



JK Policy Institute

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ABOUT

Jammu & Kashmir Policy Institute (Registered as Trust) is a Srinagar-based independent, non-partisan, youth-driven think-tank—committed to conversations on peace and sustainable development with a focus on economic growth in Jammu and Kashmir. We believe in facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogues to bring in diverse perspectives and encourage constructive disagreements, introducing new cutting-edge creative problem-solving approaches on socioeconomic and political issues confronting J&K and the larger South-East Asian region. JKPI stands for Social Justice, Equality and Inclusivity. We cherish and celebrate Diversity. The Institution welcomes people from all backgrounds and encourage participation in our projects by virtue of merit and shared values. We are a young and vibrant team that engages with the spirit of learning and unlearning through dialogues, research activities and on-ground projects.

WE STRIVE TO PROMOTE:

- Effective youth engagement in policy-making and decision-making processes.
- Initiate Conversations, Deliberations, and Research on Good Governance, Better Education, Healthcare, Social Justice, Human Security, Human rights and Gender Equality.
- Awareness Generation about the critical issues and challenges in J&K.
- Interactions between youth and policy-makers for creating a shared vision and openness on the execution of development work.
- Partnerships and Collaborations with development agencies, think tanks, youth groups, and educational institutions to generate interdisciplinary inputs on a wide range of issues.

RESEARCH AREAS

SDG 1: Poverty Alleviation

SDG 3: Good Health and Wellbeing

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 13: Climate Action

SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

SDG 17: Partnerships for Achieving these Goals

ORGANISATION

The JKPI operates as a convening space for multi-stakeholder engagement to initiate a shared vision-building process for development and peace that promotes a spirit of inclusivity and equality for all in the long run. Employing a strategic peacebuilding approach, the JKPI emphasizes the need for peace and security in the spirit of encouraging healing and reconciliation for long term positive peace in the valley, sustainable development on a number of priority goals and economic growth. The JKPI contributes and invites contributions, partnerships in the form of educational dialogue-oriented seminars, panel discussions, opinion briefs, research papers, policy briefs, policy analysis papers and other creative projects.

CORE VALUES



APPROACH

STRATEGIC PEACE-BUILDING APPROACH

1) Multi-stakeholder dialogue

2) Reflective peacebuilding

3) Mentorship

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT FOCUS

Mentorship for high school and undergraduates: public policy and conflict studies

1. Training projects in social leadership and peacebuilding
2. Community projects
3. Student chapters

RESEARCH, REFLECTION, ADVOCACY

1. Primary research –reports, briefs
2. Secondary research: case-studies, commentaries, research papers

Reflections:
Blog | Opinion

Advocacy campaigns

STAKEHOLDERS – INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

SOCIAL JUSTICE

WOMEN

MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES:
BACKWARD TRIBES,
TRANSGENDERS, ETC

DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT AT THE GRASSROOTS: ELECTED OFFICIALS, CIVIL SOCIETY, RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

THE PUBLIC OPINION GENERATORS: JOURNALISTS, POLICY MAKERS, POLICY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS

YOUTH AND PEACEBUILDERS



GROUND PROJECTS

- Jammu Kashmir Policy Institute in collaboration with Policy Advocacy Research Centre is engaged in an on-ground project on **“Empowering Willow-Wicker Artisans in Kashmir”**.



The JKPI team is currently conducting a Community Needs Assessment Survey in the villages including Harran, Shall Bug, Tehlipora, Kachan, and Gundi Rehman, located in central Kashmir’s Ganderbal district. The assessment shall be followed by a planning process for developing a full-fledged program with a larger objective of improving the current situation and bringing new opportunities for the craftsmen of willow wicker in the target areas.

GROUND PROJECTS

● STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE



With grassroots leaders to understand their expectations and current state of grassroots democracy

With religious leaders and local media persons to study the engagement and cooperation to combat the pandemic through the internet ban



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PUBLICATIONS

CATEGORIES OF RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- CASE STUDY CORNER
- DIALOGUES AND REPORT BRIEFS
- COMMENTARIES
- INSIGHT
- POLICY RESEARCH/ANALYSIS
- RESEARCH PAPERS

TOPICS

- CULTURE
- EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT
- AGRICULTURE
- GENDER EQUALITY
- CONFLICT ANALYSIS
- INVESTMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- TRADE
- NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
- TOURISM
- HEALTHCARE
- LITERATURE & CULTURE REVIEW
- ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

