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MERC pays rich tributes to Aasiya Jeelani

✍ Qayoom Madni

Media Education Research Center (MERC), Kashmir University organized a programme on April 20 in the memory of Aasiya Jeelani on her 8th death anniversary.

Aasiya was a pass out of 1998-99 batch of MERC. She was killed in a mine blast at Chandigam, Lolab in 2004 while she was travelling along with a team of a human rights group, J&K Coalition of Civil Society to monitor the elections.

On the occasion, the speakers paid tributes to her. In his address, Head, MERC, Prof S Mufeed Ahmad said, "Aasiya is a role model

for us. One could see her contribution particularly for the betterment of widows and half-widows. She decided to work for a noble and left a lasting impression on us. Her death was a huge loss for all of us."

Speaking on the occasion, senior faculty, Nasir Mirza said it was his privilege to be Aasiya's teacher and play a role in shaping her career.

"Aasiya was a different girl-her seriousness, thoughtfulness and concern for others was unique. On that fateful day I was also invited to be part of the CCS team, but destiny did not allow me to board the bus. Aasiya was an exception; she had the courage to venture out where nobody dared to enter," Mirza said.

"She opted for hardcore journalism. She gave voice to most vulnerable section of the society," he added.

Arshid Mushtaq, one of her classmates, recalled his days with Aasiya while they were studying at the university.

"University pass outs are lucky in the sense they cherish the memories of their student life, but our batch is not so lucky for whenever we recall our days at MERC, the picture of Aasiya brings tears to our eyes," h said.

"We used to sit under the shade of



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Chinar trees in Naseem Bagh to discuss issues and learn from experiences of each other. Aasiya wanted to portray the real condition of the women who don't open up with the male journalists. 'Voices Unheard' the magazine she edited was her

idea and attempt in this regard."

Aasiya's junior at MERC, Sadiq Ali recalled the fateful day when she was killed. Ali was travelling in the same Sumo vehicle which was hit by a land mine.

"It was raining heavily. We had to go to monitor election in far-flung Lolab area in Kupwara. Aasiya was not supposed to be with us, but she made it at the last moment. We reached the place and I went out from the vehicle. I was just nearby when I heard a big explosion. Everything was black. There were screams. Our vehicle was hit. I rushed towards the vehicle. Our driver Ghulam Nabi's body was torn in pieces. Aasiya was injured and lying unconscious."

Our other member Khuram Parvez was also hit. It took 20-25 minutes to get ambulance and another 25 minutes to reach the nearby hospital. We were told to shift the injured to Srinagar. Aasiya was in my lap. She was remembering her mom."

"Perhaps death was the best cure. Her arms were broken and lips twisted. She is fortunate that people remember her, but unfortunate for widows and half-widows that they lost the bird who was singing their mournful songs," Ali added.

16th century Mughal Wall left at the mercy of encroachers

‘Indifferent government, people to blame’

✍ Souzeina Mushtaq

Srinagar has been the seat of power for many dynasties in the past including Mughals. The historic monuments of the city stand testimony to its past glory, but their present condition also convey the apathy of the modern day governments and people alike. Kalai- strong wall- in the foothills of Koh-e-Maran is a case in point.

According to historic accounts, Kalai was built by Mughal Emperor Jalal-ud-din Muhammad Akbar during 16th century.

“After taking over Kashmir, Akbar started construction of the wall around the then city Naagar Nagar in the heels of Koh-e-Maran. Although it was not completed there and then but his son Noor-Ud-Din Jahangir completed it later,” says noted poet and social activist, Zareef Ahmad Zareef.

“Kalai is the identification of an empire and defines the rich past that people have forgotten to care for.”

A study has revealed that of the 4.75 Kilometre long Kalai, an estimated 800 meters are missing while some 700 meters are badly damaged. The structure is in disarray despite the fact that it was declared a ‘protected monument’ in 2010.

