

Need for great
leaders

RDX culture

Sir, — Nobody seems to be safe in this country — neither the common man nor a VIP such as Beant Singh, however well-protected he might be. This is the loud message of the recent blasts in Punjab and Kashmir. The lack of patriotism, political will and administrative efficiency has led to the spread of the RDX culture. The scrapping of the TADA by the Government, and the support extended to this move by certain Opposition parties, clearly show their concern for the votes of the minorities.

The need of the hour is at least a few national leaders of the calibre of Patel and Rajaji. This country does not have any dearth of such leaders, who should now come out and enter the political scene, instead of remaining passive on-lookers to what is happening all around.

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“Touching the fringe”

Sir, — This refers to your Editorial, “Touching the fringe” (Aug. 28), wherein you have rightly observed that “the criminal-politician nexus transcends all barriers — geographical, ideological, caste etc.” No party can claim that it is free of such unholy “nexus”. Nor can any party proudly say that it has not fielded any criminal at the time of elections. We are partly responsible for the state of affairs because the politicians

reflect our standards of standard of living is different citizens.

Public life has degenerated characterised by statesmen motivated by the spirit of serving the people. An honest man at elections — the criminal put an end to free and fair

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Thondaman vs

Sir, — You have juxtaposed views on the LTTE (28) by two individuals who present-day politics. Mr. Thondaman, the Tamils of Indian origin who shares Cabinet responsibility Government which is official LTTE, has a very rational and positive outlook. Even though he is not in Cabinet, he has the courage to spell out what actually is facing the Tamils. He has the Sinhala politicians and by the President of the country to emphasise the importance of the LTTE. His ideas may be different from those who have extreme views and are responsible for the unfortunate events