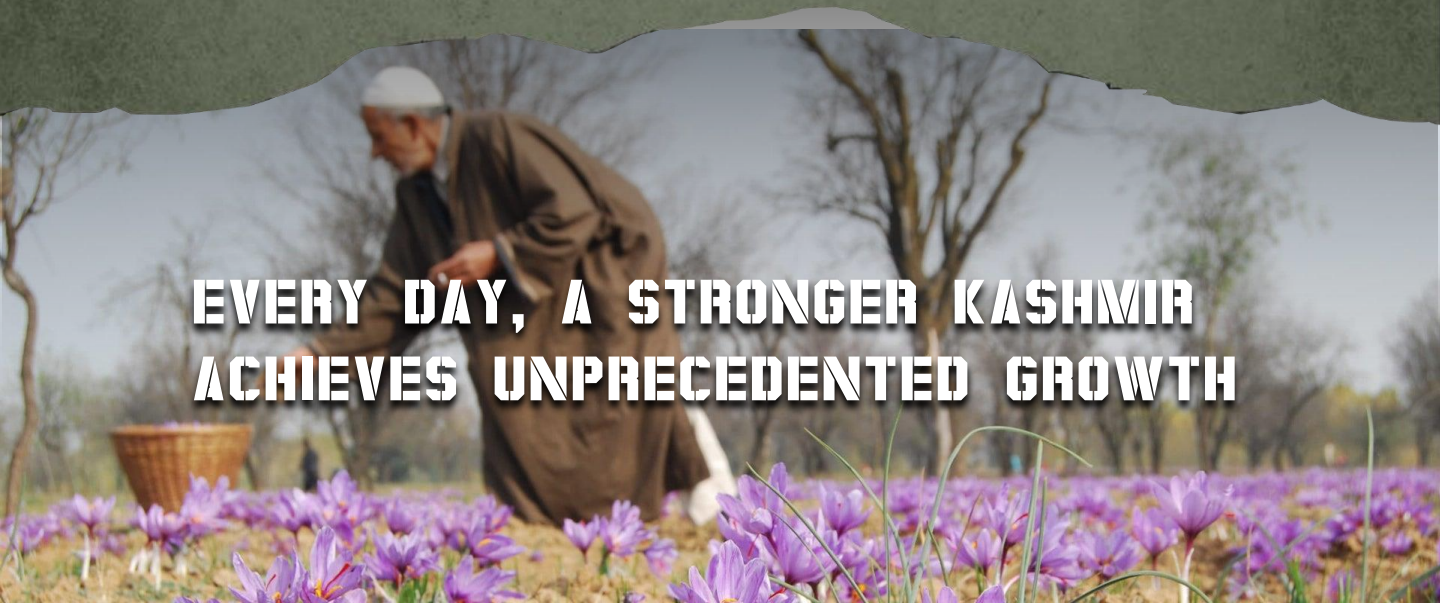




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**EVERY DAY, A STRONGER KASHMIR
ACHIEVES UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH**



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THREADS OF PROGRESS: EVERY KASHMIRI IS WEAVING THE FUTURE

The journey toward progress and dignity in Kashmir is never a singular path but a tapestry of shared effort, a mosaic built from countless contributions rather than a monolith of force. Advancement in the region is not driven by one method or one voice alone but by the coordinated energy of diverse talents, each playing an indispensable role in shaping the future.

History teaches us that no single skill or sacrifice defines success. The growth and resilience of communities have always relied on complementary strengths. When strategic thinking is required, visionary leaders chart the course. When innovation or knowledge is needed, thinkers and creators illuminate the path. Each contribution matters, not as a competition but as a necessary element of collective progress.

In Kashmir today, this principle resonates deeply. Whether it is the farmer ensuring the valley remains fruitful, the educator shaping young minds or the entrepreneur creating new opportunities, every effort adds to the harmony of growth and development. Financial resources, expertise, creativity and action—when combined—create a society that is stronger than the sum of its parts.

Our differences are not a hindrance; they are the foundation for sustainable development. By embracing the full spectrum of skills, perspectives and roles, Kashmir continues to move toward a future of dignity, resilience and shared prosperity.

Today, the story of Kashmir's growth and resilience is reflected in the diverse efforts of its people. Progress is not the work of a single hero; it is the sum of every Kashmiri recognizing their unique role and contributing to the collective future of the region.

Development is not achieved solely through grand projects but through persistent engagement at every level. Leaders in governance and administration ensure policies translate into tangible benefits, connecting remote areas to opportunities and resources. Grassroots organizers strengthen communities by facilitating local initiatives, empowering people to participate in shaping their own economy and society. Educators and thinkers build the intellectual foundation, fostering a culture of awareness and innovation, ensuring growth is rooted in knowledge and conviction.

