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ACTION SOON? OR THE SAME RHETORIC?

In all probability, the elections to the J&K Legislative Assembly could be held alongside the Lok Sabha elections of 2024. Since chances are of a massive voter turnout, it would be interesting to see how political leaders mobilise public support and what they offer to people beyond fluff & bluff.

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Elections to the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly are speculated to be held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections in 2024.

The next elections would be the first since 2014 and also the first since the revocation of the special status and withdrawal of statehood of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir

in 2019. On many occasions, the political leadership of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly those perceived to be close to the BJP government in New Delhi, came under the impression that elections would be held sooner than later. Ever since 2020, Syed Altaf Bukhari, president, Apni Party, and Sajad Gani Lone, chairman, Jammu & Kashmir People's Conference, had been hoping against hope that elections would be held in Jammu and Kashmir as soon as possible. My argument to them would be - forget about elections till 2024.

But they, to be fair to them, were never at fault because they were always told by the central leadership to be ready for elections. For them, it was an assurance; but I would always take it as a political statement meant to keep their spirits high. I even suggested to my friends in both the parties to go for long vacations lest they should be exhausted.

Though there is no clear indication from the Election Commission of India; one would, however, only guess the timing of the election taking into consideration how people at the helm of affairs in Srinagar and New Delhi are giving their feedback to the ECI and the Narendra Modi government. That said, the year 2024 is not too far. Now the political parties should actually go into the election mode and intensify their public outreach efforts. Political activities, no doubt, infuse freshness in the cadres of any political party and greatly help in changing the atmosphere which, till now, has been dull, at least from a political prospective. And since there are certain indicators suggesting there would be a massive voter turnout in the elections as and when held, it would be rather interesting to see how the political leaders seeking mandate are able to mobilise public support and what they are going to offer to people without actually becoming dream-sellers. There are certain voices in the Kashmir politics that really want to be practical and pragmatic, bereft of exploitative politics. Let us see how they garner public support particularly when the National Conference and the PDP are most likely to resort to the old rhetorical brand of politics.

Bashir Assad



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Mind, the Chinese target

While on diplomatic platforms, China talks peace and cooperation, while actually behind the scenes, it's stepping up cognitive warfare against India and targetting our country for Neuro Strike attacks.

ON diplomatic platforms, China is calling for mutual support and an easing of military tensions with India, but covertly it continues to accelerate its use of cognitive warfare against the subcontinent, strategic analysts allege.

Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and China's top diplomat Wang Yi met on the sidelines of ASEAN in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta on July 14. Wang called for support instead of suspicion between the two giant neighbours.

"The two sides should support each other and

accomplish things together, rather than wear each other down or suspect each other," Wang said.

However strategic analysts call Wang's words a bluff and say that since the bloody

Galwan Valley conflict, Beijing has stepped up its cognitive warfare against India.

Meanwhile, India is taking

countermeasures. “China’s massive efforts at cognitive warfare supported by AI (artificial intelligence) are being applied around the world, at all inflection points, across all the domains (namely) economic, diplomatic, political and military,” Retd. Col. Vinayak Bhat, a former Indian military intelligence officer, told The Epoch Times in a written message. “This cognitive warfare accelerated against India after Galwan. India has understood the Chinese mind games well and is countering the CCP efforts with countermeasures like pre-stalling, directly countering, indirectly countering, diverting and educating the target audiences.”

The Galwan Valley conflict was a brutal battle between Chinese and Indian forces in June 2020. Fought with sticks and stones, it resulted in dozens of casualties on both sides. The allegations came amidst the release of a report on the Chinese Communist Party’s (CCP’s) NeuroStrike Program, by US researchers Drs. Ryan Clarke and Sean Lin and L.J. Eads.

Dr Clarke is a senior fellow at the East Asian Institute of the National University of

Singapore; Dr. Lin is a former US Army microbiologist now with Feitan College. A former Air Force intelligence officer, Eads currently specialises in AI for the US

intelligence community. Titled ‘Enumerating, Targeting and Collapsing the Chinese Communist Party’s NeuroStrike Program’, the report alleged that the Chinese program can disable the cognitive capabilities of targets and control their brains. “There was a sharp statistical increase in Chinese military activity in the South China Sea, East China Sea, Taiwan Straits, and along the Sino-Indian border during the most acute phases of the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020 and 2021,” the report noted, suggesting that China used COVID-19 as a strategic opportunity.

