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PAKISTANIS WHO WANT **TO BE INDIAN**

A Brut video from Pakistan.

Woman anchor: "The naare these days are, 'Run for your life away from Pakistan or Run to India'.

The man: "These naare are absolutely correct. The Partition should never have happened. Pak and Hind should have been a single nation. Tomatoes would have been PKR Rs 20 a kilo. Chicken would be PKR Rs 150 a kg. Petrol would have been PKR Rs 150 a litre. It's our misfortune that we are in Pakistan, that we were born here. Our country has nothing to do with Islam. Prime Minister Modi of India is far better, trust me. The way his people support him and follow him so much. He is so sincere towards his people. I wish we get Modi. We don't want Nawaz Sharif or Benazir or Imran Khan. We don't want any of them, not even General Musharraf. We only want Prime Minister Modi who can straighten out this country, raise this country globally. India has become the 5th in the world, do you know that? He should take this country ahead as well. Now we are looking for either Tayyip Ergogan or Modi."

Woman: "In order to live a good life, you are willing to live in harmony with India? Are you also willing to accept Modi as your leader?"

Man: "Yes absolutely. Modi is a great man, what are you saying? Modi is not a bad person. The Muslims of India are getting petrol at PKR Rs 150 a litre, aren't they? Indian Muslims are buying chicken for PKR Rs 150,



aren't they? We also would have been Indian Muslims. How does it matter to us? In this country where our children aren't even getting to eat...Please believe me. There's no water, there's no electricity. We don't have gas in our homes. When we go to get our cylinders filled, we have to get it in black. Sometimes I feel why were we born here? I pray from the bottom of my heart, dil se dua hai hamari Ya Allah give us Modi. Let him govern our nation for eight years and straighten us out. We used to compare ourselves to India earlier. But now, we don't have any comparison with India. There is no comparison on any vardstick. They are up there, we are down below. Understand this. Amend relations with India. Your chicken will become cheaper, your tomatoes, onions, potatoes, each and everything will become cheaper. They are our big brother - we should admit they are bigger than us. You can become small, it doesn't matter. You want to become like them in every way but reach that level first."

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The Menace Of Domestic Violence

LET US ALL CULTIVATE MORE COMPASSION, MORE PATIENCE

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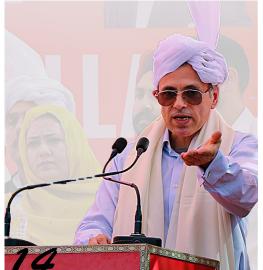
(Deputy Editor Ms Abida War has an honorary position with The Kashmir Connect) omestic violence continues to be a major scourge for our society. It is saddening that even as levels of education are rising globally, the levels of domestic violence are not going down in the same proportion. Life presents all of us with so many challenges anyway. It is so unfortunate that people add to the challenges and miseries faced by others by subjecting them to domestic violence.

A major factor for high domestic violence is that our basic human values have eroded. The wise have said that with compassion and patience, one can go a long way in life. But these days, people of all ages and all backgrounds seem to be lacking in compassion and in patience. We will have greater harmony in the society if people of all ages decide to cultivate a higher degree of compassion, and also be more patient towards the various situations of life.

Law acts as a deterrent, but the decision to reject domestic violence shall have to come from within. Each one of us shall have to take responsibility for ourselves. If all of us decide to have greater respect for universal human values, we shall be able to effectively deal with issues like domestic violence.

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J&K UT needs new narratives that protect people from politics which has been nurtured and thrives in the cradle of secessionism and violence

by Gayatri Mohan

CENTRE WEIGHING PROS AND CONS

Political rallies have become common. Party leaders can be seen engaged in frequent public interactions in the hope that Assembly elections may be announced soon. Some even expect that the elections may be held by September this year.

All this is wishful thinking. Elections to the Union
Territory of Jammu and
Kashmir are not going to be
held this year or even early
next year. The Centre is still
weighing the pros and cons
where elections in J&K UT
are concerned.

here has been much speculation in the media about elections in Jammu and Kashmir UT. Over the last few months, there has been hectic political activity by all political parties in Kashmir with the expectation of early elections.

