

PRIORITIZING RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Allying all rumors and misconceptions spread by politicians, especially that of opposition parties regarding Government's apathy towards proper development and progress of the rural areas, the LG Manoj Sinha has made it clear that the administration is quite alive towards the issues faced by rural populace and directed all the concerned departments to accord prioritized treatment to rural development without any failure, so that rural areas are developed at par with other urban areas of the Union Territory. Highlighting the need for ensuring provision for requisite infrastructure for providing necessary facilities to the rural populace, the LG straightway said that development of rural belts in the Union Territory is a must, as the road to prosperity of J&K has to pass through its villages. With this significant statement, the LG has made clear the intentions of the administration regarding ensuring development in all belts and hamlets of J&K, without any sort of discrimination. Besides directing the executing authorities to provide top most priority to the rural areas, while formulating development schemes and plans, he also asked for ensuring implementation of the same without any laxity, so that the residents of rural areas can also enjoy all facilities like others residing in urban areas of J&K and even outside UT. Pertinent to mention here that a major chunk of the J&K's population reside in rural areas and is dependent on agriculture and other allied activities. To ensure development on agrarian front, for ultimately enhancing the socio-economic status of people and making them self-sufficient, the LG stressed for adopting latest techniques to increase the produce for empowering the farmers financially. This statement of LG is an apt answer to all those, who just for sake for petty benefits and registering their presence on political front, often make abortive bids to misguide gullible masses residing in rural areas by alleging that the Government is only working for the rich and those living in urban areas. It has shown that for the administration all citizens are equal, without any discrimination of favoritism, and even the rural areas would be accorded prioritized treatment on development front.

ENDING VICIOUS CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

The government has to take some stern steps to end the vicious cycle of violence as terrorists are continuously targeting people in Valley despite security forces and police claiming that they have eliminated many among those involved in such killings and attacks. Of course the security forces are doing their best to eliminate one and all involved in acts of terror but the problem has become real big one because continuously people are being targeted in Valley with no end to this spree of violence coming to sight. In this context, a policeman was attacked in Srinagar who later succumbed to injuries raising big question that whether peace has returned or not? Reportedly, the policeman in civvies was critically injured after terrorists fired upon him near Aiwa Bridge at Dr Ali Jan road in Srinagar district. He was later shifted to nearby SKIMS hospital but unfortunately the cop succumbed to his injuries. This terror attack was one more in the series of attacks that have snatched away lives of lots of people belonging to different shades of life. No doubt that the only intention behind this attack is to create fear psychosis in the Valley and stop the endeavours being carried out by the government to restore peace and instill confidence among the people that everything is normal. Taking the example of any metro city in the country, such crimes are common but as far as Kashmir is concerned these acts of violence are carried out to spread a word that turmoil is still continuing in the region as many entities including some political outfits do take advantage of disturbance and terrorism in the UT. Those entities whose survival depend on the survival of terrorism should understand once and for all that their nefarious designs will never be allowed to work anymore because the centre means business here and peace is the first and foremost requirement for bringing normalcy. The central dispensation will go to any extent to restore peace therefore those engaging themselves in terror activities are doing nothing but inviting trouble for them and their mentors because under no circumstances the BJP Government in the centre will allow terrorism to continue in the UT as peace in J&K is inevitable and no power on earth can stop this from happening.

OFF 'D' CUFF

There is a way to avoid another World War

The world suffers too much from conflict because of male energy and the domination by it. Balance is needed. I am not saying that male energy is not needed at all; it is needed but in proportion. Right now, ninety-nine percent is male energy, and the woman exists only on the margin. She is not the main current of life, hence there is strife, struggle, fight, and war.

The third world war can be avoided only if feminine energy is released into the world to balance male energy.... It cannot be avoided by peace marches and protests against war, because that too is male energy.

The masculine energy can talk about peace but can only prepare for war. It goes on saying that we have to fight to protect peace. Now look at the absurdity: we have to go to war; otherwise there will be no peace in the world. That's how we have been going into war down the ages and peace has not come. In three thousand years, man has fought five thousand wars. Not a single day passes when there is no war somewhere or other. Sometimes it is Vietnam, sometimes it is Israel, sometimes it is

