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The media, also known as fourth pillar of democracy, has been bestowed with the responsibility of disseminating every type of information among masses not only regarding work policies and achievements of Government but also reporting all incidents, happening across the globe. But in the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir, which is facing terrorism as part of proxy war of neighbouring country Pakistan, the media has another important responsibility to make people aware of conspiracies and other evil designs of anti-national elements and terrorists, who are hell bent to destroy peaceful atmosphere of the nation.

Except for a few exceptions, majority of media groups across J&K understand their responsibility towards the nation and perform their duties with full dedication and zeal, without any favouritism.

No doubt, the security forces have done a great job in tightening noose around terror monsters across J&K, but it would not be wrong to say that all those media houses and journalists too deserve kudos, who without any fear report from the Valley consistently and bravely.

As such, it is quite obvious that terrorists may threat these honest 'fighters of pen' to refrain them from performing their legitimate duties. As per reports some terrorist groups in valley, sent threats to few journalists for their nationalist working, which is really condemnable. The need of the hour is that all social and other organizations, even common man should come forward in support of nationalist media houses and journalists so that they can perform their duties with added zeal and vigour without any threat from terrorists. Moreover, the brave journalists should also not get afraid of all such threats as they are not alone but entire society is with them.

The need of the hour is to support all these journalists, who without caring for their lives or coming under any pressure, are carrying forward the nationalist agenda and making people aware of the nefarious designs of anti-national elements.

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Convinced that Rohingyas have all the potential of jeopardizing national security, many concerned citizens, social organizations and strategic affairs experts have been demanding their deportation. Reports suggest that thousands of Rohingyas have settled in many parts of the country. However, an overwhelming majority of these illegal aliens from Myanmar is found in the highly sensitive Jammu city and its adjoining area and Jammu province's border district of Samba.

According to one estimate, there are nearly 8,000 Rohingya families living in these area since years and each Rohingya family consists of 10 to 12 members, and even more. To be more precise, their number could be around one lakh. These Rohingyas have been settled or living at more than 40 places in and around Jammu city, including Narwal, Bathinda; near Jammu Railway Station, vital army camps at Sunjwan, Nagrota and Kaluchak; and at strategic high hills along the national highway across River Tawi. And, there are umpteen reports which suggest that many Rohingyas have not only got Aadhar Cards, Ration Cards, Sim Card, Voter-Id Cards and Pan Cards, but also constructed their own houses after getting Permanent Resident Certificates. So much so, they have been provided water and electric connections and set up their own market in Jammu, styled as Burmese Market. According to J&K Government, "some non-government organizations (NGOs), namely Sakhawat, run by Muhammad-ul-Umar of Srinagar; along with Dr Rashid, son of Ghulam Muhammad of Vidhata Nagar; Bathinda, Jammu, SR Institute of Development, based at Rambagh, Srinagar; a New Delhi-based NGO, namely Daji, run by Ravi Hemadri, and Save the Children, run by Neha Gandotra, are helping them in cash and kind from time to time". The J&K Government has also named three madrassas and their teachers, which have been associated with Rohingyas. "They include Madrassa Raiaz Ul Uloom Tahfiz Ul Quran Muhajreen, Narwal Bala, Madrassa Tul Mahajreen, Jallalabad, Sunjwan, near Gole Masjid, and Dharo Alam in Jugi Railway Station, Bari

God is to be worshipped as the one beloved, dearer than everything in this and next life.

-Swami Vivekananda

EDITORIAL

National security: Who brought Rohingyas to Jammu from Delhi & WB and why?

Brahama, Jammu. Eleven teachers have been associated with Madrassa Raiaz Uloom Tahfiz Ul Quran and 12 associated with Madrassa Tul Muhajreen. Only one teacher was associated with Dharo Alam Madrassa".

