


SITUATION IMPROVING

Data revealed by the army with regard to terrorism statistics is quite promising as the number of active terrorists is quite low as compared to previous years and also the situation along LoC is also not bad with Pakistan mending its ways by not indulging in ceasefire violations since the beginning of this year. Of course the Kashmir policy adopted by the Union Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah has started bearing fruits as the situation today in Valley is full of hopes for one and all in the country though there are certain hand-ful incidents of terror which are creating some trouble but the way the Centre has tighten the noose around so-called terrorist commanders by eliminating many and apprehending others the time is not far when the residual terrorism will also be taken care of by the army and the rest of security forces active in the UT of J&K. It is pertinent to mention that as per Defence Spokesperson 172 terrorists including 79 foreigners are active in Jammu and Kashmir with 15 local youngsters part of this directionless brigade of misguided elements, who don't even know that what they are doing by becoming part of this vicious cycle of violence. The data has further cleared that a total of 156 terrorists including 79 locals and 77 foreigners are active in Kashmir and 16 others including two foreigners are operating in the Jammu region. Besides it has been made public that two infiltration bids, one each in Kashmir and Jammu zones, were foiled along the Line of Control (LoC) this year. This happened in north Kashmir's Kupwara district and Poonch in Jammu region in January. The army has also scuttled the third infiltration attempt from Pakistan on Monday when the alert troops shot dead a terrorist along the LoC in the Nowshera sector of Rajouri district. The Director-General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan have announced an agreement to uphold the ceasefire along the LoC from February 24 and 25 night in 2021. With these statistics in hand, one can confidently say that the situation has improved significantly and the days are not far when the terror edifice will be completely rooted out from the UT of J&K as Army, police and other security forces have accomplished herculean job to reach at this point where a handful of terrorists are active and the LoC is silent as far as gunshots are concerned.

FIRST TIME EVER

There is no doubt that what the administration led by LG Manoj Sinha has given to J&K no other dispensation even tried to come closer to such a big achievement. As J&K saw many firsts during the LG's tenure with development crossing all the limits and marks of previous times, the administration has come up with another initiative which no one has ever thought of in the past. The Jammu and Kashmir administration has announced to upgrade 200 schools in tribal areas to establish a strong educational ecosystem for the community. This is an invaluable gift to tribal population of the UT of J&K as earlier things were provided only on papers but this time it seems that the step will prove out to be a game changer because by educating a community the future becomes secure and full of opportunities which was a much needed measure because the tribal areas and the population out there is still longing for good infrastructure to educate their generation next. It is pertinent to mention that scenario this time will be changing as Rs 104 crores is being spent to strengthen school infrastructure in tribal areas and an annual outlay of Rs 30 crores has been earmarked for scholarships of tribal students. For providing education on modern lines to tribal children, the government started an ambitious project of transforming 200 schools into smart schools in tribal areas at a cost of Rs 40 crore. This could be considered as the gift of life for the tribal population as government is planning to impart quality education to tribal children thus making their future bright and vibrant. It is a hard fact but no one can deny this that the previous dispensations in the UT of J&K only did lip service but never did anything on ground for the Gujjars, Bakkerwals, Gaddis and Sippis. The endeavour of the incumbent government therefore is like dream come true for the tribal community and one and all should praise and support the government for its unmatched initiative to uplift the people.



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Cultivate positive thoughts in the mind

The power of thinking is an incredible power. It's a gift of God. Reflect upon it and you'll find that a human being is made up of nothing but thoughts only. You should try to bring only such thoughts to the mind that may give you more power. Read and listen to empowering thoughts only and for acquiring that, turn to your Guru- the ultimate source of good thoughts.

Move on the path shown by your Satguru. It will enrich your mind with positivity and keep you away from negativity that may cause great problems and hindrances in life. The teachings of your Guru sow seeds of positive thoughts in your mind and weed out the negativity from within.

Further, when the mind overflows with negative thoughts some people feel hopeless and helpless. Such people lose the ability to troubleshoot their own problems. They then come across so-called well-wishers who present them with mindless ideas like: change your name, change your house, rebuild your shop, change the direction of your kitchen, direction of the bed etc.