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Clear Thinking: No Rushing Into Elections

There is clear thinking at the Centre that the government is not going to rush into Assembly elections in the Union Territory.

J&K UT needs new narratives and new ideas that must flow from the youth of the region. These narratives must be those that protect people of Jammu and Kashmir from politics which has been nurtured and thrives in the cradle of secessionism and violence.

No Space For Diversionist Politics

The Central government believes that the welfare of the people of J&K cannot be served by diversionist politics. Such politics has been the norm in Kashmir for over 30 years. This is the kind of politics which has consistently sought to keep alive unrest, violence or fear of violence to divert attention of people from core issues of governance.

The thrust of the government is on good governance and delivery of services for people's welfare. The government will not announce elections in Jammu and Kashmir till the time it feels that the right space is being created where the focus is squarely on good governance and public welfare.

The Centre is aware that the creation of this space will take time. It is essential to empower the Kashmiris who shall categorically reject the Hurriyat-Pakistani narrative and will choose to stay aligned with the national mainstream.

The government is aware that strengthening this space will take time. The space has grown in the recent years. It is now expanding and deepening its roots in the valley.

KASHMIRIS ARE REJECTING OLD STRUCTURES OF OLIGARCHY

Long-time observers of Kashmir society and politics are noting that there is growing space in the valley for new narratives to take root and flourish. A sizable section of the society is now advocating that the politics of Jammu and Kashmir must solely be focused on social growth, economic development, greater employment and all-round prosperity.

After the abrogation of Article 370, even the politicians of Kashmir were astounded to see that people do not want the old structures of oligarchy to prevail – where a single family or group exercises control over the government.

COMPLETED,

Panchayats
Going To Be Majorly
Empowered For Growth,
Development

anchayat Elections in the Union Territory are likely to be completed by about the end of November 2023.

The Panchayat elections were last held in Jammu and Kashmir in December 2018. The government expects robust participation in the Panchayat elections this year.

A new set of members of Panchayati Raj Institutions shall be elected in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. These are the spaces that all politically ambitious people of the region must occupy in order to grow at the grassroots.

The Panchayats are going to be majorly empowered. The government has decided to provide Rs 40,000 crores approximately to the Panchayats for the development of the local areas.

This is also the key demand of the larger Kashmir society. Violence has registered a steep decline, and Kashmir is experiencing the fruits of peace and stability. The society has categorically rejected the separatist and political forces that have engineered street violence, agitations and economic shutdowns for decades for their personal gains and objectives.

New social trends are emerging where Kashmir is refusing space to those who want to fight the elections on the plank of separatist emotive planks. Kashmiris are weary of conflict. They want the environment of peace and stability to deepen in the valley.

The result is that the demand



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of the people is for good governance, for policies which ensure higher investment for the region and better employment opportunities.

Opportunity For Politically Aspirational Youths

The politically aspirational youths of Jammu and Kashmir can utilize this opportunity to

work against the drug menace. It is equally important to keep spreading awareness about government initiatives.

Those with political ambitions can mobilize strong social groups to create more and more awareness regarding the highly detrimental consequences of drug consumption.

Politically aspirational

individuals of Jammu and Kashmir can take on the responsibility of ensuring good governance in their respective areas. They can pursue the goal of ensuring that people get the benefits of the welfare policies of the government. In a responsible manner, all those who are politically ambitious can also hold the administrative and

police systems accountable for efficient delivery of services.

At all times, it is important that politically ambitious youths must not get into emotive politics or any sentimental politics. Most significantly, those who want to be part of the political structures in Jammu and Kashmir must always stay clear of the Pakistani narrative.

HUGE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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GOOD GOVERNANCE IS THE FOCUS

All those who are politically ambitious and want to create space for themselves in the political arena must stay connected with the people. It shall be pointless to play the Pakistan card or the separatist narrative. One of the most important tasks for all those who are elected to the Panchayati Raj institutions – or seek to be part of it – is to work on good governance.

