

**LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES: A STUDY OF
ROHINGYA REFUGEES STAYING IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

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ABSTRACT

For a long time, Rohingyas have been the most persecuted minority in Myanmar. Recently, the Rohingya issue attracted the attention of nations and international organizations when millions of Rohingya were forced to leave Myanmar and take shelter in other nations. They took refuge in various countries like Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh, and India etc; about 40 thousand Rohingya people are staying in India with the status of refugees. Most of them, which is 5600, is staying in Jammu and Kashmir. It is very difficult to survive as a refugee in a different location and earn a livelihood. Therefore, this paper is an attempt to highlight how they are earning their livelihood in Jammu city and to understand their various livelihood challenges. The author conducted interviews with Rohingya in Jammu city to collect data. In addition to that, secondary data are also used from newspapers, magazines, articles, and papers to write this paper. This paper highlighted that most of the respondents are earning their livelihood through unskilled labor. They are also facing various kind of challenges related to livelihood like, availability of work, salary issues, language etc.

KEYWORDS: *Persecution, Livelihood, Shelter, Rohingya, Minority.*

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