

## TEACH LESSON OF LIFE

Creating an atmosphere of anarchy over the court verdict is in no way justified and what the police has done in the case of protests marking the outcome of Yasin Malik's ruling is a befitting response because none among those who raised anti-India slogans deserved leniency. The action of Jammu and Kashmir Police by which it arrested 10 persons on charges of raising anti-national slogans and pelting stones outside the residence of JKLF chief Yasin Malik in protest against the life term awarded to him should act as deterrent for others because it is the time to set a precedence in the country or else this unwarranted culture will also creep in the Valley like the way the stone pelting was seen in the recent past. It is pertinent to mention that clashes had taken place between protesters and security forces in Maisuma area of Srinagar after Yasin Malik was sentenced to life by a special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in New Delhi in a case related to terrorism and secessionist activities. Reports averring that some more accused are being identified and will be arrested soon and the main instigators will also be booked under PSA and will be lodged in jails outside J&K showing that government is in no mood to give a long rope to supporters of terrorists. The action by the police is praiseworthy and it should maintain this pressure on trouble mongers because India cannot afford more violence in Kashmir. No attempt at creating or reviving the law and order situation in Srinagar should be tolerated and any one found indulging in such a behaviour should be put behind bars as jail is the only suitable place for these outlaws. The government should ensure that all the attempts of provoking a law and order situation by vested interests should be dealt with full force of law. The government should take all possible steps to stop such protests as these can deteriorate the situation in the Valley which is not in the interest of anyone. The remarks by PAGD leadership should also be taken very seriously as the members are relying on blackmailing tactics to mount pressure against conviction of Malik by claiming that this can mar the peace initiatives in Valley, which is a lie and nothing else.

## STRENGTHENING FOREIGN RELATIONS

Soon after the taking over the reins of the power few years back, the present dispensation led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi where on one hand launched a significant development spree across the length and breadth of the country to ensure overall development in every aspect on the other hand, necessary corrections were made in the foreign policy of the country to improve bilateral relations with other developed nations besides providing a significant and respectable place to the nation in international forum. In this regard, the Prime Minister himself not only visited several nations but also held interactions with their heads to develop friendly-ties with the country along with working jointly on several fronts. Although at that time, the other leaders especially of opposition parties opposed this move of the Prime Minister and criticized him in harshest manner, yet the Government continued its working without any change. It is only due to the dedicated efforts and far-sighted vision of the Prime Minister that today India shares friendly ties with a number of foreign nations and working with several others on numerous developmental fronts. The Government has not only achieved success in its motive to provide a respectable place to the country among other foreign nations but also working steadily on the same strategy to further improve the position of India and moving step by step closer to realize the vision of making the country Vishwa Guru. In this regard, the Prime Minister recently visited Japan and held detailed deliberations with his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida for further enhancing the bilateral security and cooperation in defence sector especially defence manufacturing. Both the leaders not only underscored the importance of maintaining a regular high-level exchanges between the countries but also expressed desire to cooperate with each other in various other sectors for the welfare of people of both the nations. At present juncture, when the country is sharing a hostile relationship with its neighbours, such developments especially with the nations like Japan are really appreciable as same will go a long way in further strengthening the stance of the country across the globe.

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## Prema Yoga, the Yoga of Divine Love

times to fill our life till our death.

Where does love come from? Just like a rainbow comes from the white light of the sun, the seven colours of love appear from the White Love of the Soul. Pure white

Divine Love of the Soul manifests as the seven colours of love in our life. It starts with

Violet Love which is between a child and a parent. Once we grow up, love is experienced as Indigo Love. Indigo Love is deep love between friends.

As we grow, love becomes Blue. Blue Love is that little

romance, that first crush or attraction that we may have as a teenager. Green Self-

Love is love for the self. Then there is Yellow intellectual

love. There is emotional love that is Orange. The seventh

colour and the most popular colour of love is Red, erotic

love. Just like white light from the sun, creates a rainbow of colours seven, Divine

Love from the Soul, Unites us with the Lord in heaven.

