

SWACHH TOYCATHON

It has been observed that in order to boost entrepreneurship besides inspiring more and more unemployed youth for setting-up their units, the present Government under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has take several innovative measures in past, which have received tremendous response from people. These initiatives where on one hand have provided ample avenues of employment to youth for earning a dignified livelihood to sustain life, on the other hand made the thousands job-seekers as job-providers as many people have been provided jobs in their units, thereby supporting the fight of Government against unemployment. Looking at the overwhelming response to its earlier taken innovative steps, the Government is introducing more and more such pro-active measures, in the larger interest of people in general and youth in particular. In one such step, National Action Plan for Toys (NAPT) 2020 was introduced to promote Indian toy industry including traditional handicrafts and handmade toys with the objective of establishing India as a global Toy hub. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) along with 14 ministries of Central Government is currently implementing various aspects of the NAPT. Besides being the second largest populated country in the world, India also has a growing young population with half of the total population under 25 years of age. The demand for toys is also increasing due to strong economic growth, rising disposable incomes, and several innovations for the junior population. With ever-changing consumption patterns and rapid rise of e-commerce, the per capita waste generation has steadily increased over the last decade, making waste management in cities a challenge for Urban Local Bodies. The second phase of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM 2.0) was launched on 1st October 2021 by the Prime Minister with a vision of 'Garbage Free' cities by 2026. The growing demand for toys on one hand and impacts of solid waste on the other, Swachh Toyecathon is a convergence between the NAPT and SBM 2.0 that seeks to explore solutions for use of waste in creation or manufacturing of toys. The competition will be open to individuals and groups to bring forth innovation in toy designs using dry waste. It will focus on efficient designs that can be replicated at a larger scale, toys that comply with minimum safety standards, as well as aesthetics of the toys. Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhi Nagar is the knowledge partner for the initiative. This competition is being launched under the 'Swachh Amrit Mahotsav', a fortnight of activities to galvanize action around Swachhhta from September 17, 2022, Sewa Divas till October 2, 2022, Swachhtha Divas. The competition will be hosted on MyGov's Innovate India portal and will be launched by Secretary, Housing and Urban Affairs.



OFF 'D' CUFF

'The fledgling quail's tryst with fire'

One should apply oneself to speaking the truth. Words purified by truth cannot be contravened even by fire. Thus has it been heard:

Once the Bodhisattva was a fledgling quail in a certain forest. It was only a few days earlier that he had emerged from the egg. His young wings were still sprouting, and his other limbs were as yet too tender to have assumed full shape. He lived with his many brothers in a nest his parents had built among the vines of a thicket and concealed with grass.

Even at that stage of his life, the Bodhisattva had retained awareness of what is right. He did not want to eat the creatures his mother and father brought as food, but subsisted on the grass, seeds and banyan berries they gathered. Because of this coarse and inadequate diet his body did not strengthen, nor did his wings develop properly. The other baby quails fed on everything given to them, became strong and grew wings.

This situation is quite normal: one who is unconcerned about what is right, and consumes everything, lives at ease, but one who seeks a livelihood and food in accordance with dharma will suffer. The Lord has also said:

'The shameless and impudent crowd, who lives by base and dirty deeds, has an easy livelihood; though such a life is full of sin.

'But a modest, scrupulous person, who always strives for purity and seeks a life of righteousness, will have a hard time here.

' While the fledgling quails were living thus, a great forest fire broke out not too far away. It fumed and crackled fiercely, spewing sparks from widening rings of flame. A disaster for the vegetation of the forest, it terrified the animals which dwelt there. Their courage vanished before its spreading fiery arms and its swirling, dishev-

elled hair of smoke, as it advanced in a strange, leaping dance propelled by the wind. The forest grass was ignited by glittering sparks and blown about by gusts of air. The birds fled, terror stricken, and so did the beasts as they ran helter-skelter. Covered by a pall of smoke and filled with the sounds of the conflagration, the forest itself seemed to scream in agony.

