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The abrogation of Article 370 has ushered a fresh new chapter in the Valley's governance. While the administration is determined to change the past patterns marred by selfish agendas and lack of ethics, the road is not all smooth. The hawk-eyed adversaries and the manipulation of common perception are a challenge.

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LEADERS, HAVE A HEART!

Will our politicians ever grow up and step beyond pettiness and personal vendetta and work towards the State's development and people's good.

Big risks have big rewards. One has to take risks, though calculated, to make an imprint on one's landscape in whatever capacity. Also, one has to step beyond one's small-mindedness to bring bigger evolution.

A majority of the political leadership in Jammu & Kashmir could not walk the talk yet again, which is unfortunate. Hypocrites as they are, the leaders conspicuously stayed away from the flag-hoisting ceremony, marking the culmination of the *Bharat Jodo Yatra* at the historical Lal Chowk in Srinagar. It was the only event within the geographical limits of Jammu & Kashmir which the National Conference and PDP leadership missed deliberately. But the next day, they were readily available at Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium to hand out advice to the government on a host of issues. How would they explain their absence from the flag-hoisting ceremony, when a day before and after, they were rubbing shoulders with Rahul Gandhi?

Rahul Gandhi's *Bharat Jodo Yatra*, as elaborated in the last edition of *Kashmir Central*, should be seen from an entirely different and a new perspective. From the moment it entered Kashmir, it carried a meaning. And the political leadership should have been conscious of its far-reaching impact. Staying away from the flag-hoisting ceremony only reflects on their duplicity and dubious credentials. It would have been in the fitness of things if Sayed Altaf Bukhari of Apni Party and Sajad Gani Lone of People's Conference too had joined the flag hoisting ceremony at Lal Chowk. As for Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, it was petty on their part to stay away.

Bashir Assad

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WINDS OF CHANGE... AND CHALLENGES

Following the abrogation of Article 370, the administration in Jammu & Kashmir has seen a clear shift. With better accountability, improved work culture and evolved governance, things have looked promising. But the common man's unrest at the anti-encroachment drive and the negative propaganda by State's adversaries, seem to be a challenge. Can the administration fight these, is the question.

by **Bashir Assad**



POST Abrogation of Article 370, much has changed on ground in Jammu and Kashmir. The UT Administration has reinforced accountability and a serious work culture. The delivery system has improved, and so has the efficiency in the provision of a hassle-free administration to the public. There are serious efforts in improving the governance system.



But what really hasn't changed is the manufacturing of conspiracy theories.

The argument could be best illustrated by an anecdote. Four years back, when upgradation and four-laning of the Srinagar-Jammu national highway was at its initial stages, a known terror apologist and the teacher at the

Central University of Kashmir, wrote that the upgradation was a part of the bigger project of colonial ambitions of New Dehli. Interestingly, the discourse before the project was that the Srinagar-Jammu national highway was deliberately being left out as a part of a conspiracy against

the people of Kashmir! How conveniently they change their narratives sometimes!

There is a popular saying in Kashmir that in the old times, an underprivileged community - also considered 'untouchable' - would fight when a groom would arrive with his baraat. There would be a fight if the baraat was accompanied by dhamaalas (folk dancers). There would be fight if it was not accompanied by dhamaalas. It was a given that the parents of the bride would fight with the bridegroom's relatives on 'kyun laaye' as much as on 'kyun nahin laaye (why folk dancers are accompanying or why not accompanying). This is precisely how the adversaries of the State in Kashmir have been operating for years. You do something,





it's seen as a conspiracy. If you don't do anything, it is again a 'conspiracy'.

It is always very important to understand the dynamics of the State before taking a step - positive or negative. It is undeniable that people from all walks of life – be it business, media or any other – feel that in the present times, the governance has improved a lot. Yet, the governance has to suffer severe jolts almost daily. The steps taken in the interest of the general public are often projected as anti-people. And the innocent public tends to believe it.

Allow us to present two important observations:

1. The North Block and the South Block at Raisena Hills in New Dehli are very clear in their intentions that whatever was required to be done in order to bring normalcy to the trouble-torn region of Jammu and Kashmir, was done on Aug 5, 2019. Now it is incumbent upon the Jammu and Kashmir government to

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take people on board and give them respite. For Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, abrogation of Article 370 and re-organisation of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories, was a monumental decision with far-reaching implications. For them, the chapter is closed and it should be the local administration that should work towards rebuilding Jammu and Kashmir.