China’s cognitive warfare is often discounted as mere military strategy, yet in reality



it is actively being used to further China's aim of world domination, Col. Bhat warned.

LIES AND MIND GAMES

The authors of the recent report described NeuroStrike as the “engineered targeting of war-fighter and civilian brains using distinct non-kinetic technology to impair cognition, reduce situational awareness, inflict long-term neurological degradation and fog normal cognitive functions”. In general, non-kinetic warfare is warfare conducted by other means than direct, conventional military action.



That can mean tactics such as information warfare, cyber warfare or psychological operations. However, the report also sounds the alarm about tactics like electromagnetic offensives that use technology to directly target the human brain. The report says the CCP has established itself as a world leader in the development of weaponry platforms that “directly attack, or even control, mammalian brains (including humans) with microwave/ directed energy weapons via standalone platforms (i.e., handheld gun) or the broader electromagnetic spectrum”.

However, neuroscience is a wide, ever-evolving subject, and the researchers said that Chinese warfare had gone far beyond the use of classical microwave weapons. One aspect of Chinese cognitive warfare operations includes using human-computer interfaces to control entire populations, as well as employing a range of weapons designed to cause cognitive damage.

THREE WARFARES

The report's authors detailed the ‘Three Warfares’ strategic concept, first articulated in 2014 by China's National Defence University. “Three Warfares is specifically designed to enable China to achieve end goals that have traditionally been accomplished by conventional military force through the effective use of psychological warfare, media warfare, and legal warfare,” they said.

The core functions of these three warfares, according to the researchers, include control of public opinion, blunting an adversary's determination, transformation of emotion, psychological guidance, collapse of the adversary's organisation, psychological defence, and restriction through law. Broadly speaking, that involves seizing the “decisive opportunity” to control public opinion, organising psychological offense and defence, engaging in “lawfare” and fighting for popular will and public opinion.

TARGETING THE SUBCONTINENT

Indian experts say China has increasingly used cognitive warfare against India since 2020. Col. Bhat said a “lie when told a hundred times becomes a truth”, paraphrasing Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels. After Galwan, he said, the Chinese aggressively used propaganda to lower the morale of

Indian troops stationed on the disputed border in the Ladakh region, high in the Himalayas. On the low oxygen, brutally cold front, where temperatures can reach -58° Fahrenheit (-50° Celsius), mind games take on added significance. One instance of this was a rumour that the Chinese were using microwave weapons against Indian soldiers. The story was said to originate from a professor of international relations at

Beijing’s Renmin University, who claimed that Chinese forces had turned two strategic hilltops into a ‘microwave oven’, causing Indian troops to become violently ill and forcing them to retreat. The claim was subsequently reported by British and Australian publications. A November 2020 analysis by The Daily Guardian called it “fake.” Reports denying the Chinese claims appeared widely in the Indian media.

Col. Bhat also said the claim was false. At an altitude of 14,000 feet, he said, it was technically impossible for microwave weapons to achieve the kind of impact the Chinese claimed.



HOT POT DELIVERED BY DRONE

In another incident, just a few months after Galwan, the Chinese media reported that drones were supplying warm meals to People’s Liberation Army (PLA) soldiers on the Indo-China border. A video purportedly showing drones delivering meals was posted by Global Times editor-in-chief Hu Xijin on Twitter. Bhat pointed out that Twitter is officially blocked in China; therefore the video was clearly intended to be seen by foreigners.

The story was repeated by global media like the Eurasian Times. The South China Morning Post, meanwhile, painted a cosy picture of life on the frigid front, under the headline “China troops settle in

for the Himalayan winter with hotpot deliveries and oxygen on tap”. Col. Bhat expressed doubt at the story, saying it was planted to play with the morale of Indian troops.

In response, “India started talking about ordering Europe and US-made clothing for high altitude for its soldiers, to counter the Chinese mind game,” Col Bhat said.