Driven by a violent wind in its search for more grass and plants, the fire finally came near the nest of the quails. The fledglings shrieked with fear and agitation and suddenly flew away without any thought for each other. The Bodhisattva alone made no effort to fly, for he was as yet too weak and his wings were still sprouting. Yet he was aware of his power, and remained calm. Addressing the fast approaching fire, he said humbly:

'My feet cannot be called as such, my wings have yet to grow; scared by you, my parents have already flown away.

'For a guest like you, O Fire, there's nothing fit to offer here; it is therefore right that you turn back and make retreat.'

As soon as these words purified by truth had been uttered by the Bodhisattva, the fire suddenly abated. Though driven by the wind and raging amidst dry wood and dense grass, its progress came to a halt as if it had reached a river in flood. Even today, when a forest fire whipped by the wind into soaring flames reaches that famous spot in the Himalayas, its blaze slackens and subsides, like a many headed serpent spellbound by some incantation.

It might be deduced that even fire cannot transgress the commands of truthful souls, just as the sea with its crests, of waves cannot overflow its natural bounds, and a truth-loving person disobey the discipline ordained by the Lord of the sages.

-A N D Haksar

G.O. No 612, G.O of 610, G.O 611-JK(HME) of 2022 put working of H&ME Deptt. itself under question Has any action been taken against 'many' doctors doing private practice in cities other than place of posting?

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G.O. No 612-JK(HME) of 2022 Dated 12.08.2022 was issued by H&ME Department TU of J&K Government signed by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi) IAS, Principal Secretary asking Government Doctors to restrain themselves from private practice during official hours-duty hours in Health Institutions and other mal-practices because (i) it has been observed that certain Doctors of H&ME Depart . are indulging into private practice during office hours and also while they are on duty rosters (ii). It has been noticed that certain doctors are recommending medical intervention in their private clinics instead of attending the same in government institutions of their posting (iii) it has come to the notice of government that many doctors are indulging into private practice in cities and towns other than their place of posting which against the service norms due to which they are not available in case of emergencies . The order asked the HoDs / DDOs for not allowing doctors to indulge in such mal practices, reporting such cases to Regulatory Authority for action against such doctors and also submit monthly reports in that regard. The contents of the Order itself speak of the bad state of affairs in the H&ME Deptt of J&K government and raises question on the Administrative department itself like what action the government has taken against those doctors who have been observed doing private practice during duty hours / official hours ? ii. What action government has taken against those doctors who have been asking patients to come to their private clinics and not treating them in government hospitals ? what action has been taken against 'many' doctors who have indulging in private practice in towns / cities other than their place of posting.? More so there must be many case of violation of public servant conduct rules which must have forced the government to issue such an order. So will government make public the particulars of 'many' doctors who have been found defaulting and action taken against them?

Similarly vide H&ME Deptt. J&K vide G.O No: 611-JK(HME) of 2022 Dated: /-11-08.2022 s/d by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi)IAS, PS to Govt. H&ME Deptt working in



A Look through the mist

Kashmir Valley were banned from doing private practice in reference to vide G.O No: 610-JK(HME) of 2022 Dated: /-11-08.2022 sd/Manoj Kumar Dwivedi IAS, PS to Govt.H&ME Dept. where under a Committee headed by Choudhary Mohammad Yasin, IAS Mission Director National Health Mission, J&K had been constituted to conduct an in-depth enquiry into the issue related to referral of patients by the 'accused doctors', from Public Hospitals to Private Hospitals for availing treatment/benefits under AB-PMJAY, & SEHAT Schemes in view of the communication SHA-SAFU/2/2022-05 received by government from State Health Agency. Here also questions could be raised on the working of the department. The G.O 611 from PS says doctors are banned from doing private practice. One would ask is private practice allowed to doctors as a regular feature, answer would be surely not. Instead Private Practice is allowed to some doctors (who are also civil servants like other government employees) as relaxation of conduct rules in greater social interest as a very special case. So it would have appropriate toward the order something like " the relaxation in conduct rules to 'said' government doctors is withdrawn instead saying that they are banned from doing private practice.

