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Kashmir Policy Research Institute (KPRI) is a premier and leading think tank in Azad territory of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, known as Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Initially established in March 2017 as Policy and Research Forum (PRF) but was later renamed Kashmir Policy Research Institute (KPRI) in 2021. It is an independent and non-profitable institute which is dedicated to evolving policies, providing in-depth understanding and conducting research on various aspects of history, contemporary politics and conflict of Jammu and Kashmir as well as relevant regional and international issues.

Internship Program

One of the important components of the KPRI's activities is to organize internship programmers for students, graduates and research scholars of social sciences. The objectives of the internship program are:-

- Engage and involve the educated youth of Azad Kashmir in research and projection of the Kashmir conflict.
- Train them about research techniques, methodologies and research processes.
- Provide awareness about governance structure, potentials in AJK and development in AJK.
- Provide an opportunity to interact with the political and civil leadership of Azad Kashmir.

A four-week internship program was held during the summer of 2022 which was started on July 20, 2022. Students from various universities including the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK), National Defence University (NDU) Islamabad, International Islamic University (IIU) Islamabad, NUML University Islamabad, Bahaoddin Zakariya University Multan, were enrolled who participated in the four weeks' summer internship program.

INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Date: July 20, 2022

Chief Guest: Mr. Fayyaz Ali Abbasi, Additional Chief Secretary GO AJK

Director KPRI Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan briefed him about the aims and objectives of KPRI and the internship programme.

Chief guest Mr. Fayyaz Ali Abbasi- Additional Chief Secretary Azad Govt Jammu and Kashmir said that along with research work, modern mass media should be used to highlight the Kashmir issue at the national and international level. Researchers should be trained in research skills and the



use of modern communication. In particular, programs for ed-vocations should be started. Advocacy-related research should be provided. Through the Kashmir Policy Research Institute, trained researchers should be linked with national and international institutions and organizations so that researchers can work in a better way. He also said there is no volunteerism in research; a policy should be formulated in this regard so that research work can be done in a better way. The initiation of research-related training under the auspices of KPRI is commendable and is the need of the hour. An effective policy should be formulated to improve this work. The participants of the internship program should be introduced to political leaders and a question-and-answer session related to Kashmir, the history of Kashmir, and the political situation should be held. Additional social networking training sessions should be held for researchers.



Day 2 Date: July 21, 2022.

Guest Speaker: Ms Tehzeeb-un-Nisa Director General (M&E) Planning and Development Department GoAJK

Ms Tehzeeb-un-Nisa is the first female Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner in AJK. She briefed about her journey. She said that the new generation should learn by themselves. A person should learn from his mistake and corrects himself. A successful

Director General M&E, Planning & Development Department GoAJK, First Female Assistant Commissioner, First Female Deputy Commissioner, First Female Commissioner in AJK.

can be getting by knowing what success and happiness are. She further said that real happiness and success are to work for the welfare of society. Planning is essential for a successful life. The goal of success can be achieved only when your body and mind are healthy. For success, you must not compare yourself with others but focus on your abilities. Learn a new word every day and improve yourself with each passing day. Think about what you are doing for yourself and your future generations. Do what make you happy every day.



Day 3 Date: July 22, 2022

Guest Speaker: Mr. Masood Ur Rehman, Chief Commissioner Muzaffarabad Division

Topic: State Laws visa viz Social Responsibility

Commissioner Muzaffarabad Masood Ur Rahman said in a detailed lecture on the state's laws and society's responsibility that the law is mainly made for the benefit and improvement of the people of the state. The government is within the state and the government makes laws through the assembly, the judiciary interprets these laws and the administration follows the laws and orders them. States take into account universal principles of law-making and international charters before making laws. The laws which are made according to the universal principles of law are delayed and the laws which are made in bad faith cannot be followed and are not implemented. A law that goes against the basic principles of law is not recognized and states that make such laws do not last long. Like there are black laws like TADA and POTA in IOJK. He said that the law is respected in civilized societies. Every individual in the state must respect the law and follow it. Law is a collective code containing principles, the implementation of which is everyone's responsibility. The law applies to all and no one is exempt from the law. The main purpose of every law is to strengthen society. The law keeps society moderate. He said that the establishment of the Kashmir Policy Research Institute is a commendable initiative. And for the first time in Azad Kashmir, such a stable institution has been created at the government level, which is on the path of development. A one-month internship program is a great endeavor for university students and for the first time in Azad Kashmir, such an internship program is being organized under the auspices of an institution. In civilized countries, such programs are started at the high school level and the new generation is introduced to the state institutions and systems during education.