Understand that nothing is going to change your life; nothing is going to transform your fate unless your own thoughts and actions are transformed. Struggles, mistakes, bad decisions and failures are a part of life, but intelligent is the one who finds the path to victory

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Russia-Ukraine war resulting in new world order

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The geopolitics is changing at a fast rate and new permutations and combinations are taking place in the international arena. It is good that from uni-polar world, the people are witnessing a bi-polar world and the hegemony of the world cop and super power America has been on a downside and this augurs well for the world order. The new world order is emerging after the Ukraine invasion by arrogant super power Russia. The world alliances are changing and giving new thrust and direction to the dominance by the world powers and so the new world order is emerging and taking place. The new alliances are emerging to shape the ideology, thinking and geopolitics. The war between Russia and Ukraine has a great bearing upon the emerging global order as new alliances and world groupings are taking place and shaping the politics of the world. The new world order is taking birth after Russia-Ukraine war because new alliances and groupings are taking place and shaping world politics and international affairs. The war between Russia and Ukraine has given a thrust to emerging world order as alliances and groupings of the countries are shaping the destiny of the new world order. The world is divided into groupings and alliances which dictate the world politics and affairs and this division is manifest in the alliances which are formed to give direction to the politics and balance of power. A new world energy order is also emerging from Putin's war on Ukraine. The geopolitical shifts are under as fresh alliances are forged and old grievances inflamed. President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine is forcing governments worldwide to digest the geopolitical consequences of war perused by an energy superpower. The 27 nation European Union has responded by speeding up the disconnection from Russian gas, while US has barred Russian oil imports and is sourcing the world for alternative for alternative supplies. Saudi Arabia is reveling in a renewed strategic importance as the crude prices that collapsed two years ago hit new heights. Russia, by threatening to withhold energy exports to Europe is being thrust closer to China. The war has now entered 34th day the shifts underway are inflaming old grievances but also creating opportunities for fresh alliances as blocks start to align in what looks like a new world energy order. This represents the biggest re-drawing of the energy and geopolitical map in Europe and possibly the world. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, if not the end of world war second. Germany at the nexus of the original cold war

standoff is at the forefront of the changes now being witnessed. Putin's unprovoked attack was a watershed moment and this new reality requires a clear response. The new world order refers to a new period of history evidencing dramatic changes in world political thought and balance of power in international relations. Despite varied interpretations of the term, it is primarily associated with the ideological notion of world governance only in the sense of new collective efforts to identify, understand or address global problems that go beyond the capacity of the individual nation states to solve. The phrase new world order or similar language was used in the period towards the end of first world war in relation to Woodrow Wilsons vision for international peace. The emerging new order has a great bearing on the geopolitics and standing on India. So India needs to play on the front foot. China's in the last few decades has remade the landscape of global politics. It is an empire in the modern sense -a nation strengthened by its long supply chains, compelled to ever greater economic and political intercourse to preserve its interests, and increasingly drawn into security sphere. China's rise is the result of combination of factors since it reoriented on production within global capitalism in the 1980s. China found a way to benefit in a twist of historical irony from its colonial legacy. Britain controlled Hong Kong until 1997, Portugal controlled Macau up to 1999 and US continues to use Taiwan as a protectorate. These colonies and protectorates connected China to a world economy even before it s full entry into world system. Ukraine a country at crossroads of Europe and Asia that is little known and often ignored has become overnight the crucible of a new world order, a catalyst and trigger for radical upheaval. It has produced new geopolitical alphabet, spelling out a much altered future. The war in Ukraine holds a warning for new world order. Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov said that Moscow and Beijing are leading the way towards a fairer world order. Putin has redrawn the world but not the way he wanted. President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine is forcing governments worldwide to digest the geopolitical consequences of war pursued by energy super power: China, Russia stand firm in new fair multi-polar world order. Russia's foreign minister Sergei Lavrov has flown to China to engage in mutual discussions with China's foreign minister Wang Yi about the future of Afghanistan and the geopolitical impact of the conflict. The meeting has huge geopolitical significance and is part of the process that will re-

Budget 2022-23: Union Govt allocates whopping Rs 9,289.15 cr to J&K JJM

Union government, in its objective to give a push to Jal Jeevan Mission in Jammu and Kashmir, has allocated a whopping sum of Rs 9,289.15 crore to the UT under Jal Jeevan Mission 2022-23, which is Rs 6,412.71 crore more the previous year's budget allocation. In 2021-22, the Centre had allocated Rs 2,747 crore which was nearly 4 times more than the preceding year 2020-21. This year the government has allocated a staggering amount which is nearly more than double to its previous year budget. This substantial increase in JJM budgets every year is reflective of the concern and seriousness of the government towards materializing its commitment of providing tap water connections to every household and capacity building of Water Quality Management through testing, monitoring and surveillance.

Jal Jeevan Mission has been envisioned to have drinking water supply in rural areas, adequate quantity of prescribed quality on regular and long term basis at affordable service delivery charges leading to improvement in living standards of rural community. Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir contemplates to become 'HAR GHAR JAL' Union Territory by the financial year 2022-23. Out of total 18.35 lakh rural households in the UT, 10.39 lakh (57 per cent) households have tap water connections.

In a significant achievement, Srinagar and Ganderbal districts have achieved the target of having 100 per cent households with tap water connections. Efforts are also being made to ensure tap water availability for drinking, cooking mid-day meals, washing hands and usage in toilets in all schools and Anganwadi centres. As on date, 22,421 schools (100 per cent) and 23,926 (100 per cent) Anganwadi centres in J&K have been provided with tap water supply.

