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A LOOK BACK AT 2024

The yearly assessment is focused on the most notable accomplishments to facilitate the understanding of the functioning of JKPI.



PUBLICATIONS: 80 (Policy Building, Projects, Dialogues & Report Briefs, Commentary, Research, Case study)



PUBLICATION VIEWS: 94,775



WEBSITE VIEWS: 1,17,311



GOOGLE USERS: 37,906

About JKPI

Always under the spotlight for the politics concerning this region, the vital human geography of Kashmir has never really got the kind of primacy it deserves. While a lot has been written in praise of its scenic splendour, not much focus is accorded to the elements responsible for its natural magnificence – its climate, the geography, and its interactions with the people, and vice versa.

This is perhaps why this place has not attracted the kind of scholarship it should ideally have given its geological past – of being a place desiccated from water – of an ancient lake called Sati-Sara, or having been part of the Tethys Ocean.


Even in global concerns vis-à-vis climate change, Kashmir rarely finds a mention. This is despite this region being situated within the world's highest mountain range— the Himalayas, which are vital to the global climate, and dictate & determine the human geography & political economy of billions not only in the Indian subcontinent but the entire South Asia.

With all these observations, fears & doubts in mind, JK Policy Institute's work is focused on SUSTAINABILITY and other matters concerning the human geography of the region.

ON GROUND/ONLINE EVENTS/ PROJECTS



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Sustainable Tourism and Ecological Management (STEM)

Promoting sustainable tourism practices in rural Kashmir



An initiative by:
JK POLICY INSTITUTE (JKPI)



*As part of its **Sustainable Tourism and Ecological Management (STEM) initiative**, JKPI, supported by the local community and children from Lam Tral, organized a clean and green drive at Gujjar Saran Jawahirpora Lam, Tral, where they installed dustbins, benches and planted trees.*

Like other Himalayan regions, Kashmir faces a pressing need to balance tourism activities with environmental conservation and sustainable growth. JKPI's STEM initiative aims to collaborate to preserve rural Kashmir's natural beauty while promoting sustainable tourism practices. With the involvement of local communities, JKPI helps enhance green spaces, ensure cleanliness, and protect Kashmir's rich natural and cultural assets.

JKPI recognises that for sustainable tourism to flourish in Kashmir, it is important to involve and empower local communities. By engaging residents in conservation efforts, the project fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility and ensures

the preservation of the region's ecological diversity. Through awareness campaigns, training programs, and capacity-building initiatives, JKPI trains community members with the knowledge and skills to protect their environment and promote sustainable practices. This grassroots approach enhances the impact of conservation efforts and nurtures a culture of environmental consciousness among the locals.

STEM strongly emphasises cleanliness and waste management, working closely with local authorities and volunteers to implement sustainable waste disposal practices and maintain hygiene standards in tourist spots—and contributes to the overall well-being of residents and visitors.

EmpowerED Program



OBJECTIVES:

- To improve communication skills among students in grades 6 to 8 in selected government schools.
- To enhance students' confidence and self-esteem through targeted communication training.
- To support the government's initiative to provide quality education by addressing the gap in communication skills among students.
- To foster collaboration between external experts, local communities, and school stakeholders for sustainable educational outcomes.

APPROACH:

The EmpowerED Program will adopt a multifaceted approach to achieve its objectives:

Engaging external and local experts: Collaborating with professionals and local community members experienced in communication training to provide specialized workshops and mentorship sessions.

Integration with curriculum: Integrating communication skill-building activities into the existing curriculum to ensure continuity and relevance.

Teacher collaboration: Working closely with English teachers to reinforce learning objectives and provide ongoing support.

Student-centred approach: Tailoring activities and interventions to meet the diverse needs and learning styles of students, fostering an inclusive learning environment.

Evaluation and Feedback: Implementing a robust

OVERVIEW:

The EmpowerED Program is a comprehensive initiative designed to enhance communication skills among students in selected government schools, primarily targeting those in grades 6 to 8. Developed by the Jammu Kashmir Policy Institute (JKPI), this program acknowledges the critical role effective communication plays in personal development, confidence building, and overall academic and professional success.

BACKGROUND:

In today's dynamic world, effective communication skills are paramount for individuals to thrive in various aspects of life. Despite academic proficiency, students in public schools, particularly in rural areas, often encounter challenges stemming from inadequate communication abilities. These challenges, including low self-esteem and limited use of body language, can hinder their progress and inhibit their full potential.

RATIONALE:

The EmpowerED Program is founded on the recognition of the significance of communication skills in the holistic development of students. Aligned with the government's New Education Policy (NEP), which emphasizes the importance of communication skills in fostering better relationships and enhancing leadership abilities, this program seeks to complement existing educational efforts.

and evaluation framework to assess the program's effectiveness and gather feedback for continuous improvement.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

Improved communication skills, including speaking, listening, and non-verbal communication, among participating students.

Increased confidence and self-esteem, leading to enhanced academic performance and overall well-being.

Strengthened partnerships between schools, communities, and external stakeholders for sustainable educational initiatives.

Alignment with the objectives outlined in the government's New Education Policy, contributing to the broader goals of educational reform and quality enhancement.

In conclusion, the EmpowerED Program endeavours to empower students with the essential communication skills needed to succeed in the 21st century. By addressing the gap in communication proficiency, this initiative aims to foster a generation of confident, articulate, and empowered individuals poised for academic and professional success.



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Youth Empowerment Through Sport (YES) Initiative



PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

Distribution of Sports Kits: We aim to collaborate with local sports clubs, schools, and community organizations to identify deserving young athletes and provide them with sports kits and equipment tailored to their interests and needs. These kits will include essentials such as jerseys, footwear, sports gear, and training equipment, enabling aspiring athletes to pursue their passion for sports without financial constraints.

Youth empowerment workshops: In partnership with experts in the field of youth development and substance abuse prevention, we will conduct workshops and seminars aimed at empowering young people with the necessary life skills and resilience to navigate challenges effectively. Topics will include goal setting, decision-making, peer pressure resistance, and healthy coping mechanisms.

Community outreach and advocacy: Through community engagement activities such as rallies, public events, and social media campaigns, we will raise awareness about the importance of positive youth engagement and the dangers of drug abuse. By mobilizing community support and advocacy, we aim to create a supportive environment that nurtures the well-being and aspirations of our youth.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

Increased participation of youth in sports and physical activities.

