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National Banaya Jata Hai: Former Stone Pelter***

## Shifting Political Loyalties Brighten The Electoral Prospects Of PC, AP

In an electoral democracy like India, realignment of political forces before the elections is a constant phenomenon. Political leaders and parties change loyalties according to the changing political scenario. In Jammu and Kashmir, the political forces are readying for the elections which are expected any time next year. National conference suffered a big jolt recently when its two heavy weights of Jammu region, Devender Rana and Surjit Singh Slathia deserted the party to join BJP. It was amazing to see Rana deserting National Conference. He was the most trusted party leader for both Abdullah Senior and Junior alike. Rana's changing loyalty was the biggest shift among all those who crossed over to other political forces during the last one year.

In Kashmir, Sajad Lone's People's Conference is the biggest beneficiary of the political switches this year. Sajad dealt a severe blow to National Conference in Kashmir when NC stalwart and former finance minister Abdul Rahim Rather's son Hilal Rather joined People's Conference. Whatever the reasons, Hilal's joining PC has impacted NC hugely.

These political moves are par for the course. What is disturbing is the political maneuvering of certain forces along religious lines. PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti extensively toured the Muslim-dominated districts of Rajouri, Poonch, Doda and Kishtwar recently. Mehbooba's electoral prospects are extremely bleak. But the narrative of Muslim victimhood that she is stoking can be highly dangerous. Mehbooba is doing exactly what National Pan-

thers Party (NPP) has been doing in Udhampur, Jammu and Kathua. She is raising regional and religious passions, which shall prove to be advantageous for BJP.

NPP has been drawing a blank even after driving the narrative of regional and religious discrimination. It has not helped them in the past to win a single seat. Mehbooba's victimhood card shall help BJP to consolidate in the Jammu region. In Kashmir region, Mehbooba is a clear loser. It is difficult for her to even find candidates, leave aside winning any seat.

National Conference has got a dedicated base of workers, but it has no appeal among the younger generation. That said, we don't see NC's rout. The Kashmir voter is a complex entity. He may not be in love with New Delhi, but he definitely votes for the one who is loved by New Delhi. This can provide the basis to analyze the electoral prospects of political players like People's Conference, Apni Party, National Conference and others.



**Bashir Assad**

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# Why Must The Police And Security Forces Always Be Gentle, Courteous?

**W**hat is the need for security forces and the police to always ensure gentility towards the peace-loving population? The paper titled *Police Reform In Post-Conflict Societies* published by the International Peace Academy, New York, as part of The Security-Development Nexus Program makes the point clearly.

Police conduct is one of the most important and complex challenges in any environment. It is particularly challenging in post-conflict situations. Herein, police forces must function as rights-respecting public security officers that simultaneously provide protection and fight crime.

This is part of the state's broader conflict prevention strategy. Police missions are an integral part of conflict management and political and socio-economic development. Respect for human rights and effective crime fighting go together. A gentle and courteous police mechanism helps reinforce the twin goals of respectful and effective policing. Disciplined and courteous police behavior means fewer rights violations and more public cooperation.

by GM MIR

**W**e encounter opposite arguments on Kashmir these days. One argument is that the state has achieved much in Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370, and Kashmiris are happy with the decision. The supporters of this argument cite the lack of public protests, street violence and stone pelting to buttress their case.

The second argument on Kashmir is that the situation is rapidly deteriorating. The steep increase in the violence perpetrated by the terrorists is cited to support this statement.

It is important to see the diverse realities of Kashmir in the correct perspective.

Many analysts are fond of painting the extremism and separatism in Kashmir as a spontaneous and abrupt youth response. This is not correct. The extremism and violence in Kashmir was not any

upspring. It was gradual. It took years for Pakistan to deepen radicalization and sow the seeds of separatism. After years of relentless hammering at Kashmir society, the saturation of separatist thought reached a point where it dominated the social discourse.

In the discussions on Kashmir on the mainstream and social media, both claims are being made with equal certainty. One, that there is anger and alienation among the Kashmiris. Second, that the Kashmiris are largely happy post the events of August 5, 2019.

Both statements are misleading. They reflect a shade of the truth. They cannot be taken as truth in entirety. We need to put these statements in context to understand the realities of present day Kashmir.

The detractors of the Indian state claim that the Kashmiris are silent because of suppression and subjugation. This argument suits vested interests, but it is not true.

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## **KASHMIR NO LONGER HAS APPETITE FOR VIOLENT STREET PROTESTS**

One contemporary reality of Kashmir is that people do not have the appetite for any violent or public expression of grievances. The environment

for violent public protests is no more there in Kashmir.

Post abrogation, people are completely disillusioned with separatist politics. They are not willing to go for violent form of protests. They may not be happy with the state, but for the large majority, violence does not have social sanction any more. We can safely argue that Kashmir society has rejected violence.

# The Police And The Security Forces Must Be a Loving And Compassionate Presence

## How To Achieve This?

**S**ome among the intellectual class and the media are building the narrative that the security forces are alienating the majority Kashmiri society. The solution to this is that the police and the security forces must be seen as a loving and compassionate presence.

We all are aware that the security forces are a vital presence in Kashmir. They have to be there. Over the last few years, it is clear that the police and the security forces have made a conscious effort to humanize the operations with the civilians. The

need is to strengthen this effort among the police and the security forces the all-time Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The terrorists must be dealt with an iron first. The Kashmiris must not be punished for the sins of a few. The police and the security forces must always ensure that there is no transgression with any Kashmiri's self respect and dignity. The large peace-loving majority must always be dealt with velvet gloves.

How does one ensure this?

At the recent conference at BB Cantt organized by the Army, a senior officer of the UT Administration spoke of how the Kashmiris are appreciating the behaviour of CRPF. He spoke of the reports he has received that even during the mandatory checks or frisking, the CRPF personnel gently addressed people as Sir or Ma'am. In a moderate and pleasant manner, they stopped the people for checks where required. They went about the checks in a refined, polite manner. And when the checks were over, they gently thanked the occupants of the car or two-wheeler and said, "We are sorry for the inconvenience caused to you."

Kashmiris may not be happy with the decision of the government to remove Article 370 and Article 35 A, but they have lost hope in separatist politics.

Also, with lack of any political movement, the space for political expression of grievances is not there. If there was space for the politics of provocation or emotive politics, Kashmiris may have opted for it. But the political expression is missing, so

Kashmiris are largely silent over the developments of August 5, 2019. With the large majority silent, the mild shades of political expression or political opposition are not seen.

The extremists have chosen the path of hard terrorism. They are trying to project it as the voice of the majority Kashmiri population. This is not the case. The majority community does not support ter-

**During the mandatory checks or frisking at Jawahar Nagar, the CRPF personnel gently addressed people as Sir or Ma'am. In a moderate and pleasant manner, they stopped the people for checks where required. They went about the checks in a refined, polite manner. This was greatly appreciated**



rorism in any form. The terrorists and Over Ground Workers are only a minuscule fringe of the large peace-loving majority.

Why are the large majority of Kashmiris not willing to engage in violent protests? They have realized the disasters of violence. The extreme violence that is being witnessed is the ideological commitment of a few to the cause of terrorism. These few represent the extremely radicalized section of Kashmir society.

Extremism in Kashmir didn't spring suddenly. Pakistan took decades to embed it. Similarly, integration cannot be abrupt either. Integration is a multi-dimensional. One of the ways to achieve integration is by initiating a public discourse. The state has started this discourse. The national flag is hoisted on all government institutions, buildings and strategic assets. Pakistan invaded into Kashmir by pushing in tribals on October 22, 1947, causing the most horrible atrocities upon the people. The day is now observed by the state as a Black Day in Kashmir. The atrocities committed by Pakistan in POK are discussed.

