

Q Write a detailed note on the concept of Asbiyah as given by Ibn-e-Khaldun. What is its significance in the progress and decline of nations?

Answer: Introduction

"Unity among all
is unity in
the state."

(- Fukuyama)

Ibn-e-Khaldun described Asbiyah as a source of progress and decline of the civilization. In fact, Asbiyah revolves in a cycle to get rise or fall. Therefore, several significances are causes of decline of progress of nations as given by Asbiyah.

2- Ibn-e-Khaldun: Concept of Asbiyah

"Asbikh is all about
integration and
a strong group
of people."

(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Ibn-e-Khaldun's real
name was Abdul-Rehman. He
gave concept of Asbikh as
a united nation.

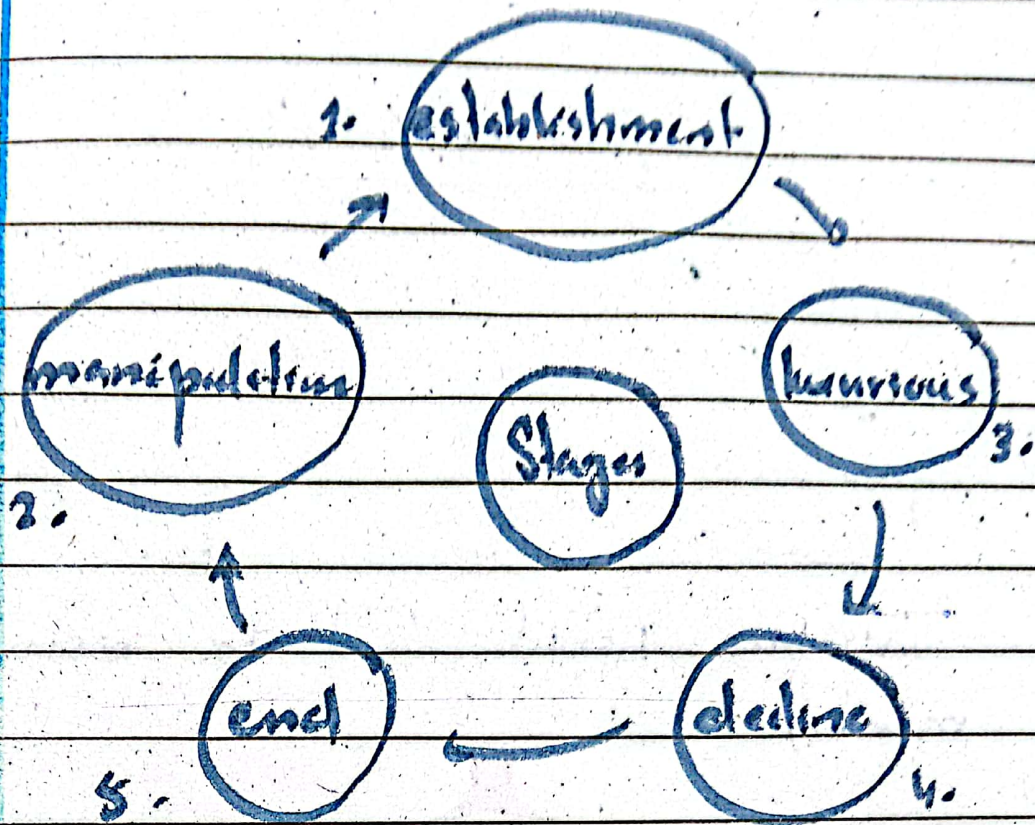
"Asbikh is a cycle
of the five stages
with four to
five generations
process."

(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Therefore, Asbikh is a cyclic
process of rise and fall of
the nations.

3. Stages of Asbikh

Following are
stages:



a) Stage 1: Period of establishment
 " Civilization is on the verge of destruction "

(Herodotus)

Civilization is on the verge of destruction. Either it will be destroyed or will be reshaped into new.

