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| Recommendation: | Rating _ | Excel. | Good | Fair | Poor | _ |
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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The manuscript addresses an important yet underexplored historical issue, focusing on the Jammu massacre of 1947 and its consequences for the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir. The paper demonstrates originality by shifting the focus from broader nationalist narratives to localized experiences of violence, thereby contributing to the historiography of Partition studies.

The introduction is strong and contextualized with relevant references. The historical background provided is detailed and well-supported with primary and secondary sources. However, the manuscript would benefit from minor revisions to enhance its clarity and technical quality. The narrative is sometimes too descriptive and could be streamlined for better readability. Certain sections contain long historical accounts that could be condensed or structured more clearly. Additionally, the paper should ensure consistent citation formatting and avoid overlapping or repetitive information.

Overall, the research is significant in highlighting silenced voices and communal violence in Jammu, providing a balanced contribution to existing literature. With minor revisions to improve clarity, structure, and formatting, the manuscript will be suitable for publication.