There is an emphasis on earning goodwill of the larger under-privileged sections of the society. For New Delhi, Kashmir is beyond Lal Chowk and Dal Lake. Home Minister Amit Shah is particularly clear on reaching out to the deprived sections of the Valley. There is a rejection of the elitist and

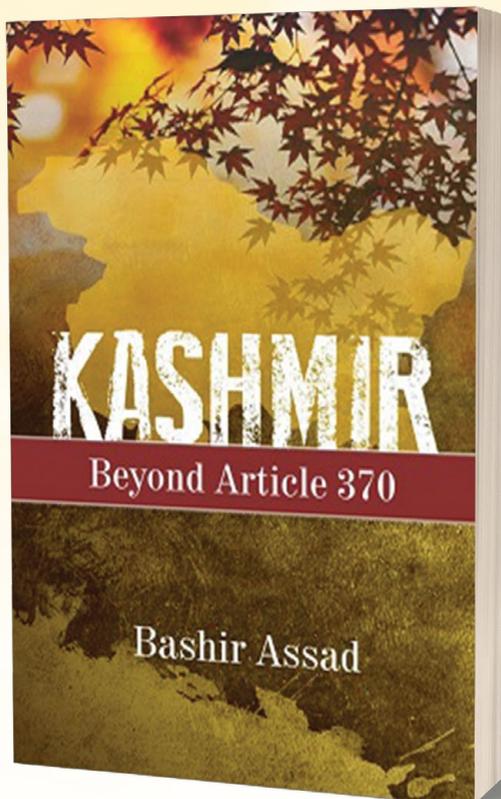
the VIP culture. There are hundreds of schemes that could be hugely beneficial to the non-elites and of course, people are benefitting to a great extent. The schemes are devised to reach out to those who were left out by the former regimes in Jammu & Kashmir.

As mentioned earlier, there is remarkable improvement in the delivery system and people appreciate it.

However, at the same time, the discourse unfortunately remains the same. There are conspiracy theories being attached and attributed to every action of the Government. The national and international media, particularly, have been a breeding ground for articulation of such negative discourse. Because of this,



Provocative, insightful and passionately argued, *Kashmir: Beyond Article 370* brings a unique perspective to an increasingly polarized debate on the dilution of Article 370 and 35A of the Indian Constitution and subsequent bifurcation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories. On one hand, the book raises some interesting but out of



sight issues that moulded public opinion in favour of the scrapping of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. On the other hand, it accurately highlights the anti-India provocations leading to the unprecedented August 5 decision by the Indian Parliament. The book reveals how the government of India was prompted to do away with the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and how the people in Kashmir responded to the situation that emerged in the wake of the Indian Parliament's August 5 decision. The book provides a fascinating account of the events that actually added to the ideological commitment of the BJP government in revoking the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. It gives a detailed account of the challenges the Indian state faces in Kashmir post-Article 370 abrogation and explores what could be a possible way out. The book suggests that revulsion against religious extremism is pivotal in dealing with terrorism in all its manifestations.



people of all shades and sects are trapped in certain false notions. And there are little efforts towards dispelling these notions. No wonder then that the adversaries of the Indian state are still successful in running smear campaigns against the State.

2. The UT Administration is working tirelessly towards improving the governance in Jammu & Kashmir and has clearly made significant advancement towards achieving its goals. There is appreciation for hard work and sincere efforts for providing better administration to the people. That said, the UT administration sometimes goes in for hasty decisions that create more confusion than not. Take, for instance, the fresh controversy over retrieval of State land from illegal occupancy. The decision was initially hailed by a majority of the people because the government had made it clear that only the

big fish would be targeted. It would not be an exaggeration to state that the common people were looking at it from the same view of August 2019. They were all set to enjoy and celebrate but the eviction party reached their own doorsteps! As of now, there is complete chaos from Lakhanpur to Lolab. People are facing a peculiarly uncertain situation. Because now, the common layman who's encroached a few marlas, is the one being targeted. The big sharks are somehow managing to defer the action against them, while the common man is in the net. There were assurances from LG Manoj Sinha that the small encroachers won't be touched, but well, the public does have a short memory. A single action that ruffles the common man, occupies the general mind-space more than hundreds of actions which may have benefitted him in many other ways. And alas, the propaganda

