

**DEDICATED TO MY BELOVED
MOTHER**

**Who was a constant source of
inspiration and motivation for
me during the course of
compiling this piece of work.**

**“WHEN ONE HAS
NO MEMORY OF
THE PAST HOW
CAN ONE LOVE THE
PRESENT”**

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FORE WORD

I feel pleasure in forwarding my views regarding the book entitled "The Jadoons". It is the first comprehensive piece of research work ever written on Jadoon (Gadoon) tribe in which maximum information has been scholarly presented. As there is a regrettable dearth of books on this subject, I hope this treatise will meet the real needs of the readers. The author has taken pain in making use of material, which had hitherto been unknown to the general readers. He utilized the historical sources with critical skill, for which, I think, he deserves a hearty congratulation and his labour will widely be appreciated by the tribe, history students as well as general readers.

By adding appendices to the book, the author has made accessible to the readers some very rare history material.

At the end I again put my feelings that it is a great privilege for me to write a foreword of this book.

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PREFACE

The study of history is an interesting, popular and informative subject, but it is often undertaken in an uncritical manner. I have tried to accommodate different views of prominent historians in this book regarding ascertainment of the Jadoon Tribe's descent, with critical analysis having recourse to authentic historical records for making necessary corrections and improvements on the previous efforts.

This endeavor of mine is basically aimed at piecing together the historical truth about the Jadoon tribe from several accounts in a concise form, lying in a stray and scattered manner, hitherto, mostly being in the blind spots of the readers. The convenience of the readers being my primary concern and objective. This would make a very comprehensive study in a very concise way in one compendium, which might have been the earnest desire of the readers of the history.

In point of fact, much care has been taken to compile the facts. However, it cannot be claimed that the work is a foolproof effort without any errors of omission and commission, for which the writer would be regretting sincerely.

At the end I feel proud to present this book at this juncture of the millennium, contemporaneously in the form of a humble gift to the Jadoon tribe, in particular, and the students of history, in general. To me this effort would not only dispel confusion, if any, regarding the descent of the tribe, but will also prove a valuable addition to history books on this topic.

AUTHOR

REVIEW

It is the first comprehensive book in English ever written, which covers all the aspects relating to the history of Jadoon tribe, i.e. its origin, migrations, old and new dwellings and settlements, biographies of prominent personalities, and pedigrees (Shajras) of Pathan tribes, etc. These topics are fully discussed and nicely presented in scholarly manner.

It is an original and unbiased piece of research work wherein historical facts are critically reviewed and supported with authentic references. The analyses of some of the historical facts are intellectually done, which clear the cloud of doubts from the minds of readers. Continuity of the facts is maintained and interpretation of some of the terminologies, which relate to the history of the tribe, is commendable. Moreover the addition of appendices in the book has further enhanced its utility.

Apart from that, the collection, compilation and systematic arrangement of the pedigrees of the Pathan tribes, which is the most painstaking and laborious jobs, have been done very nicely and efficiently. In spite of certain shortcomings, the author has through out maintained full grip on the topic for which he deserves appreciation. This book may rightly be called an Encyclopedia of Jadoon Tribe.

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