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## EDITORIAL

Commerce education is the most popular in our country. But unfortunately not many people with commerce education are seen in the power corridors of the country. Bureaucracy is being dominated mainly by people from disciplines other than commerce. This is the reason that for several years not even a single commerce paper was included in the list of I.A.S. subjects. This had definitely put the commerce students at a disadvantageous position so far as I.A.S. examination was concerned. A group of people, including yours truly, who felt concerned at the omission of commerce from the list of papers for the I.A.S. examination approached the authorities concerned and the Members of Parliament. These efforts resulted in getting two commerce papers included in the I.A.S. examination. Proper justice to commerce has still not been done.

“You get what you deserve”, this applies truly to people connected with commerce education in one capacity or the other. They are contemptuously referred to as persons who only know ‘debits and credits’. They are dubbed as mercenaries. Commerce has produced a very small number of scholars of national or international fame as compared to teachers from other disciplines. However, commerce teachers are prolific text book writers so much so that many of them have churned out about half a dozen books each on different topics (by taking an average of 2 to 3 months to write one book). All text books look alike in matter like our Hindi movies. Would such teachers command respect from the society ! Let such teachers do some self-introspection & soul searching, time permitting. I can remember only a few names who can be really called giants in the field of commerce education and can be compared with the bests in any field. They are Prof. M. C. Shukla, late Prof. T. S. Grewal, Prof. Y. K. Bhushan, Dr. Kamal Gupta, Dr. Ishwar Dayal, Dr. Kamala Chaudhry. We are really proud of them.

There is an urgent need to broaden the knowledge base of commerce students so that they are not treated like parihas in the world of education. I recommend inclusion of two compulsory papers at undergraduate level for commerce students. These are : one paper on literature & the other on history & political science.

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