BEYOND MIND GAMES

The report warns that Chinese cognitive warfare against India will likely go beyond the mind games and propaganda lies. China’s psychological operations against India face limitations because of India’s massive landmass, large population, and substantial conventional



and unconventional military capabilities. In addition, given the political climate of the country, China is unlikely to be able to “obtain pro-Beijing partners within India’s leadership that would operate within India to forward Chinese objectives along the disputed border”.

In this context, the authors warned that China could strike New Delhi’s critical information technology systems. “Given the clear limitations on PLASSF (PLA Strategic Support Force) psychological operations against India, it is possible that the PLASSF will focus more heavily on coercive NeuroStrike capabilities and precision targeting of India’s critical information technology systems, including the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS),” they said,

adding that IRNSS provides real-time positioning capabilities within India, as well as for a 1,500-kilometre radius outside of India.

VIDEO GAMES, MEDIA ATTACKS

Another Indian analyst, N C Bipindra, the chairman of the New Delhi-based Law and Society Alliance, gave examples of how the Chinese were using video games and global media for specific propaganda against prominent Indian leaders. “After Galwan, (the) Chinese created a video game that showed a boxing match between Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi,” said Bipindra, the editor of a report titled ‘Mapping Chinese Footprints and Influence Operations in India’. The game’s message is less than subtle: “When the boxing match starts, all South Asian countries: Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, etc., are on Modi’s side, and by the time it finishes everyone is on Xi Jinping’s side”.

Bipindra also cited this year’s attack on Sridhar Vembu, one of India’s richest men.

Vembu was appointed to the country’s National Security Advisory Board in 2021. On March 13, an article in Forbes charged that he had abandoned his estranged wife and their 24-year-old special needs son, and alleged financial wrongdoing by the Indian billionaire. Many Forbes readers may not have known that at the time, the

magazine was controlled by the Chinese. In 2014, a Chinese investment firm, Integrated Whale Media, had bought a majority stake in the magazine. Further, in 2021, a Hong Kong based special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) named Magnum Opus had taken over the American publisher of Forbes, in a deal valued at \$630 million. Magnum Opus was backed by China’s sovereign wealth fund. Vembu has been at the forefront of a grassroots AI revolution in India through his company, Zoho. Since the article appeared in Forbes, he has launched a new “private browser” in India. He has also unveiled plans to take generative AI technology in-house, adding it to the company’s portfolio of business solutions.

Bipindra speculates that the tech entrepreneur was seen as a threat to China. “At the time of Sridhar Vembu story coming out, Chinese did have [a] majority controlling stake in Forbes,” said Bipindra, alleging that the story was written specifically to malign Vembu’s name in public. Vembu denied his wife’s allegations in a message on Twitter the next day and said: “The matter is in the court in the US, my filings are public”. Today Forbes is owned by an Australian billionaire, Austin Russell. In May, the 28-year-old Russell bought an 82 percent stake in Forbes from Integrated Whale Media, leaving the investment company with just one board seat.

(This article written by Venus Upadhayaya, was originally published in The Epoch Times.)

PROTECTING THEIR TRIBE

by **Mareaya Fayaz**

PROTEST marches by the Gujjar and Bakerwal communities against the inclusion of upper caste Paharis on the scheduled tribe (ST) list are becoming more and more frequent in J&K. And if the Centre does not withdraw the bills that have been submitted to the Parliament, they have threatened to take to the streets with their livestock. Numerous students from the Gujjar Bakerwal community recently took out a demonstration in Jammu against the inclusion of the upper castes in the Schedule Tribe list and delivered a note to the President of India through the Divisional Commissioner.

The Jammu University was where

The Gujjar Bakerwal communities have been taking to the streets in J&K to protest against the inclusion of upper caste Paharis on the scheduled tribe (ST) list. And in a recent march, the protestors delivered a memo against the same to the Jammu DC, asking him to deliver it to the country's President & the PM.

the protest took place where volunteers from various colleges and the University of Jammu came together. Students opposed the bill nominated for the monsoon session. They marched from Jammu University to Panama Chowk and handed the Divisional Commissioner a memo asking him to deliver it to the Honourable President of India Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narinder Modi, the Home Minister, the Minister for Tribal Affairs of India, and tribal and Gujjar members of Parliament.

