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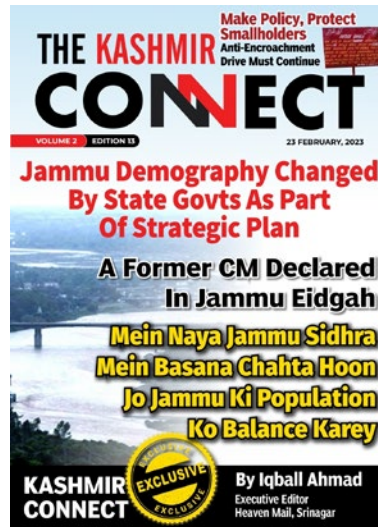
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Edition 13 of The Kashmir Connect received huge praise from many quarters. It is a matter of pride for our team that fulsome praise came from many officers at the helm in the Army, the police and UT's bureaucracy. Brig Narender, the eminent strategy and security analyst posted the following to me on WhatsApp:



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Brilliant

Such praise from the distinguished soldier and scholar has filled our team with a whole new josh. For honest karma in the service of the nation, Keep Marching.

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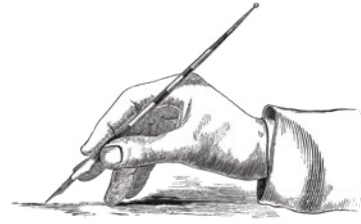
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Often I am invited by various organizations within the Valley to speak on various social issues or other matters that impact us.

During my talks, I feel happy to observe that our youth have clarity of mind, and the desire to work hard for what they seek. Indeed, there are no shortcuts to success. The road to success is paved with one's ardent desire to succeed and the will to work for it.

I feel happy to see that the youth are progressive in their outlook. They are rooted in our culture, and they are modernistic in their worldview. This is how every progressive society should be. We are the custodians of our culture, our traditions and values. At the same time, we have to lead our region and our

nation to see the tomorrows that are blessed with harmony, peace and development, with mutual respect for all.

I want to urge the youngsters that the Almighty blesses those who help his creation. Often, many among us waste much time on smartphones or watching TV. And then we complain that we have no time. Instead, we should focus our energy on helping the needy. There are many around us who can blossom and flower if we hold their hand at the time of need and give them the courage to go ahead and pursue their dreams. The world is made a happier, kinder place by compassionate people. Let us always seek to be the best version of ourselves and uplift ourselves through simple living and high thinking.

SIKH SEPARATIST FUELLING ANTI-INDIA SENTIMENT IN KASHMIR

Sizable Section Of Kashmiri Youth Idolize Amritpal

by Gayatri Mohan

Large gaps are showing up in the security situation in Punjab.

If you zoom far above the speed limit on a high-powered four-wheeler or superbike in Punjab, you can be sure that Punjab Police will catch up with you and



The state's inaction has allowed the nondescript Amritpal to become 'the Amritpal phenomenon'. For ISI, the Indian state's inaction is bounty on a platter. It is now a typical case of ek teer se do nishane. ISI is using Amritpal Singh to effectively deepening the fault-lines among the youth in Punjab and also in Kashmir

challan you. But Punjab Police is unable to catch up with Amritpal Singh, a radical Sikh separatist who is openly espousing another partition for India and is fomenting terrorism.

The reason is lack of political will. This has the potential to lead to alarming consequences for India.

Amritpal Singh is the head of Waris Punjab De (Heirs Of Punjab), a fringe Sikh group. The state government seems unwilling to control him. CM Bhagwant Mann and his team are dithering. Sources reveal that in order to pander to vote bank politics, the AAP government is waiting for the Central agencies to

initiate action against the Sikh separatist.

The Centre is stated to be watching the situation because law and order is the constitutional domain of the state government. The bottom line is that the delay in action against Amritpal can seriously compromise national security.

For ISI, Amritpal Is Ek Teer Se Do Nishane

Useful Tool To Foment Anti-India Sentiment In Both Border Regions

Over the last few months,

there have been clear reports by the intelligence agencies that Amritpal's meteoric rise is fuelled by ISI to prop up a Gen X cult leader in Punjab. ISI's purpose is fully served: create and deepen radicalization among India's youth and spur them into violent anti-state action.