What is the Soul? The Soul is that energy that gives us breath, without it, there would be death. It is that Power of life, known as the Atman, the Ruh, the Divine Spirit that appears in the beginning when we are conceived as the first cell of the zygote. This energy of the Soul is with us till the last moment, when we lose our breath.

Air Atman In Ravi

## Merciless killings continue in Kashmir

## ■ OKMAR DATTATRAY

The killings of innocent people continue in Kashmir and the terrorists have stepped the senseless violence and are on the killing spree of the people to show their wicked presence. It is very sad and unfortunate that the enemies of humanity are now targeting the women flock and small children to satisfy their sadistic pleasure. The innocent civilians both men and women, young and old and the policemen continue to be killed by the terrorists. With the merciless and senseless killings of the innocent people both men, women, children and old and infirm the terrorists are targeting and killing the soft targets and the policemen who are protecting the lives of all of us. The terrorists are killing policemen off and on and are creating scare and fear among policemen. From the last one year the terrorists are targeting and killing the policemen without any remorse and it is the height that even the families of the martyred policemen do not condemn such heinous killings of their family members under pressure and fear of the terrorists as they fear retaliation by the terrorists. The land of Kashmir is soaked with the innocent blood of the policemen and the unarmed blood of the civilians. We can say that the terrorists are spilling the innocent human blood and creating fear psychosis among the policemen and the civilians alike. The continuous killings of the security forces and the civilians are a matter of grave and great concern and it deserves the strongest condemnation from all the people including the families of the slain policemen. However it is a sad commentary on the state of affairs that the family members of the slain policemen are hesitant and do not condemn the killings of their family members for the fear of retaliation from the terrorists. The continuous killing of the policemen and the unarmed civilians including the women flock and the small children is a cause of grave and serious concern and such killings are very dastardly and have no place in a liberal democracy. Therefore, such unabated killings of the policemen and other innocent people

should not be allowed to take place in the UT as these gave a bad image to the Kashmiriyat and therefore these dastardly acts deserve strong condemnation. The senseless and merciless killings should not take place in the UT at all as these killings bring disrepute to the age old Kashmiriyat and Sufi culture because the targeted killings of the people belonging to the minority Pandit community are taking place without any break and giving a bad name to the Kashmiri culture and Hindu-Muslim unity. It is very unbecoming that the policemen are being targeted and killed without any fault and continuously and such senseless killings should stop in the interest of the UT and country. When the policemen guarding the civilians are not safe and how they can protect the common men of the Kashmir is the million dollars question and it needs an answer from those championing the false narrative of normalcy. The normalcy balloon of the BJP has punctured and there are no takers of the normalcy theory of the government. Since last few months the terrorists are on the prowl of the policemen and the innocent and unarmed civilians and are killing them at their sweet will which is a very serious matter and such heinous crimes should not be allowed to happen and tarnish our image of being peaceful. Not only the policemen are being killed but the civilians including the women folk are also being targeted and killed for no fault of theirs except that they are living a free life and are contributing to the welfare of the UT economy and society, so these killings should be halted for the interest of the Jammu and Kashmir but it is not so and the senseless killings continue and tarnish our image in the community of nations. During last few months the terrorists have stepped up their crime of targeting and killing policemen and civilians and such heinous crimes are happening in Kashmir which is a cause of concern to the government and the people as well. These senseless killings should be stopped in the interest of the UT and its people. But that is not happening as the killings of the security forces and the innocent people continue