AWARENESS PROGRAMS

EXPERT TALK SERIES



JK Policy Institute presents
Expert Talk Series
Evaluating SDG-5: Opportunities and Challenges

This week
TECHNOLOGY AND GENDER EQUALITY

08:30 - 09:30 pm
30th of April, Saturday

ELSAMARIE D'SILVA
FOUNDER & CEO
RED DOT FOUNDATION (INDIA)

Platform: LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK



JK Policy Institute presents
EXPERT TALK SERIES
SDG 3: (GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING) AND THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

INDIA'S HEALTHCARE AND VACCINATION POLICY - ANALYZING PREPAREDNESS AND SCOPE OF IMPROVEMENT

DR. CHANDRASEKANT LAHARIYA
MBBS, MD, DPM
Physician - Epidemiologist and Public Policy and Health Systems Expert, New Delhi, India

DR. SHAFIQAT KHAN
DDB to the AAI (CC Health & Medical Education Department, JK)

July 29, 2021 | 7:00 pm IST | Platform: LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK



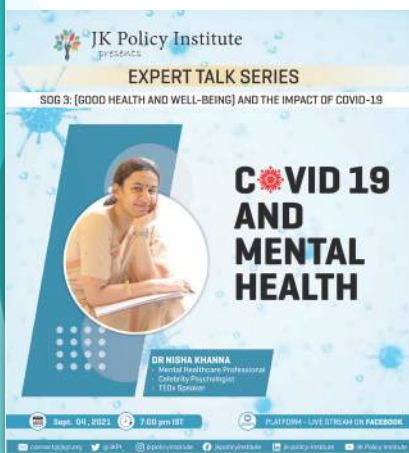
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This week
ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN ACHIEVING GENDER EQUALITY

08:00 - 09:00 pm
17th of April, Saturday

DEVENDRA KUMAR
FOUNDER | LADLI FOUNDATION

Platform: LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK



JK Policy Institute presents
EXPERT TALK SERIES
SDG 3: (GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING) AND THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

COVID 19 AND MENTAL HEALTH

DR NISHA KHANNA
Mental Healthcare Professional
Specialty: Psychotherapy
TETA Graduate

Sept. 04, 2021 | 7:00 pm IST | Platform: LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK



JK Policy Institute presents
EXPERT TALK SERIES

'MANAGING TRAUMA AND PTSD IN COVID-19'

23 SEPT 2021 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm IST

HENA FAQRUDDEEN
Psychologist & Clinical Manager, Assam

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INCREASING CARDIAC ISSUES IN YOUNG KASHMIRIS

Saturday, 11th Dec 02 - 03 pm 2021

LIVE STREAMING

Dr. Faraz Ahmad
Guest Speaker

Visiting Researcher - Institute for Cardiovascular and Metabolic Research, University of Reading
Visiting Researcher - Vascular Biology, St George's University of London

Expert Talk Series is a special initiative of the Jammu and Kashmir Policy Institute (JKPI) where we seek to source inputs and recommendations from experts in various fields pertaining to different sustainable development goals through one-on-one dialogues.

AWARENESS PROGRAMS

BEFORE YOU CONCLUDE



Before You Conclude is a monthly virtual lecture series aimed at fostering well-informed and erudite opinions on recent international developments and emerging debates. It focuses on analyzing issues in the sphere of geopolitics, political economy, traditional and non-traditional security threats, foreign policy, neighboured relations, and broadly covers issues related to climate, migration, and refugees, and gender.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



JK Policy Institute
presents

YOUTH FORUM

YOUTH IN PUBLIC POLICY



AFAG HUSSAIN
Co-Founder & Director
Ministry of Education, Health & Welfare, Government of J&K



SHAH FAESAL
Co-Founder & Director
Ministry of Education, Health & Welfare, Government of J&K



TUSHAR GUPTA
Public Policy Professional
JKPI Advisory Board Member



YASH AGARWAL
Founder, Public Policy India

A two-day event to celebrate the role of youth in the public policy arena. The event will feature young leaders from the field to learn from their experiences and to receive recommendations from them to improve public policy in India.

