

Magnanimous Kannadigas

Sir, - Mr. S. Biswas asks "Whom does one define as a Kannadiga ? " (Aug7). As rightly mentioned by him, it is quite difficult to define a kannadiga is. For that matter, it is difficult to define who a Tamilian, a Malayalee or an Indian is. But the definition of what is known as an "anti- Kannadiga" is quite clear. In my opinion people who do not tolerate the coming up of a Kannadiga in his own land, people who do not care for the land which has given them shelter, and those who want to develop here at the cost of locals are anti- Kannadigas. This anti- Kannadiga attitude of some people in Bangalore is what has led to the differentiation between locals and "out-siders"

It is not that the Kannadigas do not approve of the development of others here. In fact, they are large-hearted, tolerant and like to include everyone. Maybe this is the reason why we Kannadigas are at present facing a sorry situation.

While people in other States exhibit homogeneity in diversity, they also have due identity for the local people. This is certainly missing in our case. The development of others in this city should not be at the cost of the local people. The people of other states especially North Indians are getting job opportunities and seats in different professional courses for their children in Bangalore. This is not because of qualification or efficiency as mentioned by Mr.Biswas; it is owing to money power in most cases. If qualification is the criterion, why cannot these people get jobs in their own state?

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