

Spirit of Pakistan Resolution

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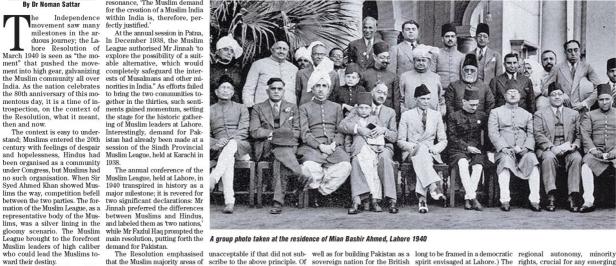
The Independence movement saw many fulustones in the arduous journey; the Lahore Resolution of Lague authorised Mr Jinnah to March 1940 is seen as "the movement" that pushed the movement into high gear, galvanizing the Muslim community all over India. As the nation celebrates the 80th anniversary of this momentous day, it is a time of ingenter in the thirties, such senti-

India. As the nation celebrates the 80th anniversary of this momentous day, it is a time of immentous day, it is a time of impose the sensitive specific on the context of the Resolution, what it meant, then and now. The context is easy to understand, Muslims entered the 20th century with feelings of despair and hopelessness, Hindus had been organised as a community under Congress, but Muslims had no such organisation. When Sir Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslims the way, competition befell with the word and the sensitive body of the Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslims the way, competition befell with the won parties. The formation of the Muslim League, as a representative body of the Muslims, was a silver lining in the gloomy scenario. The Muslim helder the Muslim leaders at Lahore. In Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslims and Beleed them as two nations; while Mr Fazul Haq prompted the League brought to the forefront muslim leaders of high caliber the sense of the historic gathering of Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed League brought to the forefront missim sand Hindus, limits headers of high caliber the sense of the historic gathering of Muslim League, held at Lahore. The account of the Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League, held at Lahore, in Syed Ahmed Khan showed Muslim League

ward their destiny. The turmoil in Indian politics confrontational politics and demand for rights from the British. mand for rights from the British.

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that the Muslim majority areas of India should be brought together following World War I pushed to aggregate 'Independent states both the Muslims and Hindus into in which the constituent units shall be autonomous and sovereign.'



scribe to the above principle. Of sovereign nation for the British course, the message for the Hindu Indians who wished to live toleaders was louder, based on the gether in the new state— Mushistorical and cultural differ- lims, Hindus, Sikhs. Many early ences, and failure at rapprochement the two communities could

resolutions, pre-partition, recog-nised the role and well-being of in the fog of history, and exigen-

to be seen in the narrow context of history, and the Pakistan Move-

unacceptable if that did not sub- well as for building Pakistan as a long to be framed in a democratic regional autonomy, minority spirit envisaged at Lahore.) The rights, crucial for any emerging contents of the Resolution came nation-state; all these could be realised through democratic dispen sation that remained problematic The federal principle implies regional/provincial autonomy that was either not granted, nor re-spected. It also implies equitable allocation and sharing of re-sources that remains an issue to m, this day. It was these lapses that

landed the country into severe I litical crises over the years.
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the course for the new nation, capite having little experience real political engagement, rt fully, the course was not follow in the spirit of the ideals outlin in the Resolution. The spirit hind the Resolution and the ide reflected the political reality at he selfless determination of t Muslim leaders under the bam of the Muslim Leagues on, the spirit the Pakistan Resolution live commitment to democracy, fed alism (autonomy), minority at human rights served as a temple for the Pakistan Resolution a political dispensation. This was a temple for the Pakistan Resolution at political dispensation. This was a temple for the Pakistan Resolution as political dispensation. This was solvenished to the pakistan Resolution as solvenished to the pakistan Resolution Resolution for a colonial empire, the spirit the Pakistan Resolution keeps thation charged. On 23rd Mar 1940, the Muslim League leadship gave a grand plan for the 1940, the Muslim League leadship gave a grand plan for the pist and the pakistan Resolution today might he in addressing many crucial issuelating to rights and poportius relating to rights and p in addressing many crucial issurelating to rights and opportu The author is form

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