POLITICALLY AMBITIOUS KASHMIRIS WANT TO JOIN BJP

by Gayatri Mohan



Important To Serve People, Win Trust

he government has received clear inputs that mid-level political leaders and youths with political ambitions want to join the BJP camp.

It is known that a number of Kashmiris with strong political aspirations want to land on the BJP board. For all such youths who want to align with the BJP, it is very important to work on good governance at grassroots level and build a good following.

Represent People For Just Causes

The top hierarchy of the party believes that young Kashmiris who want to shine in the political space in the coming times must work hard at the grassroots. Nobody is going to be enabled to parachute from the top. Work will have to be done at ground level to serve the people and win their trust.

According to trustworthy sources in the party, Kashmiri youth leaders who want to join the BJP must stay focused on their goal to be the representatives of the people for just causes. If they have political ambitions and want to associate





Kin of Terrorists were Awarded and Incentivized, Not Punished

Where Omar Is Right NC Did Not Appoint Shady Persons In Govt Jobs

CASE STUDY 1

* During the 2002-2008
Congress-PDP government in
Jammu and Kashmir, a railway
track was being
constructed.

A senior minister in the Cabinet of Mufti Mohd Sayeed wanted to recommend some names to the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir for employment in the

railway project. The minister picked up his discarded pack of cigarettes. He flipped open the pack and on the blank inner

> space, he wrote the names of 25 people who had to be provided jobs in the project.

Among these 25 people was the sister of Mustafa Khan – one of the most dreaded terrorists of his times. Mustafa Khan had killed the entire family of a government school teacher in his own village. Male members of the extended family of the teacher were also killed.

There is the government policy of providing an ex gratia job to a family member of the victims of terrorism. Even though the family had been killed, no one from the kin was provided a government job. The killer's sister was taken care of, by providing her a permanent government job.





CASE STUDY 2

* In the gos, a mid-level employee of JK Bank went to Pakistan for arms training. He was in his mid-20s at that time. The man stayed in a terror camp in Pakistan for a few weeks. When he came back, those in his close circle knew that he had an AK-47. He told the bank that he had taken his mother to Delhi for treatment.

When he joined back at the bank, his manager quipped in Kashmiri, "So you got your mother treated at Delhi and are back home now?" Everybody at the bank knew of his terror links, but he continued in his job till he was in his 50s.

CASE STUDY 3

* This is the account of an advocate whom the dynastic political party in power wanted to favour, by making him a judge of the J&K High Court. J&K was a state at that time.

All the mandatory verifications were completed at state level. The recommendations were made at the top level in the state, and the file was sent to the Ministry of Law and Justice, GOI. The Ministry sent the file to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to check the antecedents of the man recommended by the state government.

MHA sent the file to the Intelligence Bureau in Srinagar to provide its report regarding the man. IB sent the report that the man is deeply connected to Lashkar e Taiba and to Hurriyat Conference. MHA decided that the man cannot be a judge of the High Court and turned

down the recommendation. Not to be deterred, the government assured the man - please do not be disappointed. We shall suitably accommodate you. The man was given multiple high positions in the top boards and corporations of the state, in which he continued till about 2020. 16 VOLUME 2 I EDITION 18



CASE STUDIES - 4

* Appointments to JK Bank and state corporations were a favourite parking point for hundreds of relatives of those with eminent positions in secessionist-terrorist networks

*There are multiple cases in the J&K government where the wife of a former terror commander occupies a very senior position in the legal department, the health department, or at a state university.

* There are multiple cases in Kashmir where known and vocal terror sympathizers have occupied or continue to occupy influential positions in the state universities. All these people are identified faces of the secessionist-terrorist networks in Kashmir

* Five sons of Syed

Salahuddin, the chief of United Jihad Council, were in government jobs in Jammu and Kashmir for decades. Recently three of them were dismissed from service on terror support charges.

