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# JK POLICY INSTITUTE:

## A LOOK BACK AT 2023

Discover the remarkable journey of JK Policy Institute in 2023. This report highlights our achievements in Research, Policy, Development, and Governance.



**PUBLICATIONS: 78** (Policy Building, Projects, Dialogues & Report Briefs, Commentary, Research, Case study)



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# About JKPI

**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 to socio-economic and political issues confronting J&K and the larger Southeast Asian region.

JKPI stands for Social Justice, Equality and Inclusivity. We cherish and celebrate Diversity. The Institution welcomes people from all backgrounds and encourages participation in our projects by 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.

# ON GROUND/ONLINE EVENTS/ PROJECTS

## **ART IN LIFE FOUNDATION**

An initiative towards sustainability and equality



**LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS THROUGH CREATIVITY.**

## **School Art Workshops**

- Our creative, fun, and interactive art workshops are designed for school children and engage them using various activities and art mediums.
- ALLF artists work closely with teachers to conduct art classes, workshops, and art camps in schools where students experience new dimensions of their imagination.
- ALLF emphasizes and highlights the need for fine arts education in schools.
- Our organization conducts art workshops and art camps in schools, mostly in schools that have no art teacher.
- We also offer a variety of art camps for tribal children throughout the summer.



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### Embracing school kids as future leaders



With a goal to promote civic engagement, **AILF** has decided to team up with the future leaders of our society - **school kids!** Our ultimate objective is to motivate young children to become responsible, knowledgeable citizens who can positively influence their neighborhoods and the wider community.

Through fun and interactive events, we will educate young minds and inform them about the governance institutions that shape their lives. In order to achieve our goal of protecting public values and making a change in a community, we will collaborate with academicians, development practitioners, and government officials.



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### PEACEFUL CLASSMATES

Striving to bring out the best in children



*It is widely understood that young children are more pliable than their older counterparts, making it easier to introduce new ideas and activities.*

When children act out, disobey, behave rudely, or display disturbing emotions, it's easy to dismiss them or their behaviour as "bad" or "wrong". However, the best way to help the children effectively deal with disagreements they may encounter in life, and overcome differences amicably is to teach them conflict resolution and problem-solving skills.

Children must thus be offered opportunities for critical and reflective thinking, analysing and discussing day-to-day problems to find workable solutions, and practising conflict resolution and problem-solving skills.

**AILF** has introduced the Peaceful Classmates program which aims to promote conflict resolution, problem-solving skills, and positive relations among school-going children, and find ways to reduce bullying in schools that impacts children's long-term mental health.



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## RESILIENT PASTORALISM IN THE CHANGING CLIMATE:

Nurturing  
Sustainability in  
Kashmir Valley



Sunday, July 23  
6:00 pm IST



Guest Expert

*Dr. Smruti Smita  
Mohapatra*

- VETERINARIAN
- EDUCATOR
- CONSULTANT
- RESEARCHER

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## JKPI's Social Impact Initiative

Through our social impact projects and programs, we aim to:

- a) support and create initiatives to bring about positive change in the lives of people in need.
- b) bridge and inspire partnership between government institutions, NGOs and the community at large.

We believe that we can all come together to create solutions to the most pressing challenges of our time. Driven by this belief, our mission is to create inclusive, fair and sustainable communities. We can do this by helping people find work, skills, direction – or whatever it is they need.

JKPI's social impact offerings are designed for those who are in need of help and support from the government or the people around them.

SUPPORT OUR SOCIAL IMPACT INITIATIVE

Fund a project or  
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**Jammu Kashmir Policy Institute** remains committed to supporting youth to explore their potential in sports by providing them with kits and right equipment




# PUBLICATIONS

## JANUARY 2023



**JK POLICY INSTITUTE**  
Natural Resources development and Sustainability  
Commentaries | 13 January 2023

### Untapped hydropower potential is key to socioeconomic development in J&K



**ZAHOOR AHMAD DAR**

Does Jammu and Kashmir generate enough hydroelectricity to meet its own domestic consumption or does its true hydropower potential remain untapped? This commentary is an attempt to understand the situation and offer plausible recommendations.

