

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Under the 'Pradhanmantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana', skill development centers have been established at various places by the Government of India for the purpose of skill development among the youth. Through these centres, the skills of the youth are developed through various types of training. Schemes like Startup India, Standup India are also noteworthy in this context. Under these schemes, various types of grants and tax benefits are provided to technology based industries in India. Through these schemes, the government aims to make the country a hub of manufacturing activities, for which lakhs of skill trained youth are required. If these schemes are operated smoothly, not only can high economic growth rates be achieved but the problem of unemployment can also be solved to a great extent. Education is almost the only means of removing unemployment, but it is also necessary to ensure and regulate how many people are being provided quality education and whether their access to employment is ensured after getting education or not. When the problem of educated unemployment arises, this situation is not considered good for the nation and the economy. India is suffering from the problem of educated unemployment in the world. In such a situation, it is necessary that a uniform education system be implemented from primary level to higher level. If a uniform school system is implemented by eliminating different levels of schools, then the mental abilities of children from both poor and rich families will be the same. It is very important to have a continuous evaluation process for teachers teaching in educational institutions. Apart from this, educational institutions should also be equipped with modern resources like computers, projectors, Wi-Fi etc.

No Politics of Vendetta

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It has now been established beyond doubt that BJP has stooped too low and is doing vendetta politics as it has used the country's top institutions against the BJP rivals and has lately arrested the lawfully elected chief minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal and has thus raped and murdered democracy. Earlier also BJP has used the countries agencies against its political opponents and it is every bodies knowledge that BJP is doing the politics of vendetta and vengeance.BJP is hell bent to intimidate ,harass and exploit its political opponents and thus is using and to be specific misusing the countries constitutional bodies against its political opponents and is thus settling political scours with the opposition political leaders and is implicating the politicians of the opposition parties in false and fabricated cases. There is lack of dissent and difference of opinion in the BJP rule and the BJP government is not allowing any space to dissent which is the necessary ingredient and doctrine of democracy .It is using the government agencies against the opposition leaders and is thus stifling dissent and it has used and continues to use and misuse he constitutional agencies against its political rivals and it wants a free play and wants an opposition less governance which is undesirable in a democracy.BJP wants to leech to chair and perpetuate its rule by hook and crook and thus does not allow political space to the opposition leaders.BJP is not feeling shy of getting arrested those opposition leaders who criticize the government functioning and its anti people policies.BJP has got arrested a big number of politicians simply because they were not favoring its policies and way of governance and were not eye to eye with the working of its government and thus has got implicated its opponents in frivolous ,false ,concocted and fabricated cases which are far from reality. The powerful institutions of the government are being used to settle political scours with the opposition politicians .It is using ED,CBI,IB and other such agencies against the opposition leaders and is framing false cases against them and is forcing them to fall in line and stop opposing BJP. Thus has the BJP government implicating Rahul Gandhi,Sonia Gandhi ,Manish Sisodia ,Sanjay Singh,K Kavita and lately the CM of Delhi who is the darling of the Delhites in false and fabricated cases to silence the voice of dissent .The BJP government has got arrested these and many other leaders and the list of arrestees is very long. It is also intimidating the TMC leaders of West Bengal and framing false and imaginary cases against them and all this is BJP doing to harass and shut the mouths of its opponents. The high profile arrest of Kejriwal is not an ordinary arrest but is extra -ordinary one and it is the arrest of the duly elected chief minister and it is against the people of Delhi who have voted Arvind Kejriwal to power for the third time in succession as the chief minister of Delhi and in these state assembly elections BJP was defeated again and again and now the BJP government is resorting to vindictive and vendetta politics to show its brute majority at the central level .But the arrest of Delhi CM Kejriwal will boomerang on AAP and will spoil the election results of the BJP and thus will recoil on the BJP and damage its poll prospects not only in Delhi but across the country .The AAP and the INDI bloc will definitely gain from the arrest of Kejriwal and thus politically the decision to arrest the Delhi chief minister will recoil on the BJP and it will have to repent on this decision of the ED at the behest of the centre government.TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee cautioned the people that if BJP comes to power in 2024 Lok Sabha election it will go out of the way to stop Bangla Shasya Bima and Lakshmir Bhandar. "BJP believes in the politics of vendetta and they will try to stop Lakshmir Bhandar and Kisacm bima schemes .The beneficiaries belonging to general category under Lakshmir Bhandar will get Rs 1,000 and SC and ST Rs 1,200 from First April ."he said. He further said the election in 2024 is to establish the right of the people and protest against the lies circulated by BJP .He said after getting a thrashing in 2021 Assembly elections, the BJP took revenge and refused to clear the dues ,of Awas Yojana .They have not cleared dues worth Rs 8,000 crore. Rest assured if the centre does not pay the money ,Didi has assured that state government will construct houses in batches ,Congress accuses BJP of misusing central agencies to tarnish the image of Chhattisgarh chief minister Bhupesh Bhagel ,Chhattisgarh chief minister Bhupesh Bhagel said ED has made an extremely malicious move to tarnish my image before elections ,Congress has responded sharply to BJP following claims ,made by ED against Chhattisgarh CM .Addressing a press conference ,congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh claimed that with the defeat of the BJP certain in some states including Chhattisgarh assembly polls ,the saffron party has misused central agencies ,such as the ED and CBI .Ramesh said rightly that BJP is indulging in vendetta politics.PM has unleashed his last remaining astra -ED -the Modiastra to damage the reputation of congress leaders .Earlier the CBI carried out raids at various places including Mahua Moitra residence in Kolkata in connection with the cash for query probe.TMC had lashed at the BJP alleging vendetta politics after CBI raided the premises of expelled MP Mahua Moitra in the cash for query case." This is an attempt to divert the public and media attention from various burning issues .The BJP appears to be sensing growing public discontent ,and they are using every means at their disposal to change the narrative. This is a clear example of vendetta politics, "Moitra had denied wrongdoing, and is set to contesting the 2024 Lok Sabha polls on TMC ticket from Krishnanagar in west Bengal .The current misuse of the ED by the government of BJP is the arrest of the Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and this is the height of political vendetta against the political opponents by the BJP .There should be no place for political vendetta in Indian democracy and the BJP should realize that it is digging its own grave by arresting Delhi chief minister and thus it should stop the dirty game of political vendetta and vengeance against those political leaders who do not fall in line to BJP.