machinery is as quick as a high intensity wind to spread disinformation and create fear in the minds of people. Many international media houses have, all of a sudden, got a stick to beat the Indian State with. Exclusive news stories, special features and documentaries are being aired to present a shoddy and grim picture of Jammu and Kashmir. Though the anti-encroachment drive has been started in both the regions of Jammu & Kashmir with the same intensity, the picture that is being painted shows gloom for the Kashmir region alone. A readymade conspiracy theory is on the top of the rumour mill according to which, the eviction drive is aimed at settling the non-locals in the Kashmir valley. The average mind has no reason not to be influenced by these rumours because there are little efforts to counter such propaganda. And it is human nature to feel insecure in the absence of a convincing argument followed by a serious action.

Well, it was after a 30-year spell of chaos and confusion that people had just started reposing their faith in the system. But a hasty decision seems to have shattered the trust in a single drive.

Honestly, the government needs to look into what could be its undoing, despite best intentions.



ENCROACH

NO MORE

by **Mian Tufail**

CONTINUING an anti-encroachment drive against influential land-grabbers, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has started a massive drive to retrieve government-encroached land.

The drive started with the demolition of the Humhama (Srinagar) residence of Ali Mohammad Sagar, a former minister and the present General Secretary of the National Conference.

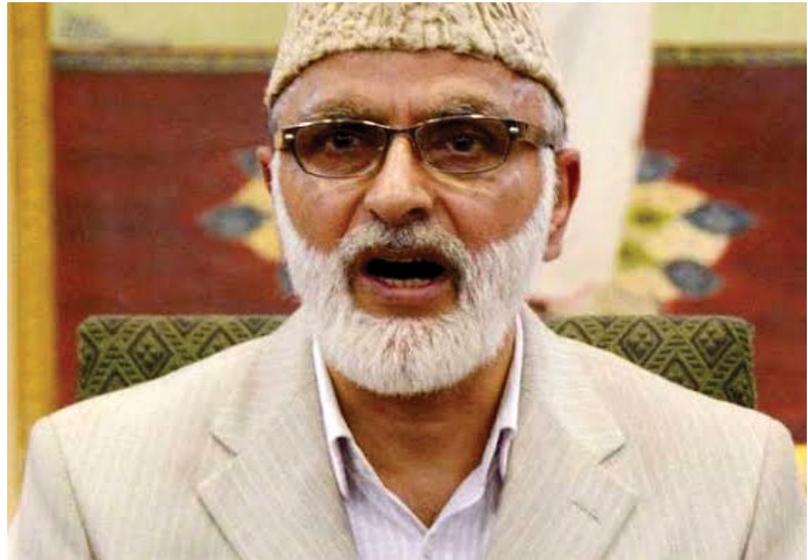
The Jammu & Kashmir Administration has started an anti-encroachment drive across the State to retrieve government land. Many leaders and bigwigs face the axe. And some poor commoners too bear the brunt for a fault that may not necessarily be theirs.

The government has prepared a list of big encroachers who will be targeted during the drive launched across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Denouncing the Opposition's claims that the government was fulfilling the philosophy of the RSS in Kashmir, the J&K government reiterated that only influential land-grabbers would be taken to task and the poor that had built structures on government land, would be spared during the drive.

The government maintains that the encroachers will be targeted in both the provinces of J&K and the list has already been prepared and despatched by the Revenue Department.

BIG NAMES FEEL THE HEAT

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Ali Mohammad Sagar was the first to face the brunt



for his encroachment of government land. Then, after two days, a bull-dozer was moved to Anantnag district to carry out the demolition of illegal structures by National Conference and Congress leaders.

A massive anti-encroachment drive has been reported against Peerzada Mohd Syed, former Congress Minister; Syed Farooq Andrabi, former legislator from Dooru and Ex

MoS, and heirs of former Chief Minister Syed Mir Qasim, at Dooru.

Altaf Ahmad Kaloo and Abdul Majeed Larmi, both known faces of the National Conference in South Kashmir, too face demolition. But on asked, both have denied any such drive against them and have called the reports 'baseless'.

