

PROMOTING SMART FARMING

As majority population of our country depends of farming for earning their livelihood, it was observed that socio-economic condition of farmers of the country was not so good as they were still practicing decades-old conventional methods of farming, which have become totally obsolete these days. In order to give a boost to the farming sector so that it can produce ample amount of food-grains for meeting the growing needs of population, which is increasing with every passing day, making the nation self-dependent besides improving the socio economic condition of farmers, the Government is promoting adoption of smart farming methods through the use of technology and innovation in the agriculture sector in the country. While replying to a question in Rajya Sabha, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar told Government is implementing a Digital Agriculture Mission (DAM) which includes India Digital Ecosystem of Agriculture (IDEA), Farmers Database, Unified Farmers Service Interface (UFSI), Funding to the States on the new Technology (NeGPA), Revamping Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC), Soil Health, Fertility and profile mapping. Under the NeGPA programme funding is given to State Governments for Digital Agriculture projects using emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML), Internet of Things (IOT), Block chain etc. Adoption of drone technologies is being done. To promote smart farming, the Government promotes Startups in the Agriculture sector and nurtures agri-entrepreneurs. The Per Drow More Crop component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichai Yojana (PMKSY-PDMC) aims to increase water use efficiency at the farm level through micro irrigation technologies, i.e., drip and sprinkler irrigation systems. The GoI started eNAM (National Agriculture Market), an electronic trading portal which creates networks between the existing Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) mandis for the farmers. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) promotes innovation, extension and education in agriculture. A total of 1575 field crop varieties were released for different agricultural crops during 2014-21. During 2014-21, 91.43 crore agro-advisories were provided to farmers through mobiles. ICAR developed 187 mobiles apps on different farm and farmer related services during 2014-21. These ICAR apps are now integrated on one common platform called KISAAN. The Farmer FIRST (Farm, Innovations, Resources, Science and Technology) initiative was launched during this period by ICAR with enhanced farmers-scientists interface to move beyond production and productivity.

OFF 'D' CUFF The Power of Thoughts

Art is organized beauty, Music is organized sound; Science is organized knowledge, Government is organized society, religion is organized Mystery, and Philosophy is organized thought. Our thoughts impact how we feel about ourselves and others. We share our fears, our sorrow, our joy, our love, and our dreams with our thoughts. Our thoughts create words and action. Thoughts and Words can actually change the direction of a nation. Proverbs 23:7 says "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." Our thoughts have the power to run our lives, controlling our words and actions, feelings and emotions — even our peace and happiness. When disappointment crushes our dreams, when people hurt or anger us, or when problems seem overwhelming, it's easy to get caught in the rip current of negative thoughts. And when we think negative thoughts, we feel negative feelings, leading us to believe life is negative overall. Whatever our minds focus on is what will play out in our lives and eventually shape who we are. Our thoughts turn into feelings that have the power to control our lives, gradually steering us — and possibly our faith — in a direction we do not want to go. King Solomon knew this to be true and counsels us to be careful about what we think and feel. He knew it's often our thoughts, not our circumstances, which cause us to sink. The quality of our thoughts will always determine the quality of our life. Job said, "The thing I greatly feared came upon me." You will eventually become what you think. If you allow yourself to think negatively worried, fearful thoughts, then you will become a negative, worried, fearful person. You cannot think of defeat and expect victory. You can't think of poverty and expect wealth. You can't think the worst and expect the best. Quit thinking about what you don't have and start thinking about what you do have. Quit thinking about what's wrong with you and start thinking about what's right with you. Quit thinking about how big your problem is and start dwelling on the fact of how big your God is. What we focus on, we mag-

Narendra Modi has been 1st to lay routes for all-round empowerment of subjects of 'J&K'

India celebrates 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and steps in Azadi Ka Amritkaal
C.O 272 of August 5, 2019, C.O 273 of August 6, 2019 & Act-34 of 2019 are Empowerment Tools
Ladakh to Kanyakumari is Bharat