Amritpal's personal profile seems ideal for a suitable candidate to be groomed by ISI. His social media posts revealed that he is fiercely antagonistic towards the Modi government. There are also reports that he had taken staunch opposition to the abrogation of Article 370 in J&K.

By delaying swift action, the Centre and the state are allowing Amritpal to become a cult figure. It is ostrich-like to assume that Amritpal and his cult shall be restricted to metaphoric separatist talk only. The storming of the police station at Ajnala by Amritpal Singh's supporters proved that it does not take long for an ideology to translate into violent action. Amritpal is fuelling violent ideology not just in Punjab. He is bringing separatism to the fore in Kashmir too.

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CALLING AMRITPAL 'RADICAL SIKH PREACHER' TONES DOWN THREAT

**SIKH SEPARATIST MUST
BE CALLED WHAT HE IS**

**WHY THE
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Anti-India sentiment runs deep among a sizable section of the Kashmiri youth. Such youth are easily influenced by Pakistan's propaganda against the Indian state. The Amritpal phenomenon has added fuel to the fire.

It has increasingly being noted and discussed by the radicalized youth in Kashmir that the Sikh separatist moves with a group of gun-toting supporters. The inaction of the state is emboldening the radical elements around him, and also in Kashmir.

As the state has stood watching, the number of youths in Amritpal's "private army" has grown. Many say that the youth around him are radical extremists who are bullying and beating people and also carrying out attacks under

the pretext of upholding Sikh Puritanism.

It cannot be forgotten that Kashmir burnt in the fires of radicalism for decades because the state did not take steps in time to check Islamist Puritanism. As a result, one terrorist group after another carried out attacks on people and also on rival groups in their efforts to be competitively puritan and Islamist.

Amritpal Phenomenon Can Undo Hard-Won Gains In Kashmir

It is myopic to assume that Amritpal's influence shall be restricted to Punjab.

The forces that had been effectively reined in by the Central government in Kashmir are being unleashed by the uncontrolled Sikh separatist. The inaction to rein him in can result in worrying consequences in both border regions – Punjab

and Kashmir.

Kashmiri youth are romanticizing Amritpal Singh. A sizable section of the radicalized youth in Kashmir is drawing strength from Amritpal. The separatist Sikh has emerged as a youth icon and a social media hero for the smartphone-savvy radicalized Kashmiris.

His influence is cutting across regional borders and is mobilizing Kashmiri youth in a way that may prove to be difficult for the nation.

The suffering may spill over into the social space too. The youth who get enmeshed most easily in the trap of radicalization are from lower middle class and poor financial background in Kashmir. They are usually poorly educated and also lack other skills, which leave them unemployed and even unemployable. While these youth get pulled into terror networks, their parents are left wailing and without support in old age.

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**KASHMIR
TERROR
GROUPS &
KHALISTAN
NETWORKS**

**THREAT NEEDS TO BE
FULLY RECOGNIZED**

by Gayatri Mohan



Photo: Al Muneeb Lone

In December 2022, Punjab gangster-turned-terrorist Goldy Brar was detained in California by Interpol at the request of the Indian security agencies. Brar had been issuing threats to Hindu businessmen and also the policemen in Punjab. His connection to ISI is regarded as an open secret.

On November 21, NIA had arrested terrorist Kulwinderjit Singh alias Khanpuria from IGI Airport in New Delhi. He had been associated with Khalistan-oriented terrorist outfits including Babbar Khalsa International and Khalistan Liberation Force. He was wanted in many terrorist cases, including the conspiracy to carry out targeted killings in Punjab.

Many links between the terror groups operating in J&K and the Khalistan groups have come to the fore since 2019. The reason is evident. The abrogation of Article 370 has been a huge blow for Pakistan. Hence ISI is using all overt and covert means to destabilize India.

India has strong diplomatic relations with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and also with Saudi Arabia. India must take up with UAE and Saudi Arabia the urgent need to monitor and check the anti-India groupings and planning by the terror groups operating in Kashmir and in Punjab

Access for destabilizing Kashmir is provided by terror groups like Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). The efforts to destabilize Punjab are made through groups such as Babbar Khalsa International and Khalistan Liberation Force. All these groups are networked with ISI for smuggling ammunition and drugs into India through infiltration routes or by drones. ISI provides weapons, explosives, drones, human resource and also manpower training to all these groups, and also finances their operations.

