

## MOTIVATION TO NEVER GIVE UP

Ayushman is a stirring take on journey of two 14 year old HIV positive under-privileged boys from rural India, who takes up a liking towards running marathons to steer through all the social stigma and discrimination that exists in the society against HIV patients and thereby spread positive change and hope around them, said Director of film Jacob Varghese, while interacting with media and festival delegates at one of the 'Table Talks' sessions being organised by PIB on the side-lines of 53rd International Film Festival of India in Goa on 25th November 2022.

Sharing about the inspiration behind making the documentary the director said, "Boys and their sheer motivation to never give up in life has in turn motivated and inspired me as well.

They stopped complaining about the agony they are in, instead took up a challenge and won hearts." Throwing light on the journey which took almost 6 years to finish, Jacob Varghese said he came across the boys, Babu and Manik, who were 12 years old then at an orphanage designated for HIV positive children. "One among them was abandoned at birth and other was fighting to overcome his fears in connection with his family and of the future .

When I met them, who are born as HIV positive with no fault of theirs, the first thought that struck me was how will they lead their life, how will they survive and how long they will be alive," he said adding, "We don't have answers to this questions." But to his great surprise these boys had shown great courage and resolve to fight for themselves by doing what they like the most, i.e., running, said the director. According to him, the boys who took baby steps in their pursuit to excel in the larger goal, opted for 10 Km running first and later on graduated to doing half marathon, which is of 21 Km of distance.

Sharing the nuances of canvassing their journey, Varghese said they started on a small scale.

"As we set on sail with the flow, I started growing with them too and their mission took them to 5 continents and 12 countries. I simply followed them and documented their life," he said.

When asked about the physical health of the boys which plays a critical role in their goal, the director has this to say, "Taking up sports acted as medium in building confidence and stamina for them. But above all it is acting as a catalyst in helping them to overcome the stigmas associated with the disease. It is also helping them in a very positive way in terms of right nutrition and work out as well. "

Asserting that the psychological aspects of the stigma causes far larger consequences than the physical ones posed by the disease, Varghese said the psychological side is highly demanding since they are growing with the fact that their families have abandoned them for no fault of theirs.

Specifying how the societal stigma and discrimination associated with the disease is taking away even the little joys of life from them and how misinformation plays an imperative role in doing so, Varghese said there is lack of right information about diseases like HIV, leprosy which raises a wall in front of these people to experience life in its full form and even deprive them of them the rightful things.

Detailing the transformation of the boys whose story became the greatest journey of hope, Varghese said the boys are a role model for other kids of similar stature in their orphanage and exuded confidence that the boys will keep on running till their last breath as the greatest inspiration to many.

■ DR BANARSI LAL

Development is a herculean task. The task of development is also huge and complicated that just implementing government plans is not sufficient to solve the problem. To achieve this, a holistic approach and collaborative endeavours are needed. The numbers of NGOs are increasing in India. The multidimensional concept of rural development is based on two fundamental components which have been neglected. Firstly, an effective management of existing local resources both material and human with the goal of optimum output and secondly, active people participation irrespective of any sort of discrimination. These two factors have rarely been realized in the State policy of development process particularly in rural development. Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) embrace a bewildering group of organizations varying in terms of innumerable parameters. In fact NGOs offer a kaleidoscopic collection of organizations, varying in origin, size, programmes, ideology and control. Originally voluntarism was based on a principle according to which the willpower to work would be a dominant factor. Volunteer was a person who offered one's service spontaneously without external incentives. The work of a volunteer was instinctive. A voluntary organisation was a conglomeration of volunteers joined together with the shared values of concern for a specific purpose. NGOs are expected to play a critical role in all aspects of rural development. It is perceived that NGOs activities can solve all the problems of the society. In fact, the role of NGOs is changing over the years due to change in the function and philosophy of other developmental organizations. The role of government has also changed from police state to welfare state. NGOs too have changed their roles. The roles of various development organizations are basically complementary and hence development partnership is inevitable for the cause of development. The role of NGOs is distinct from government, business and other organizations. NGOs are mobilisers of local resources, planners and implementers of development programmes, innovators, mediators of people

