

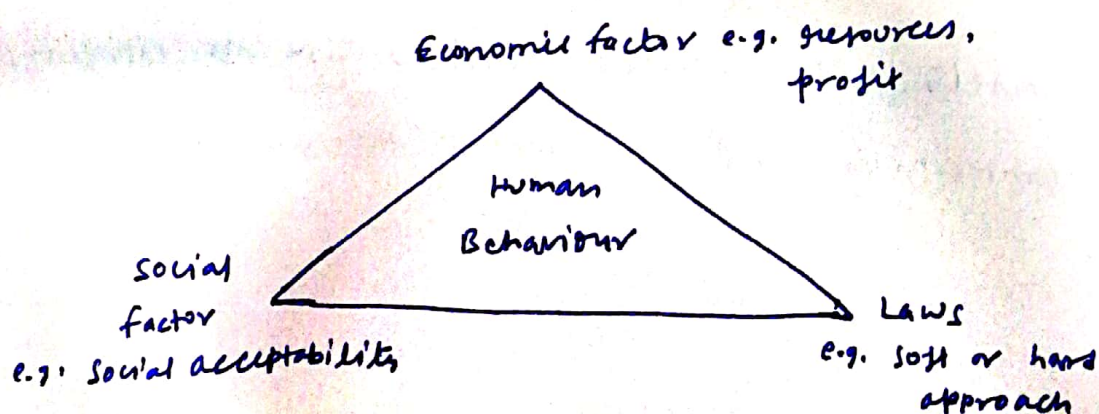
Q 1 You are recently appointed as the District Magistrate of a district notorious for illicit distillation of liquor. The illicit liquor leads to many deaths, reported and unreported, and causes a major health and social problem for the district. The approach till now had been to view it as a law and order problem and tackle it accordingly. Raids, arrest, police cases, and criminal trials – all these had only limited impact. The problem remains as serious as ever.

Your inspections show that the parts of the district where the distillation flourishes are economically, industrially and educationally backward. Agriculture is badly affected by poor irrigation facilities. Frequent clashes among communities gave a boost to illicit distillation. No major initiatives had taken place in the past either from the government's side or from social organizations to improve the lot of the people.

Which new approach will you adopt to bring the problem under control? (250 words) 20 marks.

our constitution under Article 47 provides for control of liquor and intoxicating substances.

the above case pertains to illegal activities in absence of alternate livelihood.

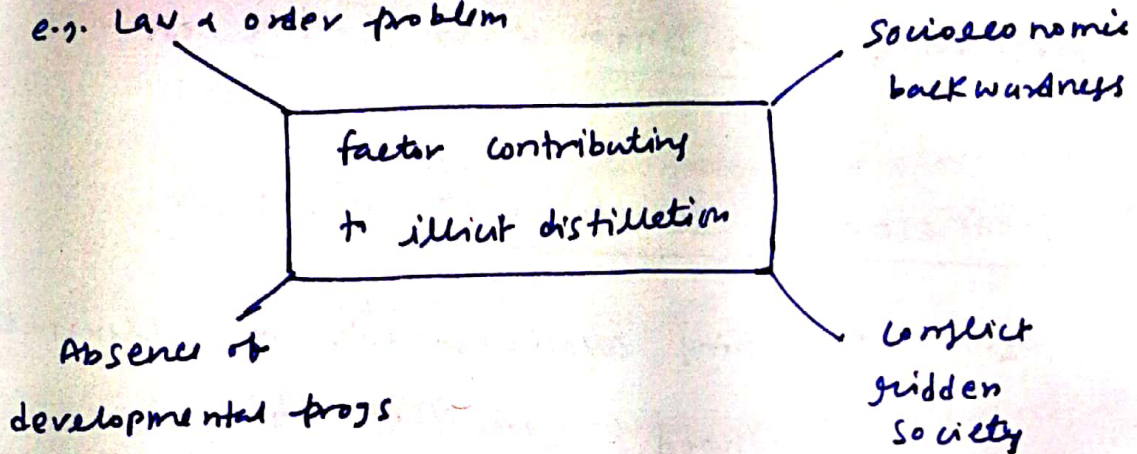


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Step 1 - understanding the cause of problem

unidirectional approach

e.g. Law & order problem



Since the illicit liquor is harming the population itself, it indicates that their engagement is not driven by profit motive but caused due to compellence.

Step 2 - multi-pronged approach

① Capacity building approach of Amartya Sen

1.1 the initiatives to increase literacy such as MPLAD funding use, mid day meals would be promoted.

1.2 Skillings in alternate employment based on

locally available resources under Skill India mission, Van Dhan Vikas Kendra etc.

② socioeconomic development approach

2.1 Ensuring availability of alternate livelihood

- ↳ MGNREGS
- ↳ formation of cooperatives
- ↳ SHG formation

↳ it needed use govt funding to contribute seed capital or provide bank guarantee.

2.2 formation PPP venture which can generate income

- ↳ CSR funds utilisation
- ↳ availability of manpower for local ventures

③ Behavioural change approach

law can only decide the direction society should take, actual direction is decided by the culture.

3.1 Role modeling - make a success story from within community by providing hand holding support

↳ other feel motivated to emulate

3.2 Reinforcement - BF Skinner

Reward for those who adopt alternate options and discourage those who still stick to illegal liquor

④ Repairing the broken Social Structures

4.1 Regular meeting of community elders and leaders to ensure social harmony.

4.2 The dilapidated irrigation system repair through community labour participation

- Funding through MGNREGS
- builds social cohesion by working together
↓
team spirit.

further, the community feedback would be taken regularly to constantly evolve the approach and accommodate their unique requirement.