March 19 - 20, 2022 | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm IST | Live Stream: Platform: zoom



JK Policy Institute
in collaboration with Sharp Sight Eye Hospitals, Srinagar, and TARA Foundation
presents

PANEL DISCUSSION

ROLE OF WOMEN IN ACHIEVING AGENDA 2030

GUEST SPEAKERS



MUTHARA DEVA
Environmentalist at Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir



DR. SHAZIA SHAFI
Specialist Glaucoma and Cataract, Sharp Sight Eye Hospitals, Srinagar

MODERATORS



BHAVNA MISRI
Advisory Board Member, JKPI



AKANSHA BISHT
TARA Foundation

March 08th, 2022 | 7:00 pm IST | Live Stream: Platform: zoom



JK Policy Institute
presents

THE DIALOGUE

YOUTH IN AFGHANISTAN PEACE PROCESS: VOICES OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

June 23, 2021 | 8:30 pm IST

PLATFORM - LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK

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KHUSHBOO MATTOO
Gender and Development Researcher, Communication Specialist



AMANDA SODHI
Founder Pen Paper Dreams



DEEPSHIKHA SHARMA
CEO, Sharp Sight Eye Hospitals

MODERATORS



BHAVNA MISRI
Advisory Board Member, JKPI



AKANSHA BISHT
TARA Foundation

March 10th, 2022 | 7:00 pm IST | Live Stream: Platform: zoom



MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



YOUTH FORUM - THE WAY AHEAD

PANEL DISCUSSION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

1800 - 2000 hrs. IST | Friday, 04 December 2020 | ZOOM Platform



Mitalini Marjan
Reflections Research Advocacy Representative



Wivian Rameswari
Vice Director Institute of Southern Asian Islam Sultan Kelapa State Islamic University



Geeta Vaidhyan
Artist, Educator, Founder Writings of Creativity



Shyama Deshpande
GNV Prevention specialist Independent GN consultant



Rubha Khalid
Motivational Speaker, Influencer, Advocate for Elimination of Violence against Women



Farzana Bahadury
Program Coordinator AINWDA

#15daysofactivism #orangeisnewworld

For Registration: <https://forms.gle/2zazBR1eUd5Qa04A>

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OUR TEAM

• FOUNDERS

JAVAID TRALI
FOUNDER



JAVAID is a public relations professional. He has served as a Media Analyst aiding the former Chief Minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. His role was to monitor ongoing media trends with regard to Jammu and Kashmir and also evaluate the information available publicly to create detailed reports for assisting the administration and government.

Javaid is the recipient of the prestigious International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), a professional exchange program funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

TOUSEEF RAINA
FOUNDER



TOUSEEF is a young policy advocate who has over ten years of experience in the field of political activism. Born in Baramulla, Touseef remains deeply rooted in his humble beginnings, with a thorough understanding of the weft and waft of the fabric of Kashmiri society. Founder of advocacy group, Global Youth Foundation (GYF), Touseef served as advisor to Jammu and Kashmir AIMA association, convening dialogues between clerics of Kashmir.

• ADVISORS

SHLOKA NATH

ADVISOR -
STRATEGY AND
PARTNERSHIPS



SHLOKA currently leads the Sustainability and Policy & Advocacy portfolios at the Tata Trusts, one of India's leading philanthropic foundations. She is also the Acting Director of the India Climate Collaborative, an India-led platform founded in 2018 by a group of philanthropies interested in continuing to accelerate India's development, while also exceeding its climate goals.

BHAVNA MISRI

ADVISOR - GENDER
EQUALITY AND
PUBLIC HEALTH



BHAVNA is a veteran in the real estate consulting fraternity and has worked in leadership roles with global organizations like M&S, Knight Frank, PVR, etc. She is currently the CGO of the prop-tech platform DXB that she co-founded in 2019. Bhavna is also an advisor on the board of 360Degrees, a real estate transaction and advisory platform. She is an alumna of the prestigious Sir J.J. School of Architecture.

TUSHAR GUPTA

ADVISOR - PUBLIC
POLICY AND
GOVERNANCE



TUSHAR is a Public Policy Professional and possesses in-depth experience of working with the government at the district, state and national levels. He has worked at all the three levels of governance structure and is presently engaged with the Ministry of Commerce at the National level. Tushar envisions a policy making environment in which Indian youth are considered as an important stakeholders.

• EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

J.P SINGH
DIRECTOR



JATINDER PAL SINGH is a software engineer, entrepreneur and activist. In the last one decade, he contributed for world's top companies like AXA, WIPRO, FIS GLOBAL and United Health group. As a social worker, Mr. Singh served as Volunteer and Logistics coordinator at United Sikhs besides leading teams in India and abroad on Humanitarian relief, education, disaster management, etc.

