

“ALL POLITICIANS NEED TO BE SCIENTIFICALLY AWARE”

SCIENCE HOLDS THE KEY

Science holds the key to progress. Politicians need to be aware of the latest developments in science so that they can implement efficient as well as eco-friendly projects that help the masses. Increase in scientific knowledge often offers better and easier solutions to many problems plaguing our country. Hence it is necessary for the leaders and politicians to be scientifically aware as it will help in the development of the country.

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FOR DEVELOPING THE COUNTRY

Today the comfortable life that most of us lead is due to developments in science and technology. These developments are felt in all realms of our life, whether it is medicine, agriculture, defence etc. Elected



representatives work to bring about development in the country and in the life of the country's citizens. In this advanced age, no development can be brought about without the help of science. Therefore, if the politicians are scientifically aware they can make the best use of science in developing the country.

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CHERRY ON THE ICE CREAM

Science is not only studying subjects; rather it is observing, reasoning, questioning and explaining the events occurring around us. It also helps in developing modern techniques and technologies. This constitutes the soul of all scientific fields. Politicians who discuss the national issues, observe them and try to find their remedy. They exchange opinions and resolve differences for the public and the nation. So, what politicians do is what the science has in its soul. Being scientifically sound will be helpful for rational discussion with appropriate logic. Therefore, scientifically sound politicians are a cherry on the ice cream for the nation.

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BUILDING THE NATION, SCIENTIFICALLY

For the development of any nation, science plays a vital role. Science is progressing fast in each and every field whether in education, agriculture or in medical



field. Any invention can make a revolutionary change in the nation. Therefore, politicians too should have a scientific temperament.

This will play an important role in developing the nation as they are in governance and have the power to make a change in this country.

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ALWAYS WELCOME

Nothing can be better than having scientifically aware politicians. Scientifically aware politicians means they can think scientifically, they have knowledge about S&T, they are aware of the effects of global warming, pollution etc. Politicians with scientific thinking can take decisions after enough reasoning. Such decisions will be fruitful.

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FOR SOUND POLICY MAKING

Politicians around the world are supposed to be policy makers. So, all politicians need to be scientifically aware of the



pros and cons of the benefits of scientific discoveries, which need to be handled with great care. Any kind of mishandling may be dangerous for human beings and other living organisms.

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DANGERS OF LITTLE KNOWLEDGE

Politics and science are two very diverse fields. So it is rather naïve to expect all politicians to be scientifically alert and aware. It is sufficient if they evince appreciation and interest in it. Sometimes politicians with a smattering of science harbour a know-all attitude. This arrogance creates complications for others. They should be aware of the fact that little knowledge is a dangerous thing, so they should make concerted efforts to understand the nuances of a scientific idea or project that comes up to them for sanction, review or consideration.

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KNOWLEDGE OF SCIENCE AFFECTS QUALITY OF POLITICAL DECISIONS

Lack of awareness in politicians about science



may derail many science-related programmes like environmental conservation etc. as the decision-making power rests in the hands of politicians. Scientific awareness of politicians will result in quality decision-making.

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COMPULSORY CHOICE

Scientifically aware politicians are a requirement today. Politicians should think rationally, observe the circumstances, use reasoning and logic to solve problems faced by the nation. This can only be done in the presence of a scientific temper in the crisis manager, who is the politician. If the politician does not have scientific awareness it will not only hamper the further development of the nation, but also send it to the prehistoric period of the uncivilized. After all, the difference between that period and today's period is only due to science. Scientifically aware politicians should not just be the preferred choice, but the compulsory choice.

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ROLE MODELS

As elected representatives of common people, politicians should be the role models for them. Politicians who are not scientifically aware may perpetuate superstitious beliefs and practices in the society and remain just mute spectators to the age-old false beliefs and orthodoxy. So, we need politicians with a scientific bent of mind who can guide the general populace on the path of progress and enlightenment. For example, they should convince people of their respective constituencies that a man is solely responsible for the

birth of a girl or male child. A woman's womb is merely a receptacle for all the chromosomes floating around after copulation. We are living in an era of science and IT where hackneyed myths need to be jettisoned. And politicians should be the prime movers in this regard and keep open their minds to scientific breakthroughs taking place around the world.

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BACKBONE OF COUNTRY

It is said that politicians are the backbone of a country. It is also well known that science is the foundation of the universe. So, politicians need to be scientifically aware for steady and substantial growth of our beloved motherland. If politicians are scientifically aware, they will not throw themselves on a chair after a major epidemic; rather they will take preventive measures to check it. Science & technology are the basic needs of development, and a politician is a developer. So he/she needs to be scientifically aware for a good and efficient economy, as well as society. The scientific knowledge of a politician should be crisp and logical to avoid mishappenings.

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WHEELS OF THE CHARIOT

If we compare the country with a chariot, the politicians are its wheels. The chariot cannot proceed without any of its wheels. A politician without scientific knowledge would

be just like an unarmed soldier in the battlefield. Scientific knowledge would definitely help him analyse any critical situation practically and take the most appropriate decision. Science would give them a positive view of the betterment of the country. The progress of science would elevate the country in the international field both technologically and economically. Scientific knowledge is important to deal with subjects such as water distribution, nuclear testing etc. Hence, to ensure the glowing future of the country, all politicians should be well equipped with the weapon called 'Science'.

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FOR LOGICAL DECISION MAKING

A politician once said, "What will be left in water if we remove electricity out of it?" We never expect a politician saying something like this. Science helps in developing logic and analytical ability in a person. It changes one's attitude towards life and makes a person capable of thinking about a problem in a step-by-step manner. A person having this temperament can actually deal with any complicated problem. Politicians have tremendous responsibility on their shoulders. They are the ones who solve the problems of the people and work for the betterment of the society. So they need such qualities that scientific awareness can only help in developing them.

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AWARE OF BASIC CONCEPTS

Scientific awareness is a predisposition to think critically and logically. Scientifically aware



politicians use scientific knowledge and scientific ways of thinking to make decisions and to better understand many problems for their effective solutions. All politicians should be aware of the basic concepts of science, the nature of science and the ethics that are required to oversee the scientific work and the relationship of science, technology and society. With scientific awareness, politicians can improve the cultural health, public health, economic well-being and security of the nation, and take more constructive and democratic decisions. Such politicians can help eliminate, to some extent, problems such as poverty, injustice, terrorism, war and environmental crisis like global warming, ozone layer depletion, land-air-water pollution, deforestation, desertification, etc.

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