

The Truth Behind Holy Amarnath



The Land Of Kashmir

- Nilamata Purana: Ka means "water" and Shimir means "to desiccate". Hence, Kashmir stands for "a land desiccated from water".
- The Nilamata Purana gives the name Kashmira to the Valley considering it to be an embodiment of [Uma](#).
- In the [Rajatarangini](#), a history of Kashmir written by [Kalhana](#) in the 12th century, it is stated that the valley of Kashmir was formerly a lake. This was drained by the great rishi or sage, [Kashyapa](#), by cutting the gap in the hills at Baramulla (Varahamulla). When Kashmir had been drained, Kashyapa asked [Brahmans](#) to settle there.
- The name of Kashyapa is by history and tradition connected with the draining of the lake, and the chief town or collection of dwellings in the valley was called Kashyapa-pura.

The Amarnath Fact Sheet

- The biggest lie being circulated - Amarnath was discovered by Malik's – The Muslim Shepherd Family.
- The shrine is over 5,000 years old and forms an important part of ancient Hindu mythology
- The reference to Amarnath can be seen in the Nilamata Purana (v.1324).
- The pilgrimage to the holy cave has been described with full topographical details in the Bhṛingish Samhita and the Amarnatha Mahatmya, both ancient texts said to have been composed even earlier.
- References to Amarnath, known have also been made in historical chronicles like the Rajatarangini.
- Several Western travellers' accounts also leave no doubt about the fact that the holy cave has been known to people for centuries.

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- “The lake of dazzling whiteness [resembling] a sea of milk (Sheshnag), which he created [for himself as residence] on a far off mountain, is to the present day seen by the people on the pilgrimage to Amareshwara.”(Rajatarangini, Book I v. 267. Translation: M. A. Stein).
- Rajatarangini (Book II v. 138): Kalhana says that King Samdhimat Aryaraja (34 BCE-17CE) used to spend “the most delightful Kashmir summer” in worshipping a linga formed of snow “in the regions above the forests”.
- Chronicle of Kashmir, a sequel to Kalhana’s Rajatarangini, Jonaraja relates that that Sultan Zainu’l-abidin (1420-1470) paid a visit to the sacred tirtha of Amarnath while constructing a canal on the left bank of the river Lidder (vv.1232-1234).
- The great Sikh Guru Arjan Dev granted land in Amritsar for the ceremonial departure of Chari, the holy mace of Lord Shiva which marks the beginning of the Yatra to the Holy Cave

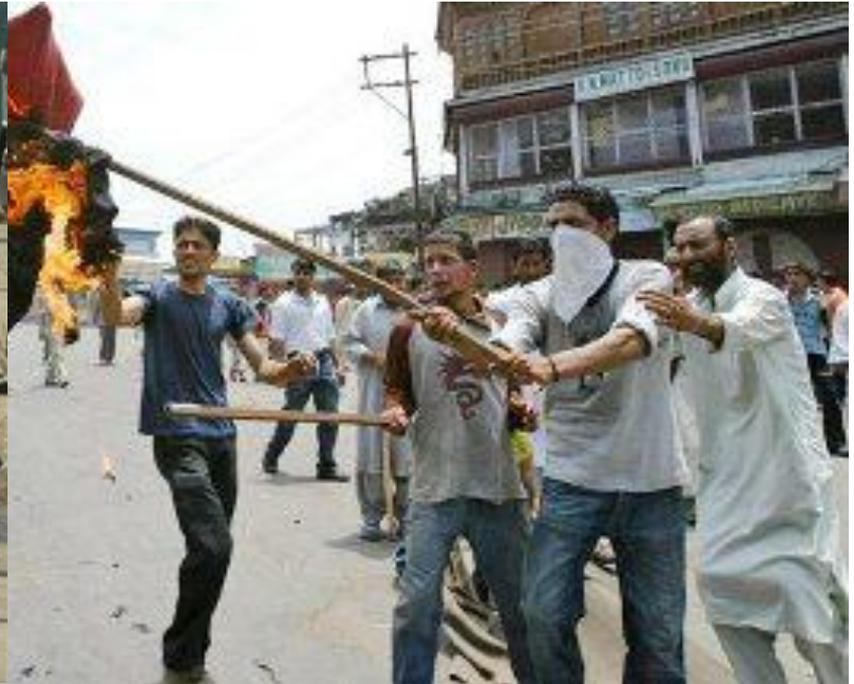
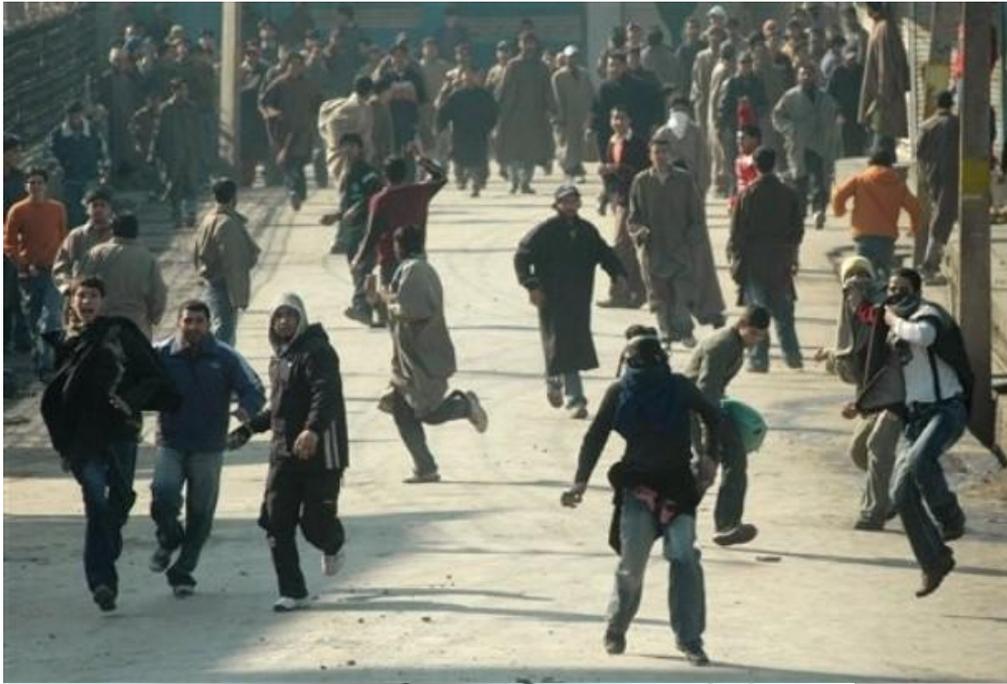
The Land in Question

