

AFFORDABLE SORTIES

For more than seventy years J&K lived an archaic lifestyle with things reaching here after becoming obsolete in other parts of the country.

This was the case of travel also which is mainstay of economy of the region. With only two airports catering to the travel needs of people of one of the largest unit of the country speaks a lot about the discrimination which the central dispensations of the past did with impunity.

Soon after BJP government came to power in 2014, the Prime Minister has openly announced that he has special affinity towards the northernmost state of the country and his policies have proved this fact without an iota of doubt.

The way the Article 370 was abrogated and the double-engine governance started in the region with both LG's administration and central dispensation laying wholehearted focus on J&K whether it is development, politics, borders or tribal population, J&K never saw such scoop of attention from a centre Government in the past.

This is not the end as today only the BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh led a delegation of J&K leaders to request Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia for affordable air connectivity to remote areas of J&K.

This is a needful act as people are in dire need to have air connectivity especially during winters when the surface transport comes to a halt.

Reportedly, the delegation has sought affordable services for the people of the remote areas like Kishtwar, Doda, Poonch-Rajouri, Uri, Gurez, Karnah, Keran and other such places that remain land-locked during most part of the year.

There is no reason in doubting that demand raised by the leaders of J&K will not be looked after because the centre government has special affection for JK and it is likely that sooner than later the people of far off places will have affordable air connectivity. Already, the government is providing subsidized air connectivity for those having emergencies due to natural disasters or medical exigencies.

As expected the concerned minister has assured that the points raised by the delegation will help in further improving civil aviation sector in Jammu and Kashmir. Hopefully, things will take a pleasant turn sooner than later and people of aforesaid far off places will get a sigh of relief.

IRREPARABLE NATIONAL LOSS

Hard to believe it may be but the cruel and gruesome fact is that Gen Bipin Laxman Singh Rawat, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, VSM, ADC is no more. The first Chief of Defence Staff met his end with shoes on in the helicopter crash, when, like a true soldier, he was boarded to deliver a lecture at Wellington College. This is an irreparable national loss and no words are enough to mourn the demise of the great son of Mother India. His colleagues in Indian Army remember General Rawat as a thorough professional, who was instrumental in making the nation stand-up to China more recently. His steadfast and resolute action saw the nation triumph, first in Doklam and then in Eastern Ladakh. The nation will remain indebted to the General for being a great strategist and mastermind in Myanmar, when a strike was launched against terrorist camps.

He will remain credited for being first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India, an appointment created in consonance with dictates of the Kargil Committee Report. General Rawat has played a crucial role in the creation of a tri-service culture. He has strategized the creation of Theatre Commands and ushered in several exponential changes in the arena of defence and security, especially modernization. The grateful nation joins Prime Minister Narendra Modi in paying tribute to the great soldier. The Prime Minister has aptly described Gen Bipin Rawat as an outstanding soldier. A true patriot, he greatly contributed to modernising our armed forces and security apparatus. "His insights and perspectives on strategic matters were exceptional. His passing away has saddened me deeply," the Prime Minister has stated. The entire nation is descended in pall of gloom over the tragic death of the CDS and others in the helicopter crash. He will be remembered as a shining soldier of India who made the nation proud by his unflinching commitment to his duty.



How many times do you feel tired because there are just too many things to do? Do you know what it feels like to sit in silence?

Imagine that it is dawn and you are sitting on a beach. You are observing the sunrise as you are enjoying the chirping of birds.

The waves are playing touch and go with you. The cool breeze is touching you gently and there you are sitting at the cusp of light and darkness, happy for those moments to continue till eternity.

Today there are innumerable choices we have to keep ourselves engaged and entertained and yet we feel tired and busy in our minds. Have you ever wondered why?

The answer is quite intuitive. Distractions and choices are the 2 sides of the same coin. So, if we can be more discrete in making our choices, we will reduce our distractions. Therefore, we come to another important question.