Greater awareness and understanding of the risks associated with drug abuse.

INTRODUCTION:

The Jammu Kashmir Policy Institute (JKPI) recognizes the pivotal role of youth in shaping the future of Jammu and Kashmir. In line with our commitment to fostering a vibrant and drug-free society, we have launched the Youth Empowerment Through Sport (YES) Initiative to promote positive youth engagement and combat the menace of drug abuse. Through this initiative, we aim to empower the youth by providing them with opportunities to explore their potential in sports while simultaneously raising awareness about the detrimental effects of drug addiction.

OBJECTIVES:

Empowerment through Sports: Sports can serve as a powerful tool for empowering youth, and fostering teamwork, discipline, and resilience. By providing sports kits and equipment to young individuals across Jammu and Kashmir, we aim to encourage their active participation in various sporting activities, promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Prevention of Drug Abuse: Recognizing the grave threat posed by drug abuse to the youth of our region, we are committed to launching comprehensive anti-drug campaigns. Through educational workshops, awareness programs, and community outreach initiatives, we aim to educate young people about the risks associated with substance abuse and equip them with the knowledge and skills to make informed choices and resist peer pressure.

Reduction in the prevalence of drug abuse among young people.

Empowerment of youth to make positive life choices and contribute to the development of their communities.

CONCLUSION:

The Youth Empowerment Through Sport (YES) Initiative of the Jammu Kashmir Policy Institute represents a holistic approach to addressing the complex challenges facing the youth of our region. By promoting positive engagement in sports and raising awareness about the dangers of drug abuse, we aim to empower young people to lead healthy, fulfilling lives and become active agents of positive change in their communities.





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Learning, Evaluation, Accountability, and Participation (LEAP)



INTRODUCTION:

Project LEAP, initiated by the Jammu Kashmir Policy Institute (JKPI), is a comprehensive endeavour aimed at understanding and enhancing the governance and developmental landscape of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The acronym LEAP encapsulates its core objectives: Learning, Evaluation, Accountability, and Participation.

OBJECTIVES:

Learning: To gain insights into government functioning, policy formulation, and project execution within the region.

Evaluation: To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of various government schemes and projects.

Accountability: To promote transparency and hold stakeholders accountable for their actions.

Participation: To engage the public in the policymaking process and ensure inclusivity in developmental initiatives.

APPROACH:

LEAP operates through a multifaceted approach, utilizing both virtual and physical platforms to engage diverse stakeholders including government officials, policymakers, researchers, and subject matter experts. These sessions facilitate in-depth discussions to elucidate the intricacies of governance and policy implementation in J&K.

Central to LEAP's mission is the facilitation of dialogue, aiming to bridge the gap between policy formulation and ground-level realities. By fostering an environment conducive to open discourse, LEAP seeks to ensure that government

initiatives are aligned with the needs of the public.

Furthermore, LEAP emphasizes inclusivity by providing opportunities for public engagement. Through virtual and physical sessions, citizens can evaluate the impact of developmental initiatives on their daily lives and contribute to the policymaking process, thereby enhancing transparency and fostering a sense of ownership in the community.

RATIONALE:

Project LEAP is founded on the belief that Jammu and Kashmir stands at a critical juncture in public policy formulation and implementation. With numerous interventions being introduced in recent times, LEAP aims to serve as a platform for knowledge dissemination and awareness-raising regarding these initiatives.

LEAP seeks to bring together stakeholders from various sectors onto a single platform to facilitate informed policy discussions and decision-making. By connecting academicians, students, industry representatives, and other key stakeholders with policymakers, LEAP aims to foster an inclusive, incremental, and informed approach to policy formulation and implementation in Jammu and Kashmir.

CONCLUSION:

Project LEAP represents a concerted effort to enhance governance, promote accountability, and foster inclusive development in Jammu and Kashmir. Through its focus on learning, evaluation, accountability, and participation, LEAP endeavours to contribute to the realization of a more transparent, responsive, and citizen-centric governance framework in the region.



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Expert Talk Series

A Journalist's Journey Through Environmental and Climate Change Challenges in Rural India.



Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13
CLIMATE ACTION

Guest Speaker

NIDHI JAMWAL
Environment Journalist



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NOVEMBER 21ST
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Transforming Education in Rural Communities: Lessons from Kargil



Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4
QUALITY EDUCATION



GUEST SPEAKER

Shifa Saldon

Co-founder/CEO rZamba Charitable Trust

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SUNDAY - 3:00-4:00 PM






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The Political Economy of War and Peace in Afghanistan



QUEST EXPERT
DR. DHANANJAY TRIPATHI
Chairperson & Associate Professor (Senior Grade) at the Department of International Relations, SAU, New Delhi.




MODERATOR
YASHI SINGH
Founder, Emerging Yuvas Pune (NGO), Master's in International Relations (University of Leeds)

23 March 2024 | Saturday | 4:00 pm IST

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GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING


TOPIC
IMPACT OF EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME ON CHILDREN'S HEALTH IN THE CONTEXT OF VIRTUAL AUTISM

Sunday, 31st March 2024
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Guest Expert
Dr. Shikha Goyal
Senior Paediatric Disability Consultant



Moderator **Yashi Singh**
Founder, Emerging Yuvas Pune (NGO), Master's in International Relations (University of Leeds)





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Climate Change and Sustainable Livelihood for Camel Herders in Ladakh



Guest Expert

**Dr. Smruti Smita
Mohapatra Samal**

Veterinarian | Educator
Consultant | Researcher

Moderator

Yashi Singh

Founder, Emerging Youth Pune
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Saturday, 17th Feb 2024

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06:00 - 07:00 pm

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ACTION



CLIMATE JUSTICE IN INDIA

understanding the social and economic
impacts of climate change

Guest Expert

**Prof. Prakash
Kashwan**

Associate Professor of
Environmental Studies,
Brandeis University



Moderator

YASHI SINGH

Founder, Emerging Youth Pune
(NGO), Master's in International
Relations (University of Leeds)

Sunday

11th February 2024

06:00 pm IST

Live Stream

Platform: Zoom



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"Women are change-makers"

Importance of investing in women's empowerment across various sectors

Join us in commemorating

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Women's Day

8 MARCH 2024

GUEST SPEAKERS



Dr. Gazala Gayas
Principal GDC Rajpora,
Pulwama



Dr. Kainat Aziz
Research Fellow
IIT Guwahati



Sugra Malik
Lead Platform Developer
(Publicis Sapient, Australia)



MODERATOR


Huzaifa Jeelani




#IWD2024

#InvestInWomen

 Friday, 08th March 2024  3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

 Live Stream

 Platform: Zoom

ACHIEVEMENTS

World map of pastoralists



Paul Mundy, League for Pastoral Peoples and Endogenous Livestock Development, paul@mamud.com

www.pastoralpeoples.org/pastoralist-map/

Jammu Kashmir Policy Institute's (JKPI's) work on the nomadic, indigenous communities -- Bakarwal and Chopan has been recognized & included on the Pastoralist World Map.

