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Abstract – *This paper keeps tabs on the sensation of religious acknowledgement, mix and pluralism in South India by different Hindu and Muslim guides in the sixteenth century. It takes a gander at cases of leaders of both religions ensuring, upholding and restoring sanctuaries, mosques and places of worship which were essential to the contrasting religion, occasions incorporate the redesign of Muslim hallowed places and mosques under Hindu pioneers in Marwar under the Rathore tradition. The creator likewise investigates the normal events of Ismailis needing to live under the appearance of Sufis or Hindus keeping in mind the end goal to departure mistreatment; this was a fundamental precautionary measure for the time. Strong confirmation of religious coordination lies in the various cases of Hindu pioneers coming to be lovers of Sufi or Muslim paragons of piety and vice versa. Despite the fact that honestly the amount of episodes of Muslim guides tolerating totally the teachings of Hindu examples of piety are fairly constrained the thinking for which Sila-Khan examines.*

The part of Sufism in South Asia and the relationships between Muslim rulers and holy persons has been considerably investigated. It has been frequently commented that, as a standard, Muslim lords patronised Sufis, paying little mind to the recent's state of mind towards political force. In reality, a few magic liked to remain confined from governmental issues, though others, likewise going about as 'ulama, nearly worked together with the State to legitimise its energy. Clearly, there are not many instances of otherworldliness being mistreated or censured by rulers for their gathered "deviance" from the standard – unless they unashamedly affirmed and endeavored to spread a "form" of Islam that was viewed as heterodox by the 'ulama. The extent that Shi'i aggregations were concerned, generally states having been administered by Sunni Muslims, camouflage of one's true trust (taqiyya) was substantially practised, specifically via Ismailis, both Nizaris and Tayyibis, in so far as they were viewed as "blasphemers" (rafizi, malahida) by those who guaranteed to speak for Muslim universality. One might as well however notice the being of Twelver Shi'i kingdoms, for example in the Deccan, where the Bhamani kingdoms were, throughout a certain period, very capable. In the sixteenth century, consistent with R. M. Eaton, there were various grindings between the Sunni Sufis and some Shi'a leaders of Bijapur. As an outcome, Sufism would be unable to thrive in that area.

Assuming that in India, Sufis were usually secured and patronised by the Sunni leaders of the premughal and Mughal periods, the Ismailis were in an altogether different scenario. With the exemption of a brief time in Sind in the ninth century⁵, the Ismailis were not effective enough to manufacture kingdoms that could unashamedly be pronounced as 'ismaili'.

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PERSPECTIVE AND POLICY OF HINDU ADMINISTRATORS TOWARD MUSLIM PIRS

The old history of Nizari Ismailism in South India is still covered in secret, however assuming that one acknowledges the rich Ginanic convention —leaving aside discusses about roots and dates —it is challenging to question that the mission (da'wa) was, now and again, truly auspicious in non-Muslim kingdoms. Both Nizaris and Tayyibis case to have impacted and even changed over one specific leader of Gujarat, Sidhraj Jai Singh. Throughout my exploration on the lost extensions of Ismailism in

Rajasthan, I have endeavored to show that there may have been little Nizari kingdoms in those zones, for example the one controlled by Mallinath. Yet as he was watching taqiyya, Mallinath has been depicted by history specialists as a Hindu king. Due to the same preparatory measures, the vicinity of Ismaili mystery in Hindu states, as in Sunni ones, might be just suspected after an itemized investigation of the places of worship, writing and customs has been conducted. Wherever non-Muslim rulers tolerated the being of various Hindu conventions, the Ismailis —in whatever pretenses they decided to show up —were

acknowledged in the same route as non-Muslim monkish life and Sufis.

At this crossroads it will be intriguing to note that if, much of the time, a Sunni state patronised Sunni Sufis and Hindu religious austerity yet were quite threatening to Shi'i groups, the disposition and arrangement of Hindu rulers towards Muslim mysticism must have been distinctive. As Carl Ernst has remarked, medieval and post-medieval Muslim creators do insinuate the Hindus and to their customs (without however discerning it as one religion called Hinduism), although, inquisitively, until the advanced period, Hindu literary works appears to be out and out to overlook Islam as a religion.

In fact, one must review here, that what is as of now implied as "Hinduism" was not, until the close of the nineteenth century, saw as one single creed. The endeavors at unifying the distinctive Hindu conventions that have as of late been made by some reformist figures are far from having been altogether fruitful: the colossal mixture of convictions and drills that, differ from one another, as well as may seem now and again totally restricted, remains a reality that is challenging to deny. In medieval Rajasthan, case in point, this assorted qualities appears to have supported the non-Muslim rulers to patronise, separated from Brahmin ministers, Charan and Bhat imperial genealogists, who legitimised their energy, and different sorts of holy persons and religious austerity, some of them truly "unconventional" from a Brahmanical purpose of view. Owing to this differences, it is not astounding that Muslim mystery showed up in their eyes as only one of the various indigenous religious developments that had dependably thrived in South India. Thus, for Hindu rulers, tolerance was less a goodness than the aftereffect of the "fluffy" nature of their religious customs that has come to be viewed as of late as one uniform set of convictions and drills called 'hinduism'. The rise and improvement of various religious developments that may have been implied as sampradayas, panths or tariqas was a characteristic sensation in the scene of medieval South India —like the being of diverse customs inside Buddhism, Jainism and, later, Sikhism.

