

India emerging as Global Leader

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Ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been in office an outstanding feature of India has been its recognition as a global power. The Prime Minister, with his vision of making India rise to the top of the world, has made diligent and earnest efforts to realise the dream of our forefathers who had anticipated that India would one day become a 'Vishva-Guru'. And in many ways, the prime minister himself has measured up to become a global leader who would not only set the agenda on the global issues but the one whom other international leaders would like to consult and seek guidance. Any global leader is defined as a leader who leads people of the world across various regions, cultures and time zones. In International relationships, a never-ending debate goes on as to who influences diplomacy: Is it the influence of the nation or is it the influence of the leader of the nation? In diplomatic terms a global leader is a term used in two senses: Personal-specific global leader in which the leader-statesman is having a global influence far more than the influence of his country in the world affairs; Country-specific global leader is the national leader who wields influence in the world because he represents a powerful country.

There have been very rare occasions in the world history when both the personal-specific and global-specific leadership merge and work in tandem. It depends upon many factors like the understanding and interests of the world affairs of the national leader, his pro-activity in diplomacy, his charisma, his views on common global problems and solutions, his personal relationship with the leaders of the other countries so and so forth. To take a middle path, a healthy combination of diplomacy, as well as personal leadership, can be used to influence international relations in favour of the national interest.

After Narendra Modi took over there has been a perceptible change in Indian Foreign policy over the past few years which has a combination of dynamic leadership riding on emerging super-power. It is driven by personal diplomacy with the ultimate aim of maximizing the national interest of India through the use of diplomacy. Ever since Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister, India's diplomacy has emerged as one of the core areas of his leadership. The key ethos of his foreign policy can be enumerated as under:

Global-leader based diplomacy is the combination of personal-ity and national power. Pro-active diplomacy with its different aspects of Economic-diplomacy, cultural-diplomacy, defence-diplomacy which is used with the only aim of enhancing Indian Nation-Interest.

Use of Geo-politics to strengthen India's economy. Making India self-independent and self-sustained in defence needs.

India's rightful place in the world order. India is a Global-leader that has the potential to give many things to the world.

Having a good Neighborhood policy. Taking a firm stance when it comes to India National Integration and Sovereignty. Work closely at proactively at the regional, sub-regional and global levels.

Highlighting and following the key global issues which need cooperation and solution at the global level.

Global Leader: There is a 180-degree shift In India's foreign policy under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He is the most followed statesman of the world be it on Twitter or on any other social media platform. He has domestic support from all quarters of the population. There is pro-active diplomacy on all the issues. The leader of the nation himself is touring the whole world; and addressing India's concerns and National Interests. He is also rewiring and rebranding Brand-India from a soft state to a Nation with the power that can influence the world's affairs in a positive manner.

He is using India-Diaspora to the maximum advantage of India's national interests. He is the leader who enjoys maximum support and following by Indian Diaspora. Wherever he goes, he meets the NRI or PIO so as to re-attach them with India at a new level. The success of these events can be gauged from the successful and impactful conducting of the Howdy-Modi event.

The other perceptible thing which he has done in making India a superpower is in the field of defence. Our defence basket is now expanded to multi-players and multi-groups and from various countries ending India's reliance on few countries.


With his extensive tours and meeting the leaders of the world, he has developed a personal level rapport with many of the leaders which is helping India further its point of view on many issues and debunking many stereotypes.

He is also projecting India's culture through its cultural diplomacy. None could imagine that the world will celebrate India's gift to the world in the form of Yoga as an International yoga day. It has been done following hectic cultural diplomacy.

The way Narendra Modi brought to the front the new challenging issues of Religious-extremism, Global-terrorism, Environmental-concerns; highlights the fact that India is influencing and shaping the world's events on global issues facing the entire humanity.

True to its ethos of Vasudev- Kutumbkam (Universal-brotherhood), India has helped the world with its Vaccine-Maitri diplomacy. India has shown the path to the world as how to move ahead in vaccination with one day record of 2.26 crores vaccination in a day. India is emerging as a global leader in the leadership of a true Global-Leader.

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OFF 'D' CUFF Breaking the Shackles

Everybody has fear in their life but some people are in denial and don't accept it. It is like a stigma in our society to admit that you are feeling sad or worried. You have a nice family, job and even a nice home, then why should you be sad? Are you mad?' People will ask. But who says you can't be sad? Our mind doesn't require things and people to feel happy. Happiness comes from a different source. And when the mind doesn't have access to happiness because it is occupied with all the duties and responsibilities, unable to explore its own reality, we feel sad.

