

BOLSTER DEFENCE

What the Northern Army Commander Lt General Upendra Dwivedi has said with regard to strengthening the Line of Actual Control also holds true for the border with Pakistan whether LoC or the International Border. The current scenario in the world is testimony to the fact that no country can take things lightly when it comes to the national security and defence line. For India, the situation is more complex as both Pakistan and China are highly unpredictable and militarily strong thus making it imperative for the country to always remain on toes with no compromise on military preparedness. The Northern Army Commander Lt General Upendra Dwivedi has rightly said that actions by People's Liberation Army along the Line of Actual Control gave the Indian forces an opportunity to build their capacities, asserting that a high standard of operational preparedness needs to be maintained at all times along the border in Ladakh. As far as operational preparedness is concerned no part in the country can be left unguarded as there are number of challenges all along the borders, in seas and oceans, and even in skies because there are number of forces which are eyeing on denting the interests of the country especially after India has emboldened its stand in defence sector after PM Narendra Modi has taken over the reins of the country and countered successfully Pakistan and China and restricted their anti-India activities by showing might of the country militarily, diplomatically and economically as well. There is no doubt that the military stand-off between India and China in eastern Ladakh has given the country an opportunity to strengthen its prowess and get ready to counter forces inimical to its integrity and sovereignty. There is no doubt that whether it is Pakistan, China or even Bangladesh, country cannot afford to remain complacent as a high standard of operational preparedness needs to be maintained at all times on all borders. Besides, technological advancement is also necessary to counter the forces which are based away from the country but are posing threats due to their hold in technology and interests in the geo-political changes in the Indian sub-continent. India has to face many challenges in the coming times and therefore enhancing its technological threshold in different areas of operational preparedness is a must for a safe tomorrow.

RESCUING MISGUIDED

Besides ensuring elimination of all active terrorists across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to establish peace on permanent basis for ensuring sustained development and prosperity, the administration is leaving no stone unturned. Where on one hand the security forces have been granted extra powers to ensure cleansing of the menace thoroughly from the Union Territory on the other hand necessary measures are being taken to rescue the misguided youth from the clutches of enemies by ensuring their proper counseling and guiding parents to ask their wards for shunning the path of blood and hatred and joining the national mainstream. A proper check has also been ensured on all those elements who were earlier indulged in alluring the youth on the name of religion to join the terror ranks. Recently, it was found that the Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI had adopted a new modus operandi to refresh the terrorism across J&K by misguiding all those J&K youth, who were studying in various educational institutions across Pakistan and imparting them training to handle arms and ammunitions for causing unrest in J&K. As per the reports, it came to fore that about 17 youth from Valley, who travelled on valid documents to Pakistan earlier, and were believed to be in that country, receiving education in various institutes, were either killed at the LoC or during encounters with security forces. Few days back, the security forces had also unearthed a nexus in the Valley wherein educated youth, especially from the middle class, were offered courses in Pakistan by a few selected separatist leaders and thereafter used to brainwash them against the nation. All this was done in such a manner that no one can even doubt on the real intentions of these brokers of enemies for whom the main motive was just to radicalize the innocent use and misusing them against the country. With several stern measures in place and effective check over all type of anti-national elements and their activities, earlier active in J&K, the day is not far when the menace of terrorism will be rooted out permanently from the Union Territory and Jammu and Kashmir will again flourish, as it used to be in past.



OFF 'D' CUFF

Why fight with life, learn to flow with it

When someone speaks unpleasant words, why is it that I dislike it so much? Why does it hurt me deeply and how can I bear it?

One of the Buddha's beautiful teachings is 'ta-thatha', which means total acceptance. The power of acceptance dissolves our hurt. We resist something and this resistance creates a conflict with what is.

When someone speaks unpleasant words, don't create a conflict in your mind. Accept that it is others' perception and others' perceptions need not be true. Learn to be at peace with what is and that is possible if you totally accept the other.

Acceptance is not endorsing his point of view but being at peace with others' point of view. If you accept his unpleasant words without condemning him, then an inner understanding opens with deep awareness.