DAYA SAGAR After C.O 272 of 5 Aug 2019, C.O 273 of 6th August 2019 Modi Government made the parliament to pass/enact The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 NO. 34 of 2019 that received the assent of President on 09-08-2019 splitting the State of J&K into two Union territories of UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made his intentions truthfully known for carving the UTs when at the same time he / Home Minister assured that at appropriate time status of State will be restored to UT of J&K. No doubt many in J&K felt hurt with the status reducing to a UT. The immediate reflecting good from this Act could be sensed by the students of J&K Affairs in the new dimensions Bharat that could be expressed in Ladakh to Kanyakumari thereby making the outside world see the affairs / issues related to erstwhile princely state of J&K much beyond 'Kashmir' in much larger extends of Ladakh, Bharat as from Ladakh to Kanyakumari and Ladakh region not 'Kashmir' holding all international geographical boundaries thereby cutting the reach of any anti-India / separatist descriptions. The operations that have performed by the Government of India/Parliament of India in August 2019 have not taken away any rights / identities from the people of J&K, instead the people of J&K relieved of many myths & confusions. No doubt the opinions / views cultivated over 7 decades would need some time to get peacefully mediated. Modi has done his job and now it is the duty of BJP cadres and all those who are desperately waiting for return of peace and stability in Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh need to take the real truthful intentions of Government of

India that rest in the actions taken in August 2019 to the common people of J&K (particularly Kashmir valley) without out throwing any challenges but with patience & politeness worth conveying that nothing has been taken from the subjects / permanent residents of J&K and instead they have been more empowered on ground. To quote what to talk of Indian citizens who were in the category of non permanent resident of J&K (like 1947 Refugees from West Pakistan, the Balmiki community / Safaikaramcharies who had been invited to J&K by local government in 1950s etc) even some Indian citizens who were named as permanent resident of J&K were maltreated / discriminated w.r.t their fundamental rights / human rights by the earlier governments who boasted of some 'special status' in Article-370 like (i) even the families displaced from Pakistan Occupied Areas of J&K as back as in 1947 were maltreated to the extent that not only regular number count of these families was done and no any claims / compensation for the properties left behind was given to these families even 5300 families who were in record with J&K Government but were staying in states other than J&K were wrongly denied the status of POJK DP under the cover of an Act passed by J&K Legislature in 1971. It has with the personal intervention of Narendra Modi that chapter for providing financial assistance to them has been opened, the doors have been opened for taking in the left over 5300 families as POJK DPs ,number count of the unregistered POJK DPs has been initiated (ii) the tribes (commonly understood as ST) in other states had political reservations but were denied in J&K and now with passage of Act

A Look through the Mist Part-III 34 in 2019 Narendra Modi has cleared the way for providing reservation to ST in J&K Legislature (iii) the permanent resident woman of J&K had been denied in J&K to even choose a life partner with total choice keeping a law like what it was the princely state of J&K in 1947 but now after removal of Art-35A all shelters to laws / rules that could violate the fundamental rights / human rights of some Indian citizens have been made void (iv) at times there has been acute dearth of experienced/ qualified professional in J&K since only J&K PRs could be appointed in government services like Medical Colleges due to which needed health cover to even PRs of J&K & availability adequate teaching faculty for students remained deficient where promotions/ appointments were made either by relaxation of recruitment rules or positions remained vacant (people needing major surgical cover in the fields of Neurology and Cardiology, Nephrology have been regular sufferers) even when constitution provisions could be made for relaxation of PR condition and now there is all possibility for doing such reforms. Any how the colleagues of Modi in the government , those in the UT Governments/ Administration of J&K & Ladakh and the his political colleagues on ground make use of the channels / provisions made by NDA-III Modi lead Government for good of the common man so as to take the UT of J&K on the path of ultimate peace and stability which could be surely done by working amongst the people on ground for cultivating the right information & concepts about the identity as well as aspirations of people of J&K worth uprooting the myths of which people had been made to

