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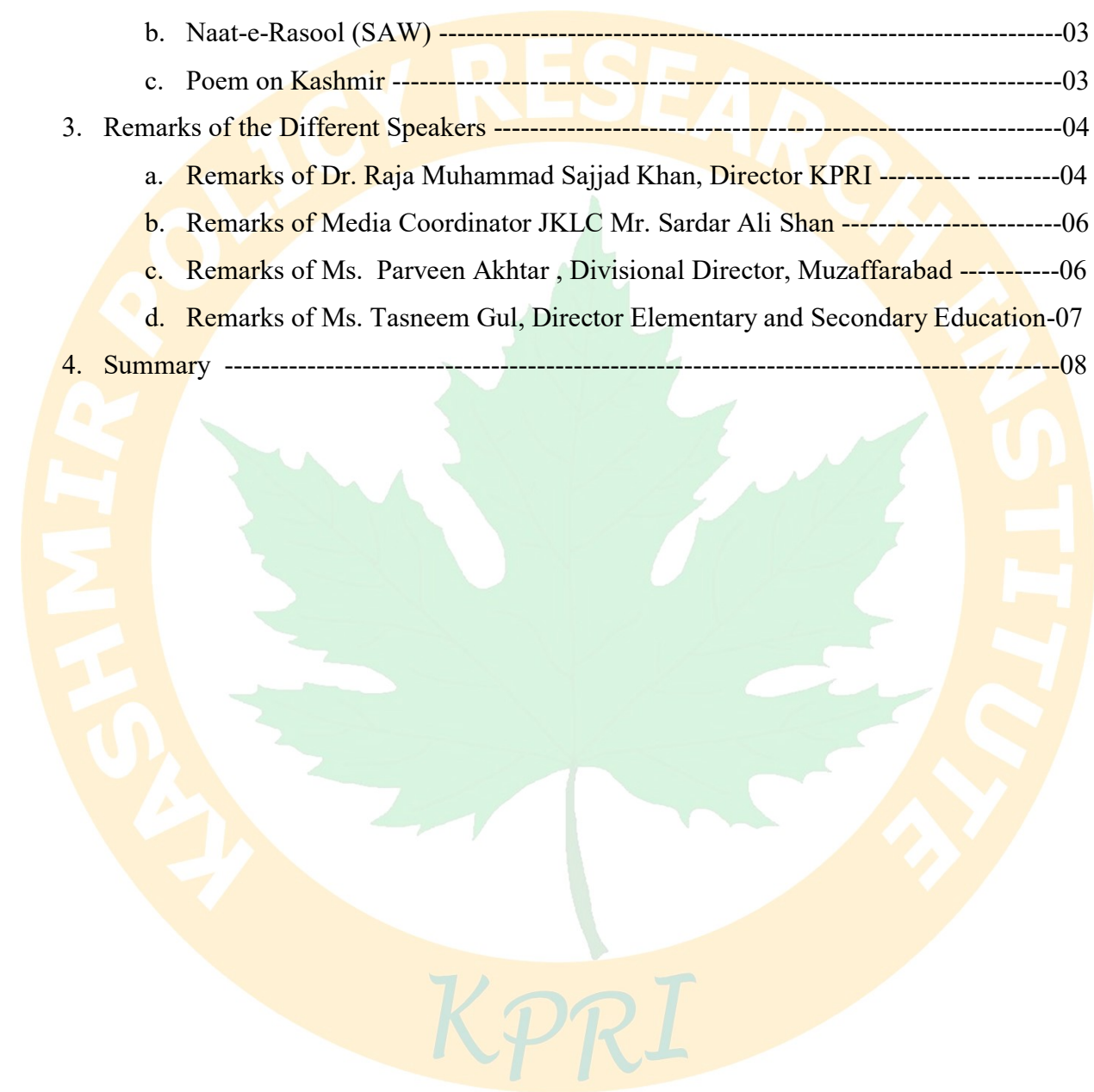
REPORT ON
THE
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G20 MEETING IN THE DISPUTED AND OCCUPIED REGION OF JAMMU AND
KASHMIR: INDIA'S PLOY TO MISLEAD THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

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Introduction

Kashmir Policy Research Institute (KPRI) has organized a series of seminars in educational institutes to expose and condemn the plans of the Indian Government in organizing the G20 Meeting in the disputed region of Jammu and Kashmir. In the series of seminars, the second seminar was organized with the collaboration of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Women) on the 19th of May in Government Girls Higher Secondary School Saheli Sarkar. The theme of this seminar was “Severe Human Rights Violations in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and G20 Meeting under the Shadow of Guns”. The Director of Elementary and Secondary Education (Women) Ms. Tasneem Gul, Director Kashmir Policy Research Institute Dr. Raja Mohammad Sajjad Khan, Divisional Director of Elementary and Secondary Education (Women) Ms. Parveen Akhtar, Media Coordinator Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell Sardar Ali Shan, Deputy Director of Elementary and Secondary Education (Women) Ms. Nazish Akbar gave their remarks in the seminar. The officers from Kashmir Policy Research Institute, some newly appointed DEOs, headmistresses and female teachers from different schools, and a large number of female students from the host institution attended the seminar.