If you condemn him, then your memories of unpleasantness add themselves to the present unpleasantness and your pain increases. The dissatisfactions of the past will create distaste towards the present, leading to distrust of the future.

You dislike someone's unpleasant words because you have a map of how others should behave and are addicted to that expectation. If others' behaviour does not fit into

your expectations, you start disliking it.

Let us learn to practice acceptance at all levels. Let us accept our body as it is. Out of acceptance, improve the quality of the body. Accept the surrounding world as it is and out of that, learn to improve it.

Learn not to fight with life, but flow with life. The moment you flow with life, an inner lightness will envelop you, a new quality of aliveness will fill you, a new joy will bless you, and a different quality of cheerfulness will pervade you.

Such a person cannot be hurt, cannot be disturbed. His perception of others will not be distorted. His factual perception is not influenced by his dogma and expectation.

Look at others who are hurt, discontentment fills their life. Their eyes are filled with expectations and hence they carry hurt inside their heart.

Acceptance is the key to transform your life. When you accept, you experience the 'such-ness' of what is and not the fantasy of 'what should be'.

Don't be a victim of your logic; let the power of love teach you the art of operating from the heart and the heart knows how to accept. When there is love, there is acceptance. You will never know the poetry of life, the glory of life, the grandeur of life if you have not learnt the art of acceptance.

Swami Sukhabodhananda

Vacation of PoJK: Reply to RS Q.NO. 2957, 21-03- 2018

‘India is committed under Simla Agreement & Lahore Declaration for peaceful & through Bilateral Discussions'

► **Narendra Modi can open'Channels' but boats have to be peddled by his Colleagues & Bureaucracy.**

► **PoJK DPs, 1st Victim of Pak Aggression not fairly treated in 1st Definition of Domicile of UT of J&K**

► **J&K Govt in 2014 wrongly excluded 5300 PoJK DP families from PM Package but GoI too upheld that in 2016**

► **There has been no regular Count of 1947 PoJK DPs, still Bureaucracy gives number as total 31619 families**

► **The 1st unsung victims of Pakistani atrocities - 1947 Displaced Families from PoJK**

■ **DAYA SAGAR**

The POJK DPs 1947 have not been paid claims for the assets / properties left behind in the areas of Indian state of J&K illegally occupied by Pakistan in 1947 suggesting that they are not refugees but are displaced families from their own country side due to disturbed conditions there where they have to go back after government of India gets the occupied areas vacated and in case government of India pays the claims for the left over assets in POJK that would send a message that India has dropped her claim over the areas of J&K illegally occupied by Pakistan. No doubt the POJK DPs 1947 in greater national interests too had gone with the technicalities of the issue.

How far and in how effective / fair manner the issues related to the socio-economic status and need of the families displaced from POJK in 1947 have been handled by governments in Delhi and Governments in J&K all these years over last more than 7 decades could be well read from the manner in which the governments have been making replies to question in the Lok Sabha/ Rajya Sabha / State Legislatures as regards the number of families displaced from POJK areas in terms of the Pakistani atrocities on the Indian subjects during the times of '1947' invasions from Pakistan side, the socio economic support the governments have been extending / have extended to them, the measures taken for their return/ compensating them for their properties left back in POJK in exchange for non payment of the claims for the assets left behind and steps being taken / taken by the Government of India particularly to execute the resolve of the Parliament of India as made on 22-02-1994 that Pakistan must vacate the illegally occupied areas of J&K.

It will not be out of place to mention here that even in more than 7 decades of Indian complaint neither the UN has been able to make Pakistan vacate the Pakistan occupied areas

nor has India asked Pakistan in plain words to vacate the occupied areas by an appointed date even when the 22 February 1994 resolution of Indian Parliament had demanded Pakistan must vacate the illegally occupied areas of Indian state of J&K. In reply to unstarred Rajya Sabha QUESTION NO. 2957 (measures taken to liberate POK) asked Javed Ali Khan that was answered on The 21st March, 2018/ Phalguna 30, 1939 (SAKA) by . Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Hansraj Gangaram Ahir) government had said had said that India is committed under the Shimla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration, to resolve all issues with Pakistan peacefully through bilateral discussions.