believe not only by separatist but even by some of their own 'mainstream' elected representatives. The initiatives like Administration back to village, Activation of Panchayati Raj system of governance , opening the way for Delimitation of Legislative Assembly providing opportunity for undoing unfair balance of voice in the legislature of J&K so that people have a representative of nearness in legislature as per the representation of people Act.(Prime Minister had to open the way which he did but how far corrections are made was for the people on ground / those in administration to ensure by providing data / needed ground information to the delimitation commission appointed for the purpose), extension of Real Estate Regulation Authority RERA like bodies to J&K (though still it has not been constituted in its real form) are surely generating hopes. Government of India is all out for extending all conceptual and financial assistance to the people & lands of UTs of J&K and Ladakh but for that any meaningful requirements , any shortfalls, any deficiencies as left over last 7 decades that need be made good as special assistance and any deficiencies that could be still there in execution of projects / programmes sanctioned by GOI must be officially conveyed by local government to GOI , by the social/ civic bodies and even individuals to Narendra Modi ji's government so that needed actions / corrections are timely made. Now we are entering in Azadi ka Amrit Kal and Common man need to become source of feed back to Narendra Modi so that his efforts are able to deliver the real worth that IIE dreams. (The author is Sr Journalist, social activist and analyst J&K affairs dayasagr45@yahoo.com).

Rising inflation cause of concern

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and therefore it is essential to arrest the trend of continuous increasing of the prices of petrol and diesel.. The steep rise in the prices of the fuel like petrol and diesel badly affects the daily commuters and it also leads to the increase in transport charges which has the effect of increasing the prices of the goods. Therefore the powers should take necessary and required steps to bring the prices of petrol and diesel under control so that it will not affect adversely the prices of the goods which consumers need daily. It is very unfortunate and against the people that the prices of all the goods and necessities of life are rising continuously in India and it is a big problem facing the general public and steps should be taken by the insensitive BJP government to control the rising prices for the interest of the common consumers and give some relief to him from the rising prices. To put it plainly the prices of domestic /cooking gas are rising very fast and continuously and it has become very inconvenient and difficult for the common consumers to purchase the cooking gas but he has no choice but to purchase it at very exorbitant prices which his budget does not permit but he has to purchase it. The government has recently levied and increased GST rates on all most all food products and it has is proving a last nail in the coffin of rising prices of the food items and it is fuelling more inflation which is against the interests and welfare of the consumers. The prices of flour, rice, wheat, all pluses which is the staple food of the common Indian is rising continuously. Besides this the prices of the common salt, detergents, soaps and all vegetables as well as the prices of milk, curd and cheese and bread have risen considerably and it is a concern to the common man who has been left in lurch by the BJP government. There is phenomenal and astronomical as well as unprecedented increase in all varieties of the edible oils which has put a great burden on the pocket of the common consumer. One fails to understand as to what has happened to the prices of the edible oils as the increase in their prices is unimaginable and is a grave and serious concern to the consumers as they are

forced to purchase the edible oil at very high prices. The consumers are unable to understand as to what has happened to the prices of the edible oils and what has propelled its prices so high as to become very difficult for the common man to purchase the edible oil for consumption but he has to purchase it whatever is its cost. The prices of all dairy products including ghee and butter are rising and it puts to trouble its daily users. The prices of cosmetics, bangles and tooth paste and tooth power are also on the rise. It follows that the increase in the prices of all essentials of life has overburdened the budget of the common man and he is in a tight position to purchase the daily need items and the food products. There is urgent need to withdraw the GST on food products to decrease the prices of the food products for the benefit of the consumers. The BJP government is unconcerned on the rising prices of all essentials of life as if it is none of its business. The BJP government is shying away from its duty and is abdicating its responsibility to control the rising prices to give some relief to the consumers. It seems that the control of prices of essential items is not in the agenda and is not a priority for the government and thus it has allowed the price rise which is beyond imagination. The political parties rightly allege that the BJP government is the government of the big corporate and hence it does not think it proper and necessary to control prices to please the corporate lobby. Before 2014 when there was the rule of the UPA government of Dr Manmohan Singh the prices of the goods and services were well under control. The then government of UPA exercised control on the prices of all essentials goods in the interest of the consumers and followed pro poor policies and controlled the prices in the interest of the consumers. Thus before 2014 the prices of all the essential items were under control and the people in those good old days did not fell any difficulty in purchasing goods and services as the purchase of the goods was within the means of the common man. But during the BJP rule the story is totally different as the prices of