The most significant aspect of the whole situation is that all the Kashmir-based political and separatist outfits, including Pakistani-based, civil society groups, legal fraternity and others extend their unstinted support to the Rohingyas, saying "it's a human issue". Former J&K CM Mehbooba Mufti, who only on Monday, Nov 14, 2022, urged the people of Kashmir to "unite to achieve more than special status like India did against the British", has even gone to the extent of saying that "initiation of deportation proceedings against Rohingyas would not be appropriate". It's a different story that all of them, without any exception, always dismissed, and continue to dismiss, the Hindu-Sikh refugees from Pakistan living in Jammu since their migration in 1947 as "foreigners" and termed, and continue to term, "their presence in Jammu as an attempt at changing J&K's demography" and opposed, continue to oppose, any right to any non-Kashmiri in J&K on the same outrageous ground.

Did the Rohingyas come to Jammu on their own or they were brought to Jammu by certain mischievous elements to promote their sinister agenda? Reports suggest that they were motivated to leave Delhi and settle in Jammu and they were exported to Jammu from West Bengal in 2008 and ever since then, they have been coming to Jammu at regular intervals, as they consider Jammu "as their second home". For example, Molvi Yunus, who has been living in Jammu city since 2008, has said: "I crossed into Bangladesh from Burma (Myanmar) when persecution of Muslims became unbearable. From Calcutta I shifted with my family to Delhi where I begged for food to keep myself and my family alive. It was in Delhi that I met a Kashmiri who told me J&K is a state in India where Muslims lived in majority. I came here in 2008".

What Molvi Yunus revealed is very significant. But what is all the more significant and revealing is what another Rohingya, Mohammad Yusuf, head of a Jammu-based Rohingya camp, has said. While explaining why they landed in Jammu, several thou-

sand kilometres away from their homes, he said: "We were boarded into a train (read Sealdah Express or Hinglaj Express) and asked to embark at the last station (read Jammu) when the whole train gets empty. We were not aware that it is Jammu. We came to know at the railway station that some Rohingyas are living here and met them. This is how we reached here". Take, for example, what Rohingya Rafiqi said in this regard. It is also important to underline what another Rohingya, Rafiqi, has said: He said: "we came to Jammu in 2009. Jammu is a second home to me now".

What these Rohingyas have revealed raise many questions. Why did the said Kashmiri induce Rohingyas to quit Delhi and settle in Jammu? What was the motive? Was it to change Jammu's demography and help create Kashmiri-like situation in Jammu? Why all the Rohingyas were settled in Jammu city and around it and that, too, at strategic locations? Why no Rohingya was settled anywhere in Kashmir or Kargil? Who exported the Rohingyas from West Bengal? What was the intention? Why did the Rohingyas get down in Bihar, Jharkhand, UP, Uttrakhand, Haryana, Punjab and HP - the states located between Bengal and Jammu? Why the Bengal-based exporter(s) exported the Rohingyas to Jammu alone? How could the Rohingyas obtain vital documents? Why certain NGOs and dubious organizations like the Amnesty International fund the Rohingyas and fight on their behalf in courts, including the highest court of the country?

These are some of the questions which need definite answers. Only a high-powered committee set up by the Union Home Ministry could find who brought Rohingyas to Jammu and to achieve what. Now that strategic affairs experts and security forces see "this Rohingya population as a potential threat in the militancy-hit state close to a highly hostile neighbour; it would be only desirable to constitute a high-powered committee to look into the whole issue. Remember, the "insecurity grew after one of the two foreign militants killed in a shootout in South Kashmir turned out to be a native of Myanmar". Also remember, a military official called "the Rohingyas a ticking time bomb".

PROGRESSING J&K

ODOP scheme helping farmers to become self-reliant, fueling economic growth

India is home to several agricultural and non-agricultural (including manufacturing) products that are region-specific and every district have products that are unique and provide livelihoods and generate income. To realize the true potential of a district, fuel economic growth and generate employment with an aim of impetus to rural entrepreneurship, the Government has launched transformational scheme One District One Product (ODOP) under Atmanirbhar Bharat. Rajouri, a border district of the J&K UT has been selected as a dairy district under the scheme as it has huge potential in the dairy sector. Dairy sector is one of the crucial sectors in the Indian economy that not only provides employment to rural households but also contributes to the economy of the country. Dairy field is among the biggest in the Agriculture sector, especially in animal husbandry. This is because there are pastoral societies who keep a big num-

