

ELECTROVIBRATION TECHNOLOGY

If we look at the technology ten years from now, then there was nothing special at that time. People did not use high speed smart phones like today. And neither was the internet facility used in earlier phones like today. But nowadays life without internet has come to a standstill, without internet and smartphone any life stops. That's why dependence on internet and smartphones has increased a lot. If he sleeps with a mobile, then he starts the morning by looking at the mobile.

In such a situation, new efforts and new techniques are being used in this direction day by day. And the new technology that has been created is being tried to make it even more advanced. Which can prove to be even more helpful in the future. This smartphone and internet have increased many new technologies in our life.

But in future, such technology will come that there will be no need to go somewhere and your work will become easy; you will do all the work sitting at home, which is done today. But in future the work will become easier with more new technology. Did you know that you speak a word in the mobile and the mobile understands it completely.

Electrovibration technology will completely change the mobile touchscreen experience. Through this technique, you will be able to easily feel the texture of your screen by moving your hand on it. After this there will be a revolution in online shopping. Especially in the shopping of clothes, it will be liked a lot by the people. In this context, continuous study is being done by Disney Research. So that people can be made to feel the texture on their mobile screen.

What happened to flood management plan?

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Major recommendations of the National Flood Commission such as scientific assessment of flood-prone areas and enactment of the Flood Plain Zoning Act are yet to materialize. The flood forecasting network of CWC is not sufficient to cover the country adequately. Furthermore, most of the existing flood forecasting stations are not operational. A task force set up by the Central Water Commission (CWC) in 2006 did not complete the task of flood risk mapping. The flood damage assessment was not done adequately. The delay in the completion of projects under flood management programs is mainly due to a lack of assistance from the Centre. Flood management works are not carried out in an integrated manner. Most of the large dams in India do not have a disaster management plan - only 7% of the total large dams in the country have an emergency action plan/disaster management plan.

Since floods cause huge loss of life and property every year, it is high time that the Central and State Governments prepare a long-term plan that goes beyond piecemeal measures like the construction of embankments and dredging to control floods. Grow up In addition, there is also a need for an integrated basin management plan that brings together all river-basin-sharing countries as well as Indian states. At least 43 years after the constitution of India's first and last commission on floods, there is still no national-level flood control authority in the country. The National Flood Commission (RBA), or National Flood Commission, was set up in 1976 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to study India's flood-control measures, as projects initiated under the National Flood Control Program of 1954 were more failed to achieve success. ,

Recently, floods in northern states have caused devastation of life and property, which is a problem in the region. However, floods are not limited to North-East India only, rather it affects many other regions of the country. Apart from natural factors like frequent and heavy rainfall during monsoon, there are also man-made factors that contribute to floods in India. India is highly vulnerable, as most of its geographical area is prone to annual floods. The high loss and damage caused by floods reflect India's poor adaptation and mitigation status and inadequacies in disaster management and preparedness. Therefore, there is a need for an integrated flood management system. In 1980, the National Flood Commission made 207 recommendations and four broad observations. Firstly, it stated that there was no increase in rainfall in India and thus, the increase in floods was due to anthropogenic factors such as deforestation, drainage congestion and badly planned development works. Second, it questioned the effectiveness of methods adopted to control floods, such as embankments and reservoirs, and suggested that the construction of these structures be put on hold until their effectiveness is assessed. However, it added that embankments can be built in areas where they are effective.

Third, it said that there should be concerted efforts between the states and the Center to undertake research and policy initiatives to control floods. Fourth, it recommended a dynamic strategy to deal with the changing nature of floods. The report's analysis found that the problem began with the methods used to assess the country's flood-prone areas. According to the audit report "Schemes for Flood Control and Flood Forecasting" 2017 by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, key recommendations of the National Flood Commission such as scientific assessment of flood-prone areas and enactment of the Flood Plain Zoning Act are yet to materialize. The flood forecasting network of CWC is not sufficient to cover the country adequately. Furthermore, most of the existing flood forecasting stations are not operational. A task force set up by the Central Water Commission (CWC) in 2006 did not complete the task of flood risk mapping. The flood damage assessment was not done adequately. The delay in the completion of projects under flood management programs is mainly due to a lack of assistance from the Centre. Flood management works are not carried out in an integrated manner. Most of the large dams in India do not have a disaster management plan - only 7% of the total large dams in the country have an emergency action plan/disaster management plan.