* Many members of the family of Syed Ali Geelani were appointed to gazetted posts by successive state governments.

CASE STUDIES - 5

* In Pulwama district alone, a young politician who was considered to be the blue-eyed boy of the PDP government got those people appointed on sarkari positions who were closely related to terrorists, or were Over-Ground Workers (OGW) themselves.

The appointment of the relatives of terrorists had been normalized in Kashmir. What

was amazing for the people was that this young political leader even ensured a government job for Maimoona, the Kashmiri wife of Abu Dujana, the deadly Pakistani terrorist. Dujana was commanding Lashkar e Taiba in Kashmir.

As an additional bonus, Maimoona's brother was employed in the J&K Police Department. Similarly, this young politician also arranged the appointment of the son of dreaded slain militant Tariq Aziz in JK Bank.

* Committed and unequivocal nationalists in Kashmir openly say that while they are scared of a terrorist attack upon them, they are equally scared of the secessionist-terrorist networks within the administrative systems of the UT Administration.

HOW FAMILY IDEOLOGY INFLUENCES THE CHILD

* It is the national mainstream media which made Burhan Wani the poster boy of Kashmiri terrorism around 2014-15. A national English daily carried a prominent report with the photograph of Burhan Wani in military fatigues, holding an AK-47. The report stated that Burhan was the "poster boy of Kashmir militancy".

Multiple stories appeared on different media platforms that Burhan Wani was

the son of the principal of a government school. These stories played up how "highly educated and technically skilled" Kashmiri youth were joining militant ranks.

In this way, some known faces in the mainstream media blatantly and openly romanticized militancy in Kashmir. No news report in the mainstream media brought forth that Burhan Wani was the son of a Rukn e Jamaat of Jamaat e Islami. A Rukn e Jamaat (Pillar of Jamaat) is the second-tier leadership of Jamaat e Islami, a cadre-based organization. To be part of this elite group, one has to fulfil certain criteria which can take more than a decade at least.

Burhan Wani became a terrorist not because he was the son of a government school headmaster. He became a terrorist because of early indoctrination at his home, since his father was a hardcore Jamaati. Jamaat e Islami is the fountainhead of terrorism in Kashmir.

BURHAN WANI'S FATHER, A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, WAS A JAMAAT E ISLAMI LEADER WITH STRONG PRO-SEPARATIST SENTIMENTS

TERROR TERROR GUYT JUB

Jobs Were Provided To Thousands Because They Were Related To Terrorists





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or nearly two years, responsible and visionary officers in the bureaucracy and the police top brass of the UT Administration have been trying to formulate a policy that those persons should not be eligible for government jobs whose immediate family member was a terrorist. Not surprisingly, there was pushback from within the system towards this move.

The policy could not take shape on the plea that family members cannot be punished if a person becomes a terrorist. This statement was again repeated a few days ago by former chief minister Mr Omar Abdullah.

Speaking on the issue, Mr Abdullah said, "Natural justice is not that relatives are punished for the crimes of someone else. It is wrong to punish somebody just because they have the misfortune of being related to a terrorist."

Mr Abdullah's posturing can only impress those who are not familiar with Kashmir. Every Kashmiri knows that for 30 years, jobs were provided to thousands of people in Kashmir because they were related to terrorists. This was practiced blatantly and openly in Kashmir.

Appeasing, Accommodating The Terror Players

Government jobs were openly given to close relatives of terrorists because the terms

were dictated by terrorist commanders or separatists. The politicians in power and the bureaucrats did not resist because they were Jamaatis and JEI stooges, or because they were threatened with death.

The result was that the law-abiding citizens of Kashmir saw that the policy of the state government seemed to be to incentivize all those individuals who had aligned with the secessionist-terrorist networks. The politicians, powerful sections of the bureaucracy and even sections of the police got accustomed to appeasing and accommodating those who practiced the deadly ideology of terror. This was practiced either for personal gain or on account of fear.