The other dimension of the integration is rolling out practical initiatives for aligning the people. On both fronts, there is progress.

## **SOCIAL CHANGE IS A LENGTHY PROCESS. IT TAKES TIME TO GET ROOTED**

Integration is happening at individual level, and among the diverse sections of the society. This is the same way radicalization started in Kashmir. To expect integration to be abrupt or spontaneous shall be unrealistic.

Spontaneity is the outcome of an abrupt eruption at social level of deep social undercurrents. When the undercurrents are negative, the eruption is violent. When the social undercurrents are positive and integrative, the expression is joyous. We may witness it in the years to come. Social change is always a lengthy process. It takes time to get rooted.

The state faces avoidable or unavoidable roadblocks in its endeavour. A major roadblock for the Indian state is the enemy action in Kashmir. The conflict is sponsored by Pakistan, which will do everything it can to keep the show of conflict going.

A democratic state has the commitment to adhere to democratic values and constitutional guarantees. This gives the state strength, but also vests it with



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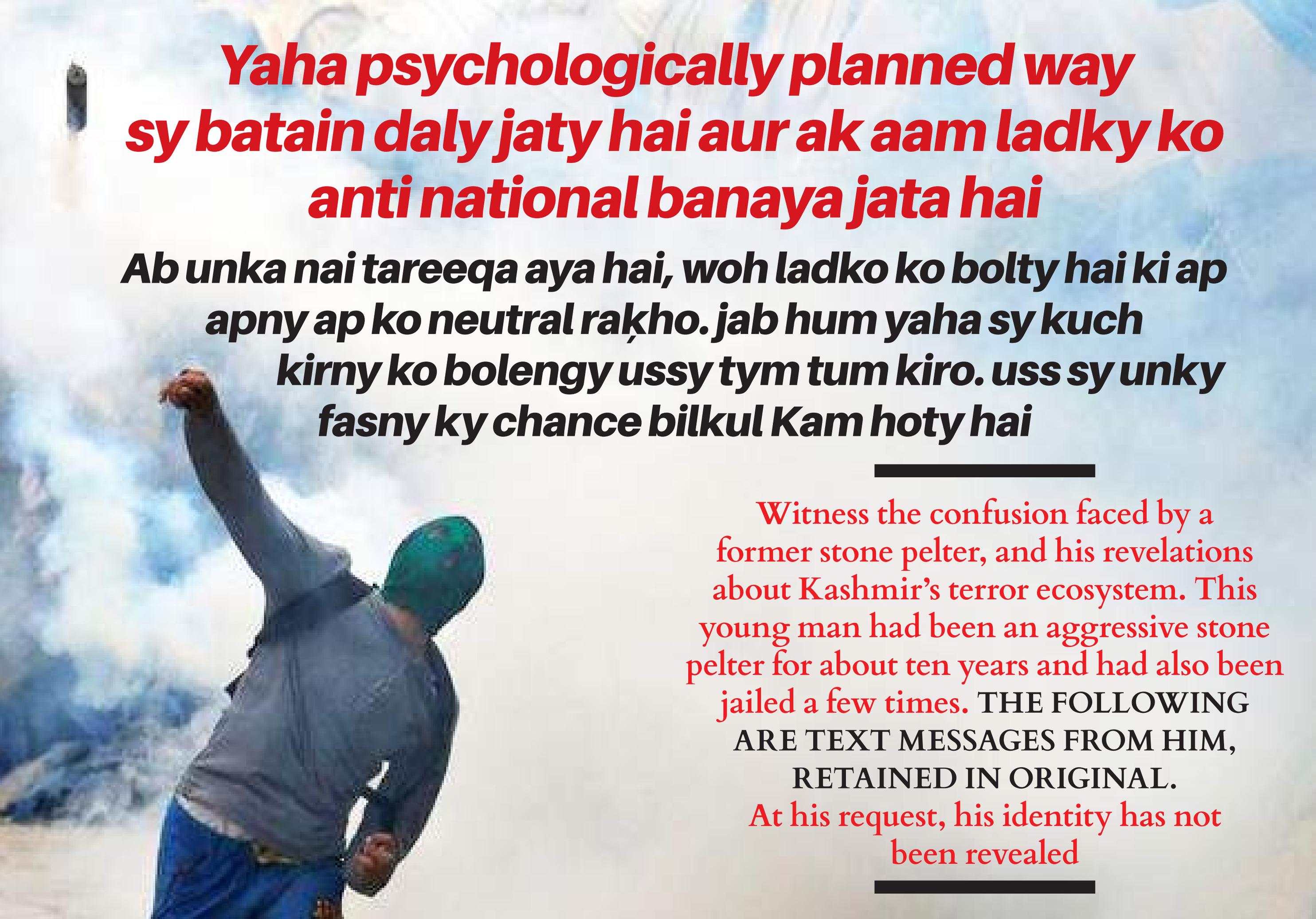


some inherent weaknesses. The enemy nation has a roadmap to consistently deepen alienation with the state. Their narrative survives on grievances.

Kashmir is in the grip of terrorism. The consequence is that the state and its forces impose some restrictions on civil liberties. This may be done willingly – as witnessed in the 90s – or by compulsion.

The restrictions on civil liberties are understandably resented. Hence we see videos go viral on Kashmir social media of bikers being “harassed” or CRPF women force frisking women and children.

Global experience in counter terrorism has followed a consistent pattern. Once the enemy introduces the gun and escalates violence, the state does not have any option. It has to retaliate. The state tries to contain terrorism by stricter checking, which leads to restrictions on civil liberties. These restrictions lead to grievances, which the adversaries exploit in order to stay relevant. The non-state actors wait for any errors committed by the state and its arms. They exploit these errors and manufacture grievances to use them against the state. It is a global phenomenon that the adversaries provoke the state to take steps which may be considered harsh, and then create a narrative around it.



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sy batain daly jaty hai aur ak aam ladky ko  
anti national banaya jata hai***

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fasny ky chance bilkul Kam hoty hai***

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***Witness the confusion faced by a  
former stone pelter, and his revelations  
about Kashmir's terror ecosystem. This  
young man had been an aggressive stone  
pelter for about ten years and had also been  
jailed a few times. THE FOLLOWING  
ARE TEXT MESSAGES FROM HIM,  
RETAINED IN ORIGINAL.***

***At his request, his identity has not  
been revealed***

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*I hv some doubts and confusion regarding current policies of our government as I took from our environment*

*First Kiya hamary Govt. Yaha hindu rashtra banana chahity hai ?? Means srif hindu religious ky loog reh saky hai?*

*Becoz iss baat sy loog ko anti national banaya jata hai. aur bi bohut sary batain kah kir*

*Yaha py physiologically planned way sy batain daly jaty hai aur ak aam ladky ko anti national banaya jata hai*



*Means yahee ki agir ap India ky sath rahengy toh woh ap ky resources lay jaengy ap ky jobs, ap ki zameen n much more*

*Means Islam ko khatra hoga  
I am so confused*

*Sab loog chahiya NC ho chahiya PDP  
yai jammat e islamiya...*

*Aur yai batain zyda mai mainstream  
ky logoon sy hi sunta hoon*

*Ary jab sy 370 tota hai tab sy yahe sunty arahy  
hai, logoon ky dilon mai darr hai bohut zyda*