Anxiety occurs when the mind is deeply identified and attached to this body and when it is unaware of what the truth is. Small children get scared upon seeing a tree thinking that there is a demon living inside the tree. In reality, it is the projection of a child's own mind on to that tree.

Similarly, anxiety, depression and fear are the devils created by our own mind. Now, if the father comes with a floodlight, lights up the tree and says to the child, see, there is no devil inside, it is just the leaves that were moving in the wind, the child's fear gets removed. For a gyani, you are that child, and the gyani says, there is nothing to worry about, it is just a matter of bringing the light of wisdom into the mind, and you will be laughing at the past state of your mind.

Anandmurti Gurumaa

Irrelevance has limits-Stop it somewhere?



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Spurious and irrelevant utterances of a so-called senior and a seasoned political heads of the main political party of Kashmir sometimes makes a person to believe that such statements look like rubbing salt to bleeding wounds of the victims of terrorists acts in the valley, when it is quite unfortunate and disgusting. This apart from getting applied to all the victims of these terror acts, be it the security forces, the non-Kashmiris, the migrant labourers, it sounds like a heinous outbursts of such leaders about the aboriginals of Kashmir, the Kashmiri Pandits. Of late a versatile political leader from the valley is heard as saying that at this juncture of time, the atmosphere is not conducive for return of the Kashmiri Pandits to the valley. It is a disgusting statement of a senior political leader, when allegedly all these political leaders are the proximal silent abettors in this planned culture of terrorism and terrorism through their irrelevant utterances from time to time for their vote bank politics. Should they have a reply to a big question that when such political leaders ruled the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir for more than ten years, what positive steps were taken by them to ensure the return of the displaced Kashmiri Pandits, who were driven out of Kashmir, due to the apathies shown by all such leaders towards this problem of terrorism, resulting in extreme Pan-Islamic fundamentalism, in Jammu & Kashmir. We have heard of some alliance known as 'Gupkar Alliance', a conglomerate group of dynastic rulers of Kashmir who have lost their dubiously acquired crown of ruling Jammu & Kashmir, due to the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35 A, when Jammu & Kashmir is undoubtedly now a full Indian state, without any hiccup and politically motivated unacceptable conditions. Yes every Indian citizen has a right to form any alliance to give vent to their feelings be it political or otherwise. So such a conglomerate group passed a declaration known as 'Gupkar Declaration' expressing their concern about the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35 A. This alliance surfaced on many times suiting their political timings and opportunities to issue various statements in support of their political concerns which is their fundamental right. But should a dormant and a pointed question be asked from this Gupkar Alliance, as to why this alliance did not publically, through a public or press statement or as a 'Gupkar Declaration' condemn the recent inhuman and heinous killings in Kashmir, which apart from including two Kashmiri Pandits, includes non-Kashmiri street-vendors, the migrant labor-

ers and above all an innocent young Sikh female teacher, which has made this act as an act of barbarians and brutes. By shedding crocodile tears by these leaders individually on such brutish and inhuman acts of the terror out fits, makes no sense. Are they afraid of issuing a condemnable statement against the terror out fits, or they are privy to it. In both cases, it is a susceptible anomaly to be believed that such acts of terror outfits, suits their political requirements for their vote bank politics. Such leaders heading prominent political parties in Kashmir have never passed any resolutions from the individual platforms, condemning the acts of genocide, forced displacements and sufferance's caused to the Kashmiri pundits due to Pan Islamic terrorism in Kashmir for the last thirty years. Now speaking about the plight of Kashmiri pundits after about thirty years of their agones and reckless sufferance's from their cozy drawing rooms of their palatial houses from Jammu, is almost an act of befolding such situations, when Kashmiri Pandits of the valley know as to who are their real enemies. To befool the situation and the people who are the worst sufferers of the terrorism in Kashmir are covert attempts of such leaders, as Kashmiri Pandits cannot be fooled like this. Such political leaders are living in 'Fools Paradises' for their behaviors. They should see their faces in round mirrors and accept that they are now spent forces in their political arenas. Their reared and groomed political stalwarts from Jammu are now abandoning such political parties, after feeling that such political parties and persons have betrayed the people of Jammu and exploited their conspicuous silence for their personal benefits to remain in power permanently. A dictum has been issued now by one of such leaders, that the situation is not conducive for the safe return of Kashmiri Pandits to valley. Do they know it in advance, thus privy to it? It sounds like a good warning to Kashmiri Pandits not to try to come back to their original locations of Kashmir. Did they ever drum beat any concern about Kashmiri pundits plights from their Gupkar Nests, through the medium of Gupkar Alliance. Did these leaders during their dynastic rules in Jammu & Kashmir, ever vouch for the removing the sufferings and the genocide with their return back to Valley. How come after about 31 years of sufferance and genocide of Pandits of the valley, they have all of a sudden started becoming proxy sympathizers of Kashmiri Pandits. These leaders are already identified by the Pandits of Kashmir, as they were the political leaders who opposed the settlement of Kashmiri Pandits back in the valley in cluster accommodations, while being in power from time to time. It is nothing new with such leaders who have always blown hot and cold in the same breath on the political issues