Flood warnings should be disseminated using a wide range of the latest technologies. This will help in giving real-time data when conventional systems fail. Proper management of the drainage system is necessary so that water does not accumulate in one place. Solid waste increases hydraulic roughness, causes clogging and generally reduces flow capacity. These drains need to be cleaned regularly to allow the free flow of water. Due to urbanization, groundwater recharge has decreased and peak runoff from rainfall and resulting flooding has increased. This will serve the twin purposes of reducing peak runoff and raising groundwater levels. Urban water bodies such as lakes, tanks and ponds also play a very important role in urban flood management by reducing storm water runoff.

The Pros and Cons of Social Media

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Social networking has become an everyday, mainstream way to use the internet. Social networking refers to the use of social media websites and apps, such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter; to connect with family, friends, and people who share your interests. Social networking is commonplace throughout the world, especially with young people, but not everyone understands exactly what it means. Here's a simple breakdown of social networking's uses, components, and common terms.

If you're participating in social networking, it means you're using social media sites, also known as social networks, to connect to others. Some of the most popular social media sites are Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, LinkedIn, and Pinterest.

While various social media sites attract certain types of users, Facebook is a good example of a general social network. When you join Facebook, you may know some other people who use the site and add them as friends. As you use the platform more, you may add friends who share your interests or discover people you know and add them, as well. Other people may find you on Facebook and seek to connect with you.

The more you interact with a social media site like Facebook, the more your network of friends and interests will grow. It's similar to networking in real life, for example at a business conference. The more you interact with other people and discover common friends and interests, the wider your circle becomes.

Social networking sites and apps each have unique features and points of view, but most have common elements. Whether you're starting out with Facebook Twitter; or a new site, you'll encounter these terms. Social networking has changed the way we communicate, do business, get our daily news fix and so much more. But is it really all it's cracked up to be?

That depends on who you talk to and how you're using it. A site like Facebook could serve as an opportunistic launching pad for a new business owner; or it could be an inescapable source of negative peer pressure for a young teen. There are pros and cons to everything in life-and that includes our social networking habits.



There are a lot of upsides to social networking. Ask yourself how you can take more advantage of the following whenever you decide to check out your favorite social networks. One of the most obvious pros of using social networks is the ability to instantly reach people from anywhere. Use Facebook to stay in touch with your old high school friends who've relocated all over the country, use Google Meet to connect with relatives who live halfway around the world, or meet brand new people on Twitter from cities or regions you've never even heard of before.

Now that we're connected wherever we go, we don't have to rely on our landlines, answering machines or snail mail to contact somebody. We can simply open up our laptops or pick up our smartphones and immediately start communicating with anyone on platforms like Twitter or one of the many social messaging apps available.

Gone are the days of waiting around for the six o'clock news to come on TV or for the delivery boy to bring the newspaper in the morning. If you want to know what's going on in the world, all you need to do is jump on social media. An added bonus is that you can customize your news and information discovery experiences by choosing to follow exactly what you want.

Great Opportunities for Business Owners
Business owners and other types of professional

organizations can connect with current customers, sell their products and expand their reach using social media. There are actually lots of entrepreneurs and businesses out there that thrive almost entirely on social networks and wouldn't even be able to operate without it.

You have to admit that social networking is just plain fun sometimes. A lot of people turn to it when they catch a break at work or just want to relax at home. Since people are naturally social creatures, it's often quite satisfying to see comments and likes show up on our own posts, and it's convenient to be able to see exactly what our friends are up to without having to ask them directly.

