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CALL FOR PAPERS

Inviting original research contributions in History, Anthropology, Sociology, Social Work, Media Studies and Allied Disciplines

About the Journal

The Journal of Kashmir Studies, published by the Institute of Kashmir Studies, University of Kashmir, invites scholarly contributions that deepen understanding of Kashmir's society, culture, history, politics, economy, ecology and everyday life. The journal encourages interdisciplinary, empirically grounded scholarship, with particular openness to perspectives from the social sciences and humanities. The call is especially relevant to the Institute's academic engagement with postgraduate teaching and research, including its M.A. programme in Anthropology.

Call for Contributions

Researchers, academicians, independent scholars and postgraduate students are invited to submit original and unpublished research papers for consideration. Submissions may draw on ethnographic fieldwork, archival research, historical analysis, qualitative or quantitative methods, comparative inquiry, and critical or theoretical approaches. We particularly welcome work that puts local experiences and knowledge in conversation with broader regional, national, and global debates.

Suggested Themes and Areas of Interest

- Social and cultural anthropology of Kashmir; kinship, family, community and social change
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- Religion, belief, ritual, pilgrimage, sacred landscapes and everyday religious practices

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- Tourism, development, infrastructure, markets and political economy
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- Comparative and interdisciplinary studies connecting Kashmir with other regions

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- **Full-paper original papers:** 6000–7000 words, inclusive of the main text and references. Tables, figures and appendices should be used only where necessary and clearly labelled.
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