

STOP REVERSE MIGRATION

Continuing with attacks on civilians, terror mongers are mounting pressure on outsider community to leave the Valley to make people believe that the situation in Kashmir is not conducive for normal activities especially tourism. This is something which the government and even the people of Valley cannot afford especially when the tourist season is in full swing. In this context, another non-local was shot at and injured by terrorists in Yader area of South Kashmir's Pulwama. The injured hailed from Pathankot and the incident is part of terrorists' new strategy in the Valley to unleash reign of terror so that migrant labourers go for reverse migration back to their native lands, which if happened will directly affect the economy of the UT, which is already dwindling due to COVID-19 and other political reasons. Already reports are confirming that families of migrant workers in Bihar are approaching the local government out there to ensure safe return of their near and dear ones after terrorists in Kashmir shot at and injured two migrant workers hailing from Bihar and consequently the Chief Minister Nitish Kumar expressing concern over the safety of Bihar migrant labourers presently dwelling in J&K especially in Valley. Last year also four migrant labourers from Bihar were targeted in the Valley and their death sparked tension leading to reverse migration. This time also voices are coming that the migrant labourers are seeking safe passage to return back home. The government should ensure their safety by taking immediate steps as the reverse migration will give a wrong message to one and all. There is no doubt that the security forces have ramped up security but still the terrorists are continuing with their nefarious designs calling for more Bandobast to tackle them effectively because the administration cannot allow this to happen endlessly. The increase in night patrolling, CCTV cameras at markets, religious places and schools are a good step but overhauling the intelligence network is a must to stop such attacks which have spread fear psychosis among the masses especially the migrant labourers. The path is difficult for the government but there is no alternative except providing failsafe security to people in the Valley.

BETTER NEXT TIME

It is not possible always that the army and other security forces see success in their endeavours to restore lasting peace because at times luck is not in favour. In the case of Shopian encounter the same thing has happened when the overnight anti-terror operation in Kashmir's Shopian district was called off as the subversives managed to escape from the area. No doubt that today was their day and they managed to escape but the security forces' valour if perennial and will ensure that next time these terror mongers will be eliminated or apprehended without fail. It is pertinent to mention that a brief gun battle erupted in the Hapipora area last night when joint teams of security forces launched a cordon and a search operation. The initial contact with terrorists was established at around 11 PM. After that there was no exchange of fire. Searches in the village were carried this morning to trace the terrorists but nothing was found and the operation has been called off. Looking into the statistics of terror mongers leaving this world at the hands of security forces, one can say with affirmation that those who have managed to escape from the scene will soon be taught a lesson of life. There was, however, a perceptible improvement in the situation in terms of the level of violence and number of incidents and deaths in Jammu and Kashmir. Also, there was a decline in the trend of stone pelting which was a big headache for the security personnel especially during the encounters and search operations. Now with revolutionary steps taken up by the government, the dominance of terrorists in various parts of the Kashmir has gone with the wind and there are only a handful of places where security forces are finding it hard to contain terrorists. This issue will also be dealt with efficiently in the coming times. Looking into the developments in Valley, sooner than later there will be complete dominance of Indian security forces and the peace will return in the Valley as government is working on point agenda of uprooting terrorism from the soil of J&K.



Illumine the Heart with Love

soul with God.

This yearning becomes a blessing that leads the soul to higher and higher states of Light and love. It serves to keep the remembrance of the Lord ever alive within us.

When we are hungry, the pain remains with us day and night. When we are thirsty, we cannot forget the thirst throughout the entire twenty-four hours of the day. Similarly, when we are yearning for the Lord, there is an anguish that stays with us all day and all night.

At our physical level, we cannot see God. God is spirit, and our physical eyes are made only for perceiving that which is made of matter. Similarly, our physical ears are made only for perceiving sound made by matter. In order to see and hear God, we need to rise to the level of spirit. We can do so through meditation on the inner Light and Sound of God.

Presently, we in the physical world are living in darkness. We may think we have a lot of light to illuminate the night, but our existence on this physical plane is one of comparative darkness. Even the lights of the electric bulb, shining like strings of pearls in the night, are still too dark. However, when we are connected with the inner Light and Sound of

God through meditation, we see Light within at all times.

There are Lights of beautiful and radiant colors, and by absorbing our attention into this Light, our soul can transcend body-consciousness and enter the higher spiritual realms within.