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Day 4 Date: July 25, 2022

Guest Speaker: Dr Rahat Zubair Malik Senior Research fellow QAU

Topic: Planning and Conducting Scientific Research in Social Sciences

The fourth day of the internship program began with the recitation of the Holy Quran. The guest speaker on the fourth day of the internship program was Dr Rahat Zubair Malik who is a Senior Research fellow at the Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-

Dr. Rahat Zubair Malik is working as a Senior Research Fellow at National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research; Associate Editor of Pakistan Journal of History and Culture (HEC recognized bi-annual journal) and Editor of International Journal of Kashmir Studies

e-Azam University, and an editor in the International Journal of Kashmir studies. Her subject was Research Methodology.

Dr. Rahat Zubair Malik said in her lecture that research is the fundamental need of this era. She highlighted the difference between research and re-search. One of the principles of research is that you should be completely neutral in your research. When you are performing research, your research title should be very clear. To attain better results in research, one should always consider the research methodology and rules and regulations of research in the account. Contemporary rules and regulations should be



brought in consideration while doing the research. During the internship program, the students underwent a practical assessment of research methods and a question-answer session was also conducted. During the practical exercise, all the groups of male and female students completed the research work on their respective topics in the best manner.

Day 5 Date: July 26, 2022

Guest Speaker: Dr. Saad Ali Khan, Assistant Professor QAU

Topic: Key Approaches, Theme and Issues in Social Sciences Research

The guest speaker, Dr. Saad Ali Khan said in his lecture that human beings learn from each other. Learning continues throughout life. Adopt an innovative research approach and create a viable research puzzle. For research, its outline is prepared first. Before starting the research, I should be aware of its modern methodology.

Dr. Saad Ali Khan is an Assistant Professor at Centre of Excellence in Gender Studies, at Quaid-I-Azam University, Islamabad. He has completed his Ph.D. from National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University. Saad has been associated with the center for the last six years. His research interest includes; Gender and Sufism, Sufism and Culture in South Asia, Masculinities studies, and Feminist research methodology.

The student should have full knowledge of the core research methodology. If there is no complete awareness of the research method, then the research work will be difficult. During the internship program, the students were also given a practical exercise of the core research method and a question-and-answer session was also conducted. During the practical exercise, the groups of male and female students completed the research work on their respective topics in the best manner.



Day 6 Date: 27 July 2022

*Guest Speaker: Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Secretary Forests, Wildlife and Fisheries
GoAJK*

Topic: Governance and Government

In his lecture, Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed said that governance cannot be improved without fixing the structure. Governance can be improved only through institutional reforms. Governments work to improve governance and

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formulate policies. The purpose of government is to work for the betterment and development of the people. The best results of this planning are achieved only when the governance in the country is better. For political stability, the provision of opportunities for every citizen, and local governance is included. Where governance is not improved, there is no development and people's problems are not solved. In developed countries, attention is being paid to the improvement of governance and international organizations guide such countries to improve governance. For the improvement of governance, the communication between the government institutions and the people and the people must trust the state-by-state institutions. For improvement in governance, it is necessary to have transparency, if accountability or accountability is not perfect, then governance will not improve, accountability is essential for good governance. To improve governance, it is very important to prevent corruption and have an effective anti-corruption system. Improvement in governance is possible only when the law is for all and all are equal in the eyes of the law.