“Unfortunately, this heritage site was ignored and no attention was paid towards its preservation for around 22 years. Some of its portion was dismantled by people,” the poet says.

As per the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) norms, 100 meters of area around a monument has to be kept free of any structure. The Union Government is planning to double the radius of the restricted area. But for Srinagar, encroachments are so close to the Kalai that people residing “illegally” enjoy with their backs resting on the Mughal Wall.

Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) has also come up with a survey of the Kalai. The organization terms the condition of Mughal Wall as “deplorable”.

The rampart, which was believed to be 28 feet high and 13 feet wide, stands exposed to

encroachers and stone excavators. The authorities have not only failed to remove the encroachments but many new constructions have been allowed around Kalai.

“Even the graveyard has not been spared. While the number of illegal encroachments continues to go up, authorities act as mute spectators. People illegally resort to construction of houses around Kalai, thus ensuring its slow but steady deterioration,” says a local resident, M Ashraf.

The local residents say that over the years, particularly since 1970s when the then government rehabilitated a particular com-

Kathi Darwaza seems to have been the principal entrance with inscriptions – lore has it – so as to welcome the emperor.

Although the major portion has been encroached upon, the stretch between these three main gates of the historic wall is worst hit. Besides the two sides of the mighty wall, its top too has also been encroached.

It is seen that over 700 meters of the rampart have developed massive cracks. And experts fear that if immediate restoration measures are not taken, the portion would collapse.

“The major issue of the Kalai is its damaged part. Due to the negligence of authorities, non-maintenance and lack of care the wall has suffered extensive damage. It is quite tragic that encroachments were allowed to deface the historic wall,” says convenor INTACH, Muhammad Saleem Beg.

“We at INTACH are trying to restore the parts which are clear of encroachments. We can restore some of its damaged parts and portions which are substantially restorable but government now too needs to wake up for the restoration of Kalai,” he says.

Eminent historian Prof Fida Hasnain says blaming government for everything is unfair as people are as much responsible for the preservation of the historic sites.

“People are not aware of the importance of this heritage. It is the prima-facie duty of every person to maintain the glory of the heritage sites. We cannot directly blame the government for everything,” he says.

Although state’s tourism department has come up with a plan on the development of Naagar Nagar, the area within the neglected historic wall, experts believe that conservation work cannot be started unless the encroachments are removed.

However, restoration work is in progress at various spots which have not been encroached so far.

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munity near Kalai, residential dwellings popped up close to the rampart.

Scores of houses and other structures have come up in the proximity of the Kalai so much so that the Mughal rampart is serving as the forth wall of many hutments, they revealed.

“It was Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah himself who rehabilitated us, otherwise we had nowhere to go,” says a local resident, Muhammad Akbar Sheikh.

“Nobody paid attention towards the Kalai. Since we had no option, and compelled by the circumstances, we started building our sheds around it,” says another resident, Ghulam Nabi.

“Kalai (Faseel-e-Akbari) took 23 years to get completed, between 1597 and 1620,” says Zareef.

Mughal Wall has three gates – Kathi Darwaza, Sangeen Darwaza and Bachi Darwaza.

MERC goes green

Plant trees on Jhelum Banks

“We are trying to break the barriers of education which is confined to the four walls of a classroom **”**

Qayoom Madani

As part of its initiative of ‘going green’, Media Education Research Centre (MERC), Kashmir University in collaboration with the department of Flood Control and Irrigation held a day-long plantation drive alongside the banks of river Jhelum on March 24.

The initiative was first of its kind started by the students of MERC. More than 50 Chinar saplings were planted.

While starting the drive, Head of Department MERC Prof Mufeed Ahmad, said the department has started various campaigns in current year and plantation drive is one such initiative.

He said, “We are trying to break the barriers of education confined to the four walls of a class room. The media studies should en-

rich our students with every possible and

practical knowledge”.

Prof Mufeed further said such initiatives will infer social responsibility among the students and will give them better understanding of the society.