of Kashmir and suffers for their vote bank politics. The recent brutal killings by cowards of the Pan-Islamic terrorists in Srinagar speak volumes about its origin and the motives behind such of the killings. Humanity all around is in deep anguish and sorry for their acts. The saner sections of the civil society in Kashmir which constitutes a major chunk of elderly Muslims, are very much regretful and sorrowful for such acts of these timid Jehadi radicals, who have violated the covenants of Islam by killing a woman and unarmed men for the fancy of their ridiculous reasons of declaring all such slain people as the representatives of India in Kashmir or for having hoisted the Indian flag somewhere on the independence day. Terrorism has thus raised its ugly head in Kashmir Valley yet again. On October 2, terrorists killed Majid Ahmad Gojri and Mohammad Shafi Dar for their alleged links with the security forces in Srinagar. On October 5, terrorists killed well known medico eminent person Makhan Lal Bindroo, whose family has set-up a medical shop in the Valley back in 1947 and would serve all irrespective of east and religion. He was gunned down at his shop in the high-security zone of Iqbal Park area. Others killed include Virendra Paswan, a street food vendor originally hailing from Bhagalpur in Bihar, and Mohammed Shafi Lone a resident of Naidkhai village, who headed an association of taxi owners in Shahgund village in Bandipora. On October 7, two teachers, Deepak Chand, a Kashmiri Pandit and Satinder Kour; a Sikh woman, became latest to fall to bullets of terrorists. This spate of killings shows that terror groups are out to destabilize the region once again targeting people hailing from vulnerable minorities like Kashmiri Pandits (KP) and Sikhs. They are also not sparing patriotic and secular Muslims. On October 17, three non-local labourers from Bihar were fired upon by terrorists in Wanpoh, Kulgam. Two of them died on the spot. The slain were identified as Raja Reshi Dev and Joginder Reshi Dev and the injured was identified as Chunchun Reshi Dev. All are residents of Bihar. On such killings it was said by one of the noted political leaders of a prominent political party of Kashmir, that the civilian killings in Kashmir were happening 'as part of a conspiracy and Kashmiris are not involved in such incidents'. Addressing media persons he is on record to have said that said: 'The conspiracy to kill innocent civilians has been hatched with a design to defame Kashmiris.' He also termed these incidents as 'an attempt to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere' in J&K. 'These killings are taking place to defame the locals and is also an attempt to disturb the situation in Kashmir,' as per him. He has been conspicuously silent to elaborate the element of conspiracy in all such killings as spoken by him.

Whose conspiracy is it? Why should not it be said and condemned through the mouth piece of 'Gupkar- Alliance', as an act of conspiracy by Pakistan and thus condemn the same in the interest of the people of Kashmir on the fundamental principles of morality of such political leaders. To call it a conspiracy to defame the Kashmiri Muslims, it should have been exhibited by the civil society of Kashmir, which constitutes the majority of Muslims, by coming on roads in anger against Pakistan and condemned Pakistan, under the leadership of such leaders who give illusory statements without clarifying the situations. Such irrelevant statements without elaborating the monster or the preceptor or the organizer of such a conspiracy, when it is fully known that Pakistan is the snake behind such conspiracies, are very much poisonous in nature, just to show symbolic sympathy to the Muslims of Kashmir for the vote bank politics of such leaders for their personal gains and benefits.