Not only that it appears that even the welfare schemes are being mercilessly which could be well sensed from the G.O No: 608 JK(HME) of 2022 Dated: 11-08-2022 also issued H&ME Department had constituting a committee for review of claims of revenue utilization guidelines for the implementation of AB-PMJAY and SEHAT Schemes in the public hospitals giving 15 days time for submitting report. The Administrative posts at the highest levels are held by the officers from central services cadres still the position is not that good is surely frustrating for atleast for the civilian 'beneficiaries' of the H&ME Dept. of the UT of J&K.

It is worth taking note of the fact even when

the Government Doctors are civil servants / government servants who too are under obligation of the conduct rules for the government public servants that apply from a class-IV employee to Secretary to Government they have been at places given permission by some governments to do private practice outside regular duty hours and accept fee (better to call it honorarium) keeping in view that they could for official duty even before or after routine duty hours. Surely it was for the reasons of health related emergencies and social cause that the government doctors were allowed to render consultancy services before/after their official working hours and also accept some 'honorarium' / fee from the beneficiary .

The permission for private practice was given to Government doctors not to increase the income but was simply to make available emergency attention / consultation in the near vicinity at odd hours wherever possible. Otherwise in case someone argues that it has been for increasing income then even engineers / finance personnel can render services and should be allowed. Even a clerk may like to work outside duty hours for increasing his/ her income which one may need for being a low paid employee, but is not allowed. For such clinical consultations a doctor could at the maximum put a 10cm x 40cm name plate at his/her house but these days one could easily find large boards like a kariyana shop on the house / private clinic of a government doctor. But the way commercialization of relaxations given for private practice has grown in UT like J&K the quality of services being rendered by government hospitals has 'fallen' to the extent that what to talk of remote villages even MLAs/ MPs/ Senior Government Servants prefer visiting private hospitals.

Some government doctors have made even indirect investments in installation of equipment / laboratories with fully commercial intentions. Government doctors are these days doing nearly a 'full time' private enterprise under the garb of permission for private practice. The interaction between the sellers of medicines & utilities and the practicing doctors have at places almost shaped

into trade relations which also reflects from back ground of the reference orders here in above. In a way the social cause behind allowing government doctors private practice has been overshadowed by the commercial enterprising interests of doctors.

In the earlier times the provision for private practice was drafted for the benefit of the common man keeping in view the level/ quantum of available professional health services but now it is being alleged that it has started harming the common cause. Moreover Health services in Private sector have also grown, private practitioners' number has also grown, number of retired doctors is also reasonably high now , people do appreciate that services of doctors in institutions like AIIMS and PGI are much more dedicated to medical ethics since these doctors are not allowed private practice.

So, need has emerged for withdrawing the relaxation given for private practice by doctors in J&K more so no such relaxations have been allowed to other professionals in government service like engineers, accountants who too can increase their income by working off time.

Additionally since primarily the private practice had been allowed to government doctors not for increasing their income and there is not any justification in giving non practicing allowance to government doctors where private practice relaxation is not there , so strangely even doctors in defence services are given non practicing allowance. !!! Not only that a close look will reveal that in Medical College Jammu / Srinagar some doctors are given non practicing allowance who belong to a stream where in general no patient would like to go for private treatment to them.

So, in case the greater public cause is not being served with the relaxation given to doctors, rather some damage too is being alleged and permission to government doctors for private practice is not to increase their income then in case it has to be still allowed why not allow private practice to all other employees with the government and if not pay them also NPA?

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Need to check system, control & accountability in politics

