

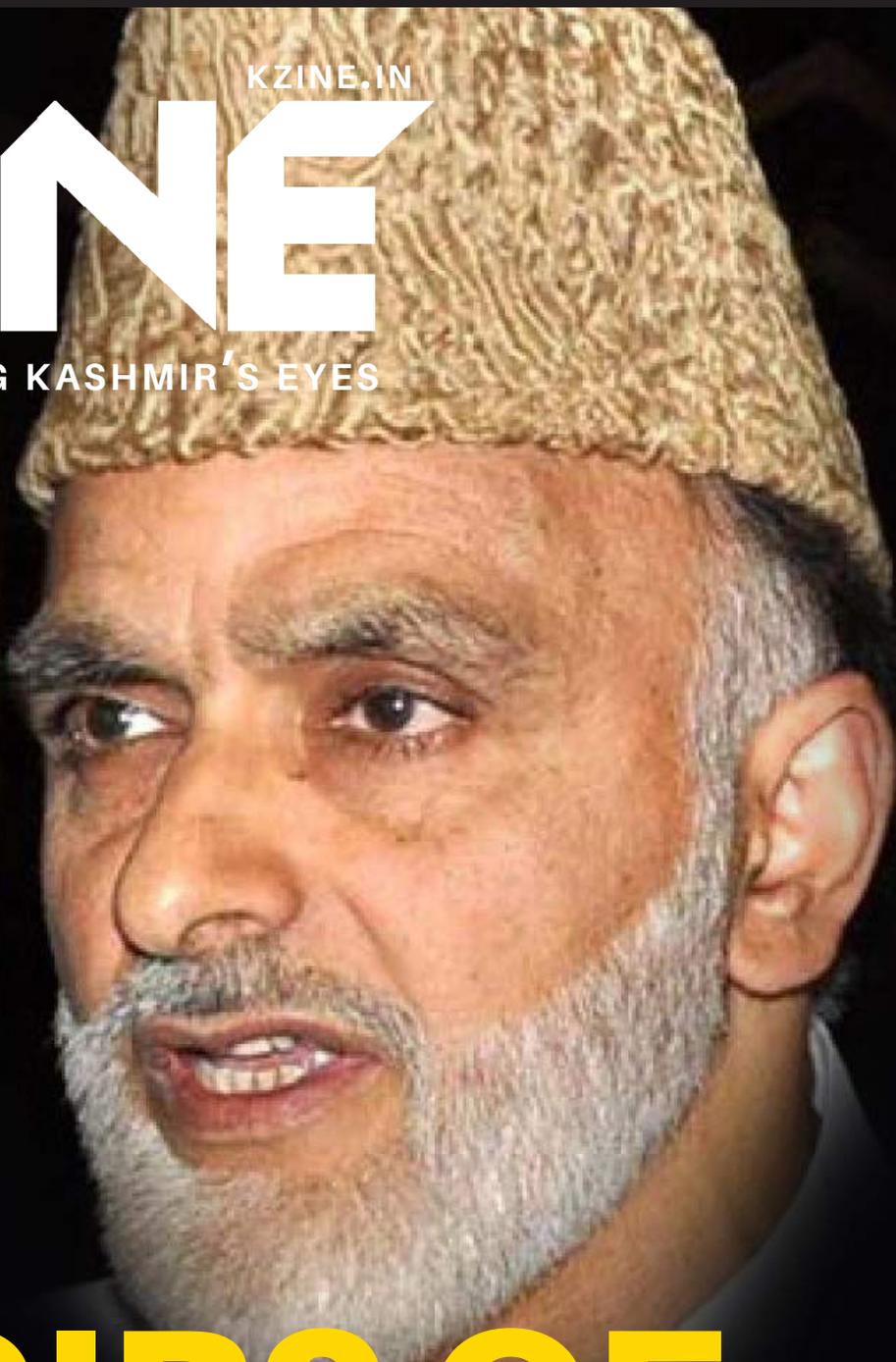
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Land Grab By The High And Mighty**

## Where The Mind Is Without Fear...



August 15, 2021 was a unique day for Kashmir. The Independence Day was a breakaway from the past on many startling and welcome counts.

For the first time, the Tricolor flew high on all important installations and structures of historic and cultural significance. Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha hoisted the national flag on a gigantic mast of 100 meters on the historic Hari Parbat Fort in Srinagar.

All educational institutions wore a festive look. For the first time in the history of Independent India, the National Flag was hoisted in all schools and colleges in Kashmir Valley. The Education Department had made it mandatory that the Tricolor must be hoisted in every school and college. For the first time, teachers were seen taking part in parades and singing the national anthem. All educational institutions had been asked to take videos of the I-Day celebrations as part of the Azadi Amrit Mahautsav. The video was supposed to be uploaded online on a link provided by the UT Administration.

Flag hoisting events were reported from length and breadth of Kashmir Valley. The Tricolour was unfurled for the first time in almost all government offices across Jammu and Kashmir. The demand for the national flag was so high that Kashmir markets ran short of the Tricolour.

By evening, various government buildings and monuments were lit up in the colours of the national flag. The festivity was charming. Kashmiris went out to look at the beautiful lights on the cool August evening.

This Independence Day marked a paradigm shift from the past for the good. Cynics argued that the UT Administration is more interested in optics. At times optics have a vital role to play. It is appropriate to have fresh beginnings in Kashmir.

Till very recently, August 14 and 15 would be marked by hartals, protests, hoisting of the Pakistan flag by over-ground workers of terrorist groups, unruly mobs and at times even bloodbaths. Mayhem ruled. Security forces engaged in pitched battles with stone pelters resulting in casualties and injuries to many on both sides, and the toxic cycle of violence.

This Independence Day was absolutely incident free. The government decided not to suspend internet services. This was greatly appreciated. For the first, time internet services and SMS remained uninterrupted and functioned at usual speed. Life went smooth as usual. The flag hoisting at Srinagar's iconic Ghanta Ghar in Lal Chowk was followed by a lively cultural program. The 75th Independence Day was unique indeed in Kashmir.



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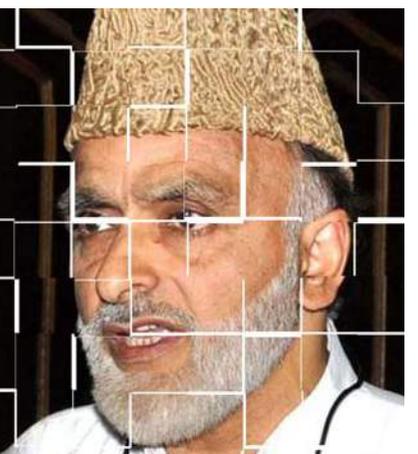
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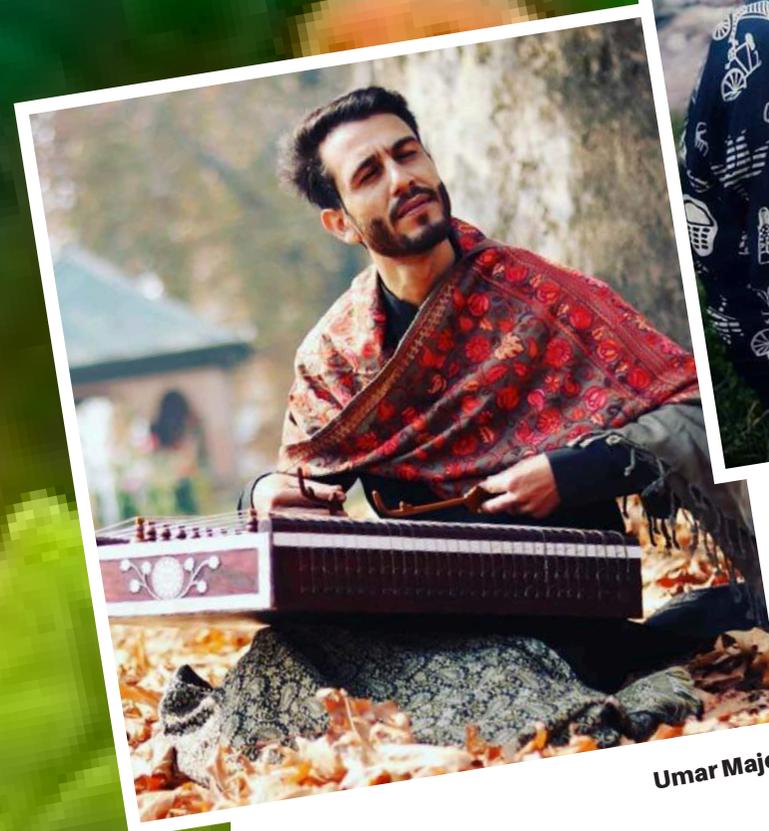
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# Kashmir's NEW NORMAL

Till yesterday, Pakistan was a badge of honour in Kashmir. Today, it is a stigma nobody wants to carry.

