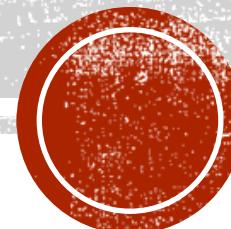




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ALLAHABAD ADDRESS 1930 AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN THE CREATION OF PAKISTAN

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BACKGROUND

- **Origin:**
 - It was held on **December 30, 1930**.
 - It was held during the **21st Annual Session** of the All-India Muslim League in Allahabad.
 - He raised concerns of Muslims for a separate homeland.
- **Main Areas:**
 - Call for the **creation of a separate Muslim state** in the **Northwestern part** of India.
 - The Muslims of India are a nation with their own religious, cultural, and social identity.
 - Promotion of Two-Nation Theory



IMPORTANCE IN THE CREATION OF PAKISTAN

1) Concept of Separate States:

- Allama Iqbal said in his Allahabad Address:
 - “I would like to see the Punjab, the North-West Frontier Province, Sindh, and Balochistan amalgamated into a single state.
 - Self-government within the British Empire, or without the British Empire, the formation of a consolidated North-West Indian Muslim state appears to me to be the final destiny of the Muslims, at least of North-West India.”

2) Separate Recognition of Muslims

- Iqbal made it clear:
 - “India is not a country; it is a Sub-continent of human beings belonging to different languages and practicing different religions. The Muslim nation has its own religious and cultural identity.”



03) The idea of a Single Nation is Impractical:

- In March 1909, when Iqbal was asked to address a meeting by Raj Amritsar, he refused the single Nation theory and said:
 - “I remained a supporter of this idea, but now I am of the view that preservation of separate nationhood is useful for the birth of Hindus and Muslims. To have the concept of a single nation in India is no doubt poetic and beautiful, but impractical regarding present circumstances.”



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5) Two-Nation Theory:

- Iqbal said, explaining the two-nation theory.
 - “Despite living together for 1000 years, Hindus and Muslims have their own individual ideologies, so the only solution to political conflict in India is to have a separate, independent parliament for each nation.”

6) Eradication of Racial & Regional Prejudices:

- Once Iqbal said,
 - “The concept of nation and homeland is confusing the Muslims. That is why Islamic humane objects are becoming dim. It is also possible that these concepts may destroy the real concepts of Islam.”



CONCLUSION

- Iqbal's address was a bold and controversial one, but it struck a chord with many Muslims in India.
- It helped to raise awareness of the Muslim community's concerns and to pave the way for the creation of Pakistan.



RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- The Allahabad Address: The Vision of a Muslim State by Ishtiaq Ahmed.
- Allama Iqbal and the Pakistan Movement by Ayesha Jalal.
- The Two-Nation Theory: Origins, Evolution, and Politics by A.C. Niemeijer.
- Iqbal, Jinnah, and the Creation of Pakistan by Khaled Ahmed.