

WILL NOT MEND WAYS

Yes, this is the real old story about the rogue nation Pakistan, which has the tendency to never miss an opportunity to hurt India whether it is along borders, hinterland or at an international summit with delegates of number of countries converging for a meaningful purpose to benefit all. Continuing with its unique feature of not mending its ways come what may (Dribbling from the prominent countries of the world over nurturing and harbouring terrorism) Pakistan on Tuesday again indulged in highly provocative gesture during the virtual meeting of NSAs of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) members by projecting in the background the new political map of the country that depicts Jammu and Kashmir as a disputed territory. It is intriguing that despite India giving befitting responses on almost all the occasions as and when the failed nation Pakistan tried to confront with the country during bilateral or other international meetings, the immoral country continues with its pursuits to meet head-on with India closing all the possibilities and channels which could be used to revive ties or even have nominal relations just for namesake. The latest act of treachery at SCO meeting is nothing but proof of the fact that Pakistan was, Pakistan is and Pakistan will going to remain archenemy of India and thinking otherwise is nothing but sheer wastage of time, energy and resources. Leaving the virtual meeting by the National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval after Pakistan's representative Dr Moeed Yusuf projected in the background the new political map of Pakistan showcasing UT of J&K as a disputed territory was the right stance as the hypocrite nation did the act deliberately despite clear cut advisory by the host nation Russia to maintain civility. It is highly objectionable that the flawed nation didn't stop here rather moved a step further in telling concocted stories claiming the regions of Sir Creek and the erstwhile State of Junagadh in Gujarat as part of its territory. Though, all these deceitful acts of Pakistan will not change the reality but such conspicuous acts of hostility do have the potential to escalate tension and trigger more antagonism between the arch rivals as the case seems to be. It is good that Ajit Doval being highly seasoned personality kept his cool and left the meeting instead of indulging into pointless argument with the representative of a country which is unprincipled and devious.

NEEDFUL, NECESSARY

Looking into the alarming rise in ATM fraud cases there is a dire need to fortify the security of card holders against tricksters. As frauds conducted through ATMs are hogging the headlines of the newspapers on daily basis it is quite necessary that experts sitting at the helm should put in extra efforts to stop fraudsters from carrying out their nefarious activities of looting innocent people through deceit and deception. The needful step by leading bank of the nation SBI in this direction is quite praiseworthy as from now onwards ATM withdrawals of Rs 10,000 and above by debit cards will be OTP-based thus minimizing the chances of frauds and people getting duped by swindlers. This round the clock service will act as safety shield against cheats who lately have wreaked havoc by using modus operandi of different kinds to loot the gullible card holders especially aged and illiterate. With the new facility in vogue, the SBI card holders will now have to enter one-time password, sent on their registered mobile numbers along with their debit card PIN each time for withdrawing an amount equal or more than Rs. 10,000. This round the clock service shall start from September 18. Earlier, in January taking the lead the SBI has introduced OTP-based cash withdrawals for above Rs 10,000 between 8 PM to 8 AM through all its ATMs. This kind of risk-free mechanism should also be adopted by other banks as soon as possible to insulate their customers from fraudsters, unauthorized withdrawals, card skimming, card cloning, etc.

OFF 'D' CUFF

New scourge worse than pandemic

The human mind is the main source and victim of stress. Hence, stress has always been a major psychosomatic issue, afflicting human health since ages. In ancient times, ignorance and uncertainty caused anxiety. But the irony is that with more knowledge now, stress is becoming more dangerous. With technology becoming part of our lives, and societal as well as business intercourse going online, life seems to be getting derailed.

On the one hand, warnings galore from so many sources are scaring people to abnormal levels. On the other hand, the work from home norm is making many go through a great many problems. Employees are continuously on alert for the next email or message on their mobiles from their bosses and colleagues or are having to participate in a great many web conferences. Earlier, when one came home, one left office matters in the office. But now, there is no distinction between home and office. This kind of 24x7 preoccupation with work is threatening to become a full-blown physical and mental health crisis.