Day 7 Date: 28 July 2022

Speaker: Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan Director KPRI

Topic: Kashmir Conflict and Recent Situation in IIOJK

Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan briefed about the genesis of Kashmir conflict he said that the United Nations has recognized the Kashmir issue. India is engaged in conspiracies to change the ratio of the population on the Israeli pattern to maintain its dominance over the

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Occupied Kashmir. India's actions after August 5, 2019 and abrogation of Article 370 and 35A are against the UN resolutions. Kashmiris have not recognized the illegal occupation of India and will not do so. The Maharaja of Kashmir tried to join Kashmir with India but the Kashmiri people started struggle for independence from Dogra. Under the Amritsar Treaty, the present map of the state of Jammu and Kashmir became clear. Under the Treaty of Amritsar, Dogra Gulab Singh bought the state of Jammu and Kashmir from the British government for 75 lakhs Nanik Shahi. He said that Kashmir issue is not a border dispute but it is an issue of Kashmiri nation's right to self-determination. The issue of Kashmir is on the agenda of the United Nations. India went to the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations Security Council said in its resolution that no region of Kashmir can decide to annex itself. Accession or independence will be decided by the people of the state of Jammu and Kashmir through their right to self-determination. He also gave a detailed lecture on the freedom of Kashmir, history of Kashmir, legal status of Kashmir issue and other issues. At the end of the program there was a question-and-answer session.



Day 8 Date: 29 July 2022

Guest Speaker: Mrs Midhat Shehzad Secretary Information, IT Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Topic: Tourism Potential in AJK

Mrs Midhat Shehzad said that it is not even possible for a person to work hard and his hard work goes in vain. For success, you must pay full attention to your goals. The government is working under a comprehensive plan for the development of Azad Kashmir tourism. At the government level, a strategy is being made for the

Secretary Information & IT a dedicated innovative and dynamic Senior Beauracrat of AJK. She did her Masters in Economics from Punjab University Lahore and M.Phil in International Relation from National Defense University. Professionally she is NIPA qualified as well as higher achiever of National Security & War College at NDU. Served as Secretary to the President and Secretary IT, Joint Secretary Kashmir Affairs and Joint Secretary council at Federal level on deputation. She has the honor of being directing staff NDU for about 04 years.

development of eco-friendly tourism. The tourism sector in Azad Kashmir is developing rapidly. Midhat Shehzad while appreciating the organization of internship program for the students of different universities said that Director Kashmir Policy Research Institute has organized one of the best programs, for students of Azad Kashmir University, National Defense University, Quaid-e-Azam University, International Islamic University, Bahaoddin Zakaria University, NUML University are participating in this internship program. This is a positive and commendable effort by the Director of Kashmir Policy Research Institute. During her career, she worked in various positions and has the honor of being the first woman secretary of Azad Kashmir. He said that she is the first woman of Azad Kashmir to be appointed as a faculty member in the National Defense University and also served in federal institutions. She said that hard work can take you to your destination. No obstacle can hinder the success of a good person.



Day 9 Date: 1 August 2022

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Prof. Taqdees Gillani Parliamentary Secretary GoAJK

Topic: Women Empowerment in AJK and Policies of the Government.

The guest speaker on the ninth day of the internship program was the Parliamentary Secretary of the Independent Government of Jammu and Kashmir. Prof. Taqdees Gillani. The guest speaker, Parliamentary Secretary of Azad Kashmir Government said that Tehreek-e-Insaf

Parliamentary Secretary on Social Welfare & Women Development, President Women Wing PTI AJK, Chairperson: HOPE (NGO),, Ex central Vice President PTI AJK ,Ex Director General Kashmir Cell AJK Govt (Grade20),Ex Chairperson Kashmir Cultural Academy AJK ,Ex Advisor to Prime Minister AJK on Human Rights

government will not give up the powers given under the thirteenth constitutional amendment. There is no question of abdication of the powers of the Azad Kashmir Government or the Assembly. Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Sardar Tanvir Ilyas also wants to expand the Azad cabinet as we wished that the number of Azad Kashmir's cabinet should increase for better performance in all sectors. The entire leadership of Azad Kashmir is united on the issue of the state constitution and the powers of the government. There should be an increase in women's seats in the Legislative Assembly. Just as 12 per cent has been reserved for women in the local body elections, the quota of women in the Legislative Assembly should also be increased. At present, only 5 seats are reserved for women in the Azad Kashmir Legislative Assembly. If it is not a step of education, then education should not be a condition for the representatives of the local bodies. Real success comes from truth. Professor Taqdees Gilani also said that the government of Azad Kashmir is taking effective steps to include women in the national stream. Steps are being taken to reduce poverty and various projects are under consideration to provide opportunities for the new generation of workers