How do we reduce our distractions?

Starting early. Just like it is easy to reach a destina-

tion when there is less traffic similarly it is easy to do our work when there is less traffic of thoughts and less hustle-bustle around. Getting up early in morning is a good way to start our day as we can get time to visualize our day, exercise, indulge in some hobby before we attend work, classes, or household chores.

All Rajayogis start their day at 4 AM with the early hours of nectar (Amritvela), they also listen to Godly Versions (Murli) – insightful and energizing thoughts from the Supreme Being.

Following a routine: Our mind gets conditioned to do things which it does regularly.

By creating a schedule for ourselves and living by it we can create a pattern in our lives which when established would easily be followed by our mind.

The initial few days of doing this needs perseverance but after that, we are sorted. All Rajyogis organize their life to spend some time on their worldly duties, spiritual endeavors, and sleeping.

Brahma Kumaris

Untenable hue & cry over abrogation of Article-370

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The controversial article 370 of the constitution is again in the news these days due to the futile and redundant demand of the regional political parties for the revival of the scrapped article .The regional political parties of National Conference, Peoples Democratic Party and Peoples Conference and some other parties are raising the demand for the revival of the abrogated article 370 as if it was the matter of life and death for Kashmiris while the fact is that the article was the temporary and transitory provision of the constitution and was not a permanent a provision and it has to be done away with and thus when the NDA government headed by the BJP under its prime minister Narindra Modi has abrogated the controversial article 370 of the Indian constitution a great hue and cry has been created by the regional political satraps ostensibly for the vote bank politics and misleading and exploitation of the common Kashmiris .The head of Gupkar alliance Farooq Abdullah is now threatening the central government and is asking the gullible Kashmiris to be ready for the sacrifice for the revival of the abrogated Article 370. On 116th birth anniversary of the his late father and the tallest leader of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Farooq Abdullah at his mausoleum at Naseembagh in Srinagar has asked the gathering present on the occasion that we will have to fight for the revival of the scrapped Article 370 of the constitution and for this we will give the sacrifice if needed to restore the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. Through his utterances, Farooq is trying to brow beat the central government and is black mailing it but he should know that it is the government of Narendra Modi and he and his government cannot be intimidated

any longer and therefore his cunning tricks will not succeed. Farooq Abdullah has exhorted Kashmiris to give sacrifices just like the farmers had given during eleven months for the repeal of the three farm laws and the government has ultimately repealed the controversial farm laws. Similarly the people of Kashmir have to fight jointly and work towards the revival of the abrogated article 370 of the constitution. For this the people of Kashmir should ready themselves for the cause of restoration of the scrapped article and this is the contention of the regional political satraps. People should show unity and be ready for the sacrifices for the revival of the scrapped article 370 of the constitution. The demand for the revival of the abrogated article 370 is unrealistic and utopian and it will not be revived as the central government has abrogated it as it was in the agenda and manifesto of the BJP from its very inception. The decision to abrogate the article had been taken by passing the resolution in this regard in the country's parliament with a majority vote and thus it cannot be revived as it lead to the fuller integration of Jammu and Kashmir with Indian union and no power on earth can bring it back and the regional satraps are living in the fool's paradise and are day dreaming when they make irrelevant and unrealistic demand for the revival of the controversial article 370 of the constitution of India. Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti the presidents of NC and PDP, respectively are asking for moon when they demand the restoration of article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. The scrapped article 370 always nourished the feelings of separatism and alienation among the Kashmiris and the separatism flourished due to the article 370. The fact is when all the states of Indian Union were equal then why special treatment and special status to sensitive former