Now, Waris Punjab De led by Amritpal Singh has joined the ranks of groups that want to destabilize India.

Over the last many years, Indian intelligence agencies have found that Dubai and some other popular destinations in the Middle East are being used by terrorist groups from Jammu and Kashmir and pro-Khalistan outfits as a central point for tie-ups.

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ISI TEMPLATE – SIKH SEPARATIST IS THE MEDIUM

AMRITPAL USING RELIGIOUS SUPREMACY, RELIGIOUS VICTIMIZATION TO CHARM GEN X IN PUNJAB, KASHMIR

Decades of indoctrination with separatism and with radicalization leaves deep roots in the psyche of any populace. During the 80s and 90s, the Indian state failed to take cognizance of the religious radicalization in Kashmir through Pakistan-sponsored separatist leaders and hardline Islamist preachers and clerics.

Through sermons and public speeches openly and emphatically delivered in mosques, religious learning centers and other common areas, the separatists and hardline Islamist preachers and clerics oriented the collective mind space in Kashmir towards Pakistan.

Even now, when a large number of Kashmiris are able to discern that their future lies with democratic India, the shadows of indoctrination remain. These Kashmiris are firmly part of the mainstream. Despite this, the bizarre statements made by Sikh separatist Amritpal Singh are able to find resonance among a section of Kashmiris. It is in this light that one can find a section of Kashmiris using the social media to voice their support for the Sikh separatist.

The pattern of support is seen in a more pronounced manner among the younger generation of Kashmiris. The vast numbers of young smart phone users continue to be enamoured by the deluge of social media content released by Pakistan on the twin themes of religious supremacy and religious victimization.

These are the twin themes that the Sikh separatist is playing on. Hence the support for him in Kashmir's social media.

SIKH SEPARATIST POSES CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER FOR INDIA

THERE IS NO BASIS TO LIKEN KASHMIR OR PUNJAB WITH PALESTINE

ISI USED KASHMIRI SEPARATISTS & ISI USING SIKH SEPARATIST FOR SAME PATTERN OF LIES

“Repeat a lie often enough and it becomes the truth”, is a law of propaganda often attributed to the Nazi Joseph Goebbels.

Sikh separatist Amritpal Singh is comparing Kashmir and Punjab to Palestine. The statements have no basis in reality. Amritpal is using the Indian media to openly make subversive statements against the nation. The informed citizens of India are aware that these statements have no basis in reality. But Amritpal’s bizarre statements have the potential to brainwash the ill-informed youth.

Since the 1990s, ISI used the Kashmiri separatists to spout the same lies in Kashmir and mislead an entire populace. Now ISI is using the same template through a Sikh separatist to again indoctrinate the youth of Punjab and also the youth of Kashmir.

Amritpal’s fandom among the Gen X of Kashmir is growing with his statements where he compares Punjab with Kashmir and Palestine.

The issue of concern is that Amritpal’s statements have the potential to brainwash ill-informed youth of both Kashmir and Punjab.

**FOR A
SIZABLE
SECTION OF
KASHMIRI
YOUTH,
AMRITPÁL
IS BURHAN
WANI 2.0**

AMRITPAL IS A MAJOR ASSET FOR ISI



SHEIKH MUDASIR
Associate Editor

The youths of Kashmir are watching Amritpal Singh very closely.

Our Gen X has not seen the terrible years of terror that we lived through. They romanticize the terrorists, they romanticize the notion of freedom. They are also majorly influenced by Pakistan's propaganda, which uses religion as a tool to misguide and exploit our youth.

The disinformation and brainwashing by Pakistan could have been defeated to an extent if the government had worked at the narrative level in Kashmir. But the focus of the government

has been mainly on social and economic development. The government has not taken any major initiatives to change the narrative at ground level.

The result is that the narrative in Kashmir largely remains the same. Narrative is a long-term thing. Changing the narrative needs sustained focus and action. It is difficult to correct narratives, but it is not impossible. All it needs is the right government push.

