

Rewriting history

Sir: I don't agree with P.K. Pooviah's remark that the rewriting of Indian history would be suicidal (DH, Jan.1). I feel that Arjun Singh's idea to rewrite history is indeed a daring and novel decision. The process of rewriting history should begin immediately and it should not be limited to post-independence period alone. But the entire Indian history should be rewritten with proper evidential sources.

Pooviah has said that the rewriting of history means writing a false or fabricated history. But, Pooviah must know that the history we are studying today is full of distortions. The rewriting of Indian history will in no way have an impact on future generation, But in fact the ill-informed present generation and the future generation will be enlightened by this. Though the writing of history is the business of historians, politicians have to mediate to see to it that proper history of the country is given to the citizens of this country. Let this process of rewriting of history bring back the lost pride of being Indians.

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