all the essential goods of life are rising continuously and it is beyond the capacity of the people of little means to purchase daily need items. The inflation has lowered the purchasing power of the people and thus it has become difficult to buy the daily used items. There is free for all and the unscrupulous businessmen are looting the gullible consumers and are indulging in hoarding, black marketing, profiteering and are also indulging in creating of artificial scarcity which all are against the good trade practices and the government does not pay any attention towards all this with the result the prices of the goods and services are continuing the upward trend which is against the consumer interests. Thus what is needed is that the government should take all the necessary monetary and fiscal measures through the RBI to control prices in the interest of the general public. The BJP government is taking and making the excuse that the prices of the essential goods are increasing because the government is expending huge amounts of money on the provision of free food grains to the power. The government should not work on the policy of robbing the Paul to peter to pay Paul. The BJP government cannot absolve its responsibility of controlling the prices on the pretext and excuse of providing free food grains to the poor. The common man expects that that BJP government will woke from the deep slumber and take all the measures to control prices of the goods and services and give a proof of their pro poor and pro common man image. The congress is rightly protesting inside and outside the parliament against the price rise but the BJP government which does not believe in dissent and opposition is not allowing the genuine protest of the congressmen and are putting hurdles on their protest and are even arresting the congressmen who are protesting against the price rise. In short it can be surmised that the inflation has broken the back of the common man. (The author is a columnist and social-activist).

YOUR COLUMN

Miserable plight of PM package employees

Dear Editor, The agitation of PM Package employees for seeking their relocation outside the Kashmir valley is going on in full swing in the premises of Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner's Migrant office Jammu. 85 days have passed since PM Package and other Non-PM Package employees took to streets and started their peaceful protest in support of their only demand of relocation. The Kashmir Pandit Package employees who are the aborigines of Kashmir are facing the worst security crisis in their own homeland as many of their colleagues were massacred by the radical Islamist forces in the line of duty. A recent spate of targeted attacks on the Hindu minorities have brought fear, suspicion, anxiety and

panic among the Hindu minorities thereby prompting many Kashmiri Pandit employees and other Hindu minorities to fled the valley. This small microscopic KP community who always believe in peace and non-violence are at the receiving end of a spate of violence in Kashmir. From the past 18 months, there has been an exponential increase in the number of attacks on religious minorities and thus Hindu minorities feel total threatened in Kashmir as the working conditions for them is not all feasible. Although the J&K UT administration has shifted many PM package employees to district headquarters and other safer locations within Kashmir but the panic stricken Package employees have refused to join their duties and rejected this move of the government. In this perspective, the package employees have unequivocally stated that there is no safer zone in Kashmir where they can perform their duties without any fear and duress as the genocidal killings have taken place in Kashmir even at the district/ tehsil headquarters. However, the protesting package employees are very hopeful of the BJP centre government and are

expecting that their demand of relocation outside valley be fulfilled soon by the government. Moreover, the BJP centre government under the premiership of Narendra Modi has already taken several historical decisions for the welfare of nation like abrogation of controversial Article-370 and 35-A from J&K and repealing of Farm laws. It is high time now that the centre government must take some corrective measures with regard to the sufferings of Package employees and address their long pending demand that is to ensure their 'Right To Life'. Therefore, the BJP centre government should not shy away as far as relocation demand of Package employees is concerned because their demand is very genuine and legitimate. So the government must accede to the relocation demand of package employees and order their temporary adjustments in the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner's Migrant office Jammu in order to save the precious lives of Kashmiri Pandit Package employees who are working in Kashmir.

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