We realize that Sufi and Ismaili assemblies interfaced with Shaiva requests, for example the Nath Jogis and the Dasnamis, as with diverse sorts of Vaishnava neighborhoods. The instance of the Nizari Ismailis might as well, then again, be acknowledged independently. One must acknowledge that they were ostensibly characterised by a 'liminal identity' until, harshly, the starting of the twentieth century. Their position, so to say 'on the threshold' empowered them to mainly collaborate in a generally unnoticeable or uncertain route, with Sunni Sufis and Hindu self-denial, and in addition with rulers, if Muslim or Hindu.

REPUTATION REGARDING SUFIS AND SANTS IN A VARIETY OF HINDU STATES

The support of Muslim enchantment by non-Muslim rulers appears to have been a pervasive wonder, assuming that one depends on the information gathered by different researchers in distinctive parts of South Asia. The consistent and close communications between Sufis and Hindu mystery in present Maharashtra, under Mahratta administer, has been examined by numerous creators. The greater part of them have arrived at the conclusion that the trade of otherworldly information between the 'two gatherings' was intense to the point that numerous Hindu paragons of piety had picked Sufis as their profound aides, while the previous could additionally turn into the gurus of Muslim otherworldliness. Without denying the way that a non-Muslim self-denying could acknowledge the educating of a Sufi without changing over, we will contend that the character of the Hindu and Muslim profound bosses who are consequently interconnected by a guru-supporter heredity is in no way, shape or form clear. Recognizing the effect of Ismailism in Maharashtra, especially in its Imamshahi adaptation, it is not rejected that the "undecided" holy persons showing up as Hindu or Sunni Muslim might have been, actually, Nizari ministers practising taqiyya in different pretenses.

In opposition to a regular preference which sees South India as a fortification of Hinduism that has successfully opposed Muslim impacts and mastery, this area of the subcontinent has an exceptionally rich convention of religious pluralism and Hindu-Muslim cooperations, offering numerous illustrations of Hindu rulers patronising Muslim paragons of piety. As Susan Baily has demonstrated, Trichy had turned into an engaged Sufi focus throughout the mediaeval period. Its primary dargah, devoted to Nathar Wali remains a paramount focus of devotion and an imparted space where distinctive neighborhoods come to love and gain the favoring of the example of piety covered inside the tomb-sanctum. Convention has it that Mama Jigni, a Hindu princess of the imperial group of Trichy, turned into a supporter of the well known Sufi holy person of Karnataka, Dada Hayat, whose altar is found close Chikka Magalur in Karnataka. As per Yoginder Sikand, 'over the hundreds of years, different Muslim and additionally Hindu rulers patronised the dargah, blessing it with extensive riches and land. Subsequently, throughout the time of the second sajjada nashin, Channamaji, the Hindu ruler of Nagar, committed extravagantly for the repair of the dargah's aslah khana, the space house for weapons for the insurance of the fakirs.' Besides, the name of the same Hindu monarch of Nagar, Channa Maji is said as having repaired a part of this holy place. Dada Hayat and his successors have additionally had an additional prestigious supporter in the individual of Shri Krishnaraja Wodeyar Iii, the Hindu leader of Mysore. The ruler revered the pir as well as accepted profound guideline from the then sajjada nashin.

One could include the intriguing instance of the saint example of piety Vavar, a Muslim educate of the Keralite warrior-lord Ayyappan, who is accepted to have been an incarnation of a Dravidian god. Vavar's

altar and mosque have consistently been ensured by nearby Hindu rulers. At present, its guardians press on to revel in certain prerogatives disregarding the endeavors of some fundamentalist organisations that are unhappy with this striking illustration of Hindu/Muslim interface in South India.

RAJASTHAN'S CONTRIBUTED PLACES

Let us now turn our attention to Rajasthan — which has, since 1990, been the focus of our field research. A few states, such as Ajmer, Nagaur Jhunjhunu and Fatehpur, have been administrated at times by Sunni Muslim rulers or governors and had become important Sufi centres. However, numerous tomb-shrines of Muslim mystics and martyrs have also been patronised by local Hindu rulers. We can mention here but a few, not to speak of the fact that most of these sacred places have hardly been noticed or described by scholars.

This Marwar kingdom, which became very powerful under the Rathore dynasty, used to welcome Muslim saints. Let us first mention the dargah located in the former capital of Mandore which until today is visited by devotees of all communities; the main centre of worship is the tomb of Ghulam Shah Qalandar, who is said to have been a follower of Khwaja Mu'in al-Din Chishti. The mosque and the shrine have been renovated at various times under the patronage of the Hindu Rathore rulers. In connection with the same, we should also mention the interesting case of the tomb-shrine located within the precincts of Mehrangarh Fort, in Jodhpur, which became the capital of Marwar in the fifteenth century when its founder, Rao Jodha, decided to build a fort on the top of a steep hill.

