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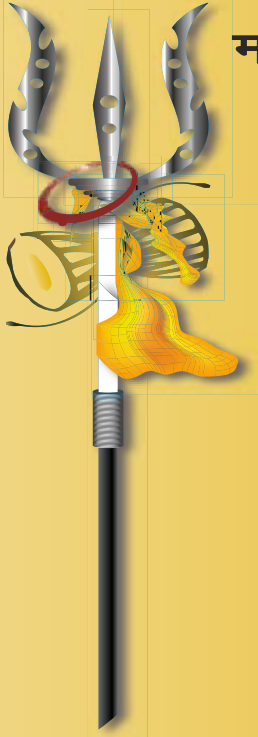
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in the backdrop is
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From the *Editor-in-Chief*



Dear Readers,

I, along with Naad team, would like to greet all the readers and writers on Shivratri, also known as har-ratri or herath in Kashmiri. The festival of Shivratri is an important festival among the aborigines of Kashmir who celebrate this festival with great spiritual fervor. The festival involves components of cultural and social togetherness and subtly plays a role of spiritual awakening among the people. Shiva and Shakti have a special connection to Kashmir, as there are innumerable tirthas and shrines dedicated to divine couple across the length and breadth of the valley. Hence, the festival of Shivratri becomes a part of journey which takes an individual from peripheral to ephemeral and onto eternal.

Kashmir and Shiva are not inseparable. As per Kashmir Shaivism, Shivratri is the time when Lord Shiva is worshipped in esoteric form as Swacchand Bhairava along with his consort Agoreshwari. This concept is central to Shaivism and has been in existence since ages. Swacchand Bhairava signifies the prakasha, or the light consciousness, and Agoreshwari signifies vimarsha or Self-awareness. Swacchanda — as the term is understood — means free, independent and spontaneous and is synonymous

with Swatantra. This esoteric form of Shiva is imagined and deified as:

One who is overflowing with consciousness and bliss and has three power tools: Icchha or will; Jnana or knowledge and Kriya or action. It is with these tools that Swacchand Bhairava manifests this universe with his five fold acts of shrusti or creation, stithi or sustenance, samhara or dissolution, triodanha or concealing and anugraha or revealing.

By his act of shrusti, he holds and nourishes the universe in a way that he manifests the universe. The world is nothing but the mirror image of Swacchand Bhairava, and to recognize this unity between the individual soul, is the purpose of a well-meaning life. According to Kashmir Shaivism, Shiva spreads the nectar of creativeness; shields the jivatman from torturous transmigration; brings forth the inner consciousness by tearing apart the individual ego, which essentially is ignorance; terminates maya; binds the universe and brings forth bliss, which is unlimited.

The night of Shivaratri is essentially considered to bring supreme awareness of Shiva hood on the physical plane among aspirants. It removes nonduality among the souls and pushes the seeker to the higher orbit of Self-realisation.



Abhinavagupta in Tantraloka explains the etymology of Bhairava whom we worship as following;

1. Bhairava is one who removes fear of bondage among souls.
2. Bhairava is one who stops the process of transmigration of souls.
3. Bhairava is one who protects frightened souls from the fear of rebirth.
4. Bhairava is one who shines as pure Consciousness among yogis.
5. Bhairava is one who transcends Time and Space.
6. Bhairava is one who bestows Grace to the earnest seeker.
7. Bhairava is one who creates,

nourishes and dissolves the world.

Great Devotee Shri Utpaldeva writes in Sivastotravali,

Where light exists not even in name, where entire world is in deep slumber in such a mystical state of Shiva's night thy devotee worships thee uninterrupted.

Therefore, let us all pray to the Swachand Bhairava to remove the traces of ignorance, dissolve all impurities (malas-anava mal, mayiya mal, karma mal) and nourish us with His grace of pure Consciousness. May the Bhairava permeate our lives and make it more rewarding and spiritual.

भूतील गैना गणक



Happy Shivratri

Take this opportunity to wish all our readers a happy Shivratri and send my greetings to the whole community spread across the world and the rest of India. My special greetings to our brethren in Kashmir, who have been braving both the elements as also the danger posed by the armed jihadis for many years.

Herath is our biggest religious festival of the year and irrespective of the state in which we have found ourselves during the past 700 years, we have observed this occasion with intense faith, solemnity and gaiety. This has helped us underline our distinct religious tradition as proponents of Trika philosophy, also called Kashmir Shavism, which forms the bedrock of our religious beliefs. Such observance has helped us in strengthening our resolve to reclaim Kashmir, no matter what the difficulties involved.

An Orchestrated Turmoil

The past month has witnessed an unusual polarization of Muslim community after the enactment of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). Though, ostensibly, the huge vociferous protests taking place across many cities in India appear to be against CAA, one cannot but see a hidden agenda behind these protests.

The violence witnessed during these protests and the slogans used and placards displayed by the protestors clearly point to the larger conspiracy behind the unrest. To the discerning eye it is quite clear that the protests against CAA are merely a ploy to express many perceived grievances; some of which have no basis at all.

CAA is basically an amendment introduced in the Citizenship Act, which will bestow Indian citizenship on those non-Muslims from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who fled to India before 2014, after facing ruthless persecution in these countries because of their faith. The reason why this amendment will not give citizenship to Muslims from these countries is based on the fact that Muslims do not face any persecution in these countries which have an overwhelming Muslim population (between 95 to 100 %) and are constitutionally-declared Islamic Republics. In the ordinary circumstances, the citizenship act continues its non-discriminatory treatment of all citizens as hereto fore. Therefore, under no circumstances can this Act can be seen to be going against the interests of Indian Muslims.

It is quite clear that the ignorance of Muslim masses on the issue is being exploited by some political parties

including Congress, Communists, Aam Admi Party, etc., for vote-bank considerations. These parties have been joined by radical elements among the Muslims to further fuel the fire. As if this was not enough, forces opposed to Modi too have joined hands to create mayhem in the country to discredit Modi. That such forces play directly into the hands of our enemies within and without does not seem to bother them.

Over the last few years, some political parties have, through vilification campaign, succeeded in convincing a section of the Muslim society that Modi is anti-Muslim. Some of his actions were interpreted to indicate that these actions were taken against the interests of Muslims; Abrogation of Article 370 and 35 A, ending the scourge of *triple talaq*, Surgical strike and Balakote air attack on Pakistan, killing of large number of armed jihadis in Kashmir in operation All Out, Supreme Court decision on *Ram Janam Bhoomi at Ayodhya*, etc. It may be mentioned that some influential groups among the Muslims and other political parties, had got used to wielding enormous power over Muslim women and ignorant sections of Muslim society. Modi's actions dealt a deathly blow to these vested interests among the Muslims. It is these interest groups, supported by Congress and its other camp followers, which carried out virulent campaign against CAA, resulting in mayhem across the country.

It is now revealed that the Kerala-based radical Islamic outfit, Popular

Front of India (PFI), was deeply involved in organizing and executing these violent protests, particularly in Uttar Pradesh. PFI has remained in the news for all the wrong reasons. Over the years, its radical Islamist rhetoric, military-style drills and serving as a shelter-home to the fleeing cadres of the banned Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), make this organization a clear threat to the country's integrity. Its complicity in the violence witnessed across the country during the protests against CAA is, therefore, no surprise.

Our community has been in the forefront of making our countrymen aware of the dangers posed by the radical Islamic ideology even beyond Kashmir's borders. Some of those warnings are now coming true. It is the responsibility of the society in general and that of the government in particular to crush those forces which threaten the integrity of the country and try to destabilize it from within. Over the centuries, Hindus have been pushed from far corners of the subcontinent and beyond to an area east of Indus on the west and Brahmaputra in the east. There is absolutely no more scope for further contraction. This is something that we Indians need to understand resolve to protect at all costs.

- **Col. Tej K. Tikoo**

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General Secretary's Column

Core Group Meeting

Members of AIKS core group held meetings on 4th January & 23rd January to discuss in details important organizational matters and take necessary decision thereupon.

The group decided to convene the AGM now on 1st February 2020 instead of the original scheduled date of 21st December 2019 when the then prevailing situation in and around New Delhi forced the organization to postpone the event. The General Secretary was authorised to issue the necessary notification.

Members were informed that our affiliate Kashir Sabha at Ambala had approached AIKS President to be Guest of Honour on the occasion of Foundation Stone laying ceremony of the Dharamshala on 12th January 2020 where Shri Anil Vij, Hon'ble Minister Home, Health & ULB, Govt of Haryana will be the Chief Guest. AIKS has accepted the honour given by our affiliate unit & the President along with one or more office bearers will participate.

An update on the ongoing work being undertaken relating to AIKS Website was given and steps required to be taken were concluded.

Core group members deliberated on the items forming the agenda for the forthcoming AGM. The meeting decided to explore holding a conference of young entrepreneurs to share AIKS Vision and seek their views so that the specific competencies of this section of KP community could be deployed aligned in the vision of the apex organisation.

On 23rd January, the members remembered two great leaders of the country whose birth anniversaries coincided with the date. They paid homage to Sh. Bala Sahib Thackray who helped our young children with reservation on educational institution in the State of Maharashtra & elsewhere and who was

institutional in shaping the future of our youth. Also on the occasion, we remembered Sh. Subhash Chandra Bose, whose contribution was recalled for leading the freedom struggle against the British, who eventually had to grant Independence to our nation.

Observance of Day of Exodus of the Community

AIKS members met at R K Puram office on 19th January, to observe the day of the exodus of the community on its 30th year of the exile. Members remembered the fateful days and nights which lead to the exodus. The members lighted the



candles to pay homage to the martyrs whose lives were shortened by Islamic Militants.

While remembering the fateful day of 19th January, 1990, AIKS members expressed concern that the community was still awaiting justice. The perpetrators of exodus are still roaming free and the community demands that they be booked for the crimes committed by them.

AIKS also expect the Indian State to come out with a concrete roadmap for the safe return and rehabilitation of the community, as per wishes of the community.

Round Table Conference at New Delhi

The Intra-Community Dialogue was held by

AIKS on 11 Jan 2020 at New Delhi. The following community members, including heads of various organizations and our affiliates attended the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Col Tej Tikoo (Retd), President, AIKS.

01. Sh. ML Malla
02. Prof. Sudhir Sopory
03. Sh. Kamal Hak
04. Sh. Vinod Kumar Bhat
05. Dr. Surinder K Handoo
06. Sh. Lokesh Bhan
07. Sh. Sanjay Ganjoo
08. Dr. Roop K Bhatt
09. Sh. Arvind Shah
10. Sh. Ravinder Pandita
11. Sh. Raj Nath Bhat
12. Brig. P Bali

From AIKS

- a. Sh. MK Pajan
- b. Sh. Vijay Kashkari
- c. Sh. Dalip Kaul
- d. Sh. Rajinder Premi
- e. Sh. Sudhir Shah
- f. Sh. Sanjay Sapru
- g. Sh. Sunil Kaul
- h. Dr. Manorama Bakshi

In his opening address, Col Tikoo said that by abrogating Article 370 and 35A of the Indian constitution on 5 Aug, 2019, India had completed the integration of Jammu and Kashmir State with the Union of India. He also spoke of the international ramifications of the abrogation, as also the break-up of the State into two union territories.

He further said that under the current situation, time has come to assess our stand at community level and try to forge common stand based on our aspirations and agreed demands.

Following points emerged during the meeting :

1. The land, which belonged to Kashmiri Pandits before exodus must be returned to KPs. Some estimates put it at nearly 96,000 hectares.
2. On return to Kashmir protection of our faith must become an essential feature of our existence.
3. Time has come for our exiled Community to make its presence felt in Kashmir.
4. The distress sale of properties must be reversed.

5. Seek 3-5% of the govt jobs in Jammu & Kashmir UT to ensure that it takes care of the financial needs of retrieves who will form the nucleus of our future resettlement.
6. Over a period of time, the displaced community must encourage its worldwide diaspora to return to Kashmir.
7. Must insist on one safe single settlement.
8. Must insist on the Central Govt to create a Lal Ded Chair in Jammu Central University.
9. Demand economic space particularly in light of the change in demography in Kashmir.
10. Our children need to be educated about our glorious heritage & centuries-old traditions.
11. Govt of India must involve the displaced Kashmir Pandits in its attempt at reviving the economy of the UT. Thirty years of displacement has exposed our youth to the latest trends in technology, health care, tourism, agriculture, etc. Govt of India must involve the available talent across sectors to ensure that displaced Kashmiri Pandits contribute in big way to the revival of economy in the UT.
12. We demand the Govt of India should constitute a judicial commission to examine all aspects of our exodus and fix responsibility accordingly.
13. Enactment of a law to ensure protection of our Temples & Shrines in the Valley.

AIKS Delegation Visits Kashir Sabha, Ambala

Our affiliate at Ambala, Kashir Sabha, Ambala had invited AIKS core group to their important function at Ambala on 12 Jan 2020.

Col. Tej K Tikoo, President and Sh. V K Kashkari, Vice President, AIKS, attended this function. The function involved a foundation laying ceremony for the construction of a Dharamshala at the site owned by the Sabha on the outskirts of Ambala.

Kashir Sabha, Ambala, was formed by nearly 200 KP families which had landed here at the time of exodus from Kashmir in 1989-90. About two decades back these families had collected donations from its own community members and purchased a plot of land on the

outskirts of Ambala town. Subsequently, they had established a Maha Mrityunjey Temple there. Later they decided to construct a Dharamshalla at this place. This was done to enable the caretakers of our community folk, who come to PGI Chandigarh with their patients, to get some accommodation during their stay at the famous hospital.

Sh. Anil Vij, the Home Minister of Haryana, who graced the above occasion and laid the foundation stone of the Dharamshalla, donated a sum of Rupees Ten Lakhs for the project.

The President of Kashir Sabha Ambala, Prof. A K Wattal honoured the visiting dignitary with a memento and shawl. Sh. Anil Vij spoke in glowing terms about the work being done by Kashir Sabha, Ambala and promised to continue

providing assistance to the Sabha, as and when required.

Col. Tikoo also spoke on the occasion. He and Sh. Kashkari were both presented with a stole and memento.

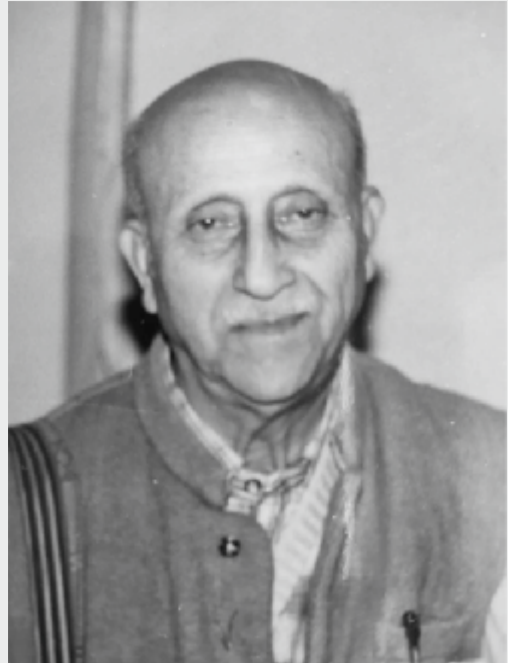
Later in the evening the Sabha organised a cultural programme which was much appreciated by the audience.

AIKS would like to thank Prof. A K Wattal, the president of Kashir Sabha, Ambala, its Gen. Secretary Sh. Rajinder Kaw and all its members for their hospitality and would like to send its warm felicitation to the Sabha for the good work that Sabha is doing and the very successful programme which it conducted on 12 Jan 2020.

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SHRADHANJALI

Onkar Kachru, a journalist, social activist and a dedicated communist worker left his mortal garb on 12th Feb, 2020 to merge with Lord Shiva. Onkar ji was a veteran CPI member who started his activism as an RSS Pracharak in late 1940s and later was influenced by communism when he studied Marx which converted him into a staunch communist. A journalist by profession, Onkar Ji, true to his Marxist ideology, joined the erstwhile German Democratic Republic embassy in New Delhi as their press representative and eventually became the Editor of their Hindi mouthpiece. Post his long stint with GDR, he joined Link magazine as an editor from where he superannuated. In early 90s, on invitation from Late Shri J N Kaul (Papaji), he took up the reigns of NAAD, the mouthpiece of AIKS, and brought it to become the front running magazine attaining popularity amongst the Community across the globe. He remained its editor for nearly 10 years, handing over the baton to yet another veteran, Late Shri AN Kaul 'Sahib'. All India Kashmiri Samaj pays tributes to this great son of the soil on attaining Nirvan and joins his family in this hour of grief. May Lord Shiva bestow moksha to his Aatma! Namah Shivai!



NAAD NAMASKAR

For our Kids

By Anshul Koul 'Ashok'

QUIZ

Can you tell who is she?



The answer is :
- Lalleshwari



Do You Know?

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Habba Khatun

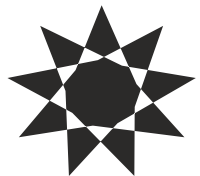
Kashmiri for You

Naav

Boat

Posh

Flower





All State Kashmiri Pandit Conference held a Massive Demonstration on 19th Jan 2020

All State Kashmiri Pandit Conference (ASKPC) along with other socio-political organization of the community held a massive demonstration outside Raj Bhawan on 19th January. A large number of community members participated in the protest.

Advocate Ravinder Raina, President while addressing said that community has entered into 31st year of exile and living as refugees in their own country have been cheated by hollow promises of return & rehabilitation by all successive Governments. Government after taking into confidence the community leaders, should come out with a blue print for resettlement of community at One Place in Kashmir with political empowerment and economic rehabilitation, till then community be declared as internally displaced. He added that temples and shrines which are our religious heritages have been vandalized, destroyed & encroached upon by fascist & anti-national elements, though requested number of times for passage of temple and Shrine bill demands for issuance of ordinance for management board to safeguard these religious heritage of our community.

Dr Tej Krishen Bhat General Secretary ASKPC in his address said that community has faced ethnic cleansing and genocide by Pan Islamic fundamentalists shall be probed by SIT headed by Supreme Court or High court Judge to fix the responsibility and bring the culprits in public domain and punish them. He said it is strange that in PM employment Package 6000 posts were sanctioned in 2008 but Alas! Only 3500 posts stand filled in 12 years time. This making most of the educated youths as over aged and demand that reservation upto 5% may be provided in central Government departments to these community unemployed educated youths

and one time incentives for permanent settlement to over aged educated youth.

R L Pandita President PNBMT spoke on the occasion and said it is utterly shocking, nevertheless that generally in such large scale displacements; religious and ethnic angles are generally quite prominent. It seems required checks and balances have totally collapsed and rouge senses, instead, have taken over the fragile system order He urged that Government should give passage of the Temples & Shrines Act through an ordinance to protect the religious heritage of the community.

The Protest was also held at Kashmiri Dharamshalla Hardwar by ASKPC led by Arjan Nath Bhat and Bimal Wantoo.

A K Raina Vice President AIKS also spoke on the occasion.

The prominent personalities Sundri Lal, Prof. Gopi Krishen Muju, T N Koul President, Ravinder Razdan, Kuldeep Raina Chairman, Desh Rattan Chairman AIMCC, Ashok Kangan JKVM, Sharda Nandan Bhat, B L Bhat President Nagdandi, Kashmiri Lal, B L Zar, B L Bhan TSMB, M K Bambroo, P L Pandita (Shangroo) Social activist, Kuldeep Kashmiri President over aged youth, Sunil Pandita social activist Jagti, Ashok Koul TRT Nagrota, Vijay Bhat Panun Kashmir, Ashok Dhar TRT Muthi, Bharat Bushan Bhat Gosami, Tej Krishen Jagaso, M K Jalali, Desh Rattn (AIMCC), Vinod Pandita (APMCC) R K Wangnoo, Tej Pandita, Ravi Raina, Ram Krishen Bhat, Veena Koul, Priya Ji, Rubi Jee, Sunil Bhat, Ashok Dhar, J L Pandita, M K Jalali, Chuni Lal Bhat and Staish Bhan participated in the protest.

Latter on a Memorandum was submitted to Lieutenant Governor highlighting the various demands of the community and giving special thrust for return and rehabilitation in their homeland by fulfilling geopolitical aspiration of community.

Save Sharda Committee Kashmir felicitated Couple who performed Puja near Sharda Peeth

Save Sharda Committee Kashmir (Regd.) organized an event in New Delhi on 27th Jan 2020 to felicitate Sh. Venkatraman and his wife Smt. Sujatha—a Hong kong based couple who performed puja near Sharda Peeth, last October.