*Mai khud darra hova hoon, samj hi nai atta kuch*





THE TEXT MESSAGES FROM THE FORMER STONE PELTER HAVE BEEN RETAINED IN ORIGINAL

**Yaha abb bi ground level py sahi nai horaha hai**

**Mera mannna hai jab tik govt aur logoon mai trust mazboot nai hoga ,tab tik amman bilkul nai aya ga**

**Yai sab ko apny fiqr hai kasy ko country aur logoon sy payar nai hai except our brave soldiers**

**Mujy agir kasy py baroosa hai woh srif army Baqi sab politics khail rahy hai**

**I hv much more to know about indain democracy whenever u hv time tell me so try know more n more**

**If anywhere I become part of solution for peace and prosperity I will be always at ur service**

**These contents provoke kashmirs and they r still on fb**

## **Mery bohut sawal hai**

**Ap assy logoon ko apny yaha space kyu dety hai jo ground level py logoon ky sath galt kirty hai???**

**Koyi apky samny jai hind yaa Barat Mata ky ja boly apko lagta hai woh indain hai lakin ground level py logoon ky sath bohut cheat kirty hai**

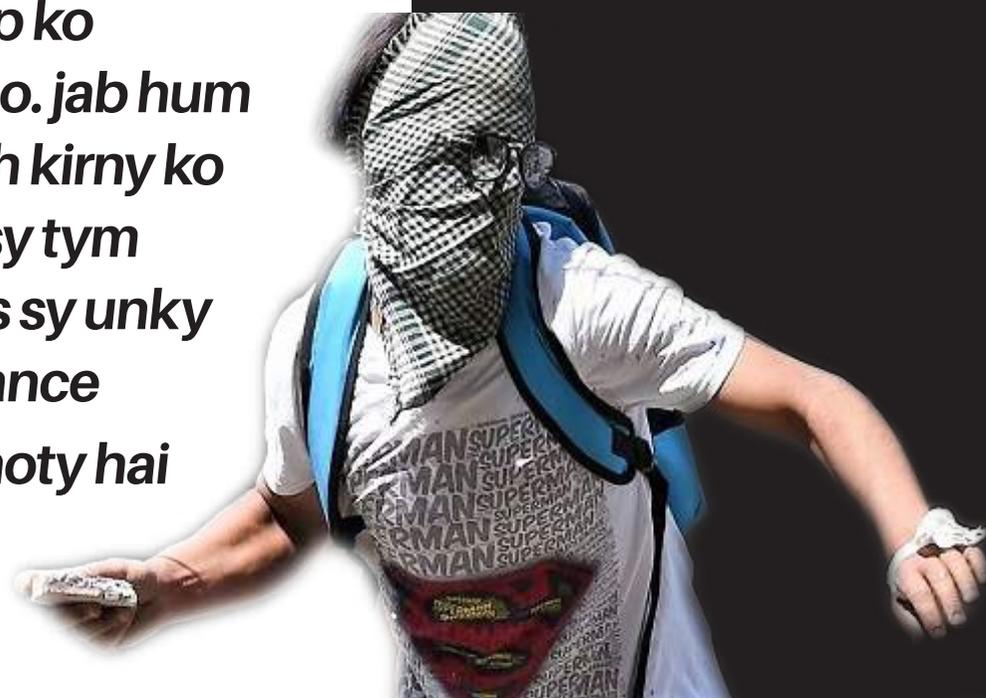
**These are social sites handled by ISI, they contact those persons who are involved before in anti-social activities n tell them that now u hv future, india spoils ur future when they put FIR on u, & after play religion card to them. Yai kàam kabi nai ruka inky traf sy, they target and use those persons who were before jailed**

Unfortunately Govt Nai kabi assy logoon ky upir diyaan hi nai diya, those persons who were before jailed, that is why yaha kabi militants ky recruitment nai ruky

Yai woh loog hai jo, Jin ky upir f.i.R lagy, jail gaye ya Jin ke parents marya gy

**Yai pak. Paid local persons hoty hai. jin ko ladko ko join kirna ka bohot Ashy payment milty hai**

Ab unka nai tareeqa aya hai, woh ladko ko bolty hai ki ap apny ap ko neutral rakho. jab hum yaha sy kuch kirny ko bolengy ussy tym tum kiro. uss sy unky fasny ky chance bilkul Kam hoty hai



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**Mujy bohot baar unho ny contect Kiya, ghar bi aya lalch bi dy ki apko hum bohot pesa dengy but inka real face mai ny jail mai dekha**

**Inko jailoon mai v.i.p protocol milta tha aur monthly**

**tanzeem waly rupya bi dalty thy**

**Haan aur ak baat, yaha bemaari kahny aur py hai aur elaj kahny aur kiya jaraha hai...**

**Wasy akk batavon, yaha sab khud ky liya kir rahy hain People's ko srif use Kiya jata hai, mainstream sy bi, police sy bi aur baqi loog jo influence rakhty hai sab use kirty. jis sy democracy ka real face kabi hum ny dekha hi nai**

**I so worry about kashmir...**

**Yaha youths barbad horaha hai**

**GOD BLESS US**

# Kashmiri Society Will Have To Come Out Of Denial Mode Or

## This Destructive Fire Of Terror Will Burn Us All



**Mourners carrying the body of the principal killed by terrorists in school**  
PIC CREDIT: THEPRINT

by Iqbal WANI

**T**he last few weeks in Kashmir have been extremely tragic. It is highly unfortunate that once again our land has turned red with the blood of innocent people splattered by Pakistan's proxies. This time the victims are poor Golgappa sellers and labourers from Bihar and UP, prominent Kashmiri Pandits and a Sikh Principal, and also numerous Muslims. Leaving aside politics, the murder of innocent people is an extremely inhuman act anywhere and everywhere. It must be condemned by everyone. But the terror has been so severely weaponized by the Pakistani deep state in Kashmir that they don't care about humanity and ethics any more.

Pakistan has created ruthless, inhuman zombies in Kashmir using the power of religion. They execute utter perfidy on ground showing complete disregard for basic human decency and rights. The attackers who committed these gruesome acts need to realize that the language of terror can never dampen the spirit of the always plural Kashmiri ethos. Some Elite Drive The Conflict, The Poor Kashmiris Suffer We know that most of the victims of Pakistan's proxy war in Kashmir have been people belonging to poor farming and labour class. The rich elites have immensely benefitted from the tragedy. Some of these elites continue to validate such acts of violence while enjoying opulent, peaceful lives in Malaysia, Europe,

America and the Gulf. But the common Kashmiris continue to suffer. The suffering Kashmiris include people of all classes – civilians, policemen, security personnel, and now these migrant labourers. I will include even militants among the suffering Kashmiris. Many of them are innocent, gullible youth who are deliberately pushed into the terror ecosystem. This is a brutal fact of this conflict. It is true of conflict anywhere on earth, which often gets overlooked. The poor people like the ones who were brutally murdered know no political and religious barriers. Their only concern is to survive amidst adversity by earning livelihood through blood and sweat. This basic question of

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# Our Silence Won't Help Us

Even though these murders were condemned by some sections of Kashmiri society, but still large sections maintained indifferent silence, while some indulged in conspiracy theories. It is imperative that every section of Kashmiri society rises in unison in forthrightly condemning the dastardly attacks. Till the time Kashmiris as a whole don't stop sanctioning and supporting the violent acts of Pakistan's proxies, the lip service condemnation will mean nothing. This realization has to grow within the large sections of the Kashmiri society. We must understand that for preserving the future of Kashmir's majority and minority communities, we need to delineate our lives - especially our young people - from the growing religious extremist consciousness being driven by Pakistani deep state and its proxies in Kashmir.



Wailing family of non-local labourer killed by terrorists

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livelihood brings thousands of labourers to Kashmir every year despite the turbulent conditions prevailing here. They came here the same way labourers from Jammu and Kashmir go to work in other states during the winters.

## KASHMIR DEPENDS ON MIGRANT LABOUR

Even though this manufactured conflict has raged for three decades, Kashmir has always welcomed the non-local labourers who hail from the various states. They come even from outside

India, like from Nepal. In fact, much of Kashmir's labour force is dependent on states like Bihar and UP.