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'The Kashmir Files' & '1921 Puzha Muthal Puzha Vare'- Two movies on agony & horror

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Movies can depict ideas and also help people change their views and vision on issues that have been haunting the human conscience for years. And history gives us space to recollect, recompose and relive as there are plenty of leaflets of events which have got engraved into the collective consciousness of human lives with discomfort, disregard and wounds of agony and perils. All you need to do is to tear the pages of anguish from the already fading book of history and try to magnify them to clarity and for a better vision. The Kashmir Files is one such effort- a leaflet in the form of a film which began to itch the already settled wounds once again, forcing the collective minds of the country to wake up and excavate the truth of a genocide which remained buried under the heap of deliberately stitched fantasies, that we often celebrate in the name of secularism. The film has broken box-office records and a large chunk of the population watched it with horror and dismay. History also brings out bitter realities unearthing them unexpectedly. Nobody, except for those who were part of the persecution, would know the reality in detail. Pressing thousands of people from the most beautiful state of Jammu and Kashmir to flee in exodus for the most disagreeable reason was the undeniable truth. History reveals for itself figuring the hidden facts for the rest of the world from antiquity. Now no mechanism, however strong it is, holds the power to wipe the tears of some hapless people who were thrown out of their land for the reason they did not resonate with the exclusivist thoughts of their neighbors. Fanning flames into the level of an ethnic cleansing that took place in a country which is the largest secular democratic republic with an absolute flavor of constitutional morality is the reality. Fueling and grueling a Hindu - Muslim chasm in Kashmir valley, the genocide and the exodus of uncountable families of Pandits into the wilderness of India still remain an unpleasant memory.

The God's Own Country, Kerala also had its Kashmir moment long back. It was in 1921 Kerala witnessed similar episode of genocide and ethnic cleansing and barbarity. Malayalam film star Prithviraj Sukumaran had the harshest of social media attacks for his choosing the biopic on Variyankunnam Kunjahammed Haji, one of the key controversial figures in the infa-

mous Moplah rebellion of 1921 in Kerala. The state witnessed hundreds of Hindus being butchered behind the veil of the celebrated Khilafat movement. The movie was to be directed by Aashiq Abu with Prithviraj in the lead role purposefully trying to whitewash the Haji element of atrocities. A genocide that was spearheaded by Kunjahammed Haji led to the massacre of thousands of Hindus, forcefully converting many and those who refused to accept thrown into wells and mud-filled alive. The movie wanted Haji to be projected as a humanitarian, propagating Hindu-Muslim unity while the real history was far from what the movie desperately wanted to project him as. In the movie, a particular community in the locality was unethically supporting the British and the Haji's efforts were to be projected as a rebellion against the colonial ways of the British, and he subsequently established a Malayala Nadu (land of Malayalis) for some time. So undoubtedly the biopic planned the Haji a superhero, a freedom fighter with no parallels. The violence, started against the Hindus on 20 August 1921 in the Malabar region and lasted almost for four months killing thousands and displacing many. Forcing to apostatize the beliefs of some people was the main demand and the region witnessed one-sided cruelty establishing a Khilafat Raj crowning a king who set to kill in abundance for the reason somebody in the area did not agree with the betrayal of their country and faith. Unprepared to withstand the heat of opposition from the masses, the movie was later withdrawn.

While supporting the Khilafat movement, Gandhi believed that he was standing for gaining the love and respect of Muslims, who indeed, he thought, would fight to gain the country's freedom with indubitable spirit. A campaign that gained momentum in India defending the Caliph of Turkey, who was feared to be stripped off his powers after the first world war; and Gandhi being made to believe that the campaign would follow his non-violent means but turned outrageous and a killing mission. Though the Haji's beatification remained an unsuccessful dream in the Ashiq Abu movie, another movie in the line of The Kashmir Files began to take shape by famous Malayalam director Ali Akbar. His movie '1921 Puzha Muthal Puzha Vare' is scheduled to show the atrocities run on Hindus by Kunjahammed Haji and his henchmen. Ali Akbar was a

Wazim Rizvi, converting to Hinduism with his family. He did this condemning the disrespectful reactions by some on the tragic death of the Chief of Defense Staff General Bipin Rawat in the chopper crash. He said he was unable to patch up with the level of intolerance in the religion that he followed. Gandhi, who believed that India's freedom was not possible without Hindu-Muslim unity, supported the Khilafat movement, unable to understand the undercurrent of mistrust and discontent that some in the movement cherished while slitting the throats of their innocent neighbors. Ali Akbar- now named Ramasimhan is all set to release the movie next September which he developed with the partnership of the public. The period between 1989 to 1991 was a period of political instability in India. The country had four prime ministers in this period and this was evident for a tumultuous democratic complexity that the country had been through. Probably the exodus and the social extermination of a section of the society from heaven on the earth did not get much attention as the Doordarshan, run by the government, depicted the beauty of the valley to houseful audiences conveniently covering the blood stain on the canyons. Vivek Agnihotri's daring enterprise has created a whirlwind of emotions. People watching the movie reacted piercingly to the plight that the Kashmiri Pandits suffered and held the political leadership of the country and the state responsible for the predicament. Historical inscriptions reveal the fact that the freedom movement by the Moplahs in the Malabar region of Kerala had done nothing serious to harm the British. The aggressor took the situation as an opportunity to pounce on innocent people across the region and vent their fury. No doubt, certain Jihadi elements of the Malabar region today began to demand a particular state on religious lines chiseling the present Malabar out of the Kerala State where a particular community is the majority. Lessons in history never end. The Ali Akbar movie would also speak the truth loudly to an audience, who would come out wiping tears and imprecations haunted by paranoia. Constitutional morality would grin for its own meaninglessness and from the fading pages of history, we can hear the lamentations of truth, struggling to find light and send waves of shudder once again to our collective consciousness. Let us wait for that.