The couple flew in to New Delhi to attend the function. The event was presided over by Dr. Jitendra Singh MoS PMO in a jam packed hall of Kashmiri culture centre in Pamposh Enclave, New Delhi. A documentary on recent developments on re-opening of Sharda Peeth, PoK was also screened at the event. An exhibition was also staged on Sharda Peeth & Civilization comprising of 30 rare pics on Sharda Civilization.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Jitendra Singh hailed the efforts of Save Sharda Committee in creating awareness on the issue. Other speakers included Capt. Sikander Rizvi, Gilgit Baltistan expert and Commodore (Retd.) Dalbir Singh Sodhi, Kashmir expert and author they said the Govt is committed that POJK belongs to India including Sharda Peeth.

Flowers were laid on the Shila (Pious stone & soil) got from Sharda Peeth in PoK through the civil society across LoC. On this occasion Save Sharda Committee gifted a framed photograph of Sharda Peeth to the visiting couple. Earlier, Bhajans in praise of Swami Nand Lal ji were sung by the budding children artists of the community.

Kashir Sabha Ambala Organized Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of Dharamshalla

Kashir Sabha Ambala has embarked upon an ambitious project of Construction of Dharamshalla at Kashmir Bhawan Complex Salsehri Ambala Cantt. The foundation Stone was laid by Shri Anil Vij Ji, Hon'ble Minister



Home, Health and ULB, Haryana on 12/1/2020 at 4 PM.

On this occasion Col. Tej Tikoo, President AIKS, Sh. Jasbir Singh Jassi, Ex-Municipal Corporator and Sh. Sudarshan Singh Sehgal were the Guests of Honour. SDM Ambala also participated in the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh.A.K.Watal, thanked the Hon'ble Minister for gracing the occasion and for sparing his valuable time. On behalf of the Sabha Prof. Watal expressed deep gratitude to the Central Govt. for some important and bold decisions. He expressed hope that the Hon'ble Minister would own the project and extend all possible help to Kashmiri Hindus. The Hon'ble Minister assured that all possible help would be extended.

The programme was compered by Sh. B B Das and Sh. Naresh Sharma. Sh. Rajinder Kaw presented a vote of thanks.

Others who were present on the occasion include Sh. BN Tikoo, Sh. JK Zutshi, Sh. VM Pandita, Sh. Surinder Pandita, Capt. BL Pandita, Sh. Suresh Koul, Sh. Sanjay Bhat, Mrs. Basanti Bhat, Sh. CL Bhat, Prof DJ Raina, Sh GL Braru, Sh. Sunil Braru, Sh. Vijay Braru, Sh. Ramesh



Kotroo, Sh. Virendar Bhat, Sh. Murar Ji Raina, Shi. VK Razdan, Sh. Anil Raina and Sh. Sunil Raina. Sh. Sudharshan Sehgal also spoke on the occasion. The programme was also graced by Sh. Vijay Kashkari, Sr. Vice President AIKS, Sh. Sanjay Raina President KSS Chandigarh, Sqdn.Ldr BL Sadhu, Sh. BL Watal, Sh. Gynander Kaul, Sh. Shuban Bhat, Sh. Kamal Peshin and his team of young and amateur artists.

A cultural programme and community dinner was also organised in the evening, where in all elders were felicitated.

Amar Balidan Trust, Muthi, Jammu Organised Sammohik Yagneopavit on 13th & 14th Nov, 2019

Sammohik Yagneopavit was organised by Amar Balidan Trust, Jammu on 13th&14th Nov, 2019. For this advertisement was issued in July in Daily paper and Sharda Radio for getting wards registered in the office of ABT, Jammu and the venue was decided Swami Kral Bab Ashram, Bantalab Jammu. 18 boys registered for this purpose. Their Parents participated with great enthusiasm in all function like cleaning of Agnavatra, Rice and Shakarpar preparation.

Devgon was performed on 13th Nov and Bhajan Kirtan was organised in evening by Swami Kral Bab Trust under the guidance of Shri Mahraj Krishen Bhat President of Trust. Dinner was followed after Kirtan.

Kalash puja, Hawan, Ladies Naervun Kharun, Mekhla mahraza hair cutting and Mekhla cholla worn, etc. all rituals were followed accordingly. Yoni (three folded sacred thread) was put around neck and right hand reciting mantra, was performed by Ajay Bharti ji

Ex MLC, AK Raina President and SK Bhat Secretary Sh Manmohan ji, Sh. Mahraj Krishen, Sh Ram Krishen, Sh Ashok ji and Sh Subhash ji and other members of Trust followed by Pandit ji and parents. During the day relatives of children and guests offered abeed to mekhla mahraz as per our rituals. During the day tea and Lunch was served.

All KP leaders, social activists and important personalities visited the venue. Puranahuti was done around 8 Pm and then Mekhla mahraz changed dress and were asked



to perform other rituals. Naveed was distributed.

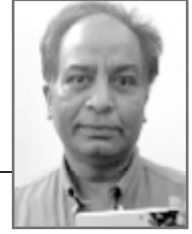
Shri SK Bhat, Secretary gave a brief guidance to participants and explained about the importance of Gayatri mantra

Shri A.K. Raina president requested the parents to guide their children about how to devote few minutes for washing yoni and how to wear it. Gayatri mantra was explained to children.

Shri Ashok Koul General Secretary organisation BJP, Sh. TK Bhat Relief commissioner, Sh. Ajay Bharti, ex MLC, Sh. KK Khosa, President, Sh. Ashok Braru, VP, KP Sabha and his team, Sh Kashmiri Lal ji and his team PNBMT, Sh Shuban Pandit and team of Ganpatyar Trust, Shree Arjan Nath ji and his team Haridwar committee, Sh BL Jalali and his team Rainawari, KP welfare committee, Sh M.K. Bhat and team Tirth Nagar welfare committee, Sh MK Jalali president Sharika Mandir Subhash Nagar, Mr BL Razdan, former HESK president, Mr Sanjay Dhar and Mr Sunil Thusoo KMECT, Sharka Foundation, Mr Bharat Bushan Bhat president Zeyshta Devi Prabandhak committee and his team, Mr Sharda Nadan, Mr Hira Lal Bhat, Prof Proflit Bambroo, Sh Avtar Bhat Excelsior.



- Dr. Rajat Mitra



Impact of Exile

My friend Sunil Raina asked me if I would write an article on Kashmiri Pandits in Exile. He asked if I could write on the impact of exile on the minds of the Kashmiri Pandits. An article on exile creates many a random thought often fragmented. It is a human issue, experiential and not theoretical so I decided to write from my scattered experiences. Please forgive and join them together and if I sound not connected, see them as experiential where I got affected deeply myself in working with an issue.

Otto Rank, the psychiatrist, once famously said in a bond where you have all and you have your boundaries intact, referring to psychological boundaries, you discover your self-esteem. When you lose it, you discover who you are and your identity. Perhaps this can be said of Kashmiri Pandits, when one studies their exile from their homeland thirty years ago.

The word 'exile' means a state of being barred from one's native land, either for political or for punitive reasons. Exiles are not new and have been there as old as history of mankind. Exile by and large has meant for an individual, a group of people to be away from one's home, while being explicitly denied permission to return or being threatened with death or imprisonment if the people return.

Indian history is full of stories where people were forced to go in an exile but discovered different truths, fought bitter battles

for upholding dharma. They suffered greatly but their suffering was ennobling and became an inspiration for generations to uphold and fight for dharma. In Ramayana on being ordered by King Dashrath, Sri Rama voluntarily chose exile for fourteen years giving up all luxuries of the palace. In Mahabharata the Pandavas were ordered to be in exile for fourteen years after being deceived in the game of Chausar (chess), a period during which they suffered many a tribulation. When it ended it was only after a bitter war with Kauravas where they could have their kingdom back after a bitter struggle.

Would the two most important books in Indian history respectively Ramayana and Mahabharata convey their message of truth and their protagonists Shri Ram and the Pandavas symbolize the Indian values if they didn't go through the exile in their lives?

Going through exile is central to the Hindu dharma and has represented tyaga (sacrifice), struggle and ennobling oneself through inner realization as if going through fire to attain perfection. In every age the stories of exile of our heroes has moved, inspired and given strength to the people of India to go through hardships, redemption and ultimate victory. The slaying of Satayamev Jayate (truth always triumphs) emerged out of our people going through exile.

Kashmiri Pandits had a choice on the morning of 19th January 1990. They could have stayed back in Kashmir if they had accepted

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Islam. They could have retained their homes, their land and their property. They chose not to give up their faith and instead chose to live with their honor. The future generations of Hindus, I am sure, will tell this story to their children to describe why their faith could not be destroyed.

I am reminded of a conversation I had with a Kashmiri Muslim many years ago. He said he was amazed like many others of his community why the Kashmiri Pandits chose not to convert to Islam and stay back. "The solution was so simple. If they had, there wouldn't have been any problems," he had added saying, "all problems only happened because they chose to run away. Not a single one converted. Only if a third of them had, Hinduism would have been finished in Kashmir." He said he and others were surprised thinking when it had worked every time, why it didn't this time?

All exile is loss of what we consider basic that is homeland, of your home, of all things you held precious. But the biggest loss that psychologists find in exiled people is that of loss, of trust and sense of safety. Studies also show that almost all exiles are sudden, comes without any clear warning and tragically enough lasts for many generations, often for centuries. Overnight it bursts the bubble that you are safe, the world around is safe and will protect you. Almost all exiles reduce you to a naught, telling you have to survive now, that it is a period of survival, where basic needs turn luxuries. I remember while working in one refugee camp for Kashmiri Pandits, a child had asked if we could get them good color boxes as they had forgotten their own while leaving their homes.

According to psychologists, exile has many phases. The first phase is one of magical thinking where the survivors going through it think that this is a nightmare and will end soon. Then comes a state of resignation and awareness that it is not going to end and a panic that it is going to stay for a long time. Finally comes a stage of rationalization where people come to terms with their loss and find forgiveness to transcend it. Forgiveness here means not forgetting the crimes of those who hurt you or overlook his wrongdoings but letting go of the pain that binds. It means no longer giving the other the power to rule over our minds, define our existence and tell us who we



should be.

Dalai Lama was once asked if he regrets the exile of his people from Tibet. His answer was a deeply spiritual one. He answered that though it was very traumatic for his community and a large number of Tibetans died during the journey, their way of life came to an end in Tibet, yet it has done one good to his people in his opinion. Elaborating it he said Tibet was a closed society and not open to the world. The Tibetan people in his opinion had turned aloof, grandiose and didn't keep pace with the rest of the world and it (meaning the exodus) has given them an opportunity to catch up with the world and not get isolated from the rest of the world.

"Have you forgiven the Chinese for all the atrocities done to your people?" he was once asked. He had replied that though initially he felt bitter he realized that it is only hurting them and will not lead them to feel powerful. Through meditation and going back to their roots through their holy books, they discovered a new strength within that wasn't there before and led to a new Tibetan identity that has brought many people to its fold.

Can a similar thing be said of Kashmiri pandits? Hinduism reached its pinnacle in



ask questions it never asked including why their neighbors drove them out by asking them convert or leave.

A famous writer once said, “An 'exile' never comes to an end in the minds of the people. Even if people go back to their original homeland many years later after they had to leave it, they never go back the same person they once were. Their identity has changed. Now they look at the world with different eyes than before. They know who their friends were and who are their enemies. They have become pragmatic and turned into a collective which was destroyed when they had to leave.

In my book 'The Infidel Next Door', the Kashmiri priest Krishna Narayan doesn't want to be reminded of any memory of Kashmir, least of all the tragic past of his ancestor who was beheaded for not converting. He tells his wife, Gayatri, that they should consider Banaras as their permanent home now. She listens to him and then tells him though she likes their present place to stay, however good it may be, it is only a

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Kashmir and Kashmir became the land where introspection, learning the divine turned the people inwards. Kashmir became isolated from the rest of the world because of the atrocities committed on the Hindus there. The exodus forced them to go away and develop their roots once again in new places. They absorbed and assimilated with the local people yet kept their distinctness for centuries. Has this created for them a new identity? I believe it has not only for the Pandits but also for the Indian people as such. Today an Indian child, far away from distant part of our country if asked will tell you, “Kashmir Hamara Hai.” (Kashmir belongs to us).

Recently during my book tour in Washington, a man from the audience asked, “I have been in US for over thirty years. I have close Kashmiri friends. But this is the first time I am hearing that half a million Kashmiri Pandits had to run away from their homes. They never told me. Can you tell me why?”

It took us time to explain to him that it takes an average of one generation, nearly thirty years to get over the survival mind set and start looking to the future again. The present Kashmiri generation is feeling safe enough to

shelter and not a home. Puzzled when he asks her why, she replies, “A shelter always remains a shelter. It never becomes a home.”

Kashmiri Pandits today live in many different parts of the world. But whenever they talk, it always revolves around Kashmir and what it meant to be Kashmiri. Wherever they live, it will always remain a shelter and not a home. Such is the pull of Kashmir, the homeland for them. I am sure in the coming days, it will only increase and tell the world of a people and their land they stays permanently etched on their mind.



- Dr. Roop Krishen Bhat



Sh. Lassa Koul

A Dynamic Personality Who Was Killed By Jihadi's

I cannot forget that fateful and frozen evening of 13th February 1990 as it was a sad evening for me. Since, I was posted at Patiala in Punjab and we were about to start the dinner at home that the first very news of DD , National channel struck very hard on my mind, “Shri Lassa Koul the Director Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar has been shot dead by militants in Srinagar today outside his house at Bemina colony Srinagar.” I and my wife Raji were dumb struck, gazing at each other's face in distress and amazement, we almost lost our senses. For a while I thought it was a glitch Doordarshan is notorious for but the visuals that followed with the news cleared all the doubts in next few moments. It took some time to regain my senses but was aghast and amazed that who dared to kill a person like Sh. Lassa Koul a handsome and towering personality, an able broadcaster, an honest administrator, a sincere friend, a warm and gentle human being who in my mind had no enemies. There were no mobile phones those days and STD facility was a luxury hence was difficult to get



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more details. The night turned darker and morning appeared far away. I started getting nostalgic with my memories about my dear friend Sh. Lassa Koul.

My association with him was of a decade and half then. I remembered vividly the day when I entered the gate of Radio Kashmir Srinagar on 31st May, 1977 to join a Programme Executive the first guy I met inside the gate was Sh Lassa Koul whom I knew for few years. He greeted me with his typical smile, shook my hand and said “Oh are you to join duty today?” yes I said and he took me to the office of Administrative Officer and introduced me to him. Thereafter he left for the routine programme meeting and after completing my joining formalities the Administrative officer took me to the Station Director's office who himself was heading for the meeting. After a brief introduction he took me along to the meeting and I sat next to Sh Lassa Koul as that was the only vacant chair across the long table of committee room of radio Kashmir. That was a beginning of a very healthy and cordial personal and professional

relationship we shared for next thirteen years thereafter.

Lassa Koul was very supportive, friendly and charming guy who had fantastic relationship across all categories of staff at the office and outside with a large number of talkers, artistes, media personalities, shop keepers and especially with the youth who participated in our programmes at Yuvavani service. Lassa Koul had masters in English literature and would motivate lot of talent from university and colleges including teachers to journalists and various scholars for the Radio programmes. From discussing black humor to apocalypse in Literature to film music, ghazal gayaki and sports events he would infuse great interest in the radio programmes. As a result whatever he dealt with was a success with listeners. Those days we had a weekly half an hour chunk of repeat of best of Yuva Vani programmes entitled *NavbaNav* broadcasted on Mondays from the main channel. Sh. Lassa Koul would make sure that youth programmes are given proper space and preference, which made him very popular amongst our youth.

During the programme meetings he would not hesitate to take on with the galaxy of senior colleagues likes of Pran Kishor, Pushkar Bhan, Avtar Krishen Rehbar, Kamal Ahmed Siddiqui, Bansi Nirdosh, Umesh Kaul, K K Nayyar etc on various issues related to the programmes. I personally learnt much about broadcasting from him. He treated me like a younger brother and we developed family relations. After some time I left radio Kashmir for an academic carrier but our relationship got more and more stronger within the passage of time. Lassa Koul was promoted as Assistant Director and was transferred to Leh and later on to Jammu. He was further promoted as station Director at Jalandhar. I visited him at all the places and found him the same warm human being and a popular officer among his colleagues everywhere.

It was only few months back before his assassination while he was Director Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar that I had organized a National Seminar on behalf of my Institute at Patiala, at Kashmir University. It was perhaps the last academic programme organized in Srinagar before the situation got



Writer with Shri Lassa Koul

out of control in Kashmir. About thirty persons from across the country participated in the seminar including Dr. D.P. Pattanaik the Director CIIL Mysore. I invited Sh Lassa Koul for the inaugural and he not only attended but arranged a vide coverage of programme on Doordarshan. That was perhaps our last meeting in the Kashmir University guest house over dinner that day. There were blasts during that time at various spots in Srinagar one at Telecom office at Maulana Azad road. Things became worst thereafter, the Rubya Sayyed kidnapping and exchange of militants in exchange of Rubya followed by another such exchange in lieu of Ghulam Nabi Azad's brother many happenings thereafter and finally the dreadful night of 19th January, 1990 which resulted in mass displacement of Kashmiri Pandits from Kashmir.

Whole night I was lost in memories sweet and bitter but the pain of losing a person like Lassa Koul was unbearable. Next day I boarded

a train from Rajpura and reached Jammu and there from by road to Srinagar. Lassa Kaul had newly constructed a house in Bemina colony and shifted his family to this house. He himself was staying at governmental accommodation for the security reasons. Since I had never been to this house therefore it was not easy to reach there on my own. It was not safe to ask the location or address of the family of a Hindu victim of terrorism those days. After reaching Bemina by an auto I asked a passer by location of Haji Ghulam Hassan a hypothetical name. The guy was amazed and said he does not know any such haji. In reply I told him Haji sahab's house is next to Mr. Lassa Koul who was killed by militants few days back. The guy immediately provided all the details and made the auto wala understand the location of Lassa Koul's house. The autowala stopped over there. I got down paid him the fare and told him I will now myself find out Haji sahab's house. After the auto wala disappeared I knocked at Lassa Koul's door. Lassa Koul's brother in law whom I knew opened the door and I got in. I was told that Sh Lassa Koul had come to see his parents that day and as soon as he alighted from the car and moved towards the verandah of the house some unidentified gun men pumped several bullets into him. He fell down immediately. Was taken to a nearby hospital where he was declared brought dead. That was end of a dynamic personality and a promising officer which left the bereaved family and all his associates and friends high and dry. His young wife, two school going kids, the old disabled parents were left desperate, helpless and shocked forever. Lassa Koul was the only surviving child out of seven siblings of his

unlucky parents who had lost seven kids in their life time and hence named him lass "Live" hardly imagining that the destiny has something terribly bad in store for them. It snatched their last and only hope.

My dear friend Lassa Koul Ji you must be wondering that what happened after you left this mortal world. It is exactly thirty years now, yes so much has happened till now. Our community is in its thirtieth year of displacement still hoping against hope of resettlement in Kashmir. An entire generation of our elders who were the worst sufferers and braved the misery of displacement have passed away including your dear parents. Your contemporaries have grown old and so your dear wife Kanta Ji who had to struggle a lot in life. Our younger generation got scattered all over the globe for livelihoods leaving far behind their roots and kith and kin resulting in complete disintegration of families and so did your dear kids. Neego your son is in USA and daughter Sanjala has set into your footsteps, is a programme officer at Akashvani. Few of your close colleagues like Peary Lal Razdan and Jawaharlal Raina are still around waiting for their turn to reach you. Life has moved ahead for everyone, however, the scars of pain, emptiness, depravedness and uncertainty remain visible on everyone's faces. The fact remains those who go away never come back again, one who stays behind has to live by the memories, assurances and promises one makes to one self. Dear Lassa Koul your memory is vibrant in every life you passed through and touched with your compassion, humility and gentlemanliness. May your soul rest in peace.

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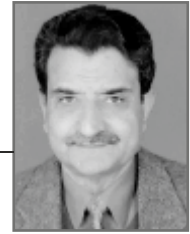
Naad Congratulates Ankita Raina for Winning ITF Title: India's Top Women Singles Player, Ankita Raina won her first ITF singles title of the season and 10th of her career when she beat Chloe Paquet in the summit clash of the \$25000 event in Nonthaburi, Thailand on Sunday. The third-seeded Indian recorded a facile 6-3, 7-5 win over the fourth seed French woman, ranked even places below the Indian at 178. She also won the doubles title with Dutch partner Bibiane Schoofs. It was Ankita's first victory against Parquet in three matches. It has been a good start for Ankita in the 2020 season, as she had made the semifinals at the another \$25000 event in Canberra.

We wish her good Luck for her future endeavors.





