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Course Title: Sufism in Kashmir

Course Code: SAS21001OE

Course Type: Open Elective (OE)

Semester: 1st

Introduction and Expected Learning Outcomes:

This course is intended as an introduction to the history of Sufi-Rishi movement of Kashmir. The aim is to showcase the rich spiritual heritage of Kashmir and its impact in shaping its historical trajectory. It introduces students to various *Sufi Silsilahs* that spread here as well as the role they played, with a special focus on Mir Sayyid Ali Hamadani ^(RA).

The second unit of this course is fully dedicated to the indigenous Sufi order of Kashmir, the *Rishi silsilah* and its founder Shaikh-ul Aalam ^(RA), regarded as the 'Patron saint of Kashmir'. It intends to introduce Shaikh-ul Aalam ^(RA) and his body of work strictly through a 'Knowledge Perspective', before the younger generation of Kashmir. A discussion on the role of the Muslim Rishis and Islam in Kashmir forms a part of the module.

This course is an Open Elective one. Students from all academic streams can opt for it in order to have a glimpse of the history of rich spiritual heritage of Kashmir.

Unit-I: Sufism in Kashmir-I

1. Sufism: An Introduction
2. Development of Sufism: Emergence of prominent *Sufi Silsilahs* in Kashmir
3. Sufis and Kashmir's transition to Islam: A debate
4. Mir Sayyid Ali Hamadani ^(RA) and Kashmir

Unit-I: Sufism in Kashmir-II

1. Shaikh-ul Aalam ^(RA) and foundation of *Rishi Silsilah*
2. Shaikh-ul Aalam ^(RA) and Islam in Kashmir: A discussion
3. Shaikh-ul Aalam ^(RA): Sayings and Teachings
4. Prominent disciples of Shaikh-ul Aalam ^(RA) and their contribution to Sufism

Suggested Readings:

1. Farida Khanam, *Sufism: An Introduction*, Goodword Books, New Delhi, 2009.
2. Athar Abbas Rizvi, *A History of Sufism in India*, Manohar Publishers, New Delhi, 1994.



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7. M. Amin Pandit (ed.), *Alamdar-i-Kashmir: Standard Bearer, Patron Saint of Kashmir*, Gulshan Publishers, Srinagar, 1997.
8. G. L. Tikku, "Mysticism in Kashmir: In the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries," *Muslim World*, July 1963.
9. Abdul Hamid A'zami, *Shah-i Hamdan aur Kashmir*, Sheikh Usman and Sons, Srinagar 1992.
10. Shamsuddin Ahmad, *Mir Sayyid 'Ali Hamdani: Hayat aur Karnamay*, Sheikh Ghulam Mohammad and Sons, Srinagar, 2010.
11. G. N. Gauhar, *Sheikh Noor-ud-din Wali (Nund Rishi)*, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, 1988.
12. G. R. Malik, "Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani-The Mystic Poet of Kashmir", in K.N. Kalla (ed.) *Literary Heritage of Kashmir*, Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 1985.
13. Manzoor Fazili, *Rysh Wa'er: the Valley of Saints, Sheikh Noor-ud-din Ryshi (RA)*, Shaikh Mohammad Usman and Sons, Srinagar, 2015.
14. Rasheed Nazki, *Rishyut wa Saen Reish* (Kashmiri Language).
15. Asadullah Aafaqi, *Kulliyat-e-Shaikh-ul Aalam*. (Kashmiri Language). Life Foundation, Chrar-e-Shareef, 2008.
16. Basher Basheer, *Yeman Padan me Wetchaar Gutchui*, (Kashmiri Language) Habib Publications, Chewdara Beerwah, 2008.
17. Muhammad Ilham Sheikh, *Islam and Shaikh al-'Alam (A Great Da'i, Sufi Saint and Poet of Kashmir)*, Educreation Publishing, New Delhi, 2019.
18. *Sheeraza, Alamdar Number* (Kashmiri Language), Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages, Srinagar, 1978.
19. *Anhaar, Shaikhul Aalam Number*, (Kashmiri Language), Department of Kashmiri, University of Kashmir, 1988.

