

Topic

- Muslim Nationalism in subcontinent

What is nationalism?

- Nationalism is an ideology that holds that the state and nation should be unified.
- Nationalism is a sentiment that is based on common cultural characteristics that binds a population and often produces a policy of national independence or separatism.
- It is a loyalty and devotion to one' s country.

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

- In the history of Muslim nationalism, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan stands out as most prominent figure as a philosopher, thinker, and reformer.
- He promoted modern & scientific education, dynamic social system, progressiveness, and consciousness.
- His ideas and beliefs were beneficial in restructuring the destiny of entire Indian Muslims.
- He is considered as a torchbearer of to uplift the Muslim community.

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

- Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was the intellectual pioneer of the sense of community among Muslims, of which Pakistan nationalism is a direct outcome.
- Pakistan nationalism is the direct outcome of Muslim nationalism, which emerged in India in 19th century. Its intellectual pioneer was Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.
- The ideas of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan influenced Muslim intellectuals, scholars, politicians, poets, writers, journalists who then evolved the concept of Muslim nationalism which was the soul of the very idea of Pakistan.

Muslim Nationalism

- υ Muslim nationalism in South Asia did not exist till the end of Muslim rule here.
- υ The decline of the Mughal Empire, rise of British Colonialism, and the political reassertion of Hindus in India, provided the materials with which Muslim nationalism would first begin to shape itself.

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

- Hector Bolitho in his book, “Jinnah: Creator of Pakistan” has said:
- “Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was all that was to happen ultimately in Muhammad Ali Jinnah’ s mind” .

