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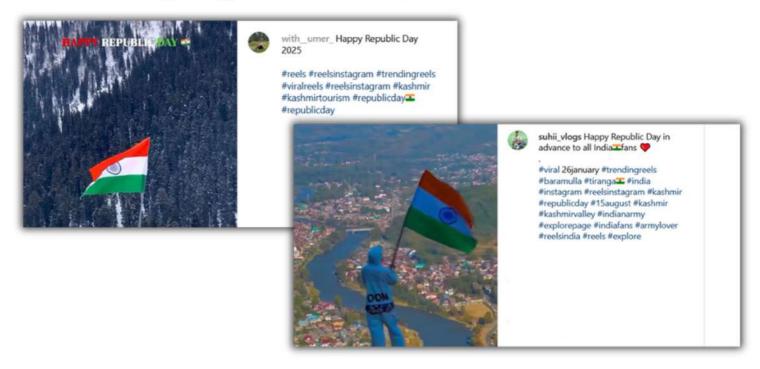
Kashmir has always been a land of rich culture, resilience and unwavering spirit. Its people have contributed immensely to art, literature and progress, standing strong. As the saying goes, "Old wine in a new bottle," some continue to propagate and spread misinformation and discord. However, these efforts have failed in the past and will continue to fail now and in the future.

The people of Kashmir have always stood for peace, harmony and progress. They have time and again shown their commitment to development and a brighter future. While some attempt to divide and mislead, the true essence of Kashmir lies in its unity and its deep-rooted connection with India. The youth of Kashmir are excelling in education, sports, and entrepreneurship, proving that the region is moving forward with strength and determination. Their future lies in growth, innovation and partnership with the rest of the nation, ensuring that Kashmir prospers as an integral part of India.

India stands united in strongly condemning the recent act of violence in which an Indian Army personnel, who was on leave, was killed by a Pakistani militant in a cowardly attack. This attack, which violates Human Rights and International norms, has sparked outrage across the nation. People from all walks of life, across every state, have come together to express their solidarity and condemn this senseless violence. Kashmir's unity in the face of such challenges sends a clear message that it stands together aganist such acts of terrorism. The international community has also shown overwhelming support, condemning the attack and reinforcing the need for peace and respect for human life. Kashmir remains steadfast in its commitment to safeguarding its sovereignty and ensuring that such acts of aggression are never tolerated.



Kashmir is witnessing a new era of growth and transformation. The valleys once known only for it's beauty are now becoming a hub of education, entrepreneurship and cultural revival. The dedication and hard work of Kashmiris is paving the way for a future filled with opportunities, innovation and prosperity. With investments in infrastructure, education and healthcare, Kashmir is building a strong foundation for future generations. Roads, schools and industries are expanding, creating new avenues for economic growth. Young minds are stepping into fields of science, technology and business, shaping a future where Kashmir stands tall in progress and self-reliance. From traditional crafts to modern startups, every corner of the region reflects determination and creativity. Agriculture, tourism and local businesses are thriving, bringing new life to the economy and strengthening the identity of Kashmir on a larger stage. This spirit of progress and unity is evident as Kashmiris proudly celebrate Republic Day, joining in the national festivities with enthusiasm. Schools, colleges and communities are organizing events filled with patriotic songs, cultural performances and flag hoisting ceremonies. Social media is flooded with messages of love for the nation, as people share their hopes, achievements and aspirations, spreading positivity and highlighting Kashmir's journey of development. This celebration is a testament to how deeply Kashmir is embracing peace, growth and a future full of possibilities.



They capture the true essence of Kashmir's diverse celebrations, such as Holi, Raksha Bandhan and Eid, and share these moments with the world. Their posts often feature people from different religious backgrounds Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs celebrating together, sharing sweets, playing games and participating in each other's traditions. These influencers not only highlight the joyous and colorful celebrations but also emphasize the deep respect and love that exists between communities, breaking stereotypes and showing the world the beauty of Kashmir's communal harmony.



At the same time, influencers and content creators are playing a vital role in showcasing the true essence of Kashmir. Through social media, they highlight the region's beauty, progress and cultural richness, helping to change perceptions and spread positivity. From sharing breathtaking landscapes to capturing local success stories, these influencers are inspiring a new narrative one that reflects a peaceful, thriving and hopeful Kashmir. Their efforts not only promote tourism and business but also reinforce the spirit of unity and development in the region.

Social media plays a powerful role in shaping young minds and it is important to ensure that it spreads positivity, knowledge and cultural awareness. Responsible content creation can inspire, educate and uplift society, while negative and misleading content can lead to confusion and a loss of values. Kashmir, with its rich heritage and strong cultural roots, must continue to uphold its traditions and ethics while embracing modernity in a meaningful way.

