

Q Give an account of the life & services of Shah Waliullah. How did he save the Indian Muslim from political annihilation and religious degeneration?

Introduction.

Shah waliullah has great contribution to uplift Muslim in Socio economic, cultural, religious and political domains. During his time, muslims were in deteriorating conditions, as a preacher he brought the persian version of Quran through translation. Moreover, he requested Ahmad shah Abdali to invade Against Marathas to revive muslim politics. Due to his intellects and vigilant work he has given the honour of "Imam ul Hind".

Background.

After the death of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb Alamgir, history has seen the decline of Muslim power and social status particularly in south Asia. In a realm of such scenarios, a Muslim has witnessed one reformist in the shape of Shah waliullah, who had tried his best to revive muslim glorious past. Marathas were trying to demolish muslim culture and heritage. In this regard he call Ahmad shah Abdali to invade in subcontinent. It was a intelligent move of shah waliullah moreover, muslim were divided into different religious sects

Deobandi, Brelvi, Shia, Sunni, Ahl-e-Hadith etc so he came up with brought translate Quran in Persian language rather than Arabic for easily understanding to common people. Being from religious background he never use any negative connotation from other sects of muslim. This services render Muslim a new platform for their revive.

Religious Reforms.

i Translation of Holy Quran.

Shah Wali Ullah believed that Quran was not understandable for everyone, at that Persian language was use mainly spoken language and he translate the Holy Quran into Persian for understanding and act upon it. Because for muslim Quran is guiding and supportive force.

ii Unity among Muslims.

Despite a strong religious background he respect every sects of muslim. he believed that unity is important among muslim to achieve future goals. Importantly he was against the connotation of "Shia kafir" he said shias are muslim and every muslim have close bondages with each other. He further mentioned that, the major cause behind muslim decline is disunity.

iii Eliminating of Sectarianism:

An substantment there had been seen a ~~div~~ sectarian ~~div~~ division among different sects of muslims. Shah waliullah has rejected all division and mentioned every muslim have close relation with each other. follow Quran and sunnah for direction

Political Reforms.

Although he was religious scholars However his works in political domain were also appaluable.

i. Invitation of Ahmad shah Abdali

He saw muslim political history in a very bad situation, Marathas were marching towards Delhi in such scenerio he requested Ahmed shah Abdali to overthrow marathas power. he came in 1761 and defeated Marathas in famous battle field of Panipat near Delhi. This was his political genius or strategy to revive muslim politics in substantment.

ii Implementation of Islamic law.

He stressed muslim rulers for implementation muslims Islamic law in their domestic affairs. According to him Islamic law should be guiding force in a muslim state

iii Ruling According to Islamic Principles

He has mentioned multiple time that Muslim rulers is accountable before the common people and law should be practical and it based on Islamic on Islamic Principles.

Critical Analysis

Every nation required a numerous reformist as Muslim got shah wali ullah who has guided them in every domain. Being a religious reformist he has given the direction to rulers that how Islamic state should govern. His glorious strategies helps Muslim to revive their political and religious loss. his guiding principles should be remember for long time.

Conclusion