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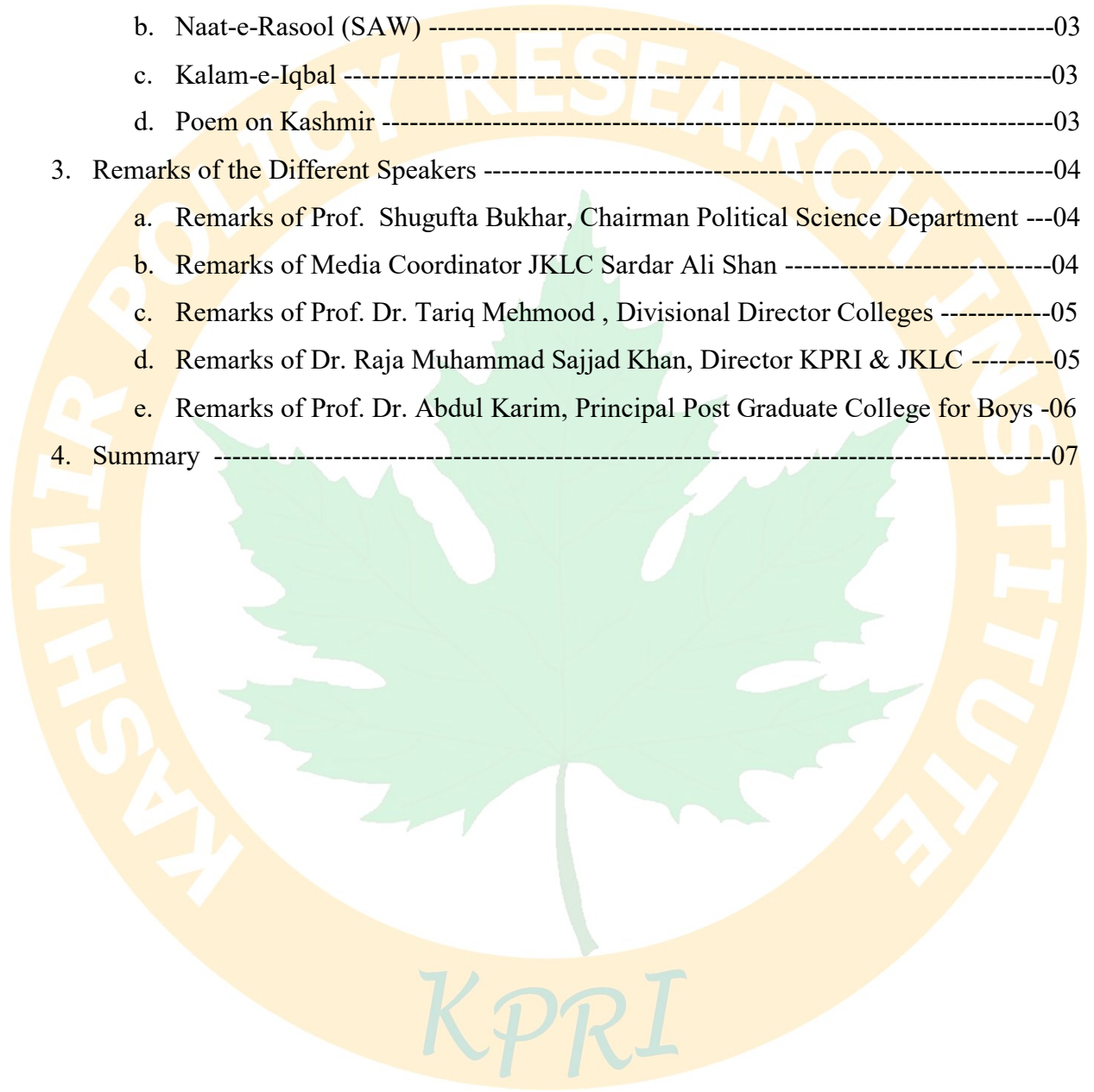
G20 MEETING IN THE DISPUTED AND OCCUPIED REGION OF JAMMU AND  
KASHMIR: INDIA'S PLOY TO MISLEAD THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

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## Introduction

The third meeting of the G20 Working Group on Tourism is going to be held in Srinagar from May 22 to May 24, 2023. The G20 meeting in the disputed region of Kashmir is the violations of UN Resolutions on Kashmir as well as international laws. In this regard, the Kashmir Policy Research Institute, with the cooperation of the Higher Education Department, organized a seminar in Govt. Post Graduate College Muzaffarabad on May 18, 2023. The seminar was on “The G20 Meeting in the Disputed and Occupied Region of Jammu and Kashmir: India’s Plan to Mislead the International Community”. Principal Post Graduate College Professor Dr. Abdul Kareem, Director Kashmir Policy Research Institute Dr. Raja Mohammad Sajjad Khan, Divisional Director Colleges Professor Dr. Tariq Mehmood, Media Coordinator JKLC Sardar Ali Shan, Prof. Shaghfata Bukhari, Prof. Saeed Ahmed Shah, Prof. Ijaz Numani, officers from KPRI, and a large number of teachers and students from Post Graduate College Muzaffarabad participated.

