

Editorial

Understanding the Speed of Reactions

There are all sorts of reactions in chemistry and the speed of reactions is an important area of research. Many reactions, such as rusting of iron, are slow reactions.

Years ago, reactions that took a few seconds were considered as fast reactions! But now reactions taking milliseconds may be called medium fast! The concept of fastness has changed standards! Life is also a field of actions and reactions! Some are slow and some are fast etc! If we touch a flame, the reaction of feeling the pain (of hotness) is immediate while ageing is a slow reaction. We do not touch the flame again but people do not care much about ageing! People learn to adjust fast in the case of fast reactions while the response is slow in the case of slow reactions! Heavy drinkers and those who indulge in excessive sex (with different partners) get fast reactions in terms of short-lived pleasures.

One can see such people in millions all over the world with the associated crimes, diseases and deaths! These actions have other slower reactions such as damage of brain, kidneys, liver and venereal diseases. Such slow reactions are ignored by the millions to end up in untold pain, miseries and premature death! The human mind tends to ignore slow reactions and so does not learn! Had the reactions been fast, people would have learnt to make the world a better place to live.

Excessive tapping of underground water, polluting the rivers, atmosphere, oceans etc are ignored (being slow reactions) that will certainly entail dangerous consequences for the planet! Who cares about slow reactions that are dangerous! The human mind is getting more polluted by such reactions! The future is indeed frightening!

More International news

Top US diplomat to travel to India, Pakistan

By Lalit K Jha (PTI)
Washington, July 28: A top US diplomat will travel to India and Pakistan later this month to discuss Americas relations with South Asia as the Trump administration reviews its Afghanistan policy to include a regional perspective. Alice Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs and Acting Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, will travel to New Delhi and Islamabad on her introductory trip to the region from July 30 to August 8, a statement said.

"She will meet with government officials, thought leaders, and business executives to discuss US relations with the region," the State Department said. Wells will also meet with Embassy staff to learn more about their efforts to advance US prosperity and security across the region, the statement added. Her trip assumes significance as the US wants to deal with the ongoing crisis in Afghanistan from a regional perspective in its new strategy for the country to involve its neighbours such as Iran, Pakistan and India. PTI LKJ NSA.

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Public Behavior; Hard Nut for New Rulers

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Our new Chief Minister I guess, knows well that public has been sufficiently corrupt to have floated such a deficient society that have been going through. Yet, from the end of our energetic CM and his team, things are hopeful. Now, the nature of the response from "We, the People" is one critical source to get the desired accomplishment from the new government. Have we acknowledged our own weaknesses that caused multiple social illnesses so far? Have we ever thought over leaving our sick behavior behind? Or will the new government have an iron hand; not less than Chinese Maor Korean Chun Doo?

In fact, there are very visible flaw and fragility in general behavior especially of the contemporary Meetei society. The indicators are - barbaric mobocracy, faulty festival of election, socially accepted corruption, brute traffic habit, offensive garbage disposition, men's ogling eyes on women, senseless food wastage, etc. Couple of picking up here.

1. Encouraging the Social Smugglers: After any incident of bomb and gun attacks by the extortionists at the landmark building which turns out to be house of the well to do families or bourgeoisie, the local-women raise

their voices displaying neighbors' concerns launching sit-in- protests around the buildings.

It gives an ill indication of social response towards corruption and exploitation for it encourages public looters and social smugglers. Rather at such moment we have to remind the receivers of bombs and bullets - what they are receiving now is what they have just earned.

We, the locals are well aware of how the owners of the towering houses have accumulated so much wealth but what we ignore is the crimes the rich committed. This is us who showing a good amount of undue respect to such critical population of thieves, looters and law breakers.

Here, some questions are compelled to be raised - how has the breed of kidnappers and extortionists been surfaced on the soil? Why have they adopted such condemned means of earning? The best answer is the corruption although it is not of the lone factor.