Unfortunately, the recent attack has created fear and uncertainty among them and they are leaving. Many of them had stayed back even during the Covid lockdowns. They did so probably because of the trust and amity they enjoy with the locals. In Kashmir, the outside labour felt secure and welcome because they were provided with good wages. Unlike the rest of India, they were also provided with free meals and accommodation by the locals.

The state of Jammu and Kash-

mir has always been characterized by communal harmony and rich traditions of brotherhood. These values have stood the test of times even during the most horrendous phases of turmoil in the state. It is difficult to fathom why these poor labourers were targeted. The perpetrators of these attacks need lessons on how the secular and syncretic fabric of Kashmir has survived despite difficult circumstances. They forget the "light" that Mahatma Gandhi saw in Kashmir amidst all the bloody events of the partition in 1947.

The killings are also an indication of the continuation of the vicious cycle of violence and



The site where the golgappe wala killed by terrorists

PIC CREDIT: LIVE HINDUSTAN

death which is now the daily feature. It is sadly the new low of common Kashmiri life despite all the government claims. No one seems to be safe in Kashmir. It is a fallacy to assume that even the majority community is safe. Every day brings the sad news of killings from somewhere. While all this is carrying on, the government seems to be helpless.

## THE LOSS OF THE 1990s MAY HAUNT US AGAIN

There also appears to be an indifference and weariness overtaking Kashmiri civil society regarding the tragic happenings. The rightwing circles continue to stoke hatred on social media in mainland India using Kashmir. It cannot go on like this. There has to be an end to it. But when will this dark phase end? No one is sure about that, given the levels of despair and hopelessness

creeping in.

The basic fact remains that every Kashmiri, regardless of political and religious affiliation, has no choice but to forthrightly condemn such brutal attacks. I cannot stress enough that such attacks are highly condemnable. They not only go against the Kashmiri ethos but also against basic humanity. These attacks never help the cause of social bonding in Kashmir, which suffered irreparable damage in the 1990s because of forced Pandit migration.

We cannot allow the wounds of 1990s to be inflicted all over again because of terror and fear sponsored from Rawalpindi by the vicious generals of Pakistan Army and their local cohorts. The test of any society's humane character is how it treats its minorities. To be honest, we have largely failed this test in the last three decades. It is an abject and shambolic fact of our society which can no longer be brushed under the carpet.

Pakistani-sponsored enterprise

of death, destruction and inhumanity will have to be foiled by the Kashmiris in order to survive as a society. Mere lip service condemnation and evasive attitudes of indulging in absurd conspiracy theories won't help. Kashmiri society will have to come out of the denial mode otherwise this destructive fire of terror is going to burn us all.

Already, the existing fear and insecurity is once again forcing Kashmiri Pandits to leave their homes for safety and survival. Their long cherished dream to return to their homeland is again being snatched by the Pakistan-sponsored terrorists and other proxies. Over the years, this displaced community had to suffer a lot. They are again being ruthlessly targeted for no fault of theirs. Nothing can match the agonized memories of this displaced and repressed community. It is also a matter of extreme shame and denunciation for the majority community in Kashmir.

**PAKISTANI-SPONSORED ENTERPRISE OF DEATH, DESTRUCTION AND INHUMANITY WILL HAVE TO BE FOILED BY THE KASHMIRIS IN ORDER TO SURVIVE AS A SOCIETY. MERE LIP SERVICE CONDEMNATION AND EVASIVE ATTITUDES OF INDULGING IN ABSURD CONSPIRACY THEORIES WON'T HELP**

# MIGRANT WORKERS LEAVING

## The Onus Lies On Us To Stop the Exodus



by Mudasir DAR

No religion allows anyone to be killed in the name of religion. Those behind these killings are the actual cowards this valley has ever seen

**A**part from the beautiful landscapes endowed with heavenly mountains and hills, springs, mesmerizing water bodies and conflict, the Valley of Kashmir is also known globally for its hospitality. Beauty doesn't lie in the Mughal Gardens alone. It also lies in brotherhood and in sharing – in making our land a friendly space. Our land is blessed with good-natured people who are beautiful not only by their faces but by their hearts as well. We Kashmiris are caring people. We look after our guests.

Despite all the chaos and uncertainty over the last few decades, Kashmiris have never forgotten to welcome the guests that come here from every nook and corner of the world or other Indian states. During the harshest of conflict-evolved circumstances and braving all odds, our tradition of serving guests has never died. We receive and welcome our guests through thick and thin.

We have plenty of examples of how Kashmiri people upheld brotherhood and hospitality – be it the 2014 flood, through shutdowns or curfews. Even during the strict Covid lock-

down, Kashmiris sacrificed their convenience to make their guests comfortable. People here consider every tourist or non-local labourer their guest and try to serve them in the best possible way.

The recent innocent killings of non-local migrants have let every one of us down. It has shaken us deeply. Externally we may not be showing it for fear of terrorists. But internally we are shaken.

When non-local poor street vendors and labourers who barely make ends meet are killed hundreds of kilometres away from their homes, it pains. An unarmed civilian comes from Bihar, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh or any other Indian state to Kashmir to earn his livelihood. Making them the target of bullets has collectively shaken the Kashmiri society. Everyone among us is deeply pained seeing the scenes of non-local workers leaving the valley in groups due to a sense of fear of getting killed by terrorists.

No religion on earth allows these things to happen. Those behind these killings are the actual cowards this valley has ever seen. It is a high time we come out of our homes and start protesting against these killings, and save ourselves from



getting blamed for being mute spectators by our Hindu brothers and sisters. We will never be able to forgive ourselves if we won't raise our voice against this exodus.

### **KASHMIR CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT THE NON-LOCAL LABOUR**

The migrant workers are an important part of our society. We cannot afford to let them go. Our economic, social, agricultural, construction and even

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**Safeguarding the needy in crucial times is what my religion teaches me. It is what my beloved Prophet Mohammed (SAW) has taught me about "safety of others"**

### **Our Religious Leaders, Our Seminaries Must Stop Migrant Workers From Leaving**

**We should not allow the non-local labourers to leave with a bitter taste from a region, which is known for its hospitality around the world. We should make them feel they are in the same place where they chose to make a living by showing them sympathy and offering them free space.**

**The fear that they feel must not end our relationship with the migrant workers. The onus lies on us to open the doors for them and stop the exodus. The least that a common citizen of this valley can do is to condemn and protest against these killings. Our religious leaders and seminaries must come forward to stop the migrant workers from leaving. We must show them that we care for their lives and that they are an important part of our society.**

domestic workforce are being provided by them. They are here to make their ends meet. It is our duty to stand for the destitute and oppressed.

Leaving these non-local labourers is also worrisome for our society. The co-existence that we were witnessing despite all chaos over the last few decades will come to an end if it is not prevented. The need of the hour is to come out and condemn these brutal and innocent killings in every capacity we can, and open the doors of our homes for these poor workers who are being targeted.

I recall that some days before when I was at home, I got a call from some non-local migrant labour who used to work in my village. The man was frightened by the killings and requested me to shelter him for some days. I brought him home.

The next day the man got a call from the concerned police station to submit his Aadhar card. When he came back, he told me that he would leave



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the next day. When I asked him what happened, tears started rolling from his eyes. I couldn't control my emotions and hugged him tearfully. He had only one question. "Why are we being killed? For what reason?" The man has been here for 15 years. He has never witnessed what he is seeing today.

**OUR SIKH BROTHERS HELPED US WHEN WE NEEDED HELP. IT IS OUR TURN NOW**

We remember what our Sikh brothers did for all Kashmiris in 2019. After the Pulwama

attack in which 40 CRPF men were killed, every Kashmiri was being asked to leave the Indian states. The Sikh brothers opened their gurudwaras and helped thousands of Kashmiris by providing them with shelter and other related things. They used Khalsa Aid to help panic-stricken Kashmiri students, and helped them to come back to the valley.