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Nari Shakti; An embodiment of unparalleled devotion towards her duties

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It is an established fact that Almighty God has created 'Maatri Shakti' or so-called 'Woman' is the source of Janani of the Universe and has remained more powerful than that of 'Man'.It is a special relationship between woman and man.If we look at the globe we find that nearly half of the population is of the women.She gives birth -both male and female.Not to speak of an ordinary man,even a big king is born from woman.Such is the height of embodiment of woman. It is the tendency of human beings that when a woman gives a birth to female he (man) weeps over her birth.Since she is considered to be a liability to be paid off by him. He does never celebrate her birth with pump and show whereas male's birth is celebrated with great enthusiasm,ardent zeal and fervent feelings.To my thought both male and female is a part and parcel rather complementary each other.The Almighty God 's creation is never challengeable and both the sex has been created for the birth of the Universe. The sacred shape of female to be in the form of 'daughter', 'sister' and 'wife' the three are the most dearest relations which are being observed going to be diminished from the modern society of these days. I would like to quote the golden words of the baani of Gyan Purash Sadhguru Kabir ji. How beautifully he has said!

"Sone Jaisi Kaya Jal Gayi, Koi Nahi Aaya Pase Re,

Mann Phoola Phoola Phire Jagat mein,Juta Naata Re."

Whose birth is not as celebrated as son? You just imagine the unparalleled devotion towards her family.She gets up early in the morning at 5 'o' clock to discharging her sacred duties which continues to be on during the whole day and ends with at 10 'o' clock daily.Such devotion of duties is not said to be in man's power.Tolerance of Maatri Shakti is been compared to the tolerance of 'Mother Earth'. The attribution of the three forms of 'Maatri Shakti' is expressed as follows: Mother has the way of heaven in her feet. Daughter takes to heaven and the Wife

is diadem of her husband.