unabated and this causes grief and fear among the police and civilians. The terrorists have shot down a policeman and injured his seven year old daughter in Soura area of Srinagar. The terrorists have killed constable Saifullah Qadri in Anchar area in Soura and injured his daughter which brought shock waves throughout the UT. Earlier to this incident on 13th may another policeman namely Fayaz Ahmad Thoker was killed when he was on leave in Pulwama. One more policeman named Mudasir Ahmad was killed in an encounter with terrorists in Baramulla. The deceased policeman was an SPO and was a brave policeman. It follows that the terrorists are killing the policemen and the innocent and unarmed civilians day in and day out, thus sending shock waves throughout the Union territory and the country at large. The BJP government claims that the conditions in Kashmir are normal but the fact is that the situation is far from normal as the killings of the security force Jawans and the innocent people are continuously taking place in the UT ever since the special provision of article 370 was scrapped on August 5, 2019. The annulling of the article 370 did not play any positive role in normalising the situation in Kashmir where policemen and the civilians as well as the women and children are made targets. It is very sad that a women TV artist Amreen Bhat was killed inside her house and her nephew was also wounded. This heinous incident has shown that the enemies of humanity do not spare even women and children from killing and wounding. The killing of the TV artist is an assault on the freedom of expression which is guaranteed as a fundamental right in the constitution and this gruesome killing attracted strong condemnation from the political parties across the spectrum. This dastardly killing of the female TV artist was condemned by the LG Manoj Sinha as well who said that we have resolved to end the terror ecosystem in the UT. The continuous killings of the security forces and the civilians in the broad day light speak volumes about the fearlessness of the terrorists who continue to target and kill the

policemen and the innocent citizens in the broad day light and thus create fear psychosis among the policemen and the civilians. Not that the terrorists are not neutralised but they continue to get new ultra recruits and this is a serious issue and the new trainees should not be allowed to pollute the atmosphere of peace and tranquility in the UT which is vulnerable to violence as the terrorists continue to maim and kill the policemen and the civilians without any respite. The violence which was alien to our culture 34 years before has now become the DNA of the gun toting youth who continue to target and kill the policemen and the people from the both Muslim and Hindu community. The terrorists bring doom and destruction to the values of Kashmiriyat and the sufi culture of Kashmir and wound the composite culture beyond repair and this is the great tragedy and should not happen. The terrorists are killing the policemen of Jammu and Kashmir Police only because they are performing their allotted duties with dedication and thus the policemen are eyesore to the terrorists who thus kill them at their sweet will and choice. The policemen who are vulnerable to killings should be protected and modern gadgets and machinery should be provided to the policemen so that their lives do not become soft targets. The terrorists are after the lives of the security forces and our disciplined Jawans should not leave any stone unturned to save their innocent and precious lives and give a tough fight to the forces of doom. All security agencies should work in tandem and coordination to give a death blow to terrorism which seems to be on the last leg now and it is because that the terrorism is about to die that the terrorists are stepping up violence to show their ugly presence. In brief the merciless and senseless killings are taking place in the UT and bringing disrepute to the Kashmiri composite culture and it is the moral duty of all of us to stand up against the terrorism so that it is finished from our soil and meets its natural death.

## JUBILANT J&amp;K

## Filmmakers make comeback in enchanting places of J&amp;K

Filmmakers are making a beeline for shootings in the scenic splendor of locales of Jammu and Kashmir especially after recent launch of maiden Film Policy by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, which has incentivized film shootings in the Union Territory.

In January 2021, Bollywood's big banners arrived in Kashmir giving a major shot in the arm to tourism sector which was facing huge losses. The visiting Bollywood team was comprised of a 24 member Bollywood delegation including members of Ajay Devgn Films, Sanjay Dutt Productions, Reliance Entertainment, Rohit Shetty Films, Zee Studios, Adhikari Brothers and SAB (Marathi), Endemol, Director Raj Kumar Hirani and the Excel Entertainment besides several representatives from the Producers Guild, Mumbai. "Top production houses have visited various locations in the Union Territory having the charming natural beauty and potential of shooting variety of subjects. Kashmir has been receiving good response from film makers since the opening of tourism here in addition to the regional entertainment houses for shooting song sequences and commercial advertisements," Director, Tourism, Kashmir, an official said.

