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(Sheetleshwar Bhairav Hawan and re-opening of Cases related to Killings of Kashmiri Pandits)

KPSS express gratitude to the visiting dignitaries for sparing time from their busy schedule to be part of this history event. The event in itself is a historical as this is the first time since ages that a Hawan / religious of this magnitude have been organized in this temple premises. It is a well known fact that the premises of Sheetleshwar Bhairav Temple have remained more politically active than religiously. This is the place and platform where Mahatma Gandhi, Jawahir Lal Nehru, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, Professor Balraj Madhok, Veer Savarkar, Indira Gandhi Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah's Wife Begam Sahiba has addressed to Kashmiri people, so Sheetleshwar Sheetalnath is not only a sacred temple but it is platform of free expression of the people of Kashmir.

KPSS thank the temple management and the people, irrespective their faith, who worked for day and night to make this event possible.

KPSS thank the Divisional Administration for providing full support and cooperation to the temple management to make this even successful.

It is also a well known fact that KPSS has filed an application in State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) for handing over the investigation of Kashmiri Pandit Killings to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) as the State Police has failed to bring the guilty to justice. In a case like Bitta Karate alias Farooq Ahmad Dar after killing dozens of Kashmiri Pandits and Muslims is roaming free in the society and is enjoying the superior privileges from the administration. As number of times SHRC brought this fact into the notice of State Police Department but they failed to provide the requisite details to the Commission. KPSS is making public the first list of Kashmiri Pandits who were killed during the past 20 years by the non-state actors. The list so prepared by KPSS is still incomplete and more data will be added in future course of time.



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KPSS demand that every single case pertaining to the minority community be handed over to the CBI for investigations to bring the guilty to justice.

Brief Analysis

Jan – Oct 1990 i.e. First 10 Months of armed rebel: **more than 300 Killings** which means at **one selective killing per day**.

In the Month of **May and June 1990** there has been 74 and 78 killings respectively, i.e. **154 Kashmiri Pandit killings in just 60 days**, because people were trying to return back to valley (as we can say reverse migration) but the active militant organizations at that time killed the KP's tagging them as Hindu extremists.

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