How Gen X Is Viewing Amritpal

Amritpal is a radical Sikh separatist who is working

against the Constitution. He is seeking to divide India again. He is seeking to derail our youth and our society. But it is a matter of serious concern that a sizable section of our youth does not see Amritpal in the same way. They are idolizing him.

I have noted that over the last few weeks, a number of Kashmiri youth have put Amritpal's video as the status on their WhatsApp account, where he is making incendiary statements. The youth are inspired by his open defiance. They are celebrating him on social media.

The government should not hesitate from taking swift action against Amritpal Singh. His continued separatist talk is sending out very wrong messages to the youth of Kashmir.

I have observed the youth discussing that if any Kashmiri leader or youth had made the statements that have been made by Amritpal, he would have been charged under PSA or UAPA. His family would have been questioned and detained by the police. The youth are discussing that because these statements have been made by a Sikh separatist, the government is afraid to take action.

These kinds of assessments by the youth can send out wrong messaging among the children too. It can vitiate the mind of even school goers. Hence it is very important for the government to take appropriate action against Amritpal as per law. The staunch nationalists in Kashmir are unable to respond

Separatist sentiments of radicalized Kashmiri youth are getting boosted by Amritpal. If the government continues to allow Amritpal to move about freely and espouse his dangerous philosophy, the radicalized mindset will get more inspired by him

regarding the lack of action by the government against the hardliner Sikh separatist.

We Cannot Afford To Repeat Mistakes Made Earlier

The separatist sentiments of the radicalized Kashmiri youth are getting boosted by Amritpal. I am feeling worried that if the government continues to allow Amritpal to move about freely and espouse his dangerous philosophy, the radicalized mindset will get inspired by him more and more.

The militancy that we are watching in Kashmir today is a very dangerous phase. These days we do not know who is hiding in the shadows as a militant or a hybrid militants. But it is clear that a section of our youth is not able to escape the trap of radicalization. They are being indoctrinated by Pakistan. They are killing Kashmiri Pandits and other soft targets.

If Amritpal is able to boost separatism in the Valley, it shall be a huge loss for us. The government and the nationalists have worked worked very hard to bring about peace in Kashmir. We cannot afford to lose it.



Photo: Al Muneeb Lone

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NOTES FROM THE VALLEY

GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE SWIFT ACTION STOP MEDIA COVERAGE FOR SIKH SEPARATIST

by Sheikh Mudasir

Photo: Al Muneeb Lone

We know that Amritpal is an ISI prop and a divisive force for the Indian state. But the youth see only that which is visible on the surface. They see only his fiery talk and his false bravado. For many youths, Amritpal is a hero

If Amritpal is emerging as a cult figure, the media must accept part of the blame. The media has made him a larger than life figure.

Top Indian news channels are interviewing him for his story, his views. Why should they do so? What has Amritpal done in the service of the nation that top Indian news channels should give him so much space?

But nobody is stopping to ask these questions. In their rush for TRP, the media channels are playing into ISI's hands. The media is giving him so much publicity that he is able to emerge as a hero and is able to radicalize more and more youngsters.

I am alarmed and also saddened to observe that in Kashmir, Amritpal is gathering

huge regard and support. Usey bohot izzat aur ehtaraam ki nigaah se dekha ja raha hai. The youth are discussing that we should have leaders like Amritpal. We should have leaders who are courageous and can storm a police station to get someone freed.

The talk among the youth is that if we had separatist leaders like Amritpal, our freedom movement would not have weakened.

Amritpal's dangerous influence on our youth is multiplying

It is not correct to blame the media alone. Why is the government allowing the Sikh separatist to carry on with his rant against India? Why is the government giving so much space to a Sikh separatist who has repeatedly announced publicly that his intention is to break up India? Because of the government's inaction in Punjab, Amritpal's dangerous influence on our youth is multiplying daily.

Burhan Wani was a social media warrior. He was not involved in any major clashes with the security forces. But he became an inspirational figure. Kashmir is still suffering the consequences of glorifying him. The same is happening with Amritpal Singh. One way or the

other, the media is glorifying him.