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**JK POLICY INSTITUTE**  
Commentaries | 18 January 2023

### The changing nature of drug trafficking



**ANIT KUMAR**

This commentary explains the changing nature of drug trafficking and its interplay with technology, and the role of pharmaceutical giants like China & India and offers a way forward.

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Climate Change  
Environment & Ecology  
31 Jan 2023


### Air pollution reaches dangerous levels during winters in Kashmir



**ADEELA HAMEED**


“The air quality of Kashmir with green meadows, high mountains, and forests is perceived to be pure and untainted. Yet studies have found that on certain days, pollution in the valley can be worse than that in a metropolitan city.”

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**JK POLICY INSTITUTE**  
Natural Resources development and Sustainability

### J&K could become a clean energy giant but remains a pauper when it comes to harnessing



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Jammu and Kashmir has enormous potential to generate power using solar energy, but nothing substantial is being done to harness this potential. The UT too could have progressed and prospered if only it was able to tap and market its clean energy base.

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Gender Equality | 08 January 2023

## Patriarchy and intellectual feminism: A theoretical analysis



MALVIKA

The woman in the house needs to side with the woman in the house. There is no fighting patriarchy without unity among women and that is something absolutely impossible to achieve without reaching out to the grassroots level of society and its psyche.



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Conflict Analysis

22 Jan  
2023

Gender Equality

## Nepali women in Maoist insurgency: Life after war



SHIVANGI SINGH



This article looks into the experiences of women ex-combatants and their life after the war in Nepal under the state and society that momentarily make rules that deepen the gender divide.



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# FEBRUARY 2023



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## How prepared is Kashmir Valley for high-intensity earthquakes?

Commentary



ADEELA HAMEED

“As the probability of earthquake occurrences in Kashmir valley is very high, the authorities need to revise guidelines and strategies to include the prevention of colossal damage at the onset of disaster (mitigation) rather than over-emphasizing rehabilitation of the affected after it strikes.”



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## Will Hygam wetland be lost to encroachment or is rescue around the corner?

Climate Change

02 Feb 2023

Environment & Ecology



ADEELA HAMEED

“Failure to take sustained measures for the conservation of Hygam is taking a toll on its fragile ecosystem. It has led to a decrease in the migratory bird population to the wetland. In the absence of proper regulations, dead logs, and fallen trees have stopped the movement of water from catchment areas surrounding the wetland.”



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## Despite medical advances, repeated outbreaks of Hepatitis continue to make people sick in Kashmir

Healthcare

06 Feb 2023



KAINAT AZIZ

“It was in 1978 when an epidemic of severe hepatitis in the Kashmir Valley led to the discovery of hepatitis E by a native gastroenterologist Dr Mohammed Khuroo. The outbreak emanated 52000 clinical cases with 1560 deaths engulfing around 200 villages with 6,00,000 population.”



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## Risks of unchecked mining to trout fish in Jammu and Kashmir

Environment & Ecology

Natural Resources development and Sustainability

16 February 2023



MUKHTAR DAR

“This study highlights the risks of unchecked mining to trout fish in Jammu and Kashmir and how policies can be improved. It argues that the government needs to adopt a more ecological approach to mining to make it less damaging to the important aquatic habitat.”



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## Fast Fashion: Through the lens of sustainability



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Environment & Ecology Trade

Natural Resources development  
and Sustainability

13 February 2023



NEHA AGGARWAL



Fast fashion became popular due to affordability, faster manufacturing and shipping methods, an increase in consumers' appetite for current fashion, and an increase in consumer purchasing power—particularly among young people—to satisfy the desire for instant gratification.



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## Mapping the unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir



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Education & Skill Development

Investment & Entrepreneurship

Trade

26 February 2023



ZAHOOR AHMAD DAR



J&K remains in the midst of an unemployment crisis, especially in the wake of retrenchment of employees, mergers of government departments, and slacked recruitment process. Above all, the lack of formal policies -- to encourage youth to look for independent work and support entrepreneurship to increase unemployment -- has put the Union Territory (UT) on the list of states facing the highest unemployment rates.



