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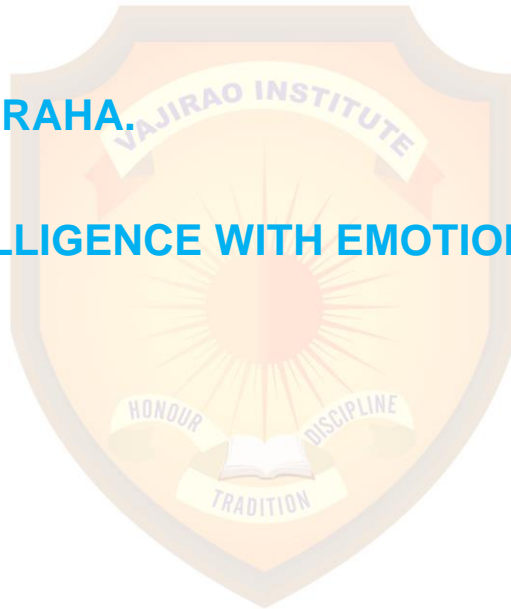
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TODAY'S ANALYSIS

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TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- **VAIKOM SATYAGRAHA.**
- **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WITH EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE**



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VAIKOM SATYAGRAHA

Vaikom, a temple town in the princely state of Travancore, saw the start of a non-violent agitation on **March 30, 1924** — the **first among temple entry movements** that would soon sweep across the country.

The satyagraha foregrounded social reform amidst the growing nationalist movement, bringing Gandhian methods of protest to the state of Travancore.

SIGNIFICANCE:

100 Years have been completed for this Satyagraha.

ABOUT VAIKOM SATYAGRAHA

- The Vaikom Satyagraha is the **first anti-caste movement**, as the pupil of the **depressed class and untouchables were restricted from entering the temple.**
- The movement in the vicinity of Mahadev temple in Kottayam district of Kerala took place during **1924-1925.**

Background:

- In AICC (All India Congress Committee) meeting in Kakinada 1923, **K Madhavan** along with **Sardar Panikkar** and **KP Kesava Menon** submitted a petition to the Travancore legislative council.

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- The petition sought to grant the right to temple entry and worship of gods for all sections of the society irrespective of caste, creed, and community.

BEGINNING

- The Vaikom Satyagraha was launched on **30th March 1924**.
- The first chosen place for the initiation of the Satyagraha was the four public roads proceeding to the Shiva Shrine in Vaikom where marginalized, depressed caste and untouchables were not allowed to enter.
- The leading Satyagrahis namely **Kunjappy, Venniyil Govinda Panicker, and Bahuleyan** lead the procession walking hand in hand towards the Shiva shrine.
 - Outside the shrine, a message was displayed that **Ezhavas** and other lower caste including the marginalized sections of the society are restricted to make use of the pavement (road) for any of its utilities.
 - The policemen guarding the road arrested the three men and more Satyagrahis joined the movement, **marking the commencement of the Vaikom Satyagraha.**

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PROMINENT PARTICIPANTS

- One of the prominent figures was **Periyar E.V Ramasamy**. He also joined the struggle and is popularly known as the only Satyagrahi who was arrested twice, thus earning him the title of **Vaikom Virar** (the fearless hero of Vaikom).
- **Sree Narayana Guru** also extended his support and cooperation to the Vaikom Satyagraha. He was against the caste system and orthodox discrimination prevalent in the society.
- The Vaikom Satyagraha **witnessed women's empowerment** as a large number of women seem to be actively participating in the movement for the first time.

ROLE OF GANDHIJI

- He felt that the support of the **Savarnas** (upper castes) was needed for the peak point of the Vaikom Movement.
- Thus, he suggested that a procession consisting of **only Savarnas** should march to Trivandrum to show their support.
- As a result, on 1st October 1924, a troop of Savarnas marched and lead the procession to submit an appealing petition to the **Regent Maharani Sethu Lakshmi Bai** of

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Travancore consisting of 25000 **signatures to open the gates of temple for every caste.**

SIGNIFICANCE OR IMPACT

- In 1925, Gandhiji wrote to **H. Pitt**, then Police Commissioner of Travancore to resolve the ongoing matter. Thus, Pitt intervened and a settlement was signed between Government and Gandhiji.
- In 1925, the **Government agreed to nullify the prohibitory orders passed in February 1924, and Gandhiji gave his consent to withdraw the Satyagraha.**
- It was announced by the government that roads (pathways) on three sides of the Shiv shrine or Mahadev temple of Vaikom (north, south, and west) would be open for all public.
 - However, the road on the eastern side would be reserved for Savarnas only.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WITH EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Artificial Intelligence is doing wonders. From **turning text prompts to images** with **Dall.E** to **turning them into entire videos** with **Sora**, some of AI's latest achievements push the envelope of plausibility. But not everyone is worried about just generating content, **some innovators are using the technology to create great companions.**

The **"intelligent and kind"** chatbot **Pi** from **Inflection AI** is one of them.

Now, **Hume**, a New York-based research lab and technology company, has introduced what can be called the **'first conversational AI with emotional intelligence'**.

WHAT IS AI WITH EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE?

To put this into perspective, **all recent AI apps follow instructions.** Now, imagine if they could also **understand the user's feelings and the meanings behind their words.** This is **what Hume's new AI voice interface does.**

The company claims that it is building empathic AI that could **'serve human well-being'** through an **application programming interface (API)** that can interpret emotional expressions and come up with empathic responses.

WHAT IS A API?

An API can be thought of as a channel to **connect one software to another.**

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HOW IS IT USED?

Perhaps, the most standout feature of Hume's conversational AI technology is its **integration capability**, rather than being just a solitary application. Based on the claims, it seems the technology may revolutionise several fields by **powering applications with humanlike interactions**.

Hume's conversational AI interface **is not a standalone application**. Its technology can power numerous applications. Hume calls its innovation **Empathic Voice Interface (EVI)** which is essentially an API that is powered by its proprietary **empathic large language model (eLLM)**.

This eLLM reportedly understands and emulates tones of voices, and word emphasis to optimise human-AI conversations.

POTENTIAL FUTURE USAGE

Potential future uses include:

- AI assistants who can converse in a humanlike manner.
- Customer support agents who can provide a more natural and relatable service
- Therapists adept at comprehending a wide range of human emotions and thoughts.

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MCQs

1. Consider the following statements & mark the correct one:

1. Vaikom Satyagraha was the first anti caste movement aiming at temple entry for the lower castes.

2. This satyagraha had successful outcomes for the lower castes.

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 & 2

(D) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans. (C)

2. Who among the following people were participants in Vaikom Satyagraha?

1. EV Ramasamy Naicker

2. Sri Narayana Guru

3. VG Panicker

4. K Madhavan

(A) 1, 3 & 4

(B) 1, 2 & 3

(C) 1 & 4 only

(D) 1 & 2 only

Ans. (B)

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3. Which of the following was not the end outcome of Vaikom Satyagraha?
- (A) The Ezhavas were allowed to use the roads leading to the Vishnu Temple in Vaikom.
 - (B) One road (Eastern side) was reserved for the Suvarnas only.
 - (C) It resulted in Women Empowerment.
 - (D) None of the above

Ans. (A)

4. Which of the following AI Platforms can generate videos after receiving inputs?
- (A) Dall.e
 - (B) Sora
 - (C) Pi
 - (D) Hume

Ans. (B)

5. Which of the following can be future potential usage of AI with Emotional Intelligence?
- (A) Better Customer support experience.
 - (B) Therapists considering Human Emotions in a better way.
 - (C) Both A & B
 - (D) None of the above

Ans. (C)

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