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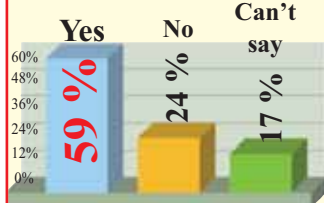
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## The Vicious Circle Of Technology And Human Beings In Between

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Hello fresh faced, well intentioned child. Having difficulty breathing? Don't inhale so deeply, else your lungs will turn into smoke. I know they are trying to make clouds rain prematurely to control the smog. But measures like these can only help so much. Are you new to this game? Because it looks like you don't know the rules of this war of technologies too well. Here, erratic pasts are 'improved' by technologies to result in an erratic future. So let me guide you as you tread on the path of change...

### Step 1: Create a technology to solve a problem

So many problems plaguing the world. What do we do? Solve it with technology, of course. After all, it has helped us plenty till now, hasn't it? Thanks to advancements in transportation, relatives are but a drive away. All the SUVs and XUVs available ensure variety in both comfort and design, which explains why six cars are sold in India every minute. Overcoming the hurdle of reaching from one point to another, we got more and more vehicles till Delhi alone had more than a crore vehicles. Cars weren't the only ones solving our problem. Today, the whole world glows brilliantly under the harsh light of a million LED TVs, bulbs, and even indicators. So let your imagination run wild and take a step forward into this game of improving the world.

### Step 2: Realise its ill effects

Oh no! You've entered the jungle of mistakes. Unforeseen repercussions of technology are adversely affecting the environment, and now both fuel and atmosphere are burning, literally. The air quality is down, in fact Delhi fares the worst in the world. Air pollution is destroying your game and humans too, killing more

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than 1.6 million every year. Even the coming of LEDs wowed everyone initially-until they were all buried under the mountain of e-waste generated. Not to mention how we can't see stars

anymore. Light pollution really flatters the sky, doesn't it? So don't beat yourself up, child. This isn't the most important step. It's the choice that follows that will determine the fate of this planet...

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### Choice 1: Create another technology to combat the first

In this era of breakneck development, where 320,003 new technologies are invented every year, it's almost instinct to substitute one technology for another. So, we build air purifiers and cause clouds to rain prematurely to deal with environmental pollution, not realising that extra power consumption and erratic climate caused by them only aggravate the problem. We also tried solving the problem with electric cars that are the same - while better than gas run cars, the mining and disposal of nickel, zinc and other heavy metals required to produce rechargeable batteries is slowly killing the planet.

So step cautiously if you make this choice, for one wrong turn will lead you straight to the bog of repetition- and then no one can save you as you go in circles repeating steps one and two like a hamster stuck in a spinning wheel, while the world turns to ashes before you.

### Choice 2: Go back to the natural way of life

This is the safe zone, the road less traveled - waiting for you to recognise it. Here, instead of solving one problem by creating another, you can cut back on the usage of first technology and stop the problem in its roots. Sure, you'll feel hot and tired if you cycle your way to office instead of using a car; and sure, it takes one extra step to deposit your used LED lights in an e-waste disposal plant. But once you get accustomed to making smart decisions and using technology sparingly, you'll see - the holes in the sky fill up, the soil gets more fertile, and the air becomes breathable again - it's game over, then, and you emerge as the winner.

*Interlude: The time has come where I can't guide you any further. The choice is yours and yours alone, my child, so think carefully and think quickly. The sun is about to set on the horizon of this dying planet and your choice could change everything.*

## Power of determination

### From The Heart, Mind And Soul

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With the motto of 'Health, Dignity & Happiness', Nipun Malhotra, Founder and CEO, Nipman Foundation, wants to ensure that all three are accessible to everybody. Born

with arthrogryposis, a rare congenital disorder, he uses his own example to fight for rights of specially-abled people. His organisation, Nipman Foundation works to ensure that the disabled live complete lives, have mobility aids and jobs that ensure their independence.

Author of graphic novel 'No Red Card for the Disabled' and prime reason for exclusion of the disabled from the odd-even car rule, Nipun Malhotra is the torchbearer of strength and determination.

#### Determined to succeed

There are no shortcuts, only hard work can make dreams come true. We all have aspirations, but if we don't chase them, then what's the point? During my school days, whilst my friends played sports and indulged in co-scholastic activities, I did not just dream of doing well, but I made sure I worked hard and aced my classes. You'll always face problems, but it is up to you how you turn them into opportunities and succeed in life.

#### Determined to spread love

It is easy to focus on negativity, but what we don't see is that even when we have



GT reporters with Nipun Malhotra

problems, we have so many things to be grateful for. We should create a world that believes in spreading love and counting blessings. For me, my parents have always been the source of love and inspiration. They taught me to be grateful rather than being bitter.

#### Determined to be the change

After experiencing discrimination firsthand, I wanted to bring change. Even as a student at St. Stephen's, I actively campaigned to make the place accessible to specially-abled. After I graduated from Delhi School of Economics, I started Nipman Foundation with a goal to help the disabled, and empower them

with opportunities. I wanted to work on the attitude, accessibility and affordability of resources that are granted to them. With this in mind, I was not just fighting for myself, but also for fellow humans who face the same discrimination.

#### Determined to sensitise

Our society is aware that specially-abled people exist but they are apathetic to their issues. To tackle this, we must start at grass-root level and include information about the specially-abled in school curriculum. We need to teach everyone that no one is perfect; everyone has their own share of problems. The only difference is that you can see mine.



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