The majority whom receives the harsh tension of bombs and bullets is the privileged who work in the government offices. They are supposed to take important responsibilities towards the public service. They are the bureaucrat, engineers, doctors and other well to do families. Also there are many whom ministers, MLAs and other high ranking officers have poured favors and opportunities upon unfairly. This economically favored

population has received so much misappropriate monetary gains and material benefits supposed to go to the needy population. Their children are "Not Becoming" the condemned kidnappers and extortionists. The one of the loud reasons is that the majority of them have looted and packed so much for their own children; just robbed the rights and opportunity meant for the kidnappers. Thus, the extortionists have just missed the opportunities to become what they wanted to be once they wished for. No doubt, once they too wanted to be doctors, engineers, scientists and professors. They hardly thought of becoming actors of such violent engagement. This course of risky journey they are taking was destined. The government personnel ranging from the higher authority to lower clerks together robbed the educational facilities; they pocketed the money meant for school. Have clogged every economic rights should have flown towards the people who becoming bomb hurlers, kidnappers today.

2. Engaging in Mobocracy: Burn the houses, destroy the properties of the families of the suspect by the locals and relatives of victims who found murdered or found dead under suspicious condition has been turning out as a form of public reaction. The mob takes the law in their hands without fair judgment and rationality of the incidents and consequences. Each time the

mobs make the innocent family members of the alleged culprit eventual victims. The hyper reactive locals do not know what they are doing is not to the suspect but to the innocent children, parents, siblings and nearest of the suspect. The houses and household property that mobs have destroyed do not belong to the suspects hardly.

In the very shocking incidents, the mobs have lynched parents. They throw the young children into a sudden darkness of the traumatized life and disaster. The locals and neighbors also know that they are lynching the sole custody of the children. "For what reason was our mother murdered so brutally?" This is one question with no one to answer, constantly haunting the young minds of the three children of Nursana and Mujibullah who were killed on 1 April 2011 at Sora, Thoubal District.

In the cases of the mob acts against the drug/substance users whom suspected of committing crimes - the most traumatized impact come to the family members of the suspects. The majority of such families have exhausted all possible attempts to cure the abuse and addiction of their dears. The culprits already ruined and looted the family so badly, and at the end of day the mobs burnt and destroyed the property of poor families that left by the drug users.

National and International News

Enough arms and ammunitions are available in country to face any exigencies: Jaitely

New Delhi, July 28: Defence Minister Arun Jaitely has said that enough arms and ammunitions are available in the country to face any exigencies. Replying to supplementaries today in the Lok Sabha, he said that all public sector defence units are producing arms and ammunitions as per need of defence forces. He said, government has finalised the policy

of strategic partnerships in defence sector. The Minister said, the policy is intended to institutionalise a transparent, objective and functional mechanism to encourage broader participation of the private sector in manufacture of major defence platforms and equipments. He said, indigenous contribution in the production of arms and ammunitions have increased many folds. The Minister said, government has initiated move for modernisation of state owned ordinance factories and has taken measures to increase their production capacities. Replying to supplementaries, Minister of State of Defence Subhash Bhamre said that no state owned ordinance factory will be closed down and no worker will face unemployment. He said, 25 private sector factories have been identified to engage for production of arms and ammunitions for defence forces. He said, eight items including aircraft submarines, helicopters and armoured vehicles will be produced from identified private sector Indian companies.

Amit Shah, Smriti Irani file nomination papers for RS from Gujarat

New Delhi, July 28: BJP National President Amit Shah and Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mrs. Smriti Irani have filed their nomination papers for Rajyasabha from Gujarat. However, BJP has also fielded Mr. Balwantsinh Rajput - as its third candidate for Rajyasabha from Gujarat. Balwantsinh Rajput, the former chief whip of Congress legislative party joined BJP last evening along with two other Congress MLAs. Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, State BJP President Jitubhai Vaghani, former Chief Minister Anandiben Patel and other party leaders remained present during the filing of nomination papers. Earlier, Congress candidate Shri Ahmed Patel had filed his nomination papers for Rajyasabha seat from Gujarat last Wednesday.