state of Jammu and Kashmir. It is very unfortunate that the Kashmiris had always been given to understand that they are the special ones in the whole of India and this feeling has given birth to militancy and separatism .It is the article 370 which has given a handle to the Pakistan to incite the trouble in Jammu and Kashmir under the so called special status and she has been successful in creating the artificial wall of separatism in Jammu and Kashmir .The article 370 of the constitution of India has always given oxygen to the separatism and militancy and therefore the decision to abrogate is in the interest of the country and thus has the NDA government headed by the BJP given a good bye to the controversial article. One fails to understand why the regional political parties are befooling the Kashmiris on the subject of article 370. It is alleged that president of NC Farooq Abdullah has said that Kashmiris can take the help of China for the restoration of the abrogated 370 and therefore he is threatening the central government. In fact Farooq is blackmailing the centre government so that it can be forced to revive the abrogated article 370 just as it has repealed the farm laws. The decision to repeal the farm laws has emboldened the Kashmiri leaders and so they are demanding the revival of the scrapped article 370 on the analogy of the repeal of the farm laws .But the regional leaders of Jammu and Kashmir should know that the repeal of the farm laws and the so called revival of the abrogated article 370 are two separate things and subjects and the two cannot be clubbed together .The Kashmiri leaders should know that under no circumstances the scrapped article 370 can be revived as the abrogation of the article 370 has been done in the national interest and as such it cannot be revived. The congress leader and former Chief Minister G N Azad has said that the con-

gress cannot achieve the required number of seats in 2024 general elections to repeal the resolutions of the parliament regarding abrogation of the article 370 and therefore it is futile to demand the revival of the scrapped article 370. The regional political leaders are inciting the innocent Kashmiris against India and they are spewing venom and hatred among the people and this should not be done for the interest of the nation. The fact of the matter is that the Kashmiri dynastic rulers had always exploited the gullible masses of Kashmir for their vested and selfish interests and they have amassed enormous wealth under the shield of the special status of the former state and when they are asked for the accountability the unreasonable noise of the attack of the special status thus being created. Thus always the leaders of Kashmir have exploited the innocent masses of Kashmir under the guise of the attack of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. One fails to understand as way the Kashmiri leaders have and are still inciting the people of Kashmir in the name of the special status and this is ironic and they should not do so. The regional political parties of Jammu and Kashmir read Kashmir and their leaders and to be specific the president of NC and the Chief of PDP are raising the issue of the revival of the abrogated article 370 of the constitution and are blowing hot and cold over this useless and futile issue for the purpose of the vote bank. People of the UT should not fall a prey to the cunningness and exploitations of the regional leaders. In brief the hue and cry over the abrogation of the article 370 and the utopian demand for its revival is untenable and unjust and the regional leaders should desist from raising such issues for the good of the UT and the nation.

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Retrieve Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir

The whole of Jammu and Kashmir is an inseparable part and parcel of India and the Indian has to obey the parliament resolution and make sincere efforts for retrieving of that part of Jammu and Kashmir which is under the illegal occupation of Pakistan. Any government of India irrespective of the party affiliation is bound by parliament resolution which says that the part of Jammu and Kashmir which is under the unlawful occupation of Pakistan has to be retrieved and merged with India. It has been said by no less a man than the MoS, Prime Ministers' Office Dr Jitendra Singh that vacation of Pakistan occupied Kashmir is the next agenda of the BJP government and it will leave no stone unturned to vacate Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Therefore the government will work to liberate the so called Azad Kashmir and will make efforts to merge it with India In fact the annexation of the illegally occupied part of Jammu and Kashmir by Pakistan is an unfinished agenda of India and the Indian government and the people should make efforts to liberate the occupied Jammu and Kashmir and make it part of India. The division of the Indian subcontinent is a very disturbing and the division of the motherland is very unfortunate and unnatural. Thus, the division of the country in 1947 was very unfortunate and it should not have happened but due to the conspiracy of Ali Mohammad Jinnah and the divide and rule policy of the British government and with its connivance the division took place and the country was divided into India and Pakistan against the wishes of the nationalist people. Since we are bound by the parliament resolutions and

