

Fundraiser for Kashmir Migrants Raises \$5000

By FRANCIS ASSISI

FREMONT, Calif. — The Kashmir Relief Committee, a Bay Area humanitarian group mobilized in 1990 to aid displaced refugees in the migrant camps in Kashmir, raised \$5,000 at its first fundraising event Jan. 5 at the Vedic Dharma Samaj.

Although fewer people than expected turned up at the \$50-per-person fundraiser, the event raised awareness of the appalling conditions of thousands of Kashmiris who are refugees in their own land, said Jeevan Zutshi, a member of the committee. The fact that the event was scheduled at the end of the holiday season was one possible reason for the low attendance of 87 persons.

More than the dollar amount, what matters most is the feeling

that people here really care for those in the camps, said Dr. Romesh Japra, president of the Federation of Indian American Associations and a speaker at the event.

According to reports in the Indian press, the camps in Jammu have become the refuge of Kashmiri Hindus, including the well-off Kashmiri Pandits, who were forced to flee a wave of terror unleashed by the militant Hizbul Mujahideen and the Allah Tigers.

The exodus began as a trickle in the last week of December 1989, and became a flood after pro-militant newspapers carried front-page advertisements in April, urging Hindus to leave the valley within 24 hours.

Militant groups claim they stand for a "secular independent Kashmir." Refugees report that

Hindu homes were marked with crosses in front. "People used to walk around our homes in groups discussing within earshot as to who would occupy the homes after we left," one refugee recalled, adding that the Islamization process is all but complete in the valley.

Zutshi, a Fremont resident and a native of Kashmir, told India-West that first-hand reports from the Kashmir Valley confirm that more than 150,000 people have fled the valley, with nearly 50,000 of them living in the camps, where the harsh weather, unsanitary conditions, and scarcity of water create havoc. One Bay Area resident who recently visited the camps said conditions there are pathetic, and the refugees don't want aid, as much as the security that they can return to their homes in peace.

The relief committee was formed last year after a resolution on Kashmir was adopted at the FIA convention in San Jose. A symposium on the situation in Kashmir is planned during the upcoming Republic Day celebrations Jan. 26 in San Jose. For information, contact Zutshi, (415) 623-9829.

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EVALUATION

A *New York Times* report that Dr. Robert Adam, director of the committee, sent a letter to the subcommittee investigators saying NCI took an evaluation of S laboratories with Deg Pfizer on Dec. 19.

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Officials of both the NIH refused to comment than to say that Sarin removed from his job Washington-based a Bruce Baird however to West that Sarin is investigated for actions he ted "several years ago" for anything he did rec

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By LAI KWOK KIN

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