With the aim to protect their scheduled tribe (ST) status, thousands of Gujjars & Bakarwals took to the streets of Srinagar recently and marched towards the Governor's House.

Clearly, the second phase of the ST Bachao Movement has begun in Jammu and Kashmir with the local population protesting the inclusion of upper caste Paharis on the ST list.

Despite their demand having previously been rejected by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, the protesting students raised strong objections to the 'unconstitutional and illegal' proposal to include Pahari speaking people in the ST list in the Union Territory.

In their memo, they stated that not a single point in Pahari speaking people met the conditions to be classified as ST, and that the government was simply using this as a campaign tool to obtain a few reserved seats in a certain area.

During the protest, Murtaza Bhadana, president of the Gujjar Bakerwal student group, said that the government should not treat the third-largest ethnic group in Jammu and Kashmir - the peaceful and the nationalist Gujjar Bakerwals - unfairly by placing them similar to the Kukis of Manipur.

The students also chanted

slogans in favour of the Kukis of Manipur and pledged an unwavering support in their fight.

The recommendation of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes to add Paharis to the list of STs was also denounced by tribal activist Amir Khatana, who also called upon the government to reverse the findings of the Justice G D Sharma Commission. He pleaded with the Government of India to preserve the tribal identity of Jammu and Kashmir's underrepresented, disadvantaged and marginalised Gujjar Bakerwals and avoid weakening the position of STs. He sarcastically added that since the Commission lacked members from the ST and OBC communities; so why not add upper caste communities like Brahmins, Syeds, Rajputs, and other such powerful groups under the scheduled tribe list too!

He added that Pahari is



actually just a Punjabi dialect, and that the Pahari speaking people (PSP) already have reservation in Jammu and Kashmir and that declaring a number of upper castes and religious communities as STs would be unfair to the nation's true tribal population.

While speaking to the media, another activist Sakib Chowdhary stated that higher caste communities shouldn't be put under the ST list since up until recently, they were receiving reservations based on their language, and now that they are being referred to as the Pahari Ethnic Group, their ethnicity is in question. He questioned as to why the government considered a diverse collection of communities to be an ethnic group. These upper castes are an ethnically heterogeneous population that are culturally, religiously, and linguistically diverse, he added.

They further stated that the G D Sharma Commission report mocked social fairness by placing in its proposed Schedule Tribe list, those tribes and communities that previously had economic and political dominance.

Irfan Chowdhury, another tribal activist, emphasised, "Our movement is a non-violent fight to preserve the Indian Constitution and it is an attack on the tribal identity of actual tribals. After Kashmiris and Dogras, the Gujjar Bakerwal community makes up the third-largest ethnic group in Jammu & Kashmir, with more than two million residents. It was




after a battle that lasted over 40 years that the Gujjar Bakerwals were recognised as an ST in the former state of Jammu and Kashmir in 1991".

The protestors accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of playing politics in the area, particularly in the Pir Panjal

area, where reserved Assembly seats are up for grabs. They also wore hats that said they will not budge or compromise over anything less than the move taken back, adding that this was for the safety of their future generations.




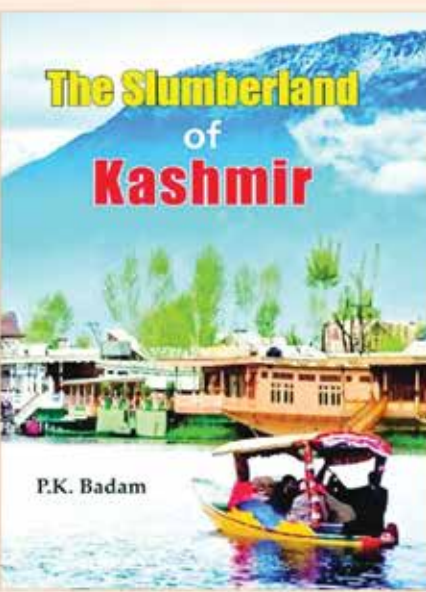




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CINEMAGICALLY YOURS

by **Waheed Jeelani**

THE picturesque valley of Kashmir is all set to shine on the cinematic map as it gears up to host the International Film Festival - a grand celebration of cinema, culture and creativity – in October this year.

