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***In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful***

***Ramadhan Mubarak to You All***

***The blessed month of Ramadhan has begun, and we are truly fortunate that Allah has granted us the opportunity to witness it once again. It is a gift and a chance to seek His mercy, purify our hearts, and strengthen our faith.***

***We welcome its arrival with hearts full of gratitude and hope. This is the month of mercy, divine forgiveness, patience and fortitude. It is a time when the gates of Jannah are opened, soul is cleansed, and the believer is reminded of the strength that lies in faith, perseverance, and unity.***

***But for us, this Ramadhan is not merely about abstaining from food and drink. It is about resilience in the face of hardships. It is about bowing only to Allah while standing firm against oppression by Pakistani security forces in Azad kashmir. As we wake for Suhoor in the silence of the night, we hear echoes of sorrow from the homes of those who have lost their loved ones in POJK. And as we break our fast at Maghrib, we remember those whose Iftar tables are empty because their livelihoods have been stolen by occupation and injustice. In this sacred month, we must remember the houses of our martyrs and those affected by the oppression of occupation.***

*Ramadhan is also a reminder that no hardship is eternal, and no oppressor will reign forever in AZAD KASHMIR. The Pharaohs of history have come and gone, but the steadfast remain. Every dawn after the darkest night is a promise from Allah that relief follows patience, victory follows struggle, and the oppressed shall see justice in AZAD KASHMIR. Let our Sujood be deeper, our prayers more sincere, and our unity unshakable. The strength of a people is not measured by their wealth or weapons, but by the steadfastness of their faith and the courage of their hearts. May this Ramadhan bring healing to the wounded, justice to the oppressed, and strength to those who refuse to bow to tyranny. May Allah grant us the patience to endure, the wisdom to resist, and the ultimate reward of freedom and dignity.*

*Aameen*

*Syed Salahuddin Ahmad*

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# **THE BEAUTY OF OUR SOCIETY: PROMOTING RESPECT FOR ALL VISITORS TO THE VALLEY**

**IDREES BHAT**



**Kashmir is a land of breathtaking beauty, rich culture, and deep-rooted values. Our valley, with its majestic landscapes and timeless traditions, has always been a symbol of peace, harmony, and respect for all who visit. As we welcome visitors from different parts of the world, it is essential that we continue to uphold the dignity and sanctity of our society by promoting respect and understanding for all who enter our land.**

**The beauty of Kashmir lies not only in its natural wonders but also in the warmth and hospitality of its people. We have always embraced diversity and encouraged peaceful coexistence. This spirit of openness is what has allowed Kashmir to thrive as a vibrant and welcoming place for travelers, traders, and tourists alike. Whether they come for the breathtaking views, the historical sites, or to experience our unique culture, visitors to our valley should always feel honored and respected.**

**Our society is built on a foundation of respect—respect for our elders, our women, our traditions, and the natural environment. It is important to remind ourselves that respect should extend to everyone, regardless of their background, and that the sanctity of our society should be preserved in all interactions. We must ensure that the hospitality for which Kashmir is known is extended to all, while also promoting awareness of the cultural norms and values that define our land.**

**As the beauty of our valley attracts visitors, we must also encourage them to understand the values that make our society unique. Let us take every opportunity to share the rich history of Kashmir, our deep connection to the land, and the importance of living in harmony with one another. By fostering understanding and respect for our customs, we can ensure that visitors leave with a deep appreciation for the warmth and generosity of the people of Kashmir**

**This is a time for embracing peace, kindness, and shared understanding. We can achieve this by welcoming visitors with open arms, while also guiding them to respect the land they are fortunate to explore. It is essential that we teach the importance of empathy, kindness, and respect in all interactions, making sure that everyone feels safe and valued during their time in our valley.**

**Let this Ramadhan be a reminder of the values that bind us together compassion, unity, and respect for all. Our strength lies not in division, but in our ability to unite and welcome others with dignity. By continuing to promote peace and understanding, we can ensure that Kashmir remains a place where every visitor feels the true spirit of our land.**

**May Allah grant us the wisdom to lead by example, the patience to foster mutual respect, and the strength to maintain the beauty and harmony of our society for generations to come.**