Chief Engineer Flood Control and Irrigation, Muzaffar Lankar, who was part of the plantation drive, lauded the media students by saying that plantation drive is a welcome step taken by the MERC. Highlighting the importance of Chinar trees Muzaffar said, “Chinar has been our heritage passed unto us by ancestors which is a like a precious jewel in the beauty of Kashmir attracting thousands of tourists from across the world.” He further said

our department welcomes such initiatives and we provide every possible assistance to make such drives possible.

compass knowledge from business to politics, and we will continue with such efforts so as to

PANOS conducts workshop at MERC

Train students in urban reporting

Ashiq Sofi

A five-day workshop was organized by PANOS, South Asia in collaboration with Media Education Research Centre, (MERC) from March 25 to 30. The workshop was aimed at training the students to report on issues of urbanization and diversity.

Speaking on the inaugural function, Head of the Department, MERC, Prof Mufeed Ahmad said, “Such programmes prove highly beneficial for media students to sharpen their skills so that they can apply them in the field.”

Speaking on the occasion, Project Direc-

tor PANOS, Dr Harpreet Kour said the workshop is part of two-year project titled People & Places started by PANOS.

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BBC World Service; Himayun Qaiser, AIR, Basharat Masood; Indian Express and Pawan Bali, CNN IBN were the key mentors during the five-day workshop.



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Dr Aloke Thakore, co-founder JM Foundation; Tinku Ray, South Asia Editor,

Need to keep eye on NGOs: Kirmani

'Orphans, widows, destitute get only 40% of Social Welfare Department funds'

Nishah Zargar/Showkat Lateef

An independent body should be set up to keep vigil over the functioning of non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the state and people should inculcate a sense of responsibility towards the needy people.

These views were expressed by the speakers at the 12th annual day function of Jammu and Kashmir Yateem Foundation held here on April 29.

In his address, Justice (Retd.) Bashir Ahmed Kirmani called for setting up of an agency to keep vigil over the functioning of NGOs in Jammu and Kashmir "so that genuine organisations can function properly with a sense of responsibility towards orphans".

"The social welfare department grants funds to the influential orphanages and the deserving remain in the dark. They just give 40 per cent to the needy while 60 per cent of the funds are being embezzled," he said.

Kirmani accused the social welfare department of spending the fund money in useless activities.

Without naming the organization, he said an NGO received crores of rupees for rehabilitation of AIDS victims.

"When I asked them what they did with the allotted money, they said they have distributed it among the clerics (Imams) who would educate people about the disease and the precautionary measures. It was disgusting," Kirmani said.

Stressing on the need for charity, he said, "People spend hefty amount every day. The state spends about 8 crore per day on meat, mobile bills, drugs, petrol and other miscellaneous expenditures. If people can spend crores of ru-



pees per day, why can't they give a part of it to charity."

In his welcome speech, JK YF chairman, Muhammed Ehsan Rather stressed on the need to inculcate sense of social responsibility among people.

"People prefer Nimaz because that is easy to perform but only few people dare to give the charity," he said.

Rather said orphans spend 10 years in JK YF but when they have to pursue higher studies the orphanage can't afford their expenses.

Citing the Supreme Court verdict according to which private schools have to keep 25 per cent seats reserved for Economically Weaker Section (EWS), he said it is not being followed in J&K.

Concluding his speech, Rather said JK YF is a transparent organisation and people can check the account of the foundation.

"Suggestions from people are welcomed and any query from the people will be responded in a positive way," he added.

Dr. Bashir Ahmed Nehvi, head of Iqbal Institute of Culture and Philosophy, Kashmir

University said people in the state have enough money and they can easily come forward to help the destitute.

"When Dr. Sir Muhammad Iqbal visited Kashmir, he saw abject poverty, but now people have money so that they can give alms to poor and needy," he said.

"Though we are in conflict with West on numerous counts but as a society we must look and learn from their acts of charity."