The speakers, while addressing the seminar, were of the view that the G20 meeting in the officially recognized disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmir is a failed attempt to mislead the world. Moreover, they expressed that India is trying to convince the international community that the situation in Kashmir after the developments of August 2019 is normal and that Kashmir is an integral part of India. The ground reality is Kashmir is a disputed territory and India is involved in severe human rights violations in Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, and now, organizing a meeting of the G20 Working group on tourism in Srinagar in the shadow of Guns. While addressing the seminar, speakers expressed that India is committing serious violations of human rights in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and is involved in war crimes. In order to expose the true face of India to the world, all the schools of thought in the base camp will have to fight together and raise their voice to the institutions and organizations working on human rights.



Opening of the Seminar

Deputy Director of Elementary and Secondary Education (Women), Ms. Nazish Akbar, conducted the stage. She briefly introduced the event and explained the history and purpose of the G20 – The Group of Twenty. Then she explained what the reason behind organizing this seminar is. The seminar was formally started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Rafia Rafique, a student from Government Girls Higher Secondary School Saheli Sarkar. Then Muqadas Shujah, another student from the same institute, presented Naat-e-Rasool (SAW).



After the Recitation of the Holy Quran and the Naat-e-Rasool (SAW), Ms. Tahira Pirzada, a subject specialist, presented a poem on Kashmir. It boosted the spirit of the audience especially motivated the youth to play their role for the freedom of Kashmir.



Remarks of Different Speakers

All the speakers strongly condemned Indian Ploy to organize the G20 meeting in the disputed region of Kashmir. They expressed their remarks that the government of India is involved in severe human rights violations in a way that Kashmir is on the brink of genocide. On the other hand, they stated that India is trying to convince the international community that the situation is normal in Kashmir. Below are the remarks of the guest speakers.

a. Remarks of Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan, Director KPRI



Director KPRI, Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan, in his presidential address, explained that KPRI is organizing a series of awareness seminars especially for the teachers and students on a special order of the Prime Minister of AJK. The purpose of these seminars is to aware these people of the importance of the Kashmir Case and encourage them to publish research articles on this issue as the world believes in research-oriented data rather than old-fashioned slogans. He gave the reference to the work of the Jammu and Kashmir Collision for Civil Society based on which The Human Rights Watch, an international non-governmental organization for human rights, published two important reports in 2018 and 2019. The reason was that the Jammu and Kashmir Collision for Civil Society had collected the facts and figures even the name of the army officers along with their unit names involved in the human rights violations.

He explained the importance of digital literacy, research work, and effective use of social media in projecting the Kashmir Issue. He said that we are lagging in research work and depending on the slogans in building the narratives. This approach has become obsolete, now the world believes in research-based data. He said that 900,000 army is deputed in Jammu and Kashmir; still, Kashmiris are struggling for their freedom. He gave the reference of UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues, who released a press on May 15 and according to him, “Human Rights violations have risen dramatically in Indian-administrated Jammu and Kashmir since 2019 the government of India revoked the Special Status of the region”. The statement of the

Special Rapporteur described the massive human rights violations including torture, extrajudicial killings, and denial of political participation rights of Kashmiri Muslims and minorities, following the suspension of democratic rights and local elections with direct rule from New Delhi on 6 August 2019.

Then, explaining the G20 meeting in Kashmir, Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan rejected India's claim of Kashmir as its integral part. He said that India has the right to organize G20 meeting anywhere except Kashmir as Kashmir is not its integral part. By organizing G20 Meeting in Kashmir, India is going to violate the resolutions of the United Nations that are not just resolutions but agreements between Pakistan and India. He said that the existence of Cease Fire Line, Control Line, and the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan shows that Kashmir is not an integral part of India.

The Director KPRI said that our question to the European Union, who claimed itself as a champion of Human Rights Protection, is why you are ignoring the human rights violation in Kashmir by attending the meeting in Srinagar. You should not participate in the meeting organized in a disputed region. He further said that even if the meeting becomes successful, it will not change the status of Jammu and Kashmir as a disputed territory.

