. The Mahabharata warns us:

Uncontrolled emotions can break even the closest bonds. It teaches us to value family, control pride, and forgive. In today's world, full of broken relationships, these lessons are not old — they're essential.



Women's Dignity and voice:

One of the most powerful moments in the Mahabharata is the **disrobing of Draupadi**. It reminds us how society can be silent when women are hurt — a problem that sadly continues even today. But Draupadi's courage, her refusal to stay silent, is what makes her powerful.



Like her, modern women are standing up against injustice — in schools, offices, and public life. Our culture respects women as strong and wise. The Mahabharata

encourages this spirit — to stand for dignity, speak out, and not be afraid. "Draupadi is not just a queen of the past — she is every brave girl of today!"

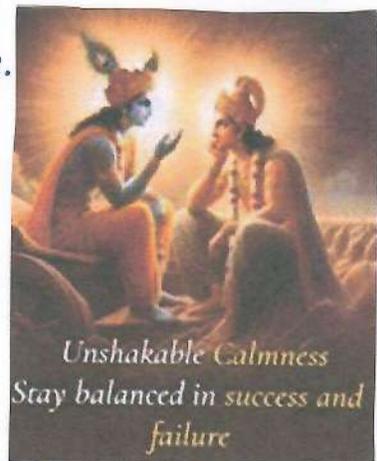
Krishna's wisdom in Our lives:



Krishna is the heart of the Mahabharata — not because he fights, but because he guides. In times of stress, fear, or doubt, his words bring peace. "stay balanced in success and failure" — one of greatest lessons from the Gita. Today, mental issues, peer pressure and failure ~~fear~~ trouble many students and adults. Krishna's wisdom tells us to focus on our efforts, not just on rewards.

It helps us stay mentally strong.

He teaches us not only how to win battles — but how to live with peace.



Hidden Battles of Today : A cultural parallel

The war in Mahabharata was not just about land. It was about truth (vs) lies, justice (vs) injustice, ego (vs) humility, — the same battles happening now in schools, homes, and hearts. For example,



Addiction to = dice game of
Screens Today



Peer pressure = Karna's
loyalty dilemma

Cheating in = choosing adharma
exams for personal gain



Jealousy among = Duryodhana's envy
friends

These connections show how our present situations are deeply rooted in Mahabharata.

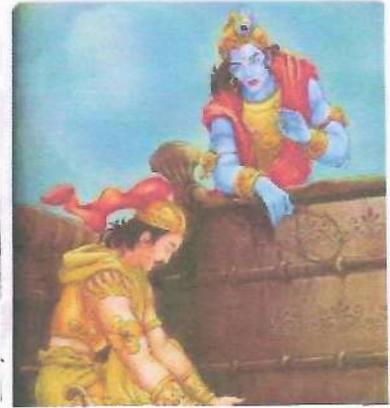


It's not about remembering names and dates — it's about applying the wisdom to our life.

Conclusion: The Epic lives on



Arjuna: "The world is against me."
Krishna: "But I am with you."



Our culture is not just in temples or textbooks — it's in the choices we make everyday. The Mahabharata lives on, not as a memory but as a message. It teaches us how to be better humans — not by wining wars, but by winning over ego, lies, and hatred. In today's world of confusion and fast change, the Mahabharata is like a compass — always pointing towards dharma. And that is why, even in 2025, our culture is rooted in the present application of the Mahabharata.

