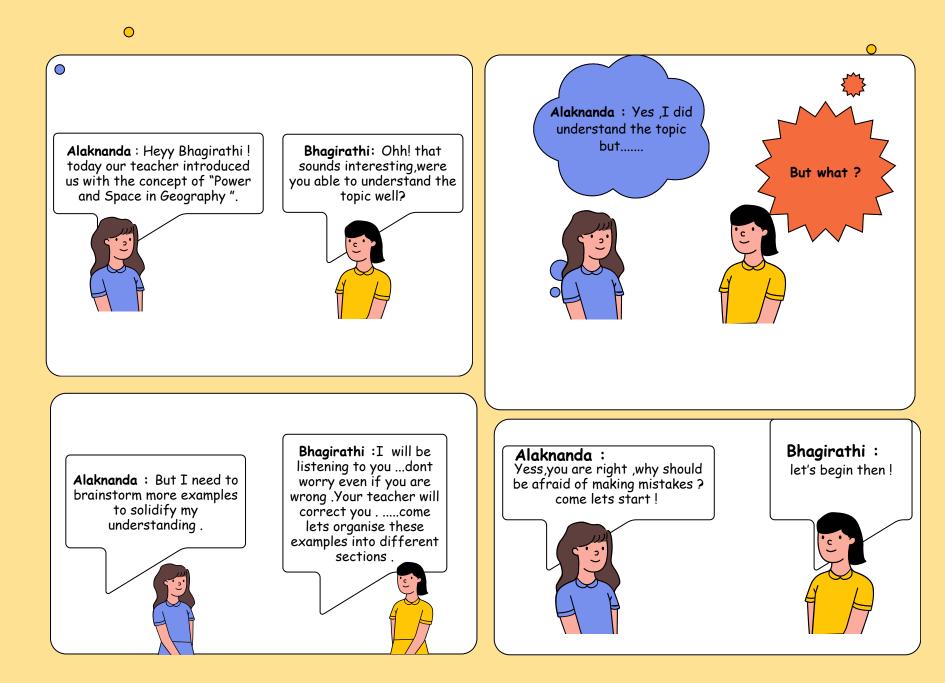
TOPIC : POWER AND SPACE IN GEOGRAPHY (COMIC STRIP)

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Alaknanda : first we will take examples from history



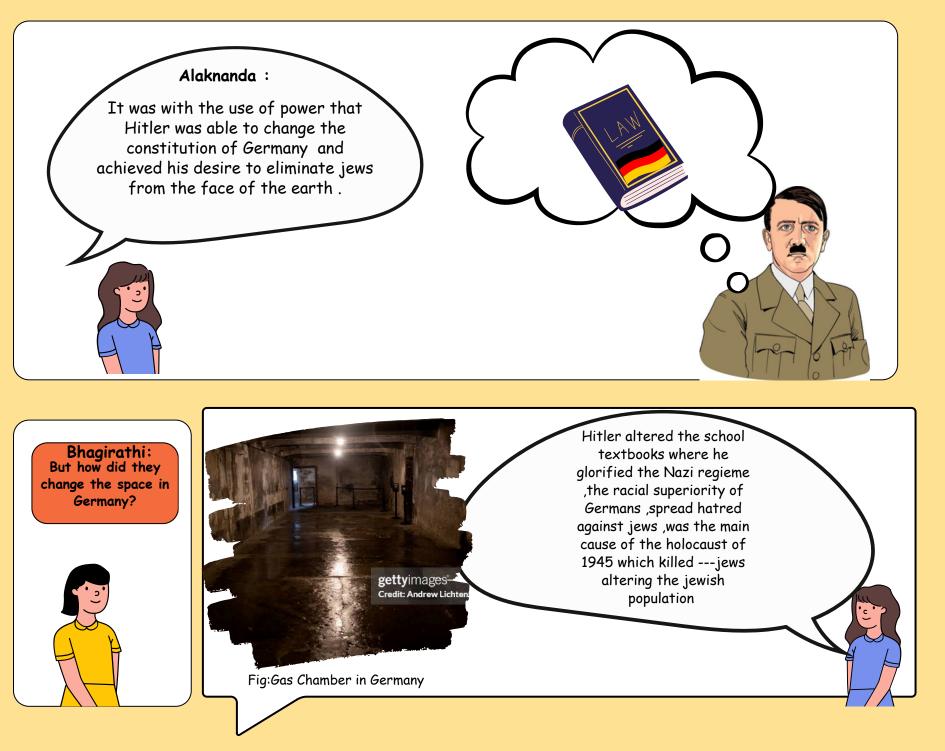
Alaknanda : The Mughals were absorbed by the culture of India and they made sure to create a home like environment here : they created mesmerizing architecture that still stucks us in aww of their engineering skills !