Day 10 Date: 2nd August 2022

Guest Speaker Dr. Syed Asif Hussain, Secretary Presidential Affairs

Topic: Socio- Politico- Administrative Peculiarities of AJK

Addressing the participants of the internship program, the chief guest Secretary Presidential Affairs said that the system in which there is injustice cannot last for long. The situation will not improve until we are not well as a nation. Society can be improved only by changing ourselves. Societies are formed by the character of nations. At this time, there is a need to create

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employment opportunities in the private sector apart from the public sector. Within Azad Kashmir, women are far ahead in higher education but there are no employment opportunities for women. If governance and transparency are improved, the investment will come within the region. For investment, it is necessary to provide facilities and incentives to the investor. Human resources, water and tourism are three major resources that we have to utilize to take the state on the path of development and that will also reduce the employment problem. The guest speaker said that the total budget of Azad Kashmir is 163.5 billion rupees, in which 83 per cent of the budget is non-budgetary and 17 per cent is budgetary. 44 percent of the non-developmental budget is provided by the Azad Kashmir government from its own resources, while 55 percent is provided by the Pakistan government as part of federal taxes. The entire development budget is paid by the government of Pakistan as a grant. Out of which 70 percent is spent on infrastructure, 12 percent on agriculture and industries and other productive sectors and 19 percent on services. The administrative structure of Azad Kashmir is working on the pattern of Pakistan. There is a parliamentary system of government in Azad Kashmir. Azad Kashmir has the resources to generate 9,000 megawatts of electricity, currently 2400 megawatts of electricity is being generated in Azad Kashmir, while the total electricity requirement of Azad Kashmir is 280 megawatts. Azad Kashmir is leading among all parts of the country in terms of education rate. Literacy rate in Azad Kashmir is 77%. Azad Kashmir is also very good in terms of law and

order. 2 to 15 million tourists come to Azad Kashmir annually. Azad Kashmir has a better situation than Pakistan in terms of human development. There is better infrastructure within Azad Kashmir, so there are issues of governance; concrete steps are needed to improve governance. Within Azad Kashmir, no one is landless and there is no feudal system. Apart from one lakh government employees, 1.5 lakh Kashmiris are permanently employed abroad. Governance, environmental problems, economic problems and daily life are among the major problems of the region.



Day 11 Date: August 3, 2022

Guest Speaker: Dr. Muhammad Idrees Abbasi Secretary Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights

Topic: Constitutional Development of AJK

Dr. Idrees Abbasi said that a parliamentary democratic system is running successfully in Azad Kashmir. Citizens of Azad Kashmir have all fundamental rights. Within this area, significant progress has been made in every sector since 1970. In 1947, electricity was available only in the cities of Muzaffarabad and Mirpur, while today 90% of the people of Azad Kashmir have access to electricity. A constitution is the document of any state that defines the powers of the three main pillars of the state. The constitution is an agreement between the citizens and the same constitution is also an agreement between the citizens and the state. Dr. Idris Abbasi said that after the constitutional amendment the Azad Kashmir Interim Constitution got the status of Constitution. The Constitution grants equal rights to all citizens, with the Thirteenth Amendment adding new rights including the right to transparent trial education, free and compulsory education for children between the ages of five and sixteen, access to information Right, protection from inhumane punishment, protection of cloak and wall, right to protection from torture, protection of languages and culture and other rights are included. The right to life is not suspended even in emergencies. The Supreme Court of Azad Kashmir also has advisory powers to hear appeals against the decisions of the High Court. The Supreme Court has jurisdiction over appeals as well as writ petitions

Secretary Law Justice, Parliamentary Affairs & Human Rights Department. Served as Secretary Auqaf and Religious Affairs, Secretary Planning & Development, Secretary to the President, Secretary Physical



Day 12 Date: August 4, 2022

Guest Speaker: Mr. Mansoor Qadir Dar Secretary Food GoAJK

Topic: Planning & Development Mechanism

Secretary Food Azad Government of Jammu and Kashmir Mansoor Qadir Dar has said that governments always make policies keeping in mind the benefit of the people. Very soon, the first IT park will be built in the public sector in Azad Kashmir. Employment opportunities are limited due to the lack of the private sector in Azad Kashmir. The establishment of a think tank in the name of Kashmir Policy Research