Sadhguru Kabir ji,about the tolerance of 'Maatri Shakti' has said as follows: Akhod Khad Dharti Sahey kaant Shaant Van Rai Kattu Vachan Sadhu Sahey,Aur Se Saha Na Jaye." So,woman is been compared to the earth in terms of tolerance and forbearance.

It is the law of nature either of the two-man or woman has to die one day.After the death of one's wife, the husband feels to be now alone. The members of the nuclear family have already been separated from him. He faces the challenges of the difficulties that appear after her death.Exceptions are there.If we may talk in general,most of the circumstances turn otherwise.Only and then only he comes to know that he has come to this world 'alone' and has to leave for heavenly abode 'alone'.

There are three types of debts which we can't pay off.Mother Earth's debt stands at number one that cannot be paid off during this birth. It remains pending to be cleared. Mother's debt is too difficult to be paid off.It is the mother who gives birth to her children,then brings them up also makes learn them to walk and takes care of them to educate them, as mother is the first teacher.A child learns everything to be in the warm lap of mother full of unconditional love.Not to speak of human beings,even such principles of mother's unconditional love are found in birds,animals whatever the species may be. 'Maatri Shakti' is the source of Janani of the Universe.In the past years it was used to be an unnatural injustice with girl child after being detected by way of sonography,foeticide had become a negative trend resultantly sex-ratio decreased.The central govt. came in rescue with the popular slogan 'Beti Bachao,Beti Padoa'.And all the centres of sex determination,had to be bound up by order of the govt. all over the country.Just see the height of injustice used to be inflicted upon the girl child who has been called the Janani of the Universe since the inception of the Universe.Right from the beginning the society has been male dominated and the

woman had been subjected to subordination,slavery and direct obedience under male's orders.Now a new trend has also been cropped up in the modern society that a man and woman are not showing moral bridal responsibilities with the result not only cases of domestic violence but also cases of divorces and remarriages and sprinkling of acids on the faces of females are on the increase in almost each and every state of the country.This is not a good sign of the modern society. Such a negative trend must be discouraged and the continuance may not be allowed to be encouraged for being healthy and its continuance may not be allowed to be encouraged for being a healthy and civilized modern society.Hon'ble Judiciary is also facing challenges to resolving the cases of divorces.Women and girls are disproportionately affected by the crimes,accounting for a significant majority of trafficking victims globally.There are many factors leading to these heinous,atrocious and hateful crimes such as eve-teasing ,molestation or murder,rapes and throw the girl away in the unknown fields after killing underscore the pervasive gangrapes,cases of sprinkling of acid on their faces in case they do not agree to the proposal of marriages with the rapist,also if promise for denial to be with lover are some of the instances to be exposed to lifting the curtains of the extent of cruelties being inflicted upon the so-called fair sex to be called as Maatri Shakti-the Janami of Mankind being observed daily throughout every nook and corner of the country.The word 'Woman' is too small to be called an ordinary one.The greatest significance is attached to the sacred nine forms of 'Devi' to be called as avatar of existence of infinite nature.So the natural bonds of relationship between 'Woman' and 'Man' are to be maintained in the modern society so as to uphold the sanctity of 'Nature'. Prevalence of unfortunate domestic violence cases are being generally taking place on the one pretext or the other for not bringing sufficient dowry because of being poor in-laws.Real life-long relations between man and

woman have adopted the shape of transitory nature rather than becoming temporary so to say for want of money,landed property such as plot,house,car or to be owning any kind of responsibility to lend a helping hand to get his in-laws liabilities to be paid off by them.Such kind of greedy mind and mean mentality thinking have been developed in this modern society.The society has become so selfish and unimaginable hopeless that it does not come forward to interfering into the affairs of its relations to be maintained with poor relatives.

