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Abstract of e-Manthan

Topic	Can Mithila become a DEVELOPED region?
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Main points from the Manthan

The manthan was initiated by Sri Jyoti Prakash Lal on Friday, September 11, 2009 at 11:04 AM and this manthan got good and thoughtful responses from the valuable members.

1	Jyoti Prakash Jee put forth his topic of manthan as “We have been discussing lots of stuff for Mithila and Maithili here and on other portals; can I put one straight question to you all? Can Mithila become a DEVELOPED region? If yes, What makes a region developed?”
2	Sushil Jee responded as “Why not? Mithila had been a developed region in past but it lost its pace somewhere in race against time. However it has every potential to emerge as a developed region. To me, development of any region largely depends on its people. It is the effort and attitude of people of Mithila region which can drive it again on the path of development & prosperity.”
3	Prit Ranjan Jee responded as on: What makes a Region developed? “1. Homogeneity in the population of the region. 2. Strong Leadership 3. Self Help Attitude 4. Unity of people and goal orientation 5. Technology to best utilize the available natural resources in sustainable way and its Implementation 6. Infrastructure”
4	Jyoti Prakash Jee responded as “He endorsed the view of Sri Prit Ranjan Jee and said: by adopting these points, first and foremost we can increase 'indices of human development hence Employment and check of migration of labour'. At the same time, it would lead to 'increase in Economy (Wealth) of the region', 'the prosperity of its people' and last but not least, 'it's Position in National and International scenes'. Then, the region will have comparative GDP. If we have good GDP, we can say that particular region is DEVELOPED as GDP is the primary measurement criterion for development.”
5	Manoj Jee asked a query to Sri Prit Ranjan Jee “what is development?”
6	Lokesh Jee responded as “mithila (or maithils) counts among the best academic brain producing regions of India. The prosperity of the region, however, by and large depends upon the kind of



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	<p>opportunity the region can provide to its inhabitants for displaying their quality and skills. The opportunities are created by the active economy of the region. Our region (mithila) lacks both. We relish the glorious past of producing best arts, literature experts, religious panorama, rich cultural bank; but we are nowhere in a position to cash it. Why would a software engineer stay in Darbhanga when he/she doesn't have a place in there to exploit the knowledge they have. The biggest problem is that since long time back, we as a region has been slipping behind in the terms of economy. The impact is so that our region finds itself ages behind the front running regions. We all can put blame on governments, policies, law and order, poverty, etc, but at the end we all know that it's the blend of everything which has pushed us behind.</p> <p>Even most of the members of this group don't live in mithila region. Right? We excel everywhere but our very own region is has lost all its sheen over the period of time. We lack entrepreneurs heavily because we don't come into risk taking population. And the few who are, can't take risk in that region. We lack resources in all the aspects except the people, and when people don't have anything for livelihood, they migrate just leaving behind the place lingering in despair. I live in UK, but have spent my initial few years in a remotest village of Madhubani. I could always feel the reason why my dad had to move out from there in search of job.</p> <p>I visited my village last year and came to know that nothing has changed except that few more people have migrated from there. Why would there be change when people can't live there. We need a comprehensive and cumulative effort from everyone to uplift the region. Needless to say, even then the journey is very long. We should live there and also start investing in the same region. We should create the opportunities for each other. I left India for greener pastures and so do millions others. I can visualize Bihar in India as same what India is in the world. We want Indians back in India and likewise Bihar wants Biharis back.</p> <p>If people want change, change will be there. And answering the subject of the mail "Can Mithila becomes a DEVELOPED region?", I would say Yes."</p>
6.	<p>Akhilesh Jee responded as ""Mithila has everything which a society and region need for development". I too believe the same. I just wanted to share with you all that all our noble steps through MITHILA MANTHAN is really a great steps for Mankind.</p> <p>With you all permission I wish to put my thought to make it more effective. Need your thoughts. Is there any active group involved in mithila manthan in our Mithilanchal..Especially in Rural region. Because without their involvement it is not possible to change the world from sitting in metros.</p> <p>For example I have taken project for Exploring of economic development via exploration on</p>