## NGOs for rural development

ple and government, builder of self-reliant sustainable society, supporter and partner of government programmes, factors of transformation and bring improvement in the life of poor and facilitators of development education, training etc. As a development agency, role of NGOs turns controversial when it assumes that poverty is basically a political issue and people have to be empowered to overcome the riddles of inequitable power relations. An NGO is now-a-days not expected to deliver directly some benefits to people but to motivate people, mobilize resources, initiate leadership and participate in development programmes for self-reliance. An NGO is only an enabler and as and when a society is made self-reliant, role of NGO is shifted to another place where NGO service is required. The role of NGOs as enabler for self-reliant society and as supplier or implementer is relevant where bureaucracy is indifferent or inefficient, poor are ignorant, elite are ambitious, success and services are pre-conditions for motivation etc. Voluntary organizations can build a society. They motivate, articulate, priorities needs and mobilize social action. The participatory experience, collective learning process and indigenous leadership develop confidence to a new society. Ultimately the success is measured not on material basis but the extent to which beneficiaries are moved from dependency to self-reliance. Self-reliance and participation provide positive philosophy for a development model. An NGO can perform collaborative, interactive and conflictive roles. An NGO major contribution in development is to organize, utilize and mobilize the resources effectively within and outside the community. An NGO is one of the alternatives available among various development organizations and one of the inputs among technical, financial and other resources. The sporadic efforts of NGOs can be consolidated and made more effective. The main role of an NGO is at the local level as mobilisers of people and their resources for an indigenous self-sustainable development. At this level it can be a pioneer, mediator, catalyst and has many roles. NGOs can be very effective in playing their role as advocates in policy issues beyond local, national and

international level. The major weakness of NGOs is their action ion isolation. Their collaboration can make the efforts more effective. NGOs can associate with other organizations working in the development processes which are in fact more resourceful. Now the time has come to professionalize volunteer sector with transparency in activity, discipline in resource use and integration in functions. Volunteerism will be there as long as humanity is there because it is basic instinct in human beings. The tendency of NGOs supporters to expect success stories always will be unrealistic and counterproductive. While considering the potential and prospects of NGOs, we have to be realistic to ensure meaningful outcome from NGOs in the present and future. The shifting of location of NGOs activities from relief centres, refugee camps and hospitals to villages and slums has opened the eyes of volunteers to stark the realities of poverty. Their attention extended from apparent poverty to its root causes. The NGOs world is full of dynamism and hopes. By centuries of selfless work with whatever amount and criticism and inadequacies, NGOs have learned many things and also society at large. The value of NGOs is unique and sporadic efforts cannot be underestimated by the policy makers and professionals. Public policies are positively influenced and poor people's organizations have asserted more powerfully due to NGOs activism. NGOs curve is moving upwards. It is recognised that if conventional machinery is one arm, the Non-Government Organisation has emerged as another arm and these two can work together for the benefits of people. As the task of development is massive, many NGOs in India are playing significant role in the rural development in collaboration with the government. It is essential for the voluntary organizations to prepare themselves for future challenges and continue their constructive role in the rural development.

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## Listen to sufferings of PM Package Employees

■ OMKAR DATTATRAY

The PM Package employees are protesting in Jammu as well as in Kashmir for last over seven months for their only and genuine demand of relocation/adjustment in Jammu. But BJP government of centre and their representative in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir - the LG, are overlooking peaceful and democratic protests and it seems that the government of the day is not understanding their situation forcing the hapless employees to come on the roads and adopt aggressive means to attain their right to life which stands torn by the terrorists on the one hand and by the insensitive government on the other hand. There is no semblance of any normalcy in Kashmir valley as the soft targets are attacked and killed by the gun tottering marauders and the government seems not to be moved by the killings of the minorities as well as by the unfortunate killings of the non local labours. The government has failed to provide protection to the minorities including Pandit package employees and the outside labors with the result all that the members of all these vulnerable groups are killed by the terrorists with sadistic pleasure while the government is parroting and boasting of fake and false normalcy post August 5, 2019 which is far from truth. There is no normalcy in valley as the soft targets are attacked and even killed in the broad day light and the BJP government is not tired of claiming that they have brought normalcy in Kashmir but in reality and at ground zero there is no normalcy in Kashmir. The false normalcy is only in the television channels which project the false notion of normalcy in Kashmir.

There is persistent and continuous threat to life, limb and honor of the Pandit package employees and thus there is total risk to their precious lives in Kashmir and thus they are unable to perform their duties in such a sureharged environment across Kashmir valley as their members and colleagues were killed in the offices while on their way to offices or schools but the government closes its eyes on such barbaric happenings and remains busy in parroting false theory and narrative of normalcy in Kashmir. While the hard reality is that the situation in Kashmir is not at all normal for the living and working of the package employees. The BJP government is only exploiting the innocent Kashmiri Pandits and has been using them as vote catching machines, selling and marketing the pain and suffering of the Kashmiri Pandits for their cozy chairs and they have no regard for the welfare of these helpless sons of mother India for upholding of which the terrorists had uprooted the Kashmiri Pandits way back in 1990 and these days the terrorists are repeating the mayhem of the hay days of the 1990 militancy and thus forcing the residual Pandit minority to leave the valley and make good the dream of cleansing the valley of all Pandits and other Hindu minorities. Thus in such an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty the package employees cannot perform their duties across Kashmir and the government should shift these employees to Jammu temporarily for the time being till the normalcy is restored in Kashmir. The package employees should not be made sacrificial goats at the altar of the secular democracy of the country and for claiming and showing false normalcy by