Transforming J&K
Union Territory takes quantum leap
in power sector, adds 1900 MVA
transmission capacity in 2022

While marching towards realizing the dream of providing 24x7 power supply to its consumers, the Power Development Department (PDD) has been successful in adding about 1900 MVA transmission capacity to its kitty in the year 2022 alone. The unprecedented achievements in power generation, transmission & distribution sectors in the last year have completely overhauled J&K's power infrastructure which remained dilapidated for several decades. This reflects the remarkable progress attained by the UT in the power sector. The total transmission capacity on March 31, 2021, was 9153 MVA and in one-year the capacity reached 11016 MVA.

With the focused intervention the UT government is working to make Jammu and Kashmir power surplus in the next four years as the electricity generation capacity in the union territory is set to be doubled in the coming three years. As already elucidated by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, a number of times that J&K was able to harness only 3,500 MW of electricity in the last 70 years, but the power generation capacity in the UT is set to be doubled in the next three years and trebled in seven years. "To address the current power deficit, we have initiated a large-scale capacity augmentation programme. In the 70 years, J-K was able to harness only 3500 MW, and now generation capacity is set to be doubled in three years and tripled in seven years," he said recently while inaugurating several projects of the department. Moreover Transmission and Distribution projects worth Rs 2000 crore are being completed and an additional amount of Rs 6000 crore has been allocated by the central government to strengthen the Sub-Transmission and Distribution network across the UT.

To provide quality electricity to all citizens and businesses, the augmented facilities will address the important need of the growing economy. Since August 2019, 3806 MVA has been added to the total capacity as compared to the 8394 MVA capacity achieved in seven decades. The government is planning to invest Rs 12,000 cr for capacity augmentation and upgrading the transmission & distribution systems to remove all supply constraints, and strengthening electrification assets, an official said. "Electricity will be delivered through underground wires in the capital cities of Jammu & Srinagar," he added. It is pertinent to mention that Rs 5000 cr investment in system strengthening has yielded impressive outcomes in power distribution.

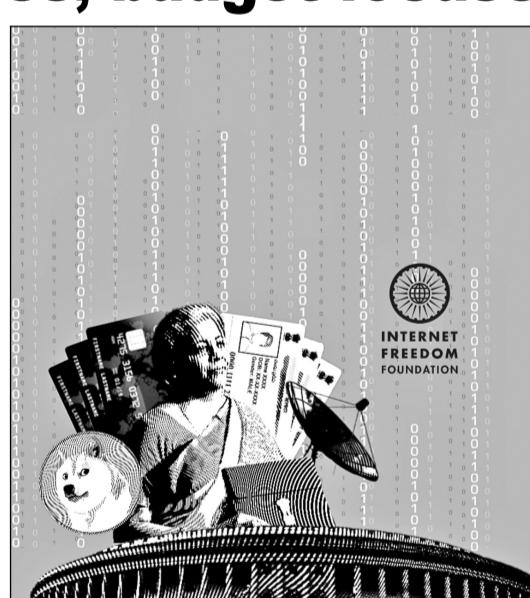
According to the statistics provided by the power department, 226 substations of 33/11kV capacity were installed or augmented besides the installation of 6702 distribution transformers. "The distribution network is being strengthened as 2243 CKM HT Lines were laid, 5253 CKM LT lines were laid last year," revealed the officer. He said that with augmentation work on 21 sub-stations completed last year and another 21 completed by 31 March 2022 the power scenario in the UT is going to change for better. The decade long overdue upgradation of power infrastructure which was ignored by successive regimes is being done in a sustained manner. According to a senior official, the present administration is eliminating the legacy of delays and all the languishing projects hanging for long are being completed in a record time. J&K Power Development Department is setting new standards in project planning and execution. These measures will not only resolve the power crises during peak season but will also open a host of employment opportunities by meeting the growing demand for the opening of new industries in Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

BUDGET 2022-23: With Rs 312 cr allocation in youth related activities, budget focuses on youth empowerment

The Budget of 2022-23 allocated a capital expenditure of Rs 312.57 crore for the youth related activities in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. It includes Youth Empowerment, Employment, Entrepreneurship, Skill Development and Sports Activities as this year's allocation is Rs.19.72 crore more than the previous year's budget allocation.

