



DEEP INSIGHTS ON LOKMANYA BAL GANGADHAR TILAK'S THOUGHTS

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ABSTRACT:

In the present paper, the researcher has observed that Tilak was a realist and idealistic philosopher. He described his feeling and ideology in an articulating way. He kept the Swaraj as the center of focus and prevailed the political situation. His every word and action were for the success of political battle with the British. He was always busy informing the fundamental principles to build the great democratic future.

Keywords: *Lokmanya Tilak, Tilak and his great thoughts, clear thinking, freedom movement, swaraj*

INTRODUCTION:

Lokmanya Tilak was a person with multiple characteristics. All the features helped and supported him to attain a leadership position and love of society. Tilak contributed his physical, mental, and economic efforts to the cause of the nation. Lokmanya Tilak was a person who has developed a great writing style to attract or motivate readers. He preferred the correct way of writing and tried to deliver the solution to every problem. While performing this study, we have gone through literature and observed that Tilak had given a lot of good thoughts to people of the nation. We have gone through several statements made by Lokmanya Tilak and found that every word of the sentence describes the political meanings.

Lokmanya Tilak was an erudite sage with the selfless and courageous mind. The researcher has observed that he was a great philosopher, activist worked selflessly and lifelong. His writing and thoughts helped the nation to sustain in a new era. His influential visionary helped people to produce new systems, new hopes, and modern India free from the ruling. Based on his working Gandhi titled him as 'A Maker of Modern India'.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To understand the thoughts of Lokmanya Tilak on swaraj
2. To understand Tilak's thought on nationalism
3. To understand the concepts of Tilak for national education
4. To understand the idea behind personal intellectual
5. To find out Tilak and his political views

BACKGROUND OF DEEP INSIGHTS ON LOKMANYA BAL GANGADHAR TILAK'S THOUGHTS:

Tilak, with his keen intelligence and visionary, paved the firm foundation of modern India. He turned the mindset of people through his speeches and write-ups. Further, we observed that Lokmanya Tilak was a foremost activist who tried hard to mobilize and join masses together for the cause of the nation and make political agitation.

According to Tilak educated, persons are the Gurus of the society, and hence he wanted to teach them through his great thoughts. Besides this, he was a man on the move, and every speech he made has some political base. His every thought carries a specific message based on the political philosophy.

He followed the inflated style and wrote based upon the facts. By using soft words and blurred outlines, he tried to coverup every purpose. Through this, he brought considerable literature accessible to the common man. He followed the effective way to communicate with the masses. Through these powerful yet simple words and thoughts, he initiated the revolution. He used the universal ideas, elaborated them by choosing the right words.

METHOD USED IN THE PRESENT RESEARCH:

To achieve the aims and fundamental motives of the study, the researcher has performed this study. To complete this study, the researcher studied available literature about Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak. Further, we analyzed data available in the form of Lokmanya Tilak's writings and speeches. Apart from this, we selected various sources like books, papers, and other online platforms to obtain data. In addition to this, we have performed a survey method of data collection. It helps us in gaining the detailed understanding of Tilak's thoughts. Further, for data verification, the researcher has contacted Tilak's family members.

NEED AND IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH:

The present study was descriptive and historical and whollybased on the primary and secondary data available on Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak's life. Further, all the set of collected information from various sources was verified. For the study purpose, we used online and offline sources and other literature. We performed the entire process and study to understand the detailed information for the following points.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

Here, in the present study, the researcher has followed the primary and secondary methods of data. Besides this, we took the guidance from the research guide. Apart from this, we have collected data available in the published and unpublished form. All the unpublished data were verified by using various techniques and test parameters. Besides this, the researcher has followed the survey method. This method gives more authenticated and precise information. Through the present study, the researcher tried

to obtain a clear understanding of Tilak's life and thoughts. The researcher has maintained the scope of research limited and received information by using the survey method. To conduct the survey, the researcher has selected several members from Tilak's family and close circle.

OUR FINDINGS:

We have implemented the mentioned research methodology and received adequate information about Tilak's thoughts. Here, the survey method helped the researcher to define the authenticity of the obtained data. Further, to attain the aim of the study, the researcher processed the collected data through various processes. We have edited, organized, and interpreted data sequentially. We obtained the following information.

Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak and His Thoughts on Nationalism

To understand Lokmanya Tilak's thoughts on nationalism, the researcher has used various sources. Here we have provided one of the ideas of Lokmanya Tilak, which was stated as "*The demand for freedom of the nation is the foundation upon which to build future success and not the final goal in itself.*" Dr. Tilak D.J. & Dr. Tilak G., (2019), "Lokmanya B. G. Tilak The Visionary", Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, 115.

Here, the researcher has performed a study to understand the thoughts of Lokmanya Tilak. The researcher has observed that through this sentence, he wanted to describe his feeling of nationalism. According to Lokmanya Tilak, obtaining the freedom of speech and expression are the essential rights. Further, he suggests that getting the freedom of the nation is a fundamental thing that can lead the nation towards great success. Apart from this, he suggested that obtaining freedom was not his final goal.