The politicians gave jobs to terrorists or their relatives with elections in mind.

Some politicians especially gained mastery in using the secessionist-terrorist networks for electoral gains. The terror network was used to enforce election boycotts where it suited some politicians to swing the result in their favour.

Where the whole population was under the influence of Jamaat e Islami, no election boycott was required as a single party was confident of winning the seat there.

This double-dealing by the politicians impacted some sections of Kashmir's powerful bureaucracy and the police. This had a lasting impact on the administrative structures of Jammu and Kashmir, and the damage is visible even now.

NORMALIZED IN KASHMIR ERRORISTS



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Relatives of terrorists who were appointed to government jobs were always VIP employees. They never went to the department concerned for duty and always got fat salaries on time, along with benefits like government accommodation, health of self and family, education of wards etc

cross the districts of Kashmir, lists of government vacancies would be made available to the district commanders or other local commanders of Hizb ul Mujahideen. The district commander and his associates would hand over the list of appointees to the Deputy Commissioner or the appointing authority of the area to make the appointments demanded by them.

The immediate family members of terrorists ranked highest in the list, including the wife, brothers, sisters etc. Then the extended family would be accommodated. Relatives from the wife's family, relatives from

the families in which the sisters/ brothers were married etc would be included in the list of people for whom government jobs had to be provided.

We heard of cases where terrorists barged into the room of the appointing authority carrying AK 47 or other guns and handed over the list. In many cases, no threat was required. The appointing authority was a willing accomplice in the whole game.

Terrorists' Relatives: The VIP Employees

It was a known fact that the relatives of terrorists who were appointed to government jobs were always VIP employees. These VIP employees never went to the concerned department for carrying out

their duty. Fat salaries would be deposited every month in their account. They were entitled to all benefits like government accommodation, health of self and family, education of wards etc.

The government should have this list and thousands of lists like these – of the kith and kin of terrorists. After compiling all these cases, the government should ask our former chief ministers whether the services of these persons should be retained, or their services should be terminated.

For Kashmir's Politicians Everything Is The Fault Of GOI

Across party affiliations, Kashmir's politicians and leading members of Kashmir's civil society are joined by one common belief - that everything that was or is wrong with Kashmir is the fault of the Government Of India. No politician is responsible for it. No one in the civil society is responsible for it. No religious cleric and nobody in the education department is responsible for indoctrinating innocent youths. No parent is responsible for caring whether his or her child is becoming a part of the terror networks, or whether the child is becoming a drug addict. This attitude will not work. If we want to improve our lot, we have to take ownership for our actions.

Early 90s, Kupwara LIST HANDED TO DC BY HIZB COMMANDER

Appointments through the backdoor have been a common practice in J&K government. They are so common that the whole genre is commonly called backdoor appointments, or those made through chor darwaza. While these abounded even for top-level posts, the count was unlimited at the bottom of the rung.

More than 25 people were engaged as Class 4 employees in Kupwara district on the basis of the list provided by terrorist organization Hizbul Mujahideen in 1992.

All these persons were the relatives of leaders of Jamaat e Islami, or of Hizb terrorists.

These were the appointments for the vacancies which were available in government departments. Thousands of other recruitments were made through the 'backdoor'.

The list was handed over to then Deputy Commissioner Kupwara by one Jamal Sahab of Gushi, who was the leading commander of Hizb in Kupwara. Jamal Sahab's daughter was also engaged as a Class 4 employee in the Education Department. She was later promoted and is now a teacher with the Education Department.

MORE EXAMPLES OF JOBS GIVEN TO TERRORISTS' KIN



* One Asadullah
Tantray of Dahama
village Kupwara
district was the
leading Rukon of
Jamaat e Islami. His
son was appointed
in the Education
Department on the
recommendation of
Syed Ali Geelani.

* Ghulam Mohuddin Mir, a resident of Kukroosa village in Kupwara

district was engaged as a Library Assistant in the J&K Education Department. His brother was a top commander of Hizbul Mujahideen. Mir's brother is now a top-level handler in Pakistan, engaged closely with ISI. His task is to regenerate terrorism in Kashmir. Mir was appointed in the Education Department on the recommendation of his terrorist brother.



