

1. What specific steps were initiated by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan which later became the agenda points of the movement of Pakistan? How did these steps orient the political system in Pakistan?

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INTRODUCTION

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan (1817-1898) was among those few voices which shouted against the genocidal acts of British government as a consequence of the War of Independence (1857). From day one, British have two objectives, to create a stronghold on Indian political affairs and to crush the religious sentiments of the public. Since the Muslims ~~have been~~ had been practicing both, such practices invited the British wrath. Taking advantage of the situation, Hindus of the subcontinent started building relationship with British government, motivated to create a superiority on Muslims, as they have started perceiving Muslims as infiltrators. During

such terrible situations, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan launched a the most needed movement to bring awareness the intellectual consciousness of Muslims.

STEPS INITIATED BY SIR SYED AHMAD KHAN

a. Educational Perspective

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan laid the foundation stone of Muslim's education in Indian sub-continent. The main motives behind encouraging education were to bring consciousness among the Muslims of India. For instance, initially, he launched Scientific Society in 1864. The main purpose of the society was to translate the books in local language to spread the knowledge among people. Those books were especially about the rise and fall of the nations. The most famous Aligarh movement was also led by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan which later on laid the foundation stone of All India Muslim League.

b. Social Perspective

Due to lack of education and social awareness, the narrow mindedness of Muslim society have increased gradually. As per the survey conducted by Theodore Beck, most of the Muslim families don't send their children to school due to consciousness. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's efforts changed the mindset of the people. He founded All-India Mohammedan Educational Conference to address this social issue. His constant efforts brought change and Muslims from all over

the India started taking part in the conferences, discussing about the national issues.

c. Political Perspective

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was against of Indian politics, especially of, All-India National Congress. Initially he was frustrated by Hindus single sided efforts to create or build a strong relation with British just for their rights and then Urdu-Hindi controversy created a huge impact on his way of looking Indian scenario. He started speaking on the behalf of muslim's interest only. He ~~was~~ believed that good relation with British is crucial for muslims for their sustainable survival in sub-continent and he took multiple steps in ensuring that. For instance, he launched The Weekly Aligarh Gazette to convey problems faced by muslim nation and to make muslims familiar with the British government system.

ORIENTATION OF PAKISTAN'S POLITICAL SYSTEM

a. Pakistan as an Islamic State

As it is mentioned above that the Aligarh movement led by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan laid down the foundation stone of All India Muslim League and Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was the first reformer who promulgate the two nations theory in her speeches, which later on used by All-India muslim league as its launching pad.

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan have made the muslims believe that having a separate homeland is mandatory for Muslims, if they want to practice the religion. As a result of these efforts we see now that Muslim are living under the name of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

b. Right's Consciousness Among Political System

After independence, Pakistan have survived 4 Martial laws which have hampered the socio-economic and political growth of Pakistan. But the inner-self have always urge the Pakistani politician and people to denounce the Martial law. For instance, Fatima Jinnah's huge public demonstration against Ayub Khan, Benazir's constant efforts against Zia-ul-Haq, and the lawyers movement for recognizing the power of supreme court. All these examples are strong evidence of consciousness among the political system of Pakistan.

CONCLUSION

Contributions of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan supported muslims of Indian sub-continent at the time of peale crisis. His constant efforts of inviting people towards education and familiarizing them with British government was the key to independence and long lasting consciousness of political system of Pakistan.