

Atmanirbhar Bharat

(by Simran Koundal)

“Incredible India’, ‘Progressive India’- these words may seem very attractive but the actual strength of a country is determined by its true national character. This consists of these qualities which set it apart from others and which are also the main determinants of its relations with other nations.

Still portrayed as being a country of traditions, rituals and customs, India aims to reach its economic zenith, but the reality is bitter. India’s national character ranks low as compared to many of its western counterparts. Although the country houses some of the world’s sharpest and brightest brains, what makes the world view India with mistrust and suspicion? One of the reasons is that despite the secular status of the country, many people are victims of discrimination due to the division of population on the basis of caste and religion.

So, how can we improve the national character of the country? One possible solution is that the system should be completely overhauled. Practices such as bribery and nepotism should be discontinued. Being a democratic country, voting plays a crucial role in India’s overall growth and development. Thus, those who are voting must do so wisely and choose their leaders on the basis of strength and integrity, and not money. National character is built upon the nature of the people. Thus, a sense of responsibility should be instilled in the people, especially the youth, to serve mankind and work for the greater good of the nation.

India also has a strong and determined work force with rich cultural and moral values Hence, it must build on these strengths to improve and fortify the national character of the country.