GOVT JOBS MUST NOT BE PROVIDED TO TERRORISTS' KIN



he LG Administration is absolutely right in being firm that government jobs shall not be provided to relatives of terrorists. The terrorists have to be held accountable for their actions. This is the practice globally, not just in India. If we don't follow this practice in letter and spirit, our society will never be able to come out of the morass in which we were stuck.

Who is answerable for the families that were destroyed in Kashmir by terrorists? Who is answerable for the women that were widowed, for the children who lost their father? Vo bache, vo families – sab be-sahara ho gaye. Who is responsible for them?

Law-abiding and peaceful Kashmiris suffered for three decades. They saw all the chaos, they saw institutions being destroyed. They were mute witnesses because all those who spoke up against the institutionalized lawlessness of the terror years were killed. Our society went downhill because we normalized the bizarre. And then for years, we paid the price for it.

It is not just me who is saying this. Across Kashmir, the groundswell is rising that government jobs should not be given to relatives of terrorists. Those men who picked up the gun against the state did it out of choice. No one forced them to pick up the gun.

This Policy Is The Global Norm

If the government has a razor-



If you give a government job to a person from such a background, you are injecting anti-national soch in the government systems. Can India afford it? This is equal to keeping Pakistani sleeper cells in the various government departments

cut policy today that relatives of terrorists will not be given jobs, it is the right approach. This policy is the global norm. This should be the firm policy also for Kashmir. It has been seen in hundreds of cases that the antinational soch of a family deeply influences a boy and makes him a terrorist or an Over Ground Worker.

If you give a government job to a person from such a background, you are injecting anti-national soch in the government systems. Can India afford it? This is equal to keeping Pakistani sleeper cells in the various government departments. It is we citizens of India who will ultimately pay the price if Pakistani sleeper cells are in powerful and decisionmaking positions of Government of India.

For years together, we

have heard that more than 2500 workers of the National Conference were killed in Kashmir. Some peg this figure at 4000. So many NC activists lost their lives. It was the terrorists who killed them.

Ideology Of Family Influences The Child

I want to ask Omar Sahab this. Are the terrorists created in a vacuum? No. From experience we know that it takes the ideology of a whole family to influence the thinking of an innocent boy. The initial radicalization happens at home.

Time and again I have stated that Kashmiri parents cannot wash off their hands from the activities of their children. What are the behaviour patterns of a child, what kind of talk he is doing – this reveals the mindset of a child to the parents.



NOTES FROM THE VALLEY

FROM THE CONSULTING EDITOR'S DESK

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TIME FOR FRESH DISCOURSES, FRESH NARRATIVES FOR VACUATO

cross Kashmir, we now hear common people appreciating that work gets done in government offices with far greater ease than what we witnessed earlier. In the Revenue Department, corruption was phenomenally high. The strictness of the anticorruption teams has effectively addressed the issue of corruption.

The anti-corruption department must exercise the same level of strictness in other departments. I have heard from people that in Municipal Councils, they have to pay bribes even for digital payments made fully through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer). Old habits die hard. People have been complaining that they have to shell out a few thousand rupees even for DBT.

I am most disappointed to come across those government employees who continue to have a Jamaati mindset. Such government employees make the nationalists feel small and like second-class citizens. The government must actively introduce programs and initiatives that work on the mindset of such people. We need to uproot



the separatist and secessionist mindset. We need to show the right direction to our children and make them responsible and proud citizens of our nation.

These days, one sees many videos on social media which have been made in POK or in other cities of Pakistan. The Pakistanis are saying that they want to be part of India. They say their living standard is nothing when compared to Kashmir. We need to generate discussion around these points to start fresh discourses and narratives in Kashmir. Everybody must realize the value of being a citizen of India. We need to work consistently and break the old patterns of thinking.



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