It's no secret that there's also a dark side to social networking. You may want to ask yourself how you can minimize the following cons of social networking as much and as often as possible.

If social media is your primary source for news and other information, you could end up in a filter bubble, which is when you've isolated yourself from new information and engaging with people who have different perspectives. If you've managed to stay in a bubble of harmful misinformation, it can damage relationships and even be dangerous.

With so many people now on social media tweeting links and posting selfies and sharing YouTube videos, it sure can get pretty noisy. Becoming over-

whelmed by too many Facebook friends to keep up with or too many Instagram photos to browse through isn't all that uncommon. Over time, we tend to rack up a lot of friends and followers, and that can lead to lots of bloated news feeds with too much content we're not all that interested in.

So much is shared online these days that issues over privacy are becoming an increasingly big concern. Whether it's a question of social sites owning your content after it's posted, becoming a target after sharing your location online, or even getting in trouble at work after tweeting something inappropriate - sharing too much with the public can open up all sorts of problems that sometimes can't ever be undone.

For people struggling to fit in with their peers - especially teens and young adults - the pressure to do certain things or act a certain way can be even worse on social media than it is at school or any other offline setting. In some extreme cases, the overwhelming pressure to fit in with everyone posting on social media or becoming the target of a cyberbullying attack can lead to serious stress, anxiety and even depression.

Since people are now connected all the time and you can pull up a friend's social profile with a click of your mouse or a tap of your smartphone, it's a lot easier to use online interaction as a substitute for face-to-face interaction. Some people argue that social media actually promotes antisocial human behavior.

How often do you see someone look at their phone? People get distracted by all the social apps and news and messages they receive, leading to all sorts of problems like distracted driving or the lack of gaining someone's full attention during a conversation. Browsing social media can also feed procrastination habits and become something people turn to in order to avoid certain tasks or responsibilities.

Lastly, since social networking is all done on some sort of computer or mobile device, it can sometimes promote too much sitting down in one spot for too long. Likewise, staring into the artificial light from a computer or phone screen at night can negatively affect your ability to get a proper night's sleep.

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Hope of Assembly Elections in J&K gaining momentum

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Defense Minister Raj Nath Singh has the other day said in a conclave in Jammu that the democratic process will be initiated soon in Jammu and Kashmir but he has not given any time frame for the elections and it is the good omen for the UT which has been on central rule for the last five years .The UT's BJP and its leaders as well are in favor of early assembly polls in the UT .The state president of BJP Ravinder Raina is very much optimistic about the outcome of the assembly polls in the UT and in Anantag Kashmir ,he has said that State BJP is in favor of the early polls and has demanded that early elections should be held in Jammu and Kashmir to give the people its democratic government. It is good, positive and encouraging for the political parties, politicians and the common people of Jammu and Kashmir that earlier full election commission under the leadership of chief election commissioner will soon pay a visit to J&K to assess the ground situation on spot so that long overdue assembly elections will be held to pave the way for the installation of popular democratic government. Thus there are indications of early elections in Jammu and Kashmir as there is all likelihood of assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Full election commission will soon visit Jammu and Kashmir to assess ground situation for holding polls. Full election commission headed by chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar will soon visit Jammu and Kashmir for on spot assessment of the ground situation in the union territory and this has generated hope and expectation in the political parties and the people for early assembly elections. It is likely that the CEC will take a final call on holding assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir which are long overdue and announce the elections to give the estranged and alienated people of the union territory a chance and right to vote to elect a government of their choice. It was reported in the press a few days before that CEC in a press conference has acknowledged that there is

