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ABSTRACT

This research study on Indian demographic engineering traces specific administrative and legal measures that successive Indian governments initiated for demographic engineering in Jammu and Kashmir while the current BJP government crossed all limits and made unilateral moves to annex Kashmir in complete disregard to United Nations Security Council Resolutions and bilateral agreements between the two countries. The study is based on primary and secondary sources of data. Besides unstructured interviews conducted for this study, secondary data in the form of books, journals, official documents, newspaper reports, etc. was used. As theoretical framework, the study used Theory of Political Demography developed by Jack A. Goldstone, Eric P. Kaufmann and Monica Duffy Toft that explains how international security as well as national politics is being shaped by changes in population. Indian administrative measures for demographic engineering included grab of land by occupational forces, setting up of Sainik Colonies for ex-servicemen, separate colonies for the Kashmiri Pandits, attempts to give citizenship rights to West Pakistan refugees, lease of land to non-state subjects under industrial policy, manipulation of census reports and changing the script of Kashmiri Language, etc. On the legal front, India eroded special status of the state by making continuous changes in Article 370 and arrived at a point in August 2019 that not only abrogated special status of the state but also deprived Jammu and Kashmir its status of statehood by carving out two union territories to be governed directly from the centre. The study concludes that Indian unilateral moves in Kashmir not only created serious problems for final settlement of dispute but also created tensions between two nuclear states putting at risk the regional peace and security. The study provides pertinent recommendations to deal with the situation.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

AJK	Azad Jammu and Kashmir
AI	Amnesty International
APHC	All Parties Hurriyat Conference
BJP	Baharitia Janta Party
CM	Chief Minister
GB	Gilgit-Baltistan
HCBA	High Court Bar Association
HR	Human Rights
HRW	Human Rights Watch
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICJ	International Court of Justice
INC	Indian National Congress
IoA	Instrument of Accession
IOK	Indian Occupied Kashmir
J&K	Jammu and Kashmir
KCSDS	Kashmir Centre for Social and Development Studies
LoC	Line of Control
NC	National Conference
PDP	Peoples Democratic Party
PM	Prime Minister
PML-N	Pakistan Muslim League – Nawaz
PTI	Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf
RAW	Research and Analysis Wing
RSS	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh
UN, UNO	United Nations, United Nations Organization
UNCIP	United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNMOGIP	United Nations Military Observer Group for India and Pakistan
UNSC	United Nations Security Council