

ABSTRACT

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Topic: Developing a Decolonized Consciousness

Although we have attained a democratic governance of our country in 1974, we have not yet achieved a decolonized society. A lot of work in the social, political, educational and cultural spheres of our lives still needs to be done for us to even start the journey towards a decolonized country.

A decolonized consciousness needs to be developed, especially among the Black intelligentsia, whose minds are hobbled by the colonially inspired and planned education system. A liberated Black intelligentsia would then be able to plan and execute an education system for the country that is rooted in the culture of the majority and is geared towards solving the problems of the society for which it is designed. It would also mean that our languages would have to be employed more in the learning process.

This will only happen if we stop loving our former colonizers and their ways too

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