- Dr. Inder Krishen Kilam



Jammu & Kashmir The Challenges Ahead

The abrogation of Articles 370 and 35 A by Government of India on 5-6 August 2019 has been a momentous decision. It has got wide support from Parliament and people of India in general. As a Kashmiri Pandit from Kashmir and now resettled in Faridabad in Haryana State for last 28 years, I fully welcome the move. *Dhair aaye Durust aaye* - (Better late than never). Thanks to PM Narendra Modi Jee, HM Amit Shah Jee and the associated team members of the Government for such a bold and a brave decision indeed. I believe that with this bold step a historical wrong has been corrected. It will also pave the way for complete course correction and future development of all the three regions of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. Bifurcation of the State will also help to focus on the total development of all the three regions.

With Articles 370 and 35 A in force, Kashmiri Muslims were perhaps rightly

confused as to their status of nationhood. They were neither here nor there. Emotionally, majority of them were not with India. For years, they dreamt of merging J & K with Pakistan and quite many of them also wanted an independent J & K. That is perhaps why they provided an overt / covert support to the separatists or the militant's movement over the past decades, which did not yield any results for them except for injustice to Jammu and Ladakh areas and harming the lives of common people in Kashmir, apart from killing of thousands of innocent lives.

With special status abrogated, J & K is established firmly and doubtlessly as an integral part of India and will be at par with any other state. To that extent the uncertainty is gone both in the minds of Indian politicians and administrators as also among the Kashmiri population as such. Yes, Jammu and Ladakh are surely celebrating the wanted change in the



status, although there are some challenges on the Kashmir front particularly. Some of these short term challenges are:

i. We have to understand that while Kashmir is an important part of J & K, it is not the whole of J & K. There was indeed an unjustified domination of Kashmiri Muslims over the political administrative system in J & K during the last seven decades. This undue domination needs to go with due weightage for Kashmiri Muslims, Jammu Dogras, Kashmiri Pandits, Sikhs, Gujjars, Bakkarwals, and other communities of J & K.

ii. Peace and normalcy in Kashmir valley has to be restored as fast as possible. This is indeed very important and all political and administrative measures must be taken to get complete normalcy restored. There must be no incidence of violence and life and property have to be protected at all costs.

iii. Any uprising from common people in Kashmir has to be arrested with a combination of full compassion and justified force.

iv. The short term and long term development projects that have been promised must be delivered in a fast and visible manner. This will give new hope to the people of valley and will also lead to employment generation for the aspiring youth of J & K and consequently divert them from the path of stone pelting and militancy.

v. There must be no negative / harsh voices from other parts of India against Kashmir and Kashmiri people as such. Complete restraint on this count is necessary.

vi. Kashmiri students and business men all around the country must not face any vandalism or discrimination. And they must also not create any instances to incite any untoward incidents.

vii. A feasible and a foolproof plan to look after the suffering Kashmiri Pandit migrants must be made and implemented on ground in an early time frame. Their problems need to be heard, understood and redressed with utmost sincerity. They have suffered a lot, waited for too long and it is time they get the long due justice.

viii. A feasible plan for dignified and safe return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits back to Kashmir valley must be made and implemented in meaningful consultation with them. A proper conducive, social, political and

administrative atmosphere needs to be created in Kashmir for this purpose, without further delay.

ix. Proper conclusive legal action on killing of Pandits during 1990s must be taken and a judicial commission must be set up to enquire about the reasons for their mass exodus.

x. An alternate political structure needs to be encouraged and set up in a fair manner in Kashmir where young, patriotic, aspirant political leadership can emerge voluntarily and fill the needed gap. We need to create new mainstream politicians who are young, who are honest, who are patriotic towards India and who have a bright vision for J & K and its people. In the mean time, let all the present main stream politicians not be rubbed on the wrong side. In a phased manner they may be released with proper conditionality so that people are not incited unnecessarily and peace gets disturbed.

xi. UT status for J & K must stay only for a bare minimum period and its full fledged statehood must be restored in about two years till complete normalcy is restored.

xii. History of J & K has to be reiterated firmly. It belonged to Pandits, Muslims, Sikhs, Gujjars, Bakarwals, Ladakhis and other communities all alike, over centuries. It was never a wholly Muslim State as such. The State of J & K had justifiable reasons to accede in 1947 to India – a majority Hindu country with fully secular credentials. Pakistan has absolutely no locus standing on Kashmir and this matter needs to be made clear to them as also to the international community with full force and conviction.

Let us hope the Kashmiri Muslims see the reason behind this latest move of abrogating the special status of Jammu & Kashmir and simultaneously in bifurcating the State into two Union Territories and understand the long term benefits for Kashmir, for whole of J & K and all its people. A genuine emotional connect has to be developed between Kashmiri Muslims and the Indian Government and its people and that is the key challenge ahead. Next five / six months are going to be very crucial in this regard and let us all pray and hope that good times are ahead for the new Union Territories – the UT of J & K and the UT of Ladakh and consequently for whole of India.



- Shiban Khaibri



Republic of Bharat

Thinking about choosing a theme befitting the occasion of celebrating 70th anniversary of our Republic – motivated, galvanized, persuaded and provoked protests against the Citizen's Amendment Act (CAA) not stopping, decidedly under a deep rooted and orchestrated conspiracy aimed at destabilizing this country, needs to be continuously analyzed hence a bit about that becomes necessary herein to deal with. As more and more inputs to that end keep pouring in from non-designer media circles even though their number is very little as also from social media, it is mandatory to keep on opposing the very basis of these protests till they stop altogether. If the present scenario in the country, the deriding role played by some opposition parties and some select leaders who, as a habit, have their foot in the mouth, is analyzed, I feel that it is the duty of each and every writer, reporter, journalist etc who cares for and loves this country, to give preference to writing lucidly about the said burning issue, expose the elements behind opposing an Act passed by the Parliament and unveil the shoddy and inglorious role of those behind these protests. It is high time they are described in their true colours.

Article 1 in the constitution of India states that “India that is Bharat ...” which in other words means that “India is in fact Bharat” and it becomes extremely important to clarify as the very origin of India is now

disputed by some overzealous but motivated 'secularists' and 'progressive liberals' and traced only to the period post Muslim invasion of Sindh and Multan in 8th century when invader Mohammed Bin Qasim invaded Sindh. The word Bharat is a Sanskrit word with reference to Hindu religious scriptures like Puranas, Mahabharata and the Rigveda. Rigveda is the oldest Hindu Holy scripture and perhaps the oldest in the world. So, 'Bharat' has a religious significance for Hindus and the architects of our constitution could not afford to not recognise it hence made a mention of and duly recorded it at the very start of the constitution itself.

On the other hand, the word “India” is derived from the word Sindhu which flows in the north west of the country. Greeks and others, later started calling us 'Indoi’ meaning the people of the Indus. Let History be not cut to such a size by the monopolists of its writing in India that Bharat is given no importance, let

alone due preference in speech, writings and in official communications. When China has no other name, Japan, Iran, America, Australia, France, Germany or any other country in the world, why should our country be unique in this respect and continued to be called India when in fact, it should be called by its original name Bharat only?

Is not the very basis of the country, its basic original name disregarded and its total wilful neglect a quagmire of mysteries and


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denial of historical facts? Perpetual neglect and that too knowingly functions as a double edged knife cutting on both the sides. One, that people tend to forget the history and make with what is fed to them. Two, the same people later serve as antidotes to those few who would raise certain questions and shout them down. The results are horrifying to the extent that cheeks are gathered in saying that Shree Ram is a myth and no historical fact, that Ram Setu is not (divine) manmade but natural and affidavits are presented in the courts. But why are such mischievous goofs knowingly made and for what purpose? Who are being appeased by such distortions to the extent of being blasphemous?

Our original constitution manuscript was penned by hand by Prem Behari Narain Raizada in flowing italic style at the specific request of Jawahar Lal Nehru and it took Prem Behari, a Graduate from St. Stephen's College, Delhi and a Master in calligraphic art, more than six months to handwrite it besides decorating and beautifying its pages. When asked by Nehru as to

being the ancient basic culture of Bharat, all hell would break loose, thousands of 'Shaheen Baghs' and 'JNUs' would be "arranged" by pseudo secularists against that move which would be termed as "Constitution taar taar ho gaya" because anything even in the remote, connected to ancient religio-culture of this country, is never ever tried to be even mentioned let alone recorded officially, all under peculiar type of secularism. The established convention of distorting facts and history for the last nearly six decades is tried to be cemented and strengthened but for what reasons is very crucial.

This trend of playing with history and distorting it, twisting it and manipulating it has assumed alarming proportions in this country not only in respect of ancient history but even in respect of an event well recorded in our Parliament just 16 years back. We all know how much violence took place and loss of property caused in the garb of opposing the CAA. It is not those who at once take the refuge under religion,

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how much would he charge for that, he replied "not a penny, I have all to be happy in my life". At the specific request, he was asked to have Holy images of Hindu Devi Devtas and Gurus made on the pages of the first handwritten copy of the constitution and very few know that our constitution is adorned with the images of Lord Shree Krishna, Shree Ram, Lord Krishna propounding the Holy Gita to Arjuna at the Kurukshetra, images of Budha, Vivekananda, images from courts of Ashoka, Vikramaditya etc. The drafting committee of the constitution comprising Alladi Krishna swami Ayyar, N. Gopalaswami, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, K. M. Munshi, Mohammed Saadullah, B. L. Mitter and D. P. Khaitan were all in agreement in one voice about the manner and the form of the first ever manuscript to be handwritten. Imagined can be a situation if, any important document of national importance was to be written today with such Holy images of Hindu gods and deities that

manufactured and illusive discrimination, feigning victimhood at the hands of the RSS and other so called Hindu organisations, assumed notions of some policies "dictated" from Nagpur but the oldest political party Congress giving a clarion call to "people" to come on roads and offer sacrifices for repealing of CAA forgetting that they were the architects of this Act themselves and they oppose this Act just to find an opportunity, being fully frustrated and exasperated, for coming to power. That is the main issue.

It is pertinent to note that Parliamentary Committee on Home affairs constituted by the Congress led UPA government submitted its 107th Report which was presented to Rajya Sabha on December 12, 2003 and tabled too on the same day. This Committee had Pranab Mukherjee as its Chairman and other members on it comprised Kapil Sibal, Hansraj Bhardwaj, Moti Lal Vohra, Ambika Soni,

Janeshwar Mishra and other Congress stalwarts. It had Lallu Prasad Yadav too as its member. The Committee recommended to the Parliament and the government as under specifically that

- ❖ Indian citizenship should be granted to Bangladeshi and Pakistani minority refugees. Not only that, National Identity Cards (NIC) should also be issued to these refugees.
- ❖ Granting of Indian citizenship to migrants who entered India in the wake of 1971 war should be considered.
- ❖ Citizenship should be granted only to Bangladeshi minority refugees and not to refugees belonging to majority community.
- ❖ Every citizen should be given a National Identity Card (NIC).

These are the major and important recommendations given not for consigning the same to official records but for implementation because Parliamentary Committees are carrying utmost weightage and importance in our Parliamentary democracy system. Just mark Congress stalwarts stressing on “Only Minorities” and not “from majority communities” from those countries. How can

the Congress change its colours now like a chameleon is not difficult to comprehend but is most unfortunate when a senior member having remained a Union Cabinet Minister returns from Lahore sojourn read 'yatra' and goes direct to Shaheen Bagh to incite and spread misinformation simply because nursing hatred for Modi. Why not have gumptions to declare that Modi Government was doing it now practically backed by the full strength of the Parliament what Congress Government proposed 16 years back?

The time has come to forcefully resist lies, misinformation, misleading and twisting of historical facts. Do not keep people of this country bereft of its glorious past, culture and its true history. It is well known fact that a people without the knowledge of their past historical origin and culture is a tree without roots. Those who watch turbulences and conspiracies hatched against the soul of this country silently whether in media or in intellectual arenas are equally culpable. We, the people of Republic of Bharat are passing through a transition for betterment where tough decisions, innovations, reforms and changes have to be taken and we all must cooperate.





- Upender Ambardar



Festivities Galore – Shivratri

Festivals and sacred days have deep roots in our socio-religious traditions. They form a significant part of our cultural heritage. Their celebrations lead to spiritual upliftment, soul purification, and moral enrichment besides self-discipline. The festivals sustain our spirits, add colour, zeal, variety and zest to our existence and in the process help to keep our traditions and time tested rituals alive.



'Sivadrashti' by Acharya Somananda, 'Shivastrotravali' by Utpal Dev and 'Pratyabhijna Darshnam' by AbhinavGupt have contributed immensely towards the enrichment of Kashmir Shaivism. Kashmir Shaivism, also called Trika Shastra is the philosophy of triad, which comprises Shiva-the Universal consciousness, Shakti-the Divine energy and Nara-the human soul. It regards the entire creation as His manifestation, which is real and

not illusion. We worship Lord Shiva in His both forms of Shiva and Shakti. Shakti for us is the Goddess Ragnya, Sharika, Kali or Durga, who are the energy aspects of Lord Shiva. Worshipping Lord Shiva leads to the cosmic mother, who offers solace, protection and divine grace to one and all.

Kashmir has been a seat of spiritual and cultural strength since ancient times, Kashmiri Pandits are basically Shaivites and Shaivite philosophy has attained growth and strength in the serenity of cool and calm surroundings of Kashmir. The worship of Lord Shiva and his Divine consort Parvati is an inseparable part of our tradition and culture. Shivratri, locally known as 'Herath', is sacred festival of Kashmiri Pandits. This ancient and auspicious festival has immense religious and cultural sanctity. It's sanctity finds a prominent reference in the sixth century Sanskrit text, 'Nilamat Puran' of Kashmir. Shivratri festival has also been highlighted in the famous philosophical work 'Shivastrotravali' of Utpal Dev, the great Shaivite philosopher of the eighth century. One of the greatest Shaivite, AbhinavGupt has also paid salutations and obeisance to Vatuk Bhairava in his famous Trika philosophical work called 'Tantraloka'. Even the renowned historian Kalhan's 'Rajtarangani' also bears an invocation to Lord Shiva at the very start of the text. The famous treatises like

Accordingly, the ultimate Truth or Supreme Reality is Lord Shiva Himself and the whole creation is His manifestation.

He is consciousness and Bliss. Everything emanates from Him and everything merges in Him. He is in us and we are in HIM. In reality, Kashmir Shaivism is a spiritual quest for an inward journey and search rather than an outward one. It is the exploration and realization of the divinity within ourselves. Lord Shiva is also known as Mahadeva-the Great God, Triloki Nath-the Lord of three worlds, Umapati, Gauripati, Parvati Pati, Chandrashekar- the moon-crested, Gangadhar-the bearer of Ganga, Girisha-the mountain Lord, Mahakal -the Lord of death, Pashupati-the Lord of beasts and

Vishwanath-the Lord of Universe. HE is the Lord of his spiritual consort, the Goddess Parvati, which in reality is the cosmic energy. The union of Lord Shiva with Shakti is Shivratri. Every Monday is sacred to Lord Shiva. Generally, the fourteenth day of the dark half of each month is called Shivaratri. But the one that falls on Phalgun (February-March) is Mahashivratri. Mahashivratri known as 'Herath' in Kashmir is a twenty three days festival, which starts from Phalgun Krishna Paksh Pratipada (Phalgun gatapach Oakdoh), the first day of the dark fortnight. It culminates in Phalgun.

Shukalpaksh Ashtami, known as 'Tila Aetham'. On Shivratri, the sun and the moon are usually in the Zodiac sign of Aquarius or Kumbh Rashi. Kashmiri Pandits perform Shivratri Puja called Vatak Puja on the intervening night of Triyodashi and Chaturdashi, while in the rest of the country, people observe Mahashivratri on Chaturdashi.

Shivratri is also known by the names of Mahashivratri, Kaalratri and Taalaratri. Shivratri, the night of Bliss, has a special significance as the Divine Mother symbolically merges with the divine Lord, thereby establishing non-dualism in the Absolute form. It is also believed that Jyotir Linga appeared on the earth at midnight during the intervening night of Triyodashi and Chaturdashi to remove darkness and ignorance from the world. As such the great night of Shiva is said to commemorate the auspicious advent of the divine Mahajyoti or Supreme light. According to the holy Hindu scriptures, the festival of Mahashivratri also signifies the day on which Lord Shiva saved the world from total annihilation by drinking the deadly 'Haalahal' poison, produced during the great churning of the ocean (Samandhar Munthun). According to sacred texts at this time a forceful natural upsurge of energy is said to take place in the human system, which advances the process of soul purification and enlightenment. This energy in combination with the significant planetary positions help in the upward flow of the energy flow in the human beings. These energy forces help us to overcome the Karmas and raise one's consciousness beyond the veil of illusion resulting in the intensification of the spiritual process.

Lord Shiva also represents the life cycle of

living beings. It is due to this very fact that walnuts are used in the Shivratri puja. Walnuts, known in Kashmiri as 'doon' is a seed, which in reality represents a complete life-cycle i.e. the beginning and end of life. It is also a miniature representation of our universe and is symbolic of our respect for the entire cosmos. The four kernels of the walnut are also believed to represent the four directions of the hemisphere and the four Vedas.

As Mahashivratri falls on the darkest night of the year, it symbolises the darkness of ignorance and Lord Shiva is said to manifest Himself during this night to enlighten the universe by removing the ignorance.

As per a prevalent belief in Kashmir, the Divine Couple of Lord Shiva, and Goddess Parvati visit the devotees' homes on the night of Mahashivratri and are said to stay as Divine Guests upto Amavasya, known as 'Doon Mavas' locally (fifteenth day of Phalgun Krishnapaksh). Preparations such as cleansing of the house and washing of the clothes for celebrating the Mahashivratri festival are done from 'Hur Oukdoh', the first day of Phalgun Krishnapaksh to 'Hur-Shaeyum' (Sixth day of Phalgun Krishnapaksh). 'Hur-Satam' is the day when special dishes as per the individual family ritual or 'reeth' are cooked.

On 'Hur-Aatham', the devotees prior to their forced migration used to visit Hari-Parbat Srinagar for night long meditation and Bhajan Kirtan at Chakrishwar and Pokhribal temples. It is on 'Hur-Navum' that womenfolk visit their parental homes. On their return, they bring alongwith them the 'Kangri' (the traditional fire-pot), a pack of salt, 'rotis' (bread) and some money locally called 'Atagut' as 'Shivratri Shagoun'. Next comes 'Dashmi' called 'Dyare-Dahum', which has a special significance for the newly-wed Kashmiri Pandit brides. They return back to their in-laws bringing with them new clothes and 'Herath-bhog' in the form of cash and kind. It is on this day that vegetarian or non-vegetarian food are cooked as per the family ritual or 'reeth'. It is followed by 'Gada-Kah' (Phagun Gatapach Kah), wherein fish is cooked as per the family tradition. This day has got tantric significance as per the Hindu mythology. On the following day called 'Vagurbah', a small earthenware pot known as 'Vagur' is installed

amidst elaborate rituals in the pooja-room, locally known as 'Vatak-Kuth'.

Late in the evening after performing 'Vagur Pooja', cooked rice, vegetarian or non-vegetarian dishes depending upon one's individual family 'reeth' or ritual are offered to the 'Vagur'. This day is followed by 'Hayrachi-Truvah' (Triyudashi), which is the auspicious and most sacred day of Mahashivratri. On this day, an elderly lady of the family fills-up the earthen-pitcher designated as 'Vatak-Nout' with fresh water and a good number of walnuts, usually 101 or 151. This ritual known as 'Vatuk-Barun' is performed before the sun-set. The 'Vatak-Nout' is a symbolic representation of Lord Shiva, while as a smaller earthen-pitcher, locally called 'Choud' placed adjacent to the 'Vatak-Nout' represents the Goddess Parvati. The smaller earthen wares such as 'Sanivari' (two in number), 'Machvari' (2-4 in number) a hollow cone-shaped 'Sanipatul' representing lord Shiva and a 'Dhupzoor' (an earthen dhoopstand) are suitably placed near the 'Vatak-Nout'. In addition to them, two bowl type earthen-wares 'locally known as 'Dhulij' are also placed in close proximity to the 'Choud'. The 'Dhulij', 'Sanivari' and 'Machvari' are believed to represent Bhairvas, 'Gandharvas'- (the celestial musicians) and the other deities of the 'Divine-Barat' (the celestial marriage of Lord Shiva and Parvati).

A small bowl called 'Reshi-Dulij' occupies a special place near the 'Vatak-Nout'. Only cooked rice and milk are offered to it. The 'Nout', 'Choud' and 'Dulij' etc. are referred as 'Vatuk' and are seated on special pedestals of dry grass made in the form of circular rings locally called as 'Aarie'.

