



Conflict and Displacement in Jammu and Kashmir: The Gender Dimension

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Displacement is one of the stark realities of the enduring J&K conflict. It remains dwarfed by the attention that the conflict itself has drawn. There are twelve identifiable groups in the region that were forced to leave their native places due to internal or external dimension of the conflict. Amongst the thousands of the displaced women comprise almost half the number. Yet the gender dimension remains almost neglected in the dominant discourse on J&K conflict, as also on displacement that itself by and large has received little attention.

The humane aspect of the conflict, linking displacement and gender, has formed major part of discourse in this book. The study, first of its kind, makes a comprehensive analysis of this aspect hitherto unfocused. It is primarily based on field survey undertaken along the border and in the camps of the displaced in the period 2001-2004. The border displaced and the Kashmiri Pandits, being numerically the major victims of conflict in and over J&K, have become subject of special focus. The book aims at providing an alternate approach to study in this area.

This timely and important book will be of interest to a wide readership comprising scholars, human rights activists, journalists, policy makers and every one interested in the J&K issue.

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