

Chapter 4

External Factors in Kashmiri Nationalism

Introduction

The chapter looks at the external factors that influence Kashmiri nationalism. It examines the intervention of various political actors through the theoretical structure of civic and ethnic nationalism. It tries to determine whether political actors have changed their positions with the changing geopolitical situations. The first section looks at the relationship between the Kashmiri diaspora and Kashmiri nationalism, as well as how, other than maintaining remittances, this group performs the function of imagining Kashmir outside the geographical confines of India and Pakistan. The second section looks at how Pakistan functions as a factor in Kashmiri nationalism and how, through deploying centralising tendencies, it has tried to contain Kashmiri nationalism within Pakistan-controlled Kashmir (Pck). The following section maps how Pakistan uses irredentism as a policy position to counter the narrative of Kashmiri nationalism.

The Diaspora and Kashmiri Nationalism

The section looks at the diaspora as an object of analysis to consider the relationship between global and local in the context of Kashmiri nationalism. The diaspora is the transnational community that contests the state's power and performs essential functions for the continuity of