The 'Vatuk' is decorated by tying mouli (narivan) i.e. string of dry grass embellished with marigold flowers and 'bael-pater', which is known as 'Vusur'. Tilak is also applied to 'Vatuk'. Incense, dhoop, camphor and ratandheep form the main ingredients of ritualistic material called 'Vatak Samgri'. Milk and curds and conical sugar preparation called 'Kand' are offered to the 'Vatak-Raz', represented by the 'Nout' amidst elaborate ritualistic pooja and chanting of the holy mantras, collectively known as 'Vatak-Pooja'.

As part of the ritual, special vegetarian or non-vegetarian dishes according to one's family ritual or 'reeth' are offered to the 'Dulij'. The day following 'Hayrath' called 'Shivachaturdashi' is

locally known as 'Salam'. Salam is a day of greetings and festivity. On this day, all the family members and near relatives are given pocket-money called 'Herath-Kharch' by the head of the family.

During Shivratri days, playing of indoor-game with the sea-shells, locally called 'Haren-gindun' is a usual practice especially among the children. Late in the evening of 'Amavasya' known by the name of 'Doon-Mavas', pooja is performed either on the river bank (Yarbal) or at home as per the family tradition. The practice of performing pooja of walnuts taken-out from the 'Vatak-Nout' called as 'Vatuk Parmozun'.

'Doon-Mavas' is also known as 'Demni-Mavas' as some families (Gourit families) prepare meat preparations in combination with turnip as per their family ritual.

It is a usual practice in most of the households, who perform pooja at the river-banks to allow the head of the family to enter the house only after he promises blessings and boons in the form of health, wealth, education, employment, peace and prosperity to each and every member of the family. The conversation in Kashmiri, which takes place between the head of the family (who is outside the closed door, and senior lady of the house goes like this, "thuk or dubh-dubh", kous chuv?, Ram Broor 'Kya Heth?', Anna Heth, Dhana-Heth Doarkoth, Aurzoo Heth, Vidya, Kar-bar, Te Sokh Sampdha Heth.'

Shivratri 'naveed' in the form of water-soaked walnuts and 'rotis' is distributed among near and dear ones during the period of 'Doon-Mavas' to Tila-Ashtami, locally known as 'Tile-Aethum', which falls on Phalgun Shukalpaksh Ashtami.

On Tila-Ashtami, a number of earthen oil lit lamps are placed at different places starting from one's home to the river-bank (yarbal) and also one of the oil lamps is made to float on the river with its base seated on grass ring or 'arie'. The day of 'Tila-Ashtami' also signals the end of the severe cold of winter and advent of the pleasant season of spring, locally known as 'Sonth'. On this day, the change-over of season is celebrated by children by burning old fire-pots (Kangris), stuffed with dry grass and tied with long ropes are rotated around in the air, all the time uttering the words of 'Jateen-Tantah'. It marks the final good-bye to the holy festival of Mahashivratri or 'Herath'.



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Abhinavagupta

Profounder of All Inclusive Theory of Kashmir Saivism

Abhinavagupta propounded the all inclusive theory while developing the concepts of परम अद्वयम् meaning “Supreme non duality”, which is अनुत्तर, the unsurpassable, ultimate and the highest truth. According to Abhinavagupta the nature of परमार्थ, the highest truth is supreme light thus it does not exclude plurality. But, both plurality and unity or differentiation and oneness are the modes of its self expression. Therefore this phenomenal world existing in space and time is seen as real as the one undifferentiated reality that has existence beyond time and space. In other words this phenomena is the visible, dynamic expression or manifestation of that very supreme reality. Every element of this physical world contains in itself a deeper dimension. The innate nature of everything at both levels of macrocosm and microcosm or at the levels of the dynamism of space and time, human consciousness, intelligence, sense organs and sensory perceptions; life and life force itself - evolve from one ultimate point called the supreme reality. Thus various



elements are always connected with that ultimate truth. The ultimate reality may be understood as a dynamic non dual continuum evolving simultaneously in form and formlessness or in time and timelessness. This continuum is expressed in Trika through the system of thirty-six tattvas. These tattvas emerge from the primal Siva tattva to solid prthvi tattva. All these levels are not separate but permeate each other. In this way the highest tattva i. e. Siva is present in all other tattvas. For instance in Tantrasara chapter 8 Abhinavagupta says that earth i. e. prithvi is pervaded by all

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tattvas and in Parmarthasara 10 he also states that this world of 36 principles is reflected within the ultimate principle, which is formed of light and is complete - परिपूर्ण. Abhinavagupta has condensed this view in a benedictory verse that appears at the beginning of his major works biz., Tantraloka, Malinivijayavarttika, Paratrishikavivarana and Tantrasara. Containing the ontology of Trika system the repeated use in itself speaks of the significance of this verse:

विमलकलाश्रयाभिनवसृष्टिमहा जननी
भरिततनुश्चपंचमुखगुप्तरुचिर जनकः।
तदुभययामलस्फुरितभावविसरगमयम्
हृदयं अनुत्तरामृतकुलं मम संस्फुरतात् ॥

“May my heart (embodying) the wholeness or totality of bliss of the ultimate (अनुत्तर), fully shine forth or expand (संस्फुरित्), full of the state of absolute potential (विसर्गः) made manifest in the union of the two- the mother grounded in pure representation, radiant in ever-new (अभिनव) genesis/emanation (सृष्टि), and the father (जनकः), all-enfolding (भरिततनुः), who maintains the light through his five faces (पंचमुख).”

beauty and incomprehensible magnitude bursts and shines forth. Thus the above opening verse of Abhinavagupta presents the crux of the Trika in which the triad of Siva as supreme reality, Sakti as the dynamic power of Siva and Nara, the manifest, visible universe – its consciousness, body and experience are intertwined and permeate each other. Abhinavagupta through his works represents a beautiful, non-physical theory of all inclusiveness in so far as they offer a profound, all embracing view of reality. The physical universe, he considers is an expression of the underlying ultimate reality which is beyond our ordinary, limited cognition and perception. This theory of all inclusiveness is based on one central and unifying principle known as Sakti – energy or power. This is the dynamic creative aspect of the highest reality. Its immanent-transcendent nature unites the differentiated universe in time and space and the undifferentiated supreme reality with its nature being the light – not limited to time, space and form. The reality of Sakti is the key to understanding the world. It is the key based not only on an intellectual understanding, but it is

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The above verse conveys two meanings. Firstly, while explained at the ontological level, the union of father and mother has been interpreted as the non-duality of the 'ultimate' denoted as Siva, Bhairava, Mahesvara etc. and its innate power (sakti) which manifests itself in the form of the universe. Secondly, at the human level, the union of the two, the yogic union of the parents who gave birth to Abhinava. Besides presenting a rhetorical skill the verse expresses the inseparable dimension of reality, i. e. the common physical/human reality and the ultimate reality beyond/inside it. At the human level the union from which new life springs forth corresponds with the supreme bliss and joy - जगदानन्दः which is the essence of the ultimate reality and from which the whole universe in its

also an experiential, empirical understanding, according to Abhinavagupta. This view integrates the complex system of the different forms and modes of the powers of the supreme reality, focused on the five powers known as चित्त शक्ति – power of consciousness; आनन्द शक्ति – power of bliss; इच्छा शक्ति – power of will; ज्ञान शक्ति – power of knowledge; and क्रिया शक्ति - power of action. These five powers represented as the five faces of the Svachanda Bhairava, are responsible for the continuous, ever new play of सृष्टि- manifestation and संहार – dissolution of the universe within the supreme reality. Sivaratri as observed by Kashmiri Pandits represents the living tradition of this beautiful philosophy.



Play of Five Energies of Shiva – II

Appearance of the Impure Elements

1. Introduction :

In an earlier paper (1) using some simple mathematical concepts of zero, one and two dimensions we had discussed the manifestation of first five elements (tattvas) in the hierarchy of 36 tattvas in Kashmir Shaivism. These five elements namely 'Shiva', 'Shakti', 'Sadashiva', 'Ishwara' and 'Shuddha Vidya' are pure elements or energies and are playing in the womb of the Primary Consciousness to create an inherent canvas for physical manifestation of the universe.

Now, appears the Maha Maya, the Shakti, which in its pure form is the power of freedom of Primary consciousness to create differentiation or contraction in these five energies. Maha Maya Shakti is a form of Param Shiva's self-concealment. Mahamaya, also called bindu, is a term for the restricting power operative in the pure course of the cosmical hierarchy and expressed in the impure course as Maya (2)

It should however be remembered that Maha Maya is not any energy outside the Param Shiva. It is inherent in the Param Shiva as his power of freedom and appears with the express intention of creating multiplicity and differences for the sake of its play

In this paper, we shall describe the play of Maya Shakti and its sheaths (coverings) to see how various impure tattvas are created and relate these with simple mathematical concepts of dimensions.

2. Appearance of Maya:

Maya is derived from the root Mā, which means, to measure out. That which makes experience

(observation) measurable i.e. limited. Mayā severs 'I' from 'This', and 'This' from 'I' and excludes things from one another. It draws veil (āvarana) on the self, owing to which it forgets its real nature.

Mathematically, we have seen in our earlier paper (1) that first five pure tattvas are represented in one and two dimensions which actually are formless. In order to create forms from the formless (Param Shiva), a third dimension is to be introduced, which is done by Maya Shakti. In fig.1, three pure energies 'Iccha Shakti', 'Jnana Shakti' and 'Kriya Shakti' are represented at the corners of the two dimensional triangle ABC. To project into the third dimension, we construct a straight line CD perpendicular to the plane ABC.

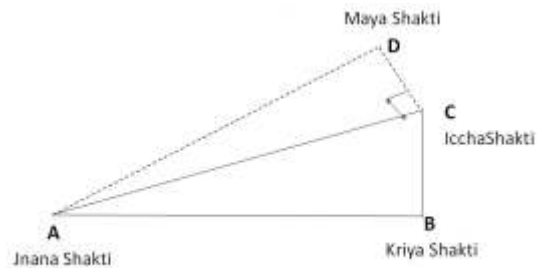


Fig1 – Appearance of Maya Shakti

In general, the angle need not be 90 degree. This may be any other specific angle of rotation to project out of the plane ABC. We should note that CD is not just perpendicular to AC but also to the plane of the triangle ABC. Thus space is created for an object to take a form. In reality a line or a plane cannot exist in our universe

because they lack all the dimensions. A flat plane with no depth dimension would have no substance, as would a line. An object, three dimensional can be formed from a series of two dimensional planes. This is like stacking a ream of papers to form a solid block.

Further, a three dimensional object could not exist unless it existed for a certain length of time. Thus it requires the fourth dimension which we call time. Similarly, time cannot exist

The five unlimited powers of Param Shiva, namely Chit, Ananda, Iccha, Jnana, and Kriya gets contracted after entering in the field of Maya and become the next five elements which are actually Kanchukas (coverings or sheaths) of Maya. These limit the unlimited powers of Param Shiva and are cause of creation of space, time, principle of causality, etc as shown in the following Table 1.

| Unlimited Energies of Param Shiva | | Play Of Maya | Limited Energies due to Maya | |
|---|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Energies | Characteristics | | Kanchuk | Characteristics |
| Kriya Shakti (Shuddha Vidya) | Omnipotent or Universal Authorship (Sarva Kartratva) | | Kalā | Limited energy of Action |
| Jnana Shakti (Ishwara) | Omniscience (Sarvajnatratva) | | Vidyā | Limited energy of Knowledge |
| Iccha Shakti (Sadashiva) | All Satisfaction (Purnatva) | | Rāga | Limited energy of Will |
| Anand Shakti (Shakti or Vimarsha) | Eternity (Nityatva) | | Kaal | Limitation in respect of time |
| Chit Shakti (Shiva or Prakasha) | Omnipresence Pervasiveness (Vyapaktva) | Niyati | Limitation in respect of cause and space | |

Table 1 – Five Kanchukas of Maya and their limitations

without matter. For there to be time, there has to be movement of some three dimensional object. Also, energy is related to matter and its movement. Thus, we see that space, time, matter and energy with which we are so familiar are creations of Maya which we have seen above is inherent power of Param Shiva.

3. Play of Maya

Maya is the sixth element in the hierarchy of 36 elements. Maya, as we have seen above is actually Mahamaya in contracted form. Thus, it is also Power of Freedom, but, with limitations. Under the influence of Maya, the supreme consciousness tends to forget its own real nature. We may say, Maya acts like a mirror reflecting the Supreme consciousness. The subjective experienter (Pramata) after reflecting in the mirror of Maya becomes the knowledge (Pramana) and objects (Prameya). Thus one becomes many.

It is said that due to Maya Shakti, Malas (impurities or ignorance) of three kinds arise.

First is Anava Mala due to which the subject seems to become separate from his divine nature and considers itself imperfect, incomplete, unsatisfied and incapable. Anava Mala is what divides and separates us from the experience of our own infinite expansiveness.

The second Mala is Mayiya Mala due to which a person sees objects as different from the subject. Mayiya mala contracts the supreme power of knowledge so that a person experiences differences through the layers of limitation.

The third Mala is Karma Mala due to which a person performs actions to acquire some objects and avoid others. This is the veil of doer ship, which keeps us ignorant of the one source of all actions (i.e. Shiva)

We see that these malas may be ascribed to contraction of pure energies (3)

Due to Maya and its Kanchukas the contraction of five pure elements (energies) goes on further to divide this universe into subjects and objects.

Chit Shakti or Shiva by its own power of freedom (Maya) becomes Purusha (12th element) after contraction and Shakti becomes Prakriti (13th element) after contraction. Shiva and Shakti in pure form are inseparable as we have seen in the earlier paper (1), but here after contraction Purusha and Prakriti seem to be separable. In fact Purusha (subject or the observer or limited self) and Prakriti (object) are inseparable.

Many problems of the present day world have arisen due to this ignorance of separateness of Purusha and Prakriti, due to which Prakriti is considered to be an object of exploitation and enjoyment. Due to assaults on Prakriti, present day burning issues like pollution, global warming, extinction of bio-diversity, etc. have arisen.

Prakriti has three qualities (gunas). These are purity (Sattva), activity (Rajas) and inertia (Tamas). The Prakriti is fully balanced and un-differentially situated. This means all three gunas are un-differentially existing in the element of Prakriti. However, due to imbalance in the three gunas, next three elements Buddhi (Intellect), Ahamkar (Ego) and Manas (Mind) appear. These three together are called Antahkarna (the psychic instruments or internal organs) and can broadly be related with predominance of Sattva, Rajas and Tamas gunas respectively. According to Utapaldeva (4), the gunas are the contraction of the Shiva's pure energies, Jnana Shakti, the power of knowledge, becoming Sattva; Kriya Shakti, the power of action, becoming Rajas and Maya Shakti, the divine free will, becoming Tamas.

Thus, we see that from Maya to Prakriti and then three elements of Antahkarna are nothing but contracted forms of five energies of Param Shiva.

Beyond Prakriti, Prakriti is the Mūla Kāran, the predominant cause of all other elements beginning from the element of intellect, up to the element of earth.

Next, appear the tattvas of sensible experience. These are five powers of sense perception called jnanendriyas namely

sravanendriya (hearing), sparshanendriya (feeling by touch), cakshurindriya (seeing), rasanendriya (tasting) and ghranendriya (smelling); five powers of action called karmendriyas namely vagindriya (speaking), hastendriya (handling), padendriya (moving), payvindriya (elimination) and upasthendriya (reproduction). Here, we should remember that these indriyas are not sense organs but powers which operate through the sense organs. Then, corresponding to five powers of sense perception, there are five tanmatras or primary elements of perception. In other words, these are general elements of the particulars of sense-perception. These are shabda (sound), sparsha (touch), rupa (form), rasa (taste) and gandha (smell). The tanmatras may be looked upon as storehouses of powers of sense perception. It is said that all the above 15 elements are products of Ahamkar.

In last, appear the tattvas of materiality i.e. the five maha-bhutas (gross elements) which are akasha ((ether), vayu (air), agni or tejas (fire), apah or jal (water) and bhumi or prithvi (earth). The five gross elements are the products of the five tanmatras (5, 6).

1. Conclusion :

In this paper, we have explained the appearance of Maya as third dimension in the field of pure elements to create the space for appearance of forms from the formless and fourth dimension time for their existence. Associated with these dimensions, physical matter and energy also appear.

Also contraction of five pure energies due to Maya resulted in the creation of five Kanchukas, Purusha and Prakriti and from Prakriti, the 23 elements beyond Prakriti, from Intellect to the earth. From Maya to Purusha, seven elements are also called Pure – Impure elements as these have subjectivity and objectivity both. In this impure creation the three Malas and three Gunas of Prakriti play important roles. However, it should be remembered that all of the elements are a reflection of the five pure energies of Param Shiva. Hence nothing exists that is not Shiva.

In the next paper, we shall discuss in detail the three Malas which appear with Maya and three Gunas which are un-differentially situated

in Prakriti. We shall also discuss the appearance of physical forces in the sphere of materiality as proclaimed by modern science and try to relate these with the five energies of Param Shiva.

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- Usha Munshi



The Lost Story of Kashmiryat

It was 1976 Summer. Shyama Koul had come from US to Srinagar to visit her family. One day Shyama and her husband were taking a stroll on Residency Road. They were walking on the footpath in the most posh and up-market area of the city with shops displaying beautiful artifacts, which used to be a treat to the eyes. Suddenly, one tall and handsome elderly gentle man, standing in front of a shop drew their attention towards him. He started with an interesting and unusual conversation which went on something like this – “I can tell that you are Kashmiris, but you don't live here. Let me see...hmm... you are not from UK. I can safely say that you are from USA.” And then he invited them into his shop.

Just at that time, one young lady entered his shop. She asked him if her order was ready. During the conversation it became apparent that the young lady was the daughter of one Colonel Chopra. This name was familiar to Shyama, and she suddenly realized that Colonel Chopra had been the client of her grandfather, Pandit Dina Nath Fotedar – a renowned lawyer of his times. She wanted to confirm it from the lady who had come to the shop to pick up her order. Both the ladies exchanged some niceties, and Ms. Chopra invited her to visit the hotel Hiland owned by her father.

When the gentle man, the shop owner, heard that Shyama was the grand-daughter of Pandit Dina Nath Fotedar, he said, “Oh, you are

the grand-daughter of Pandit Dina Nath Fotedar. Wait till I finish processing her order. I have to tell you a story about Pandit ji.” And, he got busy with Ms. Chopra.

Shyama became little worried and nervous too. She was not sure what story the Shop owner had to tell her.

Pandit Dina Nath Fotedar was a self made person. He lost his mother when he was twelve. When his mother was at death bed, he promised her that he will look after his younger siblings. He started taking tuitions of children to earn money and run the household. At the same time, he studied himself. He would read under the street lamp post to save oil. He was a strict disciplinarian, honest and fair person. He was socially conscious, and was involved in many social activities along with his like-minded friends.

Pandit ji started his career as teacher in the Department of Education of the J & K State. Subsequently, he was promoted to the post of Head Master / Principal and then to the post of Inspector of Schools. He used to visit the remote areas of the state and motivate students (particularly those from low castes) for higher studies. He would help these students financially also. Some of these students from backward remote areas were later very well placed in Government Departments of the state.

Dina Nath ji was a staunch supporter of Hindutava and hard core Muslims hated him for

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that. It was because of Muslim politics, he had to resign from his government job. At that time, the government jobs were the only source of livelihood, particularly for Kashmiri Pandits. He had to think about an alternative source of earning. So, at the age of 50, he took admission in Lucknow University and studied law. He subsequently became a lawyer of repute, and had clientele ranging from poor Muslim peasants to people like Col. Chopra. Shyama was nervous because she did not know what a Muslim shop owner will say about her grandfather, who had reputation of being a strong supporter of Hindutava and which did not go down well with many Muslim politicians of that time.

Finally, the shop owner started with his story about Pandit Dina Nath Fotedar. It seems that he was teacher in a school, where Pandit ji happened to be the Principal. One day, the teacher (Muslim shop owner) came late to the school. This angered Dina Nath ji, who was a strict disciplinarian and did not even spare his Son in law for being late to work when he was working as a lawyer. He transferred the teacher (shop owner) to some remote village school. The Muslim teacher was very disgruntled about it. He found it very hard to walk through forests and negotiate streamlets to reach the school. He did not want to continue with this job and ultimately resigned from the same.

It was the time when the World War II was in progress. The British Army needed molten iron to make cannon balls to be used in the war. Many people in the valley engaged in the

business of selling to British Army molten iron obtained from melting nails. These traders would hoard the molten iron and then sell the same to British at huge margins. This was a lucrative business at those times.