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India has excelled in different sectors and she is next to none in science and technology and has done marvelous job in infrastructure, space technology and in economics and what not. The voice of India is heard and she is respected in the international field and her say has a great influence in the world affairs. But alas in domestic field she is heading towards chaos and confusion as day in and day out we hear about the communal strife and tension in various parts of the country and this forces us to say that in home turf India is heading nowhere except to chaos and confusion as the communal tensions become more and more the fate accomplice of this nation which is very unfortunate and this should not have happened. The happenings and incidents in various parts of the country point towards the fact that India is moving towards communal strife and confusion as the communal disturbances across the country is a matter of great concern. Though India has done a spectacular development in different walks of life in international arena but in home turf there are tensions of communal disharmony, strife which is a disturbing development and we should strive to uphold secular and plural ethos of the country. But it is a matter of dismay that the country which has embraced secularism as a matter of state policy is these days heading towards exclusivist society and this is against the secular philosophy of India as secularism and pluralism is the lifeline of the country and India should tread the path shown by our forefathers and constitution founders and therefore the country should be ruled purely on the secular pattern as India is a multi-religious, multi-cultural and multi-lingual as well as the multi-dimensional country and we should preserve the secularism, but what is happening in different parts of the country is enough to suggest that the country is deviating from the time tested path of secularism and is moving towards communal disharmony and tension which does not augur well for the country and we should introspect on the deviation of the country from the secular path. While on paper India is a secular republic but in practical field she is moving towards exclusivist ideology and this is very disturbing development and all of us should guard against the tempering with the secular tenets and communal harmony in the country. Instead of concentrating on the mundane issues of bread and butter and the issues like uninterrupted power supply, adequate drinking water, skyrocketing prices of the essential goods and services and the problem of unemployment in the country the political parties and politicians seem interested in communal disharmony which is very unfortunate and this should not happen in a multi-religious country. Thus instead of exploiting the gullible masses on communal and religious issues, we should guard against the degeneration of the society into communal disharmony and strife which are alien to our age old ethos of tolerance and cultural diversity.

The unity in diversity is the unique characteristic of India and it should be maintained at all costs and in no way there should be any compromise on it. We should not do the rowdy elements of both the Muslim and Hindu community are indulging in pelting stones, arson, rioting, burning the properties and ears and this points towards the worst communal disturbances and is a cause of grave and great concern

In each being, man or woman, both energies exist – the sun and the moon. The emphasis has to be toward the moon. We have leaned too much toward the sun; it is destroying us. Just to keep a balance we have to lean to the opposite direction, and slowly, slowly one has to be exactly in the middle – the moon in one hand, the sun in the other but both equal. I declare man and woman as equal, not because of any political reason; I declare them equal for an existential reason. They have to be equal, otherwise life will be destroyed.

Osho

Where is India going?

Crave for a thing, you will get it. Renounce the craving, the object will follow you by itself.

-Swami Sivananda

anything which goes to disturb the unity in diversity doctrine and the plural and secular ethos of the country.

However what is these days happening in different parts of the country is very unfortunate and unbecoming.

The communal clashes are taking place in different parts of the country and the vested political parties take sadistic pleasure in the communal disturbances and clashes without any exception.

The political parties are blaming each other for the communal tension and disturbance and this is really very bad and against the secular tenets of the constitution and the secular ethos of the country.

It is very sad and unfortunate that the country is heading towards chaos as the communal disturbances and clashes are taking place in different parts of the country. It is our bounded duty and moral responsibility that we should do all things to protect the secular and plural fabric of the constitution in letter and spirit so that the secularism will flourish and grow in the country and we should nurture much valued secularism and tolerance which are the foundations of our country and are the lifeline of our nation.

But what is happening in different parts of the country is an open assault on the secularism and pluralism and this is alien to our cultural heritage and the constitution. India is heading towards anarchy as communal disturbances and clashes are taking place in different parts of the country and the political parties are busy in blame game and they do not take tangible steps to rectify the communal confusion and clashes and disturbance in the country and they seem to relish on these sad communal happenings and this is a very serious matter. Before it tarnishes our image in the international arena, we should take sincere and solid steps to correct the communal situation and tension in the country so that we can raise our heads in the world as a responsible secular country. For this we should ponder and make self introspection and allow nothing which tarnishes our image in the comity of the nations.

It is very disturbing and unfortunate that India is heading towards a country where communal clashes and disturbances are taking place under the very nose of the state governments and the political parties are blaming each other for the communal turmoil in the country.

Therefore without wasting time we should focus our attention against the unfortunate communal happenings in the country and strive to put an end to the communal tension and disturbance which is very harmful for our secular and plural country.

The anti social and rogue elements of different communities are raising their ugly heads in different parts of the country and are disturbing the communal harmony and mutual brotherhood which goes not only against the constitution but is also against the cultural heritage and ethos of our country.

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and we as the responsible citizens should not allow the situation to go beyond control and we should take earnest and sincere steps to control the vulnerable communal situation in the country so that all the communities will live in peace and mutual brotherhood will flourish and grow in the country.

