

Pakistan Affairs Part-II

QNO2:- Explain the services of Shah wali Ullah and sheikh Ahmed sirhandi. How these reformers impacted the history of subcontinent? Discuss.

Shah wali Ullah:

Back ground:-

Weak rulers after aurangzeb:-

Aurangzeb was last emperor of mughals rule from 1658 to 1707. After him there was no one strong ruler to connect Islam to the people. People need someone at that time to get right direction.

Army demoralized, nobles weak:-

Nobles were very lazy and lawish, army grown weak, no strategy and no policy was there that was the big reason for decline of Mughals.

Hinduism risings and pressure on muslim empire:-

After decline of mughals empire, hinduism risings at that time and there was a lot of muslim ~~empire~~ empires have pressure on it. Muslims can lose their dignity as Hindu's culture and tradition is different from muslims so, there was sense of pressure on Muslims.

1739 Nadir shah Attack and plundering:-

In battle of Karnal on 24 Feb 1739. Nadir led his army to victory over the mughals. Muhammad Shah surrendered and both entered delhi together. The wealth of India and revenge of insult by mughals is purpose.

Moral Depravity:-

People have lack these moral values at that time and they forgot about what is difference between right and wrong. Moral depravity was on its peak

Services:-

Religious:

Guran translation into persian:-

Quram is the holy book of Muslims that is a proper guideline to live a life and translation of quran means to accessible that for person who have other language He done that great to translate it in persian.

Intellectuals were educated in persian:-

persian was the language understandable at that time, education in persian was great work for people.

Concept of Ijtihad:-

Ijtihad is to ask questions to know well. Ijtihad is interpretation of Islam on the causes in which Islam is silent. it was against blind following of orders and call for

unity. Political:-

- No hereditary politics:-

He was against hereditary politics. He changed the mindset of people that it is not necessary that son of politician just can be in politics.

- Merit based decision making:-

Decision making should be on merit bases. Every one should treat equally. No one is superior to other on bases of caste, money or power.

- Self consciousness:-

Self consciousness for political consciousness. First change yourself and then the politics. If you cannot change yourself nothing can be change in external world.

Military:-

Letter to Ahmad Shah Abdali:-

At that time when Marathas were increasing, he wrote letter to Ahmad Shah Abdali to asked for his contribution that muslim property should not looted by army.

Call for jihad:-

He call for jihad because he wanted to remove Marathas from Delhi. To overpower Marathas he requested Ahmed Shah Abdali to invade India defeat marathas and restore muslim rule in India.

weakened Marathas:-

Major reason of Marathas defeat was that coalition of muslim forces united on name of religion. Huge armies of Muslim forces and Marathas died collided in 1761 in third battle of Panipat and Marathas lost battle.

Economic

Negated accumulation of wealth - Zakat:-

Zakat is the process that purify your money. Shah Wali Ullah forbidden the accumulation of wealth for people to strengthen the basics of Islam in muslims

Economic equality:-

He spread economic equality as money will not remain in just some hands. when it circulates then there will be economic equality.

Excessive taxation controlled:-

He had controlled taxation process and increase taxation for better circulation of money. In that's way rich person will not become much richer and poor will not become much poorer, all people will enjoy their rights and have sense of belonging for each other

Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindhi:-

"Sirhindhi is the spiritual Guardian of muslims of the subcontinent"
(Iqbal)

Background:-

Dine illahi by Akbar:-

Akbar was Mughal emperor, his era was from 1556 to 1605, who have introduced Dine illahi as all people were following it. it was about one good, new spiritual program Wahadat ul wajood concept:-

Creator and creation are both the same which is opposite of Islam. Islam was weak at time of Akbar.

Gambling, interest:-

No moral and Islamic values were in people as they forgot the concept of Haram and Halal and start gambling and interest.