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	<p>Kapileshwar Mahadev. It crossed more than 6 months..I completed only first stage. If there were any wing of Mithila Manthan in the ground of Madhubani..then I believe the same work would have been better co-ordinated with the help of local authority.”</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Jyoti Prakash Jee responded as ““what is development?”. In a straight way, as a common man of Mithila I think "Development" which gives us "at least a reasonable lifespan" which includes an occupation, basic comfort and good health care. If we see Gandhian thought, he said "A nation is called as a Developed one, when we wipe out tears of poor and downtrodden community." Going one step ahead on categorization, I would categorise the development's indicators in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. People ii. Good Economy iii. Good Strategic Strengths iv. Capability to maintain and improve on these in future. <p>We can consider these as most important points for the development.</p> <p>On Sri Lokesh Jee's point, I agree with the case of a Software Engineering professionals and similar. But other section of industries can be established, developed and flourished. Please find a ppt attached in the mail followed by this. I had given this presentation in Antarrashtriya Maithili Parishad's Conference at Goa and please share your views on it.</p> <p>On Sri Akhilesh Jee's point, we have already formed 'self - help groups' with local people at Ugtarasthan Mandir project site and they are executing all Mithila Manthan plans; there we already completed 2nd level. In addition to this, we have also formed a same type of group at Kalidas's Janmsthan. On Kapileshwar sthan's Mandir project, we have to visit there and we will form self-help group with local people.”</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>BK Karna Jee responded as “All of us projected suggestions to act. There is a need to track a line between suggestions and action on suggestions. However, Few points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mithila will be developed by Maithils only 2) Micro & Medium Industries will create the opportunities for Mithila and Maithils. 3) Mithila Brand in Mithila has to create. 4) All castes will have to come in ONE COMMON PLATFORM i.e. MAITHIL..Above every castes, prestigious imposition & feelings must be labeled with MAITHIL. Already, it is called as MAITHIL BRAHMAN, MAITHIL KAYASTHA, like that it should be MAITHIL YADAVA, MAITHIL MUSALMAN, MAITHIL RAM, and MAITHIL ETC. 5) Our slogan i.e. JAI MITHILA, JAI JAI MITHILA must be enchanted with loud voice in every



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	<p>programme.</p> <p>6) Please read my article (in 2004) on Mithila as " DO We Want Progress? Link page: http://www.mithilamanthan.com/progress.html</p> <p>7)Construct Compound Wall by NON-RESIDENT MAITHILS (As our Group started working on it) at the deeh of KALIDAS, Mithila will be developed.”</p>
8.	<p>Jitendra Jee responded as “Basis of development starts from defining cultural identity reinforced by various cultural aspects such as language, unique aspects of culture etc. This identity needs to be pervading within the masses of that culture. This is the consciousness which forces mass representatives, leaders and public servants in that region to perform or perish. This is the way every state has taken to be developed. Unfortunately Bihar does not have that identity and it consists of various cultural-linguistic group. It’s an artificial state.</p> <p>Thus in place of cultural consciousness casteism has taken root which does not provide a mechanism for mass leaders to act for development of State. Thus for Mithila's development separate state formation consequent to mass cultural consciousness is a must. visionary people from Mithila should recognize the core competency of the region and people. Identify what is that uniqueness which can be capitalized. Something which no state or even nation has. Then find a way to commercialize that. Right education to uplift the consciousness is a must.”</p>
9.	<p>Manish Jee responded as “Basically I would like to state that for the development of any place only three basic amenities are required:</p> <p>a) Water b) Electricity c) Road (Transport)</p> <p>In the purview of the above points I would like to add few of my own plans for the development cause. Oh yes.. about Road we cannot do anything without the help of the Government but as I have seen in my previous visit to Bihar that Roads are being developed. So our contribution under following heads may be helpful for the growth:</p> <p>Agriculture: Apart from small or medium industry, we must do something about agriculture. I have discussed with Jyoti Ji regarding this and if possible we can try to develop agriculture sector as a corporate. In India some places have opted for the same and have been benefited.</p> <p>Electricity: Power being the biggest problem and root cause of Bihar as a whole not being developed. If we can try to develop the Non Conventional Energy on "Gram Panchayet Basis" then it may solve the problem of not only agriculture but also it will help in developing the small</p>