Today's generation has immense potential, and their engagement with technology and media should be directed towards learning, growth and constructive discussions. Encouraging reading, critical thinking and awareness of history, politics and culture will empower the youth to make informed decisions. Parents play a key role in guiding their children toward information that strengthens their understanding of their traditions, ethics, and the positive aspects of their heritage. It is through education and awareness that a progressive and culturally rich society can be nurtured. Influencers, social media figures and content creators have a responsibility to use their platforms wisely.

Khelo India has sparked growth in Kashmir by encouraging youth to pursue sports, offering world-class training and national-level exposure. It has not only nurtured athletic talent but also boosted



tourism, attracting visitors and showcasing the region's beauty. Influencers and sports personalities have played a key role in promoting these initiatives, inspiring more young people to get involved in sports. This has helped create a sense of unity, open new opportunities, and support the overall development of the region.

OUTSIDER A BOON TO KASHMIR SOCIETY

Migrant workers have played a crucial role in the economic and infrastructural development of Kashmir, contributing significantly to various sectors such as construction, agriculture, handicrafts and small businesses. Their migration to the region has led to a valuable exchange of skills, labor techniques and innovative work practices, boosting productivity and regional growth.

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The introduction of new labor techniques by Migrant workers has been instrumental in improving efficiency across multiple industries. Skilled masons and construction workers have implemented advanced bricklaying and plastering methods, while agricultural laborers have applied better water management and crop rotation strategies.

Additionally, many Migrant migrants have established small businesses such as tailoring shops, food stalls and construction material supply chains, thereby creating employment opportunities and strengthening the local economy. Their contribution extends beyond economic benefits, fostering cultural exchange through food, language, and traditions, which enrich Kashmir's social fabric.



The Organization carried out and excursion cum learning tour for the Kashmiri girls. The Organization is dedicated to empowering Kashmiri girls by bringing them to Pune for better educational and career opportunities. Through this initiative, the organization provides access to quality education, fosters personal and professional growth, and helps them develop leadership skills. By offering mentorship, internships, and a chance to experience diverse cultures, It enables these young women to break the barriers, pursue their dreams, and create brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

To further strengthen this collaboration, initiatives such as skill development programs, entrepreneurship support and worker rights protection should be implemented. Encouraging training programs that facilitate skill exchange between Kashmiri and Migrant workers can enhance productivity, while supporting small businesses run by migrants can contribute to Kashmir's economy. Ultimately, Migrant workers play a vital role in Kashmir's development and fostering mutual respect and support will lead to a prosperous future for both regions. Their resilience, hard work and contributions exemplify how regional cooperation can drive national progress in economic and social growth.

Migrants have significantly contributed to the growth of sports in Kashmir by introducing new skills, coaching young athletes and promoting teamwork. Their passion for cricket, kabaddi, wrestling and athletics has enhanced the local sports culture, with many actively participating in tournaments and refining training techniques. Cricket, the most popular sport in other parts of India and Kashmir, has especially benefited from their structured coaching and competitive spirit. India's strong tradition in kabaddi and wrestling has also influenced young Kashmiri athletes, leading to increased participation in these sports specially martial arts.



Beyond sports, their involvement has fostered unity, breaking social barriers through friendly matches and tournaments that bring communities together. Despite facing challenges like social barriers and limited access to infrastructure, their dedication has strengthened Kashmir's sporting environment. Encouraging inclusive sports programs and recognizing their contributions can further enhance sports development while reinforcing the unifying power of the game.

The presence of skilled professionals and experts in various fields has been a blessing for Kashmir. With continuous collaboration, technological advancements, and shared knowledge, the region is moving towards a brighter and more prosperous future. The combination of Kashmir's natural beauty, rich traditions and new-age expertise is creating endless opportunities for growth, ensuring that the valley remains a symbol of resilience, harmony and development.

HAPPINESS IS THE NEW NORMAL

Today, the valley is experiencing an increasing demand for peace, economic progress and social harmony. The once-silent streets are alive with laughter, bustling markets and the warmth of people coming together. Happiness is no longer a dream it is the new normal in Kashmir. One of the most beautiful reflections of this change is how Eid is now celebrated with unparalleled joy and enthusiasm. The festival, which symbolizes peace, gratitude and togetherness, has become even more vibrant in recent years. As the crescent moon is sighted, marking the beginning of Eid, the entire region lights up with happiness. Families prepare traditional dishes like Rogan Josh, Yakhni, Gushtaba and Sheer Khurma, filling homes with the aroma of festivity. Markets brim with people shopping for new clothes, sweets and gifts, showcasing a renewed sense of normalcy and economic growth.