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Institute in the civil sector under the auspices of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Commission is a commendable initiative. Earlier there was no such institution in Azad Kashmir. The main purpose of establishing this institution is to provide opportunities for research purposes. Students of universities are being given training related to research. Guest Speaker Mansoor Qadir Dar said that the budget of Azad Kashmir is very limited. Until last year, it was 10 billion rupees. The normal budget of Azad Kashmir is fulfilled by state resources, while the external budget is provided by the government of Pakistan. This will create more employment opportunities. When the budget is spent on the productive sectors, it will increase the income of the state, when the state has income, the economic work will be done automatically. Our budget is being spent on infrastructure, the production sector and the provision of services. He said that the unemployment of educated youth in Azad Kashmir is becoming a big and serious problem. It needs serious attention. The government is taking steps to reduce unemployment in Azad Kashmir, and many incentives including tax exemptions have been given to the private sector for investment. Policies have been formulated for various sectors to benefit the people of the state from the state's resources.



Day 13 Date: August 5, 2022

Guest Speaker: Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan Director Kashmir Policy Research Institute

Topic: Indian Illegal Annexation of IIOJK: Demographic Changes

A seminar was organized in the Institute on the occasion of August 5 Black Day. Mian Danyal Ali Qureshi, a student of Azad Kashmir University, Noor Ul Qamar, a student of National Defence University, Ch Tahir Bashir, a student of UAJK, Osama Ali Kazmi, a student of UAJK also addressed the ceremony. While the duties of compare were performed by Mian Danyal Qureshi, a student of UAJK, while Syed Saqib Geelani received the blessing of reciting the Holy Quran. Addressing the ceremony, Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan said that in Occupied Kashmir, India and its occupying army have surrounded the entire valley. 1095 days have passed since the siege of the Indian army in Kashmir. Since August 5, 2019, 662 people have been martyred, including 13 women, and 278 people have been beheaded. 38 women have been widowed and 17973 civilians have been arrested and 125 women have been humiliated as a war tactic. Despite all the atrocities, the spirit of freedom of Kashmiris has not decreased and the resistance of the Kashmiri people against India continues with full intensity. We have to convey the voice of Kashmiris engaged in the freedom struggle to the world. We have to draw the attention of the international community to the violations of human rights in Occupied Kashmir. Today in Occupied Kashmir highly educated young people are joining the practical cause of freedom. There are many fields for research on the Kashmir issue for the youth of Azad Kashmir. He said that when we raise our voice from our camp in favour of the people of Occupied Kashmir, their morale rises. The people of Pakistan and Azad Kashmir are standing like a rock with the Kashmiris who are engaged in the struggle for freedom. In revenge for the event, the students of the internship program held at the Kashmir Policy Research Institute took out a protest rally in the form of queues from the Kashmir Policy Research Institute to the Social Welfare Complex on the occasion of Exploitation Day. And black flags were hoisted with anti-India slogans written on them. The participants in the rally raised loud slogans against India and demanded the international community take notice of India's constitutional terrorism in Occupied Kashmir. Article 370 of India. Occupied Kashmir has been turned into the world's largest human prison and 9 lakhs are occupied by the Indian Army. He is engaged in serious violations of human rights in Occupied Kashmir under the black laws. The Hurriyat leadership is under arrest. Freedom of expression is

banned; thousands of innocent youths are arrested. But we want to make it clear to India that it cannot deprive Kashmiris of their birthright through coercion and violence. Kashmiris will continue their struggle till independence from India. Today, we assure the Kashmiris across the country that we will fulfil and continue to fulfil the promise made to them. The people of Occupied Kashmir are not alone in the war of independence; the people of Azad Kashmir and Pakistan are behind them. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan said that the extremist government of India under Hindutva. Occupied Kashmir has been turned into the world's largest human prison. India is trying to change the identity and demography of Kashmir by abrogating Articles 370 and 35A. But the Kashmiris have continued their struggle for freedom with courage and determination and there has been no decrease in the spirit of freedom of Kashmiris. Kashmiris will not give up their right to self-determination. This struggle for freedom in Kashmir is a war of defence of Pakistan. Kashmir is a defensive enclave of Pakistan. It is the responsibility and duty of those living in the camp to draw the attention of the international community to Indian atrocities and violations of human rights in Occupied Kashmir. Since August 5, 2019, a new series of oppression and violence has been going on in Occupied Kashmir and this time the economy of Kashmiris has been attacked to weaken Kashmiris economically