Considering the importance of

water testing for monitoring operation of water supply, verification of safety of drinking water and investigation of disease outbreaks, 2.50 lakh water quality tests have been planned to be conducted in 2022-23. Besides, accreditation of all 20 district water testing laboratories will be achieved and all sub-divisional laboratories will be registered during 2022-23 under National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL). Also, 1,589 water supply schemes have been targeted to be completed during 2022-23. Jal Jeevan Mission presents a life time opportunity to put in place a system which lasts for next 30-40 years and people living in villages continue to get assured tap water supply. In this regard, Gram Panchayats and its sub-committees including village water and sanitation committee or Pani Samitis would take over the responsibility for management, operation and maintenance of water supply system. The Mission is being implemented in a decentralized manner, following a bottom-up approach, wherein local village communities are being empowered to shoulder the key responsibility of planning, implementation, management, operation and maintenance of the in-village water supply system. This is in consonance with the 73rd amendment of the constitution devolving the power to local Self-Governments.

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) has been formulated with the vision of extending the coverage of irrigation 'Har Khet Ko pani' and improving water use efficiency 'More crop per drop' in a focused manner with end to end solution on source creation, distribution, management, field application and extension activities. Nearly, 43 ongoing minor irrigation schemes under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme - Prime Minister's Krishi Sinchai Yojana (AIBP-PMKSY) will

be physically completed during 2022-23. Besides, 28 thousand hectare of Irrigation Potential has been targeted to be created and stabilized during 2022-23. Similarly, balance portion of work on Tawi Barrage costing Rs 73.34 crore is expected to be completed during 2022-23. The proposed gated barrage on Tawi is one of the three sub projects of the prestigious artificial lake project which was conceptualized to give a boost to regional tourism in Jammu by creating recreational activities like boating and water sports besides enhancing the overall aesthetic look of the city. The other two subprojects, viz Tawi river development project and beautification and creation of tourist facilities are to be executed by the housing and urban development department and tourism department respectively. The work on Ujh Multi-Purpose Project (UMPP) is also expected to start during 2022-23 for which Detailed Project Report (DPR) stands redesigned. 196 MW Ujh Multipurpose Project (Hydropower, Irrigation and Drinking) is first of its kind in Jammu and Kashmir which envisages utilization of water resource potential of river Ujh, a tributary of river Ravi.

In addition, flood protection works costing Rs.27.91 crore for safeguarding the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) site at Vijaypur, Jammu, have also been targeted to be completed by 2022-23. The Jal Jeevan Mission has been transforming the face of rural water supply across UT over the last two years. Through an integrated service delivery approach, the mission focused on sustainable practices with community-led and community-managed schemes, and source sustainability weaved into the water supply schemes. And the transformative budget of 2022-23 will allow for an unprecedented reach to the rural and backward regions of UT to strive and thrive.

and Communications' and so on. Second is to use advertising that influences a consumer to bring about a positive social change by its innate nature of 'creating desire'. Management students can learn to showcase other behavioural changes through social marketing campaigns and guide newer audiences adapt to these.

Most management institutes have 'Public Relations and Media Committee', which covers their social events and boosts visibility. Students can learn to foster relationships with the external stakeholders through PR activities. They can learn to create a brand voice by creating compelling stories. They should learn the importance of painting an inclusive story around the brand that can redefine mainstream conversations and speed up social acceptance. Another way is to use the institute's Marketing Club, which provides a platform for participation in inter and intra-institute competitions such as debates, case studies, workshops and so on. This helps keeping the spirit of positive social and environmental change alive and fosters peer learning. The Social Responsibility Committee is also important as it attracts students who want to make a difference in society. For example, working with NGOs, helping underprivileged children and engaging with other causes will ensure that they are personally and professionally in tune with giving back to society.