Shekawati : The history of this small principality, which was an independent kingdom between the fifteenth and eighteenth centuries, is of particular interest for our subject. The legend connected with the foundation of this kingdom had already attracted the attention of the British Resident, Colonel James Tod, the celebrated author of *Annals and Antiquities of Rajasthan*, the first European who took interest in the history of that region. Mokul Singh's elder brother, having become the ruler of Amber (the former capital of the Jaipur kingdom), had carved a small principality for himself in the arid region that lies between modern Jaipur and Bikaner.

Amber — Jaipur : First of all, we will mention the oral tradition connected with the sixteenth-century reign of Raja Man Singh I of Amber who had become the faithful ally and commander-in-chief of the emperor Akbar. It is believed that Man Singh, who had fought on behalf of the Mughal ruler in Bengal, had brought from there a statue of the fierce goddess Kali which he installed within the fortress of Amber. Today, the temple which has been rebuilt in marble and silver by the last ruling

Maharaja of Jaipur, Man Singh II, is still an important centre of pilgrimage, particularly during the Navratri festival. On the tenth day or Vijay Dashmi, goats are sacrificed as a part of the traditional royal ceremony. One of the peculiarities of the sacred image of Kali, who is known locally as Shila Devi, is that she has her head slightly bent. The inhabitants of Amber account for this detail in the following way. According to an oral tradition, human sacrifices were regularly performed until, in the sixteenth century, a Sufi saint appeared in front of an old woman whose only son was going to be sacrificed. Seeing her distress, he offered to take his place, but, instead of submitting himself to the cruel ceremony, he approached the goddess and slapped her in the face. It is said that Kali instinctively turned her head to avoid being slapped again. In this way, he taught her a lesson, after which the custom was abandoned. Gebi Pir, as the mysterious Muslim mystic is currently referred to, has his shrine at Amber where he is worshipped by Muslims and Hindus alike. Tradition has it that Man Singh, the very ruler who installed the sacred image and once allowed human sacrifices, became a devotee of the Muslim saint.

In Rajasthan, the Muslim Manihars, or bangle-makers, still perform an important ritual on the occasion of Hindu weddings, including royal marriages, by putting the bangles on the bride's arm with their own hands; they ritually legitimise the wedding and receive in exchange some offerings of grain, molasses and cash. Similarly, the Muslim Pannigars manufacture the silver foils that are used for the worship of popular Hindu deities, such as Hanuman and Bheru. In fact, the Maharaja who founded the city of Jaipur invited a number of artisans to settle in the new city and in the nearby town of Sanganer. Among the dyers, the stone-cutters, the carpet makers etc., many belonged to Muslim communities and the protection that was extended to them, as well as to their mosques and shrines, by the ruler contributed to the development of handicrafts, which particularly flourished during that period.

CONCLUSION

When closing we might as well still contrast their demeanor with that of the Muslim leaders of India vis-a-vis the Hindu monkish life and paragons of piety. At the starting of this article, we have demonstrated that in different parts of South Asia these rulers usually ensured the neighborhood Hindu populace and even committed to the repairing and upkeep of their sanctuaries and different religious foundations. One could even give a couple of samples of Muslim rulers who came to be lovers or teachers of non-Muslim saints. However, this recent sensation was unquestionably less regular. The explanation for why lies most likely in the way of the religions we call "Hinduism" and 'Islam'. While the assorted qualities of

schools, groups, convictions and rehearses inside Islam ought not be underestimated —as it is over and over again done —one may as well acknowledge an essential truth: "Hinduism" as one religion is a moderately later and delicate build that begins to state itself steadily from the nineteenth century onwards. The tenets and the ceremonies, the convictions and polishes that we now promptly subsume under the name "Hinduism" might have normal components yet can additionally contrast to the degree of being completely opposed.³⁷ During the mediaeval and post-mediaeval period, Hindu rulers, specifically the Rajputs of North India, completed accept the Brahmins as their gurus, as well as assorted types of holy person and the Nath Jogis. Then again, generally Sunni leaders of South Asia frequently went under the force of the 'ulama who acted like the watchmen of a certain 'orthodoxy'. It was hence troublesome for certain Muslims to go excessively far in their endeavour to verge on non-Muslims, and all the more in particular, non-Sunni examples of piety. Provided that the Mughal ruler Akbar's identity and power empowered him, to a more amazing degree, to oppose the strike of the aforementioned 'ulama in the seventeenth century, Dara Shikoh was less blessed in this appreciation: his endeavors at finding normal connections between different Muslims and non-Muslim belief systems, and at concentrating on under the direction of Hindu and Nath monkish life, finished in catastrophe. His more youthful sibling Aurangzeb who needed to rise the throne in his stead —and even soon after his father Shahjahan's expiration – had him censured for apostasy by the 'ulama and at long last executed.

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