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SURVEY RESULTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Q1: Should we support the preservation of our religious sites that are in the Valley?

Yes	240	99%
No	2	1%

Q2: Is the preservation of our religious & social rituals, traditions, and language important to you?

Yes	231	96%
Let time take its course	11	4%

Q3: Can cultural preservation and propagation be possible with the community dispersed worldwide?

Yes	176	73%
No	66	27%

Q4: Is it important to have a social base of KP community living together in one place?

Yes	192	79%
Does not make a difference	50	21%

"Home base" is defined as a place where a significant KP population may live together with economic, religious

Q5: For you personally, having a "home-base" is

Critical	60	25%
Very important	108	45%
Somewhat important	62	26%
Not important	12	5%

Q6: In your opinion, what are the chances of establishing a "home-base"?

Achievable, and worth struggling for	104	43%
Might be achievable, and worth struggling for	117	48%
Not achievable	21	9%

Q7: A "home-base" for the Kashmiri Pandits must be

Kashmir as it was	53	22%
Inside the Kashmir valley	90	37%
Inside J&K state, but not necessarily inside Kashmir Valley	26	11%
Inside India, but not necessarily inside J&K	28	12%
Could be anywhere in the world	45	19%

Q8: Are you willing to actively support the effort towards the establishment of a "home-base"?

Yes	184	76%
May be	50	21%
No	8	3%

Q9: In order to support this effort, you are willing to:

(NOTE: Click on the best answer)

Contribute time	48	20%
Contribute money	19	8%
Contribute both time and money	102	42%
Contribute other resources (e.g., books, documents, etc. for archival purposes)	11	5%
Other "in kind" contributions	16	7%
Cannot contribute directly but will actively support	42	17%
Not applicable (Will not support)	4	2%

Q10: If you are willing to contribute time, please indicate how much:

More than 5 hours per week	21	9%
Between 3 and 5 hours per week	45	19%
Between 1 and 3 hours per week	115	48%
Less than 1 hour per week	61	25%

Q11: To best utilize your time, you would PRIMARILY like to contribute in which field:

(NOTE: Click on the best answer)

Preservation of religious activities, rituals and customs	42	17%
Fund raising (collection outside/inside the community)	13	5%
Education of KPs	61	25%
Healthcare of KPs	13	5%

Extra-curricular activities for KP children		18	7%
Language preservation	29	12%	
Political public relations		29	12%
Political research (data collection, documentation, etc.)	22		9%
Other (please specify)	15	6%	

Q12: To best utilize your time, you would SECONDARILY like to contribute in which field:
 (NOTE: Click on the best answer)

I wish to work only on my primary area of interest	32	13%
Preservation of religious activities, rituals and customs	28	12%
Fund raising (collection outside/inside the community)	12	5%
Education of KPs	38	16%
Healthcare of KPs	25	10%
Extra-curricular activities for KP children	20	8%
Language preservation	22	9%
Political public relations	23	10%
Political research (data collection, documentation, etc.)	25	10%
Other (please specify)	17	7%

Q13: With respect to your future contribution to KP objectives, you would primarily rather:
 (NOTE: Click on the best answer)

Lead a team in building vision and direction	31	13%	
Participate in a team chartered with building vision and direction		83	34%
Lead a team in executing to a pre-specified goal	28	12%	
Participate in a team chartered with executing to a pre-specified goal	93	38%	
Other (please specify)	7	3%	

Q14: Regardless of your responses to the above questions, in the event that a "home-base" is established, you would consider:
 (NOTE: Choose YES or NO for each sub-question)

Working there

Yes	No
83	159
34%	66%

Owning property there

Yes	No
207	35
86%	14%

Retiring there

Yes	No
173	69
72%	28%

Investing there

Yes	No
193	49
80%	20%

Vacationing there

Yes	No
228	14
94%	6%

Supporting socio-cultural organizations there

Yes	No
232	10
96%	4%

Providing political support

Yes	No
190	52
79%	21%

Q15: Select following three support areas that you would like KOA to undertake
 (NOTE: Use <Ctrl> button to choose your options)

Note: Since multiple choices were allowed for this question, the percentage of responses will not add up

Education		170	70%
Health		84	35%
Library		34	14%
Temples/Centers	67	28%	
Institutions		96	40%
Music		21	9%
Publications/Literature	76	31%	
Housing		64	26%

Q16: (OPTIONAL) Please provide any additional suggestions that you may have for the KOA leadership:

NOTE: Several valuable suggestions were received under this question, some of which were posted on the KPNet Digest i

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The following questions are demographic in nature. The fields marked with an asterisk (*) are optional and all others are REQUIRED:

Last Name
First Name
Middle Name (*)
Email Address (*)
City
State
Country/Geography

India	41	17%
U.S.A.	179	74%
Canada	3	1%
Europe	2	1%
Middle East	2	1%
Australia/New Zealand	5	2%
Other (please specify)	10	4%

[Singapore 6, Nepal 1, Nigeria 1, Oman 1, West Africa 1]

Gender (*)

Male	189	78%
Female	50	21%
Not Reported	3	1%

Age (*)

Under 18 years	0	0%
18-34 years	111	46%
35-54 years	104	43%
Above 55 years	21	9%
Not Reported	6	2%

Profession or ex-profession (if retired)

Academics	12	5%
Banking & finance	10	4%
Business Management	28	12%
Business Owner	2	1%
Engineer/Technical	123	51%

Note: Software, IT, database etc were included in the "Technical" category

Entrepreneur	6	3%
Government	4	2%
Public Sector Enterprise	3	1%
Medicine (or related)	16	6%
Scientist	12	5%
Law	1	0.4%
Student	11	4%
Other (please specify)	14	6%

(Film maker, Chef, UN advisor, Editor, Home-maker, Psychotherapist, Journalist, Non Profit Management, Entertainment)

Was your residence outside Kashmir driven primarily by the exodus of 1990? (*)

Yes	98	40%
No	142	59%
Not reported	2	1%