The youth have started discussing that Kashmir's so-called freedom movement needs young leaders, whom the separatists never allowed to come forward. We all are aware that for the separatists, the conflict was a commercial venture. The separatists were making huge monetary gains from the conflict, hence they never wanted the conflict to end. They never wanted that anybody else should benefit from it commercially. Our separatists continued to avail government benefits even as their sons, their relatives lived luxuriously.

Now the youth have started discussing that on the lines of Amritpal, Kashmir also needs young leaders. This glorification of a Sikh separatist is highly wrong and also highly dangerous for Kashmir.

How To Counter Amritpal's negative influence?

We made the same mistake with Burhan. We allowed him to get immense media coverage. The media made Burhan a hero. Baad mein Burhan Wani hamare liye sardard ban gaya.

We need to remember that negative or positive – publicity is publicity. We who are aware of the ground situation know that Amritpal is an ISI prop and a divisive force for the Indian state. But the youth are unaware of the geo-political dynamics. They see only that which is visible on the surface. They see only his fiery talk and his false bravado. For many youths, Amritpal is a hero.



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Us ke tewar se pata chalta hai ki vo ISI ke liye bohot bada resource ban gaya hai

by **Sheikh Mudasir**

For the media, Amritpal seems to be the new toy. Almost all major channels are airing his statements, his video footage over and over again. But the media is not realizing the cost of this unbridled coverage for the nation.

Amritpal is a loose cannon. He has realized that his loose

statements are making him some sort of a hero for the youth, they are increasing his following. Now he will carry on with whatever he wants to say.

For ISI, the Sikh separatist is zero cost, immense value. They will use him to unleash anti-India propaganda. It is for the Indian state to ensure that the Sikh separatist does not get unbridled media coverage. And

the government can definitely control this.

It is already clear that this Sikh separatist has set out to hurt the sovereignty of our country. The government must arrest him and charge him with sedition and other relevant laws. On account of his seditious statements, media coverage for him should be banned under law.



As long as Amritpal keeps getting coverage, he will keep justifying his seditious actions and statements on the media. The more media coverage he gets, the more the youth will romanticize him and will join him.

Media coverage is like oxygen to ISI props like Amritpal. I am alarmed to see that we are allowing media coverage to him by leaps and bounds. We made the same mistake with Burhan, we suffered it.

The more media coverage that Amritpal gets, the more utility he will have for ISI. He has already become a very important figure for our enemy nation. He is negatively influencing a section of the youth in Punjab.

Along with this, Amritpal is already emerging as an inspirational figure for a section of the Kashmiri youth. Punjab has a large number of Kashmiris. ISI will also be able to influence a section of Kashmiri youth through Amritpal. And the more radicalized youth among this section may be further motivated to pick up the gun.

In this way, Amritpal has emerged as a major resource for ISI. Us ke tewar se pata chalta

We have observed in Kashmir that the narratives become the basis on which violent action is taken. Then violent action becomes normalized. This will lead to mayhem, which shall derail peace and development

hai ki vo ISI ke liye ek bohot bada asset ban gaya hai.

Kashmir is already a sensitive region. Such negative influences will damage the law and order situation here.

Important For Everybody To Follow The Constitution

The important thing is that everybody must follow the Constitution. The government must also check all those media cells and other organizations who indulge in the talk of Hindu rashtra. Many others are accepting it. This separate rashtra talk has the potential to become a trigger for other religions. They may demand that they want to carve out their own space.

This will unleash a new set of narratives in Punjab or in Kashmir. For nearly 40 years, Kashmir has suffered

the consequences of these narratives. We cannot afford to fall prey to divisive narratives again. This can emerge as a major threat for the country.

Whatever the youth are discussing today – it does not remain at the level of discussion only. We have observed in Kashmir that the narratives become the basis on which violent action is taken. Then violent action becomes normalized. This will lead to mayhem, which shall derail peace and development.

We have lived through terrible times in Kashmir, when words like unity, democracy lost any meaning for the people. It was a very dark phase. Some parts of the darkness continue even now. We see that hybrid militants are killing people, and they think that they are doing a great service towards their religion.