political vacuum in Jammu and Kashmir which needs to be filled. The full election commission will meet and interact with UT administration ,administrative secretaries DC's ,SSP's ,political parties and general public to gauge the possibility for holding early elections to give the people of Jammu and Kashmir an elected and democratic government .Only a few days back CEC has said that ongoing summary revision of electoral rolls will not affect the election schedule .As per election commission ,final electoral rolls of Jammu and Kashmir will be published on May 10,unless the schedule is extended. The election commission will take feedback from all the 20 deputy commissioners ,SSP's ,high government officers ,political parties of regional and national nature ,general public and all stakeholders before announcing the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir .Thus now all eyes of the politicians ,political parties and the general public who are the real rulers in a democracy are set on the election commission and it is hoped that early assembly elections will take place to give the people of the UT their right to vote which has been denied to them from the last over four years as the UT is continuously under the proxy rule of centre through LG .No assembly elections were held in J&K from July 2018.The CEC has said that various factors like weather conditions, Amarnath Yatra and G20 meeting etc will be taken into consideration before announcing the elections. Recently the leaders of political parties from Jammu and Kashmir had visited Delhi and met CEC and he has said that election commission is seized of the matter and decision to hold assembly elections will be taken after considering all factors .The assembly elections in J&K have been overdue since PDP-BJP alliance fell apart in June 2018,after which the erstwhile state was brought under central rule .With the chorus for holding much awaited assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir is getting louder, the full election commission headed by CEC Rajiv Kumar will likely visit Jammu and Kashmir in mid April to assess ground

situation .All these developments have generated hope and encouragement as well as positivity in the political parties and the gullible people of J&K for possibility of early elections. .The words of CEC should not be taken lightly but seriously as they are meaningful and most likely will fill the political vacuum in Jammu and Kashmir during coming months .Thus the chances of announcing and holding the assembly elections seem to be bright at the end of 2023.The people of Jammu and Kashmir yarn for change and want that the democratic and popular government should be installed in Jammu and Kashmir to rid it from all problems and ills .Therefore alienated and estranged people of Jammu and Kashmir want early elections so that they can vote and form a government of their choice. At present all most all administrative secretaries, DDC's ,SSP's and the top level administrative council is manned from the officers from outside the UT and thus they have no connect with the feelings and of the problems of the people as they cannot feel the pulse of the people and as such all problems are not solved but get compounded with the result the peoples aspirations are unfulfilled and they continue to suffer. People of this border and sensitive erstwhile state and now a Union territory long for a change and hence are for the assembly elections to politically empower them so that they become masters of their destiny soon and their deprivation is removed and the elections are the only way to form the people's government which is more responsive to the needs, concerns and issues of the people. Therefore without any further delay the election commission should take a call and announce the much delayed elections to give some relief to the people and balm their hurt feelings and put an end to their political, social and economic deprivation. The BJP government of Modi-Amit Shah duo and the UT dispensation shout at the top of their voice that the situation has limped to normalcy in Kashmir post abrogation of article 370 and 35A but them in why are both these governments

indifferent to announcing and holding the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir? It is perhaps for the simple fact and truth that they see no future for their BJP in the elections of the disturbed UT and hence are averse to holding elections. But the election commission should hold its impartial and autonomous character and not come under the influence of BJP government and should announce the assembly polls to protect the people of the UT from more deprivation and alienation so that they continue to exude confidence on the centre and UT dispensation so that they exercise their right to vote in order to elect the popular-peoples government so that they will govern themselves and prove the credibility of both the centre and LG government. Rest all eyes are set upon the powerful, independent and unbiased election commission so that it will take steps to announce and hold assembly polls to give the people of Jammu and Kashmir a peoples government which will work for the people. The clear hints dropped by the chief election commissioner that there is a vacuum rite large on the face of J &K and that full election commission will visit Jammu and Kashmir for on the spot assessing of the ground situation. These hints clearly point towards the fact that assembly polls will be announced shortly and the revision of electoral rolls will not impede announcing and holding the assembly polls. To conclude it can be argued that the assembly polls should be held to empower the people to elect their democratic representatives who will rule the UT with equality given a chance to elect government of their choice maintaining the federal character of the Indian federation. Hats Off to democracy that it will continue to shine like a star and allow its people to elect the government of their choice by exercising their right to adult suffrage and install a democratic and peoples government in Jammu and Kashmir which is broadly a peoples government to give a healing touch to the people of UT and announce assembly polls at any time know.