Bollywood directors have chosen Kashmir as the filming ground for many of their movies due to its picturesque landscapes. The shooting of many popular movies like Highway, Phantom,

Fitoor, Bajrangi Bhaijan, Raazi, Haider, 3-Idiots and more happened in Kashmir. "We will bring Kashmir back to the film industry the way it was in 1960s," said film Producer Siddharth Roy Kapur on his recent visit to Kashmir, during the Gulmarg Winter Festival 2021. The three day festival which commenced on February 6, 2021, saw the presence of Bollywood celebrities like Siddharth Roy Kapur, Vidya Balan, Neelam Kothari and Arbaaz Khan. Bollywood actor Neelam Kothari asserted that she will encourage her colleagues, producers and directors of the industry to shoot their films in Kashmir valley especially in picturesque Gulmarg.

"Kashmir is very near to my heart as my first picture Jawaani was shot in beautiful locations of Srinagar, Gulmarg and Pahalgam", the gorgeous actress asserted on the side lines of 'Gulmarg Winter Festival' organized by the Army to celebrate 75th year of Indian Independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. She said that Bollywood film industry can shoot their films in the beautiful locations of Kashmir very happily and comfortably as there is no fear or threat and the atmosphere has entirely changed.

Recently, Sara Ali Khan, daughter of actor Saif Ali Khan visited the Valley twice in the last nine months, her January trip being the latest. Sara has been posting her videos and pictures about Kashmir all over social media. Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, at

the launch of the Union Territory's Film Policy, had said 'It has been worked out to facilitate overall growth of film industry in the region including setting up of a film development council and revival of closed cinema halls'.

The policy, launched at a star studded event in presence of actor Aamir Khan and filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani, aims at establishing Jammu and Kashmir as the first choice for film shooting destination for the filmmakers. Actor Aamir Khan has called the Jammu & Kashmir's Film Policy-2021 a 'moment of happiness' for the entire film industry. "I want to congratulate Manoj Sinha and am also thankful to him for this Film Policy. It is a moment of happiness for the film industry and we will get several facilities and it will make shooting films here easy. I wish the whole team all the very best," Khan said.

The 56-year old actor also thanked the people of the valley for showering them with love.

Tollywood film makers are equally enthusiastic to shoot in Kashmir and capture the breathtaking landscapes in their movies. Film makers Kannada superstar Puneeth Rajkumar shot for the film James in February 2021. South film actress Priyaman's team also shot last month in remote areas of Doodhpatri with new entrants Kiara and Sonal. Another Kannada actor Rakshit Shetty shot for film 777 Charlie in November 2020. Also, Malayalam film Janeman was shot at various locations in Kashmir. Besides, renowned Telugu film star Bellamkonda Sai Sreenivas and Nabha Natesh shot for a film in January 2021. "The shooting experience for James with Puneeth Rajkumar has been exhilarating and we enjoyed shooting in Kashmir," Chethan Kumar, director of the film James was quoted in media.

Top cinematographer and filmmaker, Ravi Varman, who had shot in Kashmir for the film Kaatru Veliyidai has said, "Kashmir is one of the most beautiful places in our country. Kashmiris are very friendly and they are like south Indians a lot." South film actor and comedian known for his comic expressions, Ali Basha, who was recently shooting for a Telugu song in Kashmir said: "The south film industry should make a comeback to the enchanting valley for the shootings." According to officials, the new Film Policy has been worked out to promote overall growth of film industry in the union territory, setting up of Jammu and Kashmir Film Development Council and providing hands on access to website for talent pool and all shooting destinations. It will also facilitate the development of shooting locales, infrastructure for film screening, revival of closed cinema halls, upgrading existing cinema halls, encouraging setting up of multiplexes, destination marketing, organizing the J&K film festival, and restoration and preservation of films from the region, they added.

