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Net Abuse

Internet is the media which keeps us all connected. You want to send a message to someone, thousands of miles away, it will reach him in no time. And if you want to convey something to masses, Just click and you reach thousands of people instantly. Group communication has made it so easier.

In present-day world, one can not think of living without internet. Whether you want to send a mail or want to be in touch with people through Facebook, Twitter etc., everything is instant. Uploading photographs and videos on websites have become fun. If you have more to offer, just create your own website and keep there whatever you want. Internet is really a boon and its advantages are enormous.

For quite some time, the internet has become a grossly abused media. It is now used to throw mud on others, in full view of thousands of netizens. If you have a personal score to settle with someone, do it through net. In late 2010, the net abuse reached such a proportion that Mr. Shailendra Aima, of Panun Kashmir had to issue a public statement condemning the hate campaign unleashed on net against some women activists of the community.

An example of what appeared on the net a few days back:

"Do not wash your dirty linen in public" - DB.

"Who is this new Dainaik Bhaskar DB?" - HR.

"He is your father." - DB

"I will introduce you to your father whom you missed during your migration." -

HR

Now sample this:

"Please do not follow chain mail of J.... Zaharbad as he is moderator ofHe is the same character who promised me financial support during and after pushing me... he went into coma..."

And this:

"Panditon ab to sharm karo... the girl would have been some one ordinary in a village selling potatoes but she and her parents have used the KP quotawhat a shame ... am disappointed by the selfish and self-serving nature of the community."

And also this:

"Beware Black Sheep, you won't be left with any wool to cover yourself..."

“Go, have guts to face them in your den.... shame on all of you.”

Another trend in the net abuse is that mails are copied to hundreds and thousands of e-mail IDs across globe. A few days back, I came across a hacked mail (definitely spam) sent to various people with the subject line ‘How are you’ and inviting the receivers to click a given URL. One of the addressees, misunderstanding the mail and fortunately not clicking the URL, replied in Kashmiri that he was fine. Amazing that he used the button ‘Reply All’ without a reason.

What are we up to and what do we want to gain out of this? Let us all resolve not to abuse the net anymore and not discredit others by defaming them or using invectives against them. We are a small but educated and cultured community. Let us treat all others with dignity and honour and continue to strive for brotherhood in the community. Internet is a platform where we can meet, discuss and know others’ viewpoints. We can use this platform to spread knowledge and information in general and in particular about our community, our culture and our tradition. This will ensure that we do not lose our identity. We can use this facility to spread love, brotherhood and unity amongst our community so that we not only face our problems with unity, but also find solutions to these together. The sooner we do it, the better it would be for us, both individually and collectively.