But what is happening in various parts of the country is very shameful as it is the sad commentary on the plural and secular ethos of India and we should hang our heads in shame on the Hindu-Muslim disturbance and communal clashes which are going on different states of the country without any break.

Therefore what is needed is that the political parties and cunning politicians should not politicize the communal disharmony but should sincerely work towards strengthening the plural and secular foundations of the country.

It is a matter of great concern that Hindu-Muslim strife and disturbance are taking place in different states and are polluting peaceful atmosphere of the country and so efforts should be made to instill confidence among the people belonging to various faiths so that all live in peace and tranquility.

For this it is indispensable that the political parties should desist from exploiting the religious sentiments of the people and they should take urgent steps in the direction of building and strengthening the secular fabric of the country which is in danger due to the frequent communal disturbances in different states.

Congress is leveling charges of creating communal tension on the BJP while BJP is hitting back at congress and is holding congress responsible for the communal disharmony in various parts of the country.

The way the communal and religious disturbance is happening in different states of the country, it may ultimately lead to the conditions of civil war which is very dangerous and harmful for the country. The politics on Hanuman Chalisa and loudspeakers is creating unwanted communal tensions in different parts of the country but the responsible citizens should guard against the forces of communal disharmony so that the plural and secular ethos of the land will be preserved.

To conclude it can be said that the country is deviating from its time tested path and is heading towards chaos and confusion and divorcing from the secularism as is evident from the ground realities but constitutionally we are a secular country and the political parties and the people need to nurture secularism for the country's development and for its image in the international community.

It is very unfortunate that India is distancing from Indian-ness and is thus negating the very idea of India by resorting to communal violence and disturbance which is alien to our culture.

May true secularism and pluralism flourish in the country so that all the people belonging to different faiths live in peace like brothers.

This is indispensable for the unity and integrity of the country and let us strive to preserve the secular foundations of the country.

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EDITORIAL

Focus on 'Purpose' not people

■ MOHANJI

When we get closer and closer to our soul, divisions do not exist. We only see the purpose. What is purpose? Our purpose in life. It's not about people (read: minds swayed by emotion). When we concentrate on people, purpose is lost. When we concentrate on purpose, people (and their fluctuating minds) lose importance. That is how I'm operating. The world operates in only two ways. They either praise us or they criticize us. We don't have to entertain both. The moment we get involved in either of these, we have to use our mind. Then we have to do a balancing act. What do we lose in the bargain? Purpose! I never based my life on people or their fluctuating minds. They are here today, gone tomorrow. When we focus on purpose, it gives us immunity, it gives us clarity, and it gives us momentum. Otherwise, whenever somebody praises or criticizes us, we can lose our track.

Career as drone service technician

■ DR ABHILASHA GAUR

Flying a drone is an exciting, captivating, and intriguing activity that has grown in popularity worldwide. But new questions are now being asked, how profitable can flying a drone be as a career? Is the only option to be a drone pilot? Answer No. There are a lot of career options available in the drone industry. Do you wish to be in a career that will always be in demand? Then you should consider becoming a Drone Service Technician. As with any career path, it begins with professional training. When starting a career, the training provider you choose will inevitably set the tone for your entire career - so choose a trusted and approved provider of Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI), a mandated body of skilling for the electronics sector. Let's start how you can make career in this sector:

There was a time when Drone, also known as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) was just a concept, and today it has gained so much traction that it is marking its presence in several verticals. Drone technology covers everything from the aerodynamics of the drone, materials in the manufacture of the physical UAV, to the circuit boards, chipset, and software, which are brains of the drone. The drone technique has emerged as a boon during the Corona transition.

Career Opportunities in Drone sector: Civil Aviation Ministry estimates India's drone sector to achieve a total turnover of Rs. 120-150 billion (US\$ 1.63-2.04 billion) by 2026, from its current turnover of about Rs. 800 million (US\$ 10.88million). In addition, the government plans to attract investments of Rs. 5,000 crore (US\$ 669.07million) in the next three years in the drone manufacturing industry and create job opportunities. The government is also encouraging start-ups and MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) to invest in drone technology by easing the eligible annual sales bracket at a minimum level-Rs. 2 crore (US\$ 267.63 thousand) for drones and Rs. 50 lakh (US\$ 66.91 thousand) for drone components.