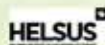
All credit goes to **Dr. Smruti Smita Mohapatra** and **Mr. Mukhtar Dar** for their valuable contributions, which earned JKPI this recognition.

The world map of pastoralists, prepared for the 2026 International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, currently has information on over 800 groups of pastoralists worldwide.

Dr. Smruti Smita Mohapatra



Mr. Mukhtar Dar



YASHI SINGH

Former Research Intern
at JKPI



I'm extremely happy to share that I have completed my Master's in International Relations at the University of Leeds with Merit.

I'm also excited to share that I have been awarded a Merit for my Master's Dissertation. The thesis titled "Assessing Deradicalization and Disengagement Programs in preventing terrorism and violent extremism: Critical analysis through case studies of the UK and Indonesia"

Heartfelt gratitude to my dedicated professors and mentors who guided me throughout this transformative experience.

I would also like to extend my special thanks to **Jammu Kashmir Policy Institute** wherein my previous experience as a Research Intern in the organization has immensely helped me to augment my skillset including academic writing and critical analysis which I was able to put into use during my Master's journey at University of Leeds.



**Anandita
Pavagadhi**

**Former Research
Intern at JKPI**



I'm thrilled to share that I have graduated with an MSc in International Social and Public Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). This marks a significant milestone in my academic journey.

I'm also proud to have conducted impactful research during my time at LSE, focusing on the intersections of social policy, migration and development, building on the skills and knowledge I cultivated during my tenure as a Research Associate at the Jammu Kashmir Policy Institute (JKPI). My work at JKPI enhanced my critical thinking and analytical abilities, particularly in exploring socio-economic challenges and peacebuilding initiatives.

I am deeply grateful to my professors, mentors, and colleagues who supported me throughout this transformative journey. Special thanks to the **JKPI** team, whose guidance and encouragement helped me develop essential research and writing skills that I applied throughout my master's program.

I am excited for the opportunities ahead and look forward to making meaningful contributions in the field of social and public policy, and international development.

I am excited to share that I've begun my PhD journey in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at James Cook University (JCU), Australia, supported by the prestigious JCU Postgraduate Research Scholarship. This opportunity marks a significant milestone in my academic and research career, allowing me to delve deeper into my passion for ecology and evolutionary studies.

I am incredibly grateful for the support and encouragement of my mentors, colleagues, and family. I am eager for the journey ahead at JCU and look forward to the opportunities it will bring to broaden my knowledge and make a meaningful impact in the field of ecology.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the **Jammu and Kashmir Policy Institute**, where I served as a Research Associate. My time there honed my research skills and allowed me to write about key ecological topics, particularly those relevant to Kashmir. This experience has added significant value to my CV, helping me reach this important step in my career!



PARVAIZ YOUSUF

- PhD Scholar at James Cook University Australia
- Former Research Associate at JKPI

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Exciting news: JK Policy Institute has been featured

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From: NGOs1

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Global NGO Directory

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PUBLICATIONS

JANUARY 2024

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SDG 13
#Climate Change

Global Warming and European security: Environmental challenges in defence and homeland security




RESEARCH PAPER
19 JANUARY 2024

 **ANAMITRA BANERJEE**

As global temperatures rise, so do risks to peace and security. Governments worldwide are realizing the challenges of environmental damage. For over two decades, the European Union has led environmental efforts, but there's more to do. In national security, changing circumstances require rethinking defence tools. The EU is reshaping the link between the environment and security through initiatives like the European Green Deal. They aim to boost green energy, promote conservation, and reduce the environmental impact of military actions.


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Governance & Administration

Evolution and challenges of Panchayat Raj System in Jammu and Kashmir - an overview



Commentaries
11 JANUARY 2024

 **MUKHTAR DAR**

Despite notable improvements in transforming Panchayats into active contributors to rural development, challenges persist at the grassroots level. Issues such as the absence of Gram Sabhas, illiteracy among Panchayat members, insufficient infrastructure, misuse of women's reservation in Panchayats, and coordination problems all impact the overall effectiveness of the Panchayati Raj System in Jammu and Kashmir.

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SDG 4
Quality education

Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities in India: A comprehensive overview



Education and Skill Development
15 JANUARY 2024

 **NEHA AGGARWAL**

In India, inclusive education has been described as excluding children with disabilities. Disabled children rarely complete primary school, with only 9% completing secondary school. Approximately 45% of disabled people are illiterate, and only 62.9% of disabled people aged 3 to 35 have ever attended regular schools.

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SDG - 5
Gender equality


Women in the Indian Armed Forces: A Historical Perspective and Future Responsibilities



RESEARCH ARTICLE
28 JANUARY 2024

 **RAHUL WANKHEDE**


This research article analyses the main arguments for the role of women in the Indian military. It observes, that female warriors, after demonstrating equal capabilities, will now have to shoulder equal responsibilities while in service, to fructify their demands of equal opportunities in military service.



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SOG-13 Climate Change

Role of Sustainable Resource Management in Combating Climate Change



23 JANUARY 2024

SEMRAN PARVAIZ

In a time marked by prominent environmental issues, the concept of sustainable resource management has emerged as a beacon of hope amidst the looming threat of climate change. The urgency to adopt sustainable practices in resource utilization has never been more imperative, considering the alarming rate at which our planet's natural resources are depleting.

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International Relations - Southeast Asia

03 JANUARY 2024


UJJAWAL UPADHYAY

Pakistan's Influence in Bangladesh: Impacts on India's Security & China-India Dynamics



This study aims to analyse the role of Pakistan in the politics of Bangladesh how the ISI has deep-rooted itself in the political system of the country and how it poses a major threat to the Northeastern states of India, especially the lower Assam region.