The stigmatization of Hindustan is a chapter of the past

by Bashir ASSAD



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ugust 5 marks the anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35 A of the Constitution. It went by peacefully last week. The situation remained by and large normal in Kashmir. There were no attempts for protest.

Especially since August 5,

2019, some leading international media houses have made Kashmir one of their favourite talking points. Lack of any response in Kashmir to the second anniversary of August 5 should have been given equal attention

by them.

In the urban centers of Kashmir valley, life was 60-80 percent normal. In rural Kashmir, it was a completely normal day. Police reports stated that specifically Srinagar was 50-60 per-

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Fiza Nazir



Irfan Fazili



## POINTS THAT MERIT CONTEMPLATION

1. Does business as usual mean that people have left behind whatever good or bad happened on August 5, 2019?

2. It was only the second anniversary of the abrogation. Presuming that public memory is short lived, has Kashmiri society transformed in just two years to such amazing levels that it has happily reconciled and moved on?

This may emerge as a major area for study by researchers in order to evaluate Kashmir society. What we see is that the opinion leaders from diverse fields of Kashmir - politics to business to legal fraternity - all are entrenched in the past. They are reluctant to come out of their deceptive fantasies.

3. Can we presume that August 5, 2021 was normal because the society lacks leadership either in the mainstream or the separatist camp? Is it correct to assume that currently, Kashmir has no mobilizers? Can we say that mobility has dried up because the law-enforcing agencies have succeeded in containing the political forces that drive mobilization?

4. For many years, a section of thinkers have attributed the uncertainty in Kashmir to governance deficit. Has the governance improved to such levels that people are happy with the LG administration and they don't want any kind of instability?

5. Thirty years of violence has devastated normal life in Kashmir. It has come with huge human, economic and socio-political costs. False hopes and false dreams have crashed, particularly with the scrapping of Article 370 and 35 A. The Indian state responded to the cost inflicted upon its people by Pakistan after 30 long years. Do the calm and composed streets reflect conflict fatigue in Kashmir? Are Kashmiris now conscious of the costs of violence?

Srinagar city. The rest were closed.

Members of the Kashmiri diaspora sponsored by Pakistan made attempts in the US, UK and EU to organize protests on August 5. In the UK, some people of Kashmir origin and a group of Pakistani nationals protested outside Indian High Commission. Some ISI backed journalists in exile had started the campaign #Red For Kashmir from July beginning.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti has replaced hawkish Syed Ali Shah Geelani as the flag-bearer of the separatist camp. Mehbooba came out to protest the abrogation of Article 370 with all of seven party workers.

Her protest was insignificant because she failed to gather a mass around her. To summarize the second anniversary of the revocation of the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, we can say this: There was neither a serious attempt from any side to disturb normal life for the day,

cent normal. At certain places, police allegedly compelled shopkeepers and other businesses to stay open.

The KZINE team visited many busy areas of Srinagar city to assess the mood on August 5. According to our observation it was a 50-50 situation. About 50 per cent businesses were open in



Aafreen Tariq Khan



Sehar Ashraf Lone

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## WHERE THE STATE IS WANTING

The state seems to be wanting in providing alternate options to the existing political structures. There is confusion in state policy. At places, it seems that there is no policy at all. The state is lost between embracing the old political dispensation and encouraging the new political actors. We come across a new argument. It goes like this: Abrogation was never meant to wipe out the old political forces. It was aimed at correction of the political discourse, and the desired political dividends have been realized. This argument merits both study and introspection.

nor there was any appetite for such initiatives. This raises several questions about the general mood in the Valley.

There are too many questions, not many answers. Kashmir is homogenous only by faith. Beyond that, Kashmir has many realities.

## THE SHIFT IN KASHMIR

An amazing shift has taken place in Kashmir. This can provide the basis for a very interesting perspective.

Pre August 5, 2019, there was consciousness among some Kashmir observers that Kashmiris are collectively separatists or Pakistanis. Secretly they are Indians. After the abrogation of Article 370, collectively Kashmiris are nationalists. Secretly, they hold a grudge against the

state. This is the subtle shift. If this shift is not adjudged in the right perspective, it may be confusing or misleading.

The fact remains that the domination of the separatist narrative has seen a sharp decline. Some may argue that it has ended. Nationalism and patriotism is pervasive. It is growing substantially on the canvas.

This may be because the state is on the path of course correction. There is no appeasement of the eminent faces in the terror ecosystem. There is no hobnobbing with the strategic assets of Pakistan. For the first time in 30 years, there is naming and shaming of the people who had taken the state for a ride even though they enjoyed power, privilege and patronage.

The Indian state has abandoned its faulty policies that perpetuated the status quo

in Kashmir. Those who abused power, privilege and patronage are paying for their deeds.

This is precisely what the Indian state has achieved post abrogation. This also provides answers to some of the questions raised above. There were many truths about Kashmir when the separatist narrative was dominant. There are many truths about Kashmir when the same narrative is dormant. Globally, people tend to identify themselves with the dominating discourse – whether political or violent. Starting from August 5, 2019, there may be less to

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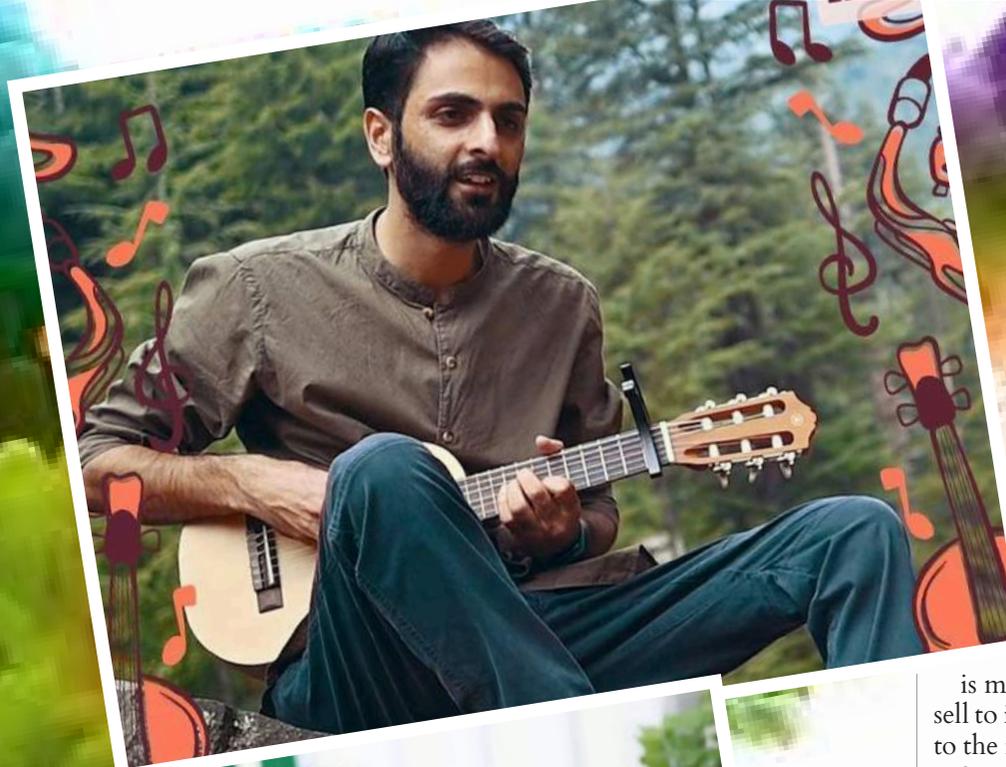
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On the contrary, there is much for the Indian state to sell to its local audience as well as to the international community.