the powers. There cannot be real normalcy by claiming it day and night rather the government should not be complacent with the fake and false narrative of normalcy but seriously and sincerely work for the normalcy and for this it is important to mount pressure on the terrorists and eliminate the militancy completely so that the people in general and Pandits in particular will feel a sense of security and peace and will heave a sigh of relief. The government is required to bring normalcy in Kashmir so that the minorities will feel safe and secure and there should be no killings of the minorities in Kashmir and only then we can say that there is normalcy otherwise not. The package employees cannot perform their duties in Kashmir under the fear of gun and therefore the LG government should order the temporary adjustment of the Package employees in Jammu and attach these hapless employees to the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner Migrants Jammu till the situation becomes conducive for the living and working of the package employees and till the normalcy these employees should not be coerced and pressurized to resume their duties across Kashmir as it is dangerous and risky for their lives and it is akin to playing with the lives of these unfortunate employees. The BJP government should come down from its false ego and order the temporary shifting of these package employees to Jammu so that their life and honor is saved. But the government seems hell bent to force the package employees to resume their duties across Kashmir only to show their false normalcy. The shifting the package employees to Jammu will not

affect the situation in Kashmir and will also not weaken the position of India in Kashmir however it will ensure the safety and security of the package employees. The government should not resort to the pen terrorism against the Pandit Package employees and allow them to perform their duties in Jammu. The BJP government should shun its rigidity and come down from its ego and order the attachment of the package employees to Jammu. The government is withholding the salaries of the package employees who are on strike and it has landed these employees in trouble. Thus instead of providing some succor to these employees in distress the government is hell bent on compounding their sufferings. The government should order release their salary and ask all the DDOs not to withhold the salary of the package employees. What is needed is that the government should guarantee the right to life as provided by article-21 of the constitution and this can be done only if the Package employees are shifted to Jammu for the time being so that their life is saved. Thus without any further delay the government should shun their ego and false narrative of normalcy and order the shifting/attachment of the package employees to Jammu. In short the government should wipe the tears from the eyes of the Pandit Package employees and balm their hurt psyche and attach them to RC office Jammu without any delay.

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## Vijay Hazare Trophy: Clinical J&K thrashes Kerala, seals berth in historic QFs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: J&K's batting mainstay Shubham Khajuria was at his vintage best as he smashed power-packed 76 runs and another opener Qamaran Iqbal's bold and potentially match-winning innings demonstrated again that he is so much more than a crude slogger, while speedsters Anqib Nabi and Yudhvir Singh seem to have come a long way in a short period of time as J&K thrashed formidable Kerala by 7 wickets to seal berth in the historic quarterfinals of the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy at Gujarat College Cricket Ground A, Ahmadabad on Saturday.

Earlier, put into bat by J&K skipper Shubham Pundir, Kerala scored a modest total of 174 runs in 47.4 overs. Vinoop Sheela Manoharan top scored with 62 runs off 81 balls, studded with 7 fours, while Sijomon



Shubham Khajuria receiving Man of the Match award.

Joseph and Akhil Searia contributed 32 and 23 runs to the total respectively. Anqib Nabi was the pick of the bowlers for J&K, who captured 4 important wickets by conceding 39 runs in his 10 overs, while Yudhvir Singh was the most economical bowlers, who conceded just 16 runs in his 7.4 overs and took 2 wickets. Mujtaba Yousuf, Vivrant Sharma, Abid Mushtaq and

Sahil Lotra claimed 1 wicket each. In reply, J&K chased the target easily in 37.5 overs, losing 3 wickets in the process, thus won the match by 7 wickets. Shubham Khajuria and Qamaran Iqbal showed stellar grit and tenacity to notch up brilliant half-centuries and make a partnership of 133 runs in a low scoring affair, while Henan Malik and Fazil Rashid completed the formality in

style. Shubham was in sublime touch, scoring 76 off 61 deliveries, studded with 5 boundaries and 6 sixes, while otherwise explosive Qamaran took 96 balls to make 51 with 7 boundaries. Henan and Fazil made unbeaten 14 and 13 runs respectively while Vivrant contributed 13 runs to the total. J&K will take on Assam in the quarterfinals on November 28, 2022.

The team is being accompanied by former International cricketer Ajay Sharma as coach, Rajan Singh and Sandeep Singh as Manager and Co-Manager respectively, Tammy Srivastava as Fielding Coach, Sunny Kumar as Trainer, Danish Idrees as Performance Analyst, Jatinder Gupta as Physio and Nareesh as Masseur.