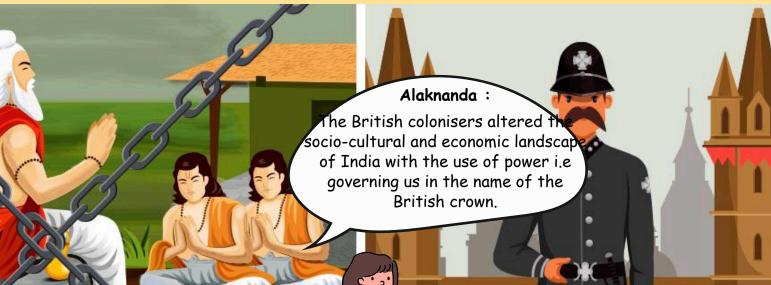
Bhagirathi: but how did they change the space of indian landscape ?



Alaknanda : Before their advent ,there were no traces of Indo Islamic architecture such as the char bagh architecture developed by Humavun ..



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Alaknanda :

1. They destroyed our handicrafts and ports , rendering us dependent on imports from Britain.

- 2.Encroached the tribal land in order to create railways ,fulfill timber demand for Briatin.
- 3. Claimed themselves as racially superior than Indians and called us their burden in their popular saying "white man's burden" to civilize the Indians.

Bhagirathi :

I think they didn't do their homework well ! they calaimed to civilize a country that began teaching urban planning ,craft making,trading via sea back in during the time of indus valley civilization (2600 BC.)

Bhagirathi:

Alaknanda ,we have had some having examples from history ,come lets switch to social aspects of space and power .



Bhagirathi : Let's take some recent examples. afteral society is dynamic. Can you recall any incident that happened very recently ? !

> Alaknanda : I can think of the recent incident when "whats wrong with india campaign" was trending on 'X' on 13th March,2024.



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MyGovIndia 🤡

@mygovindia

What's wrong with India?

Alaknanda :

Recently there was an anti India campaign trending on social networking platform 'x'which aimed to utilise the biased alogrithm and underestimate India's progress so far.

Indians were quick to understand this algorithm bias towards developing countries. It higlighted all the negative tweets about India overshadowing the historical blunders by the west.

🚾 Hindustan Times CNBC India has almost wiped out India becomes first extreme poverty: International country to touchdown on Moon's south pole region **Monetary Fund** CNBC **bt Business Today** India Stack goes global; India 'easily' the fastest growing close to a dozen countries set economy, IMF executive director says, to implement India's digital as GDP growth blows past estimates infrastructure Aug 3, 2023

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Bhagirathi:

So, here in this case , the Indians with the help of their knowledge about the working of social media algorithm were able to turn it into an opportunity highlighting her remarklable achievments !MyGov.in played an active role in balancing the situation . Your paragraph text

Alaknanda:

Exactly! this exemplifies how the right knowledge about algorithm can alter the social media space .



Dalit



Equality

You might have noticed that in villages the lower caste people are not allowed to enter the houses ,temples,wells,marriages etc of the upper caste .

Bhagirathi:

Yes , every time I visit my village I see this social divide .The power of caste system as a system of belief transforms the village landscape so clearly that we hardly ponder over it .

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Bhagirathi:

Gandhiji ji used salt as a symbol of socio economic resistance against the oppressive British rule .His persuasive power ,kind nature and ambition for Bharat were able to attract hundreds of women in the salt satyagrapha (Civil Disobedience movement 1932)

> Alaknanda: This exemplifies how the right leadership can break the barriers of gender and higher authority for the well being of the nation.

https://www.mkgandhi.org/

Alaknanda:

It was the power of socio religious movements in India that urged people to embrace their glorious past and take pride in their culture and traditions.

For example : the Arya samaj urged people to go back to Vedas .This movement had such a remarkable impact that even today we have a chain of DAV educational institutions and temples.



