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As usual I was having morning walk on Link road. Suddenly one small tempo (Rickshaw converted in tempo) passed swiftly. Tempo speed was obviously more. But the dangerous thing was that the material was stacked up to a height disproportionate to the vehicle capacity. It looked like a vertical rectangle and hence it further added to the risk in addition to usual factors such as road condition, morning time much before sunrise, vehicle condition etc.

As usual one thought flashed on in mind and I instantly told the same to my wife who accompanied me for a morning walk. I said "that **the driver / owner are exploiting the vehicle.**"

If you take the macro meaning of the term 'Exploitation', you would observe that we survive or for that matter succeed purely on exploitation. The instances quoted below are only representative because the more you think, the length of the list is bound to increase like 'Hanuman's or Maruti's tail'.

1. The most prominent subject would be of exploitation in service, occupation or in simple words 'employer-employee relationship'. In good old days of strong trade union, employees used to exploit employer. The said practice still continues in few industries. However by and large, the situation is other way round and with recent dose of recession; union pressure has taken a back seat. Once upon a time it was more work and less pay. Now it is more pay packets but literally 24 hours slavery. Look at the office atmosphere after 7 pm. Boss is sitting in the cabin, God knows what is he doing and entire staff pretending to work but thinking as to when Boss will leave for the day. Waste of electricity (in the midst of scarcity) and human energy with nil or minimum output after working entire day.
2. Children from the age of 2-3 years get exploited in the disguise of increased competition. They are burdened with so many activities much before the parents understand the kid's IQ.

3. Husbands exploiting wife on various fronts has been going on for the longest time. I invite attention of the readers to few Spandane Articles such as Suffocation, Behaviour tips for Bridegrooms etc.
4. Exploitation of household gadgets is also one of the classic examples. If you look after the gadgets like your family member, then you definitely get long service from these gadgets. What is required is timely maintenance. My experience is great in this respect. But unfortunately people like me are branded misers. Latest trend is 'use and throw, don't repair.' Many times this mentality has been carefully planted in consumer's mind by advertisements to cater to the business needs of the industry.
5. Relationship in the family is also exploited at times beyond a point. Just observe your own behaviour in the family and how you expect to be served by your parents, wife, kids etc. Have you ever thought of their expectations from you?
6. Exorbitant marriage or any function expenses are the outcome of exploitation hidden in many sugar coated phrases as enjoyment, social customs etc.
7. How can you forget the exploitation of Nature by humans? Have you noticed that now even nature has opened the battle against us as evidenced by number of natural calamities like cyclone, heavy rainfall, accidents, earthquake etc?
8. In a democracy, one cannot forget the exploitation by political parties of their party workers, followers and voters.
9. Cricket circus is nothing but the exploitation of cricketer's capacity to play round the year. No doubt they are paid disproportionately as compared to industrial norms and that too without 100% guarantee of returns.
10. Friends, the list is endless. But now is the time to think seriously of exploitation in every field whether it is family, office, sports, entertainment etc.

**Lets join together to end Exploitation.**