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* Jammu and Kashmir National Conference party is a regional political party in Indian-administered Kashmir's [union territories](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/States_and_union_territories_of_India) of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh

When British India was partitioned, princely states were given the option to join either India or Pakistan. The princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, with a majority Muslim population but a Hindu ruler, Maharaja Hari Singh, chose to accede to India in October 1947. This decision led to a conflict between India and Pakistan.

So, war is not an option. If voices of dialogue come from Pakistan today, we should respond to them.

As Atal Bihari Vajpayee said that “we can change friends but can’t change neighbors”

We can get engaged with stakeholders in regional security issues and respect human rights – as article 370 was introduced. We shall also condemn the violence and engage dialogues among the civil societies.

At least one soldier was killed while five others were injured when a vehicle convoy of the Indian Air Force (IAF) came under heavy firing from terrorists in the Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Even today there is terrorism in J&K; there has just been an incident. Terrorism has not ended. Regular instances of terror are happening. So tell me has terrorism stopped? They are only talking about increasing tourism in Kashmir. Even if one tourist gets shot, no one will come here.

“Are we fighting terrorists or our own people?”

It is need of the hour to find the way to address the root cause of the terrorism and pure military action cannot be the solution. Talk between two nations must be one of the solutions to address this problem. Simultaneously, winning people trust is the key as war against terrorism cannot be won without people’s support.

Region stability is the key to prosperity of the people of region and in reducing the terror incidents.

1. This can be established through peaceful negotiation, trust building measure, security beef up and robust intelligence network. Technology and real time sharing of intelligence input among the security department can curb the violence incident. This helps in building trust among the civil society and government. When there is peace and stability in region, voices of Kashmir will play integral part in government policy and progress of region.
2. Also, dialogue and trust building measure among civil society will promote peace, tolerance, and interfaith harmony, and seeks to address socio-economic disparities that may contribute to vulnerability to extremist ideologies.
3. JKNC supports law enforcement efforts to counter terrorism and maintain law and order in the region. It acknowledges the importance of effective policing, intelligence gathering, and security operations to prevent terrorist activities and apprehend those responsible for violence.
4. JKNC believes in the importance of international engagement and cooperation to combat terrorism and extremism. It supports partnerships with international organizations, such as the United Nations and regional bodies, to develop and implement effective strategies to counter terrorism and promote peace and security.