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Judge People by Not what
They Are, But what They
Strive To Become

Belonging to a lower caste family, he was following the duties prescribed to him according to his Varna, until one day ^{when} he was insulted by a friend's parents for attending their "higher caste" wedding.

It was that very moment, that Jyotiba Phule decided to challenge the caste structure and ended up being a crusader for caste abolition, women education and much more.

Now consider a second scenario, 26-year old Hasim had strong communal views. But he was not taken seriously by his friends, family, although he approved of organisation like ISIs, Al-Qaeda. Hasim ended up being in jail for lone wolf attack on the streets of France.

The two scenarios explained above are examples of how one should not judge an individual by what they are, but what they strive to become. But why is it important to consider "what they strive" element?

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It is because what "one strives" shows his/her ideals and opinion. It is an indicator of the values he/she holds and the ~~most~~ aims and aspiration they look up to.

For instance, if an individual wants to be a part of Indian Army, it portrays his conviction and his love for motherland.

To "judge people by not what they are" is also important as man is a living being and it keeps on evolving, thereby also changing the mindset and the belief system.

for instance, Bhagat Singh,
transformed from being a
radicalist to a socialist.

Further what one
"strive to become" is all
the more important in
case of national security,
our preventive detention
laws primarily aims to
balance the dilemma of
"what people are" vs "what
they strive to become".

However, the significance
of the given phrase is not
just restricted to an indivi-
-dual life, it is very much
relevant in ~~other~~ ^{different} arenas of
a society or even a nation's life.

Historically, on the one hand, we have people like Napoleon who on his way to the throne; reversed many of the gains made by French Revolution. curstaid on the freedom of speech being one of them.

On the other hand, we have people like Gandhi or ~~Nadela~~ Nelson Mandela, who sacrificed their life for the cause they believe in - Nation building being foremost of them.

In contemporary Indian society; the demands for legalisation of same sex marriage, the constitution

amendment supporting
women increasing role in
politics ~~are~~ are a testament
of the fact that India
is moving towards a
more egalitarian social order.

Similarly, our economic
decisions like improving
supply chain networks, efforts
for a role in semiconductors
deals, improving the quality
of human resources are in
line with our aim to
make India a \$5 trillion
economy.

In the environmental
domain, the ongoing COP 28 in
Dubai where all the who's
who of the world are

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gathered is an example of "what we ~~are~~ strive" for our planet, along with other similar efforts. India's Panchsankrit and Life initiatives are a case in point.

In the scientific sphere too, our space agency - ISRO has proved the phrase in question to be absolutely true. From carrying rockets on a bicycle, to being the first and only nation to soft land on moon. ISRO has proved all the critics of India's space program wrong.

In the domain of international politics, India's insistence to reform multilateral institution

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In general and UNSC in particular is an illustration of what we as a nation "strive to become". It's a representation of our ambition as a rising power in the world.

But it is to be noted that our values, aims and ambitions are also shaped by the social landscape that we are part of. For example, a child living in a war zone would interpret the world differently, his values, aims and aspiration would be not be similar to a child growing in a safe environment.

Moreover, what "people are" is ~~some~~ more often than not, given i.e. not exactly in one's control.

for ex poverty or any other sort of socio-political disability, ~~about~~ what "people strive for" is generally in our control - It can be moulded by right guidance and initiatives from all stakeholders (from family to the state).

Thus, in conclusion, it can be said that setting correct ideals, propagating right attitude and morals through education and positive socialisation, we as a society could produce many guiding ^{lights} like Phule, at the same time, correct misguided individuals like Hasim.