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Dear Learners,

I am glad to place an eBook on the topic *The India of My Dreams*.

This eBook is an outcome of the *English Challenge Contest 2021* conducted during this year.

As part of encouragement and motivation to student authors, we have made only very mild corrections.

On behalf of the entire Gear Your Success team, I sincerely thank our partners Rotary Club of Madras Temple City and Mangaladeepam; and jury for supporting this initiative.

Good luck!

In the cause of learning,

Dr N Balakumar
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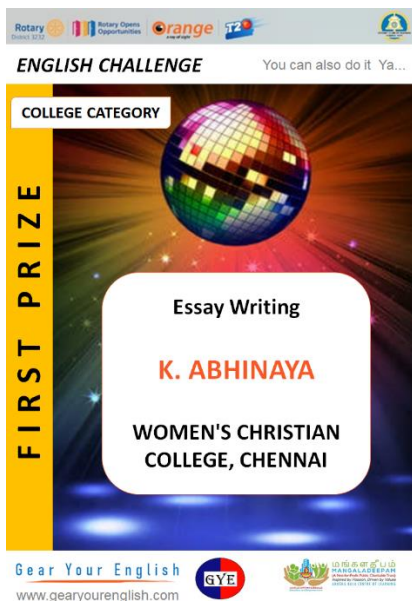
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First Prize



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India is a huge country with a unique characteristic that employs an oxymoron in it – “Unity in Diversity”. On visiting India, all foreigners would get flummoxed, if they’re experiencing these diverse and rich cultures, languages, dance, music and dressings in just one country or a plethora of countries integrated together. The India of my dreams has a myriad of conspicuous attributes that serve as touchstones to other countries.

Firstly, in the India of my dreams, unity is witnessed everywhere in all domains. People live with so much integrity that driving a wedge between the Indians becomes a challenging task for the anti-Indians, corrupted politicians and others. I dream of an India which is ruled by honest administrators who go the whole hog for the further betterment of India and

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make the citizens feel adequate.

Secondly, I dream of an India where all citizens are considered as equals and are not discriminated on the basis of any grounds like caste, creed, race and gender. Women and the so called “minority groups” enjoy freedom to live their lives on their own terms. Venomous people who are exuberant in playing both ends against the middle will suffer a misfortune.

Thirdly, I dream of an India where all Indians are better off having a job and a stable income, being able to wipe out poverty out of existence completely. In the India of my dreams, there is no flight of native talent which is otherwise called as the treacherous “Brain Drain”. Indians feel that it is their sincere obligation to serve Mother India. The capacity and potential of the brilliant Indian minds are utilized to the fullest that further guides India towards the path of progression.

Fourthly, I dream of an India where the two contradictory forces of equality and justice are present on a healthy dosage according to the demand of the situation. In the India of my dreams, I find not only smart cities, but also smart villages that enjoy the access to all amenities and comforts. Indians living in ‘smart’ hamlets also enjoy a decent standard of living.

Fifthly, I dream of an India where world famous top ranking educational institutions are present. Foreigners compete with each other to get a seat at Indian colleges that stand on high standards and strive to get a job in Indian MNCs due to excellent working conditions.

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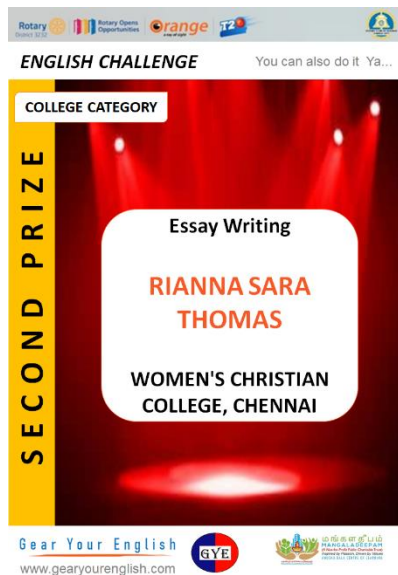
Finally, I dream of an India that ranks the highest in all criteria and domains that would be looked up to and delist itself from those that are not admirable. To make it crispier, the world would look at “The India of my dreams” with green envy!