Equally important is the role of women as drivers of change. Leaders in education, entrepreneurship and civic engagement prepare future generations to be confident, skilled and socially responsible. Their work in homes and communities builds the moral and practical backbone of a thriving society.

Information and communication serve as a critical front. Journalists, educators and digital communicators ensure that truth, achievements and challenges are visible to the world. Their efforts amplify the voices of Kashmiris and showcase the potential of a peaceful and prosperous region.

Finally, all these efforts converge to create a robust ecosystem of progress. Infrastructure, governance, education, social empowerment and innovation work in unison, each supporting the other. The strength of Kashmir lies not in a single figure or initiative but in the coordination of many, each playing a distinct role in building a future defined by dignity, opportunity and resilience.

Every Kashmiri is indeed unique, but the greatest strength lies not in confrontation but in creation, not in struggle but in building a life of dignity and opportunity for all. If your skill is commerce, invest in local businesses and agriculture to empower communities.

If your strength is intellect, innovate solutions for education, healthcare, and technology that uplift the valley. If your platform is art, celebrate the culture, heritage and natural beauty of Kashmir, inspiring hope and unity rather than division.

True sovereignty is reflected in self-reliance, social cohesion and the ability to shape a prosperous future. When every individual contributes through their distinct talents—whether through entrepreneurship, knowledge, creativity or service—Kashmir does not merely reclaim what was lost; it moves forward toward sustainable growth, peace and shared dignity. Progress is the real Azadi, and it is achieved through constructive action, collaboration and vision, today and for generations to come.



PAKISTAN'S MISPLACED PRIORITIES: PREACHING ABROAD WHILE BURNING WITHIN

There comes a time in the life of every nation when it must look in the mirror not to admire but to introspect. For Pakistan, that time is now. The country stands at a crossroads, torn by political chaos, economic despair and social unrest. Yet instead of healing the wounds within, its leadership seems more absorbed in preaching about the world's problems. The louder Pakistan speaks about other nations, the clearer its own silence on domestic suffering becomes.

In city after city, voices of discontent rise — angry, desperate and unheard. Streets once filled with the rhythm of everyday life now echo with slogans of protest and pain. From the violent marches of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) in Lahore and Islamabad to the outcry in Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoJK), the unrest tells a story of a nation in distress. In PoJK, ordinary families — farmers, traders, students — are out on the streets demanding not privilege but basic dignity: affordable electricity, fair governance and the right to be heard. Their struggle is not just against high tariffs or inflation but against decades of neglect and broken promises.

Across Pakistan's urban centres, despair runs just as deep. Prices soar, jobs vanish and the middle class — once the backbone of the nation — is being hollowed out. Mothers skip meals so their children can eat. Young graduates wander the streets, searching for work that does not exist. Yet as the people tighten their belts, the government tightens its grip not on reform but on rhetoric. Instead of facing the pain of its own citizens, Islamabad finds solace in fiery speeches about Kashmir, Gaza and Afghanistan, using global causes to mask its domestic failures.

The recent TLP protests, held in the name of solidarity with Palestine, ended not in compassion but in chaos. Streets were choked with smoke, cities paralyzed by blockades and cries drowned out by gunfire. While the state invoked religion abroad, it unleashed repression at home. Along the western frontier, the story is no different. Pakistan blames Kabul for harbouring militants of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), even as border tensions spiral and innocent lives are lost in crossfire. The humanitarian cost mounts while those in power look away.

The turmoil in PoJK has stripped bare Pakistan's long-claimed façade of peace and progress in the region. The truth is written on placards carried by its own citizens: they feel exploited, unheard and forgotten. The so-called "model of autonomy" that Islamabad proudly projects has crumbled under the weight of corruption and control. What the people seek is simple — justice, representation and the right to decide their own future.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's economy gasps for air. The rupee weakens, debt deepens and investors flee. Hospitals run short of medicines, classrooms grow emptier as families can no longer afford fees. For millions, the promise of a better tomorrow has turned into the struggle for survival today. Yet amid this suffering, Pakistan's rulers remain fixated on global grandstanding — issuing statements, hosting conferences and pointing fingers outward while their own house burns.

The irony is painful. The same government that claims to defend the oppressed elsewhere continues to silence journalists, detain activists and persecute minorities within its borders. The Ahmadiyya community faces violent attacks. Reporters are threatened for telling the truth. Peaceful protests are met with bullets instead of dialogue. A country that lectures others on justice has forgotten what justice feels like at home.

