

## SLACKNESS UNACCEPTABLE

It has been observed that despite adopting a dedicated and people-friendly approach by UT administration to address the grievances of people in a time-bound manner besides improving work-efficiency and productivity of employees, there are numerous instances where slackness is witnessed on part of the Government officials and other agencies, while implementing the directives of the administration, which is really a matter of grave concern and cause several road-blocks for the administration in achieving various desired objectives. Although, the Government is also ensuring a proper check on the working and conduct of officials but still then, few instances emerge quite often which need immediate attention by the Government. In this regard, as per reports, it has been informed that despite issuing clear-cut instructions by the higher authorities, there are several Government departments which have failed to implement the recommendations made by the Fire & Emergency Services Department, after conducting fire safety audits of the buildings, which can prove fatal in coming days. Pertinent to mention here that looking at rapid increase in the number of fire incidents across UT, the LG, a few months back, directed for carrying out fire safety audits of all Government buildings, especially those which are frequently visited by the public. Accordingly, directives were issued to the concerned authorities and Fire & Emergency Services Department conducted the detailed exercise regarding fire safety audit in more than 200 Government buildings, including hospitals, educational institutions and Civil Secretariat, both at Jammu as well as Srinagar and made necessary recommendations. But it has been reported that despite being a matter of urgent nature, there are several departments which are still mired over the issue and have not acted on the recommendations, thereby creating impediments in achieving the objective behind the much-important exercise, which is directly related to the safety and security of people as well as important official records. Although, fresh directives have been issued to all departments for implementing recommendations besides submitting Action Taken Reports, but the need of the hour is to adopt some specific strategy, so that such slackness, on part of the Government officials, may not hamper Government work again, which is committed for the overall development of J&K.

## GIFT OF INDEPENDENCE

Carrying forward its mission to ensure the wellbeing of all citizens, irrespective of age, region or religion, the Union dispensation is now mulling over a proposal to commute sentences of prisoners, lodged in various jails of the country, in three phases subject to fulfillment of certain criterion. Bringing a happy news for the millions of prisoners, facing sentences for various sentences, as a part of its ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, it has been proposed that names of all those prisoners, who are above age of 60 years, have completed more than half of their sentence and having a good behavior will be in the jails, will be proposed to the screening committee, for commuting their sentences. Not only this, but numerous women and transgender convicts, who are 50 years old or above with a good moral conduct, will be considered for providing benefit under the proposed scheme. Although, it has been clearly directed that the scheme will not apply to those prisoners sentenced to death or life imprisonment and convicted for rape, terror charges, dowry deaths, money laundering, under Explosives Act, National Security Act, Official Secrets Act, Anti-Hijacking Act, human trafficking etc. Pertinent to mention here that jails of the country are overcrowded with a number of inmates, facing sentences for one or another crime. As per official data, jails across the country are lodging about 4.78 lakh prisoners against available capacity of 4.03 lakh, out of which approximately 1 lakh are women. This significant step of the Government, where on one hand will provide an opportunity to several inmates, who have mended their ways, to live a normal life and on the other hand will also reduce prevailing heavy rush in prisons, to a great extent. It shows that for the ruling dispensation, welfare of its citizens is of prime importance including all those nationalist people, who had even committed some crimes, due to one or another reason in the past and are now ready to live a normal life. Under the proposed scheme, the Union Home Ministry has proposed release of deserving prisoners, in three phases, viz on August 15, 2022; January 26, 2023 and August 15, 2023, thereby providing them a real gift of independence on completion of 75 years of independence of the country.

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### Verify and Then Accept

Misunderstanding is a common phenomenon of social life. People tend to believe everything that is reported to them without scrutiny. And it is a common experience for reporters always to report things selectively or in a partial manner. It is selective reporting or partial reporting that creates problems. Sometimes people fall into grave misunderstanding and the result is disastrous. Chapter Al-Hijurat (The Apartments) of the Quran deals with this problem. It gives a clear direction in this regard. The translation of the relevant Quranic verse is as follows: Believers, if an evildoer brings you news, ascertain the correctness of the report fully, lest you unwittingly harm others, and then regret what you have done. (49:6) There is a background to this Quranic verse. When the Prophet of Islam established a state in Arabia making Madinah its capital, he sent one of his companions, Walid ibn Uqba, as a collector, to a tribe called the Banu al-Mustaliq. When Walid reached the tribal area, he saw that a crowd had gathered outside the town. He feared, due to some preoccupation, that the tribe wanted to kill him or beat him. After seeing

that, Walid returned to Madinah, and told the Prophet that the Banu al-Mustaliq had rebelled and they must therefore send an army against them.