## Cultural activities in schools

## ■ SHYAM SUDAN

Schools are an important medium of formal education. No doubt we can say that mother is the first institution for a child. But for formal education schools plays a very pivotal role in the life of an individual. A good early schooling shapes the personality of an individual for his future life. We are living in that nation which was once the education hub for rest of the world. Our Gurukul system of education was world recognized way of imparting education. Our glorious world famous Nalanda and Taxshila universities was the testimony of this fact. After the independence we have framed various commission and policies for education. Recently the Government has launched an indigenous policy of education for our country. No doubt this is a remarkable achievement for all of us now we are focusing on knowledge cum skilled based education for our children. No doubt this was the need of the hour for the makeshift, because as we know in this digital era, there is need of smart human resources in every field. Now the demand and expectations of our society is different as compared to early times. Ours is the only nation of the world where there is great percentage of young people. Now the big question for us is that how can we channelize the energy of this mammoth population for the betterment of our nation. We must adopt some strate-

gy to explore the talent and efficiency of this section of our society. For that there is need of a proper and all inclusive education in the country. In this new education policy we are focusing on the skilled based education to gain our prime objective. The prime motive of education as we know is the development of all round personality of an individual. For that purpose in this new education policy we are giving priority to various cultural activities in our schools. Previously we gave the term co-curricular activities to such programs. Now, we have come to realize that these activities are indispensable part of education. We can't isolate or segregate such activities from our formal education. Now various cultural cells has been already created in different schools of our region for this purpose. Now these cultural cells are gaining popularity in different schools of our region. Children are participating in various cultural activities organized by these cultural cells in schools. Basically the prime motive of these cultural cells is to aware the children about the importance of their culture and to remove the hesitation among them. Because we know that there are a lot of talented and efficient children in our society. Especially in rural areas there are a lot of children with hidden potential in our schools. But due to their hesitating and shy nature they generally don't participate in any activity. The prime motive of these cultural cells is to give proper exposure to these children who have hidden potential in them. Participation in different activities in schools removes the hesitation of the children and builds confidence in them. A child can only express fully when he become confident. Confidence shapes the personality of every individual. We generally blame that our government school children are not very active and energetic as compared with children of any private institution. The main drawback behind this fact is that there is lack of confidence in them. Basically every individual is very unique and talented in this world. We can't underestimate or generalize the thinking of others. By giving timely exposure and motivation we can change the personality of every child. Cultural cells can easily change our thinking in this direction. Undoubtedly these cultural cells at present are playing their tremendous role in this direction. Now at different zones and almost in every school of every zone these cultural cells are giving their performance. Even children are giving their positive responses to every activity in these cultural cells. But there is a need of expertise and energetic human resources to launch such cultural activities in schools. For that purpose there is an urgent need to train the teachers in this direction. If a teacher becomes fully aware and motivated for this kind of work only then he/she can organize such activities in schools. Children can also

take the maximum benefit of such cultural activities if they can get a perfect mentor and guide. Role of different nodal officers and incharges of cultural cells is very pivotal. The other positive aspect of organizing such cultural activities in schools is to aware the children about their incredible cultural glory. By participating in such activities children become aware about their cultural values and knowledge of it. In this materialistic world we have no time for our own children. We generally give importance to westernization ignoring the rich glory of our indigenous culture and its values. As a result we have seen that there is degradation in our morality and ethics. Such kind of cultural activities enhance the moral boosting as well as morality of our children. We have seen that mostly our children are engaged in various digital games and other indoor recreation. They are ignoring the real charm of their childhood due to absence of these cultural activities in their life. No doubt these cultural activities play a very important role in their life. There is common saying that all work and no play make Jack a dull boy. There is an urgent need to encourage all the stakeholders including parents, guardian and children for maximum participation in such activities on priority basis. No doubt teachers are known as nation builders but in this changing scenario there is need of participation of all for shaping the personality of a child.