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Education issues

Your leader of June 13, 1989 under the caption 'Degree Pass Misperformance' should awake our national conscience to formulate the much awaited national educational policy and to evolve an effective system of education to shape that policy into reality. In the absence of such a goal-oriented and well-conceived policy of education aren't we pursuing a black cat in a dark room? Is there any denying that the persisting scenarios in our campuses are but the natural outcome of our total failure to set the vital issue of our education in its right perspective?

Our colleges and universities instead of being sacrosanct for dispensing education have in fact become the veritable arena of shambles, pandemonium, chasing-and-counterchasing and all other non-educational activities perpetrated at the behest of quarters with vested interests. Surveys have revealed that these institutions are in most cases shockingly understaffed, or staffed with unqualified hands. Teachers indulgence in heterogene-

ous party politics, groupings and malpractices have made the campuses a hotbed of chaos and confusion of uncontrollable dimensions. Very often these institutions are kept closed sine die. Classes are held few and far between and also at the sweet will of apathetic teachers. And as an obvious outcome of such situation of turmoil and odds the standard of education has deteriorated to all time low, the majority students who happen to be the ill-fated wards of poverty stricken guardians are becoming the scapegoats.

A sound education policy and a big bold step forward for its implementation may guarantee an efficacious cure for all such abnormal diseases of our campuses. There and only there lies the real key to our survival as a nation. Failure on our part to rise to the occasion will but perpetuate this year's 'degree pass misperformance' as recurrent misfortune of nation.

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