Sahir Ludhianvi had said beautifully , Aurat ne Janam Diya Mardon Ko,Woman gave birth to mankind. Mardon Ne Use bazaar Diya. Men traded them as slaves.

Jab Jee Chaha masla Kuchla, Used Them As Sex Dolls, No Esteem. Jab Jee Chaha Dutkar Diya .Just fulfilled, Threw them in streets.

India has become a hub of human trafficking and the marginalized sections of the society are most vulnerable.This is a matter of deep concern and warrants attention to be focused completely on this serious problematic areas being erupted into the modern society.

Just as the five elements have to dependent upon one another for its environmental balance if one of its is lopsided because of interdependence upon the existence of balance of whole of the universe gets imbalanced. Similarly each of the castes alongwith its society is interdependent upon one another for its existence is an established truth.So the man and the woman are also inter-dependent upon its survival and must welcome their inter-dependency for the well-being of their own as well as to the society they are living.

If this sort of situation continues to be and does not get stopped this would pose a serious threat to the healthy existence of the modern society and self-defence techniques and challenging societal attributes that perpetuate violence against women are must to be taken to curbing such violence being observed daily against women.

The elderly aren't merely a vote bank

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Today, science has progressed to a great extent, and due to the treatment of diseases and the way of life of humans, their life span has increased compared to before. But there has been a lot of change in our relationships, love, and coexistence. Where the elderly used to be the pride of the house, now their inquiries have dwindled to the point where they are relegated to nursing homes or old-age homes. Where they spend their lives talking to walls alone.

So now the time has come that we have to protect the dignity of the elderly and their basic rights so that they can live a dignified life. Governments have to realize that the elderly are not just a vote bank but human beings. We should try to restore democratic values even within families to the extent possible, and a comprehensive cultural campaign will be launched against the existing inhumane, decadent, amoral, and outdated capitalist culture. We have to build a socialist society in which the interests of the individual do not conflict with those of society, but both complement each other, so that lost human dignity can be restored. Only by being a part of this fight can we give the elders their due dignity in the future.

Respecting elders means respecting someone who has faced more ups and downs in life than you and struggled more than you. Respecting the elderly means respecting the fact that human life is difficult, even for those who are privileged.

Senior citizens face discrimination

everywhere. They are considered illiterate mainly because most of them lack the skills to participate in the world of technology. This is mostly done by the new generation, who walk around with today's technology in their pockets and consider themselves highly skilled and well-educated.

But rather empathize with them by putting yourself in their shoes and trying to understand their feelings and challenges. Be sure to show empathy, provide support and reassurance when needed, and treat them with kindness and compassion, maintaining a gentle and caring demeanor. When assisting with daily activities or personal care, their dignity should be prioritized. During these intimate moments, they should be treated with sensitivity and respect rather than adopting a huggable attitude.

Engaging in conversations with older individuals can provide us with valuable opportunities to broaden our perspectives beyond our habitual thoughts and patterns. Engaging in conversation and listening to their experiences and opinions provides a unique perspective. Could you envision the experiences of adolescents during the 1940s who bravely embarked on a military campaign alongside their comrades, confronting a formidable malevolent leader situated thousands of miles overseas? How significantly have various aspects changed within the span of 80 years?

So, we should respect the elderly for their wisdom and wealth of experience, and instead of alienating and demoraliz-

ing them, we should offer them self-expression as contributing members of society. Ways must be found.

Sometimes the question arises, who should take care of the elderly? The answer is very simple: who took care of you when you were a child, and who made you capable for the future? Who will take care of you now that you are old and/or unable to take care of yourself? While your parents also had the option of raising you in crèches or maids, they didn't.

Even if we put all that aside, we need a world full of compassion, kindness, and love. We need a world where the elderly do not move around but live a dignified life. Many times, I have been to nursing homes, and I often see the tears of these helpless elders. When no one came to visit them, I used to comfort them. I have also seen those who did not take care of their elderly parents but did not even come to collect their dead bodies until the last moment. Those who came to the nursing home only came to get their death certificates so that they could get the property left behind by their parents in their name.