Already, anxiety and stress-related disorders are on the rise and frustration is leading to depression and even suicides.

It is the big bug, the bloated ego of the petty-

minded that is the root cause. While data on distress related to the pandemic is available, the distress caused by going online has not yet been assessed. People are already suffering web fatigue - that implies stress caused by being overwhelmed by online interactions.

There is ample evidence to suggest that exhaustion from excessive video chatting is harmful to both mind and body as the total psycho-biology gets affected. It is time we thought of a tweak in workmen's compensation act to include executives who are increasingly becoming victims of online-related stress. It is time to enact the 'right to disconnect' legislation that is waiting assent as a private member's bill, given the agony employees are subjected to. Many western nations already have such legislation in place to protect employees from online exhaustion. Life as a whole is at stake, as this round-the-clock monitoring and manoeuvring is driving people crazy.

In this new Orwellian global order (or disorder), human beings have become puppets tied to online strings. And the key deliverables in this new order are stress and anxiety. What Orwell visualised in 1984 is being realised in 2020.

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Drug culture in film industry

■ SHYAM SUDAN

Indian film industry is known for its glamorous, attractive and fascinating life style across the world of cinema. Generally the audience follow the lifestyle of their reel life heroes and heroines. Because in Indian movies the hero possesses the life of a great reformer, role model, mentor and an exemplar for common masses.

The life of reel life heroes in these movies presented in a very charming and fascinated manner. Despite having lot of hurdles and hindrances in their life, the heroes of Indian movies always stood victorious at the end of movie. Generally every movie reach at its climax with happy ending in Indian cinema. Audience generally gets attracted towards these movies because these movies show the struggle of a common man and its fighting spirit in different odd conditions of life.

In the past these movies have great impact on the life of public. Because in those days movies generally based on various social evils and other social issues and their remedies. But gradually these movies have lost their glorious impact in the minds of public due to their soft and issueless themes. Now these heroes and heroines are also gradually losing their significance in the mind of audience. Lot of reasons are responsible for this deterioration and degradation in Indian cinema. Now a days hundreds of movies and documentaries are released every year. Also the role and art of various stage actors is not very refined and perfect in all these movies and other tv shows. Moreover the personal life of these stage actors is quite different from their reel life. In their personal life these actors generally involved in various controversies and personal life issues.

In their reel life these actors generally appeal for various kinds of reforms and change for public but in real life they indulge in social evils. In most movies we watch that our role model and hero is always a balanced personality but in real

life he possesses all the evils in his life. Mostly every actor and every stage performer is against the social evils of drug addiction. But in real life we generally observe that these actors are fully involved in various drug addiction cases and other drug scandals.

Drug addiction in Indian cinema is not a new thing for this industry. There is a strong link between the two since time a immemorial. But now a days almost every new young actor becomes addicted of this evil. Such things create panic in the minds of innocent audience.

Those who treat these celebrities as their role models generally feel agonized and cheated by this dual role of their role models in film industry. Basically this drug racket or industry is working equivalent to this film industry.

Those who couldn't find the suitable place in this film industry due to competitive scenario get entry in the drug industry. Because there is great chances of earning money in this field without any extra struggle. These newly entered stage performers and talented youngsters generally fall prey to this nexus and web for their easy and short cut success in life. On the other hand children of big celebrities get addicted to these drugs for their sensual pleasure and to remove their frustration from life. Culture of rave parties is now prevalent in film industry in which lot of such addicted people participate and use these drugs for their pleasure and amusement.

There is no restriction over such things in film industry due to reputed and rich blessing of their parents. Due to rapid expansion of this drug culture in film industry lot of antagonistic impact now can be seen in the glamorous life of these talented people. Every year we have seen that lot of young talented people commit suicide in frustration and depression. These things create panic and disturbance in the minds of followers of these celebrities.

Even many followers of these celebrities get involved in such things during their crucial hour of life. The recent sui-

cidal case of Sushant Singh Pajput depicts that there is serious connection between the drug industry with Bollywood industry.

