

KASHMIRI MUSLIMS: A VISION DOCUMENT

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ABSTRACT

Apart from the union territory of Lakshadweep, Jammu and Kashmir is another region within the territorial limits of India, where Muslims can be found in a significant majority. But the sad part of this Muslim face region is that it has remained eternally a conflict zone which has denied the upliftment of people in different parameters of life. The people living in this part of land have bore the brunt of the continuous friction of two nuclear weapon states which has deeply shattered the human development of the region. Kashmir has been regarded as the nuclear flashpoint of the South-Asian region. Kashmiri Muslims who were quite supportive and faithful of India's rule in Kashmir in 1947 gave slogans like "Jo Maange Ga Pakistan, Usko Mile Ga Qabristan" (whosoever will demand Pakistan, will be sent to graveyard). Yet the same people after 1987 raised their heads, hands and everything against India and gave slogans like "Jeevay Jeevay Pakistan, Ragdro Ragdro Hindustan (Long live Pakistan, push back India). This paper will seek a logical enquiry and find out how far we are responsible for the alienation of our own citizens. This paper will also focus on the relationship between Muslims in the rest of India and Kashmiri Muslims and t will try to explore, why even today Mughal Emperor Akbar is regarded as the first invader of Kashmir and why Indian Muslims never break their silence for their counterparts when Kashmiri Muslims are suffering from state, non-state as well as external actors.

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