

ANALYSIS OF CATASTROPHIC ECONOMIC CRISIS OF GREECE: AN INDIAN PERSPECTIVE OF THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS WITH REALISTIC AND EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS

THE CASE OF GREECE AND ITS BACKDROP

Recently, it has been observed that, India's current debt to GDP ratio is 90%, up from 74% from pre-pandemic situation which shows how bad our economy is running as of now, and the true face of our economy as any debt to GDP ratio above 60 percent is not considered good.

To put that into some perspective, Greece's value of the same parameter was 97% way back in 1999, which was only 28% back in 1981, incidentally fudged by Goldman Sachs for adoption of Euro, which as a rule doesn't allow country to adopt its own currency with debt to GDP% is >60 . This fudging actually allowed Greece to adopt Euro in 2001 itself. It all went great till 2008, and economic crisis happens in USA and economy crashed, and with new government in power, it started exposing fudged data by previous governments and rest is history- which alleged a deficit of 16%, compared to 6% by their previous government and a gross mismanagement and fudging of data is thus exposed. Unemployment of Greece was at its peak around 60% and it was a complete chaos. Next government, unable to find any route from counter-balancing the crisis, had no other option, other than to implement austerity measures, that ultimately led to catastrophic riots all over the country back in 2015. Interestingly, European union funded 03 times before finally Greece came out from negative parameters to a

continuous positive growth as a measure of avoiding a black spot in the image of European Union. And even still at current continuous positive growth rate Greece economy is expected to cross 300 million USD mark in 2030 that it was in 2010, which is actually a loss of 20 years.

THE INDIAN PERSPECTIVE

India's position, although not that bad, but any world economic crisis here and there (which is not solely on our hands), can easily make things devastating. It's high time that India adopts austerity measures, so that it doesn't devastate our country as it's not that popular a measure to revive economy. As these small yet decisive steps, which are critically thought off, will ultimately be helpful in reviving our economy. Our country is also going through a phase of high unemployment situation, rose up to 45 percent, that's not a great picture at all. India however can devalue its own currency, if such catastrophic situation arises, that was not available to Greece either, as they had common Euro currency, that cannot be devalued.

But as we call in health care system prevention is better than cure. And I think, fudging should be stopped, as things can be revived easily earlier as compared to when it's back in the wall. Hope India understand and takes serious and decisive action as soon as possible.

SOLUTIONS: MOST IMPORTANT

- Employment should be increased substantially in a phased manner. Think it as an investment perspective, rather than expenditure, of course which it is, but high employment will actually increase tax

collection, more expenditure of the citizens that will even add up to our country's GDP.

- Development can be increased drastically, that will attract high industrial development and further development with more increased revenue collection and cycle continues in positive trend.
- Skills should be increased drastically, not about degrees, but to the actual demands of our economy like plumbing, retrofitting, sewage treatment units and processes, electrical transmission skilled personnel specific to the region and cause as it will lead to a boom in private and public skill development courses that will actually in tune to the needs of Indian society.
- Avoid fudging of data, as it can easily be cured at initial stages rather than in final stages with its back against the wall. No offense in telling problem and solving an issue rather than making complicated.
- Proper long-term development should be sought after, instead of temporary solution as it finally adds up to expenses. Basic economic perspective, nothing complex!!!
- Corruption should be strictly handled and IT sector and Data science can be used in solving such issues that is increased and inclusive digitisation. And that's not impossible, current Delhi government has done that as per CAG report and only state government to do so.
- Increased spending in R&D which is currently at 0.7 percent of GDP, whereas any developed nations spend around 2.5 percent of

its GDP, which will increase efficiency in various sectors that will to cost reduction and boost its economy.

- Reduction in NPA percentage as a structural change in banking systems, because at the end it affects economy of the masses!!!
- Proper leisure time for employees of each sector, as it ultimately leads to happy moments, which allow a person to spend on goods that will finally add to economy!!! Psychology
- As a citizen of India, it's our duty to follow fundamental duties of Constitution of India, which in my opinion should be legalised.

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND THINGS WHAT WE CAN LEARN

It's my humble request for the government to ponder upon, as to how we should aim in reviving our country's economy and reduce debt with some permanent solutions that are both practical and decisive, if not radical, as it's important to focus on the root causes, which we generally tend to miss most of the time. It is also a testimony of how dangerous can corruption and mis-management actually impacts the general masses of a nation, not to take loan to such amounts that can't be humanely possible to repay and that its always a better choice to awaken the general masses so that an inclusive solution can be taken in this regard in a decisive way.

At the end, I do love my country a lot and to make aware is a part of our duty towards our nation.

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