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Results of the Survey of the Kashmiri Pandit Community

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Q1: Should we support the preservation of our religious sites that are in the Valley?

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Q2: Is the preservation of our religious & social rituals, traditions, and language important to you?

a. Yes     231   96%
b. Let time take its course 11   4%
Q3: Can cultural preservation and propagation be possible with the community dispersed worldwide?

Yes 176 73%
No 66 27%

Q4: Is it important to have a social base of KP community living together in one place?

a. Yes 192 79%
b. Does not make a difference 50 21%
"Home base" is defined as a place where a significant KP population may live together with economic, religious, and socio-cultural freedom - a place where the KP way of life can be pursued without impediment. This could be in Kashmir, Jammu, Delhi, or elsewhere.

Q5: For you personally, having a "home-base" is

- a. Critical 60 25%
- b. Very important 108 45%
- c. Somewhat important 62 26%
- d. Not important 12 5%

Q6: In your opinion, what are the chances of establishing a "home-base"?

- a. Achievable, and worth struggling for 104 43%
- b. Might be achievable, and worth struggling for 117 48%
- c. Not achievable 21 9%
Q7: A "home-base" for the Kashmiri Pandits must be

a. Kashmir as it was 53 22%
b. Inside the Kashmir valley 90 37%
c. Inside J&K state, but not necessarily inside Kashmir Valley 26 11%
d. Inside India, but not necessarily inside J&K 28 12%
e. Could be anywhere in the world 45 19%

Q8: Are you willing to actively support the effort towards the establishment of a "home-base"?

Yes 184 76%
May be 50 21%
No 8 3%
Q9: In order to support this effort, you are willing to:

a. Contribute time
b. Contribute money
c. Contribute both time and money
d. Contribute other resources (e.g., books, documents, etc. for archival purposes)
e. Other "in kind" contributions
f. Cannot contribute directly but will actively support
g. Not applicable (Will not support)

Q10: If you are willing to contribute time, please indicate how much:

a. More than 5 hours per week
b. Between 3 and 5 hours per week
c. Between 1 and 3 hours per week
d. Less than 1 hour per week
Q11: To best utilize your time, you would **PRIMARILY** like to contribute in which field:

- a. Preservation of religious activities, rituals and customs 42 17%
- b. Fund raising (collection outside/inside the community) 13 5%
- c. Education of KPs 61 25%
- d. Healthcare of KPs 13 5%
- e. Extra-curricular activities for KP children 18 7%
- f. Language preservation 29 12%
- g. Political public relations 29 12%
- h. Political research (data collection, documentation, etc.) 22 9%
- i. Other (please specify) 15 6%

Q12: To best utilize your time, you would **SECONDARILY** like to contribute in which field:

- a. I wish to work only on my primary area of interest 32 13%
- b. Preservation of religious activities, rituals and customs 28 12%
- c. Fund raising (collection outside/inside the community) 12 5%
- d. Education of KPs 38 16%
- e. Healthcare of KPs 25 10%
Q13: With respect to your future contribution to KP objectives, you would primarily rather:

- a. Lead a team in building vision and direction 31% 13%
- b. Participate in a team chartered with building vision and direction 83% 34%
- c. Lead a team in executing to a pre-specified goal 28% 12%
- d. Participate in a team chartered with executing to a pre-specified goal 93% 38%
- e. Other (please specify) 7% 3%

Q14: Regardless of your responses to the above questions, in the event that a "home-base" is established, you would consider:

- i. Working there 83 (34%) 159 (66%)
ii. Owning property there  
207 (86%)  35 (14%)

iii. Retiring there  
173 (72%)  69 (28%)

iv. Investing there  
193 (80%)  49 (20%)

v. Vacationing there  
228 (94%)  14 (6%)

vi. Supporting socio-cultural organizations there  
232 (96%)  10 (4%)

vii. Providing political support  
190 (79%)  52 (21%)
Q15: Select following three support areas that you would like KOA to undertake:

Note: Since multiple choices were allowed for this question, the percentage of responses will not add up to 100%.

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Q16: (OPTIONAL) Please provide any additional suggestions that you may have for the KOA leadership:

NOTE: Several valuable suggestions were received under this question, some of which were posted on the KPNet in April and May. Please click here to read these comments/suggestions.

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**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

**Country/Geography**

- a. India 41 17%
- b. U.S.A. 179 74%
- c. Canada 3 1%
- d. Europe 2 1%
- e. Middle East 2 1%
- f. Australia/New Zealand 5 2%
- g. Other (please specify) 10
  - Singapore 6
  - Nepal 1
  - Nigeria 1 4%
  - Oman 1
  - West Africa 1
Gender (*)

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Age (*)

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<td>c. 35-54 years</td>
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Profession or ex-profession (if retired)

a. Academics 12 5%
b. Banking & finance 10 4%
c. Business Management 28 12%
d. Business Owner 2 1%
e. Engineer/Technical (Note: Software, IT, database etc were included in the "Technical" category) 123 51%
f. Entrepreneur 6 3%
g. Government 4 2%
h. Public Sector Enterprise 3 1%
i. Medicine (or related) 16 6%
j. Scientist 12 5%
k. Law 1 0.4%
l. Student 11 4%
m. Other (Film maker, Chef, UN advisor, Editor, Home-maker, Psychotherapist, Journalist, Non Profit Management, Entertainment) 14 6%

Was your Residence outside Kashmir driven primarily by the exodus of 1990? (*)
### KOA Survey Results

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