With the support of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and the Indian government, this prestigious event promises to be a momentous occasion, bringing together filmmakers, artists, and cinema enthusiasts from across the globe. The festival not only marks a significant milestone

The fifth edition of the Kashmir World Film Festival, scheduled to be held this October, is all about celebration of cinema, creativity, cultural exchange and opening roads to the Valley's development.



in Kashmir's cultural landscape but also holds the potential to boost tourism, foster cultural exchange, and showcase the region's vibrant tapestry to the world.

KASHMIR WORLD FILM FESTIVAL, THE BACK STORY

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The Kashmir World Film Festival made its debut in the scenic valley of Kashmir in the year 2017, marking a significant milestone in the region's cultural landscape. Since its inception, the festival has continued to grow in prominence and acclaim, becoming an eagerly anticipated annual event that captivates audiences and

filmmakers alike. Over the years, the festival has attracted a diverse array of cinematic works, ranging from thought-provoking documentaries to captivating feature films and avant-garde creations. It has served as a platform for both established and emerging filmmakers to showcase their talents and narratives, fostering an atmosphere of artistic exploration and exchange. Persevering through various challenges and emerging stronger, the festival has consistently upheld its commitment towards promoting culture, nurturing creativity and celebrating the magic of storytelling, thus making it a cherished event in the international film calendar. The

resilience and continuity of the festival stand as a testament to the region's enduring passion for cinema and its unwavering dedication to nurturing the artistic spirit.

The Kashmir World Film Festival, now in its 5th edition, is known for its inclusivity and diverse programming, bringing together filmmakers and artists from various countries and creating a melting pot of ideas and perspectives. With a focus on celebrating the magic of storytelling through the medium of films, the festival has garnered international acclaim, and its success has been a testament to the artistic prowess of Kashmir and its people.





IMPORTANCE IN THE CINEMATIC UNIVERSE

▼ The International Film Festival in Kashmir holds profound importance in the cinematic universe. As a melting pot of cultures, Kashmir has a unique ability to enrich storytelling and offer a fresh perspective on human experiences. The festival serves as a bridge between the East and the West, creating a global platform for filmmakers to share their narratives with an eager audience. By bringing together diverse voices and visions, the festival sparks

dialogue and understanding, fostering an environment of artistic collaboration that transcends borders.

THE SUPPORTING HANDS

▼ The unwavering support and vision of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and the Indian government have been instrumental in bringing the International Film Festival to the Valley. Their commitment towards promoting culture, tourism, and artistic excellence has set the stage for this grand celebration. With their

proactive approach, they have created an atmosphere of inclusivity, openness, and creativity, encouraging filmmakers and artists from around the world to participate and showcase their talent. The festival stands as a testament to their dedication to nurturing and promoting the arts in the region, elevating Kashmir's profile on the global cultural landscape.

BOOSTING TOURISM & CULTURAL EXCHANGE

▼ The festival holds the potential to be a game-changer for



tourism in Kashmir. As filmmakers, artists, and audiences converge in the Valley, the world's attention will be drawn to its breathtaking landscapes, rich heritage and warm hospitality. This global exposure can act as a catalyst for tourism, opening up opportunities for the region's economic growth and development. Additionally, the festival fosters cultural exchange, providing a unique platform for filmmakers and artists to engage with local communities and create lasting connections. Such interactions contribute to

