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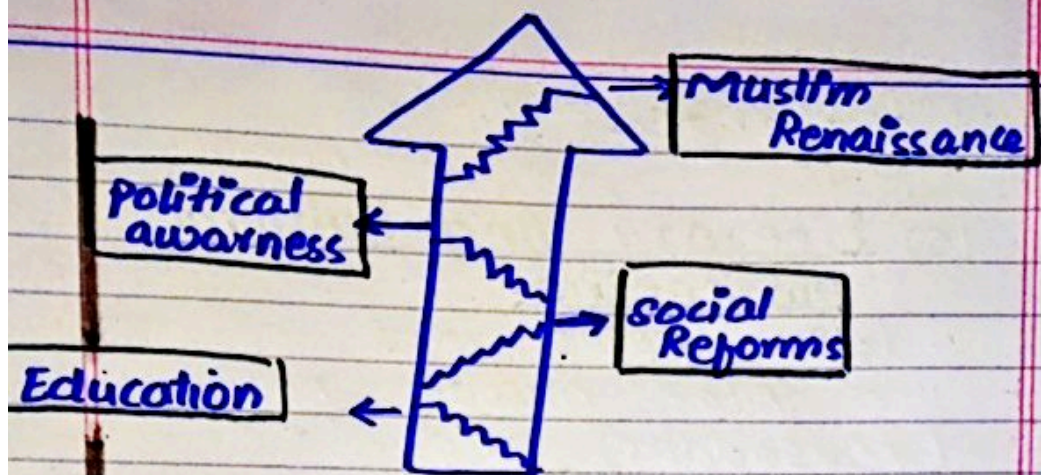
teachings, translate the Quran into Persian, and emphasize unity among muslims. His movement preserve Islamic values against the rising influence of Hindu culture and western ideas.

His book Hujjatullah al-Baligha provided a framework for Islamic cultural and spiritual identity.

② Aligarh Movement and Sir Syed Ahmed Khan.

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan stressed modern education, science and English learning while preserving muslim identity. His Aligarh college became the center of cultural renaissance for muslims.

Sir Syed warned in his speeches (1883, Lucknow) that Hindus and Muslims were "Two Nations" foreshadowing Pakistan's ideology.



Aligarh Movement

(3) Deoband Movement:

The Dar-ul-Uloom Deoband (1866) emphasised religious education, Islamic jurisprudence, and resistance to Westernisation. It provided cultural strength by safeguarding Islamic traditions against colonial influence.

Deoband scholars issued fatwas supporting Islamic way of life and resisted the erosion of cultural identity.

(4) Nadwat-ul-Ulema :-

It was founded in 1894. Nadwa tried to reconcile traditional Islamic learning with modern sciences. It aimed at protecting Islamic culture while preparing Muslims to face modern

challenges.

(5) Literary And Cultural Awakening:

muslim poets and writers like Altaf Hussain Hali (Musaddas) and later Allama Iqbal infused cultural pride and political consciousness. Their works highlighted the glorious muslim past and the need for self-assertion.

Iqbal's Allahabad Address (1930) envisioned a separate homeland for muslims in the Northwest.

(B) Reform Movements as a political Awareness

(1) Muslim Educational Uplift and political Awareness

muslim educational movements uplift political awareness such as Aligarh not only spread modern education but also created a new political elite, capable of articulating muslim interest.

"The muhammadan Anglo-oriented college (1875) produced leaders who later led the muslim League."

(2) Two Nation Theory: Strengthened:

By stressing differences in religion, culture, and history, reform movements shaped the Two Nation Theory, which became the ideological foundation of Pakistan.

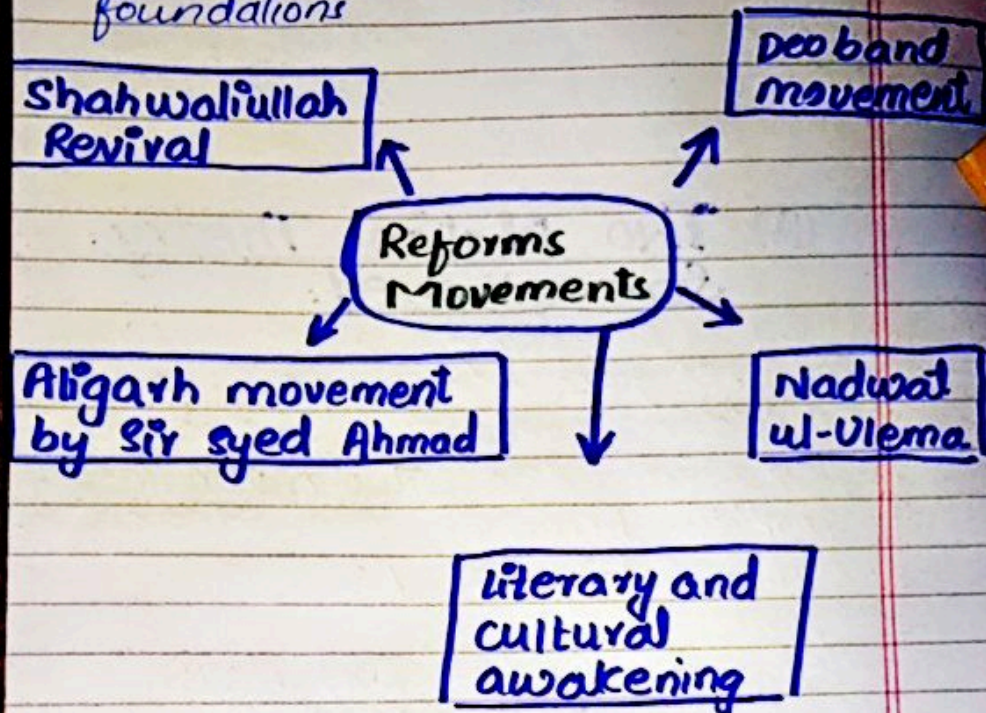
Sir Syed's "Two Nation" remarks (1883), and later, Allama Iqbal's vision (1930) demonstrated this continuity.

(3) Protection Against Hindu Majority Domination:

movements highlighted that muslims would be politically and culturally submerged in a Hindu-majority democracy. Hence, they argued for safeguards and eventually a separate homeland.

• The muslim League's demand in the Lahore resolution (1940)

reflected these reformist foundations



Conclusion:

The ideology of Pakistan was both political and cultural, rooted in reform movements that sought to preserve Islamic identity under colonial and Hindu pressure. From Shah Wali's revivalism to Sir Syed's educational reforms and Iqbal's vision, each step reinforced the belief that Muslims were a distinct nation. Ultimately, this consciousness crystallized into the demand for Pakistan, a homeland where their political and cultural identity could flourish.