It is repeatedly being said by some of the most prominent political leaders of Kashmir that 'Talk to Pakistan', irrespective of the fact as to what to talk about and why. This repeated corroborative verbose of proposing that 'Talk to Pakistan' has been the one sentence dictum of sympathy of these leaders for Pakistan from the Indian soil and apparently will continue to use it in future too, for apparent reasons of showing sympathy towards Pakistan for their vote bank politics. Alas, this 'otherwise' is always visible and its repercussions are felt on ground instantaneously. Whenever such propositions come from such leaders of Kashmir, Pakistan in its obligatory gesture to these leaders, obliges the situation by creating one or the other problem in Jammu and Kashmir through the terror routes and the like, when the obvious result is the civilian killings apart from disturbance in peace. Since freedom of speech in India is available to every citizen of India, these political leaders may give all such differential statements to address their individual political constituencies under such liberties. But it should with done with some sense of responsibility as the bona fide citizens of India and they should refrain from giving such fiery statements which always jeopardizes the security scenario in J & K, resulting in loss of lives and civil disturbances of various natures, immediately after such ironical statements emanate from them. The government of the day should take a serious note of all such irrelevant statements of these leaders, when it becomes a nascent cause of adding to the devastating dimensions of the results of the terror acts of Pakistan in Kashmir. It may mean even to invoke the appropriate law for the stoppage of such utterances by such political leaders.

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Target killing of economy

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The Terrorists no doubt have killed the non-Kashmiri labourers and have spilled the innocent human blood but in effect it has resulted in the killing of the local economy. The economy of Jammu and Kashmir has been affected badly by the killing spree of the non locals as it has dealt a severe blow to the economy of the union territory and as such the enemies of the people and humanity have in fact damaged the economy of Jammu and Kashmir. Thus the killings of the non locals should be seen in the light of its impact on the state of the economy. The killings are very inhuman and should be condemned by one and all. At the same time it should be seen as to how the economy of the disturbed Jammu and Kashmir has been hit hard by the killings of non-Kashmiris. The thousands of the non locals have left the valley and it is very unfortunate not only in terms of the loss of humanity but also in terms of the loss to the local economy of Jammu and Kashmir. Hence those who are working for the so called freedom of Jammu and Kashmir should think eleven times before resorting to the wanton killings of the non locals as such unfortunate killings have also resulted in the loss to the economy of the disturbed valley. The construction activities and road works have been badly affected due exodus of the non-Kashmiris from the valley. The markets of Kashmir have been deserted because of the killings of the non locals who were contributing in a big way to the stability and growth of the local trade and business. There was big demand of the local goods and services due to the buying of the merchandise by the non-locals but because of leaving of

the valley by the non-locals due to the threat to their lives has resulted in big loss to the local trade and commerce and the killings of non Kashmiris should be seen in this respect. In fact the economy of the valley is in shambles because of the killings of the non locals as the markets of the goods and services have been badly affected and deserted by the ouster of the non locals. The fruit mandi of Sopore is an example in this regard as the ouster of the non locals has damaged the fruit market and resulted in the loss to the fruit merchants. Not only the fruit merchants are suffering losses but other ancillary goods and service dealers are also in loss due to the killing of the non locals as they have by and large left the valley and because of this the local traders are suffering losses. The atmosphere of fear and doubt and to be specific the fear psychosis has resulted in the low tourist foot fall and as such all those connected with the tourism industry directly and indirectly are suffering big losses. Thus the tourist industry on which many people depended for their livelihood is in doldrums because of the negligible number of the tourists mainly because of the element of fear among the tourists. The tour and travel operators are also hit badly by the low influx of the tourists and this has put the tourist industry to a great loss. The tourist industry is the foundation stone of the Kashmir economy and because of the threat perception of the non locals due to the killings of their members, the tourist trade and business has been badly affected as the tourists do not prefer to visit Jammu and Kashmir but they rather prefer other safe destinations outside Jammu and Kashmir and thus our union territory is suffering big

losses. The non local labourers, carpenters, masons and other skilled and unskilled workers along with the tourists constitute a big chunk of the market but with the onset of the fresh violence of killings of the non locals it has brought havoc to the local economy. Because the economy of Jammu and Kashmir depends upon the contribution of the non locals including the tourists and when the non locals are leaving the valley and very few tourists coming to Jammu and Kashmir, it has become difficult for the tourism industry to sustain in such a surecharged atmosphere and all this resulted into big losses to the Jammu and Kashmir. The taxi owners, house boat owners, handicraft shops, hotels and restaurants and general provision stores and other related trades are running in losses due to the low foot fall of the tourists. All this is due to the unfortunate killings of the non locals at the behest of the Pakistan as that country does not like peace in Jammu and Kashmir and thus have the Pakistan backed and trained terrorists indulged in the killings of the local and non local people to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in Jammu and Kashmir. Our youth have been radicalized by the enemy state of Pakistan and hence they are indulging in violence and mayhem and are targeting the innocent non locals so that they will leave the valley. In this plan Pakistan has been successful to a vast extent as the non locals are leaving Jammu and Kashmir and returning to their homes in Bihar and Utter Pradesh and other states. With their leaving the union territory coupled with the negligible tourist in coming has resulted into big losses to Jammu and Kashmir industry and economy and this