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mould global geopolitics. The two sides also made specific comments about a new world order hinting that the Ukraine conflict and sanctioning of Russia will have great bearing on the new world order. The American president Jeo Biden has said that in the emerging world order the control of the world affairs will be in the hands of US but then the world has been divided into blocks and new alliances and there are going to affect the geopolitics in a major way. In the world of today there is no single block which has the control of the international affairs but there is bi-polar world in which there are more world players at work and they will change the world order in a big way. The two blocks after the Russia -Ukraine attack are America, European countries or what is called European union, NATO, Western powers and, Britain on one hand and on the other hand is the Russia, its allied countries and the super power China and these power blocks are affecting the new world order and there is the race for balance of power and both the blocks are striving to have great bearing on the geopolitics and thus the emerging world order. The Russia-Ukraine war will trigger new world order. Russia's war on Ukraine will trigger a new world order taking globalization into different phases was said by Black Rock's billionaire CEO Lary Flink the other day. In fact the world is moving from the uni-polar to bi-polar model and the emerging new alliances and groupings which will give shape to the new world order. Thus the impact of the Russia -Ukraine war on the world balance of power is that the world is fast moving from the uni-polar nature to bi-polar nature and it is changing the balance of power in the new world order. Both the American and the Chinese's block will exert great influence on the geopolitics and the emerging world order and will strive for the economic superiority in the bi-polar world order. Thus it can be said that the new world order is emerging and influencing the international politics and power balance where the two power blocks of America and China are influencing the geopolitics and balance of power and both the blocks are striving for the exerting the economic superiority and so changing the course of the world order . Therefore one can say that the new world order is emerging and shaping the globe not only in geopolitics but in the sphere of the global economic balance and superiority and so in brief it can be said that the new world order is in the making and the world players are influencing the course of the world politics and new alliances post Russia-Ukraine war: (The author is a Columnist and Social Activist).

Transforming J&K

PWD embarks on mission 'Road to Every Village'

6,625 Km road blacktopped, 2,480 Km constructed in 2021-22 under PMGSY

Public Works Department of J&K has embarked on a mission to reach out to unconnected habitations with road connectivity, strengthen and expand the intra UT road network, especially in rural & remote areas. Public Works (R&B) Department has achieved considerable targets and achievements under various schemes /programmes implemented for Construction, improvement/ upgradation of roads & bridges, for providing connectivity with special focus on rural areas viz Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY), Bridge Programme, Central Road & Infrastructure fund (CRIF), NABARD, Road Sector, Cities & Towns (Macadamization), Languishing Projects, Pothole-free road programme, NHAI/NHIDCL/BRO and other departmental works.

Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), 2,480 Km road length was completed in 2021-22 besides 125 bridges are under construction to provide connectivity to far-flung areas. It is worth mentioning that 2,353 PMGSY projects covering 16,448 Km were completed which connected 2,033 habitations since its inception. The marvellous journey of road length achievement by PMGSY in J&K has earned it 4th place in the national performance ranking. "J&K is amongst the top performers in terms of achievements made under PMGSY. We are reaching out to unconnected habitations with road connectivity, besides augmenting the Power & water supply to connect every household in the rural areas," Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had said. A quantum leap in terms of achievement made by J&K Government in the road sector with 6,625 Km of roads blacktopped in 2021-22, more than 1,000 Km than 2020-21, i.e. 5,500 Km and more than double that was achieved in 2019-20 with 2,290 Km blacktopped.

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta had directed the Public Works (R&B) Department to speed up the execution of works under Capex, CSS and PMGSY to make road to every village in J&K a reality. Public Works Department is working hard to execute, maintain and standardize the Infrastructural requirements of the UT. "We provide connectivity, safe roads, bridges and tunnels for sustainable and inclusive socio-economic growth. Facilitating the implementation of policies laws and, acts for maintaining transparency in governance," a senior official of the department said, adding major thrust is being given to the schemes envisaging road connectivity to inaccessible and difficult areas for the equitable development of all regions.

According to official figures, 381 projects worth Rs 1487.11 crores were sanctioned under NABARD in 2021-22, which is more than three times of amount which was sanctioned last year: 115 projects worth Rs 418.67 crores were approved in 2020-21 Taking a major leap towards strengthening the e-Governance structure and bringing transparency in the system, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha launched JK Public Works- Online Management, Monitoring and Accounting System (JKPW-OMMAS), besides two apps- 'Hamari Sadak' & 'Tameer Taraqqi' of J&K Public Works (R&B) Department.

The online initiatives facilitate Complete Online Management and Monitoring of infrastructure with following functionalities: GIS enabled Infrastructure Management System, Geo Tracking of Roads, Online Searching of Infrastructure (Locate on Map), Addition of new Infrastructure with GIS information, Draw Road with Open Street Map and dynamic Update of Infrastructure. The LG congratulated Public Works (R&B) Department for developing the online portal and mobile apps, enhancing transparency in the overall functioning of the department and making Jan Bhagidhari an integral part of the project execution process through a seamless flow of information in the public domain. Moreover, the new online initiatives are also aimed at making the grievance management system more robust and responsive by covering important features like online registration of new grievances, tracking of grievances, online monitoring and real-time grievance report, Lt Governor said at the launch of initiatives. People register and track their grievances regarding the PWD (R&B) department through 'Hamari Sadak' app, while 'Tameer Taraqqi' app ensures effective project supervision by dynamic updation of project status by the field staff. Anyone can fetch the details of completed and ongoing projects with the click of a button. For J&K administration, road connectivity is not only a key component of Rural Development by promoting access to economic and social services but generating increased agricultural incomes and productive employment opportunities is also part of their implementation strategy.