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Politics and its nature since long past had emerged as icon in the history of Indian political scenario. Indian democracy is so bigger in itself that none can else compete it anyhow if we watch there are still large loopholes still in it, because rotation of political scenario has rendered a dream of past, in which a simple face insidiously used to turn crocodile like in shape and size and looted to the poor voters as well as common people. In the same way political parties would used to give biases of the old political leaders and politics while generation would used to move towards the modern outlooks and did not wanted to remain under the same control and stick of old monks of politics. Since how Indian politics has started it reveals the facts that lineage system prevailing with great degree as there occurring the chain system in the politics. In order to defy old system there occurred a little hope along with AAP (Aam Aadami Party) whose consecutive thrice victory in Delhi and clean sweep in Punjab during recent past has ingrown a common man with a hope to understand their urge for change in the system but few signs are emerging as exemplary of other parties. Meant joining of ex-legislators of the opponent parties in the AAP giving clear cut message that if AAP ideology has revealed/ changed even from Punjab i.e., recent good faith policy of opting /offering mandate/ party tickets to fresher candidates. But in the Jammu & Kashmir thousands of the thousands voters are waiting to adopt & adapt such like system in the upcoming election process, many of the past ex-legislators has befooled to innocent voter and earned only wealth and property on the name of election while during their former parties and did not given good feedback to the innocent voters likely in Samba constituency. Many of them had betrayed, looted, exploited to the common man's entrust in wide and large manners and now swiftly changed the party and join in AAP in order to show that they ardent, enthusiastic and honest throughout their career; but to believe upon such elements may prove greater setback to the party of which drums are beaten loudly in lieu of its ideals and agendas in the Delhi, and Punjab. On professing the same ideology during the upcoming election in the Jammu and Kashmir most of the people likewise stampede voters has aspired to selection of the fresher, honest, educated and of weaker section candidates, who may devote their best efforts for the goodwill of the people, unless the system should remained hooked with same nail whichever the other parties have done so during past.The Dal-Badalu leaders and ex-legislators can betray to any party at anytime because they work like spring frog philosophy as well as for their petty gain or motive they can attend or attempt anything in their life, because they had learnt this message from their political Khilifas/ Aakas. No doubt in the present scenario of politics we have watched the bigger fishes are floating in the shallow seas for their personal motives or to save the black money which they have earned during their past career in the former parties. They had digested the huge fund of the people and now they had enjoined in other parties and snoring with such like calm face to prove themselves as honest ones! Therefore belief on them and assign mandate/ party tickets to such candidates should be greater betrayal to the people there across the Jammu and Kashmir and indirectly they can also mislead

to the party too, because such people did not remain beyond from avail- one- self at any suitable moment. So in order to secure the common peoples' interests it will be much better to pursue the wishes of common people in next election. Then if they wanted to assign mandate to the fresher or newly candidates those who did not have any kind of already relation with any political party or politics, it means they may serve to the common peoples' wishes more than the already relinquished candidates or already mundane in the politics. In course of such a wait now several of the groups in Jammu are leaving the party on very grounds that party senior delegates not care for them passionately despite of them being in the lap of some old and relinquished ex-legislators whom had recently joined the party and fully made the party command as underdog. So decision of the common people should regarded by party Supremo as well as party higher command in order to bring transparency in the system on the one hand and to help to achieve the goals by the political conscious, honest, enthusiastic and educated youths in the Jammu & Kashmir(UT). Therefore there occurred the appeal to assign mandate/tickets to the fresher candidates among the AAP in the upcoming election despite of newly joined ex legislators if Arvind Kejriwal wanted to lower the rate of corruption, make suitable development of the infrastructure, provide efficient civic services to the common mass i.e. water supply, electricity, road connectivity, etc unless if the mistakes should be repeated of assigning mandate to the newly joined ex-legislators from other parties to AAP consequence of which the system is impossible to improve anyhow! The newly joined entrants in the party should be focused on locus-standi of their past work evaluation in their life tenure for the refined version of politics, if AAP wanted to adopt and advent it as politics of common man, because several political affiliated persons joined in it with their motives for the lucrative avenue for their prosperous future, because they have already availed such opportunities in their life and now they are repeatedly opting for it, meant so many of them are like wolves in the clothes of sheep, who had joined in the party. If we watch Samba constituency since past 18 years, there came legislators for lurk of money, material and wealth only. Some of them to whom we witnessed they arranged their commission in advance before execution of work plans, and adopted many unfair means as they remained insidiously along with the land grabbers and had purchased the machines like drilling , JCBs, Tippers, and other costly machineries including landed property on their kin's names. Meant we can say that they have grabbed the land when they got opportunity of becoming MLA in the Samba constituency and now they are relaxing in the other parties and befooling party high command with crocodile tears. This is perhaps happening so because few of the Delhi based observers of AAP may have close connivance with them for extra kind of loaf. Therefore it is quite pertinent for higher command likely party Supremos to assess all such pros and cons while giving the party mandate to such candidates who have already availed such opportunities and make avenues to the fresh candidates who have not any kind political affiliations in their life and totally new to party as well people of J&K. It will be much better for AAP and other party higher commands to pursue according to common man's willingness during upcoming election.