reality should be borne by those who champion the so called cause of the Kashmiris. Thus, those who wield gun and resort to killings of the non locals should see to it that their nefarious designs have resulted not only in the inhuman killings of the non locals but have also resulted into the loss to the economy of the UT which will not be made good easily. For the resilience of the economy, it is in the fitness of the things that the killings of the locals and non locals should be stopped for the interest of the humanity and the economy in the ultimate analysis. From the above it has become crystal clear that the target killings of the non locals are in effect the target killing of the economy of the UT.

Therefore the violence and killings of the locals and non locals should stop for ushering an era of peace and development so that the economy of the Jammu and Kashmir is brought on the rails again. For this it is necessary that the forces of doom should realize their follies and shun the path of violence and mayhem and bring peace and prosperity to the disturbed Jammu and Kashmir so that the economy of the UT will shine again and in this lies the good of all. In brief, it can be safely said that there is no controversy in the fact that the target killing of the non locals is in effect the target killing of the economy in the ultimate analysis. Saving of the humanity and economy should be our objective and for this all of us should play our positive roles in order to usher an era of peace, tranquility and economic development otherwise we are forced to explain that the target killings of the non locals can be safely called as the target killing of the economy.

YOUR COLUMN

Zonal Level Kala Utsav-2021

Dear Editor,

I am not a think-tank but simply a person who would like to express his views on Zonal Level Kala Utsav -2021 celebrated at Govt Higher Secondary School Khellani Doda through the medium of your esteemed daily newspaper. It is an initiative by the Ministry of Education, Govt of India to promote arts in education by nurturing and showcasing the creative talent of school students at the secondary stage in the country India. It was launched in 2015 being organised under Rastriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA).

On 21-10-2021, the Govt Higher Secondary School Khellani was transformed into a musical stage with notes of Sarod, Sitar, harmonium and Tabla reverberating through the air as it would host Zonal Level Kala Utsav-2021. The opening ceremony began with a welcome presented by students followed by welcome

address by the School Principal Sachla Kumari. The stage secretary Master Nisar Ahmed Bandy from Govt HSS Khellani who address the importance of arts and music in one's life. The Chief guest on this occasion was CEO Doda Prahlad Sharma, Principal Sachla Kumari Govt HSS Khellani Staff members of Govt HSS Khellani, Eight participating Schools of Zone Assar viz Govt. HS Bari, HSS Khellani, HS Jathri, HSS Behota, HS Blundpur, HS Hambal HSS Goha and HS Baggar and teachers along with their students were present in this occasion .

The competition show 16 participants from these schools of Zone Assar showcasing their talent in vocal musical -classical and folk, dance- classical and folk, instrumental-classical and folk, visual-2 dimensional and 3 dimensional, visual arts and indigenous toys and games. The programme concluded with the announcement of results for various categories. It is pertinent to mention here that the Principal of Govt Higher Secondary Khellani lauded all the participants and told them that the main objectives of the programme is to encourage and promote promising talents at Zonal, District, State and National Levels. These programmes are very important because they promote arts in

education by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talents of school students at the secondary level.

I think that through Kala Utsav students will get the opportunity to understand and celebrate cultural diversity at School, District, State and National levels. It will not only spread awareness among students, but also create awareness of India's cultural heritage and vibrant diversity amongst other stakeholders. Further it will help to promote networking of artists, artisans and institutions with schools. Last but not least I think that arts education may be perceived as a tool for development of aesthetic sensibility among learners to enable them respond to the beauty in various form, colours, sound and movement Arts integration in an education helps to encourage and develop problem solving ability and thereby improve the ability to handle mental imagery and better expression. Finally I hope that such mega events should be celebrated in Doda even at District Level by department of education keeping in view Govt HSS Khellani as an epicenter of the events in District Doda.

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Tehsil & District Doda.