Seeing potential to earn a lot of money in this line of business, the erstwhile teacher also engaged in this business. This way he amassed a lot of money. But, he was later arrested for hoarding essential material, and produced in the court. There he saw Pandit Dina Nath Fotedar in a Black Coat as a prosecutor lawyer. He got goose bumps. Pandit ji too recognized the gentle man, and came near him. Pandit ji advised him that one can earn money (may not be huge amount) honestly too, and that he can help him to get released with very mild sentence provided he promised to follow the path of honesty thereafter. The erstwhile Muslim School teacher was released and in turn he kept his promise to lead an honest life. He established a successful and honest business in the valley and in other parts of the world.

This was *Kashmiryat*, where the two people did not allow their strong identification with their own faiths come in the way of following the basic tenets of morality and fairness. This story of *Kashmiryat* and many such other stories were lost and became redundant on 19 January 1990, when the last straw of *Kashmiryat* was burnt down by those who were completely ceased by fanatic mindset and annihilated the existence of Kashmir Pandit community from their own ancestral land.

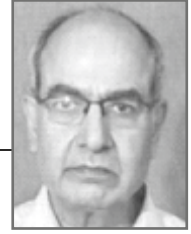
Events of the Month

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| Sankat Niwaran Chaturthi | 12th Feb 2020 |
| Hora Ashtami | 16th Feb 2020 |
| Shivaratri (Herath) | 20th Feb 2020 |
| Dooen Amavasya | 23rd Feb 2020 |
| Kumar Shashti | 29th Feb 2020 |
| Teal Ashtami | 2nd March 2020 |
| Purnima (Holi) | 9th March 2020 |

Note Panchak Starts on 22nd Feb 2020 and ends on 27th Feb 2020



- Dr. Upinder K. Zutshi



Why No General Upheaval Against Our Plight

In the January issue of Naad the Editor has expressed his anguish that “The three decades of Kashmiri Hindu genocide has not yet woken up the Indians as it seems their lives do not matter to the countrymen”. Before this Colonel Tej K. Tikoo in his “Kashmir: Its Aborigines and their Exodus” has also expressed the same sentiment when he says that “The indifference of general public [in India towards the forced exodus of Hindus from Kashmir] cannot be explained”. On the contrary I find it pretty simple to understand and explain.

I do not have to take much of your time and space to explain the attitude of Muslims in rest of India. They are sympathetic to the “cause” of Kashmiri Muslims. Hence they can easily overlook what has been done to Kashmiri Pandits. That is evident from their reaction to the virtual abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution by the Parliament. That they continue to live in India after the partition of the country does not matter much and not negate the basic fact that it is they on whose behest Pakistan was created by Mohammed Ali Jinnah. The territories which came to constitute the Pakistani State were not eager and enthusiastic initially for the partition of the country and creation of Pakistan.

So far as the Hindus in general are concerned they are from time immemorial divided into different Castes. It is the caste which matters to them and not the so called “Hindus”. In fact unlike the concept of Umma amongst Muslims across the world the notion of being Hindu is not intrinsic to their perception and understanding of their self identity. Look to the self perception of Hindus in Kashmir. They perceive themselves to be Brahmins – that is a caste identity and not religious one. This is

despite the fact that some Hindus from Kashmir boast of the fact that “they don’t believe in Casteism and hence have no castes”. That is self delusion. What is the division between Karkun Pandits, Gour and “Buhirs”?

Now coming to the question of behavior of remaining of Hindu population in rest of India. We carry the negative baggage of what Brahmins in different parts of India are perceived to have done to the different castes amongst “Other Backward Classes” and “Scheduled Castes” historically. Upper castes and Brahmins in particular are perceived to have been responsible for their poor plight. Just have a look at what some thinkers have to say in the context of caste in India. For example one can look at what Jyotirao Phule a social reformer from Maharashtra or E. V. Ramaswami popularly known as Periyar in Tamil Nadu have to say about it. Also what Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the architect of Indian Constitution has to say. The latter was frustrated to the great extent about the question of caste among Hindus and the practice of untouchability against the scheduled castes i.e. the Dalits that he led his followers into Buddhism. It should be an eye opener that prior to 1931 Muslim upsurge in Jammu and Kashmir Dalits in Jammu Province were not permitted to enter places of worship, the temples. What Swami Vivekanand has to say about the condition of the downtrodden lower caste historically is also revealing. It is the Brahmins who are considered to have legitimized the practice of hereditary division into hierarchy of castes. A Dalit contemporary of mine in Jawaharlal Nehru University said once that how could not Muslim invaders rule India for centuries when one fourth of the population

(Dalits) had been reduced into being untouchables. How can we expect this segment of Indian population to have empathy for our plight. To my mind caste has been the biggest bane of Indian society and Hindus in particular. The word Hindu has been coined by outsiders from Middle East for us and not we ourselves. We identify ourselves in terms of caste and keep by and large confined to it. How do we then expect empathy and concern from rest of India towards Kashmiri Pandits. Vedas had proposed division of people into Varnas in terms of functions in society. There could be movement of individuals across Varnas. But we perverted the principle into creation of hereditary hierarchical endogamous divisions of the society. The ridiculous extent to which we can

be explained by the fact that Kashmiri Hindus who came out of Kashmir prior to 1990 proudly proclaim that they are not migrants thereby meaning that post-1990 migrants happen to be of different stock and inferior people. To put the whole thing poignantly, I believe, that those of our younger generation who marry outside caste and produce mixed progeny can expect and claim empathy for themselves tomorrow from others as Hindus.

The less said about Liberals like Manish Tiwari of Indian National Congress or Dr. Farooq Abdullah of All J&K National Conference the better. They are busy in seeking and consolidating their vote banks amongst Muslims and hold the then Governor Jagmohan responsible for our exodus.

MARTYRS OF JIHAD IN KASHMIR

February List of Martyrs

Team NAAD pays homage to the martyrs who were brutally killed by Jihadis in Kashmir which eventually led to the ethnic cleansing of Kashmiri Pandit's from their Homeland. The list given below is not comprehensive. We request community members, friends and relatives of victims to share with us the details of martyrs so that a list is constantly updated. Due to the violent & disturbed conditions prevailing in Kashmir during the initial phase of militancy, there may be some discrepancies prevailing in the information given below.

| SR. NO | NAME | LOCATION | KILLING DATE |
|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 01 | Sh. Ramesh Kumar Thusoo | Trehgam, Kupwara | 01.02.1990 |
| 02 | Sh. Satish Kumar Tikoo | Karfali Mohalla, Srinagar | 02.02.1990 |
| 03 | Sh. Tej Krishen Razdan | Gawakadal, Srinagar | 12.02.1990 |
| 04 | Sh. Rattan Lal | Srinagar | 13.02.1990 |
| 05 | Sh. Lassa Koul | Bemina, Srinagar | 13.02.1990 |
| 06 | Sh. Anil Bhan | Kanikadal, Srinagar | 16.02.1990 |
| 07 | Sh. Ashok Qazi | Tankipora, Srinagar | 23.02.1990 |
| 08 | Sh. Moti Singh | Kathua | 27.02.1990 |
| 09 | Sh. Naveen Saproo | Habbakadal, Srinagar | 27.02.1990 |
| 10 | Sh. P.L.Foteadar | Bijebehara, Anantanag | 28.02.1990 |
| 11 | Sh. Ashok Kumar | | 04.02.2000 |
| 12 | Sh. Unshoo | | 04.02.2000 |
| 13 | Sh. Veer Ji | | 04.02.2000 |

ploy. Here, she is confronted by a hostile assemblage of villagers, including many sporting flowing white beard, the symbol of their pious religiosity. She is bullied into accepting most unfair terms and made to part with her land by those very elders who were supposed to be fair to her. What is even worse, after paying her one installment, the buyer does not pay her any more installments, as agreed upon in the gathering. As she neither has the resources nor the strength to continue pursuing the case, she gives up the fight; receiving only Rs. 3 Lakhs for her land whose market value is Rs 33 lakhs. Incidentally, this did not happen in 1990, but in 2010, twenty years after the exodus in 1990.

Another story recounts the turmoil in which Satish finds himself due to bouts of depression and anxiety that he suffers intermittently. Satish is a survivor of Nadimarg. To recapitulate briefly, the Jihadi militants carried out a brutal massacre of Kashmiri Pandits, who had preferred to stay back in the valley after 1989-90 exodus of the community. The planned murder of 24 Kashmiri Pandits was carried out in the dead of night (2.30 A.M) on 23 March, 2003, thirteen years after the exodus. Those killed included 11 men, 11 women and 2 children. Satish was one of the lucky (or as Satish would call himself, unlucky) survivors. However, the incident left him scarred for life, with images of that horrible massacre appearing in front of his eyes, as if the whole macabre event was happening right then. For any doctor, Satish would have been another patient, to be treated for manifest symptoms of depression and anxiety; but not for Dr Chowdhury. On learning that Satish was a Nadimarg survivor and an eye witness to those horrible happenings, the doctor speaks to him with utmost care, tact and empathy; in the process, gaining his confidence and trust. Gradually, Satish's diffidence is broken and he unburdens himself of all the pent-up emotions that he had accumulated within himself. Satish shares many personal details with his doctor that helps the latter to cure him of his malady and tell us his tragic story.

In another story, the author brings out the deep-rooted fears based on superstitions (or in the context of some), faith in the supernatural. In 'Nagraj's wish', Dr Chowdhury relates how a series of coincidences were interpreted by the protagonist of the story, Dr Sharma, as a significant message from the almighty, which the former must act upon for his own good. In this case, the messenger is a cobra with a raised body and a royally-spread hood, appearing at crucial moments, when the former is in the process of finalizing an important deal. To anyone else, the appearance of a cobra, particularly in the rough, rocky and scrubby terrain of Jammu region, might be a normal occurrence; but for Dr Sharma, it was not so. Acting on the message which Dr Sharma interprets according to his own volition, relieves him of what could otherwise be the harbinger of something unwanted.

Quite a few stories in the book date back to decades before our exodus. These stories retain their relevance even today. One such story is a heart-wrenching tale of an unfortunate young woman, whom the fate seems to have particularly chosen for receiving cruel blows at regular intervals in her life, right till the end; from pre-exodus days to many years after our exodus. The story brings out the base instincts of human nature, as displayed by Dulari's close relatives. The author rightly says in the beginning of this story, "The tragic tale needs to be told to remind us of destiny's unseen hands twisting and turning our lives at its will, leaving us with little control over ourselves." This story is so powerful and tragic that the reader can barely prevent his eyes from moistening.

The present volume is a collection of twenty-two short stories, occupying 275 pages in

»» CAREER OPTIONS IN INDIA

Career is defined as 'A particular occupation for which one is trained'. We understand it's far-reaching impact and its scope, even more, better, than we have ever realised. This scenario wasn't evident in ancient times, nobody cared about career, everybody was happy with whatever profession they were pursuing. Industrialization and the growth of education in the global economy, made us realise the importance of career and how one can plan a career. Thus, in times when we could think of being just a 'doctor', 'Engineer' or a 'Lawyer', a new breed of careers cropped up in the 21st century. Now, we have more career options than we ever had before and these choices have provided us with unlimited opportunities to choose a career. On the flip side, so many choices perplex one's mind as to 'What career one should pursue?'. To add to the woes of the prospective candidate, various breakthroughs in science and technology have introduced 'Never Heard of' specializations and their consequent careers.

The importance of choosing the right career is the most complicated one. There are professions which are 'In Demand' and those which are 'Not in Demand'. These 'In Demand' professions are lucrative and their opposing counterpart isn't. Here, it becomes easy for one to choose a career which is obvious - 'In Demand' ones. For most of us, money matters the most when it comes to pursuing a career. However, some of us are passionate about what we do and we follow our instincts rather than our convictions. And, there are some who will curb their aspired desires to follow those which provide more money in the pocket. Such professionals might not become as successful as they should be, they might not be as efficient as their job requires them to be and even if they achieve success, it is achieved at the cost of their real aspirations. Then there are those of us who are in a state of confusion, which careers to choose? Who to look for guidance and information? It is here that our role comes into place, as the foremost objective of this section is based on guiding you in the best possible way and the cheapest too!

»» AFTER SCHOOL CAREERS

After school careers can be referred to those which can be followed upon completing one's schooling,

mostly after higher school or secondary school education, in other words, careers which one can pursue before graduation. Here we aren't dealing with just summer jobs or selling lemonades but we are viewing a larger picture. Students who wish to pursue a career immediately after their school can opt for various professions depending upon their skills and interests. These are convenient and in certain sense and cases profitable careers as compared to graduation based careers. Convenient careers aren't necessarily the easiest ones, they require as much hard work or even more, which graduates will pursue. They are convenient in the sense that they can be achieved after passing out of school as they don't require graduation. The profitability of an after-school career is based largely on an individuals' proficiency. Depending upon this proficiency, one may earn as much as a graduate or postgraduate professional.

Why do students opt for 'After School Careers'?

There are a variety of reasons why many students go for 'After School Careers'. These have been explained below :

- ❖ Poor in Studies: Many people aren't good in studies even though they have high IQ. Constant nagging and embarrassments at school force them to pursue a career upon completion of schooling rather than hanging a few years more in college for bearing insults.
- ❖ Lack or Shortage of Funds: Most of the students who are eager to earn as early as possible are the ones who go for such careers. The cause of their eagerness is the financial constraints which force them to look for a job rather than study at college.
- ❖ Experience: There are certain individuals who want 'First-hand Job Experience'. The reasons can be varied, some of which could be planning for a greater position upon graduation nationally or internationally. In some cases, it could be simply because of resume weight age or simply ambitious attitude.
- ❖ Early Start: People who don't have jobs are mostly looked down upon even when they have just completed school. It becomes a prestige issue for many and they want to be known as employed rather than being tagged as 'Unemployed'. So a job

immediately after school is the immediate answer to the society.

❖ **Enough Education:** Candidates who are tired of studying and feel burdened with the monotonous regime of education opt for such careers. For them, school education is enough education. They are least bothered about graduation.

❖ **A Sense of Independence:** After completing school there are many of us who have the view that they have lived enough with their parents and it's time to move on. For many of them, it is riddance from family chores and freedom from authority. They want to explore and carve a niche for themselves and stand on their feet and be independent financially as well as socially.

❖ **Source for College Fees:** Schooling in various schools is free but not necessarily in colleges. The college education can be expensive if it is to be studied in a reputed college. This becomes a source of motivation for those determined to make it their chosen college.

❖ **Peer Pressure:** Sometimes students tend to follow their friends. They observe that certain students are earning and they aren't. It is here that they indirectly get pressurised into getting a job. In other cases, they might be teased upon for not having an occupation even if it is part-time.

»» **COMMON AFTER SCHOOL CAREERS**

❖ **Sales Representative :** One of the easiest career a student can pursue is that of a Sales Representative. Getting a job of Sales Representative is easy but then again it is not an easy career path but if pursued with the right attitude and techniques one can reach the top level in a matter of time.

»» **FREELANCE WRITER**

❖ If you have mastery over English and penchant for creative writing you are the appropriate candidate for becoming a freelance writer. With experience, one can work with various publications and earn a good amount for just one piece of work. It is not essential that you have a degree in English or journalism to become a Freelance Writer.

»» **ANIMATOR**

❖ The booming animation industry is the hotspot for those desirous of becoming an animator. Though basic computer knowledge is a must, it is not necessary to have a college degree to pursue this career. All you need is vivid imagination and the ability to apply it to the required medium.

❖ **Graphic Artist :** This is also another creative career path for artistically inclined individuals. Graphic artists need a good visualisation and creativity to portray their clients need.

»» **COMMERCIAL PILOT**

❖ Commercial Pilot is another area where the skills are more important than the qualifications, even though qualification is more of a formality. This is because most pilot academies require high schooling as a pre-requisite and in the end, it is the amount of flight experience which counts the most.

»» **ELECTRICIAN**

❖ As long as electrical appliances are being used, Electricians will never run out of jobs and subsequent cash. There are various diplomas and training courses which require only basic schooling or high schooling to become an Electrician.

❖ **Disc Jockey:** Disc Jockey is another convenient and profitable career, especially for those who have an 'Ear for Music'. Here the passion becomes a profession as well. Moreover, one can also release his/her music album after a considerable period of experience.

»» **RADIO JOCKEY**

❖ Private radio are in vogue with even educational institutes having their own channels, the career of a Radio Jockey is both profitable and in demand. All one needs is a good voice and a short term course.

»» **CALL CENTRE EXECUTIVE**

❖ Call centres offers career opportunities for fresh candidates who have just passed their high school or senior secondary school. BPO's have been setting up their businesses in Asian countries as it is cost effective. Though some ask for graduation there are many which need 10+2 pass out's.

❖ **Sportsperson:** Excelling in a sport and especially those which are a magnet for money is in itself a career for which even an illiterate can carve out a future. Sports are a skill which mostly doesn't require academic capabilities.

❖ Though one can get a job after completing school it isn't essential that one should necessarily acquire these just because they can be or because they are available.

Jobs at this level of education will not fetch as much money as a higher education degree would. There are exceptions to this fact but largely it is a universally applicable fact. So it is always wise to go for higher education as it will not only provide a high level of income, high stature but also a high level of intellect as well.

»» **MOST PROFITABLE & POPULAR CAREER OPTIONS**

When it comes to the most profitable careers, there

is a slight change in the past and present. The conventional careers i.e. Doctor, Engineer, Teacher and Lawyers, still hold their ground but the IT sector is growing at an enormous pace. Present and future careers require computerization as the new technology is superior to its conventional counterpart. For this reason Information Technology based careers are here to stay. The conventional careers are still the most pursued as they are 'Need-Based'.

However, it is not necessary that the most profitable careers will be the most pursued, for example not everyone prefers to join politics or be a government contractor. People at large, are dependent on conventional professionals as they have become an essential part of their lives. Society at large requires diseases to be cured, children to be educated, construction to be done and legal hassles to deal with. At some point of time or the other and in some cases even more often, we require the services of these professionals. So whether the economy is down or up, these careers continue to remain unaffected as they are essential for the effective functioning of any authority at any level.

❖ **Health Care** : Healthcare careers have always been the most pursued and why not? The first and foremost reason being that these are highly paid and esteemed. A variety of healthcare professions are emerging while some have been established themselves as specialised ones. Doctors and other related professionals will never run out of the job as health is one thing which is going to get affected one day or another courtesy sedentary lifestyles and environmental damage.

❖ **Energy** : All the businesses and other activities require energy and who can imagine a life without electricity. With rising need for energy and alternate sources of energy, there is ample scope for engineers and other specialists who deal with energy. That is why this technological field is counted amongst the most profitable.

❖ **Education** : Careers are themselves based on education and if you don't have the proper qualifications you will end up unemployed or underpaid. Education empowers us in many ways and the only way to get empowered is through schools. Apart from the children, there are adults who want to pursue their leftover studies or those who seek higher education. Teachers, lecturers', trainers etc. will thus be always required to educate the public.

❖ **Information Technology**: Information Technology is the new 'Buzz Word' amongst those

who are career wary. Computing at all levels is being done to produce efficiency and effectiveness. A lot of business and communication is conducted on the Internet as it is fast and convenient. People today shop sitting at their homes and organise virtual meetings using IT resources. Today Information Technology is encompassing all aspects of our lives. Its functioning and maintenance are thus essential, making the IT careers profitable and popular ones.

❖ **Pharmaceuticals** : Medicines and other related products will always be used as long as doctors prescribe them. Even if one is not taking a prescribed medicine, one still takes off-the-shelf medicines. Every day tonnes of medicines are produced and those involved in its manufacturing, packaging, distribution etc. will also never run out of business as once again this a need-based career.

❖ **Law** : Every organisation small or big have legal advisors to deal with various legal matters. Then there are disputes, criminal activities, offences and a host of other activities for which legal skills are required to resolve them.

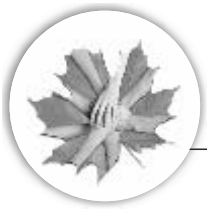
❖ **Food** : Food is a basic necessity for the proper functioning of the body. Recession or no recession, we need those calories to 'Make it through the day'. We cannot ignore hunger for long and snacks have become a part of our daily lives. Food industry will also remain amongst the most profitable and pursued careers.

❖ **Accounting** : There are something's in life which cannot be avoided - death and taxes are the two most inevitable things which will catch up with you, sooner or later. And who keeps an account of these and their consequent activities, the answer is obvious. Rising costs and recession makes companies desperate for more cost-saving measures and checks expenses.