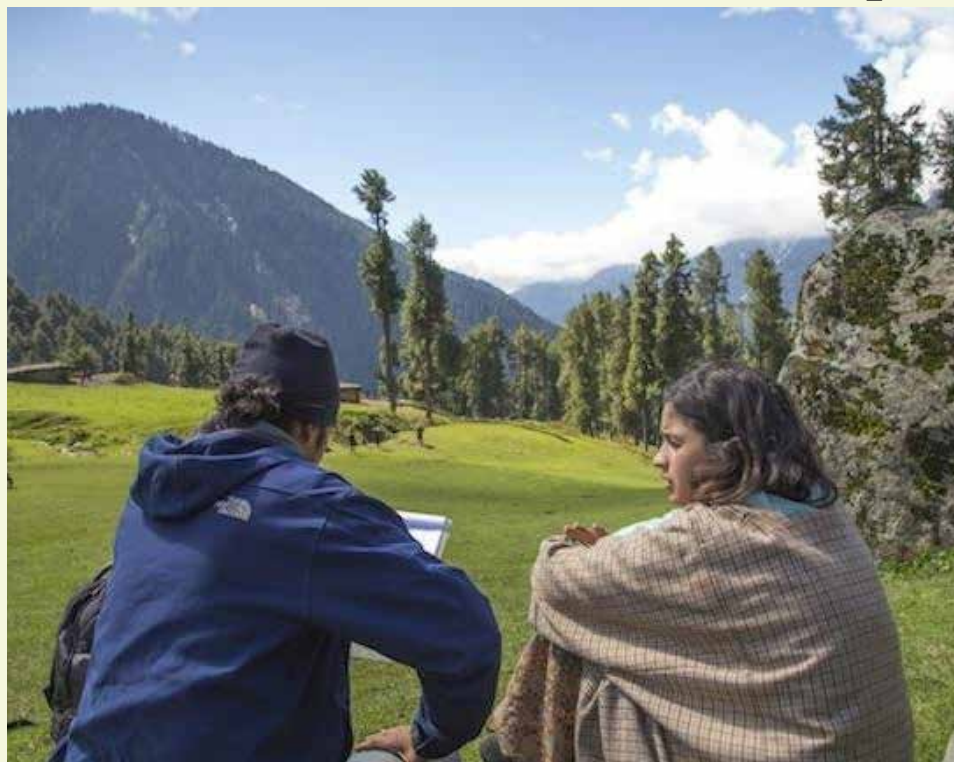
a deeper understanding of diverse cultures, promoting peace and harmony.

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF THE G-20 SUMMIT

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The announcement of the International Film Festival in Kashmir comes along while the region celebrates the successful hosting of the G-20 summit. The summit's success reflects India's growing stature in the global arena and its role as a responsible and visionary leader. The synergy between the G-20 summit and the International Film Festival amplifies the significance of both the events, projecting India as a vibrant hub of creativity, diplomacy and global cooperation.

As the Valley embraces

the world of cinema and culture through the festival, it marks the beginning of a promising new chapter in the region's history. With the support of LG Sinha and the Indian government, this grand celebration of art, storytelling, and human connection promises to be a resounding success. Beyond the cinematic experience, the festival is a testament to the power of cultural exchange, unity, and inclusivity. As the world converges in Kashmir, it offers a glimpse of the region's rich heritage and its potential to shine on the global stage. This festival in Kashmir is not just an event; it is a celebration of creativity, a tribute to the power of storytelling, and a testament to the transformative role of culture in shaping a brighter and more connected world.



Honouring Sentiments

It's after 34 long years that Shia Muslims in Kashmir were able to take out a procession marking the eighth day of Muharram. As they walked through the heart of Srinagar on Thursday, it was proven yet again that the LG administration is committed towards setting things right in the Valley.

by **Ms. Bazilla**

AFTER more than three decades, thousands of Shia Muslims in Kashmir took out a procession to mark the eighth day of Muharram, the first month of the Islamic lunar calendar.

Dressed in customary black, the mourners beat their chests and chanted elegies as they walked through the heart of Srinagar city on Thursday morning amid a heavy security arrangement.

Thursday's procession was held for the first time in 34 years after authorities had banned it in 1989 when armed insurgency aided and abated by Pakistan had erupted



in the Kashmir Valley.

Around 40,000 mourners participated in the 5.5 km procession that started from Guru Bazar, passed through the Lal Chowk City Centre and ended at Dal Gate. The LG administration said that the peaceful culmination of the historical procession “simply shows our commitment to a peaceful and prosperous future” of the region.

Earlier, on July 25, LG Manoj Sinha had convened a meeting of the leaders of the Shia community to discuss the restoration of the traditional Muharram procession in Srinagar. The meeting, however, witnessed some sort of disruption because of the exchange of some heated argument between Chief

Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta and prominent Shia leader Imran Raza Ansari.

Since 1990, smaller processions were held which were restricted to mainly Shia neighbourhoods of the City. The mourners who defied restrictions were either detained or their procession foiled by the police.