A Drone Service Technician conducts routine maintenance, troubleshoots and repairs malfunctioning or defective Drone while ensuring adherence to standard working practices. The individuals in this job maintain and repair drones of varying sizes that are used in various applications such as taking aerial photos or videos, transporting goods, firefighting and emergency operations, power line inspections, clandestine inspections, etc. Replace the faulty board and components and perform basic /SMD soldering/de-soldering. Disassemble and assemble different parts of the drone for testing and repair. Understand different batteries used for power supply of drones, their specifications and testing. Application and testing of different sensors used in drone, testing of different motors BLDC etc, Electronic Speed Controller card and its connectivity with motor. Testing of flight controllers and the communication between transmitter and receiver and its calibration. Testing of landing gear, GPS Module, collision avoidance sensor and its connectivity with console. Testing of transmitter, the control box to receiver at drone and the communication link. Testing of Gimbal Motor, Controller and its programming. The individual in this job identifies different applications in agriculture, surveillance, security and to test the additional specific application-based components to connect with drone.

The individual must have attention to detail, logical thinking, and ability to execute the repair and maintenance activity as per client's requirement. The individual should be good at following instructions and work collaboratively with diverse teams. S/he must stay abreast with technology changes and demonstrate strong technical expertise. Also, S/he must exhibit good customer service attribute - courtesy, problem-solving, reliability, good decision-making skills, etc.

Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI), which is an apex body for skill development and certification in the electronics domain, under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneur, has developed 'Qualification Packs' (QPs) aligning to international standards for Drone Service Technician job role. The council has aligned its skilling competencies with the industry requirements and is making an all-out effort in meeting the industry requirements for skilled and certified Drone Service Technician with relevant technical capabilities, thus giving a boost to the growth of the sector along with creating employment opportunities for the youth of the country. Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) is building an eco-system for drone technology and making a pool of industry and academia. Recently, ESSCI has signed two MoU, one with Kaushalya - The Skill University and another with IG Drone, a leading player of the drone sector for developing university-based curriculum and industry-oriented training.

To become a Drone Service Technician, you would require: A strong interest in aviation; Ability to think in 3D; Strong concentration skills; Ability to remain calm under pressure; IT & Math skills; a good knowledge of various types and properties of Drone; Good analytical skills; and Awareness of latest Drone Technology.

One can join Aviation industry/other sectors as drone technician for implementing different applications of Drone and will progress further as Senior Technician, Supervisor and can rise-up to the level of Manager.

A candidate can work in a Drone service center as a specialist or start his own Drone Training Centre and become Entrepreneur in the related field. At the initial stage, a skilled person can earn around Rs 5 - 6 lakh. With the experience and expertise, one's income can potentially increase.

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JUBILANT J&K

Accountable, transparent system for recruitments established in UT

'Yogyata Se Rozgar' celebrates spirit of 'merit' in public employment

Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has established an accountable and transparent system for the recruitment of various posts in different departments. Article 16 of the Constitution of India lays down that, "There shall be equality of opportunity for all citizens in matters of employment under the State". It enshrines the principle of fairness and equality in public employment. However, the allegations of nepotism and patronage present a serious challenge to this hallowed provision of our constitution.

In keeping with the spirit of the Constitution, the UT of J&K has embarked on a journey of ensuring transparency and accountability while appointing candidates to various public posts. Apart from record number of posts being advertised by JKSSB, JKPSC and other recruiting agencies, the prime focus has been on ensuring that meritorious candidates are selected without any undue favour. The interview stage has been done away

with for non-gazetted posts as a measure of reform. More than 20,000 posts were advertised in current year and 10,831 selections have been made till now. The remaining posts are under process for fast-track recruitment and will be completed soon. The recent appointment of candidates to around 8,500 class-IV posts is a welcome sign of the reforms carried out by the UT of J&K.

Apart from these posts, the recruitment process for filling up 1,850 posts (350 Probationary Officers & 1,500 Banking Associates) was completed in a highly transparent manner by engaging IBPS to conduct the examination followed by an interview conducted by the experts. Gone are the days of favouritism and nepotism while making appointment to these posts.

Owais Bashir resident of Dalwan village in Pakhpora, Budgam is among the successful candidates who have been selected as part of the mega recruitment drive in J&K post abrogation of Article 370.

Yogyata Se Rozgar, initiated by J&K government, celebrates the spirit of 'Merit' in public employment. To mark the successful conduct of examination for these posts and the appointment based on merit, Yogyata Se Rozgar was celebrated at Panchayat Level and Block Level across Union Territory of J&K.

As a tool to enable women to actively participate in recruitment process and their empowerment, the J&K administration took the historic decision of providing 15 percent reservation to women in non-gazetted posts in police department.

This monumental step is expected to invigorate the potential of youth especially women in the progress of UT. Yogyata Se Rozgar is not just a one-time event to felicitate new entrants to public service.

It epitomizes that by ensuring accountability in appointment to public posts, the UT of J&K will keep intact the constitutional dictum of equality in matters of public employment.