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# MARCH 2023



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## China's Belt and Road Initiative: Vietnam's National Interest in Realist World



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09 March 2023



IRFAN UL HAQ



China wants to be a 'geopolitical sun' of Asia as evidenced by its economic growth, military modernization programme, and ever-increasing diplomatic maneuvers in Asia and around the world.



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## Land Subsidence – Could we see a repeat of Joshimath in Chenab Valley?



Environment & Ecology

05 March 2023



KAINAT AZIZ

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ADEELA HAMEED



Experts are of the opinion that undue human encroachment in geographically sensitive areas is the main cause of land subsidence. Haphazard construction that has been going on without keeping a region's geo-morphology in mind is another reason for increased land subsidence in the Himalayan valleys.



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## Glee and woe of lithium deposits in Reasi district of J&K



Natural Resources development and Sustainability

Environment & Ecology

30 March 2023



KAINAT AZIZ



The recent Finding of 5.9 million tonnes of lithium deposits in J&K provides India with a much-needed boost toward achieving its net-zero energy ambitions by 2070. However, the processes required to extract lithium can pose a threat to the fragile ecosystem of the Himalayas.



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## Role of Women in the Shawl Industry of Kashmir



Investment and Entrepreneurship

Commentaries

22 March 2023



MURCHANA GOSWAMI



The shawl industry has had a significant impact on the socio-economic development of Kashmir and its people. The industry provides livelihoods and income to thousands of people, improves access to education, and helps to preserve the cultural heritage of the region.



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## Rare and elusive duck species visit Kashmir after 116 years. But why?



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Environment & Ecology

Natural Resources development and Sustainability

16 March 2023



PARVAIZ YOUSUF

“ On 22 January 2023, rare duck species were spotted at the iconic Wular lake, which were later identified as Long-tailed ducks (globally vulnerable) and were five in number. These duck species were spotted in Kashmir after 84 years, and the last time they were sighted in Hokersar was in 1939 by F Ludlow. ”



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## Trout farming offers huge opportunities for economic growth and employment in J&K



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02 March 2023



SEMRAN PARVAIZ

“ Currently, there are 5 trout hatcheries, 42 trout-raising centers, and 268 private rearing units in Jammu & Kashmir. Despite these efforts, more needs to be done as there are many unemployed young people in the UT who could be taught the necessary skills to make a living through trout farming. ”



# APRIL 2023



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## School Infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir – An Analysis



Education and Skill Development

12 April 2023



AIJAZ AHMAD DAR

“ This article provides details about the various infrastructural facilities, and computer and digital initiatives in schools, and makes a comparison between the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the country as a whole with regard to the availability of both facilities. ”



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## Kashmir and India's G20 Presidency



International Relations

Diplomacy

04 April 2023



ANAMITRA BANERJEE

“ With India officially adopting the G20 chairmanship, it is Jammu and Kashmir's chance to rise to the occasion of exhibiting its market prospects, ecotourism ventures, and cultural assets to the leading global nations. ”



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## Understanding Recent Trends in Violent Crime in Kashmir



Commentaries

08 April 2023



ADEELA HAMEED

“ Controlling crime is a challenge that requires a comprehensive and multifarious approach. While researchers have begun to identify some of the factors that may have contributed to this upward trend, it is far too soon to say with certainty why crime rose over the last few years. ”



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## Use of technology and astronomical calculations for moon sightings: Accepted in Saudi, Malaysia and Indonesia, why not here?



Insights

21 April 2023



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“ With today's technology, calculations are far more accurate than the claims of sightings. Experience suggests that people often mistake other objects for the crescent moon. Calculations for sighting are surety (Haqqul-Yaqeen), while claims of sighting may be suspicion (Zann) or mistake! ”



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## Women in Leadership Roles: An Epic Underrepresentation

Gender Equality

25 April 2023



NEHA AGGARWAL

“ Women remain underrepresented at all levels of decision-making globally, and political gender balance is still a long way off. Moreover, the representation of women in leadership roles in international organizations has remained disappointingly low.

