

Muslim Women, Agency and Resistance Politics: The Case of Kashmir

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Abstract: *The book, 'Muslim Women Agency and Resistance Politics: A Case of Kashmir' is based on interviews conducted by her to almost thirty women including her extensive usage of primary and secondary sources like books and articles. This book is focused on Kashmir's Women, their agency, and their role in the politics of resistance. It has narrated the history of the Dogra period and sometimes it has touched the Mughal rule, Sikh rule, and Afghan rule as well while corroborating the facts. The author's further focus is on Kashmiri nationalism, Plebiscite, class, Islam, and Women's suffering in conflict zones like Kashmir. All in all, the book's aim looks to highlight the suffering of women and their unending struggle during the Dogra period and after 1947 till date. It makes one understand that Kashmiri Muslim women are not merely the victims of tyranny, violence, and tragedy but they have fought bravely from the Dogra period till the present times in various forms. However, the author of the book tries to discuss the subaltern (non-elite) women whose roles had never been highlighted due to the political space taken by the elite menfolk. In the preface, the author discloses that this book may have inherent limitations in offering a broad comprehension of Kashmiri or Muslim women. To encompass every conceivable political mobilization of Kashmiri women is not the objective, but rather to present insights of Kashmiri women who have chosen to symbolize the ongoing movement in Kashmir.*

OBJECTIVES:

- To study Muslim women, their agency, and their involvement in resistance politics.
- To study the historical journey of Kashmiri women's struggle.
- To study the impact of the struggle on the psyche of Kashmiri women.

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