The statement of actress Kangana Ranaut justify the involvement of Bollywood with drug industry. She has claimed that 90 per cent of Bollywood industry involved in this game directly or indirectly. Some are seriously addicted to these drugs and other such products. It is a serious jolt for our society, a society which is popular among general masses for its image, role model and fascinating life style. Such kind of debauchery by these talented people in film industry present a very vulnerable picture of our young generation.

There was a time when people worship their role models in their homes for their performance in various epics and in movies. But now there is no respect for these celebrities in the life of common man .such thing is not good for amicable relationship between the celebrities and their fans.

Moreover this menace of drug culture in film industry is also not good in a cultured and civilized society. Generally people watch these movies to get rid of their daily life problems and to remove their frustration from various struggles of life. But this bitter reality of their role model's personal life distract the whole charm of their fantasy world. It is the responsibility of Narcotics department to take cognizance of such issues on priority basis. Stern action must be taken against these druggist and drug peddlers. We can't give the licence to anybody for creating such type of social evils in society. No one is above law and proper legal action must be taken against such elements without any favouritism and nepotism culture.

The drug problem in bollywood is very deep rooted and many actors had confessed that they took drugs or addicted to these drugs. So it is very easy to open this nexus of drug industry from Bollywood by the involvement of these sleeper cells.

Some unnamed celebrities of Hindi

■ RK SINHA

Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, an MP from DMK party and daughter of Karunanidhi seizing every moment of hindi protest, always hunting for an opportunity to show her anti Hindi mindset for cheap political gains. But ordinary or specials everyone speaking Tamil and all south Indian languages is now accepting Hindi by heart and mind. They believe that having a general knowledge of Hindi language will be in their self-interest. It is rather true that even being a non-Hindi speaker they are doing a great service to Hindi language at their level. They hardly think of and desire of receiving an award for a Hindi savvy for such service.

Let's talk about Shiv Nadar. Tamil Nadu born chairman of HCL technology, Shiv Nadar, says, Hindi helps a person to excel in his career. Few days ago, he was speaking at the ceremony in his old St. Joseph's School. He is now counted among the most successful industrialists of the country and his company is employing lakhs of professionals. The stand of such a great personality on Hindi and his statement in favour of it cannot be considered an ordinary action.

It is worth mentioning that lakhs of Tamil speakers dwell in Delhi and other Hindi speaking areas of India. They travelled and spread hunting for jobs in different parts of India including the capital, Delhi. They established schools in the capital with name Delhi Tamil Education Association (DTI). Talking about Hindi teachers in these schools, they all are Tamil speaking. They earn the degree of graduation and post graduation through Chennai based 'Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha' and become teachers of Hindi. By this way their relationship with Hindi is established for lifelong. A few days ago, I met a Hindi-Tamil speaking teacher at Delhi. She has very well studied Tulsi, Kabir Nirala, Premchand, Jaishankar Prasad and others with full devotion. She learnt Hindi because she was a part of the classes which were run by Chennai based Dakshin Bharat Hindi

Prachar Sabha. The reality is that, the Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha has played an important role in spreading and promoting Hindi language in Southern India. The teachers are contributing significantly in promoting Hindi in Southern States of the country and many other countries where they require Hindi to be taught in English medium schools. Who would tell Kanimozhi that Chennai based Hindi Prachar Sabha teaches Hindi lovers to read and write Hindi language all over the world. The Hindi teachers of Tamilian origin are the true adorer of the language. The foundation stone of Hindi Prachar Andolan was laid in Madras in 1918. In the same year, Madras office of Hindi Sahitya Sammelan was established which later changed into Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha. At present all the four South Indian States are blessed with prestigious research institutes of this Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha and a large number of people of south Indian origin get qualified in Hindi from these institutes and serve Hindi language mostly in southern states or other parts of India or abroad. Few years ago, I was in Bali island of Indonesia. There I was invited at a ceremony related to Hindi literature. A big crowd almost all Hindi lovers, specially Hindi teachers and students present there were Tamilian, Malayali or Telugu speaking. Most of the Hindi teachers employed in foreign land are of south Indian origin only. The reason behind this is that they have gained knowledge of Hindi with the help of English and that help them communicate better with foreign students and to teach Hindi in foreign country.