# **PROMOTING MORALITY AND STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF KASHMIR**

**YAQOOB MIRZA**



**In recent times, there has been growing concern regarding the moral challenges facing communities across the world, including in Kashmir. However, it is important to acknowledge the efforts being made by both the local authorities and the people of Kashmir to guide society toward positive growth, unity, and strength. Rather than focusing on negative influences, it is essential that we recognize the positive initiatives being implemented to uplift the community and promote values of respect, integrity, and social responsibility.**

**The state has long worked toward creating an environment where the people of Kashmir can live with dignity, upholding the core values that have always defined our society. It is encouraging to see that efforts are being made to guide the youth in the right direction, emphasizing the importance of education, moral clarity, and community responsibility.**

**Local authorities are actively promoting programs that encourage social harmony, respect for traditions, and strong family values, ensuring that the younger generation remains rooted in the principles of integrity and kindness.**

**One of the most important aspects of these efforts is the state's support for promoting the positive role of the family and community in shaping values. Families play a pivotal role in guiding their children to grow into responsible, compassionate, and well-rounded individuals. By emphasizing the importance of faith, respect for cultural traditions, and social responsibility, communities are actively working to ensure that their youth are well-prepared to navigate the challenges of the modern world with wisdom and moral strength.**

**Furthermore, the state's focus on education is not just academic but also moral and spiritual. By fostering an environment where people are encouraged to reflect on their core values and principles, the government and local leaders are working to nurture a generation that stands firm in its faith, culture, and identity. Rather than promoting division or immorality, these initiatives seek to instill a sense of pride in the rich heritage of Kashmir and promote positive, peaceful solutions to societal challenges**

**The promotion of unity and peace is also central to these efforts. Rather than focusing on external threats, the state encourages a collective effort to strengthen internal bonds, ensuring that Kashmir remains a land where love, respect, and understanding prevail.**



**By fostering interfaith and inter-community dialogue, the people of Kashmir are working together to protect and preserve their unique identity, in a way that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging for everyone.**

**While challenges certainly exist, it is important to recognize that the true strength of Kashmir lies in its people—compassionate, and unwavering in their commitment to positive change. This collective resolve will ensure that Kashmir remains a land of moral integrity, where every individual is empowered to live with dignity and contribute to the well-being of the broader community.**

**The role of local leaders, scholars, and the entire community cannot be overstated. They are at the forefront of shaping a positive future for Kashmir, standing as defenders of faith, culture, and the well-being of all people.**

**By working together, we can overcome any challenges, creating a brighter and more prosperous future for all generations to come.**

**May the state's ongoing efforts continue to uplift the morale of the people, guiding them toward a future filled with hope, unity, and peace. The time to build a better society is now, and together, we can create a Kashmir that reflects the highest ideals of integrity, kindness, and respect for all.**

# **EMBRACING OUR FAITH AND UPHOLDING THE VALUES OF PEACE AND RESPECT?**

**JUNAIDUL ISLAM MAGRAY**



**In the heart of the Kashmir Valley, where the majority of the population is Muslim, the distribution of the Quran has long been a source of spiritual guidance and enlightenment. The Quran, the divine scripture, holds a special place in our hearts, offering wisdom, peace, and a connection to our faith. It is an act of kindness and devotion to share this sacred book with fellow believers, enabling them to strengthen their connection with Allah and understand His teachings more deeply.**

**The Quran continues to inspire and guide the people of Kashmir with its timeless message of peace, unity, and spiritual strength. As we embrace its teachings, we are reminded of the power of faith to bring us together and strengthen our resolve. The distribution of the Quran, whether through books or personal actions, remains a vibrant expression of our collective commitment to the values of compassion, justice, and moral integrity. These values are embedded in our daily lives, shaping our communities and uplifting those around us**

Kashmir is a land rich in history, culture, and faith. Our shared values of respect, hospitality, and compassion have always been central to our identity. We must take this moment as an opportunity to unite, not just in defence of our faith, but also in the broader mission to spread goodness, peace, and understanding. We must continue to be a beacon of light and hope for future generations, ensuring that the values of the Quran are lived and shared through our actions and deeds. The support for our religious institutions, local organizations, and educational programs continues to grow, fostering a sense of solidarity and communal responsibility. There is a growing movement among the people of Kashmir to create a future where faith and progress go hand in hand where our spiritual and cultural values are nurtured, respected, and celebrated.