Day 14 Date: 11th August 2022

Guest Speaker: Mr Akram Sohail, Additional Chief Secretary® GoAJK

Topic: Natural Resources of Azad Jammu and Kashmir

Mr Akram Sohail, ex- Additional Chief Secretary of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir, was the guest of the internship program. Addressing the participants of the internship program, Mr. Akram Sohail said that natural resources play a key role in the development and prosperity of any country. The protection of natural resources and proper management of peace is the

Akram Sohail, MA political Science. LL.B from Punjab University. Practiced as Lawyer and joined Civil Service through PSC in 1983 as Assistant Commissioner. Served as Dy. Commissioner in Muzaffabad, Poonch and Kotli. Assignment in different departments as Secretary to the AJK Govt for 15 years including 5 1/2 years as principal Secretary to Prime Minister. Also served as member PSC for 3 years. Poet & columnist, author of 3 books.

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responsibility of the government. Conscious countries protect their natural resources. Allah Almighty has blessed Pakistan with immense natural resources. Unfortunately, the feudal system created by the British is still prevalent in Pakistan. Pakistan is the fifth largest country in the world, which has been enriched by nature with a wealth of natural resources, but we have not been able to utilize these resources. The guest speaker said that when the governments make agreements, they keep the interest of the country and the nation in mind, but during some agreements in Pakistan, the interest of the country and the nation were not taken into account. Due to the IPPs agreements, electricity is becoming expensive in Pakistan and the country had paid a huge amount. He said that for the development of the industry, electricity must be cheap, which is why the industry in China is developing rapidly. Loans from abroad and institutions should be taken for those things and projects that can develop the productive sector and generate income sources in these sectors through investment.



Day 15 Date: 12th August 2022

Guest Speaker: Mr Ijaz Hussain Lone Secretary Kashmir Cause, Arts and Languages

Topic: Cultural Plurality in Kashmir

Secretary Kashmir Cause, Arts and Languages Ijaz Hussain Lone said that the purpose of the internship program is to improve the skills and hidden abilities of students. The positive suggestions of the students will be fully welcomed in making the Kashmir Policy Research Institute an exemplary institution. While giving a lecture on the culture of Kashmir, he said that the culture of Kashmir is very rich. Culture reflects the lifestyle of any society. Culture includes everything including art, religion, language, lifestyle, and ethics. Kashmiri, Balti, Sheena, Pahari Gojri, Dogri, Broshki, Punjabi and other languages are spoken in the state of Kashmir. The effects of Sufism are very deep in the lifestyle of Kashmiri people. Kangri and Phiran are the hallmarks of Kashmiri clothing. Kashmiri shawls are famous all over the world. Waazwan is very famous in Kashmiri cuisine. The history of Kashmir spans centuries. Kashmiri literature is very wonderful and there is a deep influence of Sufism in Kashmiri literature.

He also said that culture holds a whole nation together. Kashmir's culture is magnificent and has grown over the centuries. Different religious governments have lived in Kashmir and the effects of these religions are present in the culture of Kashmir. In the culture of Kashmir, Sufism or the monastic system has a lot of influence and the monastic system is still deeply influenced in every aspect of life. After the arrival of Syed Ali Hamdani, there was a revolution in the culture of Kashmir. Secretary Kashmir Cause, Arts and Languages gave a detailed lecture on the culture of Kashmir and presented a complete history of it. At the end of the ceremony, there was a question-and-answer session. On this occasion, suggestions were also taken from the students.



Certificate Distribution Ceremony

Date: August 14, 2022

Chief Guest:

President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry on the occasion of Pakistan's Day, distributed appreciation certificates amongst participants who completed the 4 weeks Internship Program at KPRI. The ceremony took place on 14 August 2022 at President's House. He also appreciated the participants and wished them good well for future endeavors.



Interaction with Political Leadership

Date: 7th September August 2022

Guest Speaker Raja Muhammad Farooq Haider Khan, Former Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir

Topic: Recent Situation of Kashmir: Challenges and Way Forward

Former Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Raja Muhammad Farooq Haider Khan was the guest speaker of the internship program.