Then the chief of that tribe, Haris bin Zarar, himself came to Madinah. He said that they had gathered on the outskirts of their town only to receive the collector, Walid ibn Uqba, but that without meeting them, he had returned to Madinah. The above verse was revealed in the Quran after this incident.

By taking this example, the Quran gives the general direction that, before forming an opinion, we should scrutinize any news we receive. That is, before proper scrutiny, we should not accept its veracity.

The principle to be followed is that if you are going to form a positive opinion, then scrutiny is not necessary. You can believe that Mr. So and So is a very good person but, when you are going to form a bad or negative opinion about anyone, then you have to investigate the matter before forming your opinion. In such a situation, you have only two options: either to remain silent or, if you want to form an opinion, then you have to go into the matter in depth. Only then do you have the right to form a negative opinion.

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## Shinde wrested power from Uddhav

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At last the political crises in Maharashtra came to an end when Uddhav Thackeray put forward his papers and resigned from the Chief Ministership under pressure as the rite petition filed by MVA Government in Supreme Court praying for stay to the floor test as ordered by the governor. But the Supreme Court gave a go ahead to floor test and this development forced Uddhav to resign as he could not face the assembly as he does not have the numbers and so he opted to resign from the Chief Minister's post. Thus he did not prove his majority in the assembly for which governor has convened a special session of the assembly. Thus he made room for the appointment of a new Chief Minister though reluctantly. But in a dramatic turn of events and most unexpectedly Eknath Shinde instead of Devender Fadnavis former Chief Minister and the president of the state BJP was appointed the Chief Minister of the state surprising political parties, political Pandits and one and all as it was the turn of Fadnavis to head the coalition government of BJP and Shiv Sena, but it was not so and thus Shinde was appointed Chief Minister of the state though the numbers were all in favor of the BJP. However under the directions and orders of the BJP high command Fadnavis agreed to the suggestion of the top brass of the BJP and agreed to allow the younger brother rebel Shiv Sena's head Eknath Shinde to be appointed the new Chief Minister of the state surprising all. Thus dramatically Shinde was appointed as the Chief Minister and Fadnavis as his deputy. Therefore Fadnavis has sacrificed the coveted post of Chief Minister in favor of Shinde and accordingly governor has anointed him as the new Chief Minister. So in an unprecedented move Shinde took the oath of office and secrecy as the Chief Minister on 1st of July 2022 along with Fadnavis as the deputy Chief Minister thus solving the political crises. Devender Fadnavis deserves salute, praise and kudos for agreeing to offer the post of Chief Minister to Shinde the chief of the breakaway group of the Shiv Sena. This act of sacrifice of Fadnavis shows the discipline and commitment of the BJP as well as its being a cadre based party. This political development

