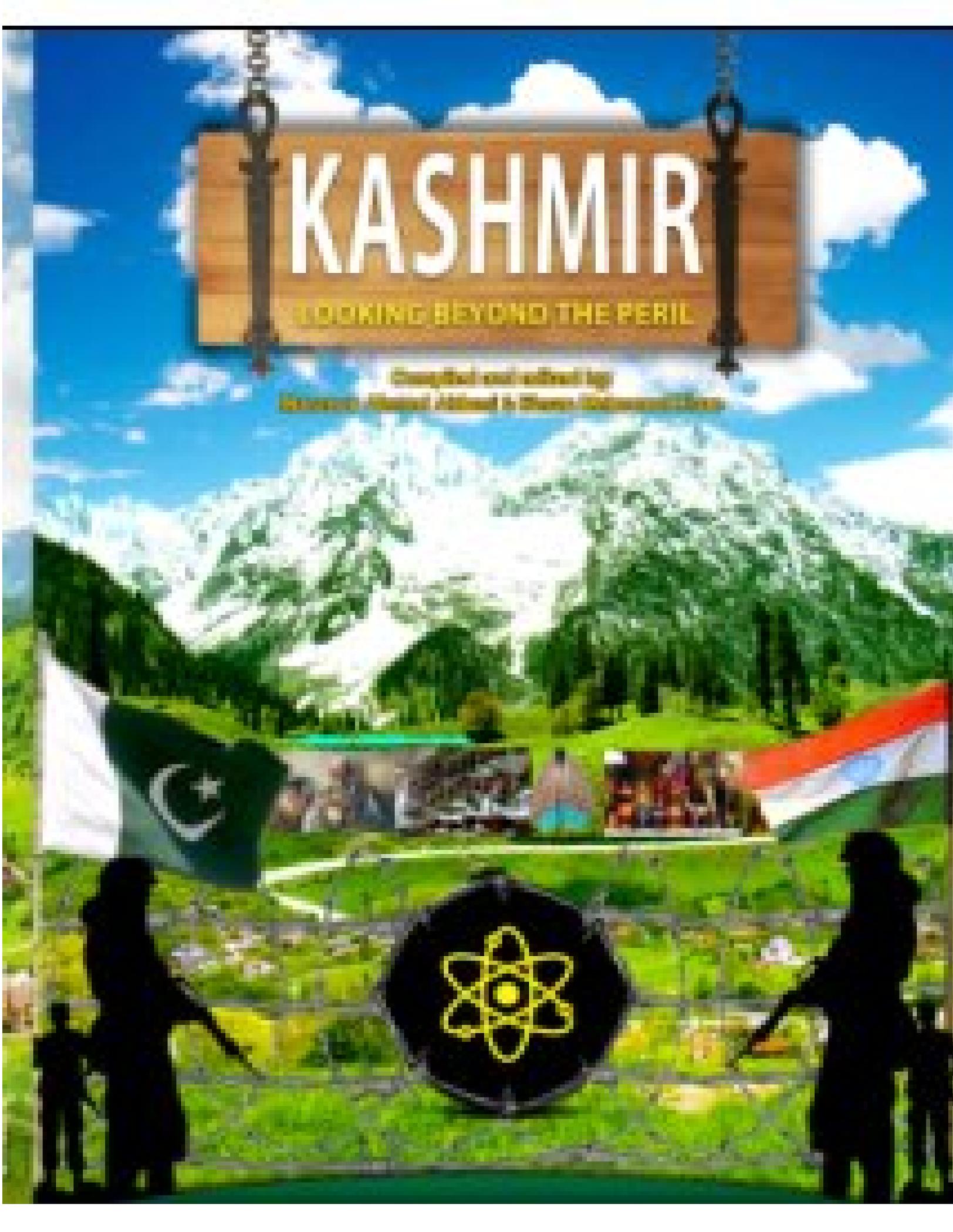


# KASHMIR

LOOKING BEYOND THE PERIL

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## **"Kashmir is the jugular vein of Pakistan"**

**Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah (1947)**

"There is no denying the fact that the issue is important in the process of consolidation of relations between Pakistan and India in the new evolution of the long outstanding issue of the Jammu and Kashmir issue. No movement takes its course in the political history of this region will ever deny that all efforts to bypass, ignore or to minimize its importance have not succeeded even this far. On the other hand they have rather created mutual confidence and approved understanding even in various sectors."

**Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah (1948)**  
**Letter to the Heads of Governments of States of SAARC Countries**  
**December, 1948**

"Knowing that Kashmir is geographically Indian, it is our duty to become a Muslim state."

**Muhammad Ishtiaq Khan (1954)**  
**May 5, 1954**

"If the people of Kashmir do not wish to remain with us, let them go by all means, we will not keep them against their will, however, painful it may be to us. We want neither forced marriages nor forced unions."

**Jawahar Lal Nehru**  
**Address to the Indian Parliament on August 1, 1952**

"People should be asked whether they want the army to take the internal security of Kashmir. My decision which does not have the backing of the people is unnecessary. If people feel that the army is violating human rights, then the army should be withdrawn."

**Professor Muztar**  
**Senior Leader of Jamaat-e-Islami Party of India**  
**January, 2014**

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## FOREWORD

**K**ashmir dispute remains a critical barrier in normalization of relations between Pakistan and India, hampering the South Asia's progress towards sustainable security and greater economic development. Concurrently, the disputed state continues to serve as an arena for mutual exchange of acrimonies, ignoring the quest of the people of Kashmir to decide their own future. The centrality of the Kashmir dispute in the security matrix of South Asia can be gauged from the impact of human dynamics over the regional environment and no less important from the nuclearization of the region.

The key to a move forward rests with the people of Kashmir, exercising their right to make a choice about their own future and seek their participation in a process that would help resolve the issue. It is, therefore, important that scholars and experts renew their search for a constructive approach that takes the disputed territory beyond its current state of peril.

This book, containing an assortment of innovative views on various aspects of the Kashmir issue, comes on the eve of a two day workshop that aims at discussing the genesis of the dispute, imperatives for a constructive change and possible approaches to unknotting the issue. In this context, I commend the efforts of the writers who have contributed scholarly inputs and of the editors for bringing the exercise to fruition.

Islamabad  
January, 2014

Lieutenant General Javed Iqbal  
President, NDU



## PREFACE

Over the decades, scholars and experts in South Asia and beyond have published abundant literature on the Kashmir dispute, encompassing its genesis and possible approaches ranging from management to resolution. The scholarly lines of thought stretch from an accent on an 'unfinished agenda' of the partition to an 'inherent right' of the Kashmiri people for presiding over their destiny. Notwithstanding various interpretations, the exponents of various viewpoints agree that human dynamics of the disputed territory have an inevitable impact on the regional environment and, therefore, cannot be side-tracked, while emphasizing the need for economic growth.

The plans for an international workshop titled: *'Kashmir: Looking Beyond the Peril' (27-28 January 2014)*, precipitated a discussion amongst researchers at the NDU on various aspects of the Kashmir dispute, with a focus on conflict transformation approaches. I am glad that we are presenting a book with scholarly views on different aspects such as: viewing the disputed state as a connector besides a point of conflict; re-visiting the issue in the backdrop of nuclear responsibility; human rights aspects in complement with the legal and moral perspectives; economic dividends associated with a perceived settlement; the water issue; and an incremental approach to conflict resolution.

I earnestly hope that the book in hand would act as a stimulus towards opening new vistas of constructive discussion on the subject in a manner that the people of Kashmir emerge as the topmost priority.

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