At this crucial juncture, the migrant labour and the minorities need us and our religious organisations to safeguard them from these terrorist activities the way they helped us and safeguarded our people in 2019 after the Pulwama attack. Safeguarding the needy in crucial times is what my religion teaches me. It is what my beloved Prophet Mohammed

(SAW) has taught me about "safety of others". This is what Islam is about.

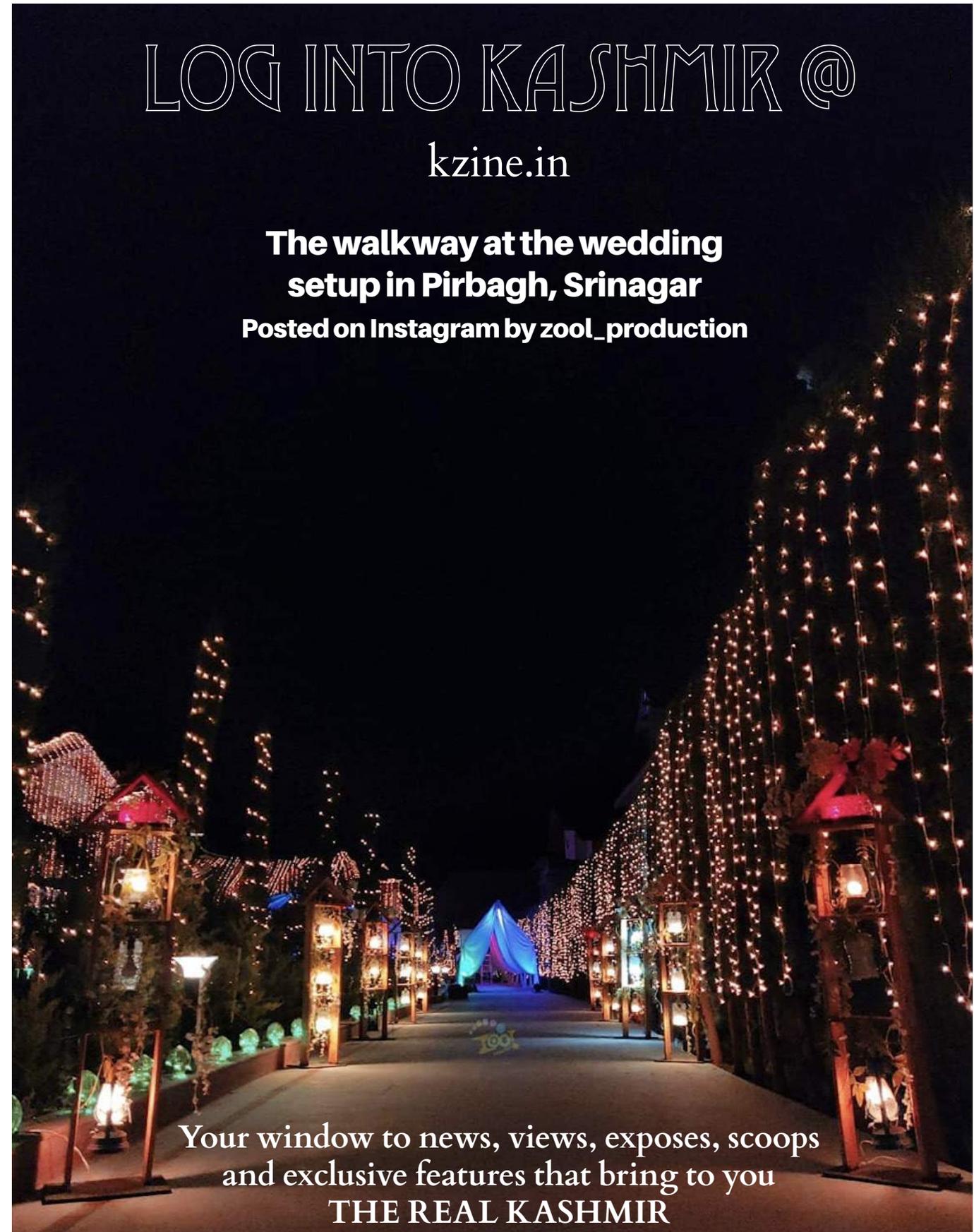
These people need us as much as we need them, as much as we needed them in the past. At the same time, we must condemn and boycott the hate being manufactured by some Indian media houses. They are accusing and blaming every Kashmiri, and negatively labeling the people of Kashmir. Their attitude is totally wrong. No humane heart stands with those known or unknown killers who target peace-loving and destitute civilians.

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# Perversion: The State Administration That Appointed Geelani Grandson

PRIME EXAMPLE OF HOW SEPARATISM WAS INCENTIVIZED

Duplicity Of Kashmiri Separatists - They Happily Benefitted From The Largesse Of The State They Claimed To Hate

by Waseem GUL

In mid October, the J&K Administration terminated the services of Anees ul Islam, the grandson of late Syed Ali Geelani and son of jailed separatist leader Altaf Shah alias Fantoosh. Anees was dismissed from service "in the interests of the state's security."

Anees ul Islam had been appointed as Research Officer in Kashmir International Convention Center (KICC) of J&K Tourism Department in 2016. His appointment had remained mired in debate and controversy. The reason: his secessionist family background and their role in the violent protests and agitations in Kashmir.

The 2016 agitation, for example, was the brainchild of Jamaat-e-Islami and The All Parties Hurriyat Conference, a notorious amalgamation of secessionists. This was also called as the Burhan Wani agitation,

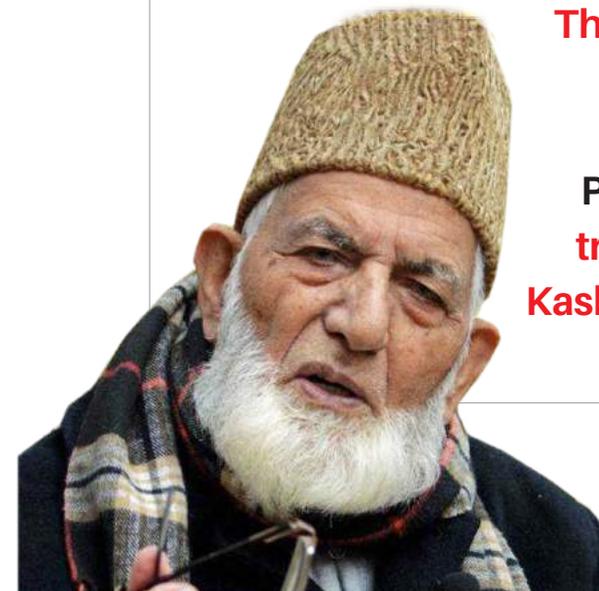
which had claimed over 100 lives besides destruction of public property worth crores. The stated objective of these organizations has been the secession of J&K from the Union of India and its merger with Pakistan. Anees ul Islam's father Altaf Ahmad Shah and maternal grandfather Syed Ali Shah Geelani were the chief proponents of this anti-India cartel.