On Eid morning, mosques and Eidgahs across Kashmir overflow with worshippers dressed in their finestattire, embracing each other with warmth after prayers. Streets echo with greetings of "Eid Mubarak" and the spirit of brotherhood transcends religious and social divides. People visit each other's homes, share meals, and exchange gifts, reinforcing the region's age-old tradition of hospitality and togetherness.



The people of Kashmir are actively working towards building a peaceful, prosperous and self-reliant society. The valley, once torn apart by unrest, is now experiencing economic revival, infrastructural development, and social progress, all fueled by the collective spirit of its people.

The rise of young entrepreneurs in Kashmir is driving a new wave of economic empowerment. Startups in handicrafts, tourism, IT and agriculture are flourishing, providing jobs and contributing to the local economy. The government and private organizations are investing in skill development programs, ensuring that the youth have access to education, training and employment opportunities.

Tourism, the backbone of Kashmir's economy, is witnessing a historic boom. Hotels, houseboats and restaurants are packed with travelers from across the country and abroad. Adventure tourism, winter sports, and eco-tourism have opened new avenues for locals to earn a livelihood. The return of Bollywood and international filmmakers to Kashmir is further boosting the region's global appeal.

Better roads, new railway projects and improved internet connectivity are linking Kashmir to the rest of the world like never before. These developments are making travel easier, boosting trade, and opening new possibilities for the region's growth.



With increased focus on education, Kashmir's youth are now excelling in various fields, from academics to sports and technology. Schools and universities are providing world-class education and scholarships are enabling students to pursue higher studies in prestigious institutions. More young Kashmiris are securing jobs in national and international companies, breaking stereotypes and proving their potential. Women in Kashmir are playing a crucial role in the region's progress. From running successful businesses to excelling in sports and arts, Kashmiri women are stepping into leadership roles. Government initiatives supporting women entrepreneurs and professionals are further empowering them to contribute actively to society.

The new normal in Kashmir is one of peace, prosperity and unity. Festivals serve as a reminder of the valley's enduring spirit one that celebrates life, togetherness and progress. With economic growth, youth empowerment, tourism revival and infrastructural advancements, Kashmir is stepping into a brighter, more promising future.

Happiness is not just a fleeting moment in Kashmir but has become the new normal. With peace initiatives, infrastructural developments and socio-economic progress, the region is on a path to stability and prosperity. The people of Kashmir, resilient and hopeful, are embracing a life where smiles replace sorrow, and laughter fills the air.

The people of Kashmir, are now writing a new chapter one where happiness is no longer an exception but a way of life. The valley, often called "Paradise on Earth," is finally living up to its name not just in its breathtaking beauty, but in the smiles of its people.

BY ALLAH KA BANDA Reformation

As we enter the holy month of Ramadan, a time of spiritual reflection, devotion and selflessness. While we enjoy our Sahoors and Iftars, it is essential to extend a helping hand to those who are struggling. Kashmir, known for its rich tradition of unity and brotherhood, provides us with the perfect environment to practice compassion and charity. This Ramadan, let us ensure that every family in our country experiences the joy and blessings of this sacred month.

Kashmir has always been a land of harmony and coexistence, where people from different backgrounds and faiths come together in times of celebration and need. The government, along with various organizations and community leaders, continues to work toward ensuring that the underprivileged receive the support they need. Across the country, food distribution drives, community iftars and welfare programs reflect the strong sense of solidarity and togetherness that defines India. Ramadan is a time to strengthen these bonds, to share meals, to uplift one another and to contribute to the development of our great nation. Islam emphasizes compassion, charity and responsibility toward others. As responsible citizens of India, it is our duty to care for those in need. Simple acts like distributing food, visiting the sick and elderly and supporting welfare programs can make a significant impact. Kashmir, with its deep-rooted tradition of sewa (selfless service), encourages every individual to participate in nation-building through kindness and generosity. True Jihad, in today's world, is not about conflict it is about self-improvement, education and contributing to a peaceful and progressive society. The best way to serve our faith and our nation is by working toward peace, economic stability, and a better future for all.

ZUV: AUTHORS NOTE

On the Day of Judgment (Yaum-al-Qiyamah), we will not be asked about our wealth, but about how much we helped those in need. This Ramadan, let us reflect on our actions and ensure that we uphold the values of mercy, kindness, and unity. India is a land of opportunity, progress and inclusivity, and it is our responsibility to create a society where every person regardless of religion, caste, or background feels supported and empowered. May this Ramadan bring peace, prosperity, and harmony to our beloved nation. May Allah bless India, protect its people and guide us toward a path of goodness and unity. At the end of this holy month, we ask all Kashmiris to pray for peace, prosperity, and unity in our homeland. Let us remember those who have worked toward the development, harmony and progress of Kashmir. May our prayers bring a future filled with success, and brotherhood for generations to come.



