

Deduction from School Syllabus

Why in News?

Recently, the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister assured that a chapter on Kashmiri <u>patron Sufi</u> <u>saint</u>, Sheikh Noor-Ud-Din Wali, also called Sheikh-ul-Alam, will not be deleted from class 9 syllabus.

Key Points

- Concerns Over Dropping of Chapter on Sufi Saint:
 - Kulgam MLA expressed concerns about the reported removal of a chapter on Sheikh-ul-Alam, the revered Sufi saint, from the Class IX textbook.
 - He termed the decision "deeply troubling" and criticized it as unacceptable for a society deeply rooted in Sufi traditions.
 - He also urged the Chief Minister to intervene and ensure the reinstatement of the chapter
 - to preserve the region's rich cultural and Sufi heritage.
- Response from CM:
 - The Chief Minister responded that the chapter will not be deleted.
 - The Education Minister directed the Principal Secretary to investigate and rectify the
 - issue found in the PDF version of the textbook.
- Criticism by Peoples Conference Chief:
 - This incident was described as <u>"cultural terrorism"</u> and an assault on Kashmir's culture and ethos.
 - The saint's teachings were highlighted as a beacon of hope and a role **model**, especially in current times of violence, greed, and hatred.

Sheikh Ul Alam



- Early Life:
 - Born in the 14th century in a small village in Kashmir.
 - Raised in a devout Islamic household, deeply rooted in Kashmir's cultural heritage.
 - Childhood marked by simplicity, peace, and early exposure to spiritual teachings.
- Influences and Education:
 - Grew up in a Kashmir rich in **Sufi traditions**, **Persian poetry**, and ancient **Vedic knowledge**, fostering harmony and inclusiveness.
 - Displayed a strong passion for **spiritual awakening and poetry** from a young age.
 - $\circ\,$ Pursued knowledge under the guidance of renowned academics and Sufi masters.
- Teachings and Philosophy:
 - Emphasized spiritual wisdom, unity, and social consciousness.
 - His **teachings reflect the harmony of diverse traditions** and the pursuit of inner peace.
- Legacy:
 - Left an indelible mark on Kashmiri culture, the Sufi tradition, and beyond.
 - **Remembered as a spiritual and literary icon** whose lessons continue to inspire.

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