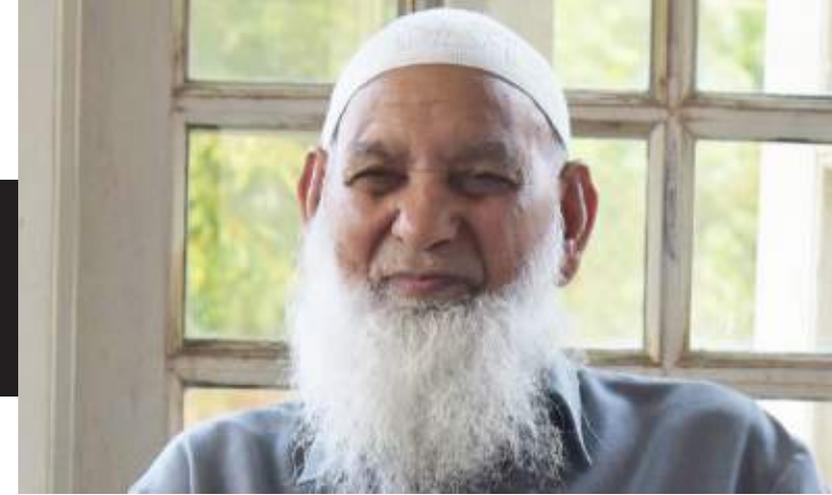
A very important point which may be considered highly encouraging for the Indian state is that it has finally succeeded in defining terrorism in Kashmir. This definition has been accepted by the international community, though with certain riders.

**6.15 pm,  
August 5, 2021**



**Iltija Mufti goes happy shopping in premium Srinagar market complex while Mama Mufti, accompanied by all of seven party workers, keeps up the rant of *unbridled oppression, gross injustice, no choice but to resist to exist...***

**Madam Mufti assiduously seeds the negative sentiment in Kashmir while daughter dearest enjoys the good life**



**We can create  
Islamic rule  
under Indian  
Constitution**

**Indian Constitution is  
among the finest globally,  
because it provides  
freedom of religion**

**Sheikh Ghulam Hassan**  
Former Amir, Jamaat e Islami



by Waseem GUL

**J**amaat e Islami (J&K) has been supporting terrorist organizations, especially Hizb ul Mujahideen right from its inception. Jel has also been the strident supporter of the merger of Jammu and Kashmir with Pakistan. Jamaat became powerful especially after the PDP government led by Mufti Sayeed came into power in Jammu and Kashmir. PDP, which was formed by the former Congress leaders and

In an email press statement, the former Amirs said that Jamaat has time and again made it clear that it has no direct or tacit link with any militant group, and insisted that all such allegations against the Jamaat are false. Sheikh Ghulam Hassan, Ghulam Mohammad Bhat and Mohammad Abdullah Wani, the former Amirs, claimed that Jamaat has never believed in agitational politics and never employed any methods which might disturb the law-and-order situation or cause strife. "Jamaat always employed

banning the outfit on "flimsy and concocted allegations". The statement said that Jamaat is a "peaceful, democratic and transparent" organization. "Jamat was made for propagating Islamic teachings among the public in its pristine form and for the social services of the humanity without any discrimination... (Jamaat was made) in particular to provide material assistance to the economically and educationally downtrodden section of the general public from its lawfully created resources," they stated.

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cadre in Kashmir, pandered to Jamaat and Hizbul Mujahideen to win the elections. From symbolism like Mehbooba Mufti wearing green scarves and abhaya to the healing touch policy for militants, PDP did everything to get Jamaat's vote share.

In a startling and amusing development some days ago, Jamaat e Islami J&K's three former Amirs (Chiefs) denied having any nexus with terrorist organizations. The three Amirs also distanced Jel from any financing of terrorist organizations.

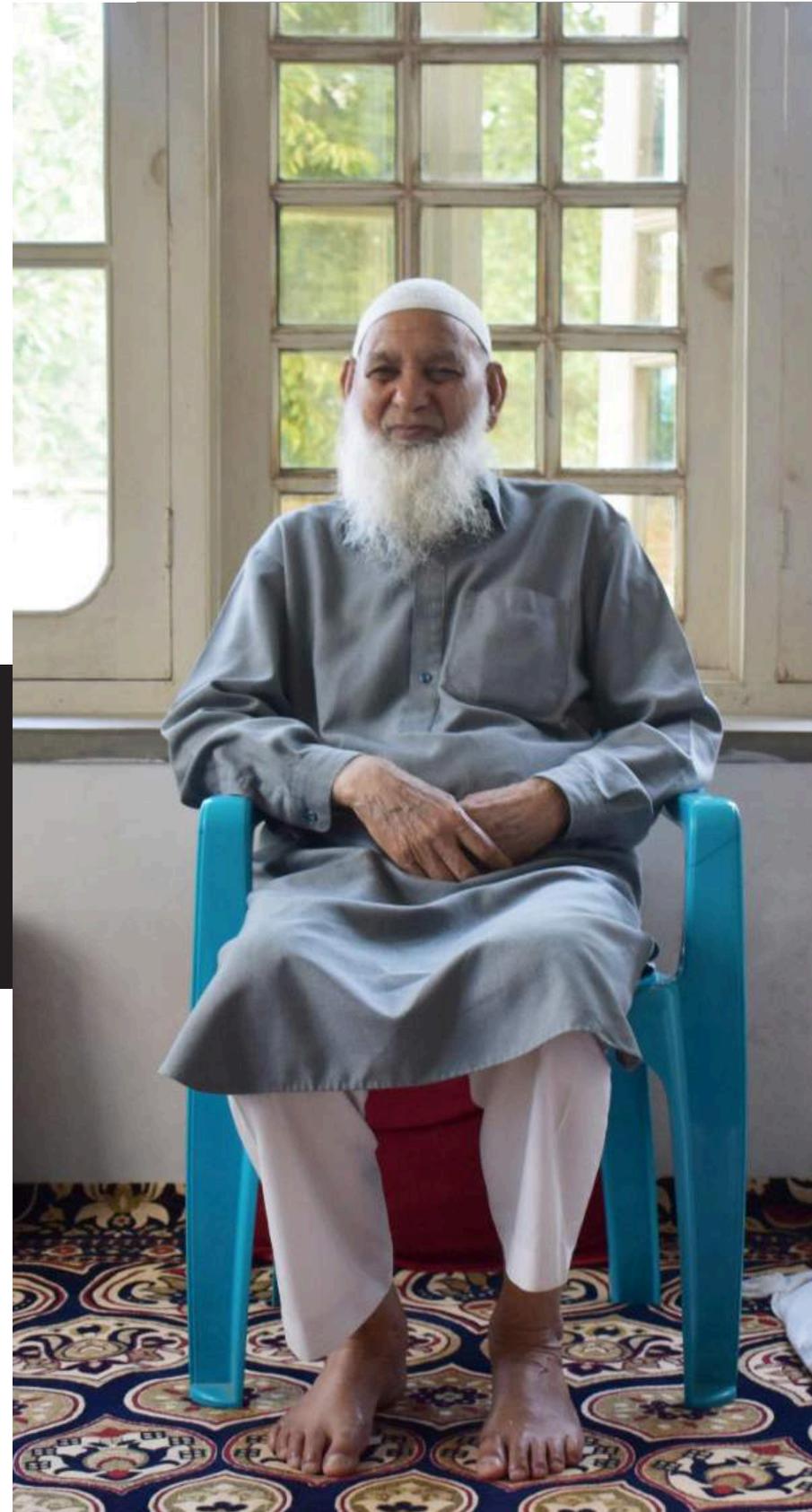
propagatory methods, verbal as well as written, to carry forward its mission, programmes and policies which were beneficial for the entire human society. But despite this fact, it was banned and declared as an 'unlawful association' a number of times without any rhyme or reason, leveling such allegations which had no basis but were all against the facts, in total ignorance of the real situation," they claimed. The statement further stated that the "public services of the organization were ignored" while

Distancing the Jamaat from separatist politics, the three former Chiefs said that the organization has not been a constituent of the separatist conglomerate Hurriyat Conference for a long time.

TEAM KZINE WENT TO MEET SHEIKH GHULAM HASSAN IN HIS NATIVE VILLAGE TARIGAM IN KULGAM FOR A CANDID CONVERSATION.

**Sir, what is your say with regard to the NIA raids on Jamaat?**

There is no legal sanction to



these raids. They are without any justification because Jamaat is a non-violent, democratic and pro-state organization. These raids have no validity.

**In your joint statement, you claimed that Jamaat is a democratic organization and Jamaat believes in democracy. Which democracy do you believe in? Do you believe in Indian democracy?**

We have democracy in our organization which means we have no family rule in our organization. Jamaat Rokuns (Members) elect Amir Jamaat. In this way we have democratic setup in our organization. Every post is filled through voting, including the post of Chief of Jamaat, Majlis E Shora etc. We like democracy in every sphere of life. Democracy is better than dictatorship.