In many cultures around the world, children still help to care for their elderly parents to some extent, but this expectation is much less common in modern and especially Western cultures. Some immigrants who cared for their elderly parents in their youth are now surprised to find that their children are not willing to do much for them. 60% of the elderly living in families experience abuse.

This abuse comes in many forms. These elders have to spend their lives like prisoners in homes, facing mental abuse, verbal abuse, beatings, and other physical abuse. Cases of robbery involving elderly people living alone in their homes are common. In our daily life, we keep hearing around us or in newspapers and TV news, how they are imprisoned in houses and made to do daily chores like prisoners, thrown out of the house if they refuse. Threats are made, and they are left in old-age homes. Therefore, we can say that most of the elderly are forced to live in inhumane conditions; that is, this part of the population is completely socially insecure, or let's say that our current society has been unable to provide them with protection.

There is an old Russian folk tale in which a husband-and-wife fight over the inconvenience of having their elderly father live with them. Finally, the man gives in to his wife's protest and agrees to send his father to a nursing home. He tells his young son. "Here, wrap your grandfather in a blanket to protect him from the cold and take him to the poor house." "As you wish, father," says the son of the curmudgeon. Then he starts cutting the blanket in half. "What are you doing?" shouts the father. And the son replies, "I am saving half a blanket to cover you when the day comes when my wife asks me to leave you." Everyone must have gotten the answer. What you sow, you will reap in the end.

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A DON'S END

showed Ansari riding open jeep with gun. Four decades of Ansari's reign of terror has come to an end but the sympathy of opposition parties at his death has started rising. Mulayam Singh Yadav had saved and supported Ansari. He was de facto ruler from inside jail. Mafias had upper hand and they used to direct the police at that time. He had wanted terror charges removed. Where is the need to sympathize with the death of a convicted criminal? The opposition parties are crying at his death. AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi has prayed Allah to forgive him. The crimes perpetrated by Ansari were not unpardonable to Owaisi. He prays Allah to accept his martyrdom. He has viewed his death as martyrdom as if Ansari fought for the freedom of the country and renounced his life. Perhaps nobody would have prayed for anybody's good if there would have been certainty of prayer heard by the Almighty fulfilling the wishes. Pardon or punishment will be the result of good or bad deeds done. Judicial probe has commenced to ascertain if there was any medical negligence and

also to know if he was poisoned as alleged by Ansari's kin. Akhilesh Yadav, SP Chief has been insisting for Supreme Court monitored probe. Akhilesh says that UP government has no right to remain in power. Right to remain in power has come from the people, not from Akhilesh. It is not for Akhilesh to decide. If the death of a criminal in prison due to natural death can strip the power of a political party, then there can be no party to remain in power at all. No person has right to remain in power if he or she sympathizes with the criminals. Sympathy with criminals contributes for the abetment of crime. BSP Chief Mayawati presses for high-level enquiry for the death of Ansari. Tejashwi Yadav claims that Ansari had complained of poisoning and his complaint was not taken seriously. He never revealed this when Ansari was alive. Congress leader Pappu Yadav describes the natural death as institutional murder. The buck does not stop at this. He further says that the death of Ansari is like burying the Law, Constitution and Natural Justice.

RSSP chief S P Maurya says that the murders are perpetrated in jail. People are not insensitive to understand that no politician is worried about the death of anyone. They are prepared to kill and be killed for the sake of power if it can generate public sympathy and converting such public sympathy into votes. The death of a criminal hardly matters to them also. But all those who are expressing sympathy with the dead are making use of the opportunity to take on the government. In the case of Ansari's death also, the opposition parties have found opportunity in difficulty. All these opposition parties are never bothered about Kulbhushan Jadhav languishing in Pakistan jail. They have no time to urge the government to keep the issue alive to get Jadhav released from Pakistan jail. How Sarabjit Singh was tortured to death in Pakistan jail can never be forgotten. Opposition parties are crying over the death of a criminal rather than keeping the Jadhav issue alive till he is released from Pakistan jail. Misplaced sympathy and misplaced priority are very dangerous.