ISI TEMPLATE FOR INDIA

WHY AMRITPAL TALKS CASUALLY OF MILITANCY, CIVIL UNREST

by Sheikh Mudasir

What Amritpal is preaching today, Kashmir has suffered for 40 years. Amritpal talks so casually about militancy, as if it is child's play. He totally ignores that families get destroyed, life

gets ruptured, untold tragedies are caused by militancy.

Today Amritpal is talking about Sikh supremacy and Sikh victimization. We in Kashmir have lived through over three decades when we heard the youth shouting - Yahan kya chalega, Nizame Mustafa.

Amritpal is doing the same talk. All this is ISI language for Kashmir.

ISI can normalize talk of militancy in India. It suits them. But where will it lead us? We need to ask these questions, we need to find the answers.

URGENT POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

The following urgent points must be considered.

1. Book Amritpal under PSA, UAPA for subversive activities against the nation
2. Stop media coverage for Amritpal
3. Do not allow anyone to make claims which are contrary to the Constitution. These signals must come from the top.
4. Amritpal must be designated as a terrorist. Then the youth shall not like to associate with him, the families will stop their youngsters from joining him.
5. Amritpal should not be allowed to addressing public gatherings or speak to the media
6. He should not be given space at mass public or religious gatherings.

Kashmiri Youth Are Romanticizing Amritpal

**GOVT MUST
TAKE SWIFT
ACTION
AGAINST SIKH
SEPARATIST**

by Al Muneeb Lone



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Amritpal must be given zero space on the media. Currently he is getting so much promotion that one gets alarmed watching him. The government must not remain silent to the highly toxic role of the Sikh separatist

At present Kashmir does not have any separatist movement. After the abrogation of Article 370 and the strict measures taken by the government against separatists and terror funding, we in

Kashmir were witnessing a new calm and peace. Youngsters of my generation had never experienced this.

For youths like me, this is the India in which we want to live and flourish. We cannot allow ISI stooges like Amritpal to derail our Kashmir again.

We know that a section of our youth are already radicalized and indoctrinated. The Sikh separatist shall strengthen and deepen their alienation. He may inspire some youth to take to the gun.

Amritpal used force against the state to get his associate released. The government should not have allowed it. Now I hear Kashmiri youth discussing and posting on social media – leader ho to aisa ho. They are saying that no separatist leader of Kashmir ever came to get any youngster released. Even the mohalla president did not come.



Al Muneeb Lone

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This is why youth are getting attracted towards Amritpal.

Youth Are Emotional, They Are Getting Carried Away By The Sikh Separatist

Boys are emotional. They have no knowledge or experience. They are only jazbati. Their blood is hot. They enjoy these kind of dark, negative figures. They get attracted towards josh, towards mob rule. Kashmiri youth are getting highly inspired by this josh displayed by the Sikh separatist.

I feel so alarmed when I read some posts on social media, or I hear the discussion in the town. The boys are saying – Amritpal theek kar raha hai. Yahan bhi khoon ke dariya behne chahiye. Yahan bhi fitna uthna chahiye.

Where will our society go if we allow such subversive elements to say what they want to? All media channels are rushing to interview him. The major media channels are asking him – tell us about your journey. Tell us what you demand.

Why is this being allowed? Amritpal is an anti-national. He is a headache for the country. He should not have any wajood. He should not be promoted.

Why is he being given so much space? Why is he being tolerated so much? So much space is being given to the Sikh separatist by the mainstream media and the digital media. That is why the social media is also getting flooded with his comments, his video clips. That is why the Sikh separatist is reaching every house in the country.

All the youth of Kashmir and of Punjab must be aware of the condition of Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK), or the condition of Pakistan's Puniab. Pakistan is reeling under economic crisis. It is begging for money. The youth need to be made aware of all these facts



Photo: Al Muneeb Lone

The youth will not remain untouched if this goes on. Some of them may get influenced. The media is playing a very negative role here. Amritpal must be given zero space. Currently he is getting so much promotion that one gets alarmed watching him. The government must not remain silent to the highly toxic

role of the Sikh separatist.

India Can Effectively Deal With Amritpal Within Days

India is such a powerful country. Every kind of terror network, hawala network in Kashmir was broken by India. There was such anarchy and disorder in Kashmir

during the years of terrorism. Those outside Kashmir cannot even imagine how terrible those years were.