ber of cows and also other people who just keep cows as a means for second income earning. The major occupation of the rural people of Jammu and Kashmir is agriculture and livestock rearing making it major source of income and employment here. Dairy sector not only generates income and employment among the farmers but also supplements the varied nutritional requirements of the individuals. District Administration under the overall supervision of the District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal has been taking several measures to strengthen the dairy sector and efforts being made to enhance the milk production in the district. The Department of Animal Husbandry is also working out on all the modalities to help the dairy farmers enhance the milk production in the district to make the district an export hub in the identified products. The Department of Animal Husbandry has worked on all parameters

before rolling out the schemes. The Department has organized number of awareness camps, house visits and other distributions activities in the far-flung areas of district. The major support has been provided by the Panchayat Raj Institutions as they are backbone of the government. They play very prominent role in implementing the schemes that are introduced by government for the socio economic development of the people. Another factor which contributed in expansion of the dairy sector is that the department is in complete contact with the beneficiaries and department also facilitated them during the Pashudhan Mela at Lakhnupur. It is because of untiring efforts of District Administration and department of Animal Husbandry that the district has witnessed fairly reasonable growth in terms of milk production from 3.67 lakh lts per day to 3.85 lakh lts per day since the launch of ODOP scheme in the district and has become

milk surplus. The field functionaries of the department are also encouraging the farmers to take benefits of these farmers' friendly schemes being implemented by the Department for their socio-economic development. After increase in production, the major concern for the dairy unit holders is the market linkage facilities; and department is also working on the lines to establish dairy cooperative societies to provide market linkages to the societies in the district. Efforts of the District Administration are also fully backed by the dairy farmers of the district who are also extending full support for the successful implementation of the ODOP initiative of the Government. The farmers have also expressed their gratitude to the Government for launching this ambitious scheme for their welfare and appealed for continuing such initiatives in near future also to ameliorate their socio-economic status.



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Whereas, section 45 of the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, envisages the Constitution of District Development Councils having jurisdiction over the entire District(s) excluding, such portions of the District as are included in a Municipality or Municipal Corporation Constituted under any law for the time being in the force.

Whereas, under Rule 108-F of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, vide S.O. 336 dated 29th October, 2020, issued notification calling upon the Constituencies of the different District Development Council(s) to elect their members.

Whereas, Election Authority accordingly announced the schedule of elections to the District Development Councils and vide Notification No. EA/PYT/2020/09 dated 13-11-2020 appointed dates for the conduct of elections in respect of District Development Councils (4th Phase) which also included election for DDC, Drugmulla Constituency as per the following schedule:-

Date of issuance of Gazette notification	Last date of making nominations	Date of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll	Date of Counting.
13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020	22-12-2020

Whereas, on 21.12.2020, that is prior to the scheduled counting of votes for the DDC Constituency, Drugmulla, Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) Panchayat (District Panchayat Officer) Kupwara vide order No. DPO(K)/5245-50 dated 21.12.2020 in terms of Rule 21(A) of Registration of Electors Rules 1960, deleted the name of one Elector, Mst Soomia Sadaf 'ab-initio' from the Panchayat Electoral Roll of Panchayat Halqa Batergam, after it was found by the Electoral Registration Officer (Panchayat), Kupwara that Mst Soomia Sadaf has entered wrong information in declaration regarding being citizen of India in Form-6 during registration as an Elector. Since Mst. Soomia Sadaf was one of contesting Candidates for DDC Drugmulla, as such the counting in the said District Development Council Constituency was withheld by the State Election Commissioner (Election Authority) and subsequently the Election Authority vide Order No. 05/SEC/DDC/2021 Dated 05/03/2021 declared the polling in the DDC Constituency Drugmulla held on 07.12.2020 as void and cancelled the candidature of Mst. Soomia Sadaf 'ab-initio'.