Former chairman of JK YF, Ateequllah Bukhari asked people to develop a sense of social responsibility towards the needy people. "We should help orphans in getting married."

On the occasion, JK YF released its annual report according to which the foundation has received charity of Rs 4.65 Crore in the last two years and they have spent Rs 3.73 Crore so far.

Other guests present on the occasion were noted columnist Dr. Javaid Iqbal, poet and social activist Zareef Ahmed Zareef, civil society member Shakeel Qalander.

Besides, the function was attended by students of MERC who were accompanied by senior faculty Nasir Mirza and editor Muslim Jan.

A documentary titled Sang-e-meel on the history and achievements of JK YF was also screened on the occasion.

The function ended with a prize distribution ceremony in which the first and second position holders in the recent class 10 examination Mohammed Ismael and Irfan Ahmed Parray were awarded with certificates and cash prizes. Besides, the position holders of Moral Science test conducted by Jammu and Kashmir Yateem Foundation were also felicitated.

MERC students attend video workshop at EMMRC

Ashraf ul Hassan

Media Educational Research Centre (MERC) in collaboration with Educational Multimedia Research Centre (EMMRC), Kashmir University organized a 15-day workshop on Video Production for MERC students of third semester from February 28 to March 12.

Speaking on the occasion, Head MERC, Prof. Mufeed Ahmad said the changing technology influences journalism in at least four broader issues i.e (a) how journalist do their work (b) the content of news (c) the structure of the newsroom (d) the relationship between journalists and public.

Prof Mufeed said the new media such as internet, twitter, facebook, linkard and digital video are the most visible examples of technology that are transforming the his-



tory of journalism. "Students have to understand their strengths, overcome weaknesses in order to save from future threats," he said. In-charge director of EMMRC, Dr Saleema Jan said the workshop is meant to impart basic knowledge of video produc-

tion to the students.

"Such workshops make students conscious about the production of different programmes," she added.

Aijaz-ul-Haque conducted the proceedings of the inaugural function.

The EMMRC resource persons for the workshop were Shafqat Habib, Ajaz-ul-Haque, Akmal Hannan and Tariq Abdullah.

During the course of the workshop, students produced four documentaries besides group discussions on different issues.

Meanwhile, students of 2nd semester expressed that such workshops based on practical input should be organised with other institutions as well.

"Such kind of workshops help us get acquainted with the basic skills and techniques of TV production" students said.

Condolence meeting at MERC

Glowing tributes paid to Izhar Wani



Merc News Desk

A condolence meeting was held at Media Education Research Centre, University of Kashmir on April 5 on the death of eminent journalist and Srinagar Bureau Chief of Agence France-Presse (AFP) Izhar Wani.

Izhar was the student of MERC batch 1987-89. The function was attended by faculty members, scholars and students of MERC besides EMMRC Director Dr Shahid Rasool, senior producer, Ajaz-ul-Haq and other staff members of EMMRC.

Referring to his contribution, humility and courage, HoD MERC, Prof. S Mufeed Ahmad said, "It is a moment of sorrow for the whole state of Jammu and Kashmir in general and media fraternity in particular.

Recalling Izhar's days at MERC, senior faculty, Nasir Mirza said, "He was an ever smiling, always gentle and highly talented student."

"He was the definition of good journalism," Mirza remarked while referring to Izhar's strong commitment to the fundamentals of journalism.

Later the students and faculty members of MERC went to Izhar's residence at Sempora to express solidarity with the bereaved family. Expressing deep sympathies with the bereaved family, the speakers recalled the qualities of Izhar.

While praying for eternal peace to the departed soul they expressed solidarity with the bereaved family.

Incomplete drain irks Gulshan Nagar residents

Construction work yet to finish even after failing two deadlines

Rouf Bhat

Two years have passed since the drainage work in Gulshan Nagar Nowgam was started, but still it is incomplete even after two deadlines set by Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) have already passed, thereby continuing to keep the residents of area hostage and risking the public life.