This article is an attempt to understand the barriers to women's leadership and the ways to overcome these barriers.



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## Now that the world's first cloned Pashmina goat is no more, scientists in Kashmir should explore animal cloning more seriously than ever

Natural Resources development and Sustainability

28 April 2023



PARVAIZ YOUSUF

“ When compared to the rest of the world, the idea of cloning is relatively novel in the Kashmir valley. The SKUAST researchers had pursued cloning to protect this threatened breed. Is that it, though? The question is, what should the researchers in Kashmir do next? Did duplicating the Pashmina goat help the survival of this 'Near Threatened' goat?



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## Scientists in Kashmir ought to take animal cloning more seriously than ever in light of the passing of Noori, the first cloned Pashmina goat in the world.

Natural Resources development and Sustainability

28 April 2023



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## The Threat Of Exotic Wild Boars To The Ecological Balance Of Dachigam National Park

Environment & Ecology

17 April 2023



SEMРАН PARVAIZ

“ Dachigam National Park, an ecologically sensitive area and home to the only critically endangered red deer species-Hangul is facing serious threats to its long-term sustainability due to habitat fragmentation and human interference, such as Bakerwal migration. What adds to the problem is the growing population of wild boars.



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# MAY 2023



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## Climate change is about more than simply more intense heat waves

Climate Change

Environment & Ecology

26 May 2023



KAINAT AZIZ

“ The weather patterns in Kashmir have shifted with the weather becoming more unpredictable over the past few decades. Chillai Kallan sees a decrease in snowfall, as does the rest of winter, although the conclusion of the season sees increased events of snowfall and extreme weather patterns. ”



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## Uncovering causes and consequences of human trafficking

Commentaries

26 May 2023



NEHA AGGARWAL

“ Human trafficking is a global scourge that continues to threaten the basic rights and freedoms of millions of individuals around the world. The causes of human trafficking are complex and multifaceted, rooted in poverty, gender inequality, and other societal issues. ”



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## Why Does Ethics in Bird Watching Matter?

Environment & Ecology

Natural Resources development and Sustainability

13 May 2023



PARVAIZ YOUSUF

“ Bird watching is an activity that many people enjoy, but why does it matter to practice ethics in bird watching? In this study, we explore the importance of ethics in bird watching and why it is so important for birders to follow the ethical guidelines set by the community. ”



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#WorldMigrationBirdDay



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## How Indiscriminate Use of Pesticides is Impacting the Apple Farming in Kashmir

Environment & Ecology Agriculture

Natural Resources development and Sustainability

19 May 2023



SEMRAN PARVAIZ

“ Apple farming in Kashmir is facing a severe challenge in the form of indiscriminate use of pesticides. Farmers use pesticides extensively to protect apple crops from diseases and pests. But the excessive use of these chemicals is causing significant damage to both human health & environment. ”



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# JUNE 2023



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## J&K has compelling reasons for earthquake-resilient construction



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Commentaries

14 June 2023



ADEELA HAMEED

The Turkey-Syria earthquakes demonstrated the effectiveness of seismic protection technologies and engineering techniques that can be employed to manage the reaction of structures to earthquakes.



26 JUNE

#WorldDrugDay

#InternationalDayAgainstDrugAbuse



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## The changing nature of drug trafficking



Commentaries

26 June 2023



ANIT KUMAR

The problem of the illicit drug trade is very complicated and its proper crackdown requires a robust multi-state intercontinental approach like real-time information sharing & a point of communication between states to intercept perpetrators & boats/cargoes carrying illicit drugs.



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## How the air quality is affected and ways to improve it



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Environment & Ecology

24 June 2023



KAINAT AZIZ

Presently 12,541,302 individuals in Jammu and Kashmir are inhaling air that is harmful and does not comply with World Health Organization standards for clean air.



WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR  
12 JUNE 2023

#EndChildLabour

#SocialJustice



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## Locating child labor in the carpet industry of Jammu & Kashmir



Commentaries

12 June 2023



NEHA AGGARWAL

- J&K will have 64.26 thousand projected child labor population in the 5-14 years age group by 2025.
- J&K ranks third in terms of child labor, which gives a good indication of the prevailing bleak situation.
- The UT is likely to maintain its third-place ranking in 2025 based on the projected number of children working as laborers.



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## G20 tourism working group meeting in Srinagar: Benefits and Opportunities



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11 June 2023



NEHA AGGARWAL

“ By virtue of the G20 tourism working group meeting in Srinagar, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir got an opportunity to exhibit its market prospects, eco-tourism ventures, and cultural assets to the leading global nations. ”



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## The importance of World Environment Day and its relevance in Kashmir



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Environment & Ecology  
Natural Resources development and Sustainability

5 June 2023



PARVAIZ YOUSUF

“ As people all over the world come together to celebrate World Environment Day 2023 with the theme “Beat Plastic Pollution,” Kashmir must join the efforts. Through innovative projects and strong actions, the Kashmir Valley is already taking big steps to stop plastic pollution and setting a strong example for the rest of the world to follow. ”



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## Alligator gar in Dal Lake: A matter of grave concern for native aquatic species



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Environment & Ecology  
Natural Resources development and Sustainability

18 June 2023



SEMRAN PARVAIZ

“ No one knows what effect alligator gar will have on native species and the ecological balance of Dal Lake. But because they eat other fish, there are worries that they might compete with native fish for food and mess up the food chain. ”



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## China's mediation between Saudi and Iran reflect its growing role in the Middle East



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International Relations

3 June 2023



ULVEE MUNEER

“ China's recent entry into Middle East mediation demonstrates its rising diplomatic influence and showcases an alternative narrative of global power dynamics; asserting itself as a powerful rising diplomatic presence, contributing to the perception of a shrinking US global influence. ”



# JULY 2023



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## Analyzing the transition of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Jammu and Kashmir

Commentaries

8 July 2023



NEHA AGGARWAL

J&K is not an exception to the skewed concentration of political power at the higher levels. Thus, many believe that it was only after the abrogation of J&K's special status and its transition into a Union Territory that Panchayati Raj Institutions started functioning on the ground. This article delves into the critical analysis of this claim.

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## Cement factories in Kashmir must balance the relationship between economic gain & environmental protection

Environment & Ecology

12 July 2023



PARVAIZ YOUSUF

The publication offers an informed and balanced opinion on whether the presence of cement factories in Kashmir is a beneficial development or a detriment to the region and proposes to meld economic growth with environmental protection, making it possible for businesses to thrive while still protecting the environment.

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## Exploring the traditional knowledge of Gujjars and Bakarwals

Natural Resources development and Sustainability

Commentaries

2 July 2023



ZAHOOOR AHMAD DAR

Gujjars and Bakarwals not only know the art of animal rearing but also possess the art of healing. They are repositories of indigenous technical knowledge and have a practice of using naturally occurring herbs and shrubs for treating diseases of both humans and animals.

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## The silent crisis: A 75% land transformation and 68% decline in wildlife

Climate Change

Environment & Ecology

16 July 2023



ADEELA HAMEED

The article presents a sobering account of unprecedented land transformation that has resulted in the destruction of natural habitats and ecosystems, leading to a devastating decline in wildlife populations, which have decreased by a staggering average of 68%.

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## Tunneling, landslides on NH-44, and the fragile Himalayas

24 July 2023



**KAINAT AZIZ**

Landslides in the Himalayas are a looming threat due to tectonic forces and unstable rock mass. Development projects in the region face challenges, and roads built in transition zones worsen the situation. NH-44 bears the brunt of these disasters, impacting lives and the economy.

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## Impact of increased social media usage in India on national security: Challenges and opportunities

Papers

20 July 2023



**RAHUL WANKHEDE**

This paper analyses the opportunities and challenges created for national security by the rise of social media applications and their increased usage in India and argues that the whole phenomenon has affected the Indian security landscape at three identifiable levels: Individual, Societal, and National.