In reply to starred Q- 32- Illegally Occupied Areas- (a).whether the Government has asked Pakistan at diplomatic level to vacate all illegally occupied areas of Kashmir; b) if so, the details thereof ; and like from DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA replied in Lok Sabha on 12-12-2018 by the then the Minister for External Affairs, Sushma Swaraj the reply was no different and it was also conveyed by government that (i) Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of approximately 78,000 sq.kms of Indian territory in the State of Jammu & Kashmir (ii) under the so-called 'Boundary Agreement' signed between China and Pakistan on 2 March 1963, Pakistan illegally had ceded 5,180 sq.kms of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir to China and Pakistan continues to be in illegal and forcible occupation of a part of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir.`

Pakistan new Prime Minister Shehbaz Shrief (who has been three time Chief Minister of Punjab province of Pakistan) in his first speech in Pakistan National Assembly on 11-04-2022 has said , "<Din



A Look through the Mist

Rat Kashmir Ki badiyon mein kashmiri bahi behnon ka khoon behraha ha aur kashmir ki vadee un kekhoon se surkhhoo geysi hai ... mein yeh kehna chahta hoon ke Bharat ke saath hum achehe tallukat ke kha hain lekin masla kashmir ke munsafanahal tak payeda raman kayam-nahun hi sakta"

So going by the replies made in Parliament of the like the ones quoted here as regards getting POJK areas vacated and the statement made in the Pakistan National Assembly by Shehbaz Shrief Prime Minister of Pakistan on 11-04-2022 , that too in his maiden speech as prime minister, there appears very less possibility of getting the POJK areas vacated in the immediate future since even when India has enough of military power & a strong decisive Government worth getting areas vacated by force still the India keeps the world peace & lives of innocent people on her priority list. Hence government of India must listen to the miseries and peaceful demands of the POJK DP families.

Much leads can be taken by the government of India from the recommendations as have been made in the one hundred eighty third report on problems being faced by refugees and displaced persons in J&K was presented to Rajya Sabha on 22nd December, 2014 (that was also laid on the table of Lok Sabha on 22nd December 2014) and was drawn by a sub-committee on Action Taken on 137th Report on Rehabilitation of J & K Migrants of Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs (2013) with Rajiv Pratap Rudy MP as convener that visited J&K during first week of September 2013 for interaction with affected people and State Government which went to the extent of saying too at Para 3.2.12.3 desired that one nodal officer may be

appointed in Delhi for granting Permanent Resident certificates to POJK DPs living outside the State of J&K as being done for Kashmiri migrants.The committee went to the extent of saying that Government may campaign to attract more and more POJK DPs living in other parts of the country by issuing advertisements in national dailies and the rules for applying the Permanent Resident Certificate may be simplified;Para 3.2.1.4 says that the Committee takes into account the fact that non-registered families are not given proper relief and compensation amount and is of the view that for that purpose, their fresh enumeration is necessary to understand the problems being faced by PoJK DPs and to have updated policy guidelines for them except that the compensation for left back properties should not be one time settlement of 30 Lakh/ family but should be based on actual evaluation of assets left behind. The extent of the economic support these families needed could be well sensed from the fact that: a Joint Rehabilitation Board headed by the then Major General Tara Singh Bal having on it as members of State Government Authorities had recommended land measuring 12 acres Abi/ 18 acres Khushkee for the DPs.. Similarly Imagine in case a family had left back in POJK property worth Rs.1000 in 1947 and in case that money was kept in bank in 1947 it would have become worth Rs.4000 (Rs.3993 even with 10% per annum interest if not 12% interest & quarterly compounding (if not monthly compounding) and Rs.10.24 lakh in 2017. Similarly in case the interest rate is taken as 12% then in 1965 the amount would have been Rs,8000 and just in 2013 the amount would have become R.20,56,000.

