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In season of lavish marriage

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many grooms set example

EDUCATED YOUTH SET THE TREND IN VALLEY

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Srinagar, Sept 16:

Even as Kashmir Valley is agog with the activities related to marriage season where money is lavished on pomp and show on solemn occasion like marriage, many young men, who too have had the capacity to make their marriages a memorable event, got married quietly.

Vaqar Ahmad Bhat, in his early twenties, a software engineer, from up-town Daanderkhah, Batmaloo locality, was bold enough to marry Razia Sultana, a graduate with a diploma in Com-

puter Sciences, hailing from Kakapora, Pulwama, in pure Islamic manner.

There was no demand for any dowry or the feast for the Baratis. Vaqar accompanied by seven men including his father, Ghulam Nabi Bhat, former MD, JKI, three uncles and two friends just drove to the house of Khurshid Ahmad Munshi, a manager of Government Joinery Mills, Pampore to attend the *Nikah Khawnee* and to take the bride home on September 10.

The groom was conspicuous by his dress comprising of a suit and a simple cap without a turban or the garlands traditionally worn by grooms on their marriage

day. He offered a Mehar (alimony) worth Rupees 70 thousand to the bride.

Following the Nikah ceremony the groom and his companions were treated to *Zaafraani Kehwa* and *Pampori Shirmaal*. Even the Kashmiri folk songs like *Wannavun*, with which grooms are generally received and welcomed at their in-laws' houses was missing. It was only the next door neighbours of Munshi who could notice the marriage as nobody from farther places was invited to witness the ceremony.

It was only after the groom and his companions left the place with the bride

that some people from the peripheries came to know that Munshi's daughter was married on the day. The couple took a flight to Delhi for onward journey to Bangalore yesterday without completing the seven days at home.

Vaqar's parents and friends are proud of him and want others to emulate him.

Vaqar's example is not an isolated case.

A KAS officer surprised even his close friends when he tied the nuptial last month in a simple way far away from the hustle and bustle associated with the marriage. See In season... on Pg. 10

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