so all the necessary steps should be taken by the powers to annex that part of Jammu and Kashmir which is under the illegal occupation of Pakistan. All the right wing parties are for the retrieving of the Pak occupied Jammu and Kashmir and therefore all the steps in the direction of retrieving of the part under the occupation of Pakistan should be taken to give a practical shape to the parliament resolution in this, since Jammu and Kashmir is incomplete without annexing its part which is forcibly occupied by the Pakistan. Therefore the central government of Narendra Modi who is a strong prime minister and has got a strong mandate should take necessary steps in the direction of freeing the illegally occupied part of Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistan. The Jammu and Kashmir is the crown of India and the crown should not have been spilt and therefore the government of India should sincerely work towards realizing the dream of all the nationalist forces which is retrieving of the part of Jammu and Kashmir which is under the illegal occupation of Pakistan. The retrieving of Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistan should not be the issue in the elections only but instead it should be the consistent policy of India that the part of Jammu and Kashmir which is under the control of Pakistan should be liberated and annexed with India so that the crown of India will shine again and it will become complete. Thus the powers that be should take necessary steps in the direction of making of the Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir a part of India. There is political unrest in Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir and the government of India should

exploit the murky situation and free it from the Pakistani control. There is greatest human right violation in Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir and the Indian government should take the matter of the human right violation of its people with the international community and with the United Nations, so that there is some respite and relief to the innocent people. The people of the occupied Jammu and Kashmir do not like to remain with the Pakistan and this situation the Government of India should exploit so that the occupied part of Jammu and Kashmir will become a part of India. In fact the retrieving of the Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir is necessary for the dream of united powerful India. It is the very first step in the direction of Akhand Bharat - that is united undivided India which is the guiding principle of all right wing political parties and the social organizations. Therefore genuine and sincere efforts should be made by the powers towards the eviction of the part of Jammu and Kashmir from the occupation of the Pakistan.

As Dr Jitendra Singh has said the other day that retrieving of the Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir is the on the agenda of the BJP government and it is so likely that the Government has the plans and modus operandi to make it possible and practical. Thus the Government of India should sincerely take steps in the direction of retrieving of the Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistani control in order to make it as the inseparable part of India. For purpose of achieving of this feat no sacrifice is big and people of India should be ready for any sacrifice to realise the

dream of the nationalist people. Since the retrieving of the illegally occupied part of Jammu and Kashmir is one of the priority items of the union government so the government of India should work in this direction so that the dream of 135 crore Indians will be realised. The retrieving of the Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir should attract the attention of the government and it should work incessantly for the eviction of the part of Jammu and Kashmir which is under its illegal control. The retrieving of Pakistan occupied Kashmir should not be the emotive issue only for the vote bank during the elections but it should be given a practical shape in the days to come.

It should not be for public consumption only and should not be raised during elections only but it should be the consistent policy of the union government.

The centre government should take the people of the country in confidence for embarking on this big mission.

Thus without wasting time the government of India should work towards realizing this dream and objective as it is in national interest. In brief one can say that retrieving of the Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir should top the agenda of the BJP government and all the necessary steps need to be taken for realizing this dream.

If sincere steps are taken to realize this dream the sooner or later it will become true as the prayers of the countrymen are involved in it. The only condition is that people of country and political parties and the Government should together strive to retrieve part of Jammu and Kashmir from illegal occupation of Pakistan.

YOUR COLUMN

Recognise your talent

Dear Editor,

Talent is the strongest essence you have. Talent does not need to be mature. It is god gifted. However, it may require a little polishing. Our talent lies in what we do, think or sense naturally. You do not need a school or a coach who can develop some talent in you. Our talent lies in what we do in our daily life. Sometimes, it is seen that the talent is also passed on from generation to generation. For instance, the son of a singer also has good singing potential sometimes. We have seen that children of many singers are also good singers. But sometimes a person may have a very distinct talent from his family. A painter may be born into a family of cricketers. A talent cannot be imitated or embezzled. Talent is something on which we have a full command and we are confident that no one else can perform it better than us. There are people in the world who do not even know what their talent is. These people should identify their talent as soon as possible. If we know what our talent is we can reach the new heights of success.