3 Congress MLAs including Balwantsinh join BJP in Gujarat

AIR Ahmadabad, July 28: Two more Congress MLAs have resigned ahead of the elections of three seats of Rajya Sabha from Gujarat. This is the second big jolt to Congress party in the state in last 24 hours. Congress Chief Whip in the State Assembly Balwantsinh Rajput, along with two MLAs, had joined BJP last evening. Now, two more MLAs of Congress Chhanabhai Chaudhari from Navsari and Mansinh Chauhan from Balasinar have resigned today. AIR correspondent reports that state Congress unit is facing difficulties in keeping its MLAs united after the resignation of leader of its Legislative Party Shankarsinh Vaghela last Friday.

Congress had also faced the heat of cross-voting in recently held Presidential elections. After the outcome of Presidential elections, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani had claimed that at least 11 opposition MLAs had voted for NDA candidate against the BJP's total strength of 121 in 182-member house. Meanwhile, Senior Congress leader Arjun Modhwadia has claimed that Congress has enough votes for victory for its lone candidate for Rajya Sabha seat from Gujarat. According to sources, Congress has kept all of its MLAs at an unknown place to avoid the further defection from the party ahead of Rajya Sabha poll. Polling for Rajya Sabha is scheduled on the 8th of next month.

Former BJP MP's son sent to jail

PTI Bhopal, July 28: A local court here has sent the son of a former BJP MP and three others to jail in connection with the gangrape of a minor in 2014. A case was registered against Anand Pandey, son of former BJP MP Gorakhnath Pandey and three others in connection with the gangrape of a minor in a school in Koirana Police station area in 2014, prosecution

sources said. The four accused were on bail and hearing of the case was going on in the court of additional district and sessions judge Chandrashekh Prasad where all the four had appeared yesterday. The court took strong note of the four not cooperating in the hearing and sent them to jail in judicial remand till further orders, they added.

Netaji didn't die in air crash, says secret French report

Chennai, July 28: How did Subhas Chandra Bose die? To find the answer, the Indian government had appointed three commissions. The Shah Nawaz Committee (1956) and Khosla Commission (1970) said that Bose died in an air crash on August 18, 1945 at Taihoku airport in Japanese-occupied Taipei, while the Mukherjee Commission (1999) concluded that he did not die in an air-crash. The government, however, rejected the findings of the Mukherjee Commission. But that didn't stop scholars from dwelling deep to find the truth. Paris-based historian J B P More, who recently stumbled upon a brief French secret service report dated December 11, 1947 at the National Archives of France, has come up with a finding that Bose didn't die in an air crash and was still alive in 1947.

"It is not stated in the document that Subhas Chandra Bose died in the air crash in Taiwan. Instead, it is reported that Bose's present whereabouts were unknown as late as December 1947, which again implies that the French did not buy the theory that Bose died in the air-crash on August 18, 1945," said More, who teaches at the Institut des Hautes Etudes Economiques et Commerciales, Paris. The gist of the matter for the French secret service, according to More, is that Bose did not die in the air crash on August 18, 1945, as commonly held. "But he escaped from Indochina alive and his whereabouts were unknown as late as December 11, 1947, as reported in the secret document. This implies that he was alive somewhere but not dead in 1947,"

said More, quoting the report written for the "Haut Commissariat de France for Indochina" "SDECE Indochinese Base BCRI No. 41283 csah Ex No. 616, under the title: "Archival Information on Subhas Chandra Bose." "In this report, it is clearly stated that he was the ex-chief of the Indian Independence League and a member of Hikari Kikan, a Japanese organisation. It is further stated clearly that he escaped from Indochina, though it does not state how," he said. The British and the Japanese too declared that Bose died in an air crash after he took off from Saigon on his way to Tokyo. But the French government had always been silent on the issue, though Vietnam/Indochina was a French colony during the 1940s. So the findings of More attain significance.

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