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profound impact on history of humankind than the sword. Sword can only shed blood, but words can shed or shape entire destinies of empires.

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Ashoka inflicted deep wounds on the people of Kalinga in his war to occupy the Indian subcontinent. However, the action of the sword was soon replaced by that <sup>of the</sup> words. Ashoka's edicts were raised across Indian subcontinent. These contained words of Ashoka's to his subjects, calling for peace, duty or "dharma" and a universal moral code of conduct.

This showcases that <sup>the</sup> power of words triumphs that of the sword.

Words also cut deeper than the sword. During world war II

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Hitler caused more damage with his vitriolic speech than he did with bullets or bombs. Hitler called for prosecution of Jewish and 'non-Aryan' ethnicities. This caused a mindless campaign of hatred by people influenced by his words. The Nazi concentration camps are a testimony for this racial atrocity. It was words that left this indelible mark on <sup>the</sup> German people, & not merely military actions in world war I.

The violence inflicted by words is also clear in Indian history. The words of communal leaders against other religions led

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to Hindu-Muslim rivalry that continues even today. The wounds caused by communal riots were not by knives, swords or bullets, but by a vitriolic campaign of terror spread by words. Infact, the first action by secular leaders such as Gandhiji, was to communicate with people afflicted by communal violence. Gandhiji's powerful words against such cowardly acts soothed large sections of population & limited the spread of violence. His timely visits to homes in villages across the country offered words of strength and silenced the anger.

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Present Perspective — Words as determinants of our character.

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Words are like arrows fired from the bow. Neither of the two can be taken back once it is fired.

Words must be chosen with extreme caution as once spoken they can cause immense damage. When leaders of countries speak publicly, they call millions to act. Patriotism and nationalist emotions can

run very high in such cases, and lead to wide repercussions for entire communities.

The recent harsh words of US presidential candidate Donald Trump

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against Muslim immigrants has resulted in division of US society in two camps. His portrayal of Muslims as 'evil' people has caused irreparable damage to America's image as well as caused much violence within the country. In fact, a survey

by BBC has revealed that the US <sup>military</sup> intervention had a lesser psychological

impact on Muslim populations across the world than Trump's campaign of hatred-filled words. Such is the power of words. They cause deep wounds that last forever.

Words shape our value system and attitude towards others. They are loaded with our cultural

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belief system, our understanding of inter-personal relationships and our interaction with our surroundings. Words form language which allows us to express this whole gamut of feelings as well.

For instance, <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ western societies people speak freely of their emotions. The power distance between older and younger generations, or boss and employee is less. Hence, words are used openly to express one's true stand. In eastern societies such as China & India, words are used sparingly, with caution. Withholding words is a

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greater expression than necessarily  
speaking them. This complexity of  
words ~~is~~ <sup>in different</sup> a cultural context makes

them much more powerful than

any other form of human communication.

Even when not spoken, words can  
carry deep wounds.

Words also have deep  
authoritative content. They can cut  
across hierarchies & send a loud

and clear message to ~~superior~~ workers in an organization.

For instance, when ~~senior~~ <sup>senior</sup> level

employees express their ~~gratitude~~ <sup>gratitude & appreciation</sup>

~~to~~ <sup>for</sup> junior level workers ~~in~~ in an organization,

this has a large impact on

culture, functioning & human relations.

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Such words can have a greater impact than compensation, holidays, and other benefits offered by the company. The words can forever shape the loyalty of employees for the organisation.

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It is clear that words wield power greater than the sword.

The question arises, how to inculcate words of wisdom?

Constructive words can be harboured through deeper thinking, meditation and learning. Rabindranath

Tagore spent his life in the Ashram learning the complexities

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carried by words. He once noted that "words have a deeper soul than humans." His belief in power of words is reflected in his illustrious carrier. ✓

Gandhiji understood this dominance of words over actions better than anyone else. He yielded this through hundreds of letters written to inflict wounds on the British empire. His words often appeared in British media, causing deep embarrassment to the British police-makers and law makers in India. It was his and many other national freedom fighters' words that casted ever-lasting wounds on immoral

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nature of British empire in India.

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Therefore, writing also  
is key to yielding <sup>power of</sup> words.

words carry deep meanings.

They can be etched forever in books,

pamphlets and journals. A British

General has famously said, "wars

of the future will be fought with

pen, not bullets." words are the

modern weapons of destruction. They

can be used to either ~~create~~

~~destroy~~ <sup>and</sup> through ideology, radicalism  
<sup>create through</sup> or egalitarianism. Medicine can cure

wounds of sword but there are

not cures for damage & pain

caused by words. History and

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human nature are witness to the power of words. As one of the ten commandments (Bible) says,  
"Use words wisely" — words must be restrained, well-thought and culturally appropriate. They are carriers of our deepest emotions, fears & attitudes. Words leave timeless impact on our societies. We must use them with utmost caution.

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## TERRORISM MUST BE DEALT WITH RESOLVE

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"Terrorism is the new plague. It has capability to spread across national borders. It can bring violent death and destruction. Above all, it can permanently damage socio-cultural fabric of a society" - Kofi Annan

Nothing better can summarize the dangers posed by terrorism in the 21st century. Organisations such as <sup>the</sup> Taliban, ISIS, Jaish-e-Mohammed and many other terrorist groups threaten the freedom and well-being of our societies. Their radical and dangerous world-view, of religion, gender, social institutions and political organisation

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can destabilize lives of billions of people. In fact, terrorism in West Asia has already resulted in displace

ment of over 60 million people.

This is largest ever <sup>refugee crisis</sup> since World war II. The time has come that

the world institutions, governments &

societies take a resolute <sup>action,</sup> and <sup>that too</sup>

a strong one against terrorism.