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Govt schools still lacking people's faith

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School is an important formal agency of education. After the home it becomes the first formal place where a child learns various skills and traits. Early schooling in everyone's life plays a vital role in refining the hidden potential and traits in an individual. The foundation of a disciplined and civilized society lay on the threshold of a school courtyard. In J&K both private and government schools are imparting education among children since independence. But in recent decades the private institutions are able to succeed in winning the faith of the public. The inclination of parents gradually shifted from government schools to private schools and academies. And as a result we have seen a rapid growth and mushrooming of private institutions in our state. In every nook and corner there is a private academy or private school. Even in villages people generally sent their children in academies by managing their house budget. However in government schools the strength of the children is continuously decreasing at a rapid pace. Government schools are losing their credibility and age old prestige. Also they are unable to win the public faith besides lot of improvement and initiative from the government side. No doubt government is spending a huge budget for improving the standard of these schools (government schools). There are a lot of schemes for the welfare of children in government schools. There is provision of mid day meal, a mega nourishment scheme in all government schools of the UT where a balanced diet is given to every child up to upper prime level. Moreover there is provision of distribution of free uniforms in govt schools to every child. Free text books are provided to every child at the beginning of new academic session. Also there is provision of various types of scholarship schemes in these schools. The universal programme of de-worming and routine medical check-up is also implemented in the government schools of the UT. But still people are not interested in sending their children in these schools. There is a wrong notion among people that government schools are meant only for poor people. They think that if they send their children in government schools then it will be a humiliating thing with their status and prestige in the society. They generally get attracted towards glancing and fabricated atmosphere of the private schools. No doubt private institutions are giving every facili-

ties and comfort to their children although it is from pockets of the parents of children, who are fully satisfied with performance and glancing lifestyle of their children. Bitter reality is that there is no government school which can compete with any private institution in matter of its infrastructure facilities and comfort. There are no government schools in the UT which has its transport facilities for children. A lot of government schools are without boundary wall and improper fencing facilities. But in private schools there are proper arrangements of heating and cooling. In the name of cleanliness several events are organised in government schools but there is no permanent employee for this work (cleanliness). In private institutions there is deployment of responsible persons for cleanliness and sanitation. Moreover the sitting arrangement for children in private schools is better than government schools of the UT. The main reason for poor performances of government schools children is the neglected approach of their parents and shortage of expertise teaching faculty in deserving place. There is acute shortage of teaching faculty in various schools of remote and far flung areas. In such schools the strength of students is appropriate but due to shortage of teaching faculty mostly such children suffers a lot. Rationalization of teaching faculty is the only plausible solution for this problem. In Delhi government has taken very praiseworthy and exemplary initiatives to raise the standard of government schools. Similar approach is needed here to uplift the standard of these schools. There is an urgent need to give more stress at primary level. Mostly in government schools this stage of schooling (primary level) is suffering a large due to one or other reasons. There is also need to equip these schools with proper sports material for kids. Now recently various kind of sports materials has been provided in different schools of the UT. It is a very praiseworthy initiative from government side. Now various kinds of guidance and counseling cell, cultural cell and other clubs has been organized in different schools of union territory. With the launch of new education policy 2020, in coming days we will see more drastic changes in our government schools. There is an urgent need to merge the Anganwaris centers with adjoining schools for holistic development of all. However it is not possible in all places due to various topographic hurdles and

other reasons. But we can manage the things in a better way if it becomes clubbed. On the other hand if Teaching faculty of government schools be exempted from any extra duty like BLO, election duty, survey duty etc. It will give more fruitful results. There is no official of private institutions generally engage in such kind of extra works. The teachers of private institutions are answerable to their head of the institution. But there is not any strong control of head of institution in government schools. More power must be given to the head of the institution in government schools to utilize the services of their staff. There is also a strong need to frame a transparent and solid transfer policy for government teachers. Many teachers who are posted outside their native zone suffered for many years for their transfer. This harassment further leads to irritability and frustration in teachers minds thus affect the teaching process. Also in government schools there is practice of frequent data collection for every information. Usually teachers are engaged in completion of such kind of extra work. This affects the class room teachings in government schools. If we adopt these steps on priority basis. Only then the age old prestige and status of government schools can be regained, only then we can win the faith of parent and general public towards government schools. in this digital era there is need of more trained and expertise faculty in our schools. Because now the aspirations, demand and needs of our children is totally different from the old time. Now there is need of a different facilitators and guide which can satisfy the curiosity of new generation learners. In this lockdown period teachers have learned a lot from virtual mode of teaching. Now our age old methods of teaching become outdated and obsolete one. There is an urgent need to train the teachers for this digital technology and its handling in a smooth way. Because we can only implement the provisions of new education policy when there is availability of expertise and committed teaching faculty. We should never forget that new education policy will only be result oriented when we adopt the right approach with dedicated human resources. We should never forget that honesty is the best policy. There is no policy above this. Despite having all the facilities in Govt schools why we become unable to win the faith of public it is big question mark for all of us.

