

# **Impact on: Kashmiri Media after scrapping article 370**

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## **ABSTRACT**

*Indian constitution is one of the prominent amongst the most proficient composed constitution that any nation has ever produced. It is a blend of different constitutions. After the abrogation of article 370 many areas has an impact of this out of which one is communication media. The purpose of this paper is to discuss about internet one of the strong communication medium and the impact on Jammu and Kashmir.*

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## **INTRODUCTION**



Internet has become the most useful technology of the modern times both in personal and professional life. The use of internet is there in every domain. Now days we can do anything like studying, searching, surfing and even we can do business using internet. After 370 Article, services of the internet are stopped over a period of time and it has impacted on many things like business, communication and students future etc. Also on the same point of view it has taken the advantage of lower crime attack during this period.

## **EFFECT OF INTERNET ON VARIOUS SECTORS**



On 4<sup>th</sup> of august from midnight Jammu and Kashmir has started facing the problem of communication shutdown. On 5<sup>th</sup> of august after the withdrawal of Article 370 . All the services of the communication both one way and two way communications are shut down after this article 370. Jammu and Kashmir which is

located in Nothrenpart of India. It is famous for his natural beauty and the culture. After scrapping article 370 from constitution which provides a special status to the state. Thousands of people of the state have faced the problem of communication. Cable television, cellular services, landline, internet and even postal services has been stopped. The blocking of two way communication is frequent in in Kashmir but the blocking of one way communication media like television is totally new.

## **EFFECT ON KASHMIRI ENTREPRENEURS**

Due to the withdrawal of the special status of J & K has hit the young Entrepreneur who highly dependent on the internet. On 5<sup>th</sup> of august the internet was banned in all the regions of J&K. young Entrepreneurs who use social media for their business are now jobless. They use the social media like Facebook and Instagram for doing their business and to earn for their livelihood are suffered for nearly 4 months. Many working people who use internet as a platform for their jobs are jobless. The blackout has forced many employees to migrate to different places for the new job opportunities.

## **EFFECT ON STUDENTS**

The ban on the internet has also affected the students in a large content. The students who pursuing PhDs in Kashmir University are unable to download and submit the papers, not able to access research literature etc. they need to travel outside the valley just to access the emails and to attend the online conferences related to their studies. More than 200 students were enrolled for the PhD studies and all students were badly affected due to ban on Internet. According to the research only 10 percent of PG students and researches have applied for the competitive exams like UGC NET.

## **EFFECT ON INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Telecom Companies are forced to stop the internet services on government orders in order to control anti-CAA Protests. It was Friday where centre ordered to shut all the internet services in almost all the regions in J&K and including 18 regions in Uttar Pradesh.

According to the research Indian Mobile operators are losing around 24.5 million rupees per hour. According to the Swedish telecoms gearmaker Ericsson India consumes an average of 9.8 gigabyte of data per month on their Smartphone's, the highest in the world. The country finds highest rate of market social media firm Facebook and its messenger WhatsApp who are using these media.

status to a federally administered territory from a state, making it the longest such shutdown in a democracy where internet services are not available for over 140 days in Indian Kashmir and New Delhi.

## **EFFECT ON COMMON PEOPLE**

Common people who uses internet for the communication with their family members are not able to talk for nearly 4 months due to shutdown of the internet services. There will be a long line for the telephone booth to talk to their families and friends. They need to book the phone number in advance to communicate. There will be no video calling, no chatting due to the loss of internet. There are many people who have suffered due to this action on internet ban. Many outsiders are stuck in Kashmir due to loss of communication. Security was also tight during this period. The people who travel continuously in and outside the Kashmir for their work also have affected. The people felt like they are caged in their own country.

