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ABSTRACT

This project paper represents a modest attempt to delve into the origins of the Kashmiri insurgency launched by the people of Jammu and Kashmir against the Indian government since 1989 till the present day and the part played by India in bringing about the uprising through its policies directed at diminishing the autonomy of Kashmir and intensive integrationist measures undertaken to bring the state closer to India through assertion of its sovereignty and ignoring the general Kashmiri sentiments for self-determination. To that end this project paper has taken the liberty to examine the history and political developments of Kashmir from its accession to India in 1947 until the onset of the insurgency in the late 1980s along with the nature of the insurgency and some of its main protagonists while simultaneously attempting to make an assessment of the extent to which Indian policy in Kashmir has contributed in creating the right conditions for the insurgency to be launched with wide indigenous support when all possible venues of opposition had been denied to the Kashmiris who, at the same time, were also being deprived of their democratic rights and liberties to chart their own political destiny. In addition to that this study also intends to indicate that the counterinsurgency policy undertaken by India has failed to arrest the insurgency which appears to be undergoing a period of revival after a decline from 1996 to mid-1999 which consequently proves the futility of current Indian policy towards Kashmir which has instead led to further alienation of India by the Kashmiris and strengthened the struggle for self-determination.
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