JUBILANT J&K

Mission Youth: Transforming youth into ambassadors of innovation, peace & development

Mission Youth is a holistic program to bring the interests and empowerment of youth to the centre of policy making. Mission Youth has been established as a specialized agency by J&K Government aimed to simultaneously achieve the twin goals of harnessing the rich demographic dividend and transforming youth of J&K into ambassadors of innovation, peace and development through various interventions for Youth Engagement and Outreach. All interventions rolled out under Mission Youth are specially customized for the youth, conceived on modern, novel lines and implemented through innovative techniques so that these interventions are able to strike a chord with the youth. Mission Youth, thus, has been perceived by the youth as a beneficial initiative with which they are enthusiastically engaging. Under Mission Youth, the Government has launched Youth data Portal for creating a database of youth so as to map their support requirements as per their needs and aspirations. 10 District Youth Centres have been approved for youth engagement at district level. Furthermore, Super 75 scholarship scheme for both girls and boys has been initiated under which scholarship to the tune of one lakh is being provided to meritorious students from BPL background. A provision for assistance of youth in reputed coaching institutes for UPSC and state psc exams under the aegis of Parvaz scheme has also been established under Mission Youth. The most important scheme under the Mission Youth is Mumkin through which small commercial vehicles are provided to beneficiaries, with banking partner extending loan facility up to 100 per cent of vehicle's on-road price. Sahil, a young man says that he has received vehicle through Mumkin Scheme. "I am thankful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for launching schemes for the benefit of youth. Everyone can't get Government job. Youth should also look for opportunities in business. Youth upto age of 35 can avail the benefit of Mumkin Scheme", Sahil said. The manger of Shuhul Mahindra Nowgam, Car showroom Syed Nazik Andrabi says that they have delivered many vehicles to the beneficiaries of Mumkin Scheme. "It has helped unemployed youth to earn their livelihood. We give them 10 per cent rebate, 10 per cent subsidy is given by Government and rest of the amount is financed by JK Bank. They don't have to pay anything on their own," he said. TEJASWINI Scheme of Mission Youth aims to promote entrepreneurship among young women. The scheme envisages giving financial assistance upto Rs 5 lakh to young women for setting up gainful self-employment ventures, suited to their skills, training, aptitude and local conditions. In the present financial year assistance to more than 2,000 women entrepreneurs has been approved under the scheme. More so, one thousand innovative projects of youth have been approved for assistance under Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative of Mission Youth for giving a platform to individuals with promising ideas and the aspiration to grow to give tangible shape to their potentially high growth business ideas. Mission Youth under its AVSAR (Connect to Opportunities Initiative) has signed a MoU Vision India for providing job opportunities to the youth of J&K. A dedicated portal of job opportunities for youth and J&K has been provisioned to facilitate them in getting the best job opportunities. The placement service window has been extended to all youth on complimentary basis and with preferential benefits. Mission Youth is also working on creating a database of all unemployed youth along with their bio-data so as to help them in finding decent jobs under this program as per their skill set and core capabilities. To sum up it would be apt to say that Mission Youth has transformed the youth development scenario in J&K in a remarkable manner. Different programmes are formulated under Mission Youth with the objective to positively engage youth of J&K through multi-pronged strategy involving all necessary systematic interventions. The organization envisions inducing a sieve of demand driven interventions for inclusive development of youth which includes provision of livelihood generation, skill development, education, counseling & rehabilitation, sports and recreation among others.