People considering Islam as a religion of Arab beduin:-

People did not know and understand about Islam and did not follow that. People have loosed their moral values as use that for their purposes. beduin are like animal herder who migrate into deserts in rainy season and move back towards cultivated

land in dry season.

Nobility leaving Islam:-

Islam was growing weak due to all these reasons and nobility was leaving Islam. People are not living their lives as per Islam.

Services:-

Wahdat ul shahdood concept:-

It is that creator and creations are different. Allah is the one and he is able for worship. Creator and creation cannot be same as we have belief that Allah is the creator of the whole world and we are born to worship. Letter to Nobility: him and nobody other is able for worship and it is biggest sin in Islam to worship other than Allah.

This concept was against wahdat ul wajood to countered that wrong concept.

Letter to Nobility:-

He wrote letter to bring back nobility to Islam, to awaken muslims. He help muslims to remember their values, identity and meaning of life. He done that great service for muslims of that era which will be prove beneficial in history of Islam.

When nobility back to Islam, Islam will be stronger and muslims will be rulers.

Letter to Jahangir:-

He wrote letter to Jahangir, who became ruler after Akbar. He had revived Islam and he became the student of sirhindi. He came to know the value of Islam and its importance in muslims lives.

In Quran Allah said:-

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah All together and do not become dividend."

Organised the Naqshabandia Order:-

Sufism promoted Islam and made huge impact. Naqshabandia order is the way of companions of prophet (P.B.U.H) and those who follow them. It has great importance of sunni in Islam. He has organized Naqshabandia order to promote Islam as people come to know more about Islam and what's the actual way living life, what's the meaning and purpose of life by knowing Islam and making their moral and spiritual values

Strong and spread Islam to others also.

Showed true picture of Islam:-

Islam is progressive and it is religion of peace, due to muslims who forgot Islam it make false picture of Islam for all but he showed what actually Islam is for muslims and others. He has stopped absorption of Islam.

Two Nation Theory:-

Muslim league and muslims got strength from his teachings. Helped developed the thought of muslims being separate electorate and big role in Pakistan movement.

Reformers impacted history of Subcontinent:-

Conclusion:-

As explained before, Reformers have put great impact on subcontinent. Islam is the power of Muslims, if muslims follow Islam then became rulers but if they forgot Islam then they will never succeed in their lives. Muslim Reformers know that, that's why became rulers and put their efforts for Islam. There are also other Reformers who have done great jobs that's become the basis of ideology of Pakistan and two nation theory. Muslims have to follow Islam and to learn from their history to become leaders.

QnOs:- If we do not take charge of our population size, the nature will do it for us. Explain this phenomenon in context of Pakistan. Also suggest measure to address it.

Introduction:-

"Overconsumption and overpopulation underline every environmental problem we face today."

(Jacques Yves Cousteau)

Growing mass of humanity:-

Rapid population growth contributes to higher waste production, including sewage, pollution, and carbon emission. Earth actually loses mass due to population growth. Homo sapiens contributes total weight of 320 million metric tone.

Serious consequences:-

Overpopulation can cause many serious consequences as people have got a life to live but other essentials lack in their life which apart them from society. Lack of resources:-

Resources are always scarce in nature. Pakistan is not working on their resources as Pakistan usually export raw materials not finished goods which can help them to improve economic condition. People are not creating opportunities for

just in search of opportunities. overpopulation becomes burden for Pakistan to feed.

Densely populated area:-

There are a lot of areas where population is more than area. people are suffering with hunger and lack basic necessities of life.

Limitation of earth:-

Earth has some limitation, to make more land useable people do deforestation which cause many environmental issues. it is very difficult to manage large population for Pakistan.

Overview of situation in Pakistan:-

Population:- 249,566,748 (National Population or Housing Census 2023)

Population growth rate:- 2.55% annual growth rate. (Pakistan census, CCI)

Urban population:- 38.82% (2023 Pakistani census)

HDI Index :- Rank 161 (Human Development report)

Causes of overpopulation:-

Religious Beliefs:-

Pakistani people have religious beliefs that Allah is responsible to feed person who came into world and we cannot stop overpopulation. It is very wrong ethically, if we use different methods to not have more childrens.