" Kinship and religion will play role in formation of Ashirah."

(Ibn-e-Khalidun)

Role of Ashik

Kinship



equal before
law

Religion



king himself
follow religion

Therefore, Ashik led to establishment.

b) Stage II: Manipulation & Destruction of Ashik

In the second stage, Ashik is destroyed. In fact, generation of king becomes self-interested.

"Son of king regards himself above law."

(Ibn-e-Khalidun)

Therefore, none will rescue him one day because Ashik is

destroyed.

c) Stage III: Luxurious and laziness

Luxurious leads to laziness. In fact, king focuses of development of cities and becomes selfish.

"Thought of power
liveliness of king
leads to laziness"

(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Therefore, king becomes complete lazy.

d) Stage IV: Decline of established civilization

Decline of established civilization followed by laziness.

In fact, Ashish is neglected in business and unity is destroyed among king and people.

" laziness weakens
the civilization."

(Lbn-e-Khaldun)

Thus, Ashish is completely vanis-
hed in laziness.

3) Stage V: End of civilization

In the end, civiliz-
ation destroyed. Ashish is no
more retained in the civilization.

"Every civilization
has its own
of period."

(Lbn-e-Khaldun)

Therefore, destruction of Ashish leads
to destruction of civilization.

4- Significances of Ashish in the
progress and decline of the
nations

Following are
significances:

a) Unity and harmony

Unity and harmony is a major playing terms of the rise of civilization. In fact, unity has power to allow the nations grow.

"Unity and harmony is a backbone of civilization."

(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Therefore, unity and harmony are drivers of the progress of the nations.

b) Self-interest: a cause of decline of the nation

Self-interest is a cause of decline of the nation. In fact, self-interest breaks the co-ordination of ruler and people.

"Self-interest is a threat to progress"

of the nation."

(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Hence, self interest becomes a cause of destruction.

c) Luxurious life: a threat to survival

Moreover, luxurious life is a threat to survival of the nations. In fact, luxurious life leads to laziness.

"King must be powerful, independent, and creative."

(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Therefore, luxurious life is a threat to survival of the nations.

d) National integration: an essence of the progress of the nation

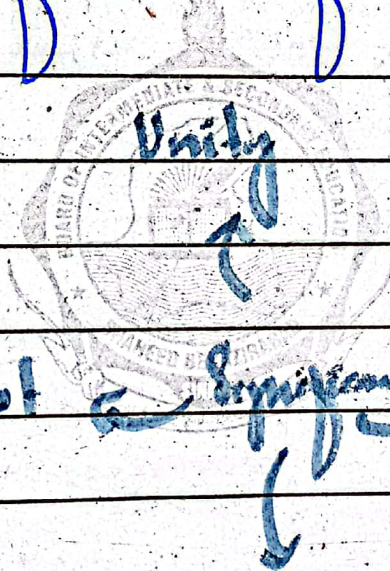
Further, national integration is an essence of the

Rise of the nation. National Integration is a root of progress.

• National integration saves every civilization from its destruction.

(- Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Thus, national integration is an essence of rise of the nations.



self-interest is a significant national integration

luxurious

5- Critical Analysis

• "Solidarity is an essence of a real civilization."

(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Civilizations are formed
and civilizations are defeated.
But, unity in civilization has led
to stability in civilization.

"Unity is a main
wheel of rise
of civilization."
(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

But, destruction of Ashik is itself
destruction of civilization.

"King needs army
and bureaucrats,
but destruction of Ashik
is destruction by
services."
(Ibn-e-Khaldun)

Therefore, Ashik is a soul of civili-
zation.

G- Conclusion

"Ashik is an important
key of civilization
and

should not be neglected."

(A. B. Khanna)

Ashish is an engine of civilization. In fact, protection of Ashish is protection of civilization and destruction of Ashish is destruction of civilization. Significance of Ashish are drivers of progress and decline of the nations. Therefore, Ashish is an essence of civilization.