Historical Perspective - the roots of terrorism :

Terrorism is an age old

problem. It has existed through history in different forms.

The Roman Empire was



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afflicted by terrorism by groups known as "Assassins." These terrorist groups waged a covert war to destabilize Roman leadership through assassinations, bribery and destruction of important military assets. Their action was based in ideological opposition to Roman political system.

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The Irish Republican Army (IRA) is more recent group that carried out bomb blasts in public places. The first in human history suicide bombings took place after world war II in new Jewish settlements of West Bank (Israeli) region.

A common theme in historical terrorism has been ethnic & political rivalries. They were confined to

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Smaller segments of population. These Do not write in this space  
did not have a vast international  
character, and could be handled  
through domestic law & order  
mechanism.

Present Perspective - Terrorism, a  
global phenomenon

Terrorism has mutated into  
a much larger monster today.  
Post 9-11 attacks in the United States,  
terrorism has morphed into an  
international activity.

The birth of Taliban  
during Russian and American interference  
in Afghanistan was the turning point

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in ~~the~~ <sup>during</sup> cold-war era. Unlike ever before, Taliban occupied and ran the entire government machinery. It learned sophisticated economic trade mechanisms, developed communication networks across the globe and even developed a clear moral and ethical basis of their fundamentalism.

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Other terrorist networks quickly propped across the world - LTTE in Sri Lanka, Al Shabab in Africa, Al Qaeda, Jaish e-Mohammad etc. Many of these had state-backings to destabilize enemy states.

Further, many of the terrorist organisations developed drug-trade

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networks, links with criminal syndicates and insurgency groups, nexus with governments, human-trafficking & sports betting. The likes of Dawood Ibrahim come to mind in such vast, complex system of working. Clearly, ~~the~~ terrorism that was confined to national borders in history of mankind before world war 2, has a different outreach today. It has become ever-expanding and self-sustaining. This calls for immediate action on uprooting this poisonous growth from our society.

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Resolute action on Terrorism - Need of the Hour.

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The world needs to come together and deal with terrorism with full resolve.

One of the first actions is <sup>an</sup> agreement on definition of terrorism by the United Nations.

UN General Assembly has been debating a comprehensive convention on terrorism for multiple decades now. However, the disagreement over definition of terrorism has caused a deadlock on this convention.

There are differences of thought about how freedom movements of indigenous people <sup>can</sup> be defined in

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the convention. The political movements of Baluchistani people, Tamils in Sri Lanka, tribal movements in Africa etc. are considered illegal by their respective governments. However, some groups consider them legitimate demands. Hence, <sup>in</sup> a terrorist ~~is~~ one society could be a freedom fighter in another society.

Countries in the UN must bring such groups' representatives to the table to understand such issues clearly. The fact that violence continues and UN members are unable to agree on even basic issues is a huge

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cause of concern for those who want to tackle & defeat terrorism.

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A stern action against non-state terrorism must also come at geo-political level, outside the UN.

Groups such as ISIS have defied the norms of ethical and moral standards, with no respect for human life. It has also created a boundary-less operation by using social media to create home-grown terrorism in countries far & wide.

This wide reach of ISIS and other similar groups can only be effectively challenged by ~~inter country~~ <sup>international</sup> ~~of~~

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cooperation. Despite geo-political interests, national governments must unite on concerted strikes on ISIS both at ISIS controlled territories and at home.

A lack of such resolve is worrying. US and Russia continue to spar over ideological & political differences over Syria. The interest

of Syrian people ~~is~~ has been back-tracked. scated and geopolitical interests are driving prolonged conversations between these powers. Time has come for these powers to recognize the threat of ISIS & other non-state

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groupings & launch an internationally coordinated action against them.

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Use of cyber recruiting by such groups and cyber warfare by terrorists is also a deep cause of concern.

An international cyber security framework must be developed. Countries

must share intelligence at a global level. Coordinated financial task

force to plug international financing of terrorist groups could also cut resources for them.

Technology sharing & international institutional coordination will also address

the immediate threats. For instance,

CIA and Mossad (Israeli Intelligence Agency)

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pre-empted large scale attacks in Europe and Asia in ~~2015~~, and many were defused by timely action by government. Such combined efforts demotivate terrorists & destabilize their functioning.

Another direct resolute action on preventing terrorism would be empathetic and compassionate dealing with the refugee crisis.

Refugees have been displaced from their <sup>homes</sup> out of force, not choice. These innocent civilians face grave dangers of death, health problems, no education for their children, homelessness, and discrimination in foreign lands.

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These vulnerable individuals  
can quickly get radicalised due to  
psychological, physical & economic weakness.

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Most countries must take all possible measures to resettle and rehabilitate them. They must be integrated back for both humanitarian reasons as well as for avoiding them from becoming criminals or terrorists. In fact,

as Dr. Ban Ki Moon has said, "Refugees have lost their homes, but they must

not lose their future." A strong resolve to protect their future would help in combating terrorism.

There is no doubt that terrorism is the greatest modern challenge facing the globe. From Kashmir to

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Kenya, from Paris to New York, and from Australia to Xinjiang region in China, terrorism has wide wings. Its international reach needs an international response. Nations have to set aside geopolitical interests, ideological differences and financial worries, and combine ~~against~~<sup>in</sup> the fight against terrorism. A concerted cyber, financial, intelligence mechanism must be built to meet this challenge. The concern for humanism should transcend ~~the~~ nationalistic fervours. As Rabindranath Tagore once noted, "The problem with the world

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is that we draw circle of our family too small." A concerted effort against terrorist backed by all races, religions and regions is the resolve needed to uproot it.

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