Altaf Kaloo shared a document with *Kashmir Central* that mentions that Tehsildar



Ashmuqam has denied any demolition against his name and stated that he hadn't grabbed any government land. The document reads: "The allegations levelled in press cuttings are not correct and are baseless as no land is recorded in his name at 3RR unit Ashmuqam."

At Ara Khoshipora, one kanal of Kahcharie land under the alleged occupation of Peerzada Mohd Sayeed, was retrieved. Another 15 kanals of Shamilat land which had been occupied by the heirs of Syed Mir Qasim, former Chief Minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, have also been retrieved by a team led by Tehsildar, Dooru.

Similarly, the family of Syed Farooq Andrabi, former legislator from Dooru had encroached upon two kanals and seven marlas of Shamilat-4 land, by way of orchards at Shistergam.

DENIAL & DRAMA

Salman Sagar, the kin of Ali Mohammad Sagar, rejected the claim that a commercial building was razed down, as reported by the media. He claimed it was their residential house where the family was staying at Humhama.

Talking to KC, he instead said, "The government has destroyed our residential house under the façade of reforms. We had not built the house on government land. Instead, a four kanal land was registered under

the name of my mother. There are proper documents with permissions and registrations that the administration has not even asked for".

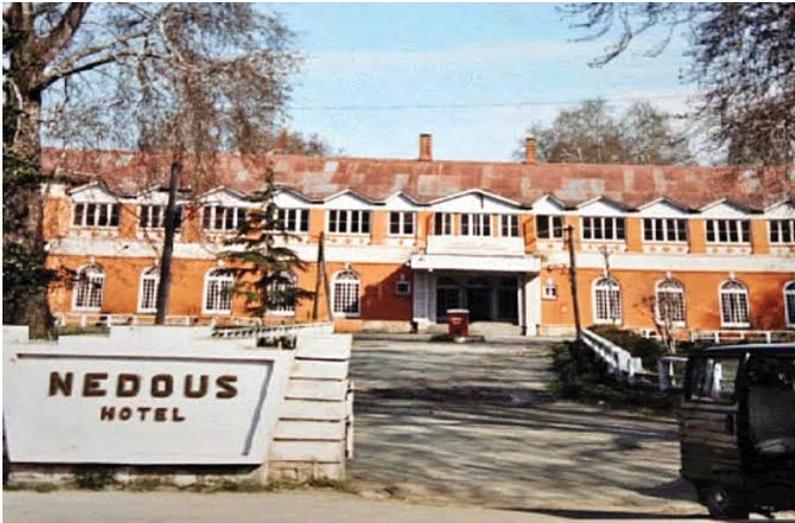
Also, he added, "we were not served any prior notice before the demolition. The family

wasn't at Humhama. This shows a rather inhuman approach on the part of the officials concerned".

Salman felt that the drive against them was "systematically pre-planned. Earlier, a couple of days back, our security was

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withdrawn without notice. This clearly reflects the political vendetta against my father and our party”.

On Tuesday, a drama unfolded when authorities tried to retrieve the illegal possession of a 40 kanal land under the famous Nedous Hotel. Pertinently, Nedous Hotel belongs to the maternal uncles of Srinagar MP and JKNC President Farooq Abdullah. Muzaffar Shah, Farooq Abdullah’s nephew, created quite a ruckus in front of the demolition squad. He maintained that Nedous had a possession of land since 1835, before the rule of Maharaja Gulab Singh. He accused that the government was selectively targeting political opponents to score some brownie points.

Similarly, in another eviction drive by the District Administration, Jammu, retrieved State land covering 23 kanals 9 marlas situated at Village Ghaink Tehsil Bhalwal. The land was encroached upon by senior BJP leader and former Deputy CM Kavinder Gupta.

A large-scale demolition

drive is being conducted at Bathinda, Jammu too. Those residing on the land are aghast at the administration. They want the government to have an ‘empathetic approach’ towards the poor and those who built their houses on small chunk of land.

A CASE FOR THE POOR

Many feel that the bringing down of the structures today could have been avoided had the previous governments done their duty. Talking to KC, Jammu-based advocate Jamil Ahmad asked why had the successive governments allowed these people to build structures in the first place? “It is since 1947 that these people have been inhabitants and owners of the land being considered ‘encroached upon’ now. Why did former governments allow them to build houses there? Now suddenly, you can’t designate them as land grabbers just like that!”