PROGRESSING J&K LG's administration established system working solely for welfare of common masses

From last two years Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha led administration has setup a system which works for the welfare of common masses. Government has initiated several measures to uplift the economic conditions of the people here which in turn have shown great signs of improvement on daily basis. During the past three years, the Government has introduced numerous self-employment schemes to help the youngsters to set up their ventures. Mission youth has been one of the most rewarding initiatives on behalf of the J&K administration. Self Employment has become a Government's priority area and the Mission Youth is working at it. Various reports of different national surveying agencies including NTI Aayog showed Jammu and Kashmir well ahead of national average and can be rightly described as changing Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha hailed Jammu and Kashmir Budget for the financial year 2022-23 and said that it will meet the needs and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He also added that the main goal of the Budget for 2022-23 is the economic development of every region in the Union Territory. "The Budget for 2022-2023 is going to meet the needs and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. This is a development-oriented budget and economic development of every region is the main goal of this Budget. This Budget is going to bring a change in J&K at a polemic pace", Sinha remarked.

Remarkably, Jammu and Kashmir is first to launch District Good Governance Index. Tourism has gone all time high in last 6-7 months. During last year, 11,578 recruitments were made taking total to 30,000 in three years. There has been highest ever air traffic at Jammu and Srinagar airports. Among all 4290 Panchayats, barring 8-10 where land is not available, every Panchayat has play-field. The UT also stood best in transparency and COVID management. fill in the gap between demand and supply of skilled workforce and to create a strong environment for professionals and technical skill development in Jammu and Kashmir, the Government has roped in prominent organisations like ICICI Foundation, Tata Technologies Ltd, Primal Foundation, Wipro, among others for working on upgrading skills of youth in the sectors having high employability potential like banking and financial services, digital marketing, media management etc. Another initiative of stopping Darbar Move has saved Rs 400 crore expenditure every year by ending the bi-annual practice. Rs 1000 crore worth works on National Highways and tunnels are going on in Jammu and Kashmir while as Distance from Jammu to Srinagar has been reduced from 10 hours to five and half hours and after completion of some works, it will further come down to four and half hours to four hours. There has also been a significant increase in revenue generation in Jammu and Kashmir. The GST, Excise, ST and other taxes have recorded 25 percent growth due to proper tax planning, effective monitoring and efficient implementation of the tax statutes aimed at bringing transparency and accountability in the system which contributed towards scaling up the momentum of revenue collection in J&K.

YOUR COLUMN Plea to DG Accounts & Treasuries

Dear Editor;

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I would like to submit following few lines for the kind consideration of DG Accounts & Treasuries. It is very disturbing and ironical that Account Assistants who have qualified the Subordinate Accounts Course-1 (SAC-1) are still not being promoted till date despite repeated pleas and requests made by the qualified/eligible employees. It needs no repetition that the delay in

the timely promotion of the Account Assistants' have left the various vacant positions for AAOs' unfilled in the Finance department. It is worthwhile to mention here that SAC-1 was held in the month of March, 2021 and the results were declared in the month of June, 2021 & thereafter various assurances from Director General Accounts and Treasuries were given in order to promote the Account Assistants to their next level cadres but nothing substantial materializes on ground zero in this perspective up till now. However, many employee delegations have already met with the authorities concerned but very unfortunately our long pending demand of promotion has not been given due recognition. It has been

more than a year now since the results were declared for SAC-1 by the J&K Public Service Commission but as of now our plight remains unaddressed. It is very sad state of affairs that our pleas and requests have been overlooked and disregarded till date for the best reasons known to the authorities at the helm of affairs. I would like to make a humble appeal to the worthy DG Accounts & Treasuries to kindly look into this matter and promote all eligible Account Assistants (Clerks) who are eagerly waiting from the last more than 14 months after having qualified the mandatory SAC-1 Examination.

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