Youth Empowerment, Employment and Entrepreneurship: To empower and provide self-employment opportunities to youth, Rs 200 crore have been provisioned under 'Mission Youth Programme' under which job fairs will be conducted for facilitating jobs in the private sector and training to be imported to build entrepreneurship capacities for self-employment.

More youth will be covered under MUDRA/GECL and other financial inclusion schemes through bank finance for raising their own livelihood. The basic purpose is to attain development in an inclusive and sustainable manner by supporting and promoting partner institutions and creating an ecosystem of growth for the micro enterprises sector. As a self-employment measure under Youth Start-up/Seed Capital/Women Employment Programme, Rs 60 crores have been provisioned. Adequate provision has been kept for establishing



Incubation/Innovation centers. Employment/job portal at par with National Career Service (NCS) portal will be developed for providing a single platform for employer and job seekers. The portal will work towards bridging the gap between jobseekers and employers, candidates seeking training and career guidance, agencies providing training and career counseling, besides financial support will be provided to youth for undertaking self-employment and Overseas Employment Corporation will be revitalized.

Skill Development: Skill Development aims to provide quality education and training programmes in specific areas of Engineering, Technology and Management through formal and non-formal modes of delivery. It coordinates the efforts and Policies regarding Skill Development of the state empowering all individuals especially the youth of J&K through improved skills and knowledge, to gain access to decent employment. It thus strengthens the economy of the state as well as fight with the problem of unem-

BUDGET
2022-23

A Mixed Bag for Digital

ployment. In the new budget, construction of hostel blocks in different Government Polytechnic Colleges for providing better residential facilities to students will be taken during 2022-23. Construction of workshop blocks/classrooms in different Government Industrial Training Institutes for creation of infrastructure facilities for trainees will be taken in 2022-23.

Sports initiatives: In order to make the sports lucrative for youth, the Jammu and Kashmir Government has sanctioned the

implementation of Jammu & Kashmir Sports Policy 2022 with the institution of several sports awards, incentives, scholarships, appointment of outstanding sports persons among other features. This first ever policy document has been created with the vision of 'games & sports for all' and is designed to be in conformity with the National Sports Policy of the country. Government of Jammu & Kashmir is laying the main focus on sports activities for the engagement of youth. Over 17 lakh youth participated in diverse sports activities and 1.26 lakh youth received coaching in different sports activities. National Events in 17 Sports disciplines will be hosted for providing exposure to the talented athletes and interaction with the reputed players of the country. Special programme will be initiated for the involvement of mass youth in sports activities with a target of 7.5 lakh participants in different sports disciplines. National Level competitions will be hosted in Badminton, Volleyball, Soft Tennis, Handball, Thang-Ta, Kayaking & Canoeing, Baseball and Gymnastics. Snow & Ice based Sports Competitions through respective sports associations will be held at Gulmarg & Pahalgam. 221 playfields/ playgrounds will be constructed in all the 20 districts. 157 Sports court constructions/upgradation of stadiums/buildings will be taken during 2022-23.

transaction also 'online' through any of the available facility as 'Net Banking' through banking cards or through any App available such as 'Paytm', 'Bhim' and so many others. The cases where such fee transaction is not feasible, the examinee must get computer generated prescription slips mentioning there-in the online registration number and details of fee whether through transaction or cash from their individual portals with availability on free search engines linked properly to their accounts in banking sector. This practice can eliminate amassing black money in the medical field.

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YOUR COLUMN

Introduce online registration, fee payment for medical check-ups

Dear Editor,

Through the columns of your paper I would like to highlight the issue of a common man when he has to undergo medical checkup with a doctor in his private clinics where government's scheme of things regarding transaction of any sort of

money through Aadhaar-linked accounts for proper accounting of taxable amount are brazenly flouted. The doctors charge consultation fees in cash amounting to Rs 300 to 600 from individual patients and if they examine 70 to 100 patients in a day, same is really a matter of concern for IT Department and this practice of charging fees has the loophole of escaping from Income Tax as this money is exchanged in cash in-between patient and consulting doctor. Without casting aspersions on doctors, there are 100 per cent chances of this money connecting to black money. This practice of examination and fee charges can well be modified to the modern technology of 'Online' registration for examination and fee