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	<p>and medium Industry. Once electricity is there then water problem can be solved too.</p> <p>Art and Craft (Import Export Business of products): My proposal is to create awareness among the artists of Mithila and create a kind of Cooperative society at Gram Panchayet level to help them in not only selling their art in India but also abroad.”</p>
10.	<p>Sushil Jee responded as “Jitendra Kumarji has come up with a very good point of Identifying "Core Competency" of Maithili People. Now we really need HR Professional like Agniwesh Thakurji to throw some light on Core Competency. Agniweshji, are you listening & can you do some competency profiling of Maithils?</p> <p>As far as I see, Education had always been core competency of Maithils. However we could not encash on that too. Education has emerged as big business globally. Can Education be tapped as a business venture in Mithila region? Cities like Pune & Kota have grown largely because of Education Business. I do agree with the views of Dr. Lokesh that Maithils lack entrepreneurial skills because of lack of risk taking ability. It is true to a large extent. Also Dr. Lokesh has rightly pointed out that most of us do not stay in Mithila region. We just visit during vacation/ occasion etc. It is very unlikely that those who have migrated will return.</p> <p>It is very important to upgrade infrastructure for development. If we could have better roads & uninterrupted power and water supply! It is ironical to see that in adjoining state a car manufacturer was turned away when he proposed to produce world's cheapest car (Eventually this car became talk of the world). Now I hear that two software giants have also been shown red flag. If that is really the case then why these corporate captains are not approached by people of Mithila to establish their firms in the region?</p> <p>We lack leaders. Mithilanchal needs leader in every aspect of life. A social reformer is needed to change the outlook of society.”</p>
11.	<p>Agniwesh Jee responded as “I think we have to recognize that the problem of poor social capital is affecting our growth and will continue to affect the development of the Mithila unless we develop a comprehensive approach to building strong social capital. And don't let us fool ourselves, no one group, sector, class or race can address this situation or develop an effective approach to our problems; we all have to play an integral role in the process of changing the course of Mithila.</p> <p>Embedded in the concept of social capital is a Society's value system and morals. Social capital is really the thread that will hold the other factors of the society or the region together. At the heart of strong social capital is a respect for the rule of law, respect for life, confidence in the system, and confidence in the functioning of the Self Help groups, a high value system and high morals,</p>



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	<p>among others.</p> <p>Once we start thinking of development, we Infuse a positive sense in the minds of audience. We need a fundamental change,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Change in Thought Process 2) Believe in "Yes We can" to Deliver- "Yes we have to" 3) Ideas will keep follow when we have certain visible goal in Sight. 4) Demonstrate that few committed people can actually change the face of society, Model them and then cascade it to the social groups. 5) Create Multiple Tracks (Mandir Manthan, Udyog Manthan, Shiksha Manthan, Mansik Manthan) etc and deliver on time regularly to demonstrate that "Yes We can and We will" <p>Entirely my perception (Let me use some unpleasant, Harsh words)- I have seen and met loads of Armchair Intellectuals from the region who comfortably speak about their personal milestones but when you ask " What you have done for Society"- Their tailor made Answer- "System is corrupt beyond repair" putts you off.</p> <p>Reg points raised by Sushil jee, Competency Profiling won't be a feasible solution, As competency definition defers from role to role. Generic Description of Acquired skills, Inherited Skills can be showcased from folks from Mithila..</p> <p>My First Few Priority for Mithila would be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Qualitative Education 2) Revive Mithila Art.. Its world famous, We need to push for mass production 3) Mandir Manthan and Religious Tourism 4) Public Private Partnership to build the basic infrastructure to attract investors and build confidence. "
12.	<p>Manoj Jee responded as "As for as development of Mithila is concerned , it will develop in due course only by either its knowledge based industry or by its agriculture based industry.</p> <p>But both industries cannot be trusted on the land of Mithila by force. It's very difficult to find a single businessman who is ready to invest his money without benefits. We may get huge amount from him through charity but not get a single naya paisa for business till the infrastructure of the land remain the same. With developed infrastructure like road, electricityetc ..etc Mithila may develop. So either we will have to wait for better infrastructure or try some basic formulas to develop the mithilanchal.</p>

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What are these basic formula ? I think if we the maithils who are away from the main land start an aptitude to utilize the products from mithila we can help a lot. Just start from any product from mithila....

Makhana :-Navratra is going on and Kojagra is coming, so I will suggest Makhana. We all use Makhana throughout the year. Can we start a habit to procure makhana from Mithilanchal directly? Not only procuring for personal use , but for all the known persons in our contact in our city will make a great business sense. If someone is coming from the village or going to village, a parcel loaded with village product will have a ready market in a brief period.

SATUA & Chuda . Like Makhana we can adopt satua and chuda also. Good quality satua and chuda are not available in the local market . If we just start to eat these products of our main land, we will help a lot.

Tisi :- also. Tisi is famous as flex in the western countries . Visit any website and find out the qualities of tisi. It is used as medicine for Heart related problems and BP and other several diseases. I reside in the Dwarka , fortunately one day in the market I found a 250 gm packet of tisi . I had seen it for a long gap of thirty years. Shopkeeper said me it is flax, and price is Rs 400/kg.

I asked one of my relative who was scheduled to come Delhi after one week with as much tisi as he can. He came with only 2 kg tisi, and said more was not available in the village market.

An idea can change the life but an Idea never works alone. We the maithils are famous for ideas, but as far as action is concerned. At least, I am ready for action, who is coming to join me?"

Thanks

On behalf of Mithila Manthan Group