Family planning is taboo

Family planning is not a good thing in our society. people feeling so bad in just to talk about that no one wants to do family planning in Pakistan.

Lack of awareness:-

There are many people who are poor having no houses and just live hand to mouth and have ten to twelve children. and that's why poor people are growing have lack of resources and become burden on society.

Significant difference between birthrate and death rate:-

Due to technology birthrate is increasing and death rate are decreasing as people get medical facilities on time, that's why population is increasing. Birth rate is 22.5/1000 and death rate is 7.2/1,000.

Illiteracy:-

Illiteracy is lack of awareness, lead to unemployment, part of population who has put burden, have no one to earn but alot of mouth to feed. Youth is the future, if Pakistan youth become educated then Pakistan future will brighter. Pakistan literacy rate is actually 59.3%. compared to 62.8% reflected in economic survey 2022-23. (education secretary wasam Ahmad)

Concept of large family:-

people follow traditions and want large family as people did not understand the situation of Pakistan and continue with their concept.

Afghan refugees:-

Afghan refugee came into Pakistan have no assets with them became burden on Pakistan and Pakistan cannot stable its economy as still in very bad condition.

Need for more earning hands:-

people have degrees but suffering with unemployment. Pakistanis are more job oriented. People they did not think to create jobs. People are not earning or not producing goods to better economy of Pakistan. As people of Pakistan are not asset for Pakistan.

Early marriages:-

early marriages just stop growth of two individuals about education, business as due to responsibilities and it is a big cause of over population. People are not so mature to understand the fact that over population is big problem for Pakistan.

Impact of overpopulation:

Urbanization:-

People shift from rural to urban areas for better lifestyle and more facilities people move to urban areas and due to overpopulation this is great impact.

Security issues:-

Because of overpopulation, there became a lot of security issues, economy and limited resources are unable to bear the burden of about 230 million people. It is destructing the social fabric of Pakistan.

Economic problems:-

Due to overpopulation there are a lot of economic problems that Pakistan have to face. Pakistan exports are less than imports and economically not stable.

Education suffers:-

Pakistan have half of uneducated people, school systems are too much expensive and government school systems

have not much population as people left over from school due to different reasons.

Food insecurity:-

Food, crops and vegetable many things have artificial ways to grow more but lose its benefits but it cannot fulfill the needs of all people. limited resources and more people to consume food.

Water scarcity:-

A lot of water usage as well as wastage, there is no system or implementations to save water for future, overpopulation required more water to live as it is basic necessity of life.

Housing crises:-

people didnot have land, houses to live, there are alot of people who just lay down on streets in winter season, many people are just suffering in their life as crises increases.

Way forward to overcome the menace of overpopulation:-

Family planning intervention:-

people have to family planning and if they have resources they have to give life to people who are

Suffering in their lives. Family planning ensure that no one in Pakistan will sleep empty stomach.

Improved educational facilities:-

We have to do educational system accessible to all people who cannot afford that. People come to know what's going on in the world and come up with new solutions.

Provision of education to backward population:-

Backward population need more badly education as they even did not know importance of that. Education built your identity and develop your thought process to see the world with new point of view.

Development of cottage and small scale industry:-

Development of industries will produce more resources and employment that helps to feed the people in Pakistan. We have to produce more resources.

To launch reproductive and family planning awareness programs:-

Awareness is important to solution of any problem. If people get awareness then do measures to overcome the problem.

Implement legislation for population growth control:-

Legislation should implement to make the actions guaranteed and help to overcome the overpopulation. Then Pakistan can improve other crises as well and improve its economy.

Special funds for reducing population growth:-

If poor population receive funds then do family planning to secure Pakistan from other crises. We have to do all possible things that we can do overcome overpopulation.