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 were of the view 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. So the members of G20 countries should boycott this summit.



## Opening of the Seminar

Professor Tariq Mehmood Awan, a special person with eye impairment, conducted the stage. He introduced the event, and the seminar was formally started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Hafiz Umar Asad, a student from the English Department of the host college. Then Ehtesham Mir, another student from the English department of the host college, presented Naat-e-Rasool (SAW).



**Hafiz Umar is Reciting the Holy Quran**

**Ehtesham is presenting the Naat-e- Rasool (SAW)**

After the Recitation of the Holy Quran and the Naat-e-Rasool (SAW), Prof. Saeed Ahmed Shah presented a few verses from the poetry of Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal and Prof. Ijaz Numani presented his own poem on Kashmir. It boosted the spirit of the audience especially motivated the youth to play their role for the freedom of Kashmir.



**Prof. Saeed Ahmed Shah**

**Prof. Tariq Mehmood Awan**

**Professor Ijaz Numani**

## Remarks of Different Speakers

All the speakers strongly condemned Indian Ploy to organize the G20 meeting in the disputed region of Kashmir. Below are the remarks of the guest speakers.

### a. Remarks of Prof. Shugufta Bukhar, Chairman Political Science Department



Professor Shugufta Bukhari briefly introduced the formation and purpose of the G20 to the audience. She told that G20 represents 60% of the world population. Its meeting in a disputed territory of Kashmir adversely affects the Kashmir Issue.

Then she briefly explained the history of the Kashmir Issue and two important resolutions of the United Nations on Kashmir. She said that the resolutions passed on the 13th of August 1948 and the 5th of January 1949 give the right to self-determination. She added that the developments of the 5th of August 2019 were violations of UN resolutions. Now, India is again violating the UN resolutions and international law by organizing a world-level event in a universally accepted disputed region.

### 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 poly 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.

**c. Remarks of Prof. Dr. Tariq Mehmood, Divisional Director Colleges**



Professor Tariq Mehmood, while representing the higher education department, explained the G20 group and its purpose in details. He explained the purpose behind the formation of G20 group by G7 Group. He said that the mitigation of Asian Financial Crisis is one of the main causes of the formation of the G20.

By explaining the importance of G20, he gave some statistical data that the G20 represents: The 80% of the world economy, the 60% of the world population, and the 75% of the world trade.

**d. Remarks of Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan, Director KPRI**



Director KPRI, Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan, in his presidential address, 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 motivated the youth that there is a need for research work to fight the Kashmir Case on international forums.

Then, explaining the G20 meeting in Kashmir, he rejected India's claim of Kashmir as an integral part. He gave many arguments that reject India's claim. He said that India is violating the UN Charter, International Humanitarian Law, and Geneva Convention by organizing an event in a disputed region. He further said, if India is thinking that organizing an event in Kashmir will convince the international community that Kashmir is its integral part, it is India's misconception. He added that organizing any international event in a disputed territory will not change its status. He gave the reference from the Palestine Wall Case in the International Court of Justice.

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.

**e. Remarks of Dr. Abdul Karim, Principal Post Graduate College Muzaffarabad**



Professor Dr. Abdul Karim, who was the chief guest, was of the view that Kashmir is not a territorial issue but rather an issue of Right –to-self-determination. He said that the United Nations has passed 19 resolutions on Kashmir so it is not an internal matter of India that India claims. He further said that the Kashmir Movement has passed through different phases: 1932-1938, 1939-1947, 1947-1988, and 1988-2019. After the demographic engineering of 2019 India n government has enhanced the jail culture.

By giving the way forward, he said that we should continue our struggle with pen, debate & diplomacy, and traditional actual war. We should use our foreign policy and diplomacy with the world powers to achieve our goals. At last, he said that we will not waste the sacrifices of the martyred. By giving his message to the people of the other side of Kashmir, he said that we are your oxygen and will remain restless until your freedom.



**Director KPRI Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan is presenting the Literature on Kashmir to Principal Post Graduate College Dr. Abdul Karim and Divisional Director Colleges Dr. Tariq Mehmood**

## Summary

KPRI, with the cooperation of The Higher Education Department, organized a seminar in Govt. Post Graduate College Muzaffarabad 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 Kashmir. They told that violations of human rights that India is doing in Occupied Kashmir should be exposed to the world in an effective manner. 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 said that through social media we can effectively convey the voice of Kashmiris to the world. Although the G20 meeting in Srinagar is a deviation from the United Nations resolutions, it is an opportunity for us to be G20 countries. The people of the member countries of this international forum should be told that Kashmir is a disputed area. The United Nations has given Kashmiris the right to self-determination. India is committing severe violations of human rights in Occupied Kashmir through its 9 lakh army. No international law allows any country to occupy another country. An effective struggle should be waged on the diplomatic front and the Kashmiris diaspora should be mobilized so that India knows that it will not be able to maintain its oppressive rule over Kashmir. The sacrifices of Kashmiri martyrs will be fruitful in the form of freedom.