

Hazrat Sheikh Sharfuddin Bu-Ali Shah Qalandar (R.A.)

The Fragrant Saint of Panipat

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Preface

This eBook, presented by Barkateraza.in, chronicles the life, spiritual journey, and enduring legacy of Hazrat Sheikh Sharfuddin Bu-Ali Shah Qalandar (R.A.), a revered Sufi saint of the Qalandari order. Known for his intense devotion, miraculous feats, and profound influence on the Delhi Sultanate, his shrine in Panipat, Haryana, remains a beacon of spiritual light. This work aims to preserve his teachings and inspire devotees with his message of divine love and service to humanity.

Chapter 1

Introduction

Hazrat Sheikh Sharfuddin Bu-Ali Shah Qalandar (606–724 A.H./1209–1324 A.D.) was a prominent Sufi saint of the Qalandari order, renowned for his asceticism, miracles, and devotion to Hazrat Ali (R.A.). Born in Panipat, India, he earned the title "Bu-Ali" (Fragrance of Ali) after a divine encounter with Hazrat Ali (R.A.). His shrine in Panipat, celebrated during his Urs on 26 Rabi-ul-Awwal, attracts devotees seeking spiritual and divine blessings.

Chapter 2

Lineage and Family

Hazrat Bu-Ali Shah Qalandar, born Sheikh Sharfuddin, was a descendant of Hazrat Imam Abu Hanifa through several generations. His father, Sheikh Fakharuddin, was a distinguished scholar and saint, and his mother, Bibi Hafiza Jamal, was the daughter of Maulana Syed Nematullah Hamdani. His family migrated from Iraq to Panipat in 600 A.H. (1203 A.D.), establishing a legacy of piety and learning.

Chapter 3

Birth and Early Life

Born in 606 A.H. (1209 A.D.) in Panipat, Hazrat Bu-Ali Shah displayed early signs of spiritual inclination. Raised in a scholarly household, he was nurtured in an environment of piety and knowledge. His early years were marked by a deep connection to divine contemplation, setting the stage for his later ascetic and mystical pursuits.

Chapter 4

Education

Hazrat Bu-Ali Shah excelled in both religious and secular sciences, mastering Ilm-e-Maaqoolaat wa Manqoolaat (rational and traditional sciences). He completed his education early and taught at the Masjid-e-Quwwat-ul-Islam near Qutub Minar in Delhi for 20 years. Renowned among scholars, he was respected for his erudition and spiritual insight, earning admiration from top-ranking teachers.

Chapter 5

Spiritual Journey

Enraptured by divine love, Hazrat Bu-Ali Shah abandoned his scholarly pursuits, casting his books into a river and retreating to a forest for intense meditation. In Karnal, he stood in water for 36 years, enduring severe penance until fish ate the flesh from his calves. During one meditation, he heard a divine voice granting his prayers, to which he expressed his desire to remain in divine love. Hazrat Ali (R.A.) appeared, lifted him from the water, and imparted divine secrets, earning him the title "Bu-Ali Shah."

Chapter 6

Miracles (Karamat)

1. Riding a Lion: A disciple of Shamsuddin Turk witnessed Hazrat Bu-Ali Shah riding a lion. When conveyed Shamsuddin's message that "the lion should live in the jungle," he immediately left for Ghote, demonstrating his humility and spiritual power.
2. Divine Encounter with Hazrat Ali: During his meditation in water, Hazrat Ali (R.A.) appeared, lifted him from the river, and taught him divine secrets, marking the moment he became known as Bu-Ali Shah.

Chapter 7

Teachings and Influence

Hazrat Bu-Ali Shah emphasized divine love, devotion to Hazrat Ali (R.A.), and the propagation of Islam. His famous Persian couplet, "Hayderium, Qalandrum, Mustam," reflects his devotion to Hazrat Ali (R.A.) as the "Lion of Allah." He converted hundreds, including Rajputs, and influenced the Delhi Sultanate's royalty, preaching good conduct and spiritual values. His teachings focused on humility, surrender to God, and transcendence of worldly boundaries.

Chapter 8

Spiritual Mentors and Disciples

While some chroniclers suggest Hazrat Bu-Ali Shah was directly initiated by Hazrat Ali (R.A.), others link him to Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya, Hazrat Qutbuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki, Hazrat Shahabuddin Suhrawardi, and Hazrat Khwaja Khizr Rumi, from whom he received khilafat. His notable khalifa was Hazrat Ghaus Ali Shah Qalandar, who continued his spiritual legacy.

Chapter 9

Legacy and Mausoleum

Hazrat Bu-Ali Shah lived in Panipat until his passing on 17 Ramzan 724 A.H. (1324 A.D.) in Budha Khera, with his tomb established in Panipat. His shrine, known as Qalandari Gate, is a spiritual hub where his Urs on 26 Rabi-ul-Awwal attracts devotees. His influence endures through his teachings and the devotion of his followers, particularly in Haryana and beyond.

Chapter 10

Panipat: The Town

Panipat, a historic city in Haryana, India, 90 km from Delhi, is renowned for its three pivotal battles in Indian history and its textile and carpet industries. Founded by the Pandavas as Paneprastha, it hosts significant sites like the Tomb of Bu-Ali Shah Qalandar, Kala Amb, and Kabuli Bagh. Its proximity to Delhi and industrial significance, including the IOCL Refinery and NTPC Thermal Power Plant, add to its prominence.

Chapter 11

Hazrat Ghaus Ali Shah Qalandar

Hazrat Ghaus Ali Shah Qalandar (1804–1880 A.D.), born in Panipat, was a 19th-century Sufi master and khalifa of Hazrat Bu-Ali Shah. A direct descendant of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), he was raised by a Hindu wet nurse, Pandit Ram Sanaihi's wife, who called him Ganga Bishan. Known by titles like Khurshid Ali and Abul Hasan, he carried forward the Qalandari legacy, blending interfaith harmony with his spiritual mission.

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Closing Prayer

May Allah, through the blessings of His Beloved Prophet (PBUH), Hazrat Sheikh Sharfuddin Bu-Ali Shah Qalandar, the Ahl-e-Bait, and all Awliya Allah, grant us complete love for the Prophet, protect our faith, inspire righteous deeds, and fulfill our noble desires in this world and the hereafter. Ameen.