Yes, we believe in Indian democracy but India claims to be the world's largest democracy. That is not true as India lacks some basic tenets of democracy. Every section of the society is not treated equally today. We believe in democracy. We say that if there is no Islamic rule in a country, then democracy is the best alternative. Democracy is better than communist system of governance and other systems. In democracy we can express our own ideas freely. Hence we totally believe in Indian democracy, and this democracy should be implemented in letter and spirit.

**Why did you issue the statement claiming Jamaat to be a peaceful, democratic and non-violent organization at a time when the government has decided to tighten the noose around the Jamaat?**

We have written it in the note of our statement that we were about to give this statement

**What is your stand with regard to NIA raids on Jamaat E Islami?**

These raids are unconstitutional and baseless. These days Jamaat is banned and we don't do any organizational work now. Everyone is doing their individual work. I was jailed in 2019 and released sometime ago.

Organization does not exist now. Before ban we were working in a transparent manner. Any one working now is working in individual capacity.

**The statement issued by three former Amirs that Jamaat is a peaceful, democratic and non-violent organization. Why has this been issued at a time when the government has decided to tighten its noose around Jamaat?**

We had prepared this statement before NIA raids. NIA also took a copy of the statement from my house during the raid. On that very day when NIA raids were conducted against us, we had scheduled a press conference. NIA seized my laptop. This statement is typed in that laptop as well.

**Jamaat created militancy in Kashmir right from the early 1990s and got people with different political ideologies and loyalties killed. How will you defend that?**

Most of the Jamaat people were in Jails in the 1990. We were banned then. We started work again in 1997 and we were working till 2019. We never indulged in any sort of violence. We never called for any strike or protest march. Those who

## **Jel Spokesman Advocate ZahidAli in conversation with WG of Team KZINE**

called for shutdowns and protests were different organizations. We have nothing to do with them. I don't understand why these allegations are being leveled against Jamaat. What is your stand on the Kashmir issue? It's the issue of the public. Jamaat has not created it. Whatever people of J&K say with regard to Kashmir, we are

with that only.

**If Jamaat accepts the Indian Constitution and terms it as one of the best constitutions globally, then why don't the Jamaat leaders contest elections under this constitution?**

We contested elections in the past. In 1987 I myself contested. The elections were rigged and we were jailed. So we decided that we will not contest any more elections till some time.

**If Jamaat claims to be democratic and non-violent, then why are you more inclined towards Jamaat e Islami Pak? Why don't you merge with Jamaat e Islami Hind?**

We don't know anyone from Jamaat e Islami Pakistan. We know people from Jamaat e Islami Hind as they often come to Kashmir for many reasons and we share the same boundary. I was jailed before Jamaat was banned. They took those books, letter pads, other things which we were using before the ban and then say we are still working, which is wrong and baseless. We were peaceful, we are peaceful and we will be peaceful no matter what the government will do.



**The Indian judicial system is one of the best judicial systems in the world. It should always remain like it was in the past**

before the NIA raids. But unfortunately NIA raided us before we could arrange for a press conference. So we decided to issue this statement after the raids. A copy of the statement was lying at the home of our former Spokesperson Advocate Zahid Ali, which NIA took with them. We then circulated the press note among different news agencies. **Sir, does Jamaat consider Kashmir as a disputed territory? What is the stand of Jamaat with regard to Kashmir?**

America says that if India and Pakistan agree, we will mediate on the Kashmir issue. Pakistan is ready for it but India doesn't agree. This means that America also considers Kashmir as disputed. The Kashmir issue is

also pending in United Nations. United Nations has passed several resolutions with regard to the Kashmir issue. So Jamaat says that this issue should be resolved peacefully.

In Indira-Bhutto accord, India accepts Kashmir as a bilateral issue. We don't say anything on our own. Jamaat says that whatever you have said in past at the UN and as per Indira-Bhutto accord, solve this issue peacefully. We are being accused of supporting the merger of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh with Pakistan. That is wrong. We say it should be solved as per the aspirations of the people of J&K and Ladakh. Whatever the government of India and Pakistan will deem fit, we will abide by that. This does not

amount to separatism. We want Government of India to solve the Kashmir issue by talking to Pakistan and the people of Kashmir. We want better relations between Pakistan and India. This is not a separatist stand. We want everything to be done peacefully.

Jamaat created militancy in Kashmir right from the early 1990s. The Jamaat got people with different political ideologies and loyalties killed. How do you defend that?

Yes, Hizb Ul Mujahideen said in the 1990s that we are the armed wing of Jamaat e Islami. At this time, top Jamaat leaders were in jails. There was no one outside to refute this. Even if we were out of jails at that time, we could not refute it fearing for our

# NIA STATEMENT REGARDING RAIDS ON Jel

**N**IA conducted searches at multiple locations in 14 districts of Jammu and Kashmir in Jamaat-e-Islami (Jel) Terror Funding Case. NIA along with JK Police and CRPF conducted searches at 56 locations in Districts of Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal, Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora, Anantnag, Shopian, Pulwama, Kulgam, Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar and Rajouri of J&K.

The case was registered by NIA on in February 2021 in pursuance the order from Ministry of Home Affairs relating to separatist and secessionist activities of Jel, an unlawful association even after its proscription in February 2019. The members of the organization have been collecting funds domestically and abroad through donations particularly in the form of Zakat, Mowda and Bait-ul-Mal purportedly to further charity and other welfare activities. But these funds are instead being used for violent and secessionist activities. The funds raised by Jel are also being channelised to proscribed terrorist organizations such as Hizbul-Mujahideen (HM), Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and others through well organised networks of Jel cadres. Jel has also been motivating impressionable youth of Kashmir and recruiting new members (Rukuns) in J&K to participate in disruptive secessionist activities.

The searches were conducted at the premises of office bearers of the proscribed association, its members and also offices of trusts purportedly run by Jel. During the searches today, various incriminating documents and electronic devices were seized from the premises of the suspects. Further investigation in the case continues.



Jamaat e Islami office  
PHOTO COURTESY: THE INDIAN EXPRESS/PTI

lives. When Jamaat leaders were released and the situation was somehow peaceful, then Jamaat chief Mr Ghulam Mohammad Bhat refuted the statement. He said that Jamaat has no concern with any militant organization. We never got any one killed. Allah Says in the Holy Quran that “Whosoever kills any innocent person (irrespective of religious belief) it shall be as if he killed whole of the humanity”.

We want Islamic teachings to be prominent among one and all, so how can we act against the Quran? It is also against our constitution. No one has power to declare anyone guilty. It is only the courts that can declare anyone guilty and punish him/

her as per law. No individual whatsoever can punish anyone.

See the youngsters who indulge in militancy and stone pelting are not mature people but are sentimental. Mature people, religious and other organizations do not indulge in these things. The government says

Jamaat promotes violence and stone pelting, which is totally wrong. Former Jamaat chief Mr Ghulam Mohammad Bhat held a press conference in 1997, where he refuted all these allegations. Thereafter we worked for nearly 22 years in a good environment. But the current BJP govern-

ment, under the influence of misinformation, is acting against us. We use donations collected by us for social causes. We don't fund terrorism in any way. These things have been admitted by traders federations and different political organizations like People's Conference led by Sajad Gani Lone. During the floods of 2014, the work done by Jamaat is unparalleled. We can't get any other example like that.

## Do you believe in the Indian Judiciary?

The Indian Judicial system is one of the best judicial systems in the world. It should always remain like it was in the past. Abdul Salam Kumar, one of our members Rokun E Jamaat was very active. He was highly regarded among all of us. He was a government teacher and his services were terminated. He challenged the order in J&K High Court. The court ruled in his favour and said that the order is vogue and unconstitutional. The government appealed against the order in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court also ruled in favour of Abdul Salam Kumar. This type of judicial system is praiseworthy. We expect the judicial system to be like this.

## Do you believe in the Indian Constitution?

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the finest Constitutions among all the world constitutions, because it provides freedom of religion. Every citizen has right to preach and practice their religion under the Indian constitution. It treats every religion equally. State has no religion of its own. We like this Constitution as we can preach our religion freely under this Constitution and we can create Islamic rule under this Constitution only. We want Indian Constitution to be implemented in letter and spirit.

**If Jamaat accepts the Indian Constitution and terms it one of the best constitutions in world, why doesn't Jamaat contest elections under this Constitution?**

We contested parliamentary elections in 1971. From 1972 to 1984 we contested all the elections which were conducted in erstwhile state of J&K. We then formed Muslim Muttahida Mahaz (Muslim United Front) and contested elections in 1987. Most of the contestants were from Jamaat e Islami. Most of our men won, but central government and National conference rigged these elections and jailed us. So we decided not to contest elections



**Jel rally in Kashmir**

PHOTO COURTESY: ECONOMIC TIMES/PTI

anymore. We are not against the Indian Constitution but due to rigging we gave up elections.

