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(First Time Dushera Celebration in Kashmir Valley)

Today, 21st October, 2007, Kashmiri Pandit Sangarash Samiti (KPSS) restarted the celebration of Dashera festival, in the Kashmir Valley, as per the age old tradition by burning the effigy of Ravana, after the gap of twenty years at Sher-i-Kashmir Cricket Ground, Sonwar, Srinagar. The last Dashera festival was held in the year 1987 at Iqbal Park Srinagar. This festival is celebrated as victory of good over evil to mark the death of Ravana and his demon army by the Lord Rama with the support of Vanar Sena at Lanka (presently known as Srilanka).

The Kashmiri Pandits living in the Valley (Non-Migrants) has been totally ignored by the world community and that is why to show our presence to the world we decided to start the age old traditions and religious functions to mark our presence under the banner of Kashmiri Pandit Sangarash Samiti.

We are highly thankful to Hon'ble Chief Minister and Madam Mrs. Azad for their timely intervention and co-operation which made it possible for us to celebrate the same because despite the permission from District Magistrate, some Government Departments tried to sabotage the same on un-necessary grounds / reasons.

We are also thankful to worthy Divisional Commissioner and District Magistrate, Srinagar for their co-operations and efforts which helped us to organise the festival in a good and peaceful manner.

We are thankful to Majority Community for their support, co-operation and participation, which they are giving us for last 15 years.

We are also thankful to those who came from other side of the Jawahir Tunnel to grace the occasion.

This celebration programme was organised under the supervision of Mr. Sanjay K. Tickoo, President-KPSS, Mr. Rattan



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