Every industry today asks for talent, be it engineering and technology, the fashion industry, the management industry, or any other. Talent is preferred everywhere. Companies want more talent instead of skills. A person can learn any new skill but it cannot become its talent. Talent is natural. It is very difficult for others to crush you in your talent. Moreover, if you make your talent your profession, no one can cease you from being successful. It can give you a great hike in the amount of capital in your salary account. Working with your talent will give you satisfaction and joy. At any point in time, you will not feel that 'Why I am doing this?' The same goes for the students. The students study what their friends are studying or what their parent wants them to study. If the students will study the course related to their talents will give them a great and successful career because their interest will be

associated with it. Associating your talent, your interest with your career can give you the success which you have always dreamt of. So it becomes very important for each and every person to know what their talent is.

Talent lies in things associated with our daily life. It may be the smallest thing we do in our day to day routine. It may be from one of the daily chores we do daily. We just need a careful mind to identify our talent from them. Talent can be even in the minutest thing you do. If you are a bathroom singer, you may be a genuinely good singer. If you cook innovative dishes in the kitchen, that may be your talent. If you teach your kids or siblings at home, teaching may be your talent. If you like to decorate your home, you may be quiet talented in interior decoration. You should ask yourself what you do daily and from in which chores you are good at. Remember for what all tasks you have been praised. Think about all those things which can be your talent.

While performing your talent, you will feel excited, joyful and satisfied. The works which give you excitement may be your talent. Suppose someone asks you to write something and you get very excited and write a very good poem. Then definitely your talent lies in writing poems. If you make this as your career, you may become a very good, famous and successful poet or lyricist. Talent is always associated with excitement. If you think that this is your talent but you do not feel any excitement with it or you do not think about innovation in it, then this is not your talent. Talent is also akin to experimenting. Your talent may be distinct from the rest of the world. It is not necessary that your talent is fit for the job titles already in existence. Your talent may give the world a new job title. For example, if you are the person who sees innovation in everything, who likes to beautify everything and want to make everything perfect you can find someone who is seeking for the same in his company or office and you can help him in enhancing his workplace.

There is a lot of difference between skill and talent. A person who is skilled in a field can do only those things which he has grasped in his training process. On the other hand, a talented person can perform innovation in the

field. He may make the field more advanced. The work done by the talented person will be different from the work done by a skilled one. A talented person will have uniqueness, confidence and creativity in his work. The efforts he laid on the work will be seen in his glee after the work has been completed. Your talent will consider only your strengths and not your weak points. If you feel that painting is your talent but you do not feel cozy with a specific type of color, or a brush then painting is not your talent as it encompasses one of your weak points. You may be good at it or skilled at it but you are not naturally talented in it.

It is not necessary that if you are not able to perceive your talent, then others will also not know about it. Your parents are the first who gets to know about your talent. Even from your childhood, and before the genesis of your schooling your parents get to know in what things you are naturally good at. Your teachers and friends can also assist you in this as they know you very well. Do not be afraid to ask others about your talent. You may get unambiguous and a crystal clear answer. There are chances that you may be talented in something which you have never done. This probability is very less but this can surely happen. If you feel that you cannot find your talent in your daily life then go back to your childhood and try to perform the activities you used to perform at that time. If you are still not able to find your talent, practice new things, the things which you have always dreamt for. Things which snatch your interest may be your talent. There is no harm in trying new things, if you will not succeed in finding your talents you will gain some experience. You may be marvelous at more than one thing. You may be talented in more than one thing. But if you say you are so talented that you can do anything, you are lying. It is next to impossible for one single person to be talented in everything. But if you feel that you are talented in both singing and dance, you can perform all types of dance you can sing all kinds of songs that can be true. You may be talented in more than one thing but not in all.

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