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Second Prize



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It was a few minutes past midnight even as I was reading up the glory and history of a nation. The glory of the early recorded civilization is still being talked about for its planning, architecture, script, agriculture, trade and commerce. Even as I continued reading, my eyes slowly started to droop heavy and without realizing it, I feel into a deep slumber and was soon transported into a world that appeared too good to be true.

The quality of the surroundings was what struck me at the outset. Clean, broad, paved roads on which people travelled with a sense of discipline and respect for the other while adhering to the rules and traffic lights. Overhead metro lines crisscrossed, piercing the city skyline. Hi-speed loops ran right through the center of the roads with underground walkaways for passenger access. The bustle of the city was only the hum of these all around adding to the chirping of the birds. There was

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little pollution and the air was crisp and fresh, and people did not have to use masks!

Travelling on, I reached the business district. Huge designer buildings that were simply so attractive that their façade was simply captivating, to say the least. Buildings that were spacious and well designed to work with nature powering them up. Solar cells adorned their super structures but would not give away their nature unless one took a close look. We were already established as the most progressive technological power and the Artificial Intelligence prowess that powered the robots and devices were all patented by Indians. WE were no more the back office of the world but the powerhouse of global technological development. The “bleeding edge “of progress!

I paused to wonder as what would have enabled this transformation. Just as drone passed overhead carrying a remote delivery, it struck me like a bolt of lightning. Education. Progress is powered only by education and I quickly sought to determine the system at work. Schools were a different experience altogether. Capacitive display that enabled a touch and feel for the student , a teleport like experience that enabled the student to experience the sights and sound in almost real life apart from nurturing an inquisitive quest for knowledge . The curriculum was such that provided for a choice of subjects to learn and excel based on the aptitude of the student. Vocational, military and basic lifesaving skills were mandatory for all students as were money management skills. Educational institutions were all government run and provided free and compulsory knowledge enhancement for life. Everyone was a student for life, not by choice, but by design.

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Economic development was beyond compare. The economy was worth several times over what its nearest competitor was. Stock markets were the most developed and advanced and their market capitalization was unimaginable. The world flocked to invest in such an economy that was simply unstoppable. Low inflation, a high growth trajectory and trade surpluses made expansion of the GDP look copybook. Economic development ensured that luxury replaced poverty, with homes replacing homelessness, and cooperative, inclusive development replacing the spirit of selfishness.

“Wealth is important”, I said to myself, but “what is wealth without health?” This was a nation that gave the world Ayurveda and the medicine that nature taught humanity. This was the past as I recall, and quickly embarked to check on what Medical care looked like. Advanced AI based telemedicine was what I witnessed. Citizens were monitored for their health, right from their birth, with a compulsive regularity that ensured prevention over cure. Life expectancy was the highest in the world, and ensured the productivity of the population for much longer time frames, thus contributing to the progress and development. The mode of treatment was enviable. Nature based but systematic administration, advanced research that paved the way for healthy preservation of human life across all age groups ensured this nation retained the tag of being the capital of medical research and health care services for all humanity that was affordable to all. Life was more important than the monetary value of the care being offered. “Humane to every human” was the basis of our Medicare system.

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How could such an advancement across every sphere be enabled, if not through and by a system of effective administration? I realized that the translation of the will into execution, the transformation of a dream into reality could only be possible through a model of governance that is inclusive and not divisive , one that focused only on the well-being and prosperity of its subjects , one that placed the country over the self , one that created an environment of safety and security for its subjects , ensuring there was equality , one that empowered and respected women and paved the way for an equal future for them , one where corruption, disruption and unemployment were non-existent . This is what I witnessed-a system where politics was replaced by the will and the aspiration of the people. The citizens would be proud, fearless and empowered, focused only on how to make every passing day a better one for all of humanity.