Residents of the area feel that the construction of the drainage is going on at 'snail's pace, causing inconvenience to the residents of the area.

"I feel as if I have been kept under house arrest as the lane outside my house since the lane was dug out to construct drain last year. Even after a year, it seems a distant dream to see the construction completed in the near future," said Abdul Raheem, an elderly resident.

"I have to park my vehicle on roadside from last eight months during night as the main entrance gate of my house is blocked from eight months due to the incomplete drainage work," said Muneeb Ahmad a resident of the area.

Construction of the drainage started two years back and even as some portion of the drain is complete, most of the manholes are incomplete, thereby risking lives of pedestrians.

The local residents say that in case of any medical emergency or fire incident, it is impossible to save human lives as the road is blocked due to the incomplete work.

"I usually don't allow my kids to go outside as I fear they might fall in the open pits of the drain," said Mushtaq Ahmad, another resident.

The work including the manholes in some of the lanes has been completed but the filling of the drain is still incomplete.

The condition of roads has been deteriorated by frequent rains, which makes it difficult for the locals to come out of their houses.

Residents of adjoining areas of Methan and Nowgam allege that the roads of these areas have been left in dilapidated condition.



The roads have not been blacktopped and are hardly fit for vehicular movement.

Meanwhile, ERA officials say that the construction was stopped due to the sub-zero temperature prevailing in the valley during the winters.

"It is impossible to start the concrete construction in the sub-zero temperature. But we will restart the construction next month," said Ghulam Hassan, project officer ERA. But even as the weather has improved, no progress has been made to complete the pending work in the area.

He added that the unfilled stretches will be filled within a couple of weeks.

Meanwhile, District Development Commissioner, Budgam, Muhammad Rafi, said the work will be completed within a couple of months.

"I have already directed ERA and the construction firm to complete the work within the allotted time frame," said Rafi.

He further added that they have formed a team to supervise the work in the area,"

However, the residents of the area allege that despite the repeated pleas to DDC, there has been no headway in the work.

"Work is still going at a very slow speed and it is causing trouble to everyone particularly to the school going children and elderly people," said Habib ullah Bhat, president of the local mohalla committee.

DECLINING SEX RATIO IN J&K

Census report vindicates researcher's claims

Heeba Din

From being hailed as a place of having no female foeticide to being ridiculed for having second worst sex ratio in India, Jammu and Kashmir has made a dismal journey in the past 16 years.

The recently released Census report points to a shocking rise in female foeticide cases in the state.

As per the report, there are only 859 females against every 1,000 males in the state. In 2001, for every 1,000 boys under seven year age, there were 941 girls. Now the number is further down and with that J&K has emerged as next only to the states of Punjab and Haryana.

A study conducted by Dr Gul Afroze Jan of Law Department of Kashmir University in 2007 predicted the bias against female child.