**Did Jamaat support PDP in the elections?**

We have strong cadre in Kulgam. From 1996 Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami is fighting and winning continuously from Kul-

gam. We have brotherly terms with him, but ideologically he is our enemy. If we would have supported PDP, then Tarigami would have never won. This indicates that we have always boycotted these elections and not supported any political party.

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**Dr Abdul Hameed Fayaz, chief of Jamaat e Islami J&K**

**cratic and non-violent, why are you more inclined towards Jamaat e Islami Pak? Why don't you merge with Jamaat e Islami Hind?**

No this is wrong. I served as Jamaat chief twice. During this tenure of six years I never talked to anyone from Pakistan. Founders of Jamaat e Islami J&K have kept this as a separate organization from Jamaat e Islami Hind. Several religious organizations are independent like Jamiat Ahlihadees. In Kashmir, Muslim population I more than any other part of India. We have more avenues of work, and so we kept this organization as an independent organization.

## **GEN ZIA ALIGNED JEI J&K TO WAGE PROXY WAR AGAINST INDIA**

**J**el Kashmir was established by Sa'aduddin and Maulana Ahrar a year after Maulana Maududi formed Jamaat e Islami Pakistan in Lahore in 1941. Historically, Kashmir's Jamaat e Islami has been aligned with Pakistan's Jamaat e Islami, which is separate from Jamaat e Islami Hind. According to Pakistani journalist Arif Jamal, the bond between Jamaat e Islami Kashmir and Jamaat e Islami Pakistan strengthened in 1983 after three years of secret meetings and negotiations in Kashmir, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

In his book *Shadow War*, Jamal mentions that Pakistan's military dictator Gen Zia ul Haq had employed the services of Jamaat e Islami Amir of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK), Maulana Abdul Bari to reach out to Jamaat E Islami Kashmir's founding Amir (chief) Sa'aduddin. Gen Zia sought the support of Jel Kashmir to wage a proxy war against India.

Zia's diabolic plot worked. Jamaat e Islami became the most vociferous supporter of the secessionist ideology in J&K. Separatist hawk Syed Ali Geelani was an important member of Jamaat E Islami.

**Hizb Ul Mujahideen said in the 1990s that we are the armed wing of Jamaat e Islami. Top Jamaat leaders were in jails at that time. There was no one outside to refute this. Even if we were out of jails at that time, we could not refute it fearing for our lives**

**Jel Collects Donations In The Name Of Hizbul, Claims Success In Terror Activities, Wears Mask Of Innocence After State Action**

# Jamaat Islami Kashmir's Great Cover Up After NIA Raids

In Pakistan, Jamaat e Islami and other religious parties claim and declare to fight to the last drop of blood against secularism. In India, they declare to fight to the last drop of blood to defend secularism



by Hares QADIR

**Chief Editor of POK Newspaper Writes On The Duplicity of Jamaat e Islami**

**J**amaat-e-Islami was the organization which played a key role in organizing terror activities not only in the Afghan jihad but later in Jammu and Kashmir on religious grounds. Even today, under the name of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, Jamaat-e-Islami not only collects donations in Pakistan-administered Jammu and Kashmir but also claims success

in terror activities. There are also a number of young men in Pakistan-Administered Jammu and Kashmir who were sent from the Hizbul Mujahideen platform to India. In addition, Jamaat-e-Islami is still active in cashing in on Burhan Wani as the party commander.

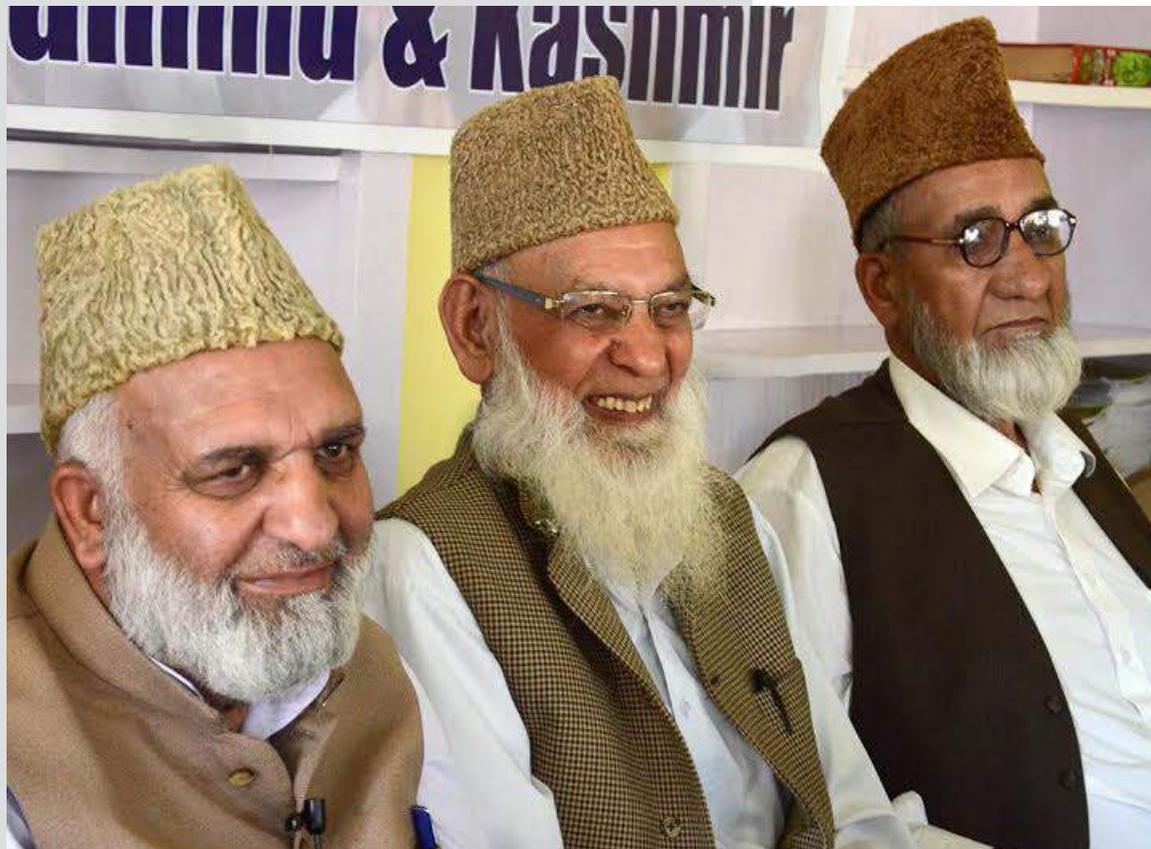
Religious parties have used terrorism as a business in the name of imperialism. They have targeted innocent youth for being killed by imperialist forces. They have got the youth massacred on a large scale.

They have resorted to any form to continue their business. And they are always ready to go to the limit.

In Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir, the Jamaat-e-Islami has called for the ban on the organization to be lifted. They have called Jel a democratic and peaceful religious political party and stated that the party has never had any affiliation with any underground or militant organization. But Jamaat-e-Islami has its own militant organization.



NIA raids in Kashmir. File pic



Three former Amirs of the Jamaat-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir Ghulam Muhammad Bhat, Sheikh Muhammad Hassan and Muhammad Abdullah Wani

## JAMAAT E ISLAMI: AGAINST SECULARISM IN PAKISTAN, FOR SECULARISM IN INDIA

In Pakistan, these religious parties claim and declare to fight to the last drop of blood against secularism. In India, they declare to fight to the last drop of blood to defend secularism. In other words, the ruling classes always use prejudices and sectarianism for their own purposes. Religious and fascist organizations act as the most important weapon in this work of the ruling classes.

### POSTURING AFTER NIA RAIDS

The three former Amirs of the Jamaat-e-Islami have issued a joint press release following the raids on the organization's headquarters by the Indian Investigation Agency (NIA). Ghulam Muhammad Bhatt (who has been the Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami four times in total from 1985 to 1988, 1997 to 2000, 2000 to 2003 and 2015 to 2018); Sheikh Muhammad Hassan (twice from 2006 to 2009 and 2009 to 2012) and Muhammad Abdullah Wani (who was Amir Jamaat from 2012 to 2015) issued this joint press release.