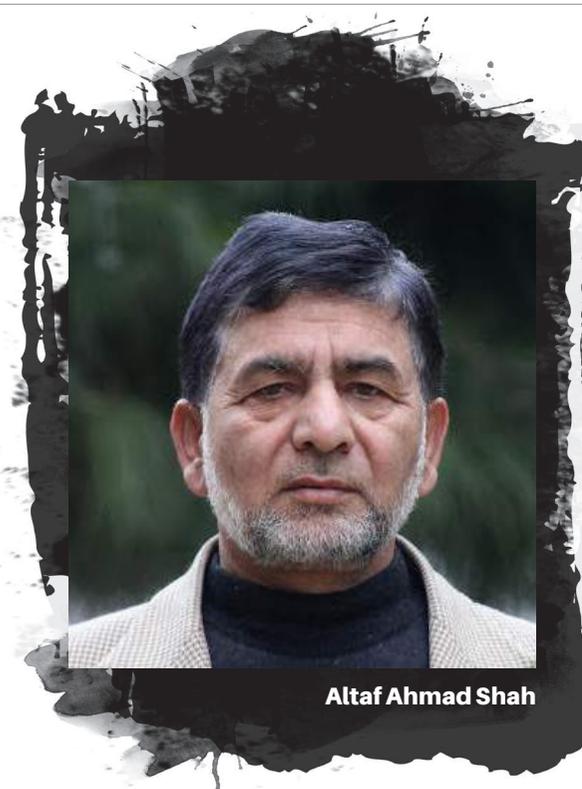
It is common knowledge in Kashmir that Anees ul Islam and his family have always been at the forefront of anti-India activities in Kashmir valley. Being staunch supporters of terrorism and separatism, the family members of Anees ul Islam have proven culpability in abetting and facilitating terror-related activities on multiple occasions. Many of the violent protests in Kashmir that have led to hundreds of killings have been carried out at the behest of the family of Anees ul Islam.



Anees ul Islam, Grandson of Syed Ali Geelani

The grandson of the MOST NOTORIOUS ANTI-INDIA ENTITY in Kashmir bestowed with a GOVERNMENT POSITION - this is both an irony and a tragedy. It speaks volumes about how Kashmir SEPARATISM WAS INCENTIVIZED and rewarded by the state





Altaf Ahmad Shah

terrorism. Geelani remained the face of violent Kashmiri separatism till ISI sidelined him after abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

At least two other close family members of Anees ul Islam have been found actively involved in secessionism and terrorism. Altaf Ahmad Shah was among the first founder members of Islami Jamat-e-Tulba (IJT) J&K, the student wing of Jamat-e-Islami, and remained its Nazim-e-Zilla (District President) Srinagar. Jamat-e-Tulba tried to catch students and youth early and embed secessionist thinking among them.

Over a period of time, with his deep-rooted connections in Jamaat e Islami, Altaf Ahmad Shah became one of the executive members of Tehreek-i-Hurriyat led by his father-in-law Syed Ali Shah Geelani. Altaf Ahmed Shah is presently lodged in the Tihar Jail in a terror funding case charge-sheeted by NIA.

Jamaat e Islami's armed wing is terror outfit Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), a globally designated terror group. Jamaat e Islami is also responsible for fomenting and sustaining terrorism in the valley through multiple terror groups. It advocates and practices the use of violence for seceding J&K from Union of India.

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### **CLOSE FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN SECESSIONISM AND TERRORISM**

Syed Ali Shah Geelani, the maternal grandfather of Anees ul Islam and head of Tehreek-e-Hurriyat (G) was a hardcore secessionist who openly advocated the use of violence as means to secede J&K from Union of India and its merger with Pakistan. Geelani is involved in over 100 FIRs across J&K for hate speeches, advocating violence and protests, delivering provocative speeches against the Indian establishment and security forces, calling for boycott of elections to the democratic institutions of India and J&K, besides glamourizing

The group responsible for the recent spike in violence in the valley is The Resistance Front, TRF. This is believed to be an off shoot of Lashkar e Toiba. But all the valley-based groups largely depend on the JeI and the HM for their local logistics. The JeI and HM use coercion and fear as means to gain local support.

### **HOW THE STATE ALLOWED ITSELF TO BE ARM-TWISTED BY GEELANI**

It is difficult to believe that a family with such strong secessionist antecedents and proven culpability in incidents of violence could so easily place themselves in government positions without the active support from within the system. Why were there no red flags from

the intelligence agencies? Why did the state allow itself to be arm-twisted by Geelani?

According to sources, the appointment of Anees ul Islam as a Research Officer in SKICC in 2016 was a highly suspicious move. It is alleged that Anees ul Islam's appointment straightaway to a Gazette grade equivalent position in the government-funded and controlled SKICC was a deal to bring down violence during Burhan Wani agitation. It can be investigated whether this was a deal between the then politico-administrative framework and the Tehrik-e-Hurriyat leadership, which was responsible for orchestrating and leading the violence. Geelani, being the head of the Tehrik, was believed to have entered into a quid pro quo with the state government.

Credible technical evidence against Anees ul Islam remains a matter of confidentiality. The people of the country have a right to know the details of his transactions with the ISI. It is not a matter of coincidence that within weeks of his return from Pakistan, Anees ul Islam was appointed to a permanent public position fully funded by government in a manner that has now been found out to be highly irregular and flouted established norms.

### **WHY GIVING A GOVT JOB TO ANEES UL ISLAM WAS A PREMEDITATED DECISION**

That, it was a premeditated decision to bestow government funded public employment to Anees ul Islam is evident from a number of facts:

(a) There was no urgency of filling in the post which was lying vacant since 2005.

(c) No merit list, an absolute must in any selection proceeding whatsoever, was prepared.

(d) In fact, right from the start, that is, at the time of advertising the post, the process was rigged by avoiding to notify the scheme of examination or criteria of deciding merit. This is another basic minimum norm which is invariably followed by any selection committee or body.

(e) This is further evidenced by the fact that the appointment of Anees ul Islam was in complete contravention of several judicial pronouncements that have crystallized the settled legal norm on how much weightage should be given to interview marks while deciding merit. Weightage given to interview marks were deliberately increased against laid out judicial norms 25% (20% to interview and 5% to personality).

It is also relevant to note that the position of Re-

## **Ruwa Shah**

**Ruwa Shah is Geelani's granddaughter and the real sister of Anees ul Islam. Ruwa is a journalist by profession, and the multimedia heir of the separatist family. Ruwa writes for various international journals and also hosts the Ruwa Shah Show broadcasted by South Africa based Salaam Media. Through her show, Ruwa propagates false narratives against the Indian government based on factually incorrect data. Brought up in Kashmir under the largesse of the Indian government and**



**the protection of state forces, Ruwa Shah has shifted base to Turkey from where she spearheads the anti-India narrative.**

**It may be pertinent to mention that a large number of anti-India Kashmiri activists have found shelter in Turkey since 2015. Turkey has become the new epicenter of the narrative war against India. Ruwa Shah played the victim card all this while, and continues to do so daily. Ruwa Shah uses her media and social media skills through the gullible platforms to spread the ideologies of her father and grandfather. Happily, her brother continued to enjoy state patronage with full benefits of a government job in India.**



as a Teacher (RReT) in 2010.

Farooq was involved in building a terror network in Doda district with the ultimate objective of waging war against the Union of India.

Farooq's family members supported him in his act and were staunch supporters of terrorism. The family members were not only aware of the intentions and activities of Farooq but were equally liable for abetting and facilitating terror-related activities. Farooq associated himself in providing logistic support and shelter to the terrorists and thus facilitated planning and launching of terror attacks.

Farooq's brother Mohd Amin Butt aka Haroon Khu-baib has been found to have been actively involved in terrorism. Amin is an active Pak trained Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorist. He is presently operating from POK. He was once a dreaded terrorist and operated in the erstwhile Doda district from 1997 to 2007. Butt was involved in ten terror-related cases including three murder cases. He exfiltrated to Pakistan in 2007 to take

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search Officer in KICC which was handed over to Anees ul Islam is a very sensitive position. KICC is the most prestigious convention and conferencing facility of the J&K Government which is used for very high level meetings and conferences. It is sensitive from the view point of the topics and subjects dealt during seminars, symposia and workshops. It is also sensitive from the view point of the VIPs under high level of threat who attend the events. Very recently the President of India presided over the convocation ceremony of the University of Kashmir. Can the responsibility of such an important establishment be handed over to a person who has been deeply embedded in anti-India activities?

