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### **SUYA ONE OF THE GREATEST ENGINEERS OF KASHMIR- A MUST READ**

**Sopore, is known as Suyyapur (named after this great engineer) . It is a town in Baramulla district of J&K**

**For centuries the people of the valley had been suffering from the recurring curse of famines and floods.**

Suya correctly assessed that these frequent calamities occurred due to heavy rains and excessive water of the Vitasta River which could not easily get out with swiftness, through a gorge near Varahmulla, as the compressed passage there had got blocked with silt and huge boulders.

The people removed both the silt and stones when the great engineer threw plenty of gold and silver coins into the river at many places.

Thousands of people immediately jumped into the flooded Vitasta and in order to find the coins cleared the bed of the rocks and boulders which had choked up the passage. Suya, then raised stone embankments, and adopted other protective measures.

Many canals were dug-out to increase the irrigational facilities. The result of all these measures was that a great increase of land became available for cultivation.

Suya's memory is still preserved to this day, by the town

Suyapura (Sopore) founded by him at the point where river Vitasta, since his regulation, leaves the basin of Mahapadomsar (Wular lake).

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