

Q: No: 02

INTRODUCTION:

In the history of subcontinent, there are various religious, educational, and political reforms were given by reformist. Shah Waliullah and Sheikh Ahmed Raza Khan are one of the religious reformist who did remarkable efforts and services to make the history of subcontinent. Their practical, educational, and economic services paved the way to establish a stable Muslim society. In the words of Allama Iqbal:

"Shah Waliullah gave Muslims a way to re-think the system of Islam."

"Sheikh Ahmed Raza Khan is the spiritual guardian of Muslims of the subcontinent."

(Allama Iqbal)

Context and the Services of Shah Wali Ullah

During the downfall of Mughal Empire, there was a weak Muslim rule in the subcontinent. With the threats and dominance of Hindu culture, spread of social evils and aloofness from Shariah took place. At that time, Shah Wali Ullah gave his services to control increasing threat to Muslim rule in subcontinent.

(a) Religious Services

(i) Quran translation into Persian

Shah Wali Ullah translated the Quran into Persian language to become Muslims more aware about Islamic teachings and values as there was an aloofness from Shariah.

(ii) Concept of Ijtihad

One of the services of Shah Waliullah was the concept of Ijtihad. At the time of Muslims' aloofness from Shariah, there was a need to interpretation of Quran through Ijtihad.

(iii) Call for Unity

As there were internal rifts among Muslims, the services of Shah Waliullah called for unity of all the Muslims of Subcontinent to alleviate the dominance of Hindu culture.

"I was informed through Iqbal that I would have to undertake this responsibility. The time has come when every junction of the Shariah should be presented to the world in a rational manner."

(SM Iqbal, Muslim Rule in India & Pakistan)

(b) Political Services

(i) No Hereditary Politics

One of the teachings of Shah Wali Ullah was that he was against the dynastic politics. He was of the view that there should be no hereditary in politics.

(ii) Self Consciousness for Political Consciousness

Shah Wali Ullah gave the teaching of self consciousness for political consciousness to rule the subcontinent.

(c) Military Services

(i) Letters to Ahmed Shah Abdali

He wrote the letters to Ahmed Shah Abdali to control the threats of Marahatas on Mughal Empire in the subcontinent.

(ii) Call for Jihad

Shah Waliullah also called for Jihad against the evil teachings of Islam and to control the dominance of Hindu culture.

(d) Economic Services

(i) Negated accumulation of wealth

In the context of economic services, Shah Waliullah negated the ~~an~~ accumulation of wealth and taught to share the wealth among Muslims.

(ii) Economic equality

Shah Waliullah gave the concept of economic equality for all the Muslims in the subcontinent. He said that all Muslims are equal and there should be economic equality.

Context and the Services of Sheikh Ahmed Sirhandi

During the 16th century, there was a Hindu reformist movement called Akbar's Deen-e-Ilahi. At that time, there was Bhakti movement started in the subcontinent, and it influenced the Akbar's Deen-e-Ilahi. To control these threats, Sheikh Ahmed Sirhandi did many efforts.

"If it was not opposed by Sirhandi, there would not be any Muslim nation." (SM Ikram)

(A) Wahdatul Shahood Concept

To oppose the concept of Wahdatul Wajood, Sirhandi gave his concept of Wahdatul Shahood. The reason to give this concept was to become Muslims aware about true teachings of Islam.

(b) Letters to Jahangir

To control the threat of Akbar's deen e ilahi movement, Sheikh Ahmed Sirhandi wrote the letter to Jahangir.

(c) Organized the Naqshbandia order

Sheikh Ahmed Sirhandi also organized the Naqshbandia order in order to save the Muslim unity. Due to the dominance of Hindu culture, Muslims were separated in the subcontinent.

(d) Showed true Picture of Islam

Sheikh Ahmed Sirhandi showed the true picture of Islam towards the Muslims of the sub-continent. There was aloofness from Shariah, and Muslims were gone away from the Quran.