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## Ecological crisis and the complex causes of mass fish deaths in Dal Lake

27 July 2023



**SEMRAN PARVAIZ**

The unexplained mass mortality of fish in Dal Lake has compelled experts and authorities to seek answers and address the impending ecological crisis. In this article, we shed light on the urgency and significance of this issue, highlighting the need for comprehensive solutions to safeguard the ecosystem of Dal Lake.

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## Sustaining pastoral livelihoods in J&K: Challenges and recommendations

31 JULY 2023



**SMRUTI SMITA MOHAPATRA**

This article explores Jammu & Kashmir's pastoralist communities (Gujjars and Bakarwals) dependent on livestock for livelihoods. It highlights milk production's importance, climate change challenges, and limited market access. Recommendations aim to sustain their unique livelihoods amid changing environmental conditions.

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# AUGUST 2023



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## Emerging multipolarity in Asia: Dynamics, challenges, and the rise of India as a superpower



4 AUGUST 2023



**ANAMITRA BANERJEE**



Explore the evolving global power dynamics and the rise of India as a superpower in multipolar Asia. Discover how historical influences, economic stakes, and geopolitical trends have led to a new world order. Learn about the challenges, including regional conflicts and emerging technologies, that shape this multipolar reality.

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## AR6 Synthesis Report Climate Change 2023: Lessons for the Global Community



29 AUGUST 2023



**ANAMITRA BANERJEE**



Insights from AR6 Synthesis Report: Climate Change 2023 -- Dive into the profound findings of the AR6 Synthesis Report, a groundbreaking study by Anamitra Banerjee, shedding light on the intricate web of climate change impacts and adaptations.

The AR6 Synthesis Report emphasizes the importance of global collaboration, technology, and policy changes.

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## Respiratory viruses and health after COVID-19: Insights from a distinguished medical practitioner



12 AUGUST 2023



**ADEELA HAMEED**



Explore the conversation with Dr. Abdul Hameed, a distinguished medical practitioner, on the changing landscape of respiratory viruses post-COVID. Learn about the shift in virus behavior, the importance of preventive measures, and advancements in vaccine development for a post-pandemic world.

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## Challenges and opportunities of smart meter installations in Kashmir



31 AUGUST 2023



**HANEEN FARID**



In her insightful commentary, Haneen Farid delves into the complex dynamics surrounding the implementation of smart meters in the Kashmir valley. At first glance, the promise of efficient energy usage and reduced emissions seems appealing. However, the reality was met with widespread protests. Concerns over inflated bills and a demand for flat rates ignited public disapproval.

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### Bakarwal migration's impact on Dachigam National Park: Balancing tradition and conservation



8 AUGUST 2023



PARVAIZ YOUSUF



Explore the impact of Bakarwal migration on Kashmir's national parks, the delicate balance between tradition and conservation, and proactive steps to ensure a harmonious coexistence for these unique shepherds and precious ecosystems.

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### Healthcare disparities in Jammu and Kashmir: Challenges and systemic inefficiencies



20 AUGUST 2023



SEMHRAN PARVAIZ



One of the most pressing and consequential challenges faced by individuals seeking medical assistance in Kashmir is the arduous wait times experienced at government hospitals. This exacerbating and time-intensive ordeal further compounds the difficulties faced by individuals who are already grappling with health concerns.

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### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



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## Challenges and opportunities of smart meter installations in Kashmir



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## Kashmir's native fish species in serious decline

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## Kashmir's Changing River Beds and the Looming Threat of Floods

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## The shadow epidemic: Escalating crisis of drug addiction in Jammu & Kashmir

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The Kashmir Valley is grappling with a severe crisis as over 211,000 people are trapped in the grip of drug addiction, primarily cannabis. Shockingly, this struggle often starts in adolescence, with most individuals getting hooked between the ages of 11 and 20, painting a grim picture of youth battling addiction at a young age.