❖ **Government Contracting** : Not everyone is aware of this career and even those who are aware find it too boring. But like it or not Government Contractors earn a lot and a single project is enough to make their years financially, easy. All the civic amenities are always needed and so is its maintenance. Bridges, roads, construction etc. have to be done and contracting your work out for government functions is a very secure career.

❖ **Politics** : Politics is not the most popular but it is amongst the most profitable. Call a 'Dirty Game' or whatever, politicians will always be around. The government is in fact run by them and even if there is a recession, Public officials still continue to earn a good sum of money. Even after retirement, they continue to get the pension.

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AIKS AGM 2019: Report

The AGM which was originally scheduled to be held on 21st December 2019 had to be postponed due to the uncertain situation prevailing in Delhi at that time and was finally held on 1st February 2020 at Jawahar Lal Nehru National Youth Centre, New Delhi.

The meeting commenced with a one minute silence when members stood to pay homage to a large number of Community members, AIKS Life Members and National leaders who, left their mortal frame for Vaikunth since the last AGM. These were Prof. O N Koul, Prof. B N Kalla, Sh. M L Hashia, Prof. M K Teng, Sh. A N Kaul Sahib, Sh. A K Dewani, Sh. M K Kaw, Sh. M L Koul, Sh. Mohan Lal Sar, Sh. Anant Kumar, Sh. Atal Behari Bajpai, Sh. Madan Lal Khurana, Sh. Arun Jaitley, Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Sh. George Fernandes and Sh. Manohar Parikar.

The General Secretary then proceeded with the meeting as per the Agenda.

Confirmation of the minutes of Last AGM hold on 10th December 2017

The minutes were read and adopted after confirmation.

Opening remarks of President, Col. Tej K Tikoo

While welcoming those who were participating, particularly those who travelled from outside NCR, he felt sad for those who could not participate due to some difficulties encountered by them. He emphasised that KP community must maintain focus on our land of ancestors, Kashmir, despite the low emotional connect of the younger generation who were born after 1990. We must compel the Government to take us back and maintain the momentum on for our return, he opined. Despite Government apathy

our community has worked hard and survived with dignity. For our return the GoI must take responsibility to ensure no further exodus. The tag 'Migrant' has been attributed to us wrongly whereas we are IPD's or refugees in our own land.

He then proceeded to give historical background about formation of AIKS, which is a loose confederation of affiliates where AIKS main role is to provide strategic direction based on feedback received from affiliates. He mentioned about AIKS performing multiple programmes to keep KP aspirations alive.

He brought the attention of the audience to an inherent weakness in the AIKS structure emanating from lack of any physical asset with the organisation. Though creating an asset like land & building would have been easier in years gone by when eminent KPs were holding very powerful positions, he said that AIKS is still taking steps to find means to create a revenue generating asset.

Activity report by Gen Sec

Next the General Secretary read out report of activities undertaken since last AGM. The text of the said report is carried elsewhere in this edition of the publication.

Approval of Audited Accounts

The Treasurer, Sh. Sanjay Sapru next presented the audited report and balance sheet for the years 2017-18 & 2018-19 which were adopted after approved.

The body also approved reappointment of Auditors M/s KS Gupta & Co. whose term expired and are eligible for reappointment.

The treasurer then made a PPT presentation on the financial health of your

organization giving details of source of income & expenditure. A healthy debate followed where large number of members participated. It was concluded to make AIKS publications, NAAD & Vaakh, viable with active support of affiliates through donations, advertisements, increase in membership both individual & organizations etc. They supported creation of a corpus fund by AIKS to strengthen its sustainability and suggested ways & means be found to achieve this objective.

Shakti Nagar Project

Background about this decades old project was presented. The legal agreement executed in November 2006 between AIKS & Kashur Sumchar (KS) was explained, whereby the project is operated through a Joint Management Committee (JMC) formed as per terms & condition of the agreement. This JMC is reconstituted whenever there is change in leadership either at AIKS or KS.

Following change in leadership, a meeting was held on 24th November 2018, where several members of both organisations met at AIKS office. It was here that KS raised several issues concerning the existing agreement signed by both organizations. Since many core issues were raised, AIKS sought a written note from KS about their concerns which would have to be presented at AGM for consideration.

The change desired by KS being very substantive in nature, they impact the basic tenants of the existing agreement.

A comparative note was placed before the members attending the AGM, which highlight terms of the existing agreement and proposed changes sought by KS were circulated in simple terms to make it understood.

After detailed deliberations on the issue, the members passed the following resolutions:

‘RESOLVED’ that the changes proposed by managing committee of KS dilute the basic essence of the agreement of 6th Nov 2006 entered between AIKS & KS. These changes are unacceptable and therefore, rejected.

Further ‘RESOLVED’ that KS will immediately provide names of their new nominees to AIKS, so that JMC is constituted as per terms of existing agreement, dated 06th Nov 2006, to carry forward the project to attain the basic objectives for which KS was established.

The President was authorised to take suitable action on the above based decisions.

AIKS Trust

Members were informed of the discussion at the Executive Committee meeting held on 14th July, 2018 regarding this issue. Many Senior Executive members, including S/Shri. M K Kaw, former President AIKS, A N Kaul 'Sahib', B B Dhar, C L Gadoo, had expressed in this meeting that AIKS Trust was formed by AIKS way back in 1993 and had paid the seed money for its formation at that stage. For many years AIKS Trust was part of AIKS but efforts were made many years back to separate the two bodies. It was reiterated that AIKS Trust should be brought back under the fold of AIKS so that confusion existing in the minds of the community on this account be set to rest.

On the demand of some members, the participants were informed about the sequence of events after Sh. M K Kaw relinquished his responsibility. Members expressed dissatisfaction at the sudden closure of Remedial Classes midway which were helping needy students of Jagti Township, who otherwise travelled to Jammu City for tuitions. They sought to know reason for abrupt stoppage.

The members taking into consideration the basic purpose for which AIKS Trust was formed and its journey since inception, unanimously approved and authorised President AIKS to take all necessary steps to seek merger of AIKS Trust with the parent body AIKS. Thus, they said, the objectives for which the Trust was established would be fulfilled.

Approval of New Life Members

A list of 60 members who have sought new life membership of AIKS was tabled and this was approved. AIKS welcomes these members and seeks their active participation.

Changes in the Constitution of AIKS

The proposed changes sought to be made were tabled and following conclusions were made:

1. Vice Presidents : Number of Vice Presidents currently limited to 15 will be modified and will be decided by the President as required. A minimum of one Vice President will be from our overseas affiliates.

2. Senior Vice President: AIKS shall have one “Senior Vice President” at all times.

3. Secretaries: There will be two joint Secretaries in place of three.

4. Secretary Youth Wing: There will be only one Youth Wing Secretary for Global Youth Coordination (GenNext).

5. Secretary Women Wing: There will be only one Secretary Woman Wing to cover global activities.

6. Clause 10: The present condition of holding AGM alongwith the election to the post of President AIKS, has been found to be out of sync with time and suffers from great flaws. Therefore clause 10 will have to be recast.

Suitable changes will be incorporated in the election process as existing in the constitution of AIKS. The President shall be elected by the use of ballot papers to be put into a ballot box on the date/time/venue to be decided by the Returning Officer.

The president was authorised to form a committee to suggest election process and secure approval as per rules.

Suggestions & Comments

All the members actively participated in the proceedings. Main comments made are recorded below:

Dr. S K Handoo

To enhance corpus amount, he agreed that AIKS need to develop revenue generating assets for sustainability of organisation. He suggested approaching Govt authorities for suitable land preferably in NCR. His other suggestions were to prepare global directory of the community, amendment to the AIKS constitution to make it socio political organisation and affiliates authorise AIKS to give political statement on behalf of community. He suggested digital upload of all records electronically.

Dr. M K Kaul

He suggested young writers should be encouraged to write for Naad. Further he suggested that funds should be raised by enlisting advertisements, sponsors and supported increasing membership.

On Shakti Nagar his view was that KS was a daughter organisation of AIKS and appealed for joint working by both KS & AIKS. He desired that the two organisations should sit together to sort out problems, if any. Intervening

here, President AIKS stated that KS was willing to extend all help keeping in view the sentiments expressed by members attending AGM.

Dr. Umesh Moza

He suggested all rates for Naad, affiliate fee, membership fee for Life members & Patrons be increased. His suggestion was supported but Life membership was decided at Rs. 5000/- only.

Sh. R k Kaul

AIKS was doing social service at good level. He proposed that free Naad should be stopped for both Life & Patron members and should be paid by them like others.

Sh. A K Wattal

He favoured call to make AIKS a socio political organisation and revise constitution accordingly. He recalled that all affiliates had voluntarily joined AIKS and they must support it all ways for it to be the apex organisation. He demanded all affiliates to mention their being affiliates of AIKS on their letter head as done by Ambala Sabha.

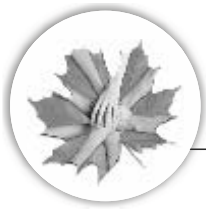
He also pointed out to anomalies in rules of PM Scholarships provided to J&K students and wanted these scholarships to be provided to all wards of the community studying in J&K or outside of it. He wanted resolution of issues related to Shakti Nagar and AIKS Trust.

Dr. Shakun Malik

She spoke at length about KoA working mechanism and their contribution to community in field of education and health. KoA was established in 1980 as a social organisation and has elected president every two years and focuses on transparency.

She explained how KoA youth members presently over 500 in numbers, are currently advocating against disinformation about Kashmir and India post revocation of article 370. She also spoke about desire of KP youth from USA to participate in social work as interns in USA and in Jammu.

M K Pajan
General Secretary, AIKS



General Secretary Report Presented at Annual General Body Meeting on 01st February 2020

Hon'ble Members of General Body,

I am pleased to present the General Secretary's report covering the period since last GBM held on 10th December 2017 for your kind consideration.

Before presenting the details, I would like to commemorate enormous contribution made by the stalwarts of AIKS to the growth and progress of the organization and consolidating its role as the apex organization of the community, across the globe.

During the period under review, the main activities of AIKS are reported as follows:

1. Civil Writ Petition of AIKS

You are aware that AIKS had filed a petition against the Govt of India and others in Supreme Court of India under Article 32 of the constitution in the year 2006. The Supreme Court heard the petition on several occasion. However, the case dragged on for a decade.

In 2016, the bench consisting of Chief Justice T.S. Thakur, Justice Mrs. R. Bhanumati and Justice U.U. Lalit on 4th March, 2016 passed an order to transfer the petition to Jammu Bench of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir. The Chief Justice of the High Court was requested to create an appropriate bench so that the same is disposed of expeditiously.

To plead the case, AIKS requested prominent lawyers at Jammu to take up this case. It is heartening to state that some prominent lawyers offered their services spontaneously and voluntarily. Consequently a team of senior

advocates, comprising of Sh. P.N Raina, Sh. P.N Goja, Sh. Virender Bhat and Sh. Kashmiri Lal Bhat (Nodal Officer for the case) was formed.

During the course of the hearing, the court passed an order seeking status report from J&K Govt, pertaining to the distress sale and encroachments of their properties in the Valley. During review of the case on 17th December 2018, it was reported that no response had been received from the State Govt in response to the order passed by them. On the request of the State, more time was granted for the reply. Keeping in view the callous and insensitive attitude of the Divisional Commission of Kashmir for not filing the report despite being given several opportunities, the Hon'ble Court passed an order on 06 May, 2019, with a fine of Rs. 20,000/-, giving a final chance for submission of the details.

Ultimately, the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, submitted a reply in May, 2019, wherein they provided district-wise details of complaints/grievances, received and redressed, encroachments made and number of alienations that have been executed. Complete details were published in October 2019 issue of Naad.

According to the information submitted to the court, large chunks of land are lying un alienated in the names of Kashmiri Pandit owners even now.

Our lawyers are analyzing the details submitted by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, to the court to decide on the future course of action.

At the same time, AIKS made efforts to compile details of properties left behind by community members during 1989-90 complying with provisions of distress sale under 1997 Act and sought such information from community members. There was positive response from community against our appeal and the information collected will be utilised at various forums in future including the court case.

I would also like to place on record the sincere efforts put in by our Vice Presidents at Jammu Sh AK Raina and Sh Vijay Kashkari maintaining close follow with our team of lawyers and providing them guidance from time to time.

2. Revocation of Article 370 and 35A of Constitution

The Govt of India took the bold decision to neutralize Article 370 and article 35A of the Constitution of India, alongwith bifurcation of Jammu & Kashmir State into two Union Territories, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir (with Legislature) and Union Territory of Ladakh (without Legislature).

A number of individuals have approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to set aside the August 6, 2019, order of Govt of India, to nullify Article 370 & 35A of the Indian Constitution. The Apex Court has decided to refer the matter to the Constitution Bench.

AIKS has sought intervention in the matter to dismiss writ petition challenging the constitutional validity of the 2019 order and the 2019 Act. The application filed through Advocate Anatha Narain MG has been admitted in the SC, where the matter came up for hearing on 10 December, 2019. We are closely following up the matter.

3. Important Events held during this Period :

a) International Mother Tongue Day

This annual event is celebrated by the Centre of Kashmiri Language, Literature and Culture (CKLLC) of AIKS on 21st February every year to coincide with the preservation of Mother Tongue celebrated world over on this day. It is pertinent to mention that the UNO decided in 1999 to celebrate IMT Day globally.

IMT Day 2018 was organised at an impressive function in Navin Public School at

Nagrota, Jammu where veteran poet Sh. Prem Nath Shad was the chief guest and those who participated included Prof. AN Sadhu, Sh Santosh Shah Nadan, Sh. MK Bangroo and large number of stalwarts and number of children who were made aware of the necessity of preserving their identity through the preservation of their language and culture. On the occasion Sh. Brij Nath Betab made introductory remarks and gave detailed idea of how to preserve our mother tongue.

On 21st February 2019, the day was observed at a function at Kashyap Rishi Bhawan, Sec 34, Noida, which was attended by many writers, linguists and people keenly connected with the preservation and promotion of Kashmiri Language as our mother tongue. Speakers recalled the efforts made through publications about our displacement from Kashmir in the form of poetry, short stories, novels, biographies etc. it was also recalled that conscious effort was made by certain vested elements to marginalize the Kashmiri Language, literature and culture and promote Urdu. The efforts made by AIKS by creating CKLLC, chaired by Late. Prof Omkar Koul, were applauded and publication of VAAKH, Special Editions on "Poems of Lal Ded" and Nund Reshi" and "Kashmiri Cultural Reader" came for special mention. Dr. Mohan Lal Sar, a renowned writer was the Chief guest of the function. The famous writer, producer and broadcaster Shri. A K Rehbar was felicitated by offering shawls and bouquets by the President AIKS, Col. (Retd.) Tej K Tikoo and KMWA, Sh. Kamal Hak. The others who spoke on the occasion were Sh. Arvind Shah, Sh. Onkar Nath Shabnam, Sh. Roshan Lal Koul and Sh. B. N. Koul Deep Ji.

The second session was of poetic symposium in which poets rendered the poems in Koshur language. The poets who presented their poems included S/Sh. Sunita Kher, Narendar Safaya, Roshan Lal Roshan, BL Koul Deep and Onkar Nath Shabnam and anchored by Smt Sunita Raina Pandita. All the participants were presented with mementos by AIKS.

b) Vilay Divas 2018

Jointly with JKVM, AIKS celebrated Vilay Divas on 26th October 2018 at Rajinder Bhawan, DDU Marg, New Delhi, to commemorate the

26th October 1947 when Maharaja Hari Singh, the ruler of the princely state of Jammu & Kashmir, signed the instrument of accession in the Union of India. On the occasion the public function was attended by special invitees which included the renowned Member of Rajya Sabha, Dr. Subramanian Swamy, former Rajya Sabha Member and well known columnist Sh. Balbir Punj and Kashmir's son of soil, Lt. Gen. P S Mehta (Retd.)

c) Balidan Divas

Kashmiri Pandits observe martyr's day on 14th September every year globally to pay homage to those who laid their lives battling terrorism in Kashmir. This annual event was held by AIKS with other organizations in 2018 and 2019 at Shaheed Bal Krishen Ganjoo Memorial Park at New Delhi, where hundreds of community men, women & children congregated to remember the Martyr's, security forces and civilians who laid down their lives while fighting the menace of terrorism. Children of the community sang bhajans and recited patriotic songs.

It is pertinent to mention that several affiliates of AIKS also paid homage to the martyrs in their respective states on this day. This included Mumbai, Lucknow, Ambala, Hyderabad, Pune, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Chandigarh & Faridabad.

On Balidan Divas 2019, a special edition of Naad was released by AIKS at the commemoration venue, the B K Ganjoo Park.

d) Holocaust Day 2019

KP Community in exile observed Holocaust Day on 19th January as it was on this day in 1990 that Lakhs of Kashmiri Pandits began to leave their mother land following Jihadi onslaught on the community.

A peaceful protest was held by AIKS jointly with JKVM and RIK where a large gathering turned up at Rajghat to highlight the atrocities perpetrated on us 29 years back through placards and posters.

On the same day at AIKS Headquarter at R K Puram in a solemn function homage was paid to the martyrs who lost their lives during that period by offering prayers in front of their photos & by lighting candles.

4. AIKS Holds Executive Body Meeting

The meeting was held on 14th July 2018 where 24 members attended the meeting. Sh. A N Kaul

'Sahib' was honoured at the occasion. A memento was presented to former President Sh. Vijay Aima on the occasion. The Executive Body debated on some issues. (Details were published in Naad)

5. Membership Fee of Affiliates.

The Executive Committee has approved revision in the membership fee of AIKS affiliates in their meeting held on 14 Jul 2018 at New Delhi as the rates had not been revised for long period of time. Revised rates are as follows:-

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| Affiliates with membership less than 100 members | Rs 500/- |
| Membership between 101 to 200 | Rs 1000/- |
| Membership between 201 to 500 | Rs 2000/- |
| Membership exceeding 501 | Rs 3000/- |
| Overseas affiliates | Rs 4000/- |

The revised affiliation fee is put up for approval before the general body.

6. AIKS Delegation Visits Jammu

A delegation led by Col. Tej K Tikoo visited Jammu during last week of December 2018 and met several organizations as listed :

- ❖ Met Trustees of Sharika Foundation Trust (SFT) at Roop Nagar where they were apprised of the work being done by them in the field of medical assistance, educational needs of children, computer training of needy students, marriage of orphan girls and provision of soft skill to young children. The team appreciated the work done by SFT who also handle distribution of scholarships for two AIKS affiliates viz. KoA, USA, who provide annual scholarship exceeding 300 students and KSS Faridabad providing 40 scholarship to the needy students on merit-cum-means basis. Both these organizations work according to a MoU executed by them with SFT.
- ❖ Visited Amar Balidan Trust to study the various social works performed by them. The team was impressed by the kind of work undertaken.
- ❖ At Jagati the team visited several centres including Orzu Gym, Mahilla Mandal, a

woman group working for upliftment of woman and children and Helpline Humanity. Team also attended the remedial classes being run by AIKS Trust at Govt. Senior Secondary School premises for the benefit of students of classes 9th & 10th.

7. AIKS Gen Next Holds Meeting at Jammu

The young executive members of AIKS held a meeting at Jammu Press Club on 24th December 2018 which was attended by over 25 youth activists, experienced professionals, journalist and youth leaders. They deliberated on critical aspects of KP community as seen through vision of youth, a first of its kind interaction.

Sh. Ajay Bharti, BJP State VP suggested AIKS to enroll more youth and collect all KP organizations under one fold so that our voice is clear and strong.

Those who participated included Sarpach Sogam Ajay Raina, Sh. Veer Saraf, Dr. Samita Bhat, Sh Kamal Warikoo, Dr Mahesh Kaul and many more. AIKS presented their views & perspective through active participation of Sh. Dalip Kaul, Vice president and leading CA, Dr Manorma Bakshi Social activist and Head women wing AIKS, Social activist Sh Sanjay Sapru, Treasurer AIKS and activist Sh Sunil Koul AIKS Secretary.

8. Prominent KP's Meeting at Jammu

A full-day interactive meeting with community leaders was held by AIKS on 25th December 2018, which was presided by Col. Tej K Tikoo (Retd.). This meeting with prominent leaders, opinion builders, journalists & Social workers was held to understand the prevailing perspective of the exiled community. About 50 members participated in this interactive meet. Main issues which came up for discussion included the need to create institutions, centers of learning, countering the wrong narrative relating to our exodus, rightful claim on our motherland, our dwindling population, problem faced by our youth employed in the valley under PM package, etc.

The members resolved to address problems which have cropped up as a result of changed circumstances, with the passage of time. Preservation of our culture & temples/shrines and the need to engage with community and government for our return and rehabilitation.

