

Class VII

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Chapter 12 Making of a Composite Culture

In the previous lecture we had studied about the Bhakti movement. We will continue and study about the Sufi movement.

The Sufi movement originated in West Asia. From the ninth century onwards, many Sufis began to migrate to India. They settled in different parts and asked people to love God, lead a simple life and treat one another as equals. The Sufis were organized into many order or silsilahs, each named after its founder. The Chisti and the Suhrawardi silsilahs were the most popular silsilahs in India.

Teachings of the Sufi saints

1. God is supreme and should be worshipped with love and devotion.
2. Respect all religions and show charity towards poor.
3. Follow a guru who would show the correct path.
4. Lead a simple life, keep away from greed.

The Sufi movement encouraged unity between Hindus and Muslims. It made rulers also more tolerant. It also encouraged the development of regional literature.