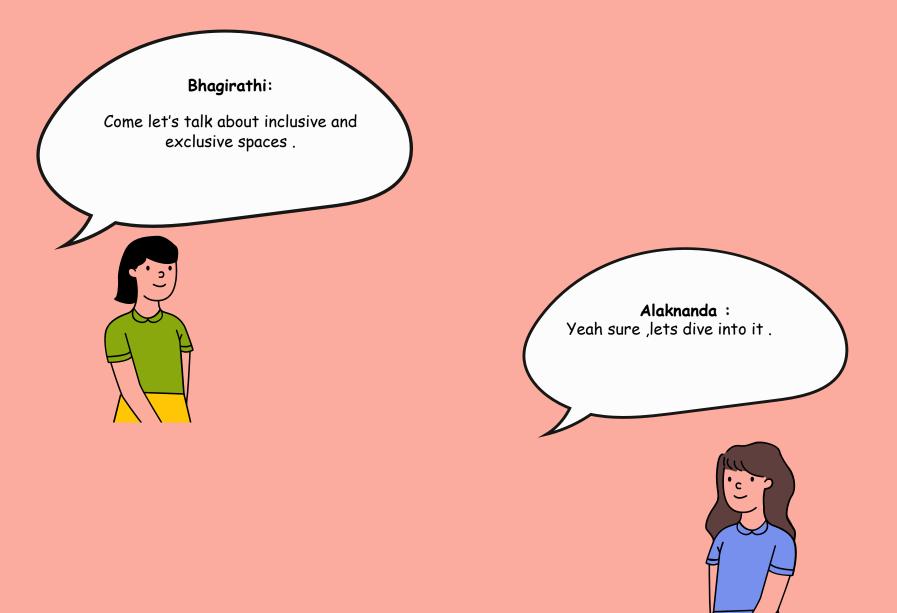
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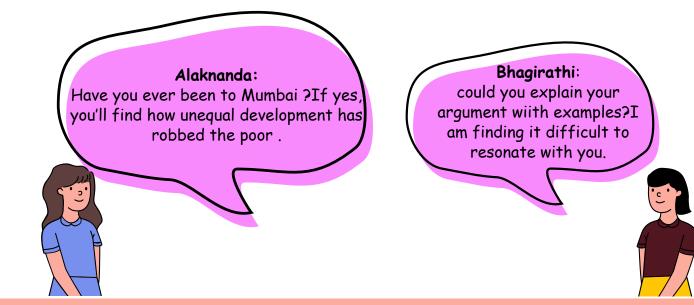
LET'S BAN RUSSIAN OIL

IMPORTS!

knowing the geopolitical significance of Russia and Iran in the defence sector and crude oil ,Amidst the russia Ukraine war(2022-ongoing) and Israel Hamas war(2023-ongoing)
the imposition of sanctions on Iran and Russia were not a big surprise in the geopolitical community !since USA wants to maintain its hegemony in world affairs by isolating thses powerful countries .







Alaknanda : Sure, just listen carefully . Mumbai is often described as the city of contrasts. Here you'll find the luxurious appartments of businessmen ,celebrities and Dharavi -Asia's largest slum nestled alongside !

Bhagirathi: what's unique about Dharavi? where is the contrast?

Alaknanda:

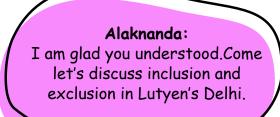
People living in Dharavi are devoid of basic necessities of life:
1. They dont have personal toilets, they even have to pay Rs.60 for using the public toilet!
2. In the shanty colonies sunlight can't peep through, forget about fresh air.
3. Congestion takes a next level here ,even firebridage cant enter inside .
4. Election posters reach here but not development!



Source : https://www.re-thinkingthefuture.com

https://www.ashokaeconsoc.com/





Bhagirathi: Lutyen's Delhi comprises of iconic landmarks such as Rashtrapati Bhavan, India Gate, North and South blocks.The area is also known for its spacious bunglows,wide roads and lush greenery,

source: https://lutyensdelhi.blogspot.com/



Bhagirathi : I have observed and read in various articles that elites use different "strategies"to protect their elite lifestyles.

Alaknanda: what do you mean by elite lifestyle?

Bhagirathi: The elite lifestyle is a way of living characterised by : luxurious residences ,travelling to exotic destinations,owing luxury brands of clothes,jwellery and association with influential circles of in the society.This kind of lifestyle is a distant dream for the poor !



Alaknanda: How does this way of living go against inclusivity ?

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NA KYA Bhagirathi :

let's take the example of Chanakya mall in Chanakyapuri ,Delhi.This mall has been designed to cater to the needs of middle class and upper middle class ,excluding lower income

groups.

Bhagirathi:

Although, this mall is open for everyone but still the elites of Delhi capture this space !. First the parking charges exclude many from entering and secondly there is a clear distinction between the rich and poor. The guards and the salesperson judge your purchasing power solely on the basis of your clothes!



Alaknanda :

Mostly the servants of the elites are fromt he poor families .They do get a separate staff quarter /room but still feel excluded by witnessing the stark contrast in their mode of living!

this even creates another level of segregation amongst the poor . With one group having access to the these elite places with their id cards and another group not even having a chance to stand outside these lush green luxurious spaces !