- The shrine and the yatra is maintained and organized by Shri Amarnath Shrine Board
- Shrine Board **was** constituted by an Act of the State Legislature in 2000
- On board request , the J&K Government transferred nearly 40 hectares of forest land in Baltal area to the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board on lease for Rs. 23.1 million (Rs.2.3 crore)
- The transfer was approved by the government of Jammu & Kashmir and signed by the cabinet

The Land Controversy

- The land was required to create temporary structure to provide facilities to the pilgrims
- The structures were to be in place only for two months every year
- The area is prone to rain, snow, landslide and extreme bad weather
- There was no ecological damage or tree cutting planned
- Kashmiri Muslims especially the separatist elements launched a protest against the land transfer
- Security forces were attacked and National Flag was burnt
- Pakistani Flag was hoisted at Lal Chowk
- The entire valley shouted “Hindustan Hai-Hai”, “We want Freedom”, “We will share land with Hindus over our dead bodies” and “Pakistan Zindabad”
- As usual the Congress government succumbed to the separatist
- The order which was passed by the assembly was revoked by a minority government. (The order was revoked after PDP withdrew support)

Kashmiri Muslims Protesting against Land Allocation



Haj Subsidy

- There are multiple Haj Terminus and 16 embarkation points in the country
- The Haj subsidy in 2006 was Rs.348 crore
- The muslim pilgrim to Jeddah pays Rs.12,000 for a return ticket. The actual cost of the ticket is Rs. 46,000. The difference is funded by the Union Government
- The Indian government has a Haj Office in the Indian Consulate in Jeddah, runs a hospital in Mecca and dispensaries in Mecca and Madinah, and sends doctors, nurses and para-medical staff to run these medical establishments during the pilgrimage
- In addition, the Government has sanctioned eight ambulances and medicines for pilgrims who fall ill.
- Though Jammu & Kashmir is one of the less-populated States in the country, it sent the fifth biggest contingent of pilgrims for Haj in 2006.
- The Congress Government in Andhra Pradesh has taken this policy of minorityism a step further and announced subsidy for Christians who wish to visit Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus.

The Double Standards....

- However in India, Hindu pilgrims to the Amarnath Shrine do not qualify for grant of a few acres of land along the yatra route for provision of basic amenities.
- The population of the Hindus may be 100 crore. But in India, Hindu pilgrims are not entitled to even 100 acres
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- The Kashmiri politicians claim that by allocating land to the Sri Amarnath Shrine Board, the State Government has harmed the cause of 'Kashmiriyat'. What happened to the Kashmiriyat when hundreds of Hindus and Sikhs were killed in Valley and millions of Hindus and Sikhs were forced to leave the valley?
- The whole world is aware of how Hindus were driven out of the Valley. Yet, we have this disgusting spectacle of politicians like Mr Omar Abdullah from the Valley stating publicly on television channels that they oppose the transfer of 100 acres to the Sri Amarnath Shrine Board because they fear that through the transfer of these few acres of land "the demographic character of Kashmir is being altered".

JOIN THE PROTEST of JAMMU AND CONDEMN JnK Govt.

- If we lose this battle, we will lose the country to Islamic forces
- Support the movement. Forward this presentation to all your friends and people you know.
- Water , electricity , media , SMS all blocked in Jammu from 34 days as of 3rd August.
- Minority Hindu refugees and locals dragged from homes and beaten mercilessly by Muslim fundamentalist Police force of JK.
- Kuldeep Dogra who sacrificed his life not by killing others but by consuming VISH in front of Police against Land transfer was followed by arrest of 1500 people, Injuring of 700, seriously injured 475, 5 killed in Police Firing.

Don't sleep please forward it, J&K minorities (Hindus and Sikhs) need your help !!!