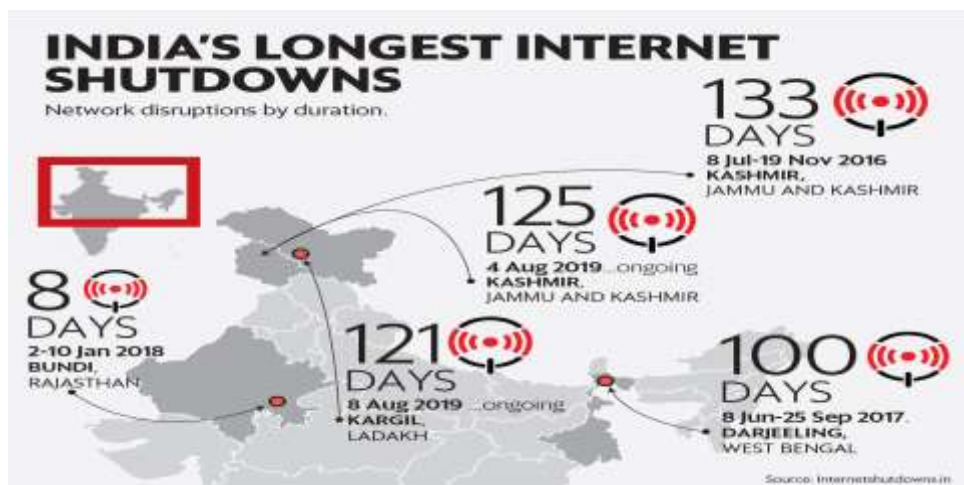
## **EFFECT ON BUSINESS**

There will be huge effect on the business sector also. Many companies are not able to continue their business due to the internet shut down. After 4 months internet services are back but with more security. The firms who want to use the internet need to sign the bond having security issues. They need to provide the data as when required for the government. There will be no private data and information to be stored within the companies. This all was done for the security purpose only.

## **ADVANTAGE OF SHUTTING DOWN THE INTERNET SERVICES AFTER ARTICLE 370**

It has been nearly 3 months Indian government shutdown the internet in Kashmir to maintain the peace. As a policy government suspends internet policies to stop the mobilization of the people. Having an internet connection means that people can communicate easily using different apps and social media platforms to

plan their protests. Without the internet one need to rely on basics of communication include word of mouth and oral. This instance making it easier for security agencies to manage violence and servile.

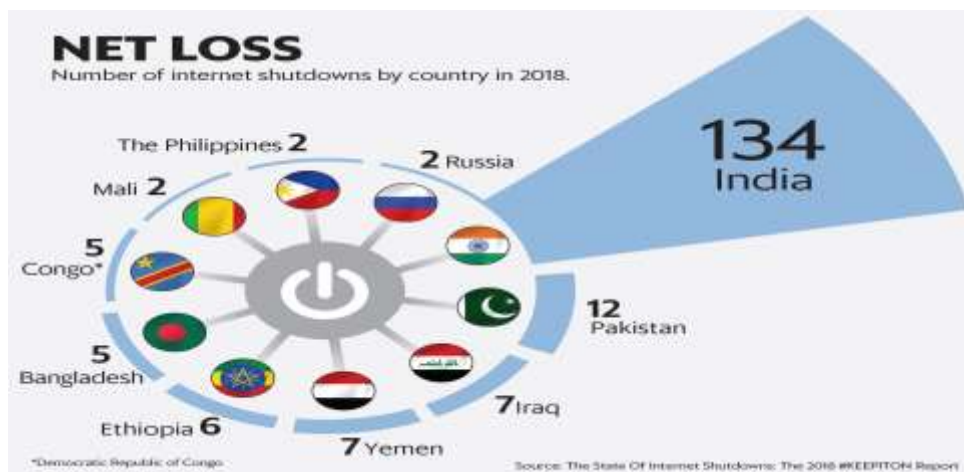


The shutdown of internet services by the government can be under three main reasons: the *first* is we can prohibit ease of movement and mobilization against the state; the *second* is that fake news or legitimate news cannot transfer with the absence of social media updates and news notifications and the third is a corollary of the first two, that there is an appearance of peace and calm in the region or in other words the quelling of public dissent. Local people were also affected by the deferral of internet services, as they could not create narratives on social media, including the transmission of videos, creation of fake images as well connecting with other border countries. Indian government said the law change would bring stability and end dynastic politics, corruption, separatism and terrorism in J& K.

**INTERNET BLACKOUTS**

Internet, messaging and social media are the common blackouts in Indian-Kashmir. An internet blackout isn't mere terrifying; it can be annoying, separating people off from main information and spreading disinformation. Around 60 blackouts were recorded in 2019. Software Freedom Law Center, India, an NGO that works out on the blackouts have researched that there is more than one blackout per week in Kashmir for the first 30 weeks of the year that makes J&K the most cut-off state in a country in internet blackouts.

Research by NetBlocks, which monitors internet disruptions around the world, says that the current Kashmir internet blackout has been instituted at the "backbone level." That refers to the computer parts which form the fundamental infrastructure of the internet, controlling connections between users and internet service providers.



In coming days, the government may choose to block only particular sites like WhatsApp and other social media and restore services to Kashmir, to allow people to assure of avoiding continued economic damage.

Blocking of the platforms can be achieved at the IP or server level, similar to how China's Great Firewall works. Such blocks can often be bypassed by using a virtual private network (VPN), an encrypted tunnel which masks traffic sent across it. These can be blocked during sensitive periods, as the VPNs are used the widespread by businesses.

## **CONCLUSION**

Internet is the most powerful technology today and everyone is depend on internet for all things like communicating with the people, doing business, earning for their livelihood etc. Article 370 is the constitution decision to avail all the rights like other states. In order to maintain Peace and security in the state and in the country internet services has been stopped but now all the services are resumed so that all things can work properly.

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