Every tear gas shell, every blackout and every broken promise pushes Pakistan further from its people. The illusion of moral authority on the world stage cannot hide the hunger in its villages or the anger in its streets. The cries for dignity in PoJK, the frustration of youth in Karachi, the despair of workers in Faisalabad all echo one question: when will our own voices matter?

If Pakistan truly seeks stability and respect, it must find the courage to look inward. It must replace blame with reform, propaganda with policy and speeches with service. Healing begins not with slogans but with sincerity. Only when Pakistan starts listening to its own people — the silent majority who carry the weight of its failures — can it hope to reclaim its future.

Until that day, Pakistan will remain a nation shouting about others' wounds while ignoring its own bleeding heart. The world may hear its noise but its people are still waiting for their leaders to finally listen.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IS A JOURNEY OF CHANGE AND GROWTH !

In the heart of Kashmir, the rhythm of progress is no longer just a dream - it's visible in the hum of trains the flow of tourists and the steady rise of new opportunities. For decades Kashmiris were told that development and dignity couldn't coexist. Yet today's reality speaks differently. Roads are not symbols of oppression; they are pathways to prosperity - linking apple farmers to new markets students to better education and families to better healthcare.

The new railway lines are not just iron tracks cutting through mountains; they are lifelines connecting aspirations. For generations apple growers suffered due to limited transport options - goods stuck for days prices dictated by middlemen and harvests wasted. Now fast logistics and refrigerated freight corridors promise fairer trade and timely delivery ensuring that the world-famous Kashmiri apple reaches every corner of the country fresh and valued.

Development in Kashmir isn't about erasing identity; it's about empowering it. Orchards are being expanded tourism is reviving traditional crafts and young Entrepreneurs are finding space to innovate and grow. The idea is simple - when opportunities increase exploitation decreases.

True democracy listens builds and uplifts. And what's happening in Jammu & Kashmir today is the foundation of a self-reliant confident Kashmir - not hidden behind curtains but standing tall under open skies.

Across Jammu and Kashmir, transformation is unfolding not as destruction but as development rooted in opportunity. The construction of new highways and railway lines is not the erasure of tradition - it is the creation of stronger bridges between people, markets and possibilities. The same valleys once isolated by terrain are now being connected to the rest of the nation, giving farmers and artisans wider access to buyers and resources that were once beyond reach.

Modern infrastructure does not replace the orchards - it strengthens their future. Better roads mean faster transport of perishable produce, ensuring that apples from Shopian or Kupwara reach markets fresh and at fair prices. The vision is not to erase the green but to preserve it through modern means by integrating sustainable practices, storage facilities and new-age technology.

Kashmir's story today is one of progress meeting preservation. Each project—whether a railway through the hills or a highway across the plains—reflects a commitment to a self-reliant and thriving Kashmir where growth, connectivity and sustainability walk together.



A NEW CHAPTER OF REALISATION: KASHMIR CHOOSING GROWTH OVER GRIEVANCE

حقیقت کا ایک نیا باب: کشمیر نے شکایت پر ترقی کا انتخاب کیا

ایک طویل عرصے سے، ہم یہ غلط سمجھتے تھے کہ طاقت کا حقیقی مطالب کیا ہے۔ ہم نے شناخت کے لیے تنہائی اور مقصد کے لیے مزاحمت کو غلط سمجھا۔ لیکن آج، ایک نیا شعور جموں و کشمیر کو تشکیل دے رہا ہے - جو تعلیم، مواقع اور ترقی کو وقار کے حقیقی راستوں کے طور پر اہمیت دیتا ہے۔ ہم نے محسوس کیا ہے کہ حقیقی طاقت تصادم میں نہیں بلکہ وضاحت میں ہے، مسترد کرنے میں نہیں بلکہ اصلاحات میں، نعروں میں نہیں بلکہ مسلسل ترقی میں ہے۔ تعلیم اس تبدیلی کی بنیاد بن گئی ہے۔ جموں و کشمیر پولیس اور مقامی مدرسہ کے منتظمین کے درمیان حالیہ ہم آہنگی شمولیت کا ایک عمل تھا۔ ان کے دوروں نے مقامی بورڈز سے تسلیم شدہ تعلیمی بورڈز میں منتقلی کو یقینی بنایا تاکہ وادی بھر کے طلباء قومی نصاب کی پیروی کریں اور معیاری، اعلیٰ معیار کی تعلیم حاصل کریں۔ یہ تبدیلی ہر کشمیری بچے کو تیزی سے جڑی ہوئی دنیا میں مقابلہ کرنے، سبقت حاصل کرنے اور ترقی کرنے میں مدد دینے کے لیے ضروری ہے۔ اپنے تعلیمی نظام کو قومی معیارات کے ساتھ ہم آہنگ کر کے، حقیقت کا ایک نیا باب: کشمیر نے شکایت پر ترقی کا انتخاب کیا