He further questioned: “In 2004, government regularised colonies in Nanak Nagar area of Jammu and extracted 1.75 lakh per kanal from the occupants. In the last 18 years, eight colonies were regularised. Now, why are the authorities demolishing their houses when they had paid for the same?”

He added further: “The Government of India has a social upliftment scheme for the poor called the *Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna* which promises housing for all. But in J&K, the scheme has been marred by the administration’s massive demolition of built-in establishments. We want the administration to be a little more sensitive towards the poor and spare the middle-class by applying nominal charges”.

He may have a point there.

But let’s honour the fact that the anti-encroachment drive by the J&K government is massive and indeed devoid of any political bias. All the leaders of varied political parties who apparently grabbed State land are under the scanner.

But yes, there are apprehensions among the common masses who are feeling vulnerable under this drive. Poor people are worried about losing their residential structures and small businesses. They demand that LG administration not touch their houses as they have small pockets of land granted by previous and successive governments.

Abid Hussain, a political analyst from Ganderbal,

while talking to KC, observes, “It is a good move of the administration to retrieve State land from brazen encroachers. People are rejoicing the bringing to task of those who have clearly been greedy, amassing properties worth crores. But at the same time, the administration should spare the poor who have houses built on State land. This will also help the administration win hearts of the masses and set a good example. It is the previous and successive governments of J&K that are responsible for the present mess. They gave land holding benefits to their kith and kin who later sold the same to poor people to earn disproportionately. It’s their failed governance that has created the chaos today”.

Meanwhile, the social media went euphoric after the news of the demolition drive broke. The drive was welcomed with the same gaiety as was witnessed during the mass incarceration of political leadership after the abrogation of Article 370.

While one GM Bhat lauded the action on *Facebook*, another

girl pointed that it would have been better to provide these structures to the poor people of the Valley rather than demolishing them.

Another FB user Altaf Hussain wrote: “Please keep it up. Take action against all those officials who allowed grabbing of land for monetary benefits. Dal Lake occupies illegal shopping complexes and roadside encroachments – all should be destroyed on a war footing”.

Let it be noted that Wednesday saw Revenue officials seal 20 shops at Aftab Market in Srinagar. The shop owners protested and said they were paying the rent to the Srinagar Municipal Corporation on a yearly basis. Later, the intervention of the Tehsildar concerned allowed them to reopen their shops and continue with their regular businesses.

Surprisingly, the reports of bonhomie between revenue officials and land grabbers also came to the fore. People are aghast over the reports that these officials are extracting

money from people and assuring them that they will not be touched in the ongoing drive.

If this continues, the administration will find itself in a tight spot in the near future and will be answerable if prompt action is not taken.

NO STOPPING THE DRIVE

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Meanwhile, there is no stopping the drive. Only last Tuesday, the Supreme Court of India, hearing a petition against the LG Administration of J&K, rejected any stay on the anti-encroachment. The apex court came down heavily on the petitioners and advised them not to take shelter of (other) tribals. “How can you say they are poor if they have commercial shops in the land? At the most, we can give them some reasonable time to vacate,” stated the court.

As the petitioners spoke of the title given under the Roshni Act, the bench said that the Act had been struck down. “The Act is struck down. Once an Act is repealed, where’s the question of saving clause?” Justice BV Nagarathna asked.

The petitioners eventually sought to withdraw the petition, which the court allowed.

It may be mentioned that the Jammu and Kashmir government had, on January 9, directed removal of all encroachment on land owned by UT, including Roshni land and Kahcharai land, by January 31, failing which a demolition would be carried out as per the rules.



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Trading talent brotherhood and magic!

by Mareaya Fayaz

The Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival 'Antarnaad' 2023 (January 31 - February 4) at the University of Jammu saw participation by students from varied universities of North India. The festival had the youth feeling inspired, acknowledged and in tune with their highest talents.





UNDENIABLE that youth is indeed the time when anything is possible. If our youth's energy is effectively used and channelized, amazing change can take place. And the holding of youth festivals can play a crucial role in setting the tone for such revolutions.