The operative part of the afore-mentioned order dated 05-03-2021 of the Election Authority is reproduced below:-

1. The polling held to the DDC Constituency Drugmulla is, hereby, declared as void.
2. The candidature of Mst. Soomia Sadaf is hereby cancelled 'ab-initio'.
3. There shall be Re-poll in the DDC Constituency Drugmulla District Kupwara.
4. The re-poll, shall be held by re-drawing the list of contesting candidates after dropping the name of Mst. Soomia Sadaf.
5. The re-poll shall be conducted under the applicable election rules/guidelines, on date to be notified by the Election Authority, through a separate order.

Whereas, the Election Authority has now decided to conduct the re-poll in the above mentioned District Development Council Constituency in terms of its aforementioned order dated 5.03.2021.

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under section 36 of the Jammu Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 and in continuation to notification no. 53/SEC/PYT/2020/631-650 dated 31.10.2022, the Election Authority, hereby orders a re-poll in DDC Constituency Drugmulla, District Kupwara on 05.12.2022 (Monday) from 07 AM to 02 PM. The counting shall be done on 08.12.2022 (Thursday) & the poll process shall conclude on 15.12.2022 (Thursday). The provisions of Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in the concerned DDC Constituency.

No. 53/SEC/PYT/2020/704-724

Dated : 16-11-2022

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Whereas, section 45 of the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, envisages the Constitution of District Development Councils having jurisdiction over the entire District(s) excluding, such portions of the District as are included in a Municipality or Municipal Corporation Constituted under any law for the time being in the force.

Whereas, under Rule 108-F of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, vide S.O. 336 dated 29th October, 2020, issued notification calling upon the Constituencies of the different District Development Council(s) to elect their members.

Whereas, Election Authority accordingly announced the schedule of elections to the District Development Councils and vide notification No EA/PYT/2020/14 dated 23-11-2020 appointed dates for the conduct of elections in respect of District Development Councils, (8th phase) which also included election for DDC Hajin-A Constituency as per the following schedule:-

Date of issuance of Gazette notification	Last date of making nominations	Date of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll	Date of Counting.
23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020	22-12-2020

Whereas, on 21.12.2020, that is prior to the scheduled counting of votes for the DDC Constituency, Hajin-A, Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) Hajin-A, vide order No. ERO/Hajin/Election/2020-2021/03-06 Dated 21/12/2020 (issued by the concerned Electoral Registration Officer) in terms of Rule 21 (A) of the Registrations of electors Rules, 1960, ab-initio deleted the name of one elector Mst. Shazia Begum from the Panchayat Electoral Roll of Panchayat Halqa Sadunara-A for entering wrong information in form-6 during registration as an elector. Since Mst. Shazia Begum was one of contesting candidates for DDC Hajin-A, as such the counting in the said District Development Council Constituency was withheld by the State Election Commission (Election Authority) and subsequently the Election Authority vide Order No 06/SEC/DDC/2021 Dated 05/03/2021 declared the polling in the DDC constituency Hajin-A held on 19-12-2020 as void and cancelled the candidature of Mst. Shazia Begum "ab-initio"

The operative part of the afore-mentioned order dated 05-03-2021 of the Election Authority is reproduced below:-

1. The polling held to the DDC Constituency Hajin-A is, hereby, declared as void.
2. The candidature of Mst. Shazia Begum is hereby cancelled 'ab-initio'.
3. There shall be Re-poll in the DDC Constituency Hajin-A District Bandipora.
4. The re-poll, shall be held by re-drawing the list of contesting candidates after dropping the name of Mst. Shazia Begum.
5. The re-poll shall be conducted under the applicable election rules/guidelines, on date to be notified by the Election Authority, through a separate order.

Whereas, the Election Authority has now decided to conduct the re-poll in the above mentioned District Development Council Constituency in terms of its aforementioned order dated 05.03.2021.

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under section 36 of the Jammu Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 and in continuation to Notification No: 54/SEC/PYT/2020/641-650 dated 31.10.2022, the Election Authority, hereby orders a re-poll in DDC Constituency Hajin-A, District Bandipora on 05.12.2022 (Monday) from 07 AM to 02 PM. The counting shall be done on 08.12.2022 (Thursday) & the poll process shall conclude on 15.12.2022 (Thursday). The provisions of Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in the concerned DDC Constituency.

No. 54/SEC/PYT/2020/725-745

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