9. AIKS President as Community Speaker on Chetna Divas

Prem Nath Bhat Memorial Trust (PNBMT), which observes Chetna Divas in memory of Martyr Prem Nath Bhat on 27th December every year. On the occasion a community leader speaks about the community issues. On 27-12-2018, the community speaker was AIKS President Col. Tej K Tikoo. He spoke at length about the community issues on the occasion before a mammoth gathering.

10. Registration with Registrar of Newspapers (RNI) for Naad.

We would like to report that the requisite license fee for RNI registration for Naad had not been paid from 2014 onwards and great efforts had to be made to regularize the registration. Arrears amounting to Rs 6000/- was paid for updating the registration, now valid upto 31 Dec 2021.

In the absence of RNI registration, we could not avail of the concessional postal charges and the postal authorities cancelled our postal license with effect from Apr 2018. As a result, we had to post NAAD on payment of full postal charges (Rs 9/- per issue on an average against concessional charges of less than Rs 1/-) till the postal concession was reinstated in Aug 2019, after RNI registration could be obtained.

As a consequence, we had to incur expenditure of Rs 37,500/- towards extra postal charges for the period Apr 2018 to Aug 2019.

11. Office Premises Sanctioned to AIKS.

(a) Sarojini Nagar : As is well known, we had to vacate the premises at D-90 Sarojini Nagar consequent to the vacation notice received from Directorate of Estate, Ministry of Urban Development, as Sarojini Nagar was to be demolished. In lieu of this premises, the Department sanctioned us an alternative accommodation at 244, Sector-3, R K Puram from 21 Sep 2017. (As reported in last AGM)

We had to face a lot of hardship in settlement of the accounts with the concerned department for this premises on account of the following disputes :-

Reconciliation of accounts had not been done since initial allotment made on 22 Nov 1993. The staff of AIKS office (Hony. Capt V S Rawat) had to put in extra ordinary efforts for the past nine months to get entries verified, since

inception. Enormous difficulty was encountered to locate old records prior to 2006, when accounts were not computerized at the bank level.

After reconciliation the outstanding payment works out to Rs 1,49,334/-. The reasons for this outstanding amount is largely as follows:-

- (a) For period 01 July 2013 till 30 Jun 2017 we have deposited rent @ Rs 1539/- (rate prior to this date) against enhanced rent of Rs 3330/-.
 - (b) For period 01 Jul 2017 till 30 Sep 2017 against we continued to deposit @ Rs 1539/- against enhanced new rate of Rs 4230/-.
 - (c) Rent levied at market rate for the excess period premises was occupied by AIKS.
- (b) R K Puram :** This premises was awarded to us on 21 Sep 2017, but could be physically occupied by us only on 07 Dec 2017 as the premises was under repair/maintenance with CPWD.

Rent has been paid for the period from 07 Dec 2017 till 24 May 2019 as the allotment expired on 24th May 2019.

We have made number of representations to the Ministry of Urban Development for granting us extension beyond 24th May 2019. The deptt. has not accepted rent beyond this date. Observation made by the Dept based on our representation for extension has been replied on 05 Nov 2019 and correspondence for regularization is being followed up and we hope the desired extension shall be granted. However, this may be contingent upon clearing old dues mentioned above.

For the information of members, we have a liability towards rent beyond 24 May 2019 at Rs 4230/- per month at current lease rent.

12. AIKS Conclave Held in New Delhi

In order to assess the impact of changing situation in India, and its neighbourhood, which have a direct impact on our community, AIKS held a day long conclave at KECSS Hall on 16th March 2019 which was attended by a galaxy of participants across NCT. In the meeting, AIKS also took into consideration the past demands made to various agencies, both at state and central level, and reiterated its commitment

towards the cause of the displaced community.

During the day-long conclave over 30 delegates spoke on multiple issues facing the community. The meeting ended with passage of a resolution adopted unanimously. Key points are:-

- i. The Government must immediately constitute a Commission of Enquiry headed by a sitting judge of the Supreme Court of India to probe into the circumstances and fix responsibility for ethnic cleansing of the entire Kashmiri Pandit religious minority community from the valley in early 1989-90. It must recognize the exodus and ethnic cleansing of Kashmiri Pandits was Genocide.
- ii. Taking into consideration the violence let loose by Pakistan-sponsored, separatists-supported and religiously motivated terrorists in the valley, the only option available/acceptable for our rehabilitation in Kashmir is to create a single unit settlement of all Kashmiri Pandits. This city should be self-sufficient in terms of overall infrastructure, economic avenues, adequate land, decent accommodation, educational institutions, medical care, recreation centers, commercial infrastructures, etc.
- iii. Since political empowerment is an instrument of protecting and promoting the identity of a minority community within the body politic, a statutory provision to that effect should be institutionalized. AIKS demands adequate reservations for the community, both in the State Assembly, Parliament and in the local bodies.
- iv. To preserve the ethno-religious identity of this minuscule minority, we call upon the government, both Central and the State, to initiate necessary steps to grant 'Minority Status' to the displaced KP's.
- v. AIKS notes with concern that the members of KP community who had braved to stay on in the Valley, have lived a miserable life under the fear of gun. Their social and economic retrieval is, therefore, integral to the restitution of the community in the entirety in Kashmir. Similarly, those of our community members who are staying in

Kashmir in various camps, as part of PM Employment package, are living in very difficult conditions. Their terms and conditions of service are also draconian. AIKS demands that their living conditions be ameliorated and service conditions improved by deleting discriminatory clauses.

- vi. We call upon the government to take urgent steps to protect and preserve the age-old heritage of the community handed down in the shape of temples, Shrines and all religious institutions/symbols. The bill seeking to do that remained pending in the Legislative Assembly for various reasons and subsequently lapsed. The bill will have to be re-introduced whenever the assembly is re-constituted.
- vii. AIKS supports Prem Nath Bhat Memorial Trust (PNBMT) in its laudable efforts to have this bill passed in the Assembly despite many obstacles that the bill has encountered.
- viii. Our court case (Writ Petition (Civil) No. 534 of 2006) has come up for hearing at the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as also at the J&K State High Court. AIKS, through its dedicated & brilliant team of lawyers, will continue to fight the case with renewed vigor and determination.

13. Meetings with Leaders

a) Meeting with Home Minister

AIKS lead a delegation comprising members from AIKS, JKVM & RIK and affiliate units of AIKS and met Home Minister of India, Sh. Raj Nath Singh in Sept 2018, the meeting was also attended by MoS, Home Affair, Sh. Hansraj Ahir & Union Secretary, Sh. Rajiv Gamba.

A copy of the memorandum sent to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Sh. Narendra Modi on 14th Sept 2018, on the occasion of Balidan Divas, was presented to him.

The demands projected in the memorandum were explained in the context of genocide & subsequent exodus and the importance of ensuring that KP's are resettled in Kashmir in an honorable manner was reiterated. In his reply Sh. Raj Nath Singh said that the government was seized of the issues raised by us

and would remain in touch with the community to address them.

b) Meeting with Chief Election Commissioner

A delegation of AIKS met the members of the Election Commissioner of India on 15th March 2019, to convey the community's concern on the voting rights in respective constituencies in Kashmir, specific issues discussed were :

- ❖ Withdrawal of Form 'M' as it was cumbersome
- ❖ Relief disbursing centers in Jammu, Delhi, Udhampur etc. be designated as voting booths for registered relief holders and/or permitted to vote through secure postal ballots.
- ❖ Self attested affidavit be accepted as bonafide document for registration as a voter.
- ❖ State Election Commissioner and embassies be entrusted to enroll & casting of votes by Kashmir displaced persons.
- ❖ Special enrollment drive for persons who moved to Kashmir under PM package be launched.

The Election Commissioner was requested to treat matter urgently so as to implement decisions before 2019 Lok Sabha Election.

c) Meeting with Interlocutor, Sh. Dineshwar Sharma

AIKS delegation called on Sh. Dineshwar Sharma on 10th July 2019 at his official chambers.

The points submitted by the delegation were discussed and all enquiries raised by Interlocutor were replied to his satisfaction. Key issues for immediate action from the government are listed below :

- ❖ Safety and dignified facilities for employees under PM package.
- ❖ Passage of Temples/Shrines Bill & their restoration.
- ❖ Political empowerment to protect & preserve our identity.
- ❖ Revival of Kashmir Valley heritage centers.
- ❖ Creation of a center of Excellence at Jagti Township to mainstream our Youth.
- ❖ Rehabilitation of community in valley in "Satellite Township"

d) Meeting with Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna

AIKS delegation met Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna, National Vice President, BJP, Incharge, Jammu

& Kashmir. The delegation gave a formal introduction of AIKS, presented a copy of vision document. He was apprised of various developments in J&K State and the delegation emphasized on political empowerment to protect & preserve the unique ethnic identity of the displaced community, the dignified measures to be taken for employees engaged in PM package & passage of Temple & Shrine bill.

Sh. Khanna assured the delegation that he will take our demands to the highest level in the party.

e) Meeting with Additional Secretary MHA

A joint delegation of All India Kashmiri Samaj and JKVM met Sh. Gyanesh Kumar, the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India, on 9 Oct 2019 in his office.

The meeting essentially focused on conveying our appreciation to the Union Govt for taking the bold decision on 05, Aug 2019, which rendered Art 370 & 35A in-effective.

The delegation broadly brought to the notice of the Additional Secretary our numerous concerns, including our rehabilitation in Kashmir and passage of temples & Shrines Bill, etc, etc.

The Additional Secretary on his part briefed us on the changed scenarios post-5 Aug announcements.

It may be mentioned that the meeting touched a large number of issues broadly, without going into specifics.

14. KoA President Visits AIKS

President KoA Dr. Shakun Malik, an affiliate of AIKS, met at the AIKS office on 15th Sept 2019. Both the organizations discussed the emerging geo-political situation, post the abrogation of article 370 & 35A of the Indian Constitution. Both organizations decided to strengthen their existing bonds and work together to counter the incorrect narrative regarding recent developments in India, concerning Jammu & Kashmir, and to counter the disinformation campaign launched by vested interests globally about our exodus from Kashmir in 1989-90. Further they agreed to enhance the involvement of youth & mobilize them to work for the community matter & preservation of our culture & heritage.

15. AIKS Establishes Formal relation with HAF Hindu American Forum (HAF) formed in USA

by Indian Diaspora in 2002, portrays Hinduism in the media & textbooks in correct manner to remove certain misgivings which have creep into the American narrative about India & Hinduism.

AIKS & HAF, after several meetings, announced a formal relationship with each other. With this relationship AIKS is confident that the joint efforts in various fields, particularly those concerning Kashmir & Kashmiri Pandits, will be in our best interest & both organisations will work jointly in future. AIKS, with its wide-spread presence, will serve as a window to the HAF as far as issues dealing with Kashmir & KP's are concerned.

16. Meeting with AKPCC

An interaction was held between AIKS and KP Coordination Committee of Ghaziabad, previously called 'Samut' at Vaishali on 26th September 2019, where the new executive team of AKPCC team shared their views with AIKS. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere to evolve a joint working mechanism between the two organizations and more such meetings will follow.

17. AIKS Holds Round Table Conference (RTC)

A day long RTC was held on 28th September 2019 at New Delhi to formulate the community response to the Abrogation of Article 370 & 35A by the GoI on 5th August 2019.

In a largely attended meeting attended by about 60 members included community organizations, prominent community members & thinkers spread across the country. All participants agreed that GoI had taken very bold decision on August 05 this year.

A number of issues were discussed which included resettlement, our IDP status, a commission to enquire into the circumstances of our exodus, compensation for the loss that our community has suffered, implementation of PM's package in full, enacting Temples & Shrines Bill and AIKS petition in High Court Jammu.

It was heartening to note that people had come from far off places like, Mumbai, Jammu, Vadodra, Hyderabad, apart from NCR. The meeting concluded with a resolve to continue with such consultation in smaller groups to

maintain the momentum. AIKS stands taken during AIKS Conclave held were reiterated.

18. AIKS Joins KSS Celebrations

a) AIKS & KSS Felicitates Sh. Jeevan Zutshi:

At a function KSS & AIKS jointly felicitated Sh. Jeevan Zutshi, a veteran community crusader and social activist from USA at Sharika Bhawan, Faridabad on 9th September 2018. Col. Tej K Tikoo in his address reiterated the commitment of the community for the rights of the diaspora living in the different parts of the world. In his address Dr. S K Handoo praised the contribution of Jeevan Ji in his running awareness campaign through his work & the film "The Last Smile" which is about the ill effects of dietary supplements sold as OTC items. The film was screened and highly appreciated by the audience. It is pertinent to mention that the film "The Last Smile" has received awards worldwide.

B) Maa Sharika Sammaan of KSS : Maa Sharika Sammaan was instituted by KSS in the year 2003 by the then President, KSS Sh. J N Kaul as a biennial sammaan. Coinciding with 10th Nirvan Diwas of the late Sh. J N Kaul, Papaji, the Sammaan was conferred on distinguished members of our Biradari on 16th December 2018 at Sharika Bhawan. These distinguished members are selected through a proper process based on their contribution in various fields. At a glittering ceremony, the awards were awarded for the years 2011, 2013, 2015 & 2017 to 17 eminent individuals and 3 institutions for their services. Those we received the award were Dr. Agnishekhar, Smt. Brij Kishori Zutshi, Prof Chaman Lal Sapru, Late Sh. Vijay Malla, Sh. Mohit Raina, Late Dr. Badrinath Kalla, Sh Ashok Pandit, Smt. Kailash Mehra Sadhu, Sh Krishen Lal Langoo, Sh. Chaman Lal Kaul, Sh. Sunil Fotedar, Sh. A N Kaul 'Sahib', Smt. Sunita Raina Pandita, Smt. Lakshmi Kaul, Prof. Brij Nath koul, Smt. Sushma Kalla & Sh. Prithvi Nath Kaul 'Sayal' in individual category & KMECT, Radio Sharda & Paramhansa Yogananda Charitable Trust in Institutional category. AIKS places on record its deep appreciation to KSS for honouring prominent persons and institutions who have been contributing for the welfare of KP community globally.

C) Navreh at Hari Parvat: The grand Navreh get together was held at Hari Parvat in Anantpur

on April 7, 2019. The daylong celebration included Jhanki of Mata, hawan, cultural programmes etc. On this day a bust of Padmashri J N Kaul, Papa Ji, was unveiled in presence of Col. Tej K Tikoo, President AIKS, Dr. S K Handoo & NCR fraternity.

The dignitaries unveiled the perspective picture of project SUMIRAN memorial cum Prayer Hall and first issue of Sharda Tarangini and Annual Calendar.

D) KSS Celebrates Abrogation of Article 370 & 35 A:

Our affiliate organisation KSS, Faridabad celebrated the abrogation of Article 370 & 35 A from constitution of India at a function attended by Sh. Krishan Pal Gurjar, Minister of State, Sh. Mool Chand, MLA, State of Haryana and Prominent members, community leaders & thinkers. A large number of eminent members spoke on the occasion including Sh. Vijay Kashkari, Vice President, AIKS The audience was later enthralled by community singers Smt. Sushma Kalla, Sh. Dalip Langoo & Sh. Sanjeev Gautam Raina. Songs dedicated to the nation, in memory of martyrs and security forces were sung.

19. AIKS attends KPL 8 at Gurugram.

Col Tej K Tikoo, President, alongwith Sh Vijay Kashkari, VP of AIKS participated in final of KPL 8 tournament organised by KKS Gurugram on 20 Oct 2019. The tournament involved huge organizational effort as the tournament extended from 18th to 20th October involving 36 teams spread over senior category, Ladies sections & Children teams including 2 teams from Valley & 6 from Jammu. Matches were played in 14 Cricket grounds and with final held at TERI ground. Alongside a cultural night was held on 19 Oct 2019 at Apparael House Gurugram so that the community remains connected to its cultural heritage.

AIKS would like to convey its deep sense of appreciation for the conduct of the tournament successfully.

20. AIKS delegation visits Kashir Sabha, Ambala.

Kashir Sabha Ambala had invited AIKS team to their important function at Ambala on 12th January 2020 on the occasion of the foundation laying ceremony of a Dharamshala at the site owned by the Sabha.

Apart from Col Tej K Tikoo, President who was guest of honour, Sh Vijay Kashkari, Vice President AIKS attended the function.

It is pertinent to mention that Kashir Sabha, was formed by nearly 200 families who landed in Ambala at the time of exodus from Kashmir in 1990 and purchased a plot of land where they established a Mata Mrityunjey Temple. Now they have commenced construction of a Dharamshala to provide accommodation to care takers of our community folk who come to PGI Chandigarh with their patients for treatment.

Sh Anil Vij, Home Minister of Haryana, who graced the occasion and laid the foundation Stone of the Dharamshalla, donated a sum of Rs 10.00 Lakhs for the project.

21. AIKS Press Releases

Reacting to various developments from time to time AIKS expressed their opinion through press releases & communiqués as and when required; such releases were a natural expression from AIKS, be there in the form of protests against Pulwama attack, Banning of JKLF, Anantnag attack, Statements by Hurriyat Leadership, Abrogation of article 370 & 35A or the resounding landslide victory of BJP in General Elections.

22. AIKS Publication Naad & Vaakh

The readership of AIKS Publications has been appreciative about the timely publication of both Naad & Vaakh. We would like to place on record the efforts made by the editorial board of Naad lead by former Editor-in-Chief, Col. Tej K Tikoo and the current Editor-in-Chief, Sh. Sunil Raina for Naad and Sh. Roop Krishen Bhat for Vaakh. It is pertinent to

mention that Vaakh has a unique place as it is one of its kinds around the globe being published in Kashmiri Language.

Regarding Naad we would like to inform you that our subscribers were not receiving their copy of Naad due to inefficient postal service. Accordingly we were forced to send Naad through courier service and recover part of the additional cost from subscribers. Most of our subscribers agreed to such payments and we also enhanced the cost per copy from Rs. 30/- to Rs. 50/- to offset other cost increases.

We request the members of this august body to help the organisation in its effort of increasing subscriber base both for Naad & Vaakh.

23. Nagjee Admission Alerts & Job Opportunities

Through this column in Naad and over internet, AIKS is helping students who receive academic notifications from various colleges and universities, in a timely manner. We place on record the stupendous efforts put in by Sh. Vijay Kashkari in this regard. It will be pertinent to inform that Sh. Vijay Kashkari was awarded amateur Journalist award by PNBMT for his contribution as amateur Journalist & in particular for Naad.

Before I close my presentation, I would place on record the enormous support received by me from my colleagues, Hony Capt. VS Rawat. & Ms. Bharti Kaul who helped me and other office bases in discharging our duties as best as possible.

24. New Life Members

The following members were added and their names are circulated for adoption:

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sh Rattan Kumar Kaul | Sh Surinder Sadhu | Sh B L Kaul "Deep" |
| Sh Neelmani Malla | Group Captain Jatinder Kaul | Sh Puneet Dhar |
| Sh Pradeep Peshin | Sh Vikram Kaul | Sh Rajesh Raina |
| Dr Utpal Kaul | Sh Anil Kaul | Ashok Kumar Kaul |
| Sh Sumit Sapru | Sh O N Kaul | Smt Vandana Ganjoo |
| Dr S K Handoo | Sh Sudhir Shah | Sh Vijay Kumar Ganjoo |
| Sh Siban Krishan Khazanchi | Sh Vir Jee Dullu | Sh Narinder Kumar Safaya |
| Sh Kapil Bhat | Kumar M Tiku | Sh Ashok Dudha |
| Prof P N Kaul | Smt Gurpreet Sapru | Sh Rajinder Raina |

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|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Col Raj Kumar Mirakhur | Sh Neelu Dhar | Sh Kuldeep Drabu |
| Sh Sunil Kaul | Brig M K Ganju | Sh Rajinder Tikoo |
| Smt Meenakshi Kaul | Sh Sanjay Kaul | Sh Sanjay Dhar |
| Sh Siddharth Ganjoo | Dr Anoop Bangroo | Sh Sameer Bhat |
| Sh Anil Tikoo | Dr Vibha Zarabi | Sh Shiban Khaibri |
| Mrs Sinead Kachroo | Sh Opinder Kumar Saproo | Smt Lakshmi Kaul |
| Dr Rajinder Kachroo | Sh Surindra Munshi | Sh Virender Kumar Bhat |
| Smt Tushima Tikoo | Sh Shaan Sapru | Sh Sunil Raina |
| Sh Rajeev Raina | Dr K L Chowdhury | Brig Punam Bali |
| Sh Anil Kaw | Sh Susheel Raina | Sh Deepak Mirza |
| Sh Vimal Kaul | Sh R L Shant | Dr Etee Bahadur |

With this I conclude my report and thank you for patient hearing.