The press release said that Jamaat-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir was banned in 1990 after the militancy in (Indian-

**JEI HAS CALLED ITSELF A DEMOCRATIC AND PEACEFUL RELIGIOUS POLITICAL PARTY WITH NO AFFILIATION WITH ANY UNDERGROUND OR MILITANT GROUP. BUT JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI HAS ITS OWN MILITANT ORGANIZATION**



NIA raids in Kashmir. File pic

administered) Jammu and Kashmir started in 1989. Jamaat-e-Islami regrouped its cadre in 1997 and started its activities by setting up its headquarters at Baran Pathar at Batamalo in Srinagar.

In a press conference in 1998, Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami Ghulam Muhammad Bhatt clarified the organization's policy and program. He stated that JEI is a peaceful, democratic and politically religious organization that has a transparent relationship

with any underground or terror organization without any overt or covert affiliation. The party has no terror front of its own. All allegations made by the government and security agencies were vehemently denied.

It was also clarified that Jamaat-e-Islami has never supported any illegal or any other activity that has caused any disturbance anywhere.

The press release said that by answering all the questions of the journalists at that time, the

leadership of the party had made it clear that the party is a peaceful, democratic and transparent organization that provides Islamic teachings to the people as a social service and humanity. The press release said that JEI is providing financial and educational support to the general public without any discrimination of colour, race, region and greed, and all these activities are being carried out with the resources obtained through legal means. It was also said that all

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educational activities are being carried out under modern trends and modern scientific research and development.

## CLAIM OF INNOCENCE

The press release said that the party never believed in the politics of protest, nor did it choose a method that would create a law and order situation or spread chaos on the ground. The party has always used the method of propaganda and the oral or written method to further its mission. Despite all this, the party was banned and



## A NUMBER OF YOUNG MEN FROM PAKISTAN WERE SENT FROM THE HIZBUL MUJAHIDEEN PLATFORM TO INDIA. JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI IS STILL ACTIVE IN CASHING IN ON BURHAN WANI AS THE PARTY COMMANDER

declared an illegal organization. Numerous allegations have been made which have no basis and these allegations have been made ignoring the real situation.

The press release also said that Jamaat-e-Islami was formed before the partition of Jammu and Kashmir. Jamaat-e-Islami is not a product of any political issue and has not yet created any such issue. Even if a public political issue arose, the Jamaat-e-Islami was affected because a large number of people were with the party. Jamaat-e-Islami split from both factions of the Hurriyat Conference in 2008 and has not had any contact with anyone since.

The press release said that through the press conference, it was brought to the notice of the people that the party has always taken the path of peace and democracy. It said that it did not cause any activity for any kind of instability and disturbance in public order or threat to the security of the state.

The press release also said that Jamaat-e-Islami has always respected human rights and never violated human rights. The party has never resorted to any form of violence or violence, but has always been peaceful and supported peaceful demo-

cratic practices.

At the end of the press release, it was said that the message conveyed with utmost respect through the press conference is that the party should be known in its original state and it is expected that the ban will be lifted from the party and humanitarian and religious political organization. The organization said that it should be allowed to work independently for the service of humanity so that the party can continue its social services and serve the wider strata of society in the Jammu and Kashmir region.

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# THE ARROGANCE OF THE BUREAUCRACY IN J&K

Despite Raj Bhavan  
Thrust, Babus In No  
Mood To Improve  
Governance

CAMPA staff  
suffering, grievances  
not redressed by  
Forest Department

by Bisma NAZIR

**P**ost the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, a curious situation has developed.

The bureaucracy in Jammu and Kashmir is enjoying the fruits of abrogation as much as the political elites of Kashmir were reaping the benefits of the special status guaranteed under the constitutional provision. The bureaucracy has emerged stronger than ever before. The situation now is that the bureaucracy in Jammu and Kashmir has become arrogant to the extent that even orders from Raj Bhavan are ignored or even downplayed on one pretext or the other. There are hundreds of examples where Babus observe the orders in breach than in compliance.

The seriousness and sincerity of Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha is beyond doubt. Why is the delivery system so poor? Why

have even essential services have become inconsequential. Why is there chaos and disconnect?

It is precisely because of this lackadaisical attitude of the bureaucracy that the people are disgusted with them.

These and many more questions deserve answers. The allocations are not poor. But the benefits do not reach the common man in Jammu and Kashmir. This is because the Babus are in no mood to improve the governance.

## CONSEQUENCES OF THE ARROGANCE OF BABUS

Unfortunately the Babus don't bother about the consequences of their arrogance on the overall political scenario of Jammu and Kashmir. They have little or no idea about the implications of misgovernance on the ground situa-

tion in Kashmir. Is the bureaucratic inefficiency deliberate? If that is the case, then the arrogant Babus are part of the ecosystem that does not want that Kashmir should be normal and Kashmiris should be at peace.

About political parties and the political actors, we have argued that for decades, they have developed huge stakes in the conflict machinery, and they never want peace to prevail in Kashmir. We have argued that it is the party interest, not the national interest which dominates the discourse at the end of the day. But what about the Babus? They seem to create more impediments than resolving the issues.

Shockingly, ground reports suggest that the directions from the Raj Bhavan are not only ignored but disregarded and disrespected by the officers. The poor are the ultimate sufferers of this callousness of the Babus. It is amazing to see that even file work is hampered. The elected representa-

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## PROBLEMS OF CAMPA CONTRACTUAL STAFF SHALL BE RESOLVED SOON, ASSURES DEPARTMENT

KZINE took up the problem faced by the CAMPA contractual staff with the Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and HoFF, J&K Forest Department. The following is the communication received from the department.

“Dear Sir,  
This is w.r.f your email dated 12.08.2021 regarding release of wages of casual Watch & Ward and need based persons under CAMPA. Terms of engagement including wages of casual watch and ward and other need based persons under CAMPA are regulated in accordance with the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Rules, 2018. The budget for such wages is included in the Annual Plan of Operation (APOS) of CAMPA for the relevant financial year. As per the CAF Rules, 2018, the APOs are required to approved by the Executive and Steering Committees of CAMPA and finally by the National Authority, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. The approval of the National Authority, for APO of 2021-22 has been received only for the time-bound afforestation related activities. Their approval for infrastructure related activities, which includes wages of the said categories of persons is awaited as the Authority could not examine the detailed activities of various State Authorities, including Jammu and Kashmir CAMPA due to disruption caused by the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic. The approval of the National Authority expected to be received soon, and the wages will be released thereafter.

Signed  
Sarvesh Rai, IFS  
Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest/  
Chief Executive Officer  
J&K State CAMPA

Take for instance the contractual appointees in CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority) Cell. CAMPA is part of the Office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, the Forest Department of Jammu and Kashmir.

### THE CONTRACTUAL APPOINTMENTS OF CAMPA

In 2012, J&K Government advertised about 50 vacancies in CAMPA on contractual basis. Vacancies were advertised twice in several newspapers including the largest circulated Daily Excelsior and Greater Kashmir. After a year-long process, some 50 or 60 candidates were selected by a highest level committee headed by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest. The candidates selected and appointed on contractual basis as Technical Assistants included 12 candidates who were BSc Forestry, MSc Forestry or PhD in Forestry. For years together, these contractual employees are paid a measly salary of Rs 20,000 per month. Even the Class 4 employees of the department, who may be illiterate or educated up to Class

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8 in most cases, are paid higher salary of Rs 45000 per month.

Since the government refused to regularize the services of the Forestry graduates or post-graduates, six of them resigned. Now only six Technical Assistants are on the payroll of CAMPA, in addition to 45 clerks, accountants, drivers, computer assistants etc.

### POOR SALARIES FOR CONTRACTUAL STAFF DESPITE HUGE ASSETS OF CAMPA

J&K CAMPA has Rs 1100 crore in the bank. Every year interest of Rs 60 crore is accrued on it. Under CAMPA rules, the government has to spend Rs 33 crore (60 percent of annual interest accumulation) on the salaries of the CAMPA staff. But sadly, the government is denying enhancement of wages as well as regularisation

to the CAMPA staff, and paying them total of Rs 72 lakhs. One Technical Assistant Massarat has 2 PGs and one PhD. She is more qualified than the individuals at the top rungs of the Forest Department. Despite this, Massarat is not getting her due because of the negligent attitude of the powers that be.

### CAMPA CONTRACTUAL STAFF HAS TO RUN FROM PILLAR TO POST FOR SALARY

The CAMPA contractual staff is never paid on the first of a month. After they shuttle between different offices, they get wages for five or six months. They have been paid only once during the Covid pandemic since March 2020, that too on directions from the Raj Bhavan. This denial of wages is in gross violation of the Prime Minister's commitment that no government employee shall suffer on account of salary during the pandemic.

