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THE SUFI CULTURE IN KARNATAKA WITH THE SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE TUMKUR DISTRICT- A CASE STUDY



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ABSTRACT

Karnataka is one of the important states of India. It has a History of 2000 Years; Karnataka has Geographical Varity and Wideness. It area is 192504 km Karnataka lies to the South of Deccan subcontinent Located at north latitude 110 to 30 to 180-45 to east Longitude 74-12 to 70-30. 30 districts of Karnataka are divided in to Bangalore, Belgaum, Gulbarga, and Mysore administrative divisions.

KEYWORDS :Sufi Culture ,Geographical Varity and Wideness, tourist attractions.

INTRODUCTION :

Tumkur shines as nature's precious stone. After visiting Bangalore which is india's many cities one has to travel through the heart of Tumkur. Before entering the city Devaraynadurga hills thick evergreen, nature in the surroundings brings peace to the tourists without heavy rains of the Malnad, without Barrenness of the plains. It is a centre for various attractions. The beauty of Tumkur has won the appreciation if



Foreigners. There are lots of tourist attractions, some places are known as marvelous.

The Tumkur District stands 7th in terms of area is Karnataka situated in the south Karnataka has $12^{\circ}-25^{\circ}-14^{\circ}-21^{\circ}$ Latitude and $76^{\circ}-20^{\circ}$ to $77^{\circ}-31^{\circ}$ East Longitude.

The Tumkur District is Surrounded by Ananthpur of A.P in North, East Chithradurga, Hassan and Chikkamagalur Districts to the north west and Kolar Districts towards east. 10 Taluks of Tumkur District are divided in to three Subdivisions Gubbi, Kunigal, Tumkur, Taluks belong to Tumkur Subdivision. Koratagere, Madugiri, Pavagada, Sira Taluks Subdivision. C.n Halli, Turuvekere, Tiptur belong to Tiptur Divisions The District extends about 150 kms from east to west and 160 km from north to South The

district has the area of 10.597 km². Tumkur is also popularly known as Kalpatharu Nadu the land of Coconut.

The Sufi Movement Was a Socio-religious Movement of fourteenth to sixteenth century. The exponents of this movement were unorthodox Muslim Saints who had a deep study of vedantic Philosophy and Buddhism of India. They had gone through various religious text of India and had come in contact with great sages and seers of India. They could see the Indian religions from very near and realized its inner values accordingly they developed Islamic Philosophy which at last gave birth to the Sufi movement.

The Sufi movement was the result of the Hindu influence on Islam. This movement influenced both the Muslims and Hindus and thus, provided a common platform for the two. Though the Sufis were devout Muslims, yet they differed from the Orthodox Muslims. While the former believed in inner purity, the latter believed in external conduct. The union of the human soul with God through Love and devotion was the essence of the teachings of the Sufi Saints. The method of their realizing God was the renunciation of the Worldly pleasures. They lived a secluded life.

The word Sufi is derived from the Greek word 'saph' which means cleanliness. Sufi branch is another name of Spiritualism in Islam religion. The base for Sufi is kuran. Sufi is took birth in parshia [Arabia] and then Popularized/spared in many Countries Such as Affric, Turkey, China, Japan etc. it channelized to India through the sea route from middle Asia.

The first Sufi Who came India was 'Shek Abdul hassan Hujaveri ' (1020) belonged to Ghazi of Afghanistan. Next main Sufi was Mohaddin Chistti (1236) of Ajmer. These Sufi came to India in the time of Delhi Sultanate's rule. In Sufi religion branch we can see similarities which can be recognized in India's yoga, Chinese tavo, Japanese yen, Tibetan technology branch.

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This entered Karnataka in the time of rule of Delhi Sultanates Specially in the period of Mohammad-bin-Tuglak. After then they popularized through Bahamani Sultanates, and Adil Shahi's of Bijapura. The first Sufi sain was Hajaroomi baba. He first came to Bijapura. Many Sufi's lived in Gulbarga, Bidar and Bijapura.

During the period of Shahi ruler it was a centre for Religious, economical and political fields. The language Urdu took birth here. The Sufi religion was popularized in Karnataka from Bhande Navaze of Gulbarga. Hazarath Syed sha of Belgaum, Murthuzahn Khadri of Bijapura, hazrath khadri of Dharavada.

If we glance at the Sufi religion and famous Sufi Saints in Tumkur district, it has importance and background. Thathaiah tomb a tomb of muslim saint is at Chikkanayakanahalli is a centre of devotional for all the religions Even Hindu call as thathiah. A tomb of Hazrath Mommen Bhad shah khadri is at Kesaramadu Village is popularized by the names District Sarkar Badshah- Along with this in the village Hazrath- Syed-Kisar- Bibima who was from Bijapura bulid a darga specially for women religious and devotional centre. This is also a popularized place.

A darga is there at Channenahalli village, which is 3 kms from Chikkanayakanahalli of women Sufi Saint. We can see Moulana Sri syed Khalid jhalini's darga in Tumkur town. Totally we can see many sufi saints and women saints in all over Tumkur District. The fairs (urus) a traditional festival show the unity/ co-ordination between Hindu and Muslim.

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