

A brief biography of the life of Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind peer Syed Shah Kumail Ashraf al Ashrafi Ul Jilani.

Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind was a member of The Household of Ashrafis. He was a leader who was the son of a leader. His father was The Superior, haji ul haramain, taajdaar e Ashrafiyat, Peer Syed Tufail Ahmed al Ashrafi ul Jilani, popularly known as Huzoor Makhdoom e Sani whose shrine in Kichaucha is still a place masses visit. He is the grandson(maternal) of sultaan ul waa'izeen(king of orators) , Maulana Syed Ahmed Ashraf al Ashrafi ul Jilani and the nephew of Huzoor Sarkar-e-Kalan Syed Muhammad Mukhtar Ashraf al Ashrafi ul Jilani.

His lineage travels from Hazrat Abdul Razzaq Noor ul Ain Jilani, who was raised and brought up by his maternal uncle Makhdoom Syed Ashraf Jahangir Simnani to Huzoor Gaus Ul Aazam Shaykh Syeduna Abdul Qadir Jilani. Also, he is from the family of Gaus ul Aalam Makhdoom Syed Ashraf Jahangir Simnani (R.A). Hence, the blessed hands of two GAUS(saints of the highest post) remained over his head.

BLESSED BIRTH:

His revered birth was in 1932 or 1933, in the abode of Huzoor Aala Hazrat Syed Ali Husain Ashrafi Miyan R.A. His maternal great grandfather Huzoor Aala Hazrat Ashafi Miyan kept his name Kumail after Kumail ibn ziyad, who was a disciple and a trusted aide of maula Ali KarramAllahu wajhahu R.A.

EDUCATION:

He received his primary education in Kichaucha Shareef under the supervision of his father, Huzoor Makhdoom-e-Saani. He gave his first speech at the tender age of 6 or 7 in the presence of Huzoor Muhaddis e Aazam Hind Syed muhammad al Ashrafi ul jilani and Maulana Syed Naeemuddin Muradabadi.

He took admission in the most reputed university of India, the world renowned Daar ul Uloom Ashrafiya, Mubarakpur U.P, on 20th Zil Qada 1368 hijri(13th september 1949). After spending 8 years in Ashrafiya, he graduated on 1 shaaban 1376 hijri(12th march 1957).

During his education, great and revered scholars like The Esteemed Scholar, Hafiz e Millat, Allama Abdul Aziz muhaddis e Muradabadi and Allama Abdul Mustafa Azmi were amongst the teachers who taught him.

During his education, Hafiz e Millat Allama Abdul Aziz R.A. presented Shaykh-ul-Hind with the title of "KHATEEB E ASGAR" (the small orator, the young orator).

At that small age, Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind was invited to religious conferences of national level, specially the biggest conference of India in those days which was held every year in the Beniyabaug ground of Banaras. Every year different orators were invited for the conference but Shaykh-ul-Hind

was the one who was consistently invited every single year. He used to light the candle of love of The Prophet in the hearts of the listeners with his unique sermons.

Aaiin e javaa.n mardii haq goyii o bebaaki,

Allah ke shero.n ko aati nahi ruu-baahi.

(Allama Muhammad Iqbal)

TRANSLATION:

CONSTITUTION OF THE YOUTH IS TO BE BOLD AND SPEAK THE TRUTH

BECAUSE THE LIONS OF ALLAH DON'T KNOW HOW TO TURN AWAY FROM DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

After graduating, he spent approximately 60 years of his life in preaching and orating. His way of preaching was one of its kind, unparalleled and inimitable. He would become the guarantee of success for any conference that he used to reach. The true embodiment of his speech can be shown through this verse from Masnavi Shareef by maulana jalaluddin rumi:

Gufta e uu gufta e Allah buad

Gar che az hulquum abdullah buad

Translation:

Saying of a wali Allah is the saying of God

Although it is being said by a human being

There was a rare kind of spontaneity in his speech. A person's lips would move for a question and Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind would be ready with a perfect answer.

He was also a gifted writer. Various articles of his have been published in numerous books and magazines.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY:

He was a disciple (mureed) of his father, Huzoor Makhdoom-e-Saani Syed Shah Tufail Ahmed Ashrafi ul Jilani. After he grew up, his father gave him khilafat (permission for propagation) of the silsila e Aaliya qadriya Ashrafiya sufi order and the aaliya chishtiya Ashrafiya sufi order.

Furthermore, Sarkar-e-Kalan Syed Muhammad Mukhtar Ashraf Ashrafi ul Jilani gave him Khilafat (permission to propagate) the aaliya qadriya munawwariya sufi order.

After grieving the passing away of Huzoor Makhdoom-e-Saani on 5th rabi ul awwal 1395 hijri (19th march 1975), he took his place as the successor of Makhdoom-e-Saani. Every year on 5th rabi ul awwal, he used to conduct the urs of Huzoor Makhdoom-e-Saani in Kichaucha Muqaddasa and esteemed scholars and sufis from great universities like Daar ul Uloom Ashrafiya Mubarakpur and Daar ul Uloom Aliimia Jamdashahi used to attend it.