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## Hangul's endangered existence: Challenges and conservation strategies



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The Hangul, a symbol of Kashmir's natural beauty, is on the brink of extinction. Industrialization and human interference are pushing these beautiful creatures to the edge. In the early 1900s, there were around 5000 Hanguls, but now only a meagre 289 or fewer remain.

Key threats include cement factories blocking their vital corridors, environmental pollution, and human-wildlife conflicts. Despite protective measures, experts worry about their survival.

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Rural India's transformation is fueled by the remarkable women who are the backbone of our communities. They plant seeds, nurture crops, ensure food security, and make significant contributions to various sectors. Read Neha Aggarwal's commentary for insights into the incredible contributions of women in rural development, explore their pivotal role in agriculture, entrepreneurship, healthcare, education, and community building.

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## The unmet challenge of women's access to justice worldwide



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River Sindh is more than just a lifeline for the Kashmir valley, it's home to an incredible range of flora and fauna, including the unique Ibis Bill, known for its distinctive beak and habitat in rocky riverbeds. But these precious ecosystems are under threat from unchecked anthropogenic activities like dredging, pollution, and unsustainable tourism.

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## Eurasian Otter: From extinction in Kashmir to its recent sighting in the Chenab River



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UJJAWAL UPADHYAY



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## Evaluating Air Quality Monitoring Infrastructure in Kashmir



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UREEDA RAFIQI



Kashmir is facing different forms of air pollution, such as emissions from industries, vehicle exhaust, burning of biomass, and dust from construction activities. Given the distinct geography and environmental conditions of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), it is crucial to closely monitor air quality in the region.

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This commentary explores the pivotal role of police-community relations in conflict-ridden regions, with a specific focus on Jammu and Kashmir. Through two compelling case studies, it highlights the transformative impact of such interactions on both the community and the police force.



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## Balancing progress and preservation: Environmental crisis in the Himalayas and Char Dham project




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The Himalayan Mountain range, a global treasure, is facing unprecedented challenges due to human impact, particularly in the aftermath of the collapse of a tunnel in Uttarakhand. JKPI sheds light on the Char Dham National Highway Project, initially aimed at facilitating pilgrimages but now a major environmental disaster. Here's why we need to rethink our approach to development in the Himalayas.



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## Sustainability education in Kashmir: A path to environmental resilience



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In a world grappling with unprecedented climate threats, JKPI highlights the critical role of sustainability education in combating climate change, especially in the eco-fragile region of Kashmir. Dive into the challenges, solutions, and the global impact of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in this insightful commentary.



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## India's Neighbourhood Aid Policy: Contextualising Afghanistan and Bangladesh



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## The rising trend of Spot Admissions in Higher Education in Kashmir