Kanimozhi might be knowing that the former CM of Tamil Nadu J. Jayalalitha also acted in a Hindi picture named Izzat. Dharmendra was casted as hero opposite her. Similarly, viewers of Hindi films are knowing Maniratnam very well who is a famous film producer-director of Tamil origin. He is well renowned film producer of Tamil and Hindi languages. The artist felt

themselves fortunate when they are offered films of Maniratnam. He gave movies like Roza(1992), Bombay(1995), Dil se (1998) which were fully based on terrorism. Hindi cinema is loved across India and throughout the world. Tamil superstars like Kamal Hasan, Rajnikanth and others also took part in Hindi cinema for increasing their popularity. Vijanti Mala, Hema Malini and Rekha are also Tamil by origin.

The list comprising people who are excited of Hindi Diwas include many south Indian people. Bhaskar Rammurti a Hindi poet of Tamil origin also find a place in the list. He has dwelled in corporate world of Delhi and Mumbai. Bhaskar Rammurti was saying that he was in Tamil school of the capital in the decade of 1960. At the same phase the protest against the Hindi was also going on in Tamil Nadu. But in his school; children were studying Hindi happily. This is also continuing today. A teacher named Thirunengdam taught Tamil students Hindi who came to Delhi in early phases. By virtue of his classes and his contribution towards Hindi, many students who attended his classes of Tamil School of Delhi, regularly became master of the language and get connected with Hindi. Why do the system lacked in awarding and praising such adorners of Hindi? Hindi lovers should also be thankful towards the foreign Hindi adorners also. Here it is relevant to mention Professor Ronald Stuart McGregor. He taught Hindi in Cambridge University from 1964 to 1997. He was a premier linguist, scholar of grammar, translator and historian of Hindi language.

Hindi will get desired development when people who do not have Hindi as their native language like McGregor, start learning Hindi. He is British by origin. He has done a deep research on Acharya Ramchandra Shukla. He has composed two parts on history of Hindi language. Another noteworthy person is Professor Chiang Ching-Kuo. He devoted his entire life to spread and promote Hindi In China. He teaches Hindi in Peiching University.

Through your esteemed daily, I would like to request the concerned authorities to kindly look into the matter and do the needful so that we can move freely without any fear.

Rita Sharma,
Kali Janni, Jammu.

Help differently-abled

Dear Editor,
Twenty one diseases are covered under Disability Act 2016, out of which two are covered under Ayushman Bharat rare diseases, where under on one-time basis reimbursement of Rs 15 lakh is allowed. These two ailments are Sickle cell anemia and spinal dys-trophy. Govt has passed the scheme of reimbursement after detailed study that these diseases require too much expenditure which is not within the reach of a common man. Moreover; other two diseases are Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson which are of progressive nature and have no treatment as well as no reason is known for their occurrence.

I am a disability activist and generally raise issues of Disabled. In this context I have raised an issue of grant of pension which is pending for last 24 years. I had even sent representations to the President of India, Prime Minister, Chief Justice of India, concerned Ministers and Disability Department but the demand is pending till date. In another matter; where wrong deduction were made I am following up the matter with CBDT since long.

From the above two instances it is very much clear that disabled people have to face brunt of society. The media is highlighting genuine problems of Disabled which is evident from last year's

Panjvaktra Shiva Temple land row: J&K BJP stands exposed



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It's heartening that the devotees of Lord Shiva finally scored a crowning triumph on September 6 after two-day-long protests. That evening, the J&K BJP-controlled Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) and Jammu Development Authority (JDA) -- also under the Union Government -- tendered an unconditional apology to assuage the hurt feeling of the devotees.

Leave aside the fact that both the JMC and the JDA blamed each other for the onslaught on the Temple to save their skin and mislead and hoodwink the agitating people, including the caretaker of the temple, Retd District and Sessions, Judge Suresh Sharma. Both issued categorical statements that they would not touch the land of our ancient Panjvaktra Shiva Temple, located in the heart of Jammu city -- also known as the City of Temples, the City of News Papers and the City of Refugees or the Indian Capital of Refugees -- all victims of radicalism/religious fanaticism. Both acknowledged that the land belonged to the temple.