The researcher has tried to understand the fundamental behind this thought. According to the researcher, Tilak wrote this thought to inspire people. Tilak was a person who had performed full dynamic activities throughout life. Further, he had indomitable courage and optimism. "Concept of Swaraj- Chapter 3", 1. With all of these personal characteristics, Tilak represented the forces of nationalism during the freedom struggle of the nation. Hence, he was called as the pathfinder of India's freedom. "Concept of Swaraj- Chapter 3", 1.

He pioneered the concept of nationalism by inspiring the masses to fight for their nation. He started various movements and developed a spirit of self-respect and nationalism in the mind of every Indian. Apart from this, he pioneered the celebration of festivals like Sarvajanik Ganesh Utsav. 18.

Further, he wanted the British citizens to know about the fundamental rights of Indians, and hence he planned to visit London. He tried hard to combine the divided nation for goodness. His thoughts on nationalism are still useful in the era of globalization. Also, it is helpful for every developing country. The researcher has observed that Tilak advocated this statement for the benefit of every growing nation where people can have their rights to choose their own path.

Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak and His Thoughts on Swaraj

Here the researcher has performed this study to understand Lokmanya Tilak's opinion on Swaraj. As a part of this research, the researcher has gone through several material and data sources. Here we have obtained one of the statements made by Lokmanya

Tilak and was stated as, "*Swaraj is my birthright and I shall have it...*". Dr. Tilak D.J. & Dr. Tilak G., (2019), "Lokmanya B. G. Tilak The Visionary", Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, 115.

We have performed an in-depth study to understand the background of this quote, his motto, and its effect on the common man. For this purpose, we referred to information and observed some of the interesting facts. The statement was made by Lokmanya Tilak in December 1917, at the Lucknow Congress. Dr. Tilak D.J. & Dr. Tilak G., (2019), "Lokmanya B. G. Tilak The Visionary", Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, 19. As an impact of this, he strengthened the movement of four-fold and raised awareness among the people for their birth-right. He contributed his efforts and his life for the attainment of this single aim of Swaraj and hence known as a spokesman of Swaraj. Dr. Tilak D.J. & Dr. Tilak G., (2019), "Lokmanya B. G. Tilak The Visionary", Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, 3.

Further, we found that Tilak's attitude was firm, and he never despaired or lost his courage. He tried throughout his life to attaining the nation's freedom. From this statement, we understood that self-rule was an essential objective of Tilak's life. Hence, he tried to remind the people about the same using spiritual and moral ways.

Lokmanya Tilak and his thoughts on National Education

Here the researcher has performed this study to understand various personality treats of Lokmanya Tilak and his thoughts on various aspects. While conducting the research, the researcher has gone through several material and data sources. Here we have obtained one of the statements made by Lokmanya Tilak in regards to youth education and the future. We have provided that statement for your reference. Tilak stated that "*Those who wish to work for the improvement of the nation should first work towards molding the character of students*".

To understand the meaning of that sentence, we have gone through various materials. Through this, we realized that Tilak wanted to attain freedom from the British ruling. But he knows that education was the basis of any reformation and hence to inspire the mass or society about the education he made that statement. His pure motto behind that statement was to inspire masses, youths, and the community about the benefits of education. Through this statement, he wanted to strengthen national education to envisaging the new spirit of self-dependence and self-help. Further, we observed that civic education was the root that can give the power to unite together for the cause of the nation. https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/bitstream/10603/111059/8/08_chapter%2003.pdf

He pioneered the concept of national education and established New English school. Through this school, he wanted to impart the feeling of nationalism, self-rule from the childhood itself. Also, his motto was to enable children to take the challenges in the future for the nation's development and success. Besides this, in the coordination of Agarkar, he pioneered Fergusson College in Pune. Through this, his aim of educating youths to kindle the feeling of patriotism and strengthen the moral values in the soul of child was fulfilled.

Along with this, the researcher has obtained another statement of Lokmanya Tilak and was stated as, *“Those who utilize their education for the benefit of the nation are truly educated, and the rest should be looked upon as manual labourers”*. According to the researcher, the above statement made by Tilak, and it was regarding highlight his idea of national education.

To understand the primary motto behind this statement, the researcher has studied various materials available on Tilak and national education. Further, we obtained that Tilak wanted to combine traditional and modern knowledge for the development of the nation. Dr. Tilak D.J. & Dr. Tilak G., (2019), *“Lokmanya B. G. Tilak The Visionary”*, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, 108. Apart from this, we observed that Tilak was an admirer of education.

Lokmanya Tilak and His Intellectual Thoughts

Here the researcher has performed this study to understand Tilak's intellectual capability and its effect on society. To match the purpose of the study, the researcher has gone through the material. At that time, we obtained one of the statements made by Lokmanya Tilak. According to the researcher, it was in regard to the intellectual abilities of the person and his contributory behavior for the cause of the nation. Here the researcher has given that statement for your reference. Lokmanya Tilak stated that *“You need to be a person of upright behaviour, who has total faith in the path of right action and sacrifices selfish interest if you wish to become a leader in society. Only being an intellectual is not enough.”* Dr. Tilak D.J. & Dr. Tilak G., (2019), *“Lokmanya B. G. Tilak The Visionary”*, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, 158.

