

Daily Editorial Analysis From Newspaper 27 March 2021

Title: Distress signal: Pratap Bhanu Mehta's resignation and the state of higher education in India

The article at hand talks about a glaring flaw in India's higher education system as the author considers the actions needed to be done in this regard.

The author believes India's younger generation's future is heavily linked to the quality of higher education in India. And for that, institutions of higher education needs to be given the freedom they deserve. In this regard, Ashoka University's growth has been a case in point for bringing higher avenues to its students.

However, the recent case of famous public scholar Pratap Bhanu Kumar's resignation does not paint a pretty picture. It is widely believed that Mehta's resignation resulted from his strong criticism of governmental policies.

When our country is under the impression of moving away from democratic ideologies, such events will not make a case for us.

These things make India a difficult place to do business because the investors has to cater to changing government demands. The author believes the need of the hour is to respond positively to criticism to change the status quo, and inculcating critical thinking is the way to do that.

Words to look out for

Reluctant:

- Synonyms:** hesitant, unenthusiastic, reticent
- Antonyms:** eager, glad, willing
- Word usage:** He was reluctant to meet his boss after yesterday's mistake.

Venture:

- **Synonyms:** stake, hazard, bet
- **Antonyms:** safety, assurance, protection
- **Word usage:** Despite repeated warnings, he decided to venture into a commodity business.

Dissent:

- **Synonyms:** clash, collision, contention
- **Antonyms:** concurrence, cooperation, accord
- **Word usage:** One should not dissent if the argument does not have much merit.

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