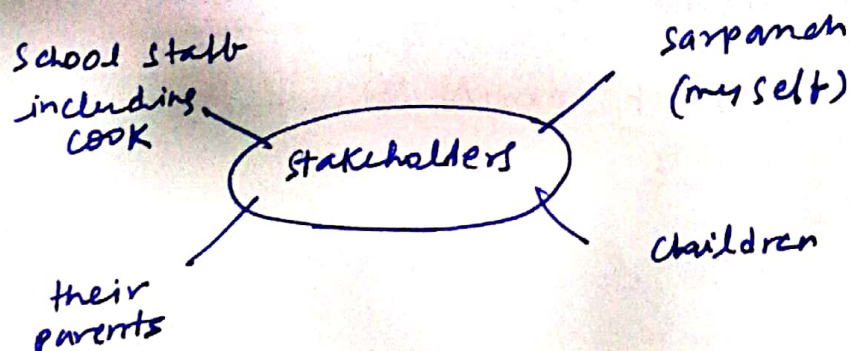
Thus their, leaving the illicit liquor and moving to any sustainable livelihood is beneficial for both community as well as the nation.

Q 2 You are the Sarpanch of a Panchayat. There is a primary school run by the government in your area. Midday meals are provided to children attending the school. The headmaster has now appointed a new cook in the school to prepare the meals. However, when it is found that cook is from Dalit community, almost half of the children belonging to higher castes are not allowed to take meals by their parents. Consequently the attendance in the schools falls sharply. This could result in the possibility of discontinuation of midday meal scheme, thereafter of teaching staff and subsequent closing down the school. (20 Marks) (250 Words)

- (a) Discuss some feasible strategies to overcome the conflict and to create right ambiance.
- (b) What should be the responsibilities of different social segments and agencies to create positive social ambiance for accepting such changes?

the given case pertains to traditional norms
hindering the development, in this case education
of the children.

our constitution through Article 17
prohibits untouchability and through fundamental
duties mandates rational views & feeling of
brotherhood



(a) Strategies to overcome conflict and create
right ambience:

① Attitudinal & Behavioural change

1.1 Educating the parents about the laws
against untouchability

1.2 Importance of education for the
future of children

1.3 Taking help of teachers in messaging

1.4 Role modeling - presenting example
of Dr. Ambedkar & other successful
personalities.

~~1.5 Ensure my children and myself~~

② Legal approach

2.1 taking action against those who engage in
discrimination

2.2 Duty of parents to send their ward to
schools

following there, I would engage with the parents and counsel them so that they shed their bias.

(b) Responsibilities of different social segments & agencies

1.1 caste councils such as Khat panchayats need to come up in support of reforms and anti discrimination measures.

1.2 Religious leaders such as Priest can be engaged in propagating values and bringing spirit of reform.

1.3 Law enforcement agencies in case of persisted discrimination, required to take action.

1.4 Sarpanch (myself) use social influence and persuade the requisite changes in the attitude of parents.

As Sarpanch, I will ensure that all the stakeholders interest find convergence along with protecting the rights to work. Dr.

Ambekar anticipating such issue emphasised on value of constitutional morality over social morality. He understood that it would be difficult as it is not natural emotion but it is non-negotiable.

Q 3 You are a young, aspiring and sincere employee in a Government office working as an assistant to the director of your department. Since you have joined recently, you need to learn and progress. Luckily your superior is very kind and ready to train you for your job. He is a very intelligent and well-informed person having knowledge of various departments. In short, you respect your boss and are looking forward to learn a lot from him. Since you have good tuning with the boss, he started depending on you. One day due to ill health he invited you at his place for finishing some urgent work. You reached his house and before you could ring the bell you heard shouting noises. You waited for a while. After entering the house the boss greeted you and explained the work. But you were constantly disturbed by the crying of a woman. At last, you inquired with the boss but his answer did not satisfy you. Next day, you were compelled to inquire further in the office and found out that his behavior is very bad at home with his wife. He also beats up his wife. His wife is not well educated and is a simple woman in comparison to her husband. You see that though your boss is a nice person in the office, he is engaged in domestic violence at home. In such a situation, you are left with the following options. Analyse each option with its consequences. (a) just ignore thinking about it because it is their personal matter. (b) Report the case to the appropriate authority. (c) Your own innovative approach towards the situation. (250 words) 20 marks.

The presented case find resonance in present increase in domestic violence which is termed by UNICEF as Shadow Pandemic.

According to NCRB data (2019), there was a 16% increase in cases of domestic violence compared to in 2018.

Evaluation of given options:

(a) Just ignore about it because it is their personal matter:

Pros

- ① Professional relations stay on good terms
↳ my learning and future is not negatively impacted.
- ② Superior - subordinate relation — sanctity is maintained
- ③ Separation between personal and professional life — Right to privacy

Cons

- ① my conscience is trampled
- ② His wife continues to suffer
- ③ Others like him would find no harm in engaging such behaviour.

(b)

Report the case to appropriate authoritiesPros

- ① Domestic violence stops and wife lives a dignified life.
- ② Lesson to other abusers
- ③ Authorities would have knowledge of dual personality of director.

Cons

- ① Director does not get the opportunity to correct his behaviour.
- ② Departmental action / losing job / jail sentence might adversely affect the wife.

(c)

My own approach

Having a frank conversation to superior and hear his side. Taking that into consideration, letting him know the cruelty he is committing. If he realises, arrange schedule with marriage counsellor

and at the same time educate the wife about her rights.

L Domestic Violence Act

L Dowry Prohibition Act

feeling empowered, she would be in better position to defend herself. there after, if violence occurs she can approach the authorities on her own and would not need external support.

discrimination and violence against women is rooted in their inferior status. to uproot this generational evil, their 360° empowerment is needed - which would include education, skills, employment and their own perception about themselves.