To understand the motto behind this statement, the researcher has performed the thorough analysis. Further, being realistic optimist, Lokmanya Tilak had developed a clear understanding of the facts. He knows that only a few educated people cannot change the condition or bring freedom to the nation. But to attain liberty, combining people and ask them to take action was essential. Further, we observed that based on the Tilak thoughts, it was necessary to perform actions. According to him, it was a turning point in the freedom struggle.

Similarly, the researcher has obtained information about Lokmanya Tilak's next statement related to national progress. Here we have given the account of Tilak and where he said, *“National progress is not dependent on the just application of the intellect, but also requires consistent, long term and selfless effort.”* Further, to understand the meaning of the above statement, we have performed the further study. According to the researcher, Tilak wanted to encourage people to work independently, diligently for the nation.

Lokmanya Tilak and His Philosophical Thoughts

Here the researcher has performed this study to understand Lokmanya Tilak's personality and his thoughts. We have studied its impact on society and its contribution to attaining freedom. We have gone through the various study material and tried to match the purpose of this study. We have obtained one statement made by Lokmanya Tilak, where Lokmanya Tilak stated that *“Unless thought, speech, and action are consistent with each other, the advancement of society cannot take place.”* Dr. Tilak D.J. &

Dr. Tilak G., (2019), "Lokmanya B. G. Tilak The Visionary", Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, 158. According to the researcher, it was regarding the philosophical thoughts of Lokmanya Tilak.

We performed the study the understanding he primary aim behind this statement, and we observed various interesting facts about the same. Through this statement, he wanted to educate people about action-based working. He believed that mere thoughts could not work at all in attaining success. He made this statement based on the Vedic shastra, which tells us about the freedom from adharma requires to take the right action. To explain these facts, he wrote Gita Rahasya. Also, he tried to describe the concept of fruitless action for the cause of nation's welfare.

Further, we obtained some reference which clearly describes that according to Tilak, god and nation are the same. If a person considers the nation as a body, freedom as a soul, their actions performed for god give the ultimate freedom to the country. Further, in various literature, we observed that through this statement, Tilak had started the new vedant.

Based on the same logic, Tilak made another statement as "*As life's energy is to the body, so independence is to the nation. Complete independence is a prerequisite to the total all-round development of the nation.*" We observed that Tilak used Vedic religion as the base of this and made this statement to suggest people about the rules and regulations.

Lokmanya Tilak and his thoughts on routine life and work

To match the purpose of the study, the researcher has gone through various materials. After performing a thorough understanding of the data, the researcher has confirmed that Tilak made the statement. It was stated as, "*The work must be done. This body is already very weak and soon it must fall. Whether it falls here or elsewhere hardly makes a difference. The work cannot wait.*" Dr. Tilak D.J. & Dr. Tilak G., (2019), "Lokmanya B. G. Tilak The Visionary", Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, 158. Through this study, the researcher wanted to understand Tilak's motto behind this statement. Also, we tried to understand its impact on society.

According to the researcher, the statement was in regards to work performance and karma. According to Tilak, pre-independence was a phase where neither Tilak nor any other reformer has developed clarity on freedom. Both of them don't want to sit back and wait for the moment to happen something. Tilak was an energetic person who believed in the action-oriented approach. To impart this thought in mind of people, he made the above statement. Further, we observed that through this statement, he wanted to suggest that endless waiting was a process of never-ending begging.

Lokmanya Tilak and his Thoughts on Truth

Here the researcher has performed this study to understand the thoughts of Lokmanya Tilak and its effect on society or in achieving freedom. For conducting the research, we obtained a statement made by Lokmanya Tilak, where he stated as "*It is not enough to have a sweet or polite disposition; it has to be saturated with truth.*" Further, to understand the meaning of this statement, we performed a detailed analysis and observed that Tilak wanted to convey the importance of truth, politeness, and soft discussions to achieve goals.

Further, we found that Tilak was a person who successfully built the right spirit among the people. He was against injustice and believed that one could not attain the purpose of life without taking the support of the truth. He was against mindless revolutionary acts. Further, we observed that using a practical approach, Tilak inspired people to perform actions.

CONCLUSION:

From the present study, the researcher has obtained thorough understanding and knowledge about Lokmanya Tilak's personality and thoughts. Further we understood that how his thoughts helped society and nation to attain freedom and success. Also, we observed that by using simple words and language he tried to elaborate and describe important things.

1. Lokmanya Tilak's thoughts on Swaraj
2. Tilak's method to inspire or motivate masses to take actions
3. Tilak always supported the justice and truth
4. Tilak's every action was for the cause of nation

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Here the researcher has concluded the paper with recommendations for future research.

1. Further research can be performed to understand the Tilak's thoughts to attain success.
2. Opinion of common man about Swaraj and injustice can be the next topic of research.
3. Further the researcher can perform study to understand the Britishers reaction to various thoughts of Lokmanya Tilak.

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