Impacts of these Reformers on the History of Sub-Continent

(a) Start of Muslim Nationalism

As the result of the services of Shah Waliullah and ~~Ahmed Shah Abdali~~, Shah Ahmed Sirhadi, the sense of nationalism among Muslim was provided. & the

(b) Reformation of Society and true spirit of Islam.

There was a Muslim society reformed due to the efforts of these reformers. True spirit of Islam was known ~~between~~ among the Muslims of subcontinent.

(c) Provided Justice & Equality

Their efforts provided the way to promote justice and equality in the subcontinent.

(d) Decline of Sectarianism

There was a decline of sectarianism in the subcontinent which further promote the equality in the history of subcontinent.

(e) Laid the foundation of all political, religious, and intellectual movements

Their services laid the foundation for all the reformist movements in the subcontinent to make the history of Muslimⁱⁿ the continent.

CONCLUSION:

During 16th and 17th century, there was a downfall of Muslim Empire in the subcontinent. Due to the efforts of ~~the~~ Sheikh Ahmed Sirhandi and Shah Waliullah, Muslim nationalism made the history of the subcontinent. Their effort and services impacted Muslim and spread the true teaching about Islam in the subcontinent.

Q: No: 07

INTRODUCTION:

Pakistan and Afghanistan have centuries old cultural, religious, social, and economic ties. The prosperity of both the nations and of the entire region is related to their peaceful coexistence. Peace and stability in one country directly impact the other. Similarly, mistrust and violence pave the way to foreign interference in the conflict and serve their interest in the region. Unfortunately, Pakistan and Afghanistan bilateral relations have strained recently due to many security issues which further creates the violence and instability in the region.

Challenges to the Regional

Consensus based approach Between Afghanistan & Pakistan

There are numerous challenges in the bilateral stable ties between

Afghanistan and Pakistan which further impact the regional peace and security.

(a) Security Challenges

(i) Increasing terrorist activities in Pakistan

One of the challenges in the stable bilateral relation between Pakistan and Afghanistan is the increasing terrorist activities in Pakistan. Terrorist outfits have the safe haven in Afghanistan which further exacerbates the instable ties.

(ii) Border Fencing issue between two countries

Both the nations have border management issues since beginning. This further prevails the security situation in areas adjacent to Pak-Afghan international border. There are the killing of Pakistani soldiers on border whenever Pakistan tries to fence the border as Taliban does not claim the Durand line.

(2) International Isolation of Afghanistan

The more the Taliban pursue their hardline stance, the more the chances of international isolation which further impacts Pakistan and regional peace and stability.

(3) Increasing Conservative Policies by Afghan Taliban and its spillover effect on Pakistan

As Afghan Taliban continues to pursue their ~~own~~ conservative policies in accordance with accommodation of women education, there are the chances of civil war in Afghanistan. If this happens, this will directly impact the Pakistan from different aspects. For this, bilateral ties would further complicate and regional peace would be impacted.

Way Forward to Improve the Bilateral ties thus peace & Stability in the Region.

(a) Diplomacy & Dialogue

Though diplomacy and dialogue can have positive implications to stabilize the bilateral ties between the two nations, both nations should take the step to engage one another by having diplomatic dialogue.

(b) Counter terrorism Cooperation

Pakistan must ensure counter terrorism cooperation with Afghanistan in order to bring security and peace in the country as well as in the region. In this regard, Afghanistan should also show some concerns to pursue this counter terrorism cooperation and should ensure that Afghan soil ~~will~~ not be used against terrorist activities in Pakistan.

(c) Refugee Assistance

One of the main concerns in their relations is the refugee crisis. Pakistan has been hosted million of Afghan Refugee since decades. It is high time, Afghan government should take an initiative to accomodate its citizens.

(d) Economic Cooperation of trade linkages

Both nation can bring stability in the region by their economic cooperation and trade linkages. For this, Pakistan must assist Afghanistan to be the part of CPEC. And to Afghanistan, its government should take initiatives to increase trade linkages with Pakistan and other regional states. By doing so, there can be a possibility of regional peace and stability in the future.

