## Targeted killings bid to derail peace process in J&K

THE targeted killings of minority Kashmiri Pandits, HE targeted killings of minority Kasimiri Pandits, migrant workers and employees from other states after similar attacks in October 2021 have jolted the Valley, Hundreds of families and workers have fled to the safety of Jammu and their home states. In May and the first week of June 2020, the hardened Islamist elements in the Valley, in a discretify as the safety of the part narcened Islamist elements in the valley, in a dastardly act, killed unsuspecting civilians including off duty cops at point-blank range. One of the victims was Amreen Bhat, a TV artiste and performer and a local Kashmiri woman.

The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow outfit of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba terror group and Kashmir Freedom Fighters (KFF), have claimed associativities for the solitable processing the state of the same of the solitable processing the same of the solitable processing the same of the same of

ibility for the multiple recent attacks. It is responsibility for the multiple recent attacks. It is surprising that these groups have evaded early detection and response after coming to light in October 2021. Their avowed agenda is to scuttle any attempts by the Central government to populate the Union Territory which they claim will alter its demography. The outfit threatened that "anyone involved in Kashmir's demographic chance will meet the same fate."

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Migrant workers from all over the country number more than a million in the union territory of J&K. Hailing from different states in India, they are engaged in diverse fields from infrastructure, construction to manufacturing, hospitality, orchards, domestic help and so on. These migrant workers have been part of the union territory's economy for over four decades. Singling them out by the illogical militant groups and killing them can easily destablise the trade and commerce in J&K, adversely impacting its GDP. Any large-scale exodus of these migrant workers can bring Kashmir to a standstill. Kashmir to a standstill.

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The number of terror incidents and presence of militants have registered a downward trend. Trade and tourism are flourishing in the union territory with nearly a million tourists having already visited the state and another two lakh registered for Amarnath Yatra. Thousands of Kashmiri Pandits and local people participated in the Kheer Bhawani mela immediately after the killings. Return of grassroots democracy through elections to the local bodies, increased trade and tourism, reduction in violent incidents and all round prosperity must be like a thorn in the flesh of Pakistan and its deep state. After the regime change in Pakistan, ISI seems to have upped its ante in Kashmir. ante in Kashmir.

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Ethnic cleansing in the Valley still appears to be on the minds of the jihadi groups operating there. If mass murder, rape and arson were the tools in the 1990s, the hardliners have now adopted a more sophisticated modus operandi of shoot-and-scoot, killing one and terrorising thousands. The recent methodical cold-blooded killings point towards radicalised, highly motivated and trained sleeper cells ready to spring out of their cover at the command of their handlers across the LoC. These are acts of perverted Islamic jihadi elements.

The callous murder of Amreen Bhat and its message have gone unnoticed. The militants have tried to force, a la Taliban, the agenda of cultural cleansing and proscribing performing arts and music in the Kashmir valley. Women athletes could be the next target. Will Kashmiriyat with its eelectic and syncretic culture, music and folk

eclectic and syncretic culture, music and folk dances be trampled upon by the ultra-puritanical jihadi agenda?

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The people of Kashmir must realise that this is the time to consolidate the peace dividend than allowing the fringe radical groups to push them again to the sortid period of peak of militancy and unrest hampering their day to day lives. Another exodus, minor or large-scale, will also definitely raise questions about the majority community in UT about their acceptance of Kashmiri Pandits on their return to their homeland.

# India gets a spot at the table

### MEA team begins diplomatic engagement with the Taliban regime

THE visit by Ministry of External Affairs officials, led by senior diplomat JP Singh, to Kabul on June 2 and his meeting with high-ranking members of the Afghan interim government signify the commencement of India's diplomatic engagement with the Taliban regime. New Delhi messaged its readiness to do business with the Taliban. India is treading the footfalls of major regional

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How Russia took this pathway is edifying. When Jamal Nasir Garval arrived in Moscow as the Afghan charged 'affaires appointed by the Taliban authorities and was accredited by Russian foreign ministry in March, spokeswoman Maria Zakharova called it 'a step toward resuming full-fledged bilateral diplomatic contacts'. She qualified that it was still too early to talk about recognition. On April 29, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said the Afghan charge d'affaires had already started work in Moscow.