shows that in politics there are possibilities and anything and everything can happen in the murkier field of politics. Neither Shinde nor Fadnavis and neither the people as well did not expect that political circumstances will take such a turn and Shinde who has less numbers as compared to Fadnavis will occupy the Chief Ministers chair surprising all and sundry. But the destiny chose it and Shinde was appointed the Chief Minister. Shinde took the oath of office and secrecy and recalled and remembered his mentor Balasaheb Thackeray and vowed to follow the path of Hindutva as shown by the founding father of Shiv Sena. Immediately after his anointment as the Chief Minister Shinde convened a meeting in which his deputy Fadnavis and other legislators took part and Shinde said that the first priority of his coalition government is the overall development of Maharashtra and also to follow the path as shown by Late Bala Sahib Thackeray. In fact Shinde is a true Shiv Sanik to whom the philosophy of Shiv Sena is the Path bearer and he has resolved to tread the path of Hindutva as shown by Late Bala Sahib Thackeray. The cabinet and other ministers will be inducted in the government on 2nd of July and they will take oath of office and secrecy on Saturday the 2nd of July 2022. Shinde has flown to Goa where all his rebel legislators are camping and parleys are going in the Shinde Shiv Sena for the names to be inducted in to the government. The Shinde group of rebel Shiv Sena MLAs are expected to reach to Mumbai on the morning of Saturday to take oath of the office and secrecy. The state BJP under its president Fadnavis is also discussing and finalizing the names of its legislators to be inducted into the government. Shinde may have to make a tight rope walk and he has to face the big challenge of running the coalition government and initially he has to strike a happy balance of the composition of the cabinet and make it much representative. The natural justice says that the Chief Ministers chair should be given to the legislator who has more numbers and in the present case of the Maharashtra political crises BJP has 106 MLAs and therefore Davinder Fadnavis was the natural and first choice but the BJP high command decided otherwise and left room open for Shiv Sena's

Shinde to head the coalition government and this move of the BJP will in fact give strength to the party as Fadnavis will besides attending to the work of the government as the deputy Chief Minister will look after the affairs of the BJP so that in the course of time the BJP will be in a position to have a full-fledged power and having absolute majority in the assembly. It is for the strengthening the BJP in the state of Maharashtra that Fadnavis was asked to give the chair of the Chief Minister to Shinde and the former Chief Minister and the present chief of the B. JP has agreed and thus has sacrificed the post of Chief Minister in favor of Shinde. This act of sacrificing the coveted post of Chief Minister in favor of Shinde shows the magnanimity of Fadnavis. Now that Eknath Shinde has usurped the power in the state, all eyes are set as to how will he steer the ship of Maharashtra to safe shore and how is he going to deliver. Shinde has been given time up to 4th July to prove majority in the assembly. It is hoped that new Chief Minister Shinde will come up to the expectation of the gullible people of the state. Shinde along with his deputy Fadnavis has to play a significant role in the deliverance of good governance and ensuring transparency and overall development of Maharashtra. The rise of Shinde from an auto driver to the seat of Chief Minister is marvelous as he is a down to earth man and thus he is expected to work for the common man and the downtrodden sections of the society. He has fought the assembly elections in Maharashtra four times and has been always been elected as the legislator and thus he has a long experience as a legislator which will help him in ruling the state in an efficient manner and thus coming as a successful Chief Minister. Shinde should not believe in political vendetta and vengeance against his political opponents and the opposition in a democracy is as important as the ruling party or parties and as such Shinde should respect his opposition party and never do anything which smells foul and is construed as the political vendetta against his detractors of Shiv Sena Uddhav Thackeray. Thus should Shinde work for the development and good governance of the state and he should work to keep his flock together and this is a big challenge to the

Shinde. Since BJP is the natural ally of the Shiv Sena so the ideology of Hindutva is same for the two parties and as such Shinde will not divorce the agenda of Hindutva but will uphold it and work on the path shown by his mentor late Bala Sahib Thackeray. The litmus test of his style of functioning is how will he govern the state and ensure overall development of the state and how will he deliver justice to the people and ensure peace, prosperity and development besides good go o governance and transparency in the political system? Shinde has wrested power from Uddhav and it is to be seen that will Shinde take away Shiv Sena as well from Uddhav. It is also to be seen that will the Shinde group stake claim on the party symbol as well and this if agreed and given by the election commission will be the last nail in the coffin of the Shiv Sena of Uddhav and thus it will be a great setback to the Shiv Sena. The time will only tell as to how will the Uddhav lead his party in the coming days. It is hoped that the new Chief Minister will be a peoples CM and he will take necessary steps for the security and welfare of the people. At the moment nothing certain can be said about the governance by the new Chief Minister but it is hoped that he will come up to the expectations of the people. The symbol is one and Shiv senas are two and both the factions of the Shiv Sena are claiming to be the real Shiv Sena and there are two claimants of Shiv Sena and it is the election commission which will decide which group of Shiv Sena can used the symbol of a bow and arrow and that group will be Shiv Sena in reality. Now Uddhav will have to work hard to save Shiv Sena from route. Shinde will work in close coordination with BJP and will give a stable coalition government to the people and also work on the philosophy of Hindutva enunciated by late Bala Sahib Thackeray. It will be interesting to see as to who will carry forward the legacy and philosophy of Shiv Sena the son Uddhav or Shinde the disciple. Only time will tell the truth. In short it is hoped that new Chief Minister Shinde will take Maharashtra to new heights of development.

