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Kashmir Issue and Derogatory Remarks on Kashmiri Women

India used to be known for its culture and ethical values. In recent years, it has declined new low, with derogatory remarks by Indian politicians against the Kashmiri people and, more concerning, about Kashmiri women.

The GSC strongly condemns any show of disrespect towards women. At this time of rising political tension, we should be true to our Gurus' requirement to treat all women as mothers, sisters or daughters. Equally, we must respect the dignity and rights and their right to freedom of worship, in the same way as Guru Teg Bahadur stood up for the freedom of worship of the Hindu community against the Mughal ruler Aurangzeb's policy of forced conversion to Islam, even at the cost of his own life. All Sikhs should equally oppose any attempt by militant Hindu extremists to harm Muslims and ensure safety and respect for Muslim women.

Political conflicts should not get in the way of treating all people with dignity and respect as taught by our Gurus. We the followers of Guru Granth Sahib do believe that we should show more sympathy and dignity while handling conflicts which are unresolved since decades. If Current Government feels that Mughal rulers like Babar, Aurangzeb and many others used brutal ways to establish their empire and they hurt many religious sentiments, now when there is power shift, we advise that India should not lose the value system it is known for and try to resolve the conflicts in hand respectfully.

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