This country was once known as a land of villages. What I witnessed ignited a sense of euphoria. Here was the global village. There were no minorities, caste systems, untouchability. There was a sense of universal brotherhood. One for all and all for one as peaceful co-existence dominated disputes. A sense of humbling pride overtook me as the faint but clear words of a poem floated in the air. I drew closer to listen in and this is what I heard:

- ❖ Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
- ❖ Where knowledge is free;
- ❖ Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;
- ❖ Where words come out from the depth of truth;
- ❖ Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;

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- ❖ Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;
- ❖ Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action
- ❖ Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

Just as I recalled these were the words of Rabindranath Tagore, I was stirred into awakening from my deep slumber. I lay on for a few more moments only to realize that I had witnessed the picturisation of what I had been reading the night before –The glory of India transformed into the India of my dreams!

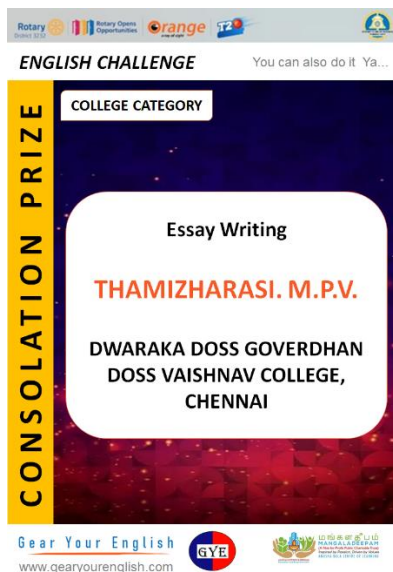
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Essay Writing
College Category
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Consolation Prize



"You have to dream before your dreams can come through" - Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

India of my dreams is a developed nation that is admired by other fellow countries. India is a land of diversity and it is known for its rich culture, ethnicity, diverse languages, and belief systems. My dream India is a country with genuine Equality, Fraternity, Liberty and Justice. A country in which the citizens are treated equally without discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, gender, disability, or place of birth. Individuals should be given the liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith, and worship. In addition to the rights of the individual, they should also be conscious of duties they owe to their country. My humble opinion is, important duties like casting votes and paying tax must be followed by every citizen. The 3 dimensions of justice,

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social justice, economic justice, and political justice should be achieved to reach the goal. The fraternity has to ensure the dignity of the individuals and the unity and integrity of the nation.

A major crisis that is acting as a barrier to my dream India is the existence of 'Hunger'. Hunger and malnutrition is a serious problem in India. Hunger is perpetually accompanied by its inseparable twin, Poverty. As per 'World Poverty Clock', poverty is declining in India and as of 2020, multidimensional poverty has significantly reduced, declining from 55% in 2005 to 17% in 2020, despite the pandemic.

The dream India of mine will be void of any stereotypical gender roles. Women's Empowerment in social, educational, economic, political, and psychological aspects will be accomplished. There exists an urban-rural divide therefore the women in rural areas must be given the same access to education, employment, healthcare, and decision-making as their urban counterparts. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "India will be free when women feel safe to walk in the streets of India at midnight".

Indian land is fertile in nature, hence the agricultural sector will flourish if the farmers are guided and supported properly. Exports of our agricultural and horticultural goods will boost the economy of the country and it also helps us to overcome poverty and hunger. The India which I have dreamt about will have extremely advanced infrastructure such as roadways, railways, ports, airports, etc. The brilliant minds of India will work for the betterment of the nation and promote '*Atmanirbhar Bharat*' which is also known as Self-

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Sufficient India or Self-Reliant India. This prevents “*Brain Drain*” that is prominent in India. Indigenisation of technology and developing new technology in the fields of IT, space, robotics, biotechnology are the areas through which we can attain our goal as a developing country.

Our country must be prepared for any kind of adversity whether it’s natural, anthropogenic, or hybrid disasters. Likewise, Military advancement is indispensable for our country. My dream India focuses on the well-being of the environment in addition to the welfare of mankind. Every living being including microscopic organisms to the largest mammal must be protected. Conservation of forests and other natural resources is of equal significance too.