AKEEL RASHID
RESEARCH &
KNOWLEDGE HUB
CHIEF



AKEEL is incharge of the publication department at Jammu and Kashmir Policy Institute, holds a bachelors degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Kashmir. He has done a masters in International Relations (Peace and Conflict Studies) at Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora.

• OPERATIONS LEADERSHIP

TANVEER LONE

CHIEF OF
OPERATIONS



TANVEER holds master's degrees in Economics from Lovely Professional University and Public Administration from Indira Gandhi National Open University. Tanveer has also received a diploma in Information Technology with a speciality in graphic and layout designing. He has presented a number of research papers at various academic conferences. At JKPI, Tanveer handles the administrative and creative duties.

TOUSEEF AHMED

PROJECT
DEVELOPMENT
SPECIALIST



TOUSEEF is an MBA graduate with expertise in Strategic Planning, Business Development, Public Relations, and Human Resource Development. He has worked on projects and proposals which include "Vision Document of J&K" and "SDG for J&K". At JKPI, Touseef is interested in being part of the projects which are focused on sustainable development of J&K.

• TEAM

BURHAN MEHRAJ
PR COORDINATOR &
MEDIA HEAD



BURHAN has a decade long experience in public relations. He has been associated with Alternate Kashmir as operational head for over five years. Hailing from Baramulla, Burhan has also served as the media strategist with “Global Youth Foundation.” A graduate from Government Polytechnic College Srinagar, Burhan supervises the management and outreach operations at JKPI.

MUKHTAR DAR
SOCIAL MEDIA
STRATEGIST & DATA
OFFICER



MUKHTAR specializes in development communication. He holds a first class degree in Journalism from the media school of Islamic University of Science and technology, Pulwama. He has anchored, edited and presented programs at Peshkadam– a community radio platform. Known for his relentless efforts to record the grievances of the public from the remotest of areas, he aspires to be the voice for the voiceless. Dedicated to perform concrete and impactful work from ground zero, this soft-spoken young man uses ICT most creatively and effectively.

ZAHOOR A. DAR
RESEARCH
ASSOCIATE



ZAHOOR works at the intersection of public policy and climate change with a specialization in predictive analysis and risk assessment. He has majored in Geography at the University of Kashmir. He specializes in locating the spatial and temporal factors affecting climate and sustainable development in Kashmir. Zahoor’s interest lies in public policy, energy policy, and climate action.

• TEAM

SHIVANGI SINGH

RESEARCH
ASSOCIATE



SHIVANGI is a Political Science Postgraduate aspiring to research and design policies in Women Development. Her interest areas include the role of Women in International Relations and Political Philosophy; within this, she is particularly interested in the role of women in Conflict and Peace Building. She has extensive field research experience, primary & secondary research, project development & implementation, CSR & Grant proposal writing, NGO management.

SHRUTHI MOHAN

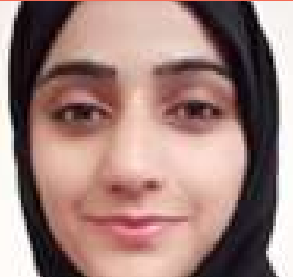
RESEARCH
ASSOCIATE



SHRUTHI is an Indian Journalist who writes on Science and Technology, Education, Health, Environment and Climate Change, Start-ups, Public Policy, Social Entrepreneurship, Socio-Political issues, LGBTQ and Gender in South Asia. Her body of work is published in print, online and audio forums of Journalism. She has reported from 28 Indian districts & two countries. She is based out of Bangalore,

• INTERNS

MEHVISH ISMAIL



Mehvish Ismail is pursuing masters in Social Work and has completed her Bachelors in English Literature. She has previously worked as a Social Auditor in PM Poshan Abhiyaan and also done an internship with Chotay Taray Foundation.

AATIF MAJEED



Aatif Majeed is a civil service aspirant. Anthropologist by heart and an engineer by degree. He has been a fellow at Teach For India for sometime. He believes in the poems of grief. Having studied Network security, Data structures, Electronics, Forensics, Growth, development and archaeology, his profound interest has been an interrelationship between man and technology. He has an interest in reading books and watching movies

KRITTIKA



KRITTIKA has done her graduation and post-graduation in Political Science from the University of Delhi. She uses She/Her pronouns. Her research interest lies ranging in the patterns of violence focusing on women, migration, refugees, northeast India, insurgencies, queer politics primarily along with issues related to women's education. She is excited to pivot back to the world of research and start her journey toward gaining more experiences in it.

