

ABSTRACT

Skepticism captures the mind of every sensitive student of political science when he faces huge gulf between the theoretical ideals of democratic norms and the practical realities of real politik prevailing in the modern world. The jungle law of 'Natural Selection' or the 'Survival of the Fittest' seemed to have been overcome in human spheres after the great holocausts of Second World War and the fall of colonialism. But, the international chess of power politics continued in a new form of cold war and the weak nations' interests continued to be exploited by the great national interests of the Great Powers. Kashmir is a symbol of all this skeptic and gloomy picture of the world. Equality, Liberty, justice, freedom and democracy all seem fake and hollow slogans when the atrocities of Kashmiri for almost the last two centuries are kept in view. Kashmir can be called a victim of its geography, which not only blessed it with extremely attractive beauty but also the Strategic importance, which made it a pawn in the hands of Great Powers. Practically, the unlimited sufferings of the Kashmiris, have never influenced the great game of the exiting world.

However a political Scientist must not be swayed by such skeptic thoughts. Evolution of human Society is an established fact and even an average citizen of a State enjoys a lot of rights, which were perhaps unknown to the plebeians in the past. In a historic struggle for rights, the human race has successfully abolished slavery, apartheid and the divine right of monarchs, to a great extend. Despite great challenges, many achievements have been made. Hence, Optimism regarding the future of human beings can be justified. There is a strong wave of universal human rights campaign giving birth to a Universal public opinion, which has the potential to change the traditional policies of states. Although in the post cold war and post 9/11 era, US appears to be exclusively dominating the decision-making processes in the world, but the US policy makers have also recently experienced the unprecedented world-wide protests against war on Iraq in more than six hundred cities of the world. Now, human beings have started to think as the citizens of an international community, which is a very positive sign for the future of human race.

The present study is primarily meant to correlate the significance of human rights and the tragedy of their violations in the disputed areas of the world. Kashmir is truly a representative of all these deprived, subjugated, Oppressed and tyrannised regions of the world.

In the following chapters, a serious enquiry into the elements of Kashmir dispute together with the human rights violations has been presented, with a view to dig-out the correlation between the two. The study aims at highlighting the need to see all international disputes in human rights perspective and to seek their resolution on the same ground, to save the world from all terrors and injustices.