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## PREFACE

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While on the subject of radicalization of Kashmir as a part of Jammu and Kashmir State, objective has been to put together the relevant facts so that these become easily available. In order, however to give a support to the topic, relevant historical and geographical facts of the place had to be narrated as per requirements because these have changed its composition and life from time to time. Process of recording history began with Kalhan Pandit's Rajatarangini followed by Jonaraja, Raja Pataka, Shukla and Shivara making such documentations. An Attempt has been made to assimilate the facts responsible for radicalization of Kashmir and its spread across the tunnel in Muslim dominated areas of Jammu. In order to appreciate these facts, their presentation has been arranged as J&K is a unique global destination, recalling important historical facts of the State with their impact on its social formation, economic potential and relation with Indian union. Radicalization of the Valley, a part of J&K State and most inhuman fall out there of in the form of exodus of Hindus from the valley has been described in detail.

During the earlier periods of history, the State was not homogeneous. It was combination of a number of territories inhabited by Hindus, each under an autocratic ruler. Kashmir has witnessed rulers of different temperaments and religious faiths. Mostly the place has been glorified by its rulers and it also became most sought after for meditation and learning. Bizarre

hordes of invaders, desecraters and destroyers including Huns, Tartars, the tribes, the Afghans made the Kashmir a victim of greed, lust and covetousness. Democracy to the State and its accession to Union of India came under difficult conditions which made the State a conflict zone causing threat to the peace. Geographically, State has a strategic importance arising from location of different countries around it having different ideologies, global status and religious faiths.

With the advent of Dogra rule in 1846 these kingdoms were consolidated into a State termed as "Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit etc." but commonly described as Jammu and Kashmir State. It became an independent state in 1947 and integrated itself with the Union of India, not to the liking of Pakistan which still stakes its claim on this territory. It has now surfaced that in essence the dispute raised by that country is more for promoting Islam and causing civilization conflict in India one way or the other so that secular democratic ideology adopted and followed by this country failed. Clue for Islamisation of the Jammu & Kashmir state even after it became an integral part of India was drawn by Pakistan from the following factors;-

- Inclusion of concept of independent Kashmir in the basic agenda of National Conference when it was floated as a separate political party in the year 1939.
- Show of Jihadi intentions by Sheikh Abdullah on May 17th 1946 when he declared "it is time for action. You must fight slavery and enter

the field of jihad as soldiers, every man, women and children. Kashmir nation has expressed its will. I ask for Plebiscite on this question,"

- Gandhi's view that "people in the states were their own masters (after British Raj) and Kashmiris must therefore decide without any coercion or show of it from within and without to which dominion they should join".
- Giving a special status to the State in Indian Federation, least caring for the genuine rights of its minorities (non-muslims).
- Non violent and secular policy adopted by India which did not suit western block and Pakistan fell into its lap and received military and financial aid which it misused to play terror game to bleed India especially Jammu and Kashmir. China also made Pakistan a nuclear State and with its help made inroads into Indian Territory.

With the passage of time Jammu & Kashmir became a high conflict zone, a flash point for world war susceptible to use of nuclear power. Pakistan has always faced a humiliating defeat in all the military engagements with India which following ideology of universal brotherhood, has always returned the territories captured by them after every ceasefire.

Pakistan has now resorted to unethical and inhuman guerilla warfare, creating unrest in the valley and other Muslim majority areas of the State, forcing infiltration of terrorists into India, mostly through line of

actual control (LOC) in Jammu and Kashmir and fomenting terrorism among the youth of the valley as also tactfully spreading it to the other parts of India. This has caused destruction, in respect of men and material, unrest and insecurity, and above all an unprecedented ethnic cleansing of non Muslims of the valley. Obviously, this is height of radicalization and needs to be looked upon like that.

Pakistan financed, created fully equipped non state actors and placed them in so called Azad Kashmir controlled by it illegally within the knowledge of UNO and uses them to bleed India by every means. This arrangement facilitated adopting a hypocritical attitude by that country. On the one hand, she projects itself as a peaceful and responsible nation and on the other, liberally supported terrorist organizations giving them military, financial and diplomatic power. Global fundamentalist Muslim organizations are also involved and their support sought and availed. It is claimed, much to the disbelief of the world that these terrorist outfits (non state actors) operate of their own to support their Muslim brethren in the Valley to cede from India and exercise their right of self determination to shape their own political future. An environment is created which is conducive to strengthening terrorism and whenever required to support it not hesitating even causing all round devastation.