Certain elements in the JMC, the JDA and elsewhere had planned to grab 24 kanals of the Temple land to help land mafia construct a shopping mall and also use the land for car parking. In fact, the JDA had floated a tender for the purpose. Clearly, all the concerned departments had joined hands to grab the land of the Temple, part of the proud and chivalrous Dogras' invaluable socio-cultural and religious heritage. The cultural and religious import of the temple could be gauged from the fact that Adi Shankaracharya and Shri Guru Nanak Dev had visited this holy temple. It was constructed in the 14th century. It was on January 11, 1927 that Maharaja Hari Singh allotted over 20 kanal land to this temple. The copies of the relevant documents are available. Panjvaktra temple is also popularly known as Rupaaye Wala Mandir because the "courtyard of the temple was decorated with silver coins embedded in the floor".

As was expected, the nasty move outraged all the concerned. The result was massive protests against the BJP, the JMC and the JDA. Even the associations associated with the Sangh Parivar - VHP and Sanatan Dharam Sabha - took the plunge and made it loud and clear that no authority would be allowed to play with the Hindu sentiments and grab even an inch of land of Panjvaktra Shiva Temple or any other temple. Campaign through social media also played a vital role. But now that's history. It is hoped that the JMC, the JDA or any other government agency would refrain from outraging the religious sensitivities of the devotees. The manner in which the devotees took up the temple issue and fought for establishing that united Jammu could do wonders and bring to its knees her enemies, whosoever they are, wherever they are and how powerful and well-trenched they are.

However, it was the J&K BJP, which in the process stood thoroughly exposed. Indeed, it blackened its face beyond recognition. Rattled by the anti-J&K BJP and anti-JMC protests, the J&K UT BJP chief even tarnished the image of the Amit Shah-led Home Ministry. Stating that the J&K BJP will not allow loot and plunder of the land of the Panjvaktra Shiva Temple and extending support to the agitating devotees fighting for the protection and preservation of the holy place, he blamed the "government" for the nefarious game plan.

"It is an old Temple where pooja is being performed for many years and nobody will be allowed to take the control of the land belonging to the temple. I warned against altering the status of the temple land," said J&K UT chief. Fair enough.

But he crossed the red line when he accused "Government" of hatching a conspiracy against the temple and the Dogra heritage. "The Government is allotting land to Dharmik places and it is strange that in this case the land of a temple is being grabbed by Government which will not be allowed at any cost," he, in fact, said on September 5.

Which Government the J&K BJP chief talked about? Did he talk about the Government of UT of J&K? Or did he talk about the Government of Narendra Modi? Or did he talk about the Government of Pakistan? He needs to put things in perspective by naming the government he meant. Indeed, he displayed political bankruptcy by seeking to defend the JMC and the JDA and putting the blame on what he loosely and vaguely called "Government". And, in the process, he himself exposed the J&K BJP.

agitation when a number of disabled assembled at Delhi.

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Mitigate sufferings of 'Rehbar-e-Khel' teachers

Dear Editor,
I would like to convey to J&K Government through your newspaper, that we were appointed as Physical Education Teachers under 'Rehbar-e-Khel' scheme in 2019. The scheme was envisaged to overcome ever growing unemployment crisis in the then state of Jammu & Kashmir. Almost 3,000 highly talented youth with qualifications Ph.D., M.Phil; NET and SET were employed under the scheme. The initial salary was fixed as Rs 30,00 per month which is a meager amount for survival amid growing inflation. We were assured that the Government is committed to sympathetically revise the policy from time to time to alleviate our grievances.

In this regard, the then Lt Governor of J&K also constituted a high level committee to look into the matter in Feb 2020. But since then, we did not hear any statement from concerned authorities regarding our future. The silence of administration over the issue has increased our stress levels as we foresee a dark future. The administration is requested to sympathetically consider our genuine demands at the earliest.

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