Last Tuesday, Tass reported that Garval would attend the St Petersburg International Economic Forum (June 15-18), an event known as 'Russian Davos', usually hosted by President Vladimir Putin, where, as in previous years since 1997, the business programme will focus on the global and Russian economies, social issues, and technological development.

Instead of viewing the Taliban officials as estranged natives of our region who returned home. Last Wednesday, the Russian foreign ministry website (in Russian language) featured a press note titled. On the current situation in Afghanistan', which flagged that the Taliban Movement, as an organisation, is not considered a terrorist organisation, is not considered a terrorist organisation, is not considered a terrorist organisation in fle UN, and sanctions only apply to certain individuals.

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This plain-speaking coincides with a furtive western campaign to tighten the UN sanctions further 'to make the

Taliban hurt' - to borrow from Human Rights Watch. Taliban hurt'—to borrow from Human Rights Watch. The game plan is to corner and punish the Taliban after having failed to lure it as a surrogate regime serving the West's geopolitical interests in and around Afghanaistan and Central Asia. The new cold war conditions give an added sense of urgency, as evident from the surprise visit or Pakistan by German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock in the run-up to an upcoming UN Security Council meeting on Taliban sunctions. Baerbock said the Taliban 'brought incredible suffering and hunger' to Afghan people and the country is moving in the 'wrong direction', which had consequences for the international



Baerbock's mission was to gauge Pakistan's receptiveness to a new coordinated and coercive approach to Taliban, based on an estimation that the GHQ Ialiban, based on an estimation that the CHQ in Rawalpindi slooking for coercive leverage against the Taliban in a way that it hasn't in the past. The western powers count on an opening if the Pakistani military recalibrates. The US Institute of Peace did kite flying recently that

Washington and Islamabad can jointly press the Taliban on a range of political issues important to US priorities, and Pakistan can help by 'publicly signalling that the Taliban's recognition is off the table... It can also

downgrade the diplomatic treatment of the Taliban and

downgrace the diplomatic treatment of the Ialiban and align its messaging on counterterrorism issues with that of the US government.\*

This is where the remarks by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval at the Regional Dialogue in Dushambe recently, weighing in on Indian thinking, come into play. He choreographed a revamped Indian policy dripping with realism, and accord on strendthening. Afghanistan's

choreographed a revamped Indian policy dripping with realism and accent on strengthening Afghanistan's capability to counter terrorism and terrorist groups, while exuding optimism that with collective efforts of the Regional Dialogue members, Afghanistan can be transformed as a prosperous and vibrant nation.

Afghanistan should not be destabilised again and the focus ought to be more on humanitarian mobilisation and other assistance. It is a verituble rejection of the situation in the Panjshir Valley and the shenanigans of certain external actors to kickstart a new civil war. Doval highlighted the need for representation of all sections of Afghan society so that the collective of Afghan society so that the collective of Arganisociety so that the concentre energies of the largest possible proportion of the population feel motivated to contribute to nation-building. Yet, he refused to be prescriptive, and thereby reposed India's abiding faith in the imate Afghan culture to seek truth and reconciliation. reconciliation.

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The Taliban is toying with the idea of holding a Loya Jirga. Former Afghan government officials who fled Kabul are returning, to be welcomed by the Taliban, including in the most recent days a former official from the national security council, a General who used to be the defence ministry spokesman and a deputy minister.

who used to be the defence ministry spokesman and a deputy minister. Farooq Wardak, former minister of education, who had served under both Hamid Karzai and Ashraf Ghani, is the highest-level former official to return to a warm welcome. He said, 'Most authorities are thinking about returning... A person's dignity is in his own country. The past two decades have revealed that the West understood neither the Taliban nor Afghanistan. The stereotypical portrayal of the Taliban as zealots was far from accurate. The movement commanded more popular support than what western narratives conceded grudgingly, The Taliban are sons of the soil and nobody's proxy. That's why the compassion and empathy in Doval's remarks come as a breath of fresh air.

