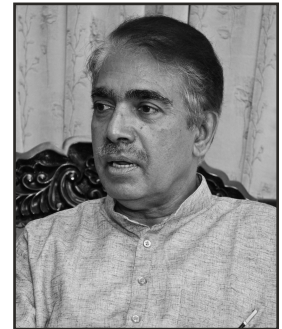


EDITORIAL

Mahatma was assassinated three times. First when India was divided into India and Pakistan as a price for freedom from the British rule. He has been quoted “Freedom of a divided India will be over my dead body”. Sadly it came true (the second assassination) when he was physically assassinated by Mr. Godse for preaching non-violence to the rioting Hindus and Muslims. The third assassination of Gandhiji was gradual by the unscrupulous corrupt power mongers in the society, systematically killing Gandhian values. It is true that Gandhi’s insistence on truthfulness, austerity and nonviolence has been an acute embarrassment to these people. Today India is one of the most corrupt countries of the world with all forms of violence and terrorist activities in the name of politics, religion, caste, linguistic states, poverty, minority privileges, politically sponsored ‘bandhs’ and strikes etc.

There is however hope as the vast majority of Indians are simple people, contented and peaceful, truthful and practice austerity, and believe in universal brotherhood and well being of all. But this vast majority of ‘good people’ are silent spectators to the onslaught of corruption and terrorism. Instead of eradicating the caste system our Government is perpetuating it. Even the recent censuses are caste based! We have to remind ourselves and our children which caste we belong each time when they apply for admissions to school or apply for a job etc. Perpetuation of castes and inciting conflicts on the basis of religion, caste and languages are evil ways of ensuring vote banks. It is sad that it is the silent majority of ‘good people’ who is more harmful to the society than the minority of bad people. The silent majority, by their silence allows the cancerous growth of evil practices. It is time for us to awake and arise, and lead a revolution, a second freedom struggle to free us from corruption and violence. Gandhian values are more relevant today than ever before, Satya and Ahimsa— Truth and Non-violence need to be resurrected at all levels of society, administration, Government, private and public institutions.

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