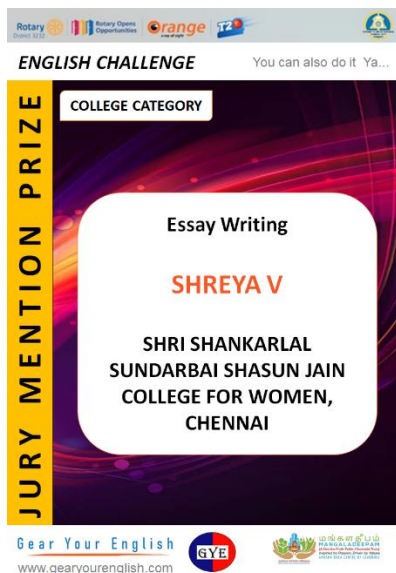
Thus, the India of my dreams will be a Harmonious place where individuals strive for the sustainable development of the country. I conclude by saying “*All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them*”. Therefore, I pledge to work for “*My dream India*” and pursue the same!

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Entry # CL279
Jury Mention Prize



The India of my dreams – this is a question all of us have come across and given some thought to and the answers we have to it, limitless. There are a few basic components in every answer – freedom, equality, basic fundamental rights, equitable distribution of wealth, so on and so forth. What if we focus on the smaller things that constitute the larger notion? After all, each drop of water makes up the ocean, and every drop counts.

Breaking it down, the avenues to look at are large and variable – social, cultural, economic, political, technological et cetera. In my opinion, education and social awareness are the building blocks of society as a whole and that's where our country is lacking – this is keeping in mind the general intelligence quotient of the country which is not bad at all. The education system needs a thorough revamping – the syllabus we're forced to study is backward at best, the way a person is tested is one-dimensional, there is absolutely no scope for

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unconventional careers, and the process of “choosing a stream” is out-dated and redundant. Offering a variety of subjects belonging to different branches of study open up a brand new horizon for exploration and experimentation. The lack of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in the current systems leads to a non-conducive environment.

The India we live in is far below the standards of the pre-invasion period and the future one had hoped for. A shift in focus from excess industrialisation to supporting low income wage workers and the unemployed would do wonders to the economy. Politically speaking, only one thing would ensure the country's true welfare – Transparency - Transparency in the appointment of leaders and in the daily workings of the political system. A redressal mechanism to ensure only deserving candidates enter the realm of politics and a system based on promises and plans put forth rather than faith in the person should be put in place.

Another system that exists that must be strictly regulated is the reservation system – the truly deserving, low earning families with lack of resources or awareness/education should be the only ones receiving the benefits that are rightly put forth by the government. In reality, the loopholes of the so-called caste system in the country (which should be abolished altogether) are taken advantage of. A citizen of the country must be judged on the basis of MERIT, not BIRTH.

Also to be noted, the fact that all people – especially women, and those belonging to the LGBTQ community, on the gender or autism spectrum, or

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from any minority – are not treated the same, and have to essentially fight for their rights is worrying. It is a major cause of concern that India is now a ‘partly free’ nation and not a ‘free’ nation. Focusing on giving the underprivileged and vastly discriminated nationals the special facilities that are needed and ensuring their safety and equality is definitely time-consuming and costly, but it is completely worth it. It ensures that the country has a better standard of living and a higher quality of life. Treat everybody the same and the country will see heights never seen before.

Lastly what I would like to see in a vast country like India is a major change in the judicial system – we’re still dependent on one person to deliver judgements and determine the gravity of crimes. It’s the twenty first century, and it is a well understood notion that a structured jury is the way to go. A group of people comprising of both individuals in the legal system and randomly chosen citizens would be unbiased, fair and just beyond compare.

In a nutshell, the India of my dreams is an India free from any inequality, disparities and injustice. It is an economically, culturally and socially prosperous sovereign nation.

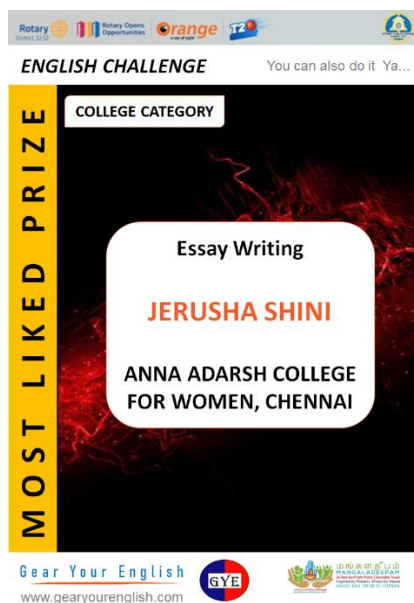
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Essay Writing
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"I have a dream" is the famous speech given by Martin Luther King junior. This is one of the most profound speeches of the 1960s, creating a movement that swept the nation.