Our strength as a community lies in our ability to stay united, to uplift one another, and to promote peace. The state, along with its people, is working to create an environment where every individual is able to practice their faith freely, engage in positive discourse, and contribute to the overall well-being of society. By focusing on shared values and building bridges of understanding, we can create a future where love, respect, and harmony define the relationship between all individuals and communities.

Let us take this opportunity to reflect on the teachings of the Quran, focusing on its message of peace, justice, and unity. Let us work together to promote a society that is grounded in moral integrity, where every individual is free to live according to their faith, and where the values of compassion and respect guide every interaction.

**May we always remain steadfast in our faith, resilient in the face of challenges, and unwavering in our commitment to fostering a peaceful, just, and harmonious society for the generations to come.**



# **EMBRACING THE BEAUTY OF DAL LAKE: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL**

**TOUQEER RATHER**



**Dal Lake, a gem of Kashmir, is not only a natural wonder but a living testament to the deep connection we, the people of Kashmir, have with our land. Its calm waters, floating gardens, and vibrant culture have sustained generations of Kashmiris. It is a source of livelihood, beauty, and serenity for all who call Kashmir home. Beyond its physical attributes, Dal Lake symbolizes our collective heritage, our identity, and the harmony between nature and people.**

**who seek to learn, appreciate, and respect our way of life. We welcome tourists with open arms, inviting them to experience the warmth and hospitality that defines our community. Through the kindness and respect we extend to others, we ensure that our cultural legacy continues to shine.**

**The preservation of Dal Lake and the surrounding environment is a collective effort that goes beyond any one group. It is a shared responsibility, where each of us whether local or visitor plays a role in safeguarding the sanctity of this treasured space. By promoting mutual respect, cleanliness, and care, we can all contribute to ensuring that Dal Lake remains a symbol of peace, beauty, and shared heritage for generations to come.**

**It is through small acts of respect such as keeping the environment clean, following local customs, and treating the land with reverence that we can continue to uphold the legacy of our ancestors. These values are not only essential for the preservation of Dal Lake but for the harmony and well-being of the entire community. By working together, we can maintain the integrity of our land and ensure that it remains a place of serenity for all who visit.**

**Let us celebrate the spirit of Kashmir, where natural beauty and cultural richness coexist. Through unity and respect, we can protect Dal Lake and the values that have sustained us for centuries. Together, we can make Kashmir a place where both locals and visitors live in harmony, fostering an environment of peace, understanding, and shared responsibility.**

**By embracing the beauty of our land and preserving the sacredness of Dal Lake, we contribute to the continued prosperity of Kashmir, ensuring that it remains a beacon of hope, pride, and tranquility for all.**

# **KASHMIR'S RESILIENCE: A STORY OF HOPE, UNITY, STRENGTH, AND SAFETY BLEED**

**MALIK TANVEER**



## **A Message of Cooperation and Trust**

**On February 5th, an unfortunate incident took place in Baramulla district involving Waseem Ahmad, a truck driver. Waseem, a hardworking man and the sole breadwinner for his family, tragically lost his life at a checkpoint after his vehicle experienced a brake failure.**

**While the incident was deeply unfortunate, it's essential to recognize that the security forces in Kashmir work day and night to ensure peace and safety in our society. Their presence is vital for maintaining law and order in a region that has faced various challenges. It is also crucial to acknowledge that the security forces are not here as adversaries but as partners in the upliftment of Kashmir. They are here for the people of Kashmir, and their primary goal is to protect us.**

**Had there been a slight cooperation, he would have been here with us today. The security forces play a critical role in ensuring that Kashmir remains a place where families can thrive, businesses can grow, and our communities can prosper. Their efforts, though sometimes misunderstood, are crucial in providing a stable environment in which we can all live without fear.**

**This incident encourages us to reflect on the value of cooperation and trust in the authorities around us. By working together, we can help build a safer, more peaceful future for Kashmir. By fostering mutual understanding and cooperation, we can ensure that such tragic incidents are minimized, and that our collective efforts create a better tomorrow for our children and future generations.**