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Good Health and Well-being

Examining the surge in cardiovascular diseases in Kashmir and beyond




07 JANUARY 2024

PARVAIZ YOUSUF

The article provides a comprehensive overview of the global scenario of Cardiovascular Diseases (CVDs), with staggering statistics from organizations like the World Health Organization (WHO) and the American Heart Association (AHA). In India, CVDs have become the leading cause of death, accounting for 25% of all fatalities. The situation is particularly critical in Kashmir, where limited research has been conducted, and a unique set of stressors might be contributing to the rise in heart attacks.

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SDG-13 Climate Change

India's approach towards the National Action Plan on Climate Change



Climate Action

13 FEBRUARY 2024

ANAMITRA BANERJEE

From the inception of the National Communication study to the launch of the National Action Plan on Climate Change, India has made commendable strides in addressing climate challenges. However, assessments by Climate Action Tracker (CAT) underscore the need for accelerated action. India's current strategies, while commendable, fall short of aligning with the 1.5°C warming goal.

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SDG-8 Decent Work and Economic Growth

Kashmir's inland waterways: A path to economic and touristic transformation



Sustainable Tourism (SDG Target 8.9)

17 FEBRUARY 2024

MUKHTAR DAR

With modernization efforts from the central government and long-term projects by the UT administration, inland water routes in Kashmir could significantly boost tourism, alleviate road congestion, and generate revenue, akin to the success of the Gulmarg Gondola.

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SDG-16 Peace, Justice and strong Institutions

AI's role in shaping public policy and governance: The path forward



Governance & Administration

25 FEBRUARY 2024

NEHA AGGARWAL

AI holds immense potential for improving government services. With advanced technologies, government agencies can cut labour costs, enhance accuracy and precision, avoid overlapping of programmes, speed up processes, save man-hours and provide smooth and quicker services to the public.

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SDG-13 Climate Change

Kashmir's snow drought: Climate change crisis and its far-reaching consequences



Climate Action

03 FEBRUARY 2024

PARVAIZ YOUSUF

This year's winter in Kashmir has been peculiar - a prolonged absence of snowfall, breaking the tradition of the 40-day "Chilai Kalan." What's causing this? Experts reveal a shocking 43% decrease in strong Western disturbances, attributed to climate change.

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SDG - 11  Sustainable cities and communities

How Smart Cities are transforming urban landscapes – A case study of Srinagar and Jammu



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Case Studies

29 FEBRUARY 2024



TARANUM MUZAFFAR LONE



The growth of smart cities is changing how we live in urban areas! Look into how Srinagar and Jammu are on the path to becoming sustainable, tech-savvy cities under India's Smart Cities Mission. Explore their ongoing progress, transitioning from facing social and economic issues to making significant improvements in areas such as better infrastructure, waste management, and provision of public services.



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SDG - 13  Climate Change

Disaster management strategies in Kashmir amid growing natural calamities



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Climate Action

21 FEBRUARY 2024




ZAHOOOR AHMAD DAR




In Kashmir, harsh winters pose serious challenges. From transportation issues to agricultural losses, winter disasters affect various sectors. However, proactive steps such as establishing disaster management authorities, enacting legislation and initiatives like snow removal and avalanche forecasting, along with community engagement highlight efforts to enhance winter disaster preparedness.


MARCH 2024




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SDG - 15  Life on land

VIHI District: A geologically significant but largely unknown area in Kashmir




Natural Resources Development and Sustainability
4 March 2024


 **PARVAIZ YOUSUF**

Have you heard about the VIHI District in Kashmir? It's a geologically significant area holding immense ecological, geological, and historical importance, yet it remains largely unknown. In this article, we go into everything concerning the VIHI district, including its composition and significance.

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SDG - 4  Quality Education

Disparities in access and equity: A study of higher education in J&K



Education and Skill Development
11 March 2024

 **AJAZ AHMAD DAR**

Using data from the All-India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), this study highlights the disparities in access to higher education within the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. From analyzing Gross Enrolment Ratios (GER) across social groups to examining Gender Parity Index (GPI), the findings shed light on the challenges faced by marginalized communities and genders.

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SDG - 12.2  Sustainable Management and Use of Natural Resources

Role of Bactrian camels in conservation, tourism, and economic growth in Ladakh



Natural Resources Development and Sustainability
15 March 2024

 **DR SMRUTI SMITA MOHAPATRA**

The Bactrian camel or double-humped camel, found in Nubra Valley in Ladakh, can be utilized in various ways to benefit the region. By tapping into the potential of these camels, Ladakh can achieve goals related to conservation, tourism, and economic growth. These camels can serve as a valuable resource for both preserving the environment, attracting tourists, and boosting the local economy.

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SDG - 13  Climate Action

90% Himalayas at risk of facing year-long droughts due to climate change



Agriculture, Environment and Ecology
20 March 2024

 **PARVAIZ YOUSUF**

The Himalayas, a symbol of natural beauty and biodiversity, are under threat due to climate change. A recent study warns that a mere 3-degree rise in temperature could trigger year-long droughts, impacting millions of lives. Urgent action is needed to safeguard this delicate ecosystem and the human populations depending on it.

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SDG - 4 Quality education

Learning deficit in Kashmir's education system: Insights from ASER Reports



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Commentaries

26 March 2024



NEHA AGGARWAL

In the realm of education, enrollment rates are often seen as a beacon of progress, signalling increased access to learning opportunities for all. Yet, beneath the surface of high enrollment rates lies a pressing concern: the persistent challenge of low learning outcomes. Despite efforts to expand access to education, every region grapples with the stark reality that enrollment alone does not guarantee quality learning.



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SDG 12.2 Sustainable Management and Use of Natural Resources

The rise of solar energy in Jammu and Kashmir



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Commentaries


30 March 2024



ZAHOOR AHMAD DAR


In Jammu and Kashmir, solar energy projects are taking off. The UT is using solar power for things like running gas pumps and lighting up houses. The Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission is providing thousands of people with clean and dependable energy. This commentary discusses how important this shift to renewable energy is.

APRIL 2024



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AFSPA revocation and troop withdrawal: Amit Shah signals a potential shift towards reconciliation in J&K

Insights | 04 April 2024

 JK POLICY INSTITUTE

While the prospect of AFSPA revocation and troop withdrawal has elicited mixed responses, with opposition parties cautiously optimistic yet sceptical about practical implementation, Amit Shah's statement signifies a potential shift towards reconciliation in Jammu and Kashmir.



