

Current Comments

It has become a fashion to use the term, education explosion, by ministers. The expression is used in the materialistic sense, because spiritually there is no end of education and there is no explosion of education. Education achieves its objectives only when it is assimilated. Education is anything but merchandise and education with an end to profit, with an end of trading, is heinous act. Trading and morality, however, does not eschew one another and co-existence may be at the cost of the latter. When materials get the upperhand of morality, wealth flows in, unbridled by moral pangs. Indian way of thoughts place, mind above all. The President of India, on his accession, gave the advice to combine in our national life power with morality, technique with ethics, action with dedication, Seigfried with Buddha. We wish the leaders would emulate this in practice.

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“Brain drain” or selling of brain for monetary gain has rendered the God-gifted brain a commodity or merchandise. A survey of technical manpower by the council of scientific and industrial research shows the country wise drain as well as return of Indian engineers as :—

	<i>drain</i> %	<i>return</i> %
U. S. A	30·8	41·5
Canada	2·8	33·5
U. K.	37·5	50·5
Germany	17·6	48·7
Other European	6·2	53·5
Other countries	5·1	41·0

In this materialistic world, plain living and high thinking do not sustain the old standard. Our young engineers want more money for more enjoyment. Only those who have returned back to the fold can now say "yes, there is more money, better food, more pleasure abroad, but some thing is lacking and that vacuum can be filled when one is back to mother's fold." We always gain from others experience and let those who are gasping for going abroad gain from experience of those who had the journey back. There are opportunities available and to be created in the country for development. If young engineers can rebuild Japan, Germany, our engineers can certainly develop the country by remaining within and not selling their brain by going outside only to find that they are mistaken.

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The Times review of Industry & Technology, publishes :

"Twenty senior managers, including a company secretary, become "dons" for two or three hours a week when they act as tutors to 40 technical and commercial apprentices under a new training scheme at Steel Peech & Tozer, the Rotherham steel making firm. The managers, most of them qualified engineers, invite the boys to their office or homes, to meet their families, iron out their personal or study problems and chart the progress of their sandwich courses"

When can we expect this atmosphere in India ?

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