

A SINGLE CONSTITUTION FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY

How will Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh benefit?

In recent weeks, important decisions have been taken regarding Jammu and Kashmir. Articles 370 & 35 A have been abrogated or substantially modified and other important changes have been made. How will these changes benefit the common man? What advantages will accrue to the region?

Article 370 and 35A Responsible for Backwardness of J&K

For many years in the past, the state of J&K has been the victim of anti-national propaganda and terrorist actions against innocent citizens. The Articles 370 and 35 A became handy tools for mischievous elements to fan separatism and promote terror. These two articles kept the state isolated and away from the development processes in the country for a long time. The special status benefited only a select few e.g. Hurriyat leaders and people working for them. Despite massive fund allotment there was only limited improvement in the conditions of the poor and disadvantaged. Similarly even though the Parliament passed a number of progressive laws for the benefits and welfare of people yet most of them could not be extended to J&K, thereby denying the people of J&K the benefits, which are available to all other citizens in India.

How will this change now? How will this lead to end of poverty and a boost to development and growth?

Here are a few ways in which development and progress will percolate down to the grassroots. Investors will pump in capital and resources, industries and services will be set up, employment opportunities will multiply, big educational institutes will proliferate, health sector will grow, agricultural sector will be transformed, agro-processing will take a leap forward, ecological and environmental provisions will be enforced and natural beauty will be preserved. All fundamental rights enjoyed by citizens in the rest of the country will be now available to the residents of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

Why Fear !

No Threat to Unique Culture and Language of Kashmir and Kashmiris

The cultures and languages of Marathas, Tamilians, Gujaratis, Assamese and others have prospered and grown. There are adequate provisions and safeguards in our constitution to ensure that the religious and cultural rights of every group and community are protected and preserved. There is absolutely no threat to the culture, traditions and religion of Kashmir or any other region

No Threat to any Community or Religion

People belonging to all faiths reside in J&K. The very fact that Jammu and Kashmir shall continue to be together even after reorganisation clearly indicates that there is neither any communal angle nor any attempt to override any cultural or religious group. In fact, the purpose of the above steps is economic growth, development and generation of more employment these will benefit all sections and groups in society.

No threat to land or property

- Fears of the people about loss of land and properties are not well founded.
- In fact, there is no compulsion on anybody to part with his land
- There will be no change in ownership due to removal of Article 370.

70 Years with 370, A New Era without 370-let us give the new system a chance

- 7 decades of 370 failed to bring either employment or peace. It only saw ordinary people getting looted and misguided while the separatist leaders enjoyed luxuries for themselves and their families.
- A new age of growth, development and equal opportunity for all beckons us. For the first time any ordinary citizen of J&K will enjoy the same opportunities which only children of privileged enjoyed so far.
- We are sure to see that the problems which have been preventing Kashmir from realising its true potential will go away and a new world of opportunities and possibilities will open for the people of J&K.



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