The University of Jammu recently held its Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival 'Antarnaad' 2023 between January 31 and February 4. The festival saw participation from many students from varied universities of North India.

The word 'antarnaad' carries the essence of tuning into one's inner self, the soul.

“Ragon mein daudti hain bijliyaan lahu ke evaz, Shabaab kehte hain jis cheez ko, qayaamat hai”

AKHTAR ANSARI

The festival comprised literary and art related activities that help students develop intellect and thinking skills as well as get sensitised to the idea of national integrity. And when you rub shoulders with students from other parts of the country, a sense of brotherhood and unity prevails.

Kashmir Central stepped into the varied arenas of the festival

and got talking to some of the participants.

- Jaskaran Singh, a tabla player who came all the way from Kapurthala, Punjab to represent Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar, was all praises for the event. He said “such a stage gives great opportunity to artists like me to showcase talent and it's a great way to bond

with people from different cultures and regions. This is my first time at Jammu University and I have enjoyed it thoroughly. I would love it if there could be more such festivals in the Valley too”.

- Praneet Singh from Srinagar and Rajat Katoj from Himachal Pradesh, both representing Sher-E-Kashmir University of Agriculture Science & Technology (SKUAST), Jammu attended the festival and both felt super excited being here! “The most interesting part is getting to know participants from other states. Music brings us together. It brings joy and is therapeutic too. And a great way to bond. One of us is from Srinagar and the other is from Himachal and we perform like we have no cultural differences and that’s what is the important part of this event. We would want that our institutes also organise such fests so that more people can visit and see how beautifully we can connect through music”.
- Yamini, Akshita and Neetu representing Himachal Pradesh University to perform *kathak* and participate in the rangoli-making contest here greet us with radiant smiles. They say they have enjoyed their stay at the university here and have enjoyed talking to people from other cultures, especially from Jammu and Kashmir. They had never

got a chance to visit Jammu before and they too said that they would love to visit the university in Kashmir if they were to hold such an event. They reiterated that the government should also hold such events so that people can come together and feel oneness and brotherhood.

- Preeti Prasad, faculty at the Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar who accompanied two of her students - Ruchika Sharma (who performed Western and Indian music) and Saumya Santosh (who performed Indian music),

said her students were really glad they participated here. “We found the environment of the university really good, the students are nice and we would definitely love to participate in more events like this. The diversity which we have had the chance to experience - isn’t that what our nation is built upon!”

- A group from CT University, Ludhiana that comprised Simran Preet Singh, Sukh Aujla, Gurveer Jaidka, Balkar Singh, Sparsh Sain, performed Punjabi folk dance and music. This bunch of happy, handsome boys





didn't just perform on the stage; they sat on the Jammu University lawns all day, singing away to glory. It was a lot of fun to witness them. They found the event "very good" and enjoyed their stay here. And "what we enjoyed the most was talking to people from different regions and we indeed are returning with some great memories. We would love to return to such an event again," they added, naming a visit to Kashmir as the top of their wish list.

- The group from Punjabi University, Patiala including Sunil, Manisha, Ajay, Riya and Vikram performed a drama called 'Muktidhaam'. The play talked about those who leave their parents at old age homes and don't realise the pain the parents go through until it is too late. The play was so potent, it drove the audience to tears. Praising the festival, the group said such events not only boosted the morale of artists but were also a great method of communication that gave a glimpse into the reality of our society. And then of course, they talked about how such events brought people closer and how they would definitely participate if the administration were to organise such events and even better, if their accommodations were paid for.
- A group from Udhampur comprising Ritika, Mausmi,

Poornima, Pooja, Devinder, Sanchit and Andrew performed an Indian and a western group song. They found the event quite good. They said: "We belong to the Jammu region. This event has not only boosted our confidence but has also given us a glimpse of how talented people from the other states are and this has inspired us to work harder".

- Students from the University of Kashmir also participated in this event. While Yawar Ayub performed in the solo singing event, a group comprising Sheikh Adfar, Fardeen Shabir, Shakib, Suhail, Ansa, Muskaan, Tejinder and Adnan performed in the group song event. Students from this university also performed 'Rouf' in the opening ceremony. They too were all praises for the event saying they were glad to have represented their culture in front of people from different regions and would do it again whenever they get a chance.