CONSTRUCTION OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS :

Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind also excelled greatly in the department of construction and establishment. He would get Islamic institutions, mosques and khaanqaahs constructed wherever he went for a tour. Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind has constructed the largest khaanqaah e Ashrafiya under the name of Huzoor Makhdoom-e-Saani in Kichaucha muqaddasa which consists of 300 rooms for travellers and devotees, one magnificent and splendid Jaam'e Masjid Huzoor Makhdoom-e-Saani and one grand hall for religious congregations, gatherings and mehfil e sama.

Moreover, he constructed the first madrasa for boys in Baskhari, Kichaucha in 1975, named Daar ul Uloom Mehboob e Yazdani. He also established the first school for girls in his native place Baskhari in 1985 named Aziza Muslim Girls School. The madarsa and the school both are providing free of cost education, food and hostel facilities to students since the day of inception.

On the land of Mumbai, in an area named Agripada which had become a centre for the deviant sects, he established Al Madina Mosque in 1978 and for approximately 40 years he preached and taught and lit the love of The Prophet, his companions and his Ahl e Bait in the hearts of the listeners.

Paaposh me lagayi kiran aaftaab ki

Jo baat ki khuda ki qasam laa javaab ki

Translation:

He brought rays of the sun down here

By god, whatever he said was a matchless fact

He laid the foundation stone of the first madrasa in the city of Vasco, Goa named Jamiya Huzoor Makhdoom-e-Saani.

He established the Daar ul Uloom Makhdoom e Simnani in 2008, in a place called Mumbra which is not far from Mumbai. Moreover, he established a number of mosques and madarsas in The United Arab Emirates, Dubai. He also delivered numerous speeches in Masjid Al Futtaim, Dubai.

In the Bride of Cities, Mumbai, the rich and aristocrats of the city used to sit at his feet. The renowned Memon families of the city were connected to him. Whenever there was a tough situation, he would always be there to provide a solution. Whenever there was a discord amongst muslims, he used to arbitrate and find a peaceful solution

The disciples(mureedeen)) of Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind are spread across Mumbai, Pune, Faizabad, Amardhoba, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Madras, Surat, Dhoraji, etc. They are also present in large numbers in the foreign countries of Nepal, Dubai, Ajman, Sharjah, Singapore, Lahore, etc.

The list of his Khulafas(caliphs) is also lengthy. Along with being a great scholar of Islam and a renowned person, he was also a non-replacive orator, a true disciple of his peer(spiritual guide), a splendid poet, a sufi by character, a perfect peer(spiritual guide) in the true sense, proper guide to the path of truth, man of ethics and etiquettes and a moral human being.

POETRY

Top of the line poets like bekal utsaahi, ajmal sultanpuri, qamar sulemani used to share stage with him

Some couplets penned down by Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind:

Koi jaan e bahaar aata hai,

Dil kahi.n aaj daagdaar na ho

Someone who's the life of spring, bloom is about to come

My heart might get stained by love today

Jaam e Ashraf hai hosh me aao

Mai-kashon itne be qaraar na ho

It is the spiritual drink of Ashraf so stay conscious

O drinkers do not be so restless

Ashrafi daur chalraha hai Kumail

Tu bhi kyon aaj baada khvaar na ho

Dar o diivaar par hai jalwa e toor

Ye kahi.n Ashrafi dayaar na ho

It is the golden era of Ashrafi's we are living in, o Kumail(his pseudonym)

Why shouldn't you also get intoxicated today with the spiritual drink

Effulgence of mountain tuur can be seen on the doors and walls

This might be the blessed region of Syed Ashraf jahangir

The title of Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind:

In 2013, Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind visited Iraq. He reached Baghdad after visiting Karbala e mu'alla, Najaf Ashraf, Kaazmain and more holy sites and shrines on the way. At this time, the custodian of the holy court of Huzoor Gaus ul Aazam, Shaykh Yusuf Ziauddin Al Jilani called for him. On the same day, after the maghrib prayers, both the Qadri Princes met in the aastana sharif. Shaykh Yusuf Al Jilani kissed the forehead of Huzoor Shaikh ul Hind and said, "you are my razzaqi brother"(referring to the fact that shaykh yusuf sahab and Shaykh-ul-Hind both were descendants of the eldest son of gaus e azam whose name was Abdul Razzaq jilani).

He announced in a crowd of hundreds, "He is Shaykh-ul-Hind, He is Shaykh-ul-Hind" and immediately in the court of Gaus e Aazam, sky-kissing slogans of "Shaykh-ul-Hind zindabad(live long Shaykh-ul-Hind)" were raised by the people present.