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## Modi @ 20-a book on life of PM Narendra Damodardas Modi

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While launching the book 'Modi@20 - Dreams meet Delivery' Union Home Minister Amit Shah has rightly said that to understand Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 20 years of political leadership, it is crucial to study three decades of his early struggle. I have gone through the book and have found that 'Modi@20, Dreams Meet Delivery' is a complete guide to his journey in which he has impacted citizens from every walk of life and has worked tirelessly to what we now know as a resurgent India. The book is so impending and carries very minute details about the country's development and consist of journey of PM Modi who dedicates his whole life for the people of our country. It is an attempt to highlight & showcase the model of governance envisioned & implemented by PM Modi in the last 20 years. Because of his skilled leadership ability, he has today emerged as a world leader. The book is way of inspiration to today's youth and inspires us to try to walk on the footsteps of PM Modi. PM Modi first served as a Chief Minister and then as the Prime Minister, who has empowered the country and its people to look beyond a 'New India'. A phase of development that began from Gujarat later became a dream of one hundred and thirty crore Indians. Gujarat became a beacon of hope under the leadership Narendra Modi. There is no doubt that our country today stands tall globally among other nations with pride and head held high. He served as Gujarat Chief Minister for more than 12 years over four terms making him the longest-serving CM of the state. In 2014, he became the 14th person to become the prime minister. He is the longest-serving head of an elected government after Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi. He took the BJP into new areas, constituencies and social groups. Under his leadership, India is respected across the world. He has placed India at the centre of the global stage by ensuring decisiveness and managing international diplomacy. In 20 years he has embodied the spirit of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabhik Vishwas Sabka Prayas. He has worked like a 'Karma Yogi' and infused people with self-confidence. He has never been discouraged by the conspiracies and baseless disputes against himself and his government. He is working day and night for the people and country's progress. It is to the credit of our leader, who has consistently masterminded and tirelessly executed

the plan. It is clear that out Modi government does not take decisions that will please people. Over the two decades, the "idea of Modi" spread and held sway over a country of a billion-plus people with a fascinating diversity of cultures, languages and geographies. He has infused in India a 'can do' approach and motivated public participation in nation building by invoking the pressing need for Sabka Prayas. Public welfare programs like Jan Dhan Yojana, Mudra Yojana, Jan Suraksha Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Ujjala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Avas Yojana, Saubhagya Yojana, BHIM-UPI Yojana, Ayushman Bharat and PM-Kisan have changed India's image. Naidu has rightly said that because of Modi, Yoga and Indian culture had become a fascination for the world. It is because the leader is practising, propagating and professing faith. He is a leader who demonstrated to the world that dreams can indeed be realized. The book 'Modi@20 - Dreams meet Delivery', is a compilation of chapters authored by eminent intellectuals and domain experts, attempts a definitive and expansive exploration into the fundamental transformation of Gujarat and India over the last twenty years due to Modi's unique model of governance," reads the book's blurb. The book is of both the analytical and academic in its approach shared by noted contributors from across a spectrum of fields, including politics, sports, arts), economics and religious and spiritual thinkers. The book also picturise all those experiences, by which today PM Modi is capable of taking precise decisions and has the ability to solve the problems of our country. It is to be appreciated that that the book has covered the various schemes like electricity, gas connection, toilets, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, International Day of Yoga, Ayushman Bharat, series of wellness centre, Infrastructure Schemes and drone technology. In the words of Amit Shah has said this book will rise up to become equivalent to 'Gita' for those who believe in the path of building a complete persona and those who are in the field of social work and politics. One must read this book keeping aside politics and also who are interested in political science, governance, personal development, and management studies. There is no doubt that the book 'Modi@20 - Dreams meet Delivery' will help in moulding young minds to become determined and brave to face any struggle in life.