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The impact of brick kilns on Budgam's environment and agriculture


Environment & Ecology, Commentary
08 April 2024

 **MUKHTAR DAR**

Although it is illegal to install brick kilns on agricultural land, in Kashmir, particularly in Budgam, kilns are constructed on farmland and contribute to the erosion of fertile topsoil from nearby cultivable areas. Consequently, the district's agricultural land area is shrinking abnormally.




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Advancing well-being and progress: WHO's Healthy Cities Initiative for health-driven development

Case Studies
SDG - 3 Good Health and Well-being
12 April 2024

 **TARANUM MUZAFFAR LONE**

India's rapid urbanization brings both challenges and opportunities for healthier cities. With 43.2% of the population expected to reside in urban areas by 2035, it's time to prioritize public health in urban development.



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Cultural Diplomacy in International Relations

International Relations, Research Articles
18 April 2024

 **ALINA JACOB**

Cultural diplomacy can range from artistic collaboration and cultural exchanges to even festivals, and student exchange programs, all intended to foster mutual understanding and cooperation among nations. In this research article, we aim to explore how initiatives such as the Fulbright Program and events like the Havana Biennial serve as bridges between cultures and promote understanding among nations.



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Understanding and addressing the man-animal conflict in Kashmir



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ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY

24 April 2024



PARVAIZ YOUSUF



What's driving Kashmir's growing man-animal conflict? Experts point to factors like urbanization, habitat loss, and climate change. As humans expand into wildlife territory, animals are forced to adapt, often with deadly consequences. According to recent data, from 2012 to 2020 alone, 124 black bears and 44 leopards were killed. The toll on human lives is equally alarming, with nearly 200 deaths and over 2,000 injuries recorded since 2011.



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Climate-resilient agriculture as a solution to food insecurity



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SDG-13: CLIMATE ACTION,
AGRICULTURE

30 April 2024



ZAHOO AHMAD DAR



Climate-resilient agriculture broadly refers to agricultural practices, techniques, and systems designed to withstand and adapt to the challenges posed by climate change. It implies implementing strategies that enable farming systems to be resilient and recover from climate-related shocks and stresses.

The need for it arises due to climate variability, extreme weather events, shifts in growing seasons, water scarcity, pest and disease management, soil health, food security, and livelihoods.

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From the fringes to the forefront: The mainstreaming of environmental issues in electoral politics



ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION
06 May 2024

SAURABH KUMAR

Traditionally, environmental issues have remained underrepresented in electoral politics worldwide. However, with climate change now a looming reality, environmental concerns are gaining traction both within nations and on global platforms to varying degrees. This article aims to explore the mainstreaming of environmental issues in electoral politics amid the increasing severity and scale of environmental disasters globally.

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Analyzing the Increase in Landslides and Infrastructure Damage in Himalayan Towns of North India



ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY
11 May 2024

PARVAIZ YOUSUF

The recent devastation in Ramban, Jammu & Kashmir is a stark reminder of the ecological challenges plaguing the majestic Himalayas. Landslides and cracks in homes signal a larger environmental crisis, exacerbated by unsustainable development and climate change. Similar tragedies have unfolded in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and beyond, underlining the situation's urgency. Heavy rainfall, geological instability, and reckless development practices are all contributing factors.

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From Ancient Ties to Modern Partnerships: The Evolution of Indo-African Relations



POLICY RESEARCH/ANALYSIS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
16 May 2024

SAIRA GRACE SAJU

Despite being divided by the vast Indian Ocean, India and Africa share a rich history of interconnectedness dating back to ancient times. From the monsoon winds to maritime trade routes, the nations have been linked through centuries of cultural exchange, trade relations, and shared struggles against colonialism. Today, the partnership between India and Africa encompasses a myriad of dimensions, from economic cooperation to cultural exchange, forging a bond that transcends borders and enriches both nations.

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Climate Justice in India: The path ahead



SDG 13 Climate Action
23 May 2024

ZAHOR AHMAD DAR

This article explores how fairness in dealing with climate issues is important in India. It talks about how laws and court rulings play a role, and why everyone working together is crucial. By looking at how climate change affects people's rights according to the constitution, it shows why policies, laws, and community efforts are needed to reduce its harmful effects and make society fairer and stronger.

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Harnessing floriculture for socio-economic development in Jammu and Kashmir



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AGRICULTURE, INVESTMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

26 May 2024



ADEELA HAMEED



This article examines the future possibilities of floriculture in Jammu and Kashmir, analysing its socio-economic impacts and the potential it has to bring about significant change in the region. By tackling issues of unemployment and embracing horticultural therapy, the growing floriculture sector presents diverse prospects for sustainable growth and prosperity.



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Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir



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SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
(SDG TARGET 8.9)

31 May 2024



LAVYA BHASIN



Sustainable tourism requires a balance among the three fundamental pillars of sustainability—environmental, social, and economic. This ensures that tourism development can meet the needs of current generations without compromising those of future generations. Sustainability in tourism is essential to combat issues such as weakened resilience to natural disasters, deforestation, overuse of water, air pollution, and the destruction of wildlife habitats.

JUNE 2024



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Insights on Indian Governance Challenges from Global Encyclopedia



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GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION, POLICY RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

04 June 2024

KHUSHI AMIT

As a rapidly developing nation, India faces multifaceted challenges in its journey toward effective governance. Public administration, policy formulation, and governance are pivotal in shaping the nation's trajectory. The "Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance" holds immense relevance in this context. This comprehensive resource provides insights, best practices, and innovative approaches that can inform India's governance landscape.



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The empowerment of people with disabilities: Global challenges, progress, and India's perspective



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COMMENTARIES, SDG GOAL 8: DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

09 June 2024

SAURABH KUMAR

People with disabilities experience worse health outcomes, lower educational attainment, lower rates of economic participation, and higher rates of poverty globally compared to those without disabilities. This is partially due to the difficulties that individuals with disabilities face in accessing services such as information, transportation, healthcare, education, and employment. In the majority of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) member nations, women report higher occurrences of disability than men.



