

My Imaginary World 2070, 50 years from now

I got a video clip about Arthur C Clarke who had predicted in 1964 what Internet can do in next 50 years with the help of communication satellite. A person can talk to a person without knowing his location in any part of the earth. Person can conduct his business sitting at Bali or Haiti just as well as he could from London. He perceived how city will look like after 50 years when people will not commute but will communicate.

This inspired me why not we also play a game to predict how world will look like after 50 years from now, in 2070. I invited via WhatsApp all our batchmates to participate in this game to play. Only four (Mantu, Jiban, Gopen and me) have agreed to participate. Timeframe is set for 2/3 weeks to complete individual's thoughts and when all are ready, we will fix a date and time when everyone will shoot his email to communicate others about his individual thought. It is now decided to be on 5th November 2020, 9 pm (IST). Here are my thoughts. Following discrete points came to my mind.

Worldwide pandemic of 2020 has given a great shock to the world. It took some time to decide how to cope it up and now it has forced the world to adopt a new system and slowly people and world is adopting it quite speedily. World is looking for opportunity out of this crisis. Virtual meeting, official or private become a normal affair. This will force all the service providers and scientists to find a way to improve the quality and speed of communication. It will be a new generation of communication. For sure there will be paradigm shift but not easy to predict the direction of shift. Since everything gets changed in cyclic order, we might see all the good things are likely to come back in different format.

People will prefer to have single child as cost of living and education will be skyrocketing. As a result, world population would shrink, and world will go for clean energy to make the environment greener. Ayurvedic and Homeopathic medicines will be more and more popular. Average life expectancy will increase day by day which will make the world full of aged people but healthy people.

Digital transaction will reach to its height, printing of the currency will be of no use and reduces its printing load to grinding halt. Mint will become museum.

People will use more Appcab than their own car. Many will dispose of their car. Car will be auto driven without steering. Their look will be like a capsule with two- seater, front and back. Roads will have fewer cars and all cars will be electric. Because of available space on the road, cycle and electric cycle will be more popular.

Online learning become a normal thing. Few people will opt for learning at school / college / university. More school, college and university buildings will be converted to recreation center, Yoga center, modern gymnasium, and marshal art teaching centers.

Popularity of Space excursion will gain momentum and become a big business. For visiting places, people would prefer train journey than air travel as cost of air travel would be prohibitive. Domestic flights may be abolished as limited resource of fossil fuel but there may not have any alternative for international flights.

People will prefer to write by voice assisted dictation than typing. A single remote control will serve all the service in a house to operate all kinds of appliances.

Virtual world would be tomorrow's normal world.

Whole world will speak one language which would be a modified English.

Even after so much automation and online study, books, newspapers, magazines, pen and pencil will not lose their popularity though pen may mostly be used only for signature.

India may not be the richest nation in future but would be on helm of most of the affairs and become most important nation to be followed by other nations. Integration of nations are extremely likely to happen in future. All neighboring nations of India will merge with India and similar things are likely to happen elsewhere too.

Opportunities in rural areas will go up enormously and that will lead to slow down the migration of people from rural to urban cities. This will also help to retain the bondage of families. Nuclear family will be minimized, and people would prefer to live in joint family, if not at least living in proximity.

It is obvious that few things will be obsolete and perished but many new things will sprout. Landline telephones will not exist at office or home, but a new breed of communication media will be evolved to replace it totally. Few years back nobody imagined computer at home, but now it exists as desktop at many homes and getting switched to more convenient form as laptop and tablet. It is going to be further revolutionized.

Any change whatsoever good for most of the people, is somehow painful too for few. Manufacturing and Farming sectors will mostly be done by AI, reducing the requirement of manpower. At one hand, people will lose job in core sectors but more and more opportunities will open up in other areas like Machine Learning, Data Science, Cyber Security, Digital Marketing, Natural Language Processing (NLP) and so on.

Prior to this pandemic, world was heading to height of consumerism. This excessive greed would have burst the bubble and ruined the world and make it difficult to live. But this pandemic has taught a great lesson to all to halt their mind for a moment and forced to look back. This lesson would save the world and push it to a new orbit for healthy living. Future world will be a much better world to live than today's world. It will be a modern and advanced world but with people full of kindness, compassionate and sympathetic.

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