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Social accommodation is needed for Kashmiri people: Necessity for the relocation of Kashmiri Pandits

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Context: Kashmiri pandits have been protesting for their safety for the last several days. Many Kashmiri Pandits are targeted and killed by the militants. After the 1990s the first time, once again the targeted killing of the Kashmiri pandits have been begun

Introduction :

A new phase of the communal insurgency started in Kashmir valley in the 1990s when the militants targeted the Hindu residents of the Kashmir Valley and many Hindu families had to escape from the valley and finally wander to different parts of the country. In the Modi government, the Kashmiri pandits have high expectations of their relocation, therefore they are protesting against the government for their relocation in the valley

The UPA government, under the Prime Minister's return and rehabilitation of Kashmir migrants scheme, in government employments, migrant pandits were appointed and relocated by the government in the Valley but these migrants are residing in the high-security zone of the valley. but their workplaces are not in the safety zone. all the employees use to come outside from the most secured regions and after the targeting killing by the militants, other employees were scared and they demanded the assurance of their security

Why does this targeted killing resume?

The incidents of the targeted killing started in the valley in September 2021. It may be the result of the reaction against the hate speeches given by some religious priests. The communal and hateful atmosphere in the country encourages such type of incidents.

A realistic approach should be adopted for the relocation of the Kashmiri Pandits

There is no top-down solution to the complex question of return. Government should take the help of the civil societies in the relocation. It has also been observed that there are very few civil societies exist and work in the Kashmir Valley. Civil societies can create the ground for the relocation of the Pandits through public participation. The Harmonious atmosphere should be made not only in the Valley but also in the entire country. pandit and Muslims should be for the coalition societies and committees. maximum participation of the public in these activities would increase the possibility of the relocation of the Kashmiris. The dialogue series coincided with the launching of the Prime Minister's job scheme. These dialogues created a social environment that enabled Kashmiri Pandits to take up government postings in the Valley.

In fact, Muslims of Kashmir felt that the Kashmiri pandits are not with them on the issue of autonomy and the pandits are with the suppressive policies of the central government. However, Kashmiri Muslims are not against the Kashmiri Brahmans not because of their religion but because of their emotional attachment to the policies of the central government

The issue of "apology" was also discussed. The suppression of the voice of the Kashmiri is not the act of the Pandits. But the picture of the Kahmiries was as painted that they Support the suppressive measures because of their religion. The communal atmosphere of the rest of the countries also influences the atmosphere of Kashmir. Government should ensure communal harmony for the relocation of the Kashmiri pandits in Kashmir. Communal harmony is the only solution to the maximum problems of India.

Conclusion

The relocation of the Kashmiri Pandits is a big issue and should not be resolved through the communal spirit. It should be resolved through the Muslim and Kashmiri Pandit dialogues. The maximum participation of the Kashmiri people in the governance of Kashmir would maximize the possibility of the relocation of the Kashmiri people and minimize the local insurgency. the cross-border militancy should be countered through power. but the discontent of the Kashmiri people should be addressed through the political institutions of the Kashmiris as well as civil societies

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