The event, overall, was a huge success. In the face of acknowledgment and such positive energy, talent is bound to flourish and the youth is bound to touch its peak of imagination and possibility.

*Azaab hoti hain aksar shabaab ki ghadiyaan,
Gulaab apni hi khushboo se darne lagte hain...* said Badr Wasti. Such is the power of youth!



The Valley of Substance

by Mir Tanveer

The drug menace in the Valley has been touching a grim high. The bull needs to be taken by its horns and done in. Thankfully, it's possible to build ourselves with better substance than drugs, hopes Mir Tanveer.



The Kashmir Valley has been seeing tough times through the last few decades. People of all age groups, on a daily basis, have faced difficult challenges in their lives owing to political instability, socio-economic issues and violence. Mental health of a large part of the population here has seen a

major setback. Stress, anxiety and depression have been a common problem. And it's been an uphill task to get past these issues.

And as a fallout of such fragile mental health, has been the menace of drug addiction and substance abuse, particularly among the youth of Kashmir. Drug addiction and substance abuse have been rising like a poisonous serpent in the Kashmiri society and that too at an alarming rate.

As per medical sciences, drug addiction is a neuropsychological disorder characterised by a persistent and intense urge to engage in certain behaviours, one of which is the usage of drugs despite sustained harm and other negative consequences.

The reasons working behind the menace include momentary pleasure, failure of love relationships, unemployment and of course the overall impact of the gloom the Valley has seen.

THE SAD STATISTICS

As per a recent research conducted by the Institute Of Mental Health And Neuro Science Kashmir (IMHNAS) - The Prevalence And Pattern Of Substance Use In Ten Districts Of Kashmir (2022) Survey - Kashmir has surpassed the number of drug abuse cases in Punjab. The report names Heroin as the major substance, followed by Cocaine, Brown Sugar, and Cannabis. As per this report, the age of persons

involved with this substance abuse is between 17-33 years, which means the peak age of productivity, creativity and mental sharpness.

Another report published by a leading daily of the Kashmir valley (Greater Kashmir) shows there are some 70,000 substance abusers in Kashmir, of which 52,000 are Heroin users, including young girls.

Indeed, these reports depict a very grim state of affairs in the Kashmiri society.

Talking about dealing with the menace at a primary level with the help of health institutions, the Community Health Officer (CHO) in Budgam District says: "Our health care is working on controlling the menace at the grassroots level by organising





There is a proper need of rehabilitation of all these victims without any discriminatory approach in the society. We all need to be helpful and caring in counselling them back to their normal life

programmes and providing mass education about its impact on our society”.

A psychiatrist working with an NGO and a specialist consultant in mental health Dr Arif Maghrib Khan agrees: “The number of drug addiction cases is on a sharp rise in the Valley. I especially see a sharp peak in the substance abuse of Heroin”.

CLEANING UP

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The menace has to be tackled at varied levels and layers. It’s a lot of hard work. Right from active parental attention and care, to establishment of rehabilitation centres across the Valley to ensure proper medical help and counseling, the journey is long and has to be consistent. Parents need to keep an eye on the behavioural patterns of their children within the family as well as outside. And let’s not undermine the importance of the role of educational institutions in creating awareness and developing

cooperation-building efforts so that our youngsters can find support.

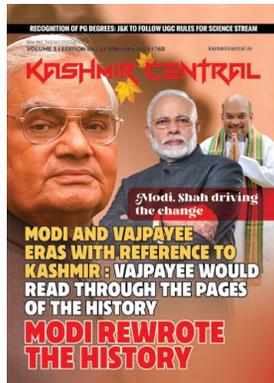
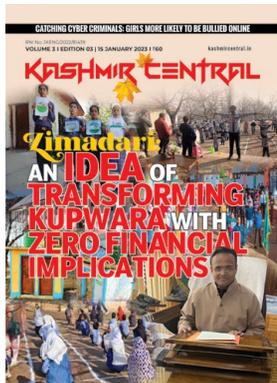
Parallel to this is the need for strict action against drug dealers and suppliers in the distribution line who make drugs so easily accessible. Strict implementation of law and punishment is a must. The law enforcement agencies working on ground have to get to stricter action. These agencies also need to get an effective network mechanism in place so that the menace can be uprooted from the control of the multiple stakeholders within the society.



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