He visited Baghdad Sharif many times in his life, Shaykh Bakar bin Abdul Razzaaq Al sammarai who was the imam of Jaam'e masjid inside the complex of the shrine of Gaus-ul-Azam, used to ask Shaykh-ul-Hind to deliver the Friday sermon in the Jaam'e masjid.

Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind spent his whole life in the propagation of Islam, sunnism and the Ashrafi sufi order. He took part in major conferences as the president and patron.

For eg, he delivered the presidential speech in the conference conducted in the remembrance of Huzoor Mufti e Aazam e hind in Mastaan Talaab Maidaan, Mumbai, after his passing away in 1982,

where great Islamic scholars like Maulana Muhammad Shafee Okarvi sahab of pakistan and others were present.

Under his patronage the Urs of Huzoor Makhdoom e Simnani used to be held in a magnificent manner at Haji Ali Dargah of mumbai for approximately 12 years. There would be a crowd of Islamic scholars, sufis, aristocrats, politicians and other lovers and believers.

His speeches on the martyrdom of Imam Husain R.A. were unmatched. The unique points which he used to present would create such an effect on the listeners that there would be lamentation in the crowd. An ocean of tears would flow in the love of Imam Husain R.A.

Hazrat delivered speeches on the martyrdom of Imam Husain for 17 years in muharram in the area of Madanpura, Mumbai. Moreover, He delivered speeches in the city of Pune and other cities of India during the month of muharram.

Agar goyii ke fakhr e khaandaanam,
Nazar bar khaandaan e mustafa gun

IF YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE PROUD OF YOUR FAMILY AND LINEAGE,
SO JUST LOOK AT THE FAMILY OF PROPHET

Digar goyii ke bar man zulm gashtam,
Nazar bar kushtagaan e karbala gun

AND IF YOU SAY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN OPPRESSED,
SO JUST LOOK AT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE MARTYRED IN KARBALA

His life was a clear reflection of the blessed attributes of Prophet Muhammad S.A.W. He was the collection of the oceans of tariqat and shariat in the true sense.

He was also known as “ulema nawaaz” “one who bestows upon scholars” He would always be ready to show hospitality and provide monetary aid to the Islamic scholars.

GOLDEN QUOTES

Three sayings of Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind are given below:

1. A sword made of iron cuts through a disbeliever but a sword of love cuts through his disbelief and he enters Islam.

2. There are three types of eyes:

a. The ones with which people see.

b. The evil eye which can prove to be fatal and deadly for a person.

c. And if the blessed sight of a wali Allah (saint) falls on a person, his life and afterlife will be blessed.

3. Always forgive people, and he explained it with this sher (couplet):

Mujaahid ka wo naara ho ke koh o dasht tharraae,

Magar dushman bhi zakhmi ho to kheme me utha laaye.

A WARRIOR'S SLOGANEERING SHOULD BE SUCH THAT EVEN THE MOUNTAINS AND JUNGLES SHOULD TREMBLE

BUT HIS HEART SHOULD BE SUCH THAT EVEN IF THE ENEMY IS WOUNDED HE MUST BRING HIM TO HIS OWN TENT TO CURE HIM

Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind passed away in the city of Mumbai on 5th november 2020 (18 rabi ul awwal 1442 hijri) on Thursday during the time of zohr prayers.

During his last days, On his bed of ailment, even when it was difficult for him to move, he would strictly adhere to and abide by the pristine Islamic law and would pray namaaz. Before leaving for the hospital, he narrated the incident of Muhammad S.A.W. when he was living his last days in this world and told his disciples and children to be patient.

Hazrat was given a ghusl and was shrouded in Mumbai and his first funeral prayers were offered in Mumbai which were lead by Jaanasheen e Huzoor Ashraf ul Ulama Maulana Syed Nizam Ashraf Ashrafi ul Jilani.

The second funeral prayers were prayed in Kichaucha muqaddasa which were lead by his son Maulana Syed Shah Ahmed Ashraf Al Ashrafi ul Jilani.

Huzoor Shaykh-ul-Hind's blessed shrine is located in Kichaucha Muqaddasa just next to the grave of his Peer and father, Huzoor Makhdoom-e-Saani.

Saahib e ilm o wilayat hai mera aaqa Kumail,
Kyon na ho jab hai ali haider ka shehzaada Kumail

Bearer of great knowledge and sainthood is my master Kumail
Why shouldn't he be, when he is a descendant of maula ali

Haidar o gaus o moin o Ashraf o Syed tufail,
Mustafa ki anjuman me sab ka pyara Kumail

Maula ali, Gaus e azam, khwaja moinuddin, Syed Ashraf jahangir and Syed tufail ahmed
Beloved of all the stars of Muhammad mustafa is my master Kumail.

Hai Bilal e Ashrafi ki awwal o aakhir dua,
Taa abad Allah rakhe tum se waabasta Kumail

The first and the last dua of Bilal Ashrafi is,
May Allah always keep me connected to the blessed threshold of my master Kumail.