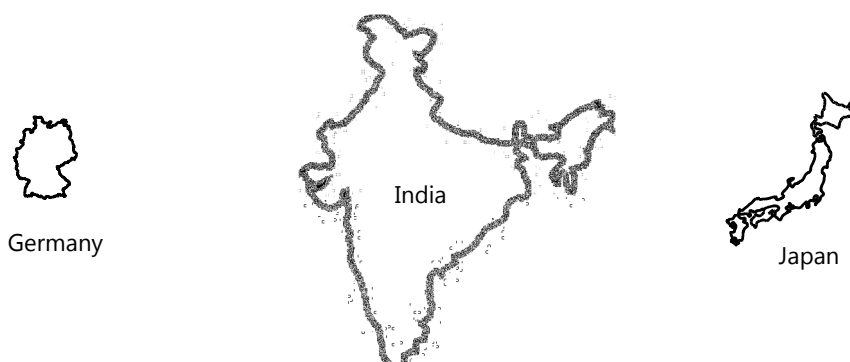


A Tale of 3 countries, after 1947 Germany, India and Japan

Human Development is the key and not the size or quantity of natural resources of a country!



	Germany	India	Japan
Total area '000 sq km	357	3288	377
Arable land % of total	33	49	12
Irrigated land '000 sq km	5	558	26
Coastline km	2,389	7,000	29,751
Population millions	82	1,166	127
Median age years	43	25	44
Population growth rate %	-0.033	+1.606	-0.088
Life expectancy years	79	68	82
Literacy % age 15 & over can read & write	99	64	99
Secondary school enrolment %	100	25	100
Vocational Educational No. of Locations	100,000	11,000	200,000
Higher Education %	40	12	40
GDP US\$ Billions	2,875	1000	4,883
Exports US\$ Billions	1,137	201	590
Effect of 2nd World War	Destroyed	Intact	Destroyed
Rebuilding started	1946-47	1947	1946-47

In any organization or society or country to make it successful, three types of infrastructure or assets are required, viz., 1. Financial assets, 2. Material assets and 3. Human capital.

The most important out of all three is human capital, therefore in this book, we emphasize on the development of human capital, in terms of literacy, secondary, vocational and higher education.

A look at the above chart clearly shows that inspite of many disadvantages and setbacks which Japan and Germany suffered in the 2nd world war, they are the 2nd and 3rd largest economies in the world today!

Even today, both Japan and Germany manufacture the best cars in the world, eg., Lexus, Toyota,

Honda, Mercedes, Audi, Porsche and the BMW!

Unlike India, Japan and Germany do not have vast assets of mineral wealth, availability of energy in the form of coal, oil and gas. They do not have a temperate and sunny climate like we have.

The neglect of human capital development is the major cause of problems like population, poverty, unemployment, environment, terrorism, low productivity and even corruption and poor governance!

Singapore, Hong Kong and Dubai are also examples of excellence in our part of the world. All of them have world class facilities for Human Development. They lack natural resources and hydrocarbons.