

ABSTRACT

Kashmir conflict is regarded as among the most sensitive, precarious and protracted conflicts of human history. The conflict finds its roots in the subsequent rules of the British and Dogras. An all out eruption during the bitter partition of India in 1947 catapulted Kashmir into limelight and the international fraternity started taking notice of what is happening in Kashmir. Kashmir is situated at the crossroads of China, India and Pakistan. Its strategic location and importance to three neighbouring nuclear nations makes it a nuclear flash point and one of the most important items on United Nations agenda. UN, the intergovernmental organization established with the main objective of establishing and ensuring world peace after the culmination of the Second World War in 1945. However, over the years, UN has failed to resolve the Kashmir conflict irrespective of its repeated interventions and resolutions. Still the UNSC resolutions are held in highest importance and are often cited by the parties involved but the solution to the problem is still out of sight. Many factors have contributed towards the longevity of this conflict but the main concern of this research has been to appraise the UN efforts and understand how UN can come in handy in achieving the cherished goal of establishing enduring peace in Kashmir as peace in Kashmir will ensure peace in the region and the world at large. Through the research it was identified when it comes to Kashmir, the UN follows the UN resolutions on Kashmir and its modus operandi regarding solving conflicts and managing them. The options that are available under the umbrella of UN include measures like negotiation, arbitration, peacekeeping, power based approach and above all an impartial plebiscite which will give empower the people of Kashmir to decide themselves for their own future. However, all these tactics have so far not been able to conjure the desired results. There are certain limitations which halt and impede the UN to settle the Kashmir dispute. Foremost of them is the way UN operates. It is highly dependent on world powers to execute its resolutions and decisions but world powers take decisions in their own interests and to their benefit, which leaves UN reeling and it is reduces to a body that can only manage a conflict not resolve it. UN needs a complete overhaul to ensure and attain its due place and achieve its coveted objective of ensuring world peace.