Secretary Kashmir Cause and languages Mr Ejaz Hussain Lon informed the participants about the purpose and objective of the internship program. And welcomed the guests and appreciated his services in wonderful words. Director, Kashmir Policy Research Institute Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan said that



under the auspices of Kashmir Policy Research Institute, a one-month internship program has been started for the students of various universities, under which the students will be trained during the first three weeks. Lectures have been given on various topics and they will also be given training on research methodology. Guest speaker said that Pakistan is the only country in the world that has raised its voice for the right of self-determination of Kashmiris. The new generation should take heed of those who spread negative propaganda against Pakistan in Azad Kashmir. It is in Pakistan's interest to bring Kashmiris forward to highlight the Kashmir issue at the international level. When the Kashmiris present their problem at the international level, the world will listen to them because the real parties to the Kashmir problem are the Kashmiris. The thirteenth constitutional amendment restored the powers of the Azad Kashmir Legislative Assembly and the Azad Kashmir Government. To effectively highlight the Kashmir issue at the global level, there is a need for a full-fledged political movement whose slogan should be the right to self-determination. In the context of the current situation, Pakistan should make a new policy to highlight the Kashmir issue at the global level, in which the face of the Kashmiris should be shown and Pakistan should support the Kashmiris

The guest speaker said that Kashmir Freedom Movement is currently going through the most critical period; Hurriyat leadership is either arrested or detained. A large number

of youths are in custody. The martyrdom of Syed Ali Geelani and the case of Malik Yasin are in front of everyone. In such circumstances, it is the responsibility of the people of the camp to convey the voice of Kashmiris to the world. Kashmiris living abroad are our great strength and their services in highlighting the Kashmir issue at the global level. Today, India has become a major power in the world and we are begging the world. Even if it remains, the flood has removed it. He said that many big powers have interests in this region and they are working for their own interests. America is afraid of China and it wants to block China's path, for this purpose it is using India. The former prime minister said that the atomic bomb is not meant for use. We need to consider our actions and avoid idle speeches. He said that we need to highlight the Kashmir Freedom Movement on the diplomatic front. He said that the status of the Azad Kashmir government and assembly is constitutional and legal and they exist according to the resolutions of the United Nations, while the status of the Srinagar Assembly is that of a puppet. Our ancestors got their rights after a lot of struggle. In response to a question, he said that as the Prime Minister, he ended the ban on student unions in Azad Kashmir. In response to another question, he said that it is also a fact that a second Sheikh Abdullah is currently being sought in Azad Kashmir.



Date: 10th September August 2022

Guest Speaker: Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan Former Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir

Topic: Recent Situation of Kashmir: Challenges and Way Forward

Former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan was the guest speaker of the internship program. Director Admin Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Commission Kashmir Policy Research Institute, Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan gave a brief introduction of the internship programme. Sardar Ateeq Ahmed said that the state of Jammu and Kashmir is a part of Kashmir geographically,



historically, and culturally. The guest speaker Sardar Ateeq Ahmed said that it is common knowledge that the issue of Kashmir is the issue of self-determination of Kashmiris.

He said that Maharaja Shamir did not join India, nor has India been able to present this fictitious accession to any world, according to research, there are no documents of Maharaja's accession. On August 12, 1947, Maharaja offered Pakistan and India a Standstill Agreement, but India rejected Maharaja's offer, and Pakistan accepted this offer on August 15, 1947. India took the Kashmir issue to the United Nations. The right to self-determination of Kashmiris has been recognized in the resolutions of the United Nations. He said that Occupied Kashmir should also be included in the CPEC. Sardar Attique Ahmed said that despite all the problems, Pakistan has the most important position in this region and no one can ignore this position of Pakistan. History is a witness that the Pakistani nation has always stood with Kashmiris and Kashmiris have always expressed eternal solidarity. The goal of Kashmiris is freedom from India. Every Kashmiri wants freedom from India. In response to a question, he said that the Muslim Conference is the largest party of Kashmiris and the leadership of this party has played the role of the vanguard in the struggle for freedom. In response to another question, he said that Kashmiris maintain their identity in all situations



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