## Unseemly exercise

RS polls are proving to be a disappointment



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Green Energy and Adani Total Gas along with Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited were

among the companies which posted the highest growth in market capitalization. Among



aberrations that are a poor advertisement for an electoral aberrations that are a poor advertisement for an electoral exercise, and that too for the House of Elders.

Personal ambitions and proof of loyalty to the high command apart, the high-stakes election has a lot to do

with the numbers game. It would be wrong to blame one party or the other for the muddle, since none is above board. For the 57 seats to be filled, 41 saw no contest and 37 seats to be fined, 41 saw no comest and the remaining 16 were the prize that had to be won by any means. The surprise results in Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Karnataka were proof of the power games, even as

were proof of the power games, even as Haryana lived up to its reputation that it ain't over till it's over, with a pass-midnight final score that had remnants of the 'inkgate' scandal of 2016. Post the elections, the political parties will see some internal churning, but the larger question of bringing change to the election process is unlikely to be addressed in any form. Since the results will not alter the House strength of any side significantly, the focus will remain on forming new affiliations and garnering support by any means, till the next Rajya Sabha elections.

### M-cap of top five Gujarat companies rises Rs 3.51 lakh crore

AHMED/ADAD: AMIG night volatility, rising inflation forecasts and the recent second rate increase by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Indian equity markets saw

AHMEDABAD: Amid high a sharp correction on Friday. with their market platility, rising inflation The BSE Sensex fell by capitalization rising by Rs 3.51 recasts and the recent 1,016.34 points to close at lakh crore from the peak of cond rate increase by the 54,303.44. However, despite October 19, 2021. Serve Bank of India (RBI), the sharp correction, some Adami Group companies Including Adami Enterprises

posted the highest growth in market capitalization. Among the others which performed well were the PSUs GNFC, GSFC, GMDC, and AIA Engineering. "Gujarat-based companies showed tremendous growth in the past year, as most big corporations here are in the energy sector. Stocks in the anergy sector. Stocks in the anergy sector. Stocks in the energy of land as sectors are outperforming the rest backed by high demand and prices. Therefore, even though the market midioss fell, companies here were able to maintain growth, "said hittesh Somani, senior technical research expert. The total market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies was at a record level of Rs 274.70 lakh crore on October 19, 2021, when the markets touched their all-time high. However, continuous selling pressure resulted in the m-cap plunging to Rs 252.10 lakh crore.

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### **Gujarat HC stays eviction of slum dwellers from** riverbed in Rajkot for a day

AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat high court on Monday stayed the Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC) move to evict 142 families from the riverbed at least for a day when the residents filed a PIL and sought protection from and sought protection from demolition of their huts without

and sought protection from demolition of their huts without granting them an alternate accommodation.

Petitioner's advocate Aftab Ansan requested the high court for an urgent hearing daiming that the civic authorities would come for demolition on Tuesday morning and the residents have been given a very short notice for eviction. It was submitted that the motive behind the eviction was construction of a riverfront for beautification. The lawyers submitted that people have been living in the Jangaleshwar area for decades and they have been paying taxes as well. The RMC's counsel appeared before the court and submitted that the eviction of people from before the court and submitted that the eviction of people from the Aji riverbed is not to make way for the riverfront project, but the eviction is aimed at saving these people from possible floods as the monsoon is approaching. When the civic body contended that the

hutments are unauthorised

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construction, the behalf of their Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice Ashutosh Shastri quets' What action did you questioned how the unauthorised construction came up at the first place.

"What were your engineers" you only allowed multiple floors to come up." the their justice questioned. When the

petitioners' submitted that there were no multi-storied structures, but only kucha houses, the court insisted on recent photographs of the existing

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Number (Loan Account Number (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN)	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
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	Mr. Ketan Hiralal Suthar & Mrs. Shilpa Ketan Suthar- QZSUR00005022759 (DHFL Old LAN- 04100008289 & ICICI New LAN- QZSUR00005022759)	Flat No. H/2-501, Gokuldham Township, B/h. Om Nagar, Near Ambika Township Opp Umiyamata Temple, Moje Dindoli, Surat 304210/ June 09, 2022	January 29, 2022 Rs. 9,14,608.00/-	Surat

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Date : June 15, 2022 Place : Gujarat