According to the CAMPA Fund Rules (Rule 6), interest accrued on the deposits in the State Fund shall be utilized. Rule (6a) provides that not less than 60 percent of the accrued interest shall be utilised on forest and wildlife conservation activities, and for meeting salary and allowances of regular and contractual staff of CAMPA.

Sources reveal that more than Rs 1100 crore have accumulated in the public account of CAMPA. With average annual interest rate of 5 per cent on the deposits around Rs 55 crores is estimated. Of this, 60 percent of the amount, viz. Rs 33 crore can be utilized on salaries/wages of CAMPA staff as per the rule 6 (a) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules 2018.

Currently, the wages of the staff are met from the same source. Creation of posts under CAMPA are based on the same fund source, but these funds mostly remain unutilized.

It is alleged that there have been only a few recruitments of Forestry graduates as ACFs/Range Officers in Forest and Forest-related departments in J&K in the last 40 years because of political misrule. The regularisation recommendation of the contractual employees was sent to the Government by the PrCCF office in 2016 vide letter No. PCCF/NG/450/II/1270 dated May 30, 2016.

The recommendation was based on the high qualification of the concerned staff and the experience gained in the field. Unfortunately, there has been no positive action. Almost all these contractual employees have crossed the age bar of 40 years. This makes them ineligible for all regular government recruitments in Jammu and Kashmir.

tives like members of the DDCs, BDCs, Sarpanches and Panches are subjected to humiliation. The otherwise petty matters become intractable.

It is not just the general public which is suffering. Government employees who are working as daily wagers on contractual bases are also paying the price for being poor and on the edges of the social strata. There are hundreds of such employees who are without wages or are suffering on other accounts.



# THE JAGIRS OF ALI SAGAR

**3 kanals,  
18 marlas plus  
6 marlas - Sagar's  
Palatial Residence  
Adjoining Airport Made On  
*Ghair Mumkin* Land**

**Terrorism The  
Smokescreen For  
Land Grab By The High  
And Mighty**



by Bisma MANZOOR

**T**he UT administration recently ordered the evacuation and retrieval of state and community land illegally and unlawfully occupied by the land mafias. Ditto to what is observed across the Indian sub-continent, the land mafia in Kashmir includes politicians, businessmen and politico-religious organizations like Jamaat e Islami. The field officers of the revenue department have been directed to identify, demarcate and retrieve such government and community properties. But on ground, the execution and implementation of the order has hit road blocks. The reason is obvious. The same officers who are responsible for making false entries in revenue records and allowing the mafia to occupy state and community land cannot be the guardians.

For the sake of eyewash, Tehsildars and other revenue officials are showing some kind of

Ali Sagar has huge benami properties in Budgam, Charar e Sharief and BK Pora. He has an impressive list of properties registered in the name of his wife Mst Saleema and son Salman Ali Sagar. In addition, Sagar Senior has many properties registered in the name of his distant relatives and friends in Budgam and Srinagar districts



progress on retrieval on record only where petty farmers and landless Kashmiris have encroached upon state land. Big sharks are not being touched.

So we now have a situation where the land grab by leaders of National Conference, People's Democratic Party and other political players is commonly known. They have illegally and unlawfully occupied state and community land, but nobody is daring the bell the cat.

Take for instance the land grab by National Conference General Secretary and former minister Ali Mohammad Sagar. The NC leader has illegally occupied large chunks of state land in Budgam district.

### **BENAMI PROPERTIES APLENTY**

Ali Mohammad Sagar has huge benami properties in Budgam, Charar e Sharief and BK Pora tehsils in Budgam district. The revenue officials of the area and also the top officialdom are aware

## **ALI MOHAMMAD SAGAR: KASHMIR'S POLITICAL ELITE**

**T**errorism has served as a useful smokescreen for land grab in Kashmir. The state has remained focused on monitoring and controlling stone-pelting, street protests and terror attacks. In the meanwhile, blatant occupation of government and community land has continued unchecked. The land mafia, which usually involves the high and mighty, has been happily accommodated by revenue officials, who are usually hand-in-glove with looters. No concrete steps have been taken to identify and question the looters of state and community-owned property.

While Kashmir remained on the boil, the political elites greedily encroached upon state land, community land, grazing land and the like. In order to make sure that their unlawful acts went unchecked, they created a web to cover their wrongdoings, and showcase it in a manner that seems legally correct. At some places, the entire revenue map was redesigned so that the encroached land is shown as registered property (milkiyat).

Then list of political land grabbers is long. A typical case is that of former MLA Khanyar and senior National Conference leader Ali Mohammad Sagar, son of late Ghulam Qadir, resident of Nawabazar, Srinagar. Sagar consecutively won the Khanyar Assembly segment. From the beginning, Sagar has maintained the image of the gentle NC loyalist. Sagar was Minister For Rural Development in the Omar Abdullah Cabinet. He was appointed as National Conference General Secretary in 2014. In a rally in June 2019, Sagar called terrorists Burhan Wani and Zakir Musa martyrs.



### Safa Marwah Medical Centre, Soura

Safa Marwah Medical Centre at Iqbal Colony, Soura, is secretly jointly owned by Dr Nazira Farooq and Salman Sagar. The Medical Centre was inaugurated in 2015, but Sagar's involvement was never made public

of these benami properties. But no one is bothered to hold an enquiry into the scam and hold Sagar accountable.

Sagar has an impressive list of properties registered in the name of his wife Mst Saleema and son Salman Ali Sagar, the former Mayor of Srinagar and incumbent youth president, JK National Conference Kashmir.

In addition, Sagar Senior has many properties registered in the name of his distant relatives and friends in Budgam and Srinagar districts. According to senior revenue officials, the property housing the district godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) at Chandpora in Budgam district belong to Ali Mohammad Sagar. This property is registered in the name of his distant relative Abdul Majeed, a resident of Bemina, Srinagar.

Likewise, Sagar owns a huge benami property along the Nowgam-Lasjan bypass near Padshahi Bagh. This too is registered in the name of some distant relative. Senior revenue officials told KZINE that both benami properties include

encroachment of state land, and wrong entries have been made in the revenue records. According to revenue officers, Salman Ali Sagar is in possession of 40 kanals of land which include state land at Charar e Sharief.

### LAND GRAB WITH STYLE

Amazing as it is, the huge palatial house constructed by

Number 1015 on which the house has been constructed. According to revenue officials, additional six marlas have been encroached by Sagar beyond the specified 3 kanal 18 marlas.

The encroachment of state and other community land by the political class has largely gone unchecked in Jammu and Kashmir. The recent order issued by the UT Administration for demarcation and retrieval of state



Ali Mohammad Sagar close to the main gate of Srinagar International Airport has come up on state land. Revenue records accessed by KZINE reveal that this grand house has been constructed on Ghair Mumkin land. The land measuring 3 kanals and 18 marlas under Khasra Number 1015 is registered in the name of Mst Saleema, wife of Ali Mohammad Sagar, resident of Nawabazar, Srinagar.

Spot verification revealed that Sagar has further encroached upon state land facing the airport road. Office-cum-guard room has come up beyond the Khasra

land has not stopped the land mafia from the illegal occupation of such properties. KZINE learnt from reliable sources that there are efforts by the land mafia to get false entries in the revenue records. Glaring instances of false entries have been reported from Srinagar, Ganderbal and Budgam districts during the last few weeks. The land mafia is busy in warming the palms of revenues officers so that illegal property holders cannot be faulted in the records. The LG administration needs to ensure that the orders are not diluted by the vested interests.

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# Terror Pawns



**Journalist Working as  
OGW for Terrorist Group  
Exposes Kashmir's  
Dark Realities**

by Bisma NAZIR

In early August 2021, Adil Farooq, a sub-editor with CNS, a Kashmir news agency, was arrested in Lal Chowk with two grenades. Adil is suspected to be one of the accused in the August 10 grenade attack in which about 15 people were injured.

The incident reflects the dark realities of Kashmir. An over ground worker of a dreaded terrorist organization was operating in the garb of a journalist in an area under heavy surveillance and manned by CRPF troopers 24X7. Adil Farooq is a prime example of terror module inside the security picket.

Those who had decried Adil's arrest in 2019 actually encouraged him to continue to preach and practice a radicalized ideology. Men like Adil are being conveniently used as terror instruments by anti-India camps and Pakistan's strategic assets in Kashmir and globally.