### **FAROOQ BHAT**

The services of one Farooq Ahmad Bhat of Pahgsoo, Doda, have been terminated under national security reasons. Farooq was appointed as Rehbar-e-Taleem (ReT) in the Education Department in 2005. After completion of five years of service, he was regularized

up an important position in LeT.

### **HOW SEPARATISM WAS INCENTIVIZED, REWARDED BY THE STATE**

It is a matter of concern that these anti state entities had survived the scrutiny of the intelligence community and the mandatory background checks. The grandson of the most notorious anti India entity in Kashmir bestowed with a government position – this is both an irony and a tragedy. It speaks volumes about how Kashmir separatism was earlier addressed by the state. It was incentivized and rewarded by the state.

At the same time, another fact must also be considered. Syed Ali Geelani and his family consistently berated and belittled the Constitution of India. Geelani's grandson chose to depend on India for a government job with a plush, regular salary. This speaks volumes about the duplicitous nature of Kashmiri separatism.

## **Anees ul Islam Was Engaged in Anti-India Activities**

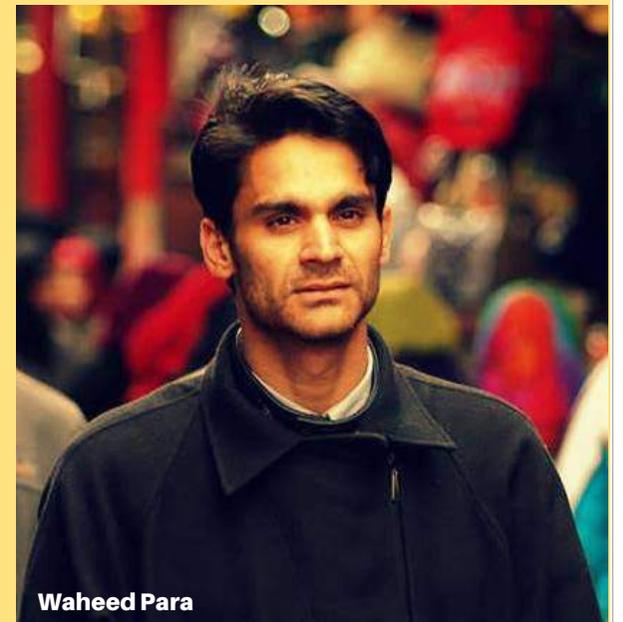
### **Mehbooba Govt Offered Him Job Through Waheed Para To Lure Geelani To End 2016 Agitation**

**C**redible sources confirm that prior to his appointment in government service, Anees ul Islam used to facilitate the operations of drones in and around Srinagar city with a team of his anti-India friends. The drones were used to shoot live footage of law and order incidents and other events that could be used as content for anti-India propaganda by ISI.

Such activities of clearly indicate the hidden agenda of Anees ul Islam being carried out on the behest of his close family members who were at the forefront of fomenting terrorism in the UT of J&K.

Anees ul Islam managed to get an out-of-turn job as research officer in SK International Convention Center (SKICC), a subsidiary wing of the J&K tourism department, during Mehbooba Mufti government in 2016. The Mufti government through Waheed-ud-din Para, Mehbooba's key aide, offered the job to Geelani's grandson in lieu of calling off the protests across Kashmir Valley after the killing of Hizbul terrorist Burhan Wani in an encounter.

Notably, the government issued an advertisement calling for application from aspirants with MBA degree for the post of research officer in SKICC. However, no candidate was called for interview except Geelani's grandson Anees-ul-islam. He was thereafter selected for the post. Records



**Waheed Para**

reveal that he was already working on the said post as ad havoc staff member.

The clouds of suspicion on the security concern of Anees ul Islam also can be weighed from the fact that the issuance of his passport was stamped as 'not recommended' by the state intelligence apparatus (CID) in 2008. However, taking advantage of the gaps and weaknesses in the system, Anees ul Islam succeeded in his maneuvers and secured a passport on the orders of Hon'ble High Court of J&K to visit foreign countries.

# THE ASPIRING KASHMIRI YOUTH

## Kashmir's maiden privately-owned library is trending



by Bisma NAZIR

**K**ashmiri youth are hard working and aspirational. Akin to the youth globally, Kashmiri boys and girls also want to create a bright, happy future for themselves and enjoy a rich and fulfilling career.

Study Lounge, the maiden privately-owned 24X7 library in the heart of Srinagar city is testimony to the hard work and perseverance of Kashmiri youth. The library has become a popular haunt for students and readers from all over Kashmir.

The library houses a large number of books and operates round the clock. It has gained popularity among the youth and also among serious readers.

Sofia Bashir, who had done Bachelor in Dental Science (BDS) and is now preparing for her Masters degree, is a frequent visitor to Study Lounge. Sofiya says the environment of the library is perfect for long hours of study. "It is bliss to study in an environment which is completely

silent. One can focus so much better. Those who come here frequently to study have made it their favourite place for study. We can also leave our reading material here if we wish to," she said. "The library is under CCTV surveillance from the main gate to the interiors. This is very reassuring from the security front. It provides a safe environment to every member of the library," she said.

Amir Bashir from Shopian has done M.Tech, and is currently pursuing PhD from the University of Kashmir has positive feedback for the library. "I enjoy the quiet, peaceful atmosphere of the library and I like studying here. All students seek a noise free environment to study. The library provides us with the requisite space," he said.

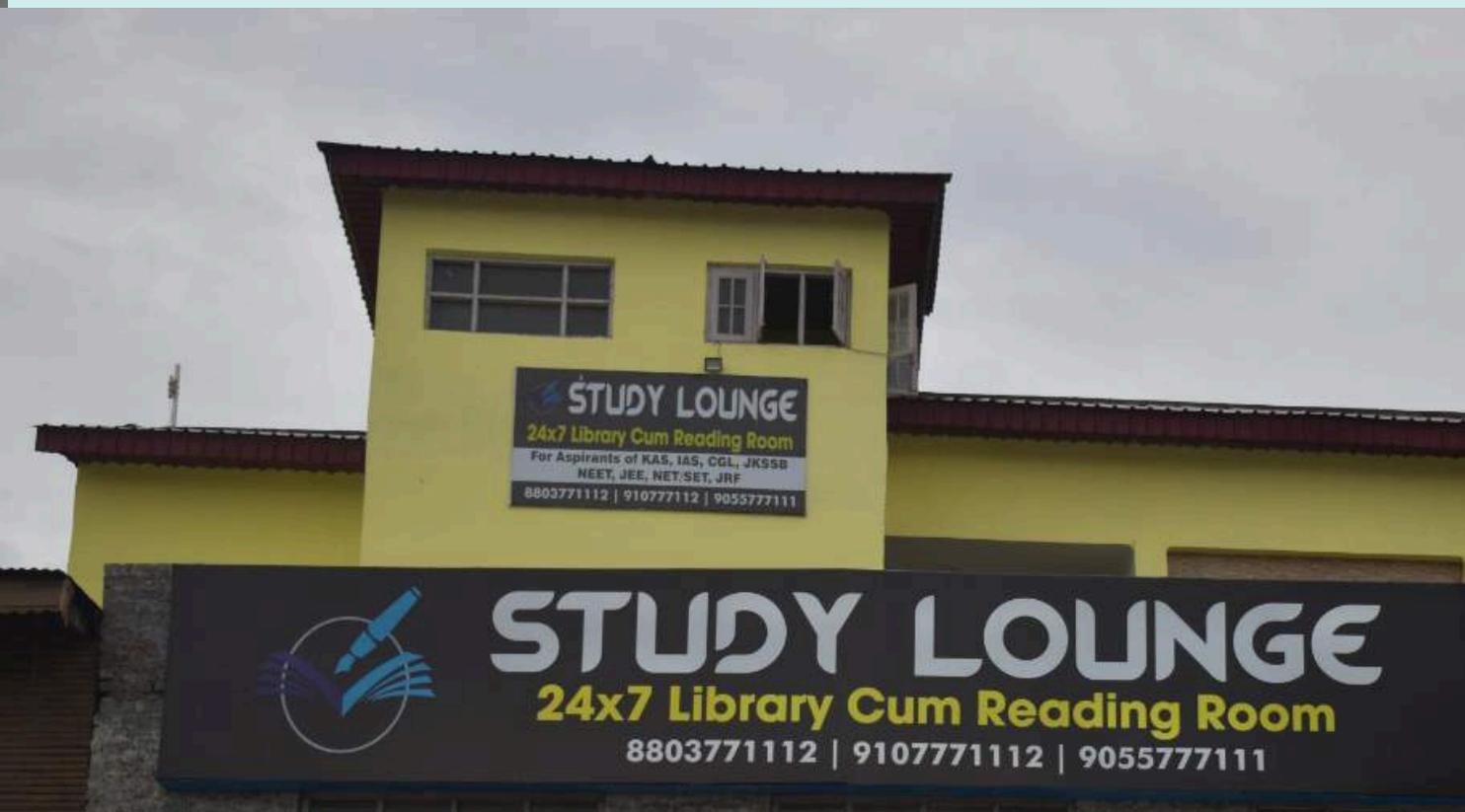
Is the library suitable for study during late night hours? Sofia informed that the library is a secure place for all students, whether they are boys or girls. "There is CCTV surveillance. A security guard is also deputed here around the clock. Hence the library offers good protection for all students round the clock," she said.

