



Relevance of the Article 370 in Making Jammu and Kashmir an Integral Part of India

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Abstract : The research study is an analysis of the relevance of the Article 370 of Indian Constitution and of the constitutional placement of the state in the federal structure of India. Politics and media have made the issue widely approachable to the politically conscious people to be well aware of the past and present relevance of this Article. The recent debate over the abrogation of Article 370 has drawn a great deal of attention. This study involves the study of the process of constitutional integration of the state into Indian union, its special relationship with the union, the implications of the clause and sub-clauses of the article and an attempt to clarify the overlapping of Article 1 and 370 of the Indian

Constitution. This work has been research is done through field work. A questionnaire was prepared for the respondents. The framers of Indian Constitution gave special status to the state to bring it under its jurisdiction as the state representatives in the deliberation of the Constituent Assembly of India favoured the exclusion of their state from its constitutional organization. But, in globalizing world this is an anachronism, for it distances the people of Jammu and Kashmir from the rest of India and the world. This paper discusses this aspect also.

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Introduction :

With Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India in 1947, it became necessary to define the constitutional relationship with the Indian Union. This was done by adoption of Article 370 in the Indian Constitution. Article 370 in the Indian Constitution defines the special relationship of the state with the Indian Union. It also defines the mechanism for managing centre-state relations with specific reference to Jammu and Kashmir. Article 1 and the First Schedule of the Constitution govern the state's integration. Article 370 is embodied under chapter XXI labelled as temporary