Same as Martin Luther King stated even I have a dream about my country India where one day everyone are treated equally without any discrimination this is not only my dream but the dream of many people present in India . I have always dreamt about an India which is perfect where there will be no racism, communalism and discrimination based on gender or cast. A country where everyone are being employed, a country without poverty, a country where no one sleeps without food, a country where I can walk freely, a country where there is no crime, a country where humanity speaks not money, a country where

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people aren't selfish all these might seem to be something which is not realistic that's why it's still my dream.

In a country like India we have a vast culture and a wide range of resources but all the resources are not being used in the best possible way. Many resources are left idle and others are being overused. This leads to scarcity of renewable resources that will hamper the growth of the country. The India which I've dreamed of has all resources which are being used in the best and efficient way and this will boost our country's productivity and which in terms yields good return and provides economic stability. Brain drain is another major problem which hampers the country's growth because the sources from India is used for development of other countries and those sources are not being used for our country's development for example an individual pursue MBBS in India and work as a doctor in other country where it is beneficial for that country but I has no benefits for our country, I dream about an India where there is no brain drain where all India's work here and remain satisfied.

I dream about a country where politically we are free from one side bias and where there is no injustice. There is a lot of corruption in the country. It's sad to see that it is increasing day by day. The average person is suffering in the hand of a corrupt politician who is only interested in fulfilling their own selfish motives. Corruption would be unheard of in India of my dreams, so that our citizens can lead a peaceful life and they will be knowing about good moral values. I dream of a country which is capable of providing good and high quality of education, so when all are well-educated I can proudly say that our

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country is well-developed because an investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

As Mahatma Gandhi once said "you must be the change that you wish to see in the world" by keeping this quote in mind I've changed myself to make my dream India come true but India isn't only about me it is about all the people who are living here so, if I change it's not going to change the entire country but if everyone change it can change our entire country because the development of a country lies in the ability of the citizens. Where there is unity there is always victory. I still have a dream to see all these come true.

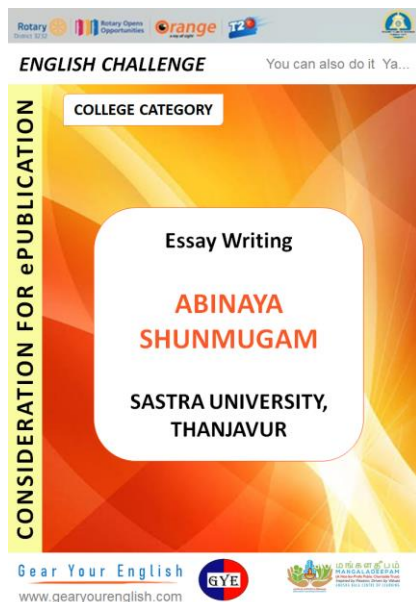
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Dreams are the one that never make us mundane and gives us a reason to live but how it would be if we dream about India where we live. In this essay we are going to unfold "The India of my dreams".

Technology may obsolete but our resources never deplete:

In the quest of advancement in the technology we failed to pay heed to our resources. Our realization period is not so far. Time will come where an advent of a farmer would gain more respect than any other graduate. Students will learn about agriculture in schooling and not merely the science and maths. I wish we Indians could laugh hard at jokes on us and defy their mockery with a humorous reply. Sooner we are going to realize that if

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agriculture goes wrong, nothing else will have a chance to go right.