Then Director KPRI presented some statistical facts and figures on human rights violations in Kashmir. He said that more than 100, 000 Kashmiris have become martyred, more than 23,000 women have become widowed, more than 108,000 children have become orphaned, more than 11,250 women have become the victim of gang rape, and there are around 2500 half-widow women in IIOJK. These sacrifices will not be wasted and the entire Kashmir will be free one day. It is our religious, moral, and national responsibility to highlight these human rights violations on all national and international platforms. It is a debt to us. At last, Dr. Rajja Muhammad Sajjad Khan encouraged the students and teachers to use Hashtag trends on Twitter and Facebook to highlight these violations. He motivated the students to email the relevant authorities on daily bases that the Indian government is violating human rights as well as the UNSC resolutions. He said that we should use our freedom for the freedom of our brothers and sisters living in IIOJK.

b. Remarks of Media Coordinator JKLC Sardar Ali Shan



The media coordinator of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell, Mr. Sardar Ali Shan, focused on the role of media in this G20 meeting. He said that the role of our youth in exposing and condemning Indian policy to mislead the international community is almost negligible. He said that this G20 meeting is a blessing in disguise to highlight the human rights violations in IIOJK and to convince the international community in rekindling the Kashmir Case. Moreover, India is violating the Instrument of Accession based on which it claims that Kashmir is its integral part. He encouraged the audience to efficiently use social media to project the Kashmir Case and said that your one hour for the Kashmir Cause in a 24-hour day will surely strengthen the Kashmir movement.

c. Remarks of Ms. Parveen Akhtar , Divisional Director, Muzaffarabad



Divisional Director of Elementary and Secondary Education (Women), Ms. Parveen Akhtar, showed her love for the Kashmiris living on the other side of Cease Fire Line and said that Kashmir is in our hearts. She said that the government of India first provoked the special status of Kashmir, and now organizing the G20 Meeting in Srinagar to show the international community that Kashmir has become its part. She added that the UN has passed 19 resolutions on Kashmir and the meeting of the G20 Working Group on Tourism in Srinagar is a barren violation of UN resolutions.

Ms. Parveen said that Indian Government has converted the region into an armed force colony. Moreover, it is applying the Israeli Model in Kashmir for demographic engineering. She said that whatever plan India adopts, Kashmir will get the Independence. She gave the reference of Ibn-e-Kalduon's theory of "*Asabiyyah* -the rise and fall of nations". She quoted

a Hadith of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) about Muslims like one body and said that the brutality in IIOJK makes us restless.

d. Remarks of Ms. Tasneem Gul, Director Elementary and Secondary Education



Director of Elementary and Secondary Education (Women) Ms. Tasneem Gul, in her ending remarks, strongly condemned the human rights violations in Kashmir and the Indian ploy to organize the G20 Meeting in the shadow of guns. She today is named after the saffron picker mothers and sisters on the other side of cease fire line. Your tears are very precious and you will be free one day, Ms. Tasneem Gull gave the message to the mothers and sisters living in IIOJK. At last, addressing the headmistress and teachers from different educational institute, she said that aware students of the Kashmir Issue and the Kashmir Movement. She encouraged the audience that does not let the flame of freedom go out. She gave hope about the independence of the entire Kashmir.



Director KPRI, Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan is presenting the Literature on Kashmir to Ms. Tahira Pirzada, Ms. Nazish Akabar, and others

Summary

KPRI, with the cooperation of The Department Elementary and Secondary Education (Women), organized a seminar in Government Girls Higher Secondary School Saheli Sarkar to expose and condemn India's plan behind organizing G20 meeting in the disputed region of Jammu and Kashmir. The speakers said that the people of the base camp should unite and raise the voice of the oppressed people of Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. They told that violations of human rights that India is doing in Occupied Kashmir should be effectively exposed to the world. It cannot be the case that the world remains silent on the human rights violations committed by India and its occupying forces in Occupied Kashmir. We have to tell the world that under the guise of the G20 meeting, India wants to cover up the human rights violations in Occupied Kashmir. The speakers at the seminar held the opinion that holding the G20 summit in the legally recognized disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmir was an unsuccessful attempt to deceive the international community. Additionally, they stated that India is attempting to persuade the world that Kashmir is a natural extension of India and that the scenario there following the August 2019 developments is normal. In reality, Jammu and Kashmir is a disputed area, and India is responsible for grave human rights abuses there. At the same time, the G20 Working Group on Tourism is meeting in Srinagar under the threat of gunfire. The speakers claimed that India was perpetrating grave human rights violations and war crimes in Occupied Kashmir. All the schools of thought in the base camp will have to battle together and speak out to the institutions and organizations promoting human rights to reveal the real face of India to the outside world.