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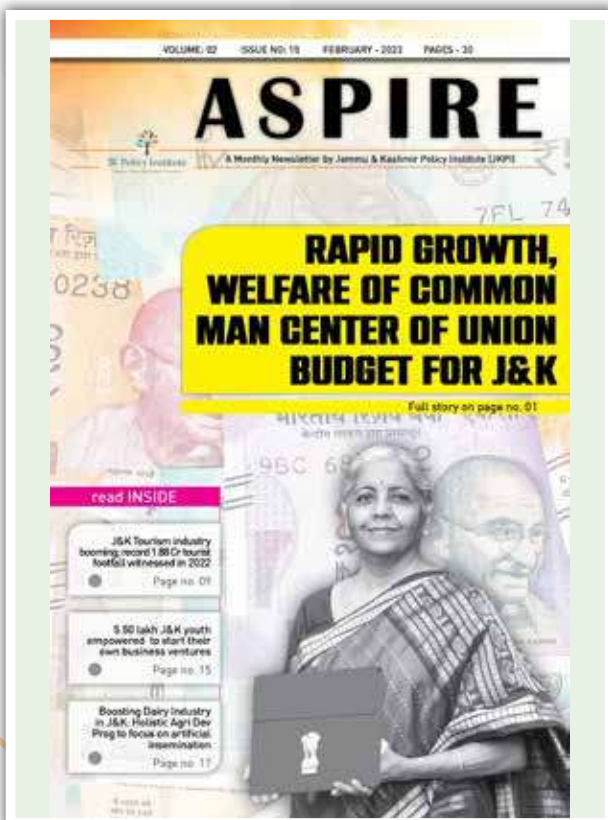
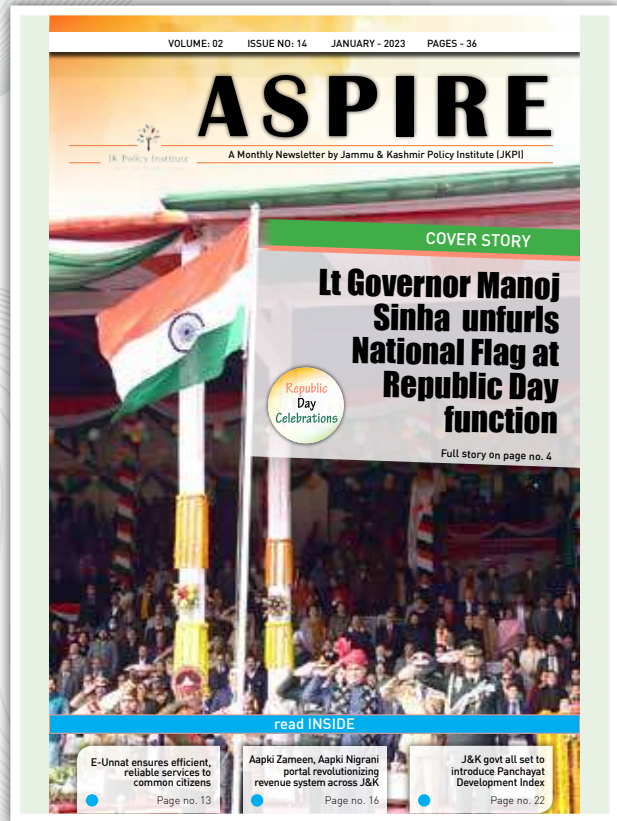
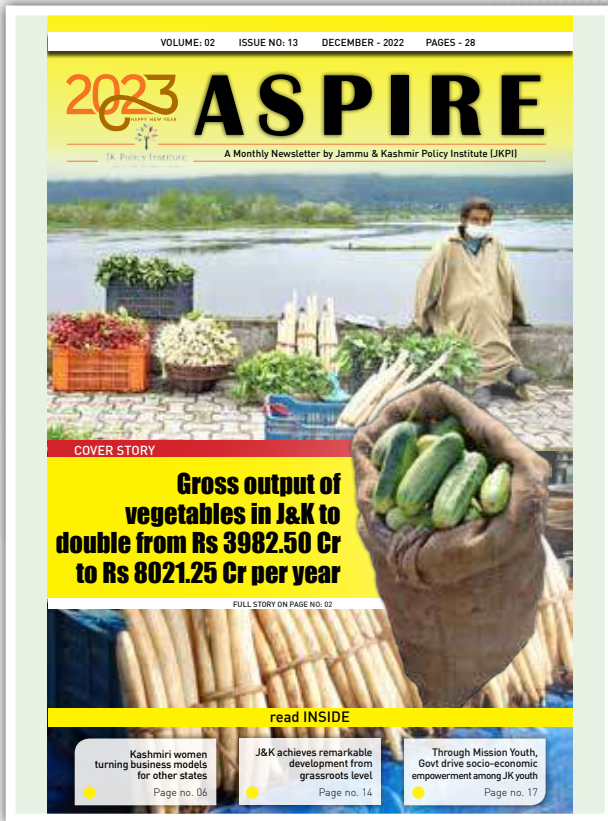
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The article delves into the challenges faced by higher education institutions in Kashmir, particularly the rising trend of 'On Spot Admissions.' It highlights the decline in admissions, questioning the education system's relevance, course offerings, and institutional perception. The piece explores the impact on academic standards, potential compromises on merit, and concerns about accountability.

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