Master of our own self:

Business and entrepreneurship will definitely grow and our country will have more affluence as well as influence. To find a foreign company functioning in India would be difficult also it would be hard to find a professional going to work at late nights then, "How come we are able to grow this huge " would be the query lingering in our minds. It is because domestic business would be in its peak and our patriotism would not just be reflected in Independence Day but also in procuring goods from Indian people and using Indian products.

We learn things and not study:

Indian students will quench their thirst of many decades by learning things instead of studying it. Our education system taught us only to study, it didn't teach us the other side of being inquisitive and finding a logic behind everything. We are trained to be an employee and not as an employer. We need to change our perspective of having an aim to acquire a successful job into setting up an own company all by ourself. Our education system will be evolved as such that teachers test our knowledge and not our memory.

Indians will be a leader and not a political party:

In the current scenario only, the political parties lead us and not an Indian. Indian does not only mean who is born in India or a resident of India but it means who does not find themselves apart as an individual rather emote themselves as a part of his/her mother "India". We will have a leader who thinks that he did not get more votes but more vows to fulfil.

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Conclusion:

No doubt we still have 'promises to keep and miles to go...' We still face the challenges of poverty, diseases, illiteracy, inequality, social backwardness and gender and caste discrimination and oppression. But there is no ground for pessimism or resignation, for frustration or lack of pride. India has impressive achievements to its credit in the economic and political arena. The major reason for our optimism lies in our belief that a vibrant democracy like India can find the solutions for these problems. I hope that India will achieve what it deserves and it depend on the dreams of people of India. They say dreams are many sleepless nights but I view that as an act that gives many peaceful nights to sleep for our future generation. Let us pass on our next generation not a race towards money but a better place to live. India should be the best, where everybody has a home to rest. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. We have achieved a lot and we are dreaming to achieve more. I dream of a shining India, a vibrant democracy and a secular nation taking centre-stage in the comity of nations.

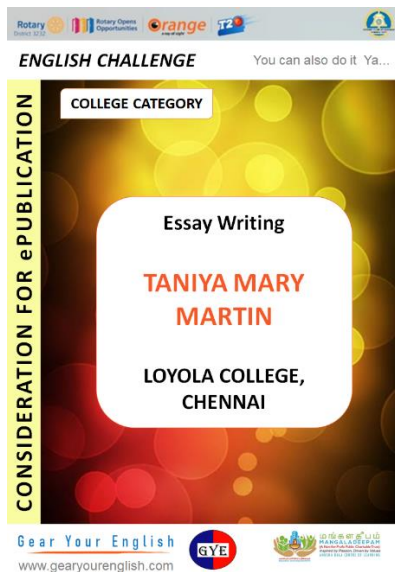
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My dream about India is it should maintain the status quo it is having since five thousand years. Unity in diversity, fraternity, equality, secularism, freedom and fundamental rights. Its democracy is stable even though having different cultures, religions and languages and people of India live peacefully. Media freedom should be protected and all sections of the society should be protected. Upon these basic pillars any country can erect a fruitful nation and we the Indians are doing it and without these all-economic developments will end up in Chaos.

English language has united India and its technical advantages has made Indians successful. Education should be priority hence India can move to the forefront. R & D Centers should be developed.

Key points for India's development:

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- ❖ All development and education should be Technical and job oriented.
- ❖ Should find a way to control corruption.
- ❖ Govt. Hospitals should be increased and service quality to be improved for the upliftment of poor.
- ❖ Mechanization in Agriculture.
- ❖ IT Development of all sectors – through good telecom networks – 7G to be brought in.
- ❖ Infrastructure development Bullet trains, more airports, tax reduction to ATF, and airline services.
- ❖ More transshipment terminals.
- ❖ Express highways and bullet trains. (UP MODEL)
- ❖ Domestic manufacturing promotion by Indian companies and bringing foreign companies.
- ❖ Reduction of Interest rates in banking sector.
- ❖ Importing products should be sorted out and should be domestically made.
- ❖ EV automotive industry and Electric train model roads for future energy needs.
- ❖ Use of solar energy for Industries and automotive so that Brent crude usage reduction to save economy.
- ❖ Domestic production of fertilizers.
- ❖ Foreign migration to be promoted for foreign reserve and for better living and to relax population explosion.