• INTERNS

NIGHAT FAROOQ



NIGHAT FAROOQ is a Research Scholar at Maulana Azad National Urdu University Hyderabad and Presently she is working on "Cervical Cancer Early detection and diagnosis". Nighat has been a good speaker also and has been invited to host many programs held at the university. Also, she has been a very active member of the National Service Scheme (NSS).

RAHUL WANKHEDE



RAHUL WANKHEDE is a post-graduate student of Defence and Strategic Studies, with a bachelor's in History. Having qualified for multiple defense services (with a recommendation) and civil exams, he has successfully guided young aspirants for the same, including University entrance exams.

NUSRAT MAQBOOL



NUSRAT MAQBOOL is currently an LLM scholar at the University of Kashmir, having a specialization in criminal law. She received her B.Sc from Women's Degree college Baramulla and LLB from the University of Kashmir. She is also pursuing Masters in Political Science. Her research interests include criminology, Juvenile delinquency, Victimology, Comparative Criminology, Crime Prevention, and drug use.

• INTERNS

SUBARNA GHOSH



SUBARNA GHOSH is pursuing a Bachelors degree in Law from Amity University Kolkata. She has researched on several topics related to sections in IPC, CrPC & CPC. Subarna wants to gain experience and knowledge through working in a think tank. Apart from work and studies, she spends a lot of time listening to music, traveling, and reading.

PRIYAKSHI PUJARI



PRIYAKSHI PUJARI is a peace practitioner and a graduate student in the School of International Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University. Her areas of expertise include peacebuilding and conflict transformative action and she has been working with various national and international non-profit and youth-led organizations in the field of peacebuilding and humanitarian action.

SAUMYA SINGH



SAUMYA SINGH is currently pursuing B.Com. LL.B. from Institute of Law, Nirma University [2018–2023]. She has an inclination towards the social sector, human rights law, and writing research articles for the same. She has developed her interest in public policy too and is planning to pursue her masters in the subject.

• INTERNS

**URMILA
PALWAL**



URMILA PALWAL is doing Masters in Defence and Strategic Studies from the Central University of Gujarat. She has done her graduation from the Cluster University of Jammu and completed her secondary education at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Reasi. Urmila's research areas of interest for JKPI are conflict analysis, peace, and development.

**SYED
UZMA**



SYED UZMA is doing honors in Mass Communication and Journalism in Women's College MA road Srinagar affiliated with Cluster University Srinagar. Apart from working with a few local news Agencies in Kashmir, Uzma has worked with a local NGO "Mehram" Women's cell Kashmir for about 2 years.

• DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS

**DANEESH
MAJID**



DANEESH MAJID is a writer with a Masters degree in South Asian Studies from the School of Oriental African Studies, University of London. His work has been featured in the prominent outlets including The Wire, The Express Tribune and The Hindu Business Line. A Sub-editor at Siasat.com, he also enjoys reading and writing about Urdu poetry/literature. A graduate from Franklin and Marshall College, Pennsylvania, Daneesh has served as the Program Coordinator with the Hyderabad branch of a social startup incubator UnLtd India. He has also contributed to strategic planning and analysis as a Public Affairs Assistant at the Dewey Square Group and Islamic Relief USA in Washington DC.

• VISTING FELLOWS

ADEELA HAMEED
VISITING FELLOW




ADEELA is a writer and Fellow – Himalayan Journalists Collective Against Climate Change. She has worked with organisations like The Global Times, Scribblers, and Kashmir Leader. She is a guest contributor for the wildlife magazine, Saevus, and ecotech website, Green Clean Guide. Adeela is a member of the writer's community, WissenMonk, and the Editor of their monthly magazine – Wisdom Quest. She works for environmental conservation and social sustainability.


SANJAY SAPRU
VISITING FELLOW



Visiting Fellow at JKPI, **SAPRU** has served organizations like KKS Gurugram, All India Kashmiri Samaj (AIKS) and Palzun, a Non-Governmental Organization. A technocrat and social activist, Mr. Sapru is an outstanding leader with over 20 years of experience. Strong and supportive, he motivates, mentors and monitors in-house activities of JKPI.



*We are still a story in the making,
aspiring to become a movement for
positive change in the region. We invite
you to join us to understand Jammu
and Kashmir in a new light, beyond
the media narratives and the popular
conflict story.*



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