Students studying at the library said

that the charges are also reasonable. Even students with limited means find it convenient to study here in an environment free from disturbance.

The library provides daily newspapers and magazines for the students. It also tries to provide the relevant material to students aspiring to clear medical or engineering exams, or prepare for UPSC. Many students at the library gave the feedback that they are not able to concentrate at home, but they are able to focus well at the library. Students said that they find the library a convenient space for learning, making notes, completing an assignment etc.

The students studying here appreciated the calm and disciplined atmosphere at the library, when they said helped them to concentrate well. Many students said that they were inspired by the positive feedback that they received from other students about this space. "We have enough space in our homes to study. Here in the library, we get only a two-foot space to study. But this two-foot space becomes a major the investment into our future," said a student.



## WE WANT TO OPEN MORE SUCH LIBRARIES IN KASHMIR OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS

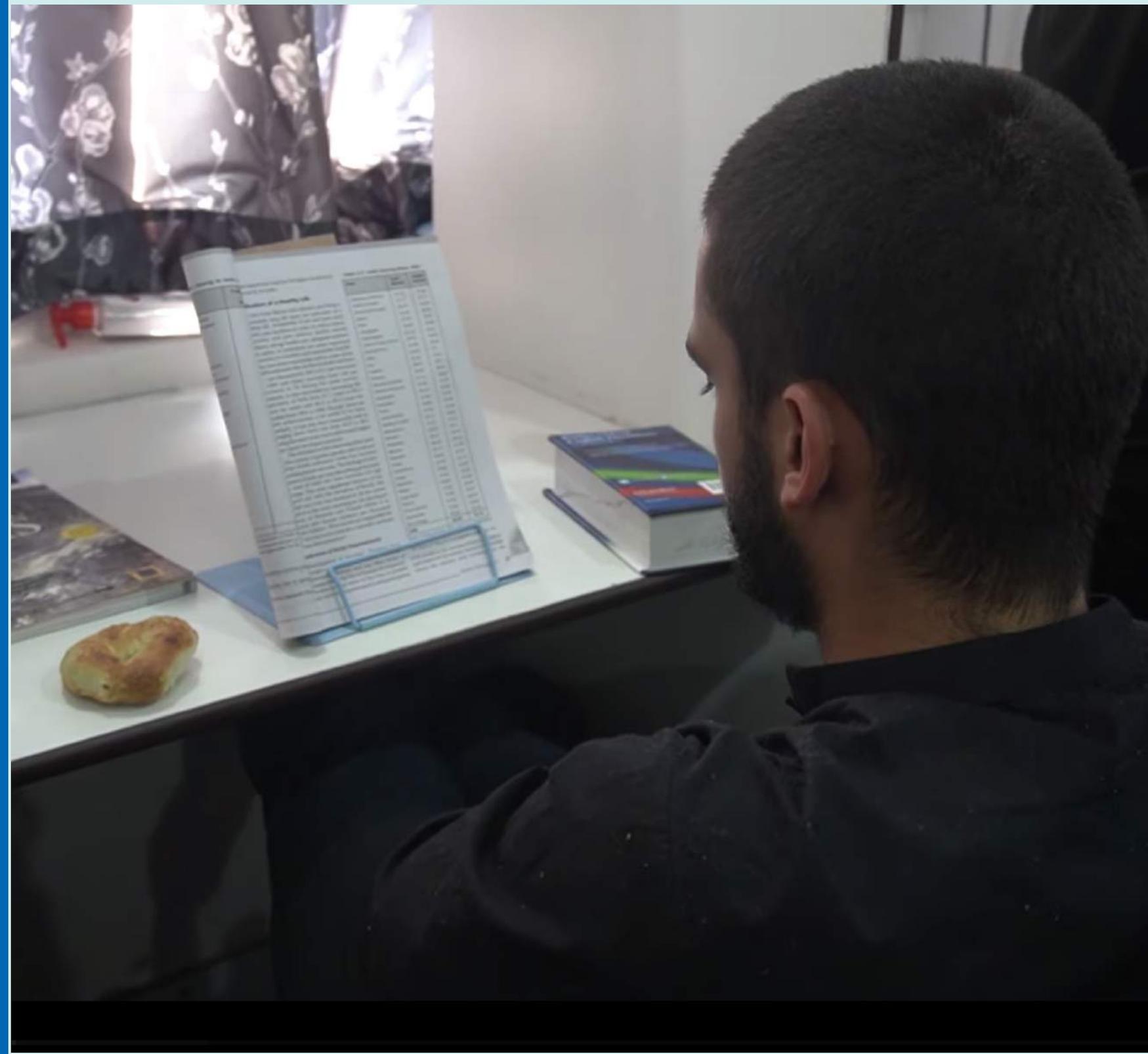
**DEESHAN JALLU**

Talking to KZINE, the owner of the library Deeshan Jallu said that he set up the private library in August 2021. Jallu says that since the time he was doing MBA in New Delhi, he had nursed the dream that he should provide such space for students. "When I was doing MBA, I used to visit some libraries for study. I observed that every 10 kilometers, a good private library would be available. It occurred to me that when the students outside Kashmir have this facility, it should also be available to the students of Kashmir. Since then the idea had been whirling in my mind that when I go back to my home town, I should open a library to enable the youth to study in an appropriate environment."

Jallu informed that this is the valley's first private library. "We are happy to have provided a large space to students where all the facilities of a good library are available. We feel very happy when we receive positive feedback from the students who come here to study. In the coming years, we may open more branches of Study Lounge in other parts of Kashmir," he informed.

Jallu said that he is always happy to see the enthusiasm among the youth for study. "We get students from all districts of Kashmir. The incredible thing is that in Kashmir, parents want that their girls should be at home before 6 pm. But I have seen the girls engaged in serious study leaving the library even at 11 pm. All the students know that they are studying in a safe, secure atmosphere. Hence they can study at peace," he said.





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