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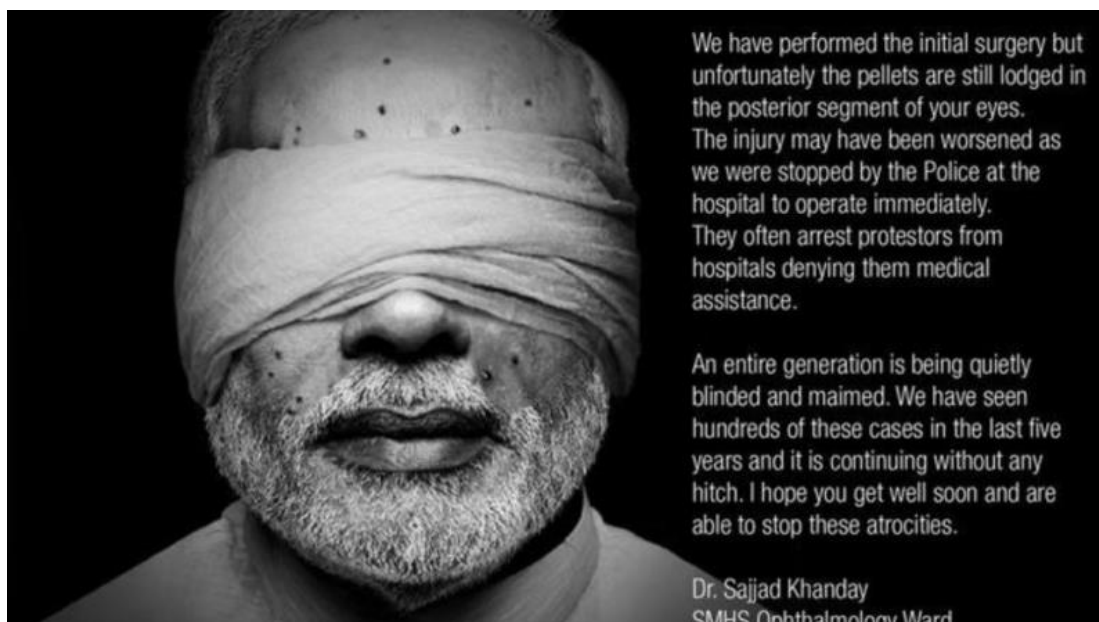
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اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) مسئلہ کشمیر کا حل پاکستان کی خارجہ پالیسی کا بنیادی مقصد ہے۔ 70 سال گزرنے کے باوجود بھی مسئلہ کشمیر، اقوام متحدہ میں سب سے قدیم حل طلب تنازعہ ہے۔ اس کی واحد وجہ بھارت کی جانب سے بہادر کشمیریوں کو حق خود اریت دینے سے انکار ہے۔ اسلام آباد پالیسی ریسرچ انسٹی ٹیوٹ کے زیر اہتمام منعقدہ سموزیم "ہندوستانی مقبوضہ جموں و کشمیر میں صورتحال: پاکستان کے لیے پالیسی (لائٹ عمل) اختیار کی تلاش" میں آج جموں و کشمیر تنازعہ کی تاریخ پر روشنی ڈالی گئی۔ (باقی صفحہ 7 بقیہ نمبر 3)