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The Urban Heat Island Effect: A pressing challenge for India's rapidly urbanizing cities




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SDG 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**

22 June 2024


KHUSHI AMIT

This research article looks into the intricacies of the urban heat island effect in Indian cities, exploring its contributing factors, health impacts, and strategies for mitigation. By understanding the complexities of this issue, we can better equip policymakers, urban planners, and communities to create more sustainable and resilient urban environments.



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The growth and challenges of Kashmir's Poultry Farming



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REPORTS, INVESTMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

26 June 2024


MUKHTAR DAR

Over the past two decades, poultry farming has emerged as a significant livelihood for many unemployed youth in Kashmir, responding to the growing demand for chicken. Currently, about 10,000 people are directly employed in this sector, with many more involved indirectly. The region has around 1,300 private farmers registered with the animal husbandry department, in addition to numerous unregistered operators. This report evaluates the poultry farming scenario in the Kashmir division, highlighting the evolution, challenges, and recommendations for future growth.

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SDG 8  Decent Work and Economic Growth

Kashmir's shortage of skilled workers: Impact on economic growth

COMMENTARY
02 July 2024

 **SEMРАН PARVAIZ**

Kashmir faces numerous ongoing economic challenges, with a significant issue being the shortage of skilled workers. This deficiency hampers economic growth and development. Despite Kashmir's substantial potential in tourism, agriculture, and handicrafts, these opportunities are often squandered due to the lack of skilled labour.

In this commentary, we explore the reasons behind the shortage of skilled workers and its impact on Kashmir's economy.

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SDG 13: Climate Action

Escalating vulnerability of rangelands in Jammu & Kashmir

COMMENTARY
07 July 2024

 **ZAHOOR AHMAD DAR**

Rangelands cover 54% of Earth's land and are crucial for biodiversity, food security, and climate stability. They provide 16% of global food and support 1 billion animals. Yet, 35% of grasslands are at risk of degradation, impacting billions of lives and the climate.

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Scenario of Dairy Farming in Kashmir Valley: Challenges and Path Forward

COMMENTARY
11 July 2024

 **Mukhtar Dar and Dr. Smruti Smita Mohapatra**

In the past five years, Jammu & Kashmir's dairy production has surged, with hundreds of new farms boosting milk production by 250% over two decades. The milk economy now stands at Rs 9080 crore. Despite this, Jammu & Kashmir isn't yet self-sufficient in milk. With over 40,000 farms and 32 lakh cows, there's potential for more jobs, but a comprehensive policy is needed to support dairy farmers and address challenges.

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Commentary
Sustainable Rural Development

The smart village initiative and its potential impact on J&K

COMMENTARY
16 July 2024

 **LAVYA BHASIN**

This commentary aims to explore the idea of smart villages, with particular reference to the case of Jammu and Kashmir. It examines the components of a smart village, the need for creating smart villages, and lastly, discusses the strategies for their implementation.

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Improper carcass disposal in Kashmir: A public health and environmental crisis



• Report
• Environment & Ecology

21 July 2024

MUKHTAR DAR

Jammu and Kashmir has been using the most inappropriate methods to dispose of dead animals. The most widely used mass animal carcass disposal method is burial, but in J&K, dead animal carcasses are often thrown into nearby streams, contaminating the water, posing grave threats to human health, and polluting the nearby environment.

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The need for food and nutrition education in schools




• Education and Skill Development

26 July 2024


NEHA AGGARWAL

Teaching children about a balanced diet, its components, and how to read and understand food labels will encourage a behavior change conducive to adopting a healthy diet. This article advocates for the inclusion of fundamental nutrition concepts and food label literacy as core components of the school curriculum.


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SDG-4  **QUALITY EDUCATION**

From enrollment drops to infrastructure gaps: The state of education in J&K



• Commentary

30 July 2024

ZAHOOR AHMAD DAR

To align with Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG-4), which aims for inclusive and equitable quality education for all by 2030, urgent action is required. The government must initiate a comprehensive review and address the systemic problems affecting education in J&K. This includes examining infrastructure deficiencies, outdated teaching practices, and rising costs that impact accessibility.

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Jammu and Kashmir's New Climate Change Strategy: An Analysis



SDG-13 Climate Action
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PARVAIZ YOUSUF

The proposed Climate Change Action Plan for Jammu and Kashmir should be viewed as more than just a strategy. It should serve as a roadmap for a sustainable and resilient future for the region. With its comprehensive range of strategies, this plan offers a practical path forward, helping to mitigate the effects of climate change.

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The Rise of Cyber Violence Against Women and Its Implications



Commentary
SDG-5 Gender equality
7 August 2024

SAURABH KUMAR


The internet has given rise to new forms of violence, especially against women. From cyberbullying and revenge porn to identity theft and online harassment, the threats are real and growing. Cyber violence not only harms mental health but also limits personal and professional growth. It undermines gender equality and reinforces harmful stereotypes.

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AI in Education: The Future of Learning



EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT
SDG-4 QUALITY EDUCATION
11 August 2024

SEMIRAN PARVAIZ

AI isn't just about personalized learning anymore—it's revolutionizing how we teach and support emotional intelligence (EI) in schools. From tracking emotions in real time to creating immersive simulations for EI skills, AI is set to make education more empathetic and effective.

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The Fall of Sheikh Hasina and Its Impact on Bangladesh and South Asian Politics




SOUTHEAST ASIA, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
17 August 2024

KHUSHI AMIT


This analysis aims to explore the multifaceted factors that led to the crisis in Bangladesh, tracing the deep-rooted sources of public discontent, the intricate dynamics of political power, and the far-reaching implications for regional stability, with a particular focus on Bangladesh's relationship with India.

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From Production to Pollution: The Escalating Global Plastic Waste Crisis




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ZAHOOR AHMAD DAR

Plastic pollution is a global issue affecting regions from the highest mountain summits to ocean trenches. The production of single-use plastics is increasing, and waste management systems are inadequate to handle this unchecked production.



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Bringing Pastoralists into Focus: The First-Ever Pastoral Livestock Census in India



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27 August 2024

DR. SMRUTI SMITA MOHAPATRA

For the first time in over a century, India's pastoralists will be officially counted in the upcoming 21st Livestock Census. This historic effort, starting in September 2024, aims to recognize the vital role of pastoral communities in sustainable livestock management. From the vast rangelands of Jammu & Kashmir to the grasslands of Gujarat, this census will capture the rich diversity of pastoral life.