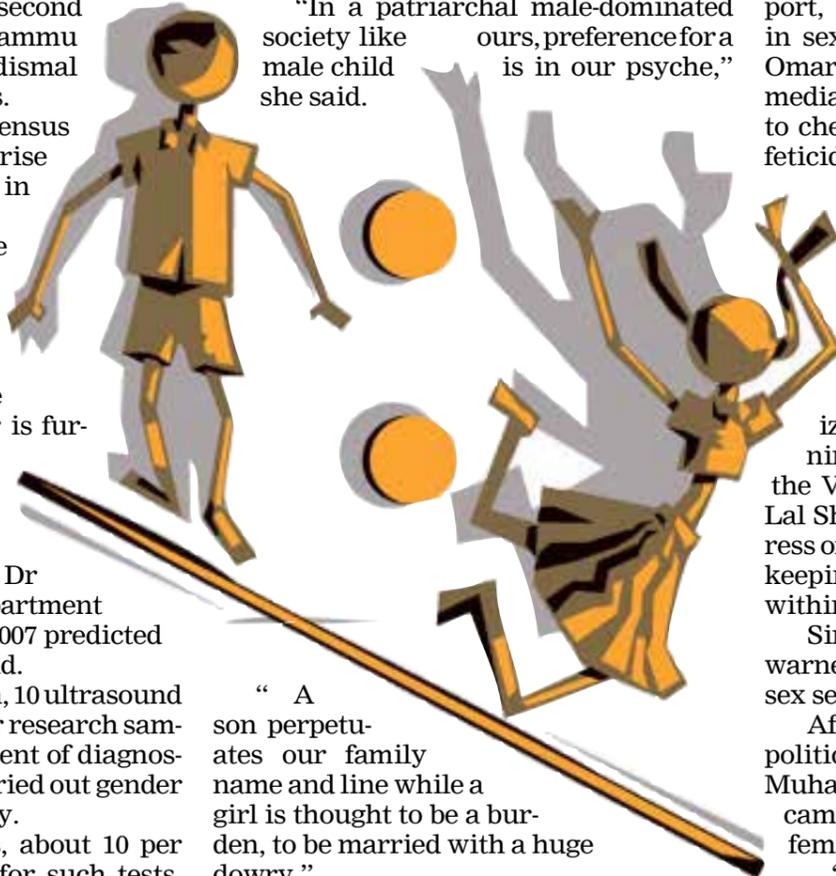
She included 100 women, 10 ultrasound clinics and 10 doctors in her research sample. Jan found that 13 per cent of diagnostic centers in the valley carried out gender determination tests illegally.

Of the 100 respondents, about 10 per cent said they have gone for such tests. Of those, 30 per cent had done the test for the second time and had already aborted a girl child.

The reasons for aborting the girl child,

Gul says, were pressure from the husband (in 30 per cent of the cases), pressure from in-laws (40 per cent), joint decision of the couple (20 per cent) and the wife's.....

"In a patriarchal male-dominated society like ours, preference for a male child is in our psyche," she said.



"A son perpetuates our family name and line while a girl is thought to be a burden, to be married with a huge dowry."

However, Gul's report was widely criticized and ridiculed by gynaecologists and ultrasonologists.

Now years later when Gul's findings

have come true, the health services department seems to have woken up from the slumber.

Worried by the interim Census report, which has shown a sharp decline in sex ratio in the state, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah called for immediate remedial measures and "action on ground" to check the menace of suspected female foeticide and infanticide.

"We are the third worst state in this regard after Punjab and Haryana. If anything needed a mass movement and public appeals it would be this," he posted on micro-blogging website Twitter.

Various government agencies have sealed nearly 150 unauthorized genetic clinics, imaging, scanning and ultra-sonography centers in the Valley. State Health Minister, Sham Lal Sharma has been reviewing the progress of the work done by his department in keeping a tab on unscrupulous elements within the fraternity.

Simultaneously, people are being warned of the legal corollary of pre-natal sex selection or determination.

After the census report, separatist politicians Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and Muhammad Yasin Malik also joined the campaign against "dukhtar kushi" or female foeticide.

"It is a matter of shame that Kashmiri Muslims are aborting their girl children," Mirwaiz had said.

He cautioned people that the practice was profoundly "un-Islamic".

Cholera threat looms large in Sonawari village

Banyari Sharki alleges govt indifference

Mohammad Imran Muzaffar

Three years back when Cholera hit this far-off village leaving men, women and children sick, doctors attributed the disease to the water sources contaminated with bacterium *Vibrio cholerae* in the area. However, the threat of another disease breakout looms large as the locals continue to use contaminated water.

"In 2009 we all fell ill. We were engulfed by a dangerous disease which endangered our lives. You see what we drink," says Haleema (49) as she fills a pot with the polluted water from river Jhelum.

"No one comes here to see us. We have been abandoned by the government," she says.

Surrounded by dense forests, vast grasslands and dozens of muddy water canals, this village has no proper healthcare facility.