M K Pajan
General Secretary, AIKS

जय माता दी

कश्मीरी कर्मकाण्ड पंडित

लग्न, देवगुण, मेखाल, काहनेथर, जन्मदिन, गृहप्रवेश, भूमि पूजा, नवग्रह पूजा, बड़ा हवन, दहिम् कहिम् बहिम्, शिवरात्रि, काल सर्पयोग महामृत्युंजय जप, जन्मपत्री मिलाना एवं देखना इत्यादि।



संपर्क

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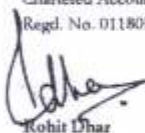
| BALANCE SHEET AS AT | 31-Mar-18 | | 31-Mar-17 | |
|---|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Sources of Funds | | | | |
| CORPUS FUNDS | | | | |
| General Fund | (72,094) | | (349,364) | |
| Add: Addition in general fund | | | 265,000 | |
| Less: Excess of Income over Expenditure | (433,242) | (505,330) | 12,269 | (72,094) |
| Global Medical Fund | | 63,000 | | 63,000 |
| Life Membership | 277,000 | | 252,000 | |
| Add: New membership received | 5,900 | 282,900 | 25,000 | 277,000 |
| Life Time Subscription (NAAD) | 321,151 | | 244,951 | |
| Add: New Subscription received | 27,000 | 348,151 | 76,200 | 321,151 |
| Life Time Subscription (VAAKJH) | 39,000 | | 37,000 | |
| Add: New Subscription received | - | 39,000 | 2,000 | 39,000 |
| Patronship Fund | 424,500 | | 394,500 | |
| Add: New Patrons introduced | - | 424,500 | 30,000 | 424,500 |
| Shakti Nagar Bhawan Fund | 158,849 | | - | 158,849 |
| Add: New | 77,008 | 235,857 | | |
| | | 888,072 | | 1,211,406 |
| Add: New Subscription received | | | | |
| Creditors: Services | | - | | 8,462 |
| Other Liabilities: Audit fees & other exp | | 132,698 | | 65,541 |
| Imprest payable (Cashier A/c) | | 15,518 | | - |
| TDS Payable (contractor) | | - | | 24,075 |
| Total | | 1,036,288 | | 1,309,484 |
| Application of Funds : | | | | |
| Fixed Assets (Annexure A) | | 51,508 | | 63,473 |
| Investments | | | | |
| Accrued Interest on PNB FDR | | 127,900 | | 82,138 |
| FDR with PNB, Vijaya Bank and OBC Bank | | 500,000 | | 500,000 |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| TDS/Adv Tax paid AY 2011-12 | | - | | 3,331 |
| TDS/Adv Tax paid AY 2014-15 | | - | | - |
| TDS/Adv Tax paid AY 2016-17 | | - | | 4,387 |
| TDS/Adv Tax paid AY 2017-18 | | 2,361 | | 2,361 |
| TDS/Adv Tax paid AY 2018-19 | | 5,210 | | - |
| TDS/Adv Tax paid AY 2019-20 | | - | | - |
| Cash-in-hand | | - | | 7,580 |
| Bank Accounts | | 349,309 | | 646,214 |
| Total | | 1,036,288 | | 1,309,484 |

As per our Audit report of even date annexed with the balance sheet

For K.S GUPTA & Co.

Chartered Accountants

Regd. No. 01180N


Rohit Dhar

Partner
M.No. 083269

Place: Gurgaon

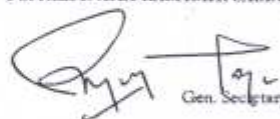
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For ALL INDIA KASHMIR SAMAJ



President


Gen. Secretary

ALL INDIA KASHMIRI SAMAJ

| INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT | 31st March, 2018 | 31st March, 2017 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Publication/printing of NAAD | | |
| Advertisement | 21,550 | 42,350 |
| Add: Subscription | 105,750 | 136,700 |
| Less: Printing | (555,625) | (557,490) |
| Less: Postage & courier | (43,904) | (40,640) |
| Deficit from: Publication/printing of NAAD | (472,229) | (419,080) |
| Publication/printing of VAAKH | | |
| Add: Subscription | - | 5,840 |
| Less: Printing | (23,850) | (8,246) |
| Less: Postage & courier | (4,545) | (4,422) |
| Deficit from: Publication/printing of VAAKH | (28,395) | (6,828) |
| General Contribution | | |
| Affiliation Fee | 12,000 | - |
| Interest on SB | 11,232 | 14,945 |
| Donation Received | 692,000 | 969,416 |
| Interest on FDRs | 49,852 | 19,597 |
| Interest on Income Tax Refund | 63 | - |
| Other Receipts | - | 259 |
| TOTAL | 264,523 | 578,309 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Office Running & Maintenance(HO) | 111,820 | 78,607 |
| Audit Fees | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Misc Exp & Bank Charges | 1,245 | 875 |
| Depreciation A/c | 7,926 | 12,493 |
| Salary Staff | 486,000 | 76,600 |
| Seminars, Conference Expenses | 28,670 | 122,154 |
| Staff Welfare | 21,160 | 19,886 |
| Telephone Expenses | 22,108 | 28,271 |
| Printing and Stationary | 21,029 | 27,005 |
| Postage and Courier | 26,123 | 16,928 |
| Web Site Development | 6,000 | 4,000 |
| Educational Grants | 10,000 | 60,450 |
| Function Expense | 53,693 | 92,391 |
| Relief Grants towards Medical assistance | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Prior Period Adjustment | (32,049) | - |
| Donation made | 210,000 | - |
| Loss on Scrap of Assets | 4,040 | - |
| Admin Charges | - | 6,380 |
| Legal and Professional charges | - | - |
| TOTAL | 697,765 | 566,040 |
| Excess of Expenditure over income | (433,242) | 12,269 |

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For K.S GUPTA & Co.

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Regd. No. 01180N

Robin Dhar

Partner

M.No. 083269

Place: Gurgaon

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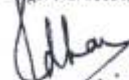
| BALANCE SHEET AS AT | 31-Mar-19 | | 31-Mar-18 | |
|---|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Sources of Funds | | | | |
| CORPUS FUNDS | | | | |
| General Fund | (505,336) | | (72,094) | |
| Add: Addition in general fund | | | | |
| Less: Excess of Income over Expenditure | 148,654 | (356,682) | (433,242) | (505,336) |
| Global Medical Fund | | 63,000 | | 63,000 |
| Life Membership | 282,900 | | 277,000 | |
| Add: New membership received | 151,500 | 434,400 | 5,900 | 282,900 |
| Life Time Subscription (NAAD) | 348,151 | | 321,151 | |
| Add: New Subscription received | 32,000 | 380,151 | 27,000 | 348,151 |
| Life Time Subscription (VAAKH) | 39,000 | | 39,000 | |
| Add: New Subscription received | - | 39,000 | - | 39,000 |
| Patronship Fund | 424,500 | | 424,500 | |
| Add: New Patrons introduced | - | 424,500 | - | 424,500 |
| Shakti Nagar Bhawan Fund | 235,857 | | 158,849 | |
| Add: New | - | 235,857 | 77,008 | 235,857 |
| | | 1,220,226 | | 888,072 |
| Add: New Subscription received | | | | |
| Creditors: Services | | | | - |
| Other Liabilities: Audit fees & other exp | | 95,298 | | 132,698 |
| Imprest payable (Cashier A/c) | | | | 15,518 |
| TDS Payable (contractor) | | | | - |
| Total | | 1,315,524 | | 1,036,288 |
| Application of Funds : | | | | |
| Fixed Assets (Annexure A) | | 44,850 | | 51,508 |
| Investments | | | | |
| Accrued Interest on PNB FDR | | 170,760 | | 127,900 |
| FDR with PNB, Vijaya Bank and OBC Bank | | 900,000 | | 500,000 |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| TDS/Adv Tax paid AY 2011-12 | | | | |
| TDS/Adv Tax paid AY 2014-15 | | | | |
| TDS/Adv Tax paid AY 2016-17 | | | | |
| TDS/Adv Tax paid AY 2017-18 | | 2,361 | | 2,361 |
| TDS/Adv Tax paid AY 2018-19 | | 5,210 | | 5,210 |
| TDS/Adv Tax paid AY 2019-20 | | 7,124 | | |
| Cash-in-hand | | 16,684 | | |
| Bank Accounts | | 168,555 | | 349,309 |
| Total | | 1,315,524 | | 1,036,288 |

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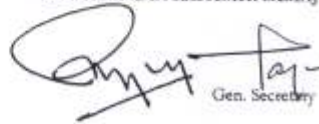
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For ALL INDIA KASHMIR SAMAJ



Gen. Secretary

ALL INDIA KASHMIRI SAMAJ

| INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT | 31st March, 2019 | 31st March, 2018 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Publication/printing of NAAD | | |
| Advertisement | 141,400 | 21,550 |
| Add: Subscription | 86,930 | 105,750 |
| Less: Printing | (394,396) | (555,625) |
| Less: Postage & courier | (115,710) | (43,904) |
| Deficit from: Publication/printing of NAAD | (281,782) | (472,229) |
| Publication/printing of VAAKH | | |
| Add: Subscription | 6,400 | - |
| Less: Printing | (18,000) | (23,850) |
| Less: Postage & courier | (11,600) | (4,545) |
| Deficit from: Publication/printing of VAAKH | | (28,395) |
| General Contribution | | |
| Affiliation Fee | 38,500 | 12,000 |
| Interest on SB | 19,608 | 11,232 |
| Donation Received | 926,868 | 692,000 |
| Interest on FDs | 53,235 | 49,852 |
| Interest on Income Tax Refund | | 63 |
| Other Receipts | 3,016 | - |
| TOTAL | 747,845 | 264,523 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Office Running & Maintenance(HO) | 23,676 | 111,820 |
| Audit Fees | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Misc Exp & Bank Charges | 2,372 | 1,243 |
| Depreciation A/c | 6,657 | 7,926 |
| Salary Staff | 370,750 | 486,000 |
| Seminars, Conference Expenses | 81,844 | 28,670 |
| Staff Welfare | 17,703 | 21,160 |
| Telephone Expenses | 29,602 | 22,108 |
| Printing and Stationary | 29,587 | 21,029 |
| Postage and Courier | | 26,123 |
| Web Site Development | | 6,000 |
| Educational Grants | | 10,000 |
| Function Expense | | 53,693 |
| Relief Grants towards Medical assistance | | 10,000 |
| Prior Period Adjustment | | (32,049) |
| Donation made | 15,000 | 210,000 |
| Loss on Scrap of Assets | | 4,040 |
| Admin Charges | | - |
| Legal and Professional charges | 12,000 | - |
| TOTAL | 599,191 | 697,765 |
| Excess of Expenditure over income | 148,654 | (433,242) |

As per our Audit report of even date annexed with the balance sheet

For K.S GUPTA & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Regd. No. 01180N


Rohit Dhar

Partner
M.No. 053269
Place: Gurgaon
Date: 1st Oct 2019





President

For ALL INDIA KASHMIR SAMAJ


Gen. Secretary



AIKS Matrimonial Service



Seeking Alliance for Our Daughter born 2/1/1991 at Jammu, B.Tech (IT) M. Tech (computer Science) Presently Working as Assistant Professor In Engineering College (NCR). Previously Worked At MNC Cognizant Pune. Interested May please send Tekni / Kulwali on Mob/What's App- 9419209499



We are looking for MEDICO MATCH with MD/MS/DN working in DELHI – NCR match for our Daughter, beautiful & tall , Born-June 87 / Ht.- 167 Cm qualified as MD in Obs. & Gynae. & Specialization in IVF & working as IVF Consultant with Hospital in GURGAON. Interested may please contact on e-mail at: bergen.kaulsk@gmail.com Mob. +91 9873452557/9414012557.



Looking for a Suitable Match for our Son Born on 13th July 1991, 11.40 AM at Jammu. Parents are presently living in Roop Nagar, Jammu. Height 5'11", Qualified as BE in Computer Science. Working as Application Developer in Dhyey Consulting Services Pvt. Ltd. at Vadodara, Gujrat. Interested may contact on MB- 941914151, Email id: ratanpur1990@gmail.com for Tekni & Biodata.



Seeking suitable alliance for our son, born at Srinagar on 23rd July, 1988 at 11.59 AM, 173 CMS. He is pursuing his own business at Valsad, Gujarat having a decent annual income in seven figures. The family is currently based in Faridabad. Interested may please contact for further details on email: rajindermagazine@gmail.com or Mobile/WhatsApp: 9810847376



Suitable alliance invited for our son Akshit, born 10 December 1991, 1410hrs at Jammu, Height 166cms, B. Tech (software Engineering) from Delhi College of Engineering, MS/PhD in Electrical Engineering from USA, Presently Working With Intel Oregon, USA, Interested may please Contact Bharat Peer mail Id - bb.peer@gmail.com/8146625401, Anita peer /9872967824



Looking for suitable qualified good looking alliance for our son slightly Manglik born on 22 Oct.1990 at 3.50PM at Jammu, Height 169cm, Qualification BTech. EC, working as business analyst engineer in HSBC Bank, Pune. Interested may contact on mobile nos 7827427686, 8851887320 or urmilabhannikhil@gmail.com



Suitable Alliance invited for our Daughter Born on 14th November 1992 at 14.55 Hours at New Delhi, Height 164 cm, Qualification BBA (General) & MBA (Media Management). Presently working at Gurgaon. Interested may respond with Biodata, Tekin & Kulwali at oaria637@gmail.com or Call on Mobile : 9810096064



We invite a suitable alliance, from respectable families, for our daughter, MBBS, currently studying for MS [Ophthalmology] second year. Our daughter is 1992 born and is 163 cms. tall. The boy should be an India based doctor [MD/MS]. Those interested may please respond with a tekni and a short bio-data on skjailkhani@gmail.com.



Looking for a Suitable Match for our Son Born, 7th September 1991 (11.02AM) at Jammu, height (178cms). B.E (C.S.E). Presently working in MNC AS Team Leader in Gurugram (Haryana), earning handsome salary. Interested person may contact on MB- 8826008555. Email- vijaykaul622@gmail.com.



Looking for a Suitable Match for our Son Born, 2nd January 1991 (6.30PM) at Jammu, height (5'.11"). B.Tech (C.S.E) computer Science from VTU Bangalore, Karnataka University. Presently working as Senior Business Development specialist in Sales in Net Surion (USA) MNC at Bangalore, earning handsome salary. Parents are settled in Jammu & Pune. Interested person may contact on MB- 7006171324, 9055272134, 8717090264. Email- hldhar1958@gmail.com



Seeking a suitable alliance for our daughter born on Aug 30, 1992 at 3.37 AM at Jammu. She is 180 cms tall. She has done B.Com & M.Com from H. L. College of commerce, Ahmedabad. Additional. Qualification Data Scientist. Presently working as Business Analyst in Tatvic Analytics, Ahmedabad. Interested may send tekni & kulawali on email id- ashok.kachroo2@gmail.com, Mob: 9419147374.



Suitable alliance invited for our son Bipin Wanchoo born on 22nd June 1990 at 08.15 AM in Jammu. Height 5'.9". Studied B.E from University of Mumbai. Working as a senior Consultant with Capgemini in Pune, earning handsome salary. Parents living in Jammu. Interested may contact with full Kulawali at akwanchoo@rediffmail.com & MB- 7006410298/7889971482



Suitable alliance for our daughter born on December 9, 1991 in Faridabad (Time: 9.58 AM). She is 5'.7" tall and has had done BBA from IP university, Delhi. She is an Asst. Manager Talent acquisition (Recruitment) in NCR. Parents belong from Habba Kadal Srinagar. Presently living in Faridabad. Interested may send CV & Kulawali along with snaps of the boy on our email id- mansi.kaul18@gmail.com. You can also contact us on mob: 8447956643.



Suitable alliance is invited for my daughter who is legally separated, issueless, born on 22.4.1986 at 10.25 hours at Srinagar. She is BE (CSE) from MIET Jammu, through Jammu University and M.Tech (IT) through Karnataka State Open University, Mysore. She is working as an Executive in a Govt. of India Enterprises, and presently posted at Jammu. Job transferable anywhere in India. The previous marriage lasted for a very brief time due to certain peculiar circumstances which ultimately lead to legal separation. Interested may kindly send their tekni and Kulawali per return mail to R K Raina on email id rkrajgk@gmail.com or phone 7006003635 or can WhatsApp the details on 9419264309.

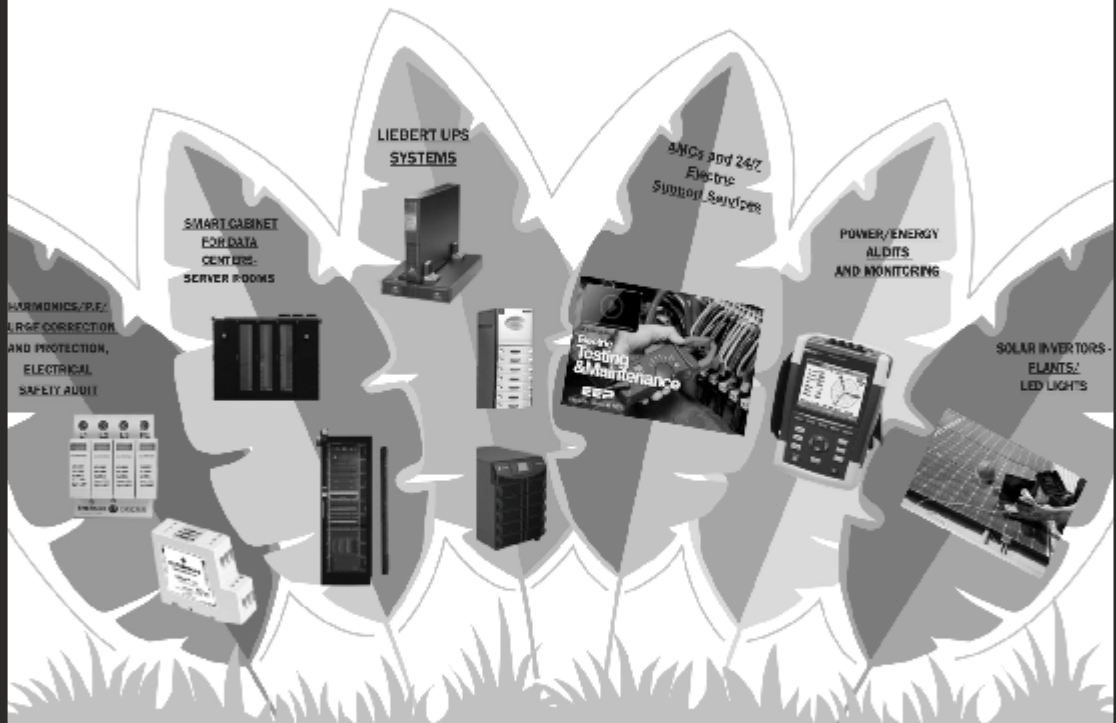


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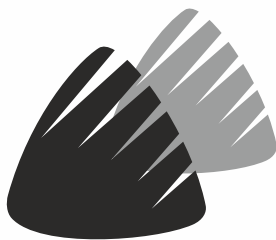
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(July 1923- Feb.5, 2004)

Sixteen years have passed since both of you departed for your eternal abode leaving us shocked and bewildered. **Dr. Amarnath Kaul Adalati**, renowned Educationist & Educational Administrator and his gracious wife, **Smt Kamla Kaul** D/o Late Pt. Sat Lal Sadhu (Bana Mohalla, Srinagar) passed away on Feb 5, 2004, following a car accident while on their way from Gwalior to Delhi. Deeply devoted to each other for more than six decades, they did not part from each other even in death.

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Our visionary beloved Yogini YAMBERZAL (Daffodil) Smt. Veena ji (Jaishree/Tathi) consciously entered into a state of unconsciousness – the state of Pranatyaga on 15th Dec 2019 at 11 08 am after allotting us the duty of distribution of the Prasad of formal Gada Bata to her desired favorites at 7 30 am which she was extremely keen about. Her PranTyaga occurred virtually at 11 08 hrs with a blissful and a shining face when she was formally taken to the hospital for confirming the state of Her Yogic Death. Her life was chiefly associated under the spiritual guidance of our Head of the House Viz Babu ji (Late Pt. Gopi Nath Dhar), the renowned theosophist. She adopted in principle the aim (What I inherited from Rev Tatha Ji - Lt. Shri Ishwar Dass Dhar) & favored right from childhood to college days viz.

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It will not be out of place to mention that she appreciated my books and labeled me as Tulsi Das after seeing the reconstructed volume of Sharika Lahiri at 04 30 am, which I reframed the morning she wished us off on 15th Dec 2019” The Remembrance Day”.



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