## Choosing smart-phone repairing as career

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Do you seem to be interested in smart-phone technology? Are you always interested in opening the parts to check how they work? Would you like to learn how to handle and repair mobile phone systems, batteries, touch-screen or the memory inside? If yes, then explore to know more on how to start your career as a Mobile Phone Hardware Repairs. Before choosing a career, every student should check if the future in that field is good or not. The same thing applies for a career in mobile phone repairing. You should opt and choose to be a mobile phone / smartphone repairing technician only if the future of the mobile phone repairing industry is bright and rewarding. Many students who do not like to study or drop out of school or college want to learn mobile phone repairing and become a professional technician. They join a mobile repairing course which is generally a short-term course in their localities and then start their profession in mobile phone repairing by either doing a job or business in the field.

What does a mobile repairer do? Mobile Phone Repairers are responsible for fitting, testing, analysing and repairing different kinds of mobile phones and smartphones. The individual at work is responsible for rectifying faults in the mobile phone brought in by the customer. The individual receives the faulty mobile phone, diagnoses the problems, performs front end or hardware level repair as

required, resolves software issues and ensures effective functioning before delivering back to the customer. The unprecedented growth of the mobile phone industry is hardly a secret. And this has given rise to many related careers which are dependent on this industry. The career of mobile phone repairing is one such that is becoming a popular one, and many people have been able to establish a profitable business by starting early in this career.

**Educational and Skill requirement:** Those who are averse to education or those who may not be able to afford college education will find that a mobile phone repairing job does not require higher education. Instead, it requires people taking up this career to be gadget-savvy and to have an inclination towards learning new techniques and methods. In fact, it is among the best career options for dropouts and people who do not wish to study further academically. In its way forward, the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) which is an apex body for skill development and certification in the electronics sector has developed 'Qualification Packs for Mobile Phone Hardware Repair Technician' NSQF level - 4 for ITIs' candidates with a Pan-India training ecosystem. The council has aligned its skilling capability to the industry requirements and is making an all-out effort in ensuring the industry requirements for skilled and certified Mobile Phone Hardware Repair Technicians 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. ESSCI designed mobile repairing QP is easy to learn and can be learned in a period of just 400 hours with 180 hours practical training.

**Career Opportunity:** As a fresher in the industry, you can get job roles at various mobile repairing service centres/support centres or at large mobile phone retail outlets or electronics repair workshops or facilities as:

1. Smartphone Repair Technician

2. Service Technician

3. Test and Repair Technician

In the entry-level jobs: You may expect to get about Rs. 8,000.00 -Rs. 15,000.00 per month. If one works for large retailers, they have to work nearly 9-10 hours daily or they may also work in shifts. If they are self-employed, they may set their own work timings. The employment opportunities a technician comes across after finishing education.

1. Mobile Service Centre

2. Mobile Company

3. Refurbished manufacturer

**Future career prospects:** As technology is rapidly progressing, a new potential in the cellular repair industry is growing. According to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, currently there are more than one billion mobile users in the country. It is estimated to be one and a half billion by the year 2022. This will open up new employment opportunities for

about 4 million skilled people in the mobile handset repairing sector in the next five years. Over 93 percent of populations in India (includes both rural and urban) possess a cell phone or use one regularly. And more than 75 percent of them are smart-phones. Mobile has reached every village in the country. Now every village needs at least two handset repair engineers. According to this, only 1.2 million engineers are needed for the villages of India. With new models of phones launching every week and new mobile brands popping up every now and then; there is no shortage of workspace for aspiring repair engineers. The mobile phone's repairing industry has cultivated and expanded itself separately from the actual smart-phone industry. Other than companies having their own service centres, there are independent service centres as well, where a skilled person is required.

Refurbishing section opening a new career avenue: Now the refurbishing sector has opened up a large segment. According to a sales report by the organized sector of the last year; approximately 14 million refurbished smartphones were sold. Still, 90 percent of the refurbished market in India continues to be unorganized. But there is tremendous potential for growth as smartphone penetration in the country, where needed lots of skilled manpower for handset repairing.

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