یہ حقیقی بیداری ہے - جہاں تعلیم اور مواقع کو باختیار بنانے کے آلات کے طور پر قبولہم اپنے نوجوانوں کو محدودیت میں پھنسنے رہنے کے بجائے اپنی تقدیر خود بنانے کے لیے آلات کے ساتھ باختیار بنا

رہے ہیں۔ اسی طرح، کھیلوں کے لیے بڑھتا ہوا جوش ذہنیت میں تبدیلی کی عکاسی کرتا ہے۔ کرکٹ یا کوئی بھی کھیل کھیلنا ایمان یا ثقافت کے خلاف نہیں ہے یہ نظم و ضبط، ٹیم ورک اور خود اعتمادی کا اظہار ہے۔ اگر کرکٹ واقعی ایک ناپاک عمل ہوتا تو پاکستان، بنگلہ دیش، افغانستان، عمان اور متحدہ عرب امارات جیسی قومیں، تمام مضبوط اسلامی روایات کے حامل، نہ صرف شرکت کرتی بلکہ بین الاقوامی ٹورنامنٹس کی میزبانی کیوں کرتی؟ دبئی نے آئی سی سی ایونٹس کا انعقاد کیا ہے، اور مسلم کھلاڑی پوری دنیا میں فخر سے چمکے ہیں۔ کشمیر کے لیے بھی، یہ فخر کا لمحہ ہے۔ حال ہی میں تین نوجوان کشمیری کھلاڑیوں کو آئی پی ایل ٹیموں کے لیے منتخب کیا گیا ہے، جو امنگ اور ترقی کی ایک طاقتور علامت ہیں۔ ان کی کامیابی آنے والی نسلوں کو متاثر کرے گی اور کھیلوں کے عالمی اسٹیج پر کشمیر کی موجودگی کو مضبوط بناتے ہوئے ملک کی ترقی میں اپنا حصہ ڈالے گی۔

کیا جاتا ہے۔ ہم نے ماضی سے سیکھا ہے۔ ایک وقت تھا جب ہم خوف کی وجہ سے تبدیلی کے خلاف مزاحمت کرتے تھے، لیکن اب ہم دیکھتے ہیں کہ علم اور شرکت ہی شناخت کے حقیقی محافظ ہیں۔ جب ایمان اور آگے کی سوچ ایک ساتھ رہتے ہیں تو وہ ایک ایسا معاشرہ تشکیل دیتے ہیں جو اخلاقی طور پر مضبوط اور مادی طور پر خود انحصار ہو۔ کشمیر کا آج کا سفر نقصان کا نہیں بلکہ سیکھنے کا ہے۔ یہ اس بات کو تسلیم کرنے کے بارے میں ہے کہ وقار تعلیم، کاروبار اور مشغولیت سے بڑھتا ہے۔ یہ وادی اپنی جڑوں سے دور نہیں جا رہی ہے بلکہ یہ انہیں زرخیز زمین میں پرورش دے رہی ہے جہاں ایمان، عقل اور ترقی ایک ساتھ پروان چڑھتے ہیں۔ یہ آج کا کشمیر ہے: پراعتماد، ترقی پذیر اور ایک ایسے مستقبل کی تعمیر کے لیے پرعزم جہاں ترقی ہی آزادی کی حقیقی شکل بن جائے۔



AUTHOR'S NOTE

While some still glorify violence, the real story of Kashmir today is one of peace, progress and purpose. The Valley, once scarred by conflict, is now witnessing the fruits of stability, development and inclusive governance.

From better roads and healthcare to modern education and digital empowerment, a quiet transformation is underway. The youth, once trapped in unrest, are now pursuing ambition studying, innovating and representing India with pride.

Kashmir's children deserve pens, not propaganda. Its youth deserve opportunities, not obituaries. Tourism is reviving confidence, and investment reflects faith in Kashmir's potential.

India's approach has always been about empowerment, not exploitation and that vision is now reality. The true heroes are builders, not breakers teachers, doctors, entrepreneurs and young dreamers shaping a brighter tomorrow.

Kashmir is moving ahead with resilience and pride — toward a future defined not by conflict, but by confidence and hope.



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