Bhagirathi :

Thats why the rich have created gated communities as a means to protect themselves from pollution ,crimes ,traffic jams etc. These protective walls of the gated communities (the place where the elite resides) are yet another means to isolate themselves from the poor and preserve their elite lifestyles.



come let's switch to environmental aspects of space and power .

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Yepp sure ,let's dive into it .









Chatt maha parv celebrated in the states of up and Bihar with much fervor has the power to change the behavioral patterns of the people by inspiring them towards a more environment friendly way of life. exmample : devotees of chat maiya clean their neighbouring water sources like rivers, ponds , parks etc.

Bhagirathi :

Montreal Protocol (1986) is the most successful environment treaty which has phased out 99 % of banned ozone depleting subsatances leading to successful recovey of ozone layer . (UNEP)



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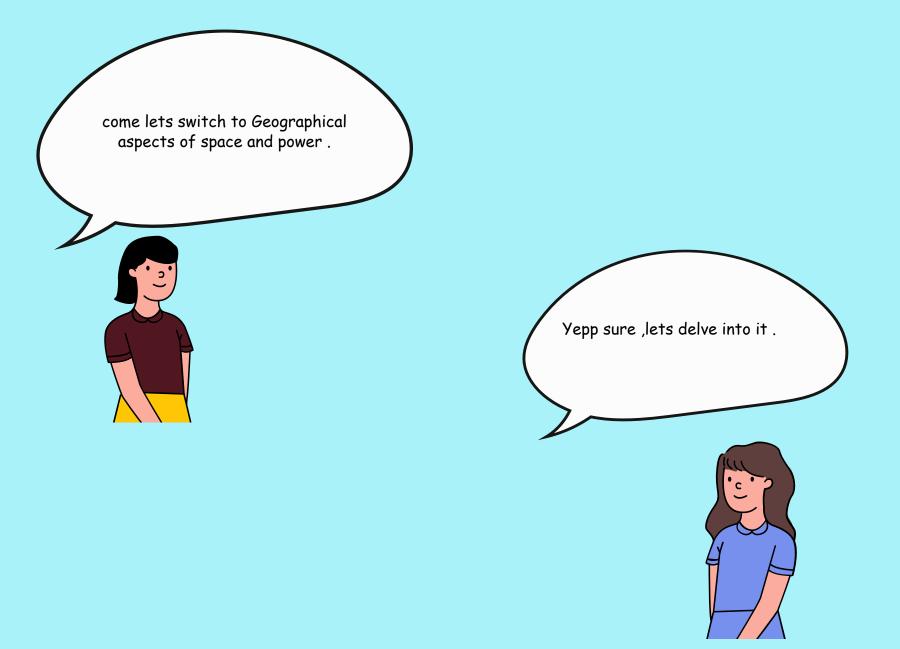
Alaknanda:

M.C.Mehta ,a public interest attorney is responsible for several landmark judgements in the area of environment laws : 1. Highlighting the corrosion of Taj mahal 2.pollution in river Ganga 3. Introduction of environmental studies in law

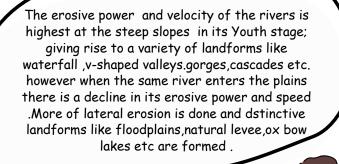
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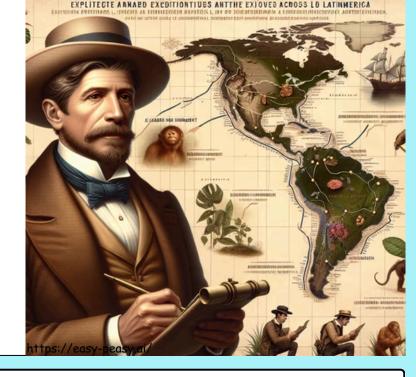


Alexander Von Humboldt (1769-1859) ,a widely travelled man used his privelage to discover the hidden geographic phenomena eamples :

- found the relationship between altitude and pressure
- went inside mt. chimbarso to study vulcanicity
- analysed birds dropping at Peruvian coast and found its utility for manure use.



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Carl Ritter(1779-1859) with his New Geography inspired his students and generations to study geography in terms of "unity in diversity ",thus interrelating all the biotic and abiotic phenomena together and looking the earth as a whole .

EXAMPLE : when global warming happens it not only affects the polar regions but the entire earth trough different intensities .coastal regions face the risk of sea rise and coastal flooding.

Alaknanda:

It was a wonderful discussion Ithank you Bhagirathi for not only being a patient listner but also actively participating in the disscussions.



Bhagirathi:

pleasure is mine !Loved to learn the topic from so many different angles ! take care and keep your geographical thinking alive !



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