

Pak Affairs

Q: Pakistan Resolution is considered as a milestone in Pakistan Movement. Explain in detail.

Ans:

1) Exordium:

The Lahore Resolution, also known as Pakistan's Resolution, is indeed considered a pivotal milestone in the Pakistan Movement, marking a crucial step towards the eventual creation of the independent state of Pakistan. The Resolution was passed on March 23, 1940, during the annual session of the All India Muslim League held in Lahore.

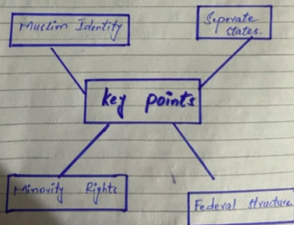
2) Background:

The demand for a separate nation for Muslims in British India had been growing in response to perceived political, social and economic injustices faced by Muslims within the larger framework of a united India. Abul Kalam Azad, Khwaja Khair-ud-Din and many more proposed the partition of India. "It is impossible for two conflicting

Cultures to co-exist. A clash between the two is inevitable..."
(Fazal Karim Khan, The Future of Islam in India, Feb, 1929)

3) Resolution and key points:

The Pakistan Resolution was presented by Fazal-ul-Haq, the Prime Minister of Bengal, and seconded by Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman, a prominent Muslim League leader. The Resolution called for the establishment of "independent state" in Muslim-majority areas of the Indian subcontinent.



(i) Recognition of Muslim Identity.

The Resolution recognised Muslims as a distinct nation based on their religious, cultural and historical heritage. It emphasised that Muslims had their own distinct identity, language and culture which set them apart from other communities in India.

(ii) Demand for separate states:

The Resolution demanded the creation of independent states in regions where Muslims were in majority. Muslims have separate identity, they should be given a separate state to safeguard their culture, tradition and language.

(iii) Protection of minority rights:

The Resolution emphasised the need to protect the rights and interests of minorities in the proposed independent states.

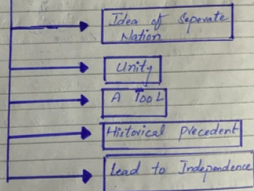
(iv) Federal structure:

The Resolution proposed a federal structure for the future states, where the central government would have limited powers and the provinces or units would enjoy autonomy in their internal affairs.

4) Impact and Significance:

The adoption of the Pakistan Resolution had profound implications for the Pakistan Movement and the struggle for a separate nation. It can be seen as a turning point for several reasons:

Impact and Significance



(i) Popularization of the idea of separate nation
The resolution brought the demand for separate homeland for Muslims. It

effectively popularized the idea of separate state for Muslims to safeguard their political, economic and cultural rights.

(ii) Unity and Political Mobilization:

The adoption of the resolution provided a unifying platform for Muslims across the Indian subcontinent

(iii) A Negotiating Tool:

The Pakistan Resolution served as a powerful negotiating tool for the Muslim League during subsequent constitutional discussions with the British and the Indian National Congress. It became the basis for demanding the creation of Pakistan

(iv) Historical Precedent:

The Resolution established a historical precedent and a strong foundation for separate Muslim state. It gave a clear direction, provided with a coherent vision to pursue in their struggle for independence

(v) Path to Independence:

The vision outlined in the Pakistan Resolution eventually materialized with the establishment of Pakistan on August 14, 1947, as an independent state for Muslims

5) Denouement:

The Pakistan Resolution was a

watershed moment that crystallized the demand for a separate Muslim state and set in motion the events that led to the creation of Pakistan. It remains a symbol of the aspirations and struggles of the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent for the political autonomy and religious freedom.

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