Sunanda Vashisht Testifies At US Congressional Hearing



New York: The US India Security Council made sure that the voice of Sunanda Vashisht was heard and her story got to the US Human Rights Commission on 14th November 2019 at the Capitol Hill.

The US India Security Council also ensured that the statement of Sunanda Vashisht to the US Human Rights Commission was circulated to many Senators and Congressmen on the Capitol Hill. This was confirmed in an email conversation between NRInews24x7 and the Office of the President of US India Security Council.



HIGHLIGHTS of her Statement:

- Columnist Sunanda Vashisht testifies at US Congressional hearing.
- Narrates heart rending horror stories of Kashmiri Hindu victims.
- Says scrapping of Article 370 restored human rights
- Columnist Sunanda Vashisht on Thursday recalled the horrors suffered by Kashmiri Hindus in 1990 as she testified at a US Congressional hearing on human rights.
- "I am a member of the minority Hindu community from Kashmir, victim of the worst ethnic cleansing witnessed in independent India,"
- Vashisht said. "I speak here today because I am a survivor."
- She then proceeded to describe in heart-rending detail the fate that had befallen victims. One of them was a young man, an engineer named BK Ganjoo, who she said hid in a rice container in his attic when terrorists came for him.

"He would have been alive today had his location not been disclosed to the terrorists by his own neighbors....The terrorists shot him through the container and forced his wife to eat the blood-soaked rice," Sunanda Vashisht said.



• SCRAPPING OF ARTICLE 370 A RESTORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS'

- Vashisht said at the hearing, organized by the Tom Lantos HR Commission in Washington, that the recent abrogation of Article 370 was "a restoration of human rights".
- "Today I am delighted that Kashmiris have the same rights as Indian citizens. If something as serious as a woman's right to own property and granting of LGBTQ rights...to choose...amongst many has been accomplished through abrogation of Article 370, then it is restoration of Internet safe to assume that in few remaining districts of Kashmir is not too far away," she said.
- "I am a proud daughter of Kashmir," she added. "Terrorism has uprooted me and snatched my home from me. I hope my human rights are restored too someday, and the human rights of my community."