Critical Analysis:

Pakistan and Afghanistan are having challenges to stable their relations. This would not only hamper the growth of both nations but also bring instability in the region. Therefore, both the nations should take initiatives economically, and politically to enhance their bilateral ties.

CONCLUSION:

The relationship between Pakistan and Afghanistan faces many issues. From security challenges to social upheaval, both countries are having deteriorated relationship. This would further impact the regional peace and stability. However, with some adequate initiatives and diplomatic dialogues, both nations can enhance their ties and can ensure the peace in the region as well. It is hoped that the region may dawn the ray of peace in near future.

Q: No: 05

INTRODUCTION:

Being a developing country, Pakistan has been facing numerous challenges. The rapidly growing population is one of the ~~socio-economic~~ issues that Pakistan is experiencing mainly due to illiteracy, unemployment, lack of proper awareness about birth control method. This further exacerbates the socio-economic condition of the country. Therefore, the country must take some adequate measure to control the overpopulation crisis.

Population of Pakistan:

an Overview

Pakistan is the fifth most populous country in the world. The current growth rate is 2.5%. The population of the

country is expected to rise to four hundred million by 2050.

Impact of the Overpopulation

Crisis

(a) Exhausting natural resources

Population bulge hampers the natural resources and this would further create burden on government to accommodate the citizens.

(b) Posing risk to Country's economy

One of the implications of population bulge is that it destroys already fragile economy of the country.

(c) Increase in basic resources demand

The more the population of a country, the more the increase in demand across.

(d) Increase in Urbanization
thus environmental
damage

Increase in population would result in increase in urbanization which ultimately affects the environmental situation of a country. This is one of the main concerns of overpopulation.

(e) Higher food security risk

According to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics report, 16% of the population is enduring moderate or severe food insecurity in Pakistan. Moreover, the global hunger index has ranked Pakistan at 92nd position out of 116 nations.

(f) Perpetuating the cycle
of poverty

The country is already facing extreme poverty challenges, overpopulation adds fuel to the fire.

(g) giving rise to unemployment

Current unemployment rate of the nation is 19%. The increase in population growth further complicates the situation. Hence, most of the people do not have access to proper job.

Suggestions to Curb the Population Growth

(a) Introduce effective family planning programs

Pakistan's government should take a lead to introduce effective family planning program. Through this, population of the country can be controlled. The lack of family planning is one of the main reason of overpopulation which must be addressed effectively.

(b) Give information about reproductive health

Many of women do not know about their reproductive health mainly due to the lack of education. Therefore, more information should be given to women in order to facilitate them and to control the population growth.

(c) Remove the barriers to birth control

Most people do not have access to birth control methods. Therefore, there is a need to remove the barriers to birth control.

(d) Put restrictions on child marriages

Child and early marriage is one of the main reason of overpopulation. This issue can be addressed by putting restriction on child marriage.

(e) Encourage the positive role of scholars to propogate the true teachings of Islam

Scholars and religious people play a vital role in order to provide the true teachings of Islam. Therefore, there must be a platform to encourage the positive role of religious scholars to promote true teachings of Islam.

(f) Promote awareness about the use of Contraceptives

Due to lack of education, there is no proper awareness about use of contraceptive. It is high time to give awareness about the use of contraceptive methods so that population bulge can be controlled. The country's illiteracy rate is 35% which paves the ways to unawareness about the birth control method.

Critical Analysis

Pakistan is ^{Population} fifth country in the world with the population growth rate of 2.5%. There are various reasons of this overpopulation crisis in the country, which further hamper its socio-economic condition. Therefore, the country should take some adequate measures to control its overpopulation crisis.

Conclusion:

Pakistan is facing numerous challenges in which population bulge is one of them. Illiteracy, unemployment, and lack of family planning programs would further trouble the condition. However, the country has the capacity to address this issue effectively by taking some adequate measures.