Restoration of Muharram’s eighth procession has been widely appreciated by all the segments of the society. What is even more interesting is the debate over “inability and ill will” of the political leadership of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir for what is being termed as insincerity of the former regimes that could not allow the eighth procession of

Muharram for 34 years. There were occasions when Kashmir was relatively peaceful and the graph of violence had gone down considerably. During those times, the administration could have restored the tradition of the eighth procession but the so-called popular governments simply disallowed the procession which would result in clashes between the mourners and the security forces. Many precious lives were lost in the unfortunate but avoidable situations. The political leadership, supposedly enjoying the confidence of the general public, could have simply sought assurances from the leaders of the Shia community for peaceful and incident free processions. Certainly it would not had been a big deal to take the leadership of the community into confidence and allow the Muharram processions. The loss of lives and property could have easily been avoided. However, the so-called popular regimes chose to impose harsh restrictions rather than taking calculated risks to test the waters. This is something synonymous with the political dispensations in Kashmir. They would always try to be safe and or they even had secret pacts with the subversive sections. They would impose curfew on such occasions giving a strong argument for the anti-State narrative.

There is no meaning to the utterances of the political class as far as the permission



for taking out the Muharram procession is concerned. The LG administration has rendered them irrelevant. There is no justification for such utterances because on many accounts, the LG administration is doing phenomenally well. Be it influx of tourists, smooth conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra or allowing the Shia community to take out a procession on the designated traditional

route from Guru Bazar to Dal Gate via Lal chowk.... This route of 5.5 kms has remained a hot belt for stone pelters in the past. The LG administration was conscious of the vulnerabilities, and yet it went ahead with elaborative security measures, which only reflects on its commitment and resilience to set things right in the Valley which has seen so much bloodshed in the past few

decades. The truth is that the political elites were complacent and it is their complacency which didn't allow peace to prevail.

Going by the assertions of the political elites and their progenies in the media and civil society, Kashmir should have been in complete chaos. The world-famous tourist places of Kashmir should have been wearing a deserted look,



violence should have marred the Muharram procession, blood of innocents should have been spilled in the streets. It is a paradox that despite the peaceful culmination of Muharram eighth procession in which more than 40,000 mourners participated, some overseas media houses were desperate to give it a context that suits their narrative. This simply reflects on their state

of mind. The argument of “enforced calm” has fallen flat.

That said, the LG administration need not be overconfident. There will be attempts from the enemies of the State to create nuisance and security agencies shall further strengthen their vigil to foil the anticipated attempts of disruption. No doubt, the peaceful culmination of Muharram eighth procession has added one more feather to Manoj Sinha’s cap, the

with the violence and violent political narratives.

It would be appropriate to work towards inclusiveness and improve efficiency, accountability and transparency. Equitable and inclusive development could satisfy the collective conscience of the Kashmir society which could go a long way in addressing the perceived notions of alienation and discrimination. No sections of the Kashmir society should



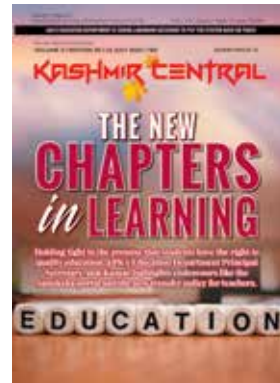
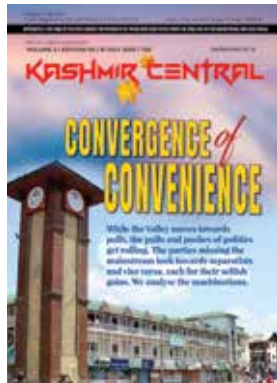
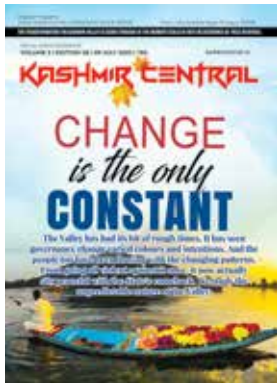
administration has to be as vigilant as it has been to keep the enemies of peace at bay. What, however, goes to the advantage of the LG administration is the yearning for peace by the common masses and disillusionment

be left out. It would add to the legitimacy and acceptability of the administration.

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