"All the sick are carried to Hajin and Sumbal towns for treatment on carts as we have no proper facility for treatment," says a villager Bakhtawar Dar.

"Water is Allah's gift but we have to refrain from drinking it otherwise we will fall ill or it may end up killing us," Dar says, adding that the children are prone to fall ill of the water.

"Our children feel nausea

drinking the water even after boiling it. They are the worst sufferers of this problem. They are school-going kids," he says.

Locals say children complain of rapid dehydration during summer. "In schools they drink same water and fall ill most of the times. We are caught in a serious problem," says Muhammad Subhan.

Children between six and 12 years of age are reportedly prone to diarrhoea.

According to World Health Organization when outbreaks of cholera occur, efforts should be directed toward establishing clean water, food, and sanitation, because vaccination is not very

effective in managing outbreaks.

But in this village, there is no sanitation and locals continue to drink untreated water from Jhelum.

"Government should provide clean drinking water to us. It should also address the problem of sanitation," says another local.

Chief Engineer PHE Kashmir (Division) Ghulam Rasool Zargar said the villages would be soon surveyed. "Please mention those villages and we will take action on what they are lacking," he told MERC Times.

District Development Commissioner Bandipora did not receive repeated telephone calls.

Vice-Chancellor Visits MERC

✍ **Merc News Desk**

Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, Kashmir University, visited Media Education Research Centre (MERC) and interacted with the faculty and Head of the Department, Prof. S. Mufeed Ahmad on March 3.

It was his first visit to the department after the winter vacation.

Prof. Mufeed apprised him of the academic activities and initiatives taken by the department which include the Media Tour of the students outside the state, their placements in different media organizations, and the 21-day Internship of 4th semester students at various leading media houses.

Prof. Mufeed also briefed the Vice-Chancellor about the future academic exercises such as seminars, workshops, series of special lectures with the leading media agencies to be conducted by the department in the current academic session.

He also requested the vice chancellor for financial assistance for upgrading the infrastructure of the centre.

Prof Talat assured to provide financial assistance as a special grant for developing the necessary infrastructure for up gradation skills of the students and hoped MERC becomes the flagship department of the university. He stressed upon the faculty to garner resources by procuring various research projects of national and international level for enhancing the professional standards of the department. The Vice-Chancellor expressed his satisfaction over the functioning of the department under Prof Mufeed.



Be a good storyteller to be a good filmmaker: Mike Pandey

Talks about fragile ecology, erratic climate and stinking Dal Lake

✍ **Baseera Rafiquee**

Veteran filmmaker and three-time Green Oscar winner, Mike Pandey visited Media Education Research Centre (MERC) and addressed a special session attended by students, research scholars and the faculty of the department on March 29.

While discussing the nuances of the documentary filmmaking, Pandey said, "To be a good filmmaker, one should be a good storyteller."

Sensitizing the students about the fragile ecology, he referred to the erratic climate and the stinking Dal Lake. He urged students to make documentaries on the environment in Kashmir. "Local filmmakers should document films on Dal and other environmental issues in Kashmir".

He further said that the Earth has been plundered badly because people are unaware of their actions.

"The pen and the camera are the powerful tools in your hands. Use them to enhance the awareness of the masses about the critical environmental issues of our times," he said.

Earlier while welcoming the guest of honor, Prof S.A Mufeed Ahmad, Head of the Department MERC, described Pandey as a "versatile genius". He said MERC intends to



provide more opportunities to the students to excel in the field and this interactive session with Pandey is the beginning of a new initiative and direction".

In his introductory remarks, senior faculty member, MERC, Nasir Mirza recalled his long association with Pandey and thanked him for the help and guidance extended to

MERC at Jamia Millia in the past.

Mirza said Pandey has the distinction of re-defining the genre of documentary film making and expanding its scope.

The session was attended by noted cinematographer Inder Kathuria, Tariq A Bhat, CEO Associated Media, Rafia Fazili, Director Operations Riverbank Studio.

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