**Let us remember that trust and cooperation are the cornerstones of progress. When we work together, we create a strong foundation for a future where peace, prosperity, and harmony prevail for all Kashmiris.**



# **CELEBRATING KASHMIRI WOMEN: RESILIENCE, EMPOWERMENT, AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

**FAREEHA MAKHDOOMI**



**On this International Women's Day, it's vital to celebrate the incredible resilience, strength, and spirit of Kashmiri women who, despite facing adversity and hardship, continue to shine brightly and lead with dignity. Their stories are not defined by victimhood but by empowerment, courage, and a deep-rooted sense of identity. As we reflect on the progress made and the ongoing journey ahead, we must recognize that Kashmiri women are the backbone of their families, communities, and the larger movement for justice and peace.**

**Kashmiri women have always been at the forefront of their families and societies, showing extraordinary strength in the face of challenges. Throughout history, they have been the silent yet unwavering pillars who keep their homes together, educate the next generation, and stand tall for their rights. They have weathered storms of conflict and turmoil,**

**not only with resilience but also with a commitment to change. Women in Kashmir are not just survivors of hardship—they are leaders, activists, entrepreneurs, and creators**

**In recent years, Kashmiri women have made remarkable strides in advancing their education and careers, setting new benchmarks of success. Women in Kashmir are increasingly excelling in fields like education, medicine, law, business, and politics, showcasing their resilience, talent, and leadership. More and more young women are enrolling in schools, universities, and professional institutions, pursuing their aspirations with confidence and ambition. As they embrace opportunities for growth and leadership, Kashmiri women are not only transforming their own lives but are also contributing to the flourishing of their communities. With each passing year, they continue to break traditional barriers, inspiring future generations to dream bigger and reach higher**

**Kashmiri women are also increasingly participating in the workforce, where they are not only contributing to the local economy but also setting new standards for others to follow. The growing number of women entrepreneurs, from small business owners to tech innovators, is transforming the economic landscape of the region. Their creativity and vision are helping to reshape the future of Kashmir, bringing with them a sense of hope and possibility.**

**Moreover, as the cultural landscape of Kashmir evolves, women continue to be key advocates for preserving and promoting their rich heritage. Despite the challenges posed by external forces and the struggle for autonomy, Kashmiri women remain the torchbearers of their cultural identity. They are ensuring that the traditions, values, and stories of Kashmir are passed on to future generations. Whether through art, music, poetry, or other forms of expression, Kashmiri women are using their voices to tell their stories and shape the narrative of their land.**

**Importantly, it is the ongoing efforts of local organizations, activists, and the broader community that have made a significant difference in addressing the issues that women face in Kashmir. Women's rights initiatives focusing on health, education, and social welfare have provided greater opportunities for women to thrive. As they continue to challenge gender stereotypes, demand equal rights, and participate in the larger discourse on peace and justice, Kashmiri women are slowly but steadily making their presence known across all spheres of life.**

**On this International Women's Day, we must recognize that the journey of Kashmiri women is one of profound courage and unwavering determination. They are not only reclaiming their rightful place in society but are also shaping the future of Kashmir, one step at a time. The challenges they face have only made them stronger, more united, and more determined to achieve their goals. The empowerment of women in Kashmir is not a far-off dream but a reality that is unfolding before us.**

**The strength of Kashmiri women lies not only in their ability to overcome adversity but in their unwavering belief in the potential of a better, more just world. The progress that has been made is a reflection of their tireless efforts, and there is still so much more to be done. But with every new step, Kashmiri women continue to break down barriers, inspire others, and work toward a future where gender equality is a reality for all.**

**Today, as we celebrate the achievements of Kashmiri women, we also look forward to a future where their voices are heard louder, their rights are fully recognized, and their dreams are supported by a society that values their contribution. Kashmiri women will continue to stand at the forefront of the fight for justice, peace, and freedom. Their resilience, empowerment, and spirit are the driving forces that will lead Kashmir into a brighter future.**

**Let us continue to support, uplift, and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of Kashmiri women, and work together to build a world where every woman can live with dignity, respect, and the freedom to achieve her full potential.**

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