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Climate-Induced Displacement: A Comprehensive Overview



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06 Sept 2024

NEHA AGGARWAL

In recent years, the term "environmental refugees" has emerged prominently in discussions about climate change. These are individuals who are forced to leave their homes due to severe environmental disruptions. From rising sea levels to desertification, the environmental crises are not only impacting ecosystems but are also displacing millions.

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J&K Assembly Elections: The Impact and Importance of Election Manifestos




COMMENTARY, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION
10 Sept 2024

SEMRAN PARVAIZ


Beyond a list of pledges, manifestos are critical in building a connection between political parties and the electorate. They address key concerns such as underdevelopment, unemployment, healthcare, and education, providing voters with a tangible sense of what each party stands for.

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Women's Participation in Indian Electoral Politics: A Special Analysis of Jammu & Kashmir



POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE
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FIZA FAROOQ

One of the most significant challenges to women's political participation in Jammu and Kashmir is the deeply rooted patriarchal social structure. In both the Kashmir Valley and the Jammu region, traditional gender roles often confine women to domestic spaces, with limited visibility in the public and political spheres. This socio-cultural conservatism discourages women from pursuing leadership positions and limits their political engagement.

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The Silent Backbone of Healthcare: The Vital Role and Struggles of ASHA Workers




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SDG3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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 **NEHA AGGARWAL**

ASHAs remain on the periphery of the formal health workforce. Their classification as "volunteers" has led to precarious working conditions, including inadequate pay, undefined working hours, and a lack of employment rights, social security, and institutional support. This article examines the significant challenges ASHA workers face in claiming their basic rights and argues that extending labour protections to them is essential for achieving universal health coverage.



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Faith and Heritage: The Future of Religious Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir



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 **MUKHTAR DAR**


Religious tourism, emerging as a sustainable source of income worldwide, is on the rise, and Jammu & Kashmir is perfectly positioned to welcome pilgrims and spiritual seekers from around the globe. From the majestic Hazratbal Shrine to the hidden treasures of Butho and Beerwah, the region boasts a rich religious heritage waiting to be explored.

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SEL in Kashmir Schools: Current Efforts, Challenges and the Way Forward



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SDG 4: QUALITY EDUCATION, EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

04 October 2024

SHEEBA ALLIE

By helping students understand their emotions, SEL can offer them tools to make sense of their complex lived realities. SEL can help foster autonomy—the ability to identify, confront, and solve problems independently. In a region like Kashmir, where external circumstances are often beyond individual control, this sense of personal agency is critical.



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Impact of Climate Change on Traditional Livelihoods in Kashmir




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SDG 12: Sustainable Management and Use of Natural Resources
SDG 13: Climate Action

09 October 2024


KHUSHI AMIT

Climate change manifests in Kashmir through increasing temperatures, erratic precipitation patterns, and the heightened frequency of extreme weather events. These changes have far-reaching implications for the region's ecology and the socio-economic well-being of its inhabitants. Unprecedented environmental conditions now challenge the traditional knowledge systems that have sustained livelihoods for generations.



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From White Elephants to Centers of Learning: The Need for Higher Education Reform in Kashmir



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SDG 4: QUALITY EDUCATION, EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

14 October 2024

LAVYA BHASIN

Kashmir's higher education system is facing a crisis. With 142 government degree colleges and 76 private colleges, the quantity doesn't match the quality. Recent statistics reveal a troubling decline in student enrolment across colleges—some institutions have seen a drop of over 50%! Additionally, a high unemployment rate and a lack of modern resources hinder our youth from realizing their full potential.



The Impact of Walnut Husk Extraction on Kashmir's Aquatic Biodiversity



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24 October 2024



PARVAIZ YOUSUF



Walnut husks contain natural compounds such as tannins and juglone, which, when introduced into water, can negatively impact aquatic life. Juglone, in particular, is known for its toxic effects on plants and animals. It releases toxins into the surrounding soil and water, inhibiting the growth of other plants.



The Role of Green Politics in Jammu and Kashmir



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29 October 2024




TUBA NAQUIB



In J&K, environmental issues like deforestation, wetland degradation, and the negative impacts of unchecked tourism create significant challenges. Despite the critical importance of these issues, green politics—focusing on sustainable economic policies that prioritize environmental protection—has not become a focal point in political discussions or policy-making.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, WORLDWIDE

02 Nov 2024

KHUSHI AMIT

The 2024 US Presidential Election and Its Global Impact: A Global Perspective on Trump vs. Harris

This analysis explores the global perceptions of the two primary contenders, former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris, and examines how their potential presidencies might shape key global issues.



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Decent Work and Economic Growth, Education and Skill Development

08 Nov 2024

MUKHTAR DAR

Unemployment in J&K: Rising Challenges and the Need for Economic Transformation

India's economy has grown over 6% on average, but unemployment remains a critical issue. In Jammu & Kashmir, despite income growth for casual workers, unemployment—especially among educated youth—has soared to 21% as per the ILO's 2024 report.



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SDG 5: Gender equality
Southeast Asia

15 Nov 2024


TEHMEENA RIZVI

Rhetoric vs. Resilience: Global Responses to Afghan Women's Rights

The status of Afghan women under Taliban rule reflects the harsh realities of war and its disproportionate impact on women's rights, autonomy, and daily lives. Since the Taliban's return to power in 2021, women have faced stringent 'morality laws', severely restricting their autonomy and public presence. Under Taliban rule, Afghan women are systematically erased from social, economic, and political spheres, reflecting a broader strategy of oppression.



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Agriculture
SDG 5: Gender equality

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NOWSHEENA AKHTER

Women in Kashmir's Agricultural Economy: Challenges and Contributions

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the participation of women in agriculture, with a focus on their indispensable contributions to food production, sustainability, and rural economies. Despite their significant involvement, women frequently face barriers that limit their full participation and recognition in this critical sector.



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Three Key Things you Need for a Fully Funded PhD position: A Student's Perspective!



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If your goal is to secure a PhD position at a leading university with full funding, there are several key factors to focus on. However, it's important to remember that each university has its unique application process, so you'll need to tailor your application accordingly.



Endurance or Entrapment? The Psychology of Domestic Violence in Kashmiri Women



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- **SDG Target 5.2.1**
- Eliminate violence against women and girls

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FIZA FAROOQ

This paper examines the psychology of women in Kashmir regarding domestic violence, the socio-cultural roots of this normalization, the grim statistics of abuse, and the critical role financial independence plays in combating this silent epidemic.