The Sub Committee Members of JKCA including Brig Anil Gupta, Member-

Administration; Advocate Sunil Sethi, Member Legal Affairs and Cricketer Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development JKCA congratulated the team for this splendid victory.

Majid Dar, Member Cricket Development Kashmir; Roopali Sathia and Abdul Qayoom, Members Cricket Advisory Committee and the Senior Selectors of JKCA including Vidhya Bhaskar, Vijay Sharma, Dhruv Mahajan and Arshid Bhat also congratulated the team for this big win.

"#VijayHazareTrophy2022. Congratulations JKCA seniors for creating history by entering the QF. Well done the Team. You are inching close to scripting new chapter in the history of Indian cricket. Entire JK is looking forward to the QF match vs Assam. Play to win. #JKCA," tweeted Brig Gupta.

## PG Department of CDE, IGGDC shines in 37th IACDE National Conference

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: PG Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics (CDE), IGGDC showed an active participation in 37th IACDE National Conference recently held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Department of CDE under the guidance of Dr Azhar Malik, HOD received the award of appreciation from the head office Indian Association of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics (IACDE) for the efforts and activities conducted under the IACDE@40 banner, which includes activities for Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav,



Dr Azhar Malik, Prof and HOD, Department of Conservative Dentistry IGGDC Jammu; Dr Rachna Dhani and Dr Shamim Anjum receiving the Award of Appreciation from President DCI Dr. Majumdar and President IACDE Dr. Ratnakar.

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with various Institutions, CDE programs and Organization of

Dental Camps. The award was given by President of Dental Council of India (DCI) Dr. Majumdar and President of IACDE Dr. Ratnakar during that tenure, Dr. Azhar Malik act as Executive member of IACDE for the year 2021-2022. Dr Azhar Malik, HOD, Dr. Rachna Dhani and Dr Shamim Anjum, Assistant Professor also chaired session in Scientific program.

The PG students also presented scientific papers and Posters amongst which Dr Saniya Amin bagged first prize in poster competition.

This was a year of long efforts

done by the Dept. of Conservative Dentistry comprised of Dr Azhar Malik (HOD), Dr Ajay Gupta (Associate Professor), Dr Rachna Dhani and Dr Shamim Anjum (Assistant Professor), Dr Rudra Kaul and Dr Ravinder Bhagat (Lecturer), Dr Ashish Choudhary and Dr Sukhbir kour (Registrar), Dr Kanchan Bhagat (Dental Surgeon) and Post Graduation students i.e. Dr Tahira, Dr Saima, Dr Insha, Dr Sadiya, Dr Saniya, Dr Jerin. Principal Dr Rakesh K Gupta who showed his light of guidance to facilitate these programmes.

## Opposition's pressure worked against move to enroll 25 lakh voters: JKPCC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Congress claimed that opposition pressure worked to prevent misuse of electoral laws to register proposed 25 lakh voters by the Government machinery, as announced earlier and now there should be no delay to holding of assembly elections. As per an official spokesperson of party, reacting to the reports of 7.72 lakh addi-

tional voters, after 3.58 lakh deletions, JKPCC said that this number also appears slightly higher to the past trend and would need examination but the opposition pressure worked to stall any attempt to add around 25 lakh new voters, as was pre-maturely announced by the CEO J&K. "The Govt must also fulfill its promise of restoration of statehood before holding elections," he added.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI(PHE) MECH. DIVISION KATHUA NOTICE INVITING TENDER e- NIT No. 138/JSPHEMK dated: 23-11-2022					
Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua, on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered/ reputed firms.					
Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee (In Rs)	Earnest Money	Estimated Cost	Bid Validity
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Providing, installation, testing and commissioning of 250 KVA manual voltage stabilizer and other allied works at Seri Stage-II in Basohli Town.	Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Kathua	Rs. 500.00 (Non-Refundable) In the shape of Treasury Challan in favour of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua & also mentioned the e-NIT No. and date	12000/- (pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua)	6.00 lac	Bid shall be valid for 180 days
1) Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> from 23-11-2022 (06:00PM) and uploaded from 23-11-2022 (6:00 PM) to 05-12-2022 (04:00 PM). The complete bidding process will be online <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> . 2) Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table. 3) The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the tenderer shall be debarred from participating in tendering process for a period of 1 year. 4) The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division Kathua on 06-12-2022 at 01:00 P.M or any other day convenient to the Ex. Engineer in the Office chambers of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division Kathua. 5) The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall also be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division Kathua during office hours and shall be communicated separately. 6) Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.					
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