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YOUR COLUMN VALID AND PERTINENT POINT

Dear Editor,
Former Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has raised a very valid and pertinent point when he has pointed out that there are no bank details in BPL cards to credit the amount to the account of beneficiaries in lieu of the additional 5 Kg. of rice till supply of rice in adequate quantity is procured. Bank details are necessary for the government to credit the "Gruha Lakshmi" amount of Rs. 2000 to the woman heads of the family also. Bank details have to be collected from the unemployed also if the announced unemployment allowance has to be credited to their account also. At present the government has maintained "stoic" and "eerie" silence in so far as its promise of unemployment allowance is concerned. The government has been heaving a sign of relief at the unemployed not insisting for payment of the promised amount. The opposition parties have also not bestowed their attention to pull and embarrass the government on the issue of unemployment allowance. The plight of Karnataka government is akin to "acting in haste and repenting at leisure" following the promises made in the election manifesto on the eve of Assembly elections. The promised freebies have not only cast heavy financial burden on the government but they also have put heavy additional burden of work on the existing staff. The government has been visibly struggling to fulfil the guarantees promised. It has not been in a posi-

tion to fulfil the guarantees as promised in the election manifesto. The government has been working day in and day out to preclude a good chunk of people from the ambit of guarantees so that the financial burden is minimised to the maximum extent. Still the ruling party has been boasting that it has fulfilled as it promised. It would be wrong to say that the government has not attempted to fulfil its promise. It can be unambiguously said that it has not been fulfilling its promise as stated in the manifesto. It was promised before election that 200 units of free electricity would be given to the domestic consumers. As per this promise, the government is liable to give 200 units of free electricity to all domestic consumers. And anything in excess of it should be chargeable. No matter even if the rate per unit had been made applicable on the slab applicable for units in excess of 200 units. After coming to power, it laid the condition that free quota would be allotted based on the average consumption during the financial year 2022-23 plus 10 per cent. In this case, a consumer is liable to pay for that proportion of units which he exceeds the entitlement given to him. If the consumption exceeds 200 units, the consumer is liable to pay for the entire consumption. In doing so, the promised 200 free units are denied. As regards, supply of 10 Kg. free rice, the ruling party did not give the inkling that the centre is giving 5 Kg. and in addition to that another 5 Kg. of rice would be supplied by the state government. The ruling party made a vain bid to show to the people that the entire 10 Kg. of rice would be supplied by the state government. Again here, the Congress party has not fulfilled its promise as stated in manifesto. As regards

Gruha Lakshmi, the Congress party promised that the woman head of the family would be given Rs. 2000. The joint family system has been facing extinction. Keeping the joint family system in mind, the Congress promised that the woman head of the family would be given the amount. There can be no problem if the eldest woman member of the family is considered as the 'head' wherever the joint family system is subsisting. But nuclear family system is on rise. In such a case, the benefits of Gruha Lakshmi must be given to woman head in every family. The Congress party would have been wiser if it had promised to extend the benefit of Gruha Lakshmi only to the jobless woman heads. As per promise, the government is liable to pay to all the woman heads if the married sons are living separately and also in a different place. But this benefit is not going to be extended to them. Here also, one can see the gap between promise and performance. In so far as unemployment allowance is concerned, the government had promised it to all. After coming to power, the ruling party said that the allowance would be paid to only those who have passed the degree or diploma after the academic year 2022-23 for a period of 2 years. Promise made in the manifesto does not stipulate any such conditions. Hence this is also breach of promise. At present this promise seems to have been put in 'cold storage'. Promise that cannot be implemented should not be made. Promise that can be implemented should be necessarily honoured. Bernard Baruch, an American financier and Statesman, aptly says "Vote for the man who promises least; he will be the least disappointing".

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