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The Role of Circular Economy in Mitigating Climate Change



SDG-13: Climate Action
SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

06 Dec 2024

ZAHOR AHMAD DAI

The circular economy can play a crucial role in mitigating climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions by minimizing waste, conserving resources and promoting renewable energy. It also helps in adapting to climate change by contributing to the restoration and conservation of ecosystems which play an essential role in climate regulation.

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Delhi's Winter Chokehold: Why the Capital Suffocates Every Year




Environment & Ecology
SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities

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RAHUL WANKHEDE


In Delhi, the crisp winter air brings anything but joy. Every year, as the temperature drops, a thick, toxic smog blankets the city, turning it into an open-air gas chamber. The Air Quality Index (AQI) regularly breaches the 'hazardous' mark, making headlines worldwide as one of the most polluted cities on Earth. For its 20 million residents, simply breathing becomes a health hazard.

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Accelerating SDG Implementations: Why Youth Engagement is No Longer Optional



Commentary

16 Dec 2024

SHEEBA ALLIE

With only six years remaining to achieve the SDGs, accelerating efforts toward sustainable development is now a necessity, not an option. Achieving this requires significant commitments and actions from governments, institutions, and societies. One of the most impactful strategies is mobilizing and empowering youth.

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Integrating Vocational Skills in the Indian Education System to Create Potential Earners



Education and Skill Development
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SEMRAH PARVAIZ

For years, we have treated education as a race where the sole objective is to pass exams and move from one grade to another. But life is not a series of exams and marks on a report card do not measure success. When students realize this—often too late—this realization leads to confusion, anxiety, and frustration. We have built an education system that equips students with theoretical knowledge but provides no roadmap to navigate the real world. What is the use of knowledge that cannot help you earn a living?

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Rising Cases of Fires in Kashmir Wetlands and What it Means for Our Ecosystems



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PARVAIZ YOUSUF

Wetlands are typically biodiversity hotspots, serving as habitats for various animal species and playing a key role in natural water purification. However, they are now turning into recurring disaster zones. These fires are rapidly degrading these ecosystems, causing not only visible damage but also deep-rooted issues that threaten the plants and animals dependent on these habitats.



The underrepresentation of women in South Asia's legal systems



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SAURABH KUMAR

Despite constituting nearly half of India's population, women remain significantly underrepresented in the judiciary, especially at higher levels. This disparity raises critical concerns about justice, inclusion, and the urgent need for structural reforms to advance gender equality within the judicial system.

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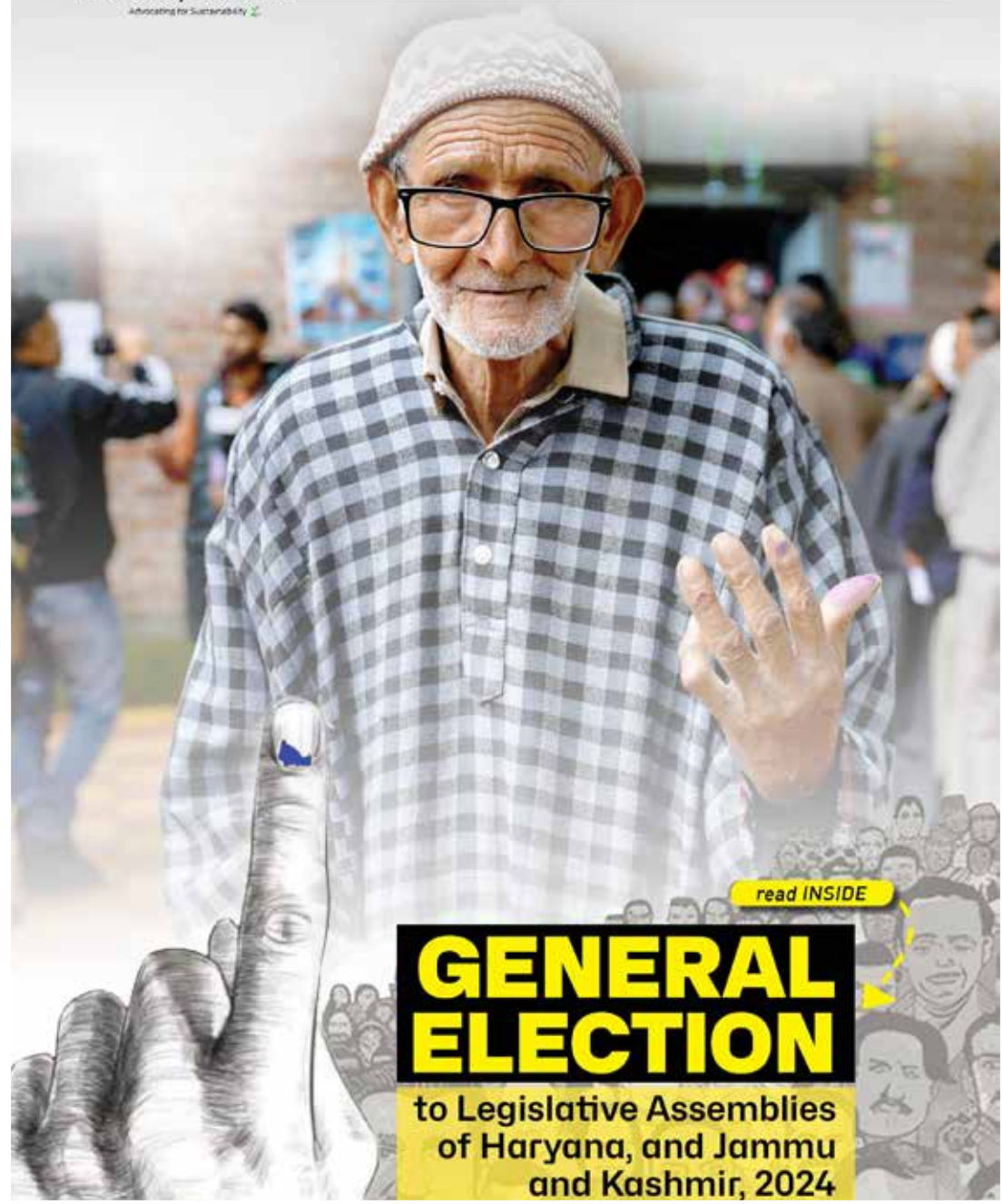
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