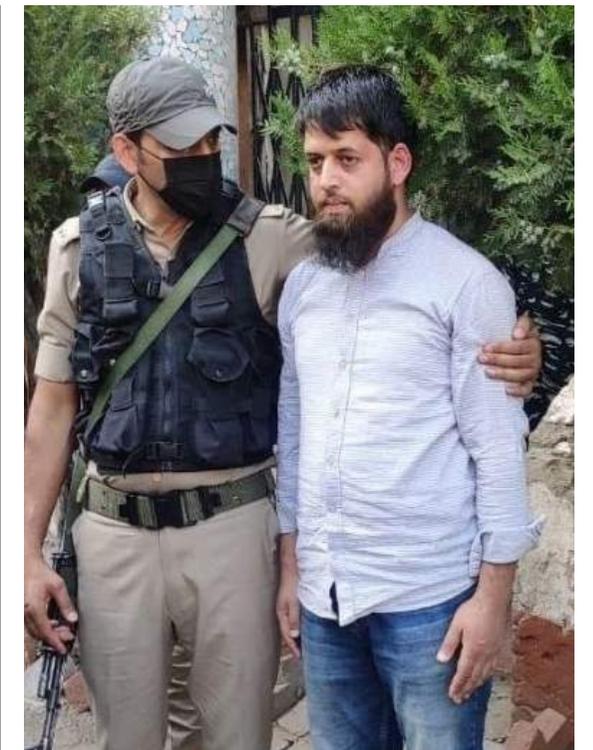
## THE CHRONOLOGY

### FEBRUARY 2019

Adil Farooq, a student of Journalism at the Central University of Kashmir is arrested. He is booked under Public Safety Act (PSA) on charges of working as an over ground worker of terrorists. Adil has been helping terrorists with the smuggling of weapons to surpass security checks. He is also a courier for Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), and is in touch with terrorists. He is kept under arrest at Kot Balwal jail in Jammu.

### POLICE DOSSIER ON ADIL

The dossier exposes Adil's links with terror organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba and several terrorists associated with the group. It states that Adil met various terrorists and developed a militant ideology. He established a link with Hurriyat leader Bilal Gani Lone, under whose instructions he remained proactive in instigating the same ideology amongst the people and youth of the area. Adil had liaison with a terrorist named Mohd Ayoub Lone, alias pilot of banned terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and his other terrorist associates. He was aware of the topography of the



area. He helped terrorists with safe transportation of arms and ammunition through unconventional routes and away from security forces

### BROUHAHA OVER ADIL'S ARREST

Terror apologists describe Adil's arrest as onslaught on freedom of media and freedom of expression. So-called "liberal-secular" media rushes to absolve Adil Farooq of charges that he has been supporting terror networks. The so-called repression by the state is widely decried by anti-India camps. Pressure is sought to be built to honourably release the over-ground worker of a terror organization.

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq condemns Adil's arrest, and claims that the man has been falsely booked under PSA.

### APRIL 2020

Adil is released. Some months later, Adil joins CNS, a major news agency of Kashmir as sub-editor.

# 'DSP KHREW GAVE GREEN SIGNAL FOR ADIL'S APPOINTMENT'

KZINE spoke to Rashid Rahie, owner of CNS News Agency regarding Adil's re-arrest by the police



**Sir, what your comments on the arrest of your sub editor Adil Farooq, who was recently held with two grenades?**

Adil was outwardly the same as other employees in the agency. His interaction with us was limited only to the office. His behavior did not reveal that his intentions could be harmful to the society. Even parents of such elements are not able to judge whether their child is choosing the wrong path. How could we imagine that he would indulge in such activities?

**Were you aware of Adil's past history, that he was booked under PSA in 2019 on charges of supporting terror networks and helping the militants in transporting arms and ammunition?**

Initially we were unaware of this fact. As soon we got to know about the PSA, we verified his character and behavior after his release from jail. The concerned Deputy Superintendent of Police of Khrew sent his positive comments about Adil's behavior. He verified to us that Adil had not indulged in any activity that could prove harmful for the society. Additionally, we also enquired about his activities and intentions from the concerned Army officer from Khrew. The officer also gave us green signal.

**How long has Adil been working in your agency? What is his role?**

Adil has been working with us since six months on paid internship.

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Markets deck with up favourite foods. Here, a vendor sells finni, a delicious accompaniment to Kashmir's famous noon chai, the salted pink tea

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# AS AFGHANISTAN REELS

**JAMAAT CELEBRATED  
TALIBAN WIN IN  
AFGHANISTAN.  
Does it seek the  
same fate for Kashmir?**

by GMMIR



**W**With Taliban fast capturing Afghanistan, thousands are desperately seeking asylum abroad. The country is now left at the mercy of dreaded medieval Taliban terrorists. Fortunate are the women who have managed to flee Afghanistan. For Taliban, the women exist only for progeny and no other role.

This reminds me of how Islamist extremists, particularly Jamaat e Islami celebrated the takeover of Afghanistan by Taliban in the past. They celebrated the Talibanization of Afghanistan as an anti-imperialist project. For them, the Taliban advancement was and continues to be a just war in the cause of Islam.

Jamaat e Islami is proscribed in Kashmir. Hence it shall not come out to give sermons calling upon people to celebrate the victory of Taliban and follow their path. But in the heart of hearts, they are happy over the happenings in Afghanistan.

### THE DESCENT IN KASHMIR

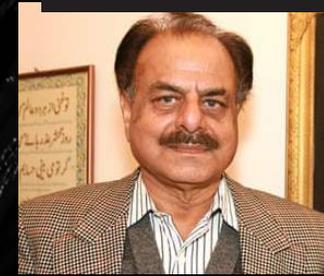
The retreat of the erstwhile USSR from Afghanistan in 1989 marked the transition of Kashmir valley from a composite pluralist society to an extremist exclusivist one. The events that unfolded after the pull out of USSR from Afghanistan had a direct impact on the Kashmir situation.

The Afghan warlords were made out to be he-

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Gen Hamid Gul



Hekmatyar

## VICIOUS, SAVAGE TERRORISTS PRESENTED AS ROLE MODELS FOR KASHMIR SOCIETY

**J**amaat e Islami, as a theological fountainhead, called upon Kashmiris to wage a sacred war against secular democratic India to establish the Caliphate. As usual, the Jamaat cadres shall deny their involvement in any such emotive exploitative provocations. There are hundreds of audio-visuals and written articles where the jubilant Jamaat leadership provoked the Kashmiris to follow the path of Afghan mujahideen.

In their official mouthpiece Azaan, Jamaat writers and orators instigate the younger Kashmiris to go Afghan way. Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and then ISI chief General Hamid Gul were the two most favourite heroes for Jamaat e Islami in Kashmir. They would raise slogans like Tera Yaar Mera Yaar, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. Supernatural acts of Afghan mujahideen were narrated to Kashmiris in mosques. They were made to believe that Gulbuddin and other mujahideen destroyed tanks of enemies by throwing handful of sand towards them. This indoctrination was the turning point in the history of Kashmir. Violence erupted.

**JAMAAT E ISLAMI CALLED UPON KASHMIRIS TO WAGE A SACRED WAR AGAINST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC INDIA TO ESTABLISH THE CALIPHATE. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF AUDIO-VISUALS AND WRITTEN ARTICLES WHERE THE JUBILANT JAMAAT LEADERSHIP PROVOKED THE KASHMIRIS TO FOLLOW THE PATH OF AFGHAN MUJAHIDEEN**

roes. They became the centrifugal force in transforming Kashmir. How the decline impacted the progressive Afghanistan society was never discussed. Jamaat e Islami used the Afghan theatre as a shiny new play to entice the Kashmiris with. They made the Afghan story some kind of utopia that Kashmir should aspire for.

While the bizarre of Afghanistan was wrapped in fantasy for Kashmir, Afghan women were forced to become sex slaves for the Taliban. Tragically, Afghan history is repeating all over again. As the Taliban surge forward, Afghan women, particularly the educated ones, are fearful for their life and modesty. With the noise of roaring guns, hearts sink, the chest becomes heavy, knees bend and eyes lose the ability to see. Only the Afghan women know what Taliban-controlled Afghanistan shall mean for them. The return of Taliban will be celebrated only by those with a medieval mindset. They too shall be responsible for whatever is in store for a Talibanized Afghanistan.

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**Bhand Pather is an age-old traditional folk theatre of Kashmir. It is usually held in open spaces. In this interesting theatre form, there are no predetermined scripts.**

**The bhand actors are skillfully roped into the play. They weave contemporary religious, social and political issues into the act. The stories are narrated in such a manner that every performance has something fresh for the audience. Mimicry, realism, satire, and comedy are brought into play and messages are conveyed to the audience cleverly via the medium of performing art (iwmbuzz.com)**

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