But every kind of violence, every kind of terror tanzeem was broken by India. A lot of dirt has been addressed here. Now India has to deal with the remnants of the terror groups or the separatist ideology among the people.

When India can do so much in Kashmir, why aren't they doing the same for Amritpal? Why is his image being allowed to grow? If the government takes the same action against the Sikh separatist like they did with Kashmir's separatists, in one month all talk about him will end.

Kashmir had everything. It had dangerous ammunition, it had terror supporters even within the administrative system. We used to have street agitations, we used to have violent protests which were engineered by the terror players. But everything was addressed with a strict hand. In comparison, the problem in Punjab is negligible. It must be suppressed in the initial stages. Precaution is better than cure.

The government must now allow the Amritpal phenomenon to grow to problematic proportions. It needs to be dealt with at the initial stage. Otherwise the youth will keep getting influenced by him.

Our Youth Should Be Made Aware Of Misery In POJK, In Pakistan Punjab

Now more and more Kashmiri



youth are getting aware that our nation is doing so much for us. The same awareness needs to be created among all the youth in Punjab.

All the youth of Kashmir and of Punjab must be aware of the condition of Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK), or the condition of Pakistan's Punjab.

Within India – Kashmir, Jammu, Punjab, all regions are flourishing, happy, on the path of development. The youth are seeking their dreams, they are making their dreams happen. People are living their life the way they want to.

Pakistan is reeling under economic debt, poverty. Pakistan is moving towards more misery, more poverty. It is going to other nations, seeking debt. The youth need to be made aware of all these facts.

India needs to deal with the

Sikh separatist at the initial stage. Jail ke bina aise log maante nahin hai. The separatists in Kashmir remained free for 30 to 40 years. They were free to spread their ideology, they were free to influence people the way they wanted. What did they do? They derailed an entire quom.

India must need with Amritpal sternly, so that we don't have to face mayhem in Punjab. In Kashmir the government used power, the government used to Army to suppress the anti-national movements.

Don't allow Amritpal to become a hero. The media is projecting him as some sort of larger-than-life figure.

The same template that was followed in Kashmir needs to be followed in Punjab. The government has power. It can deal with the Amritpal phenomenon within a matter of days.

PULWAMA EXPRESSES FULSOME LOVE, GRATITUDE TO OUTGOING SSP MR GH JEELANI WANI FOR “EXEMPLARY INNINGS”

In the last week of February, Pulwama residents came forth in large numbers to express their love and gratitude for the outgoing Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Mr Gh Jeelani Wani. Posting their appreciation on social media platforms, the youngsters of Pulwama noted that Mr Wani has been a trendsetter in engaging the youth for a bright and prosperous future of Kashmir and our nation.

The youth were fulsome in their praise for the SSP. Noted social activist Mr Wajahat Farooq Bhat tweeted that Mr Wani's "exemplary style of working and reaching out to the youth has set an example for others to follow. He was a public servant who worked tirelessly to change the dynamics of #Pulwama."

Mr Mudasir Dar, Roving Editor of The Kashmir Connect, posted that SSP Wani's farewell has left an emotional void in the hearts of the people of Pulwama. "His legacy will always be remembered as a police officer who transformed



the district & brought a sense of nationalism to the young people," tweeted Mr Dar.

Under SSP Wani's leadership, Pulwama district became known as among the most peaceful and developmental districts in Kashmir. His focus on youth engagement has been among his greatest achievements.

The farewell party was attended by a large number of people from different sections of society including youth, elders, women and men, all of whom came to express their heartfelt gratitude for Mr Wani's exemplary innings.

Mr Dar noted that as SSP, Mr Wani played a crucial role in saving the boys from getting involved in militancy. "His efforts towards maintaining law and order and bringing peace to the region will always be remembered. We salute the efforts of these officers and all the hard-working public servants who work tirelessly to create a better future for their communities. It's time to celebrate their successes and continue to work towards a brighter, more prosperous future for all," tweeted Mr Mudasir Dar.



DC Mr Baseer Ul Haq Chaudhary with SSP Mr Gh Jeelani Wani, Kashmir Connect Roving Editor Mr Mudasir Dar and others at the SSP's farewell function





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