

## **Usefulness Oral Tradition; Uncovering Freedom Fighters “Azmeer Khan Mandokhail and Mashu Marrani”**

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### **Abstract:**

*This paper uncovers the two Pashtun heroes and freedom fighters that are seldom heard in the contemporary written annals. This is the oral tradition that still preserves the memories of people who have fought for their soil against the mightiest empires of time. Azmeer Khan and Mashu Khan are the two freedom fighters who have fought the British colonial forces for seeking freedom and self-determination. The paper presents a blend of the written colonial history and the oral history. The paper leads towards creating the knowledge base that will open new dimensions of alternative history. The paper investigates the unheard and unwritten dimensions of colonial history in the Pashtun areas especially. The significance of the oral tradition and ethnographic approaches for historiography is validated through paper. The geo-politics and significance of Afghan territory has never let the Afghans to thrive socially, politically and more educationally in its spars. It is paradox of history and worthwhile to divulge here that the invaders either passed through Afghan land or came to it to surmount the world; which structured psychologically a bellicose nation manipulated them to love sword. Bellicose in a sense to drive away the invaders and more their survival had been linked with loving sword since long ago.*

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