In the pre-independent era of the State, Muslim community in the Valley was divided as between "Shers" and "Bakras" in other words "progressives"

and "radicals". The gulf between the two was unbridgeable and they would not enter into any relation including marriages as between themselves. Even with such a divide within the community they would by and large, live peacefully with Pandits. With the spread of terrorism its fomenters (Pakistan) felt need to forge unity among the Muslims. A very strong social wave was created to combine the two factions. Thus, radicals were provided significant space to play their role to the tune of their masters.

Pakistan is fully exposed and isolated now. India has put to public domain all the evidence relating to Pak-terror attacks on India. Diplomatic efforts have also been pushed up to motivate other countries to get their support for fighting this menace on Indian soil. This invoked a good response and Pakistan has been asked to restrain from such Jihadi actions. Pakistan has not given much heed to the world opinion and they have started to own terrorists. The country, in frustration has again attacked Indian army camp at Uri, using fidayeen giving them cover by its regular army. 19 Indian soldiers were martyred in this operation. In order to convey a strong message to Pakistan to stop its terror acts destroy its terrorists' launch pads, India launched a surgical operation, unique in its nature, in Uri sector killing 38 terrorists during the night between 28th and 29th of September, 2016. In yet another snub to Pakistan, 8 member countries of SAARC pulled out themselves from its summit scheduled for November, 2016 at Islamabad. This apart, security forces including local police in the Valley continue to engage and eliminate terrorists effectively on day to

day basis on the borders or elsewhere in the State. With an obsession to cede Kashmir from India Pakistan continues to strengthen separatist organizations (pro Pakistan forces) in the valley by giving them all support including setting up cadres from out of the local population, adopting different methods of compelling general masses to fall in line with terrorists, making them to sustain prolonged shut downs and curfews, creating alternate militant action programs like forcing youth to resort to stone pelting, pressurizing women and children to be the front liners in protest. All such activities are coordinated and funded by Pakistan. Main stream political parties of State also have a soft corner for separatists. They are generally protected and even central government confronted as and when required. Radicals and Separatists are complimentary to each other.

India endeavors to overcome the feeling of alienation of Kashmiri's, Integrating or mainstreaming them with rest of India and pursuing escalation of their high economic growth in spite of provocations. Such an approach though earnest is described as appeasement which apart from everything else, gives rise to unprecedented vested interests and vote bank politics. A typical situation has arisen in which main stream politicians do everything required of a socialistic secular democracy as an integral part of the Union of India but at the same time, they are working for attainment of autonomy and other form of self governance for the State. The State is distanced from New Delhi which process has gone even to the extent of retrieving land used by the armed forces in the Valley

on the plea that they are Indian. In the recent past a row was created over use of state land at the base camp of Baba Amar Nath Shrine for use by the pilgrims from all over the country. The party(s) in power, do not dare to antagonize the separatists on any account. It is clear that adversaries of such an approach have percolated down. In fact it has become a way of life in handling of affairs of governance at all levels. Inaction against separatists and those distancing India from Kashmir has started showing its results. This problem has assumed difficult dimensions like safeguarding acts and utterances of the terrorists or of those fomenting them in India using constitutionally guaranteed right of freedom of speech and other fundamental rights and democracy, even stretching them to extreme. For instance, the policy of Government of India to facilitate imparting education to the Muslim youth of the valley by sponsoring them to the outside institutions of higher learning has lead to giving them an opportunity to operate as ambassadors to carry forward the mission of the separatists. There are concrete instances to support this observation, like uproar in JNU and other such institutions including non university campuses operating through nook and corner of India to support right of self determination by Kashmiris.

Terror acts of high density have been witnessed at Mumbai, Pathankot, Indian Parliament and other places of national importance. Politicians with vested interests from within and outside Kashmir are provoking fundamentalist Muslims to protest against any action taken to curb the radicalism in any form. The progressive acts, as and when taken in favor of

Muslims are wrongly interpreted, treating these as interference in the Islamic way of life. Protagonists from within and outside the country provoke Muslims invoking their religious sentiments and make them to believe that they living below poverty line, are ignorant and thus susceptible to exploitation. Such activities ignite radicalism, cause community divide and give rise to vote bank politics.

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