

Khushal Khan Khattak, Feudal Lord, or Mansabdar?

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Abstract:

Khushal Khan Khatak (1613-1689) the great Pashtoon classical Poet, thinker, scholar, warrior and leader has lived a metaphorical life stemmed in constant struggle, battles, scholastic and intellectual bolstering. Various dimensions of his life, writings, thoughts and wisdom are uncovered in the 19th and 20th century. In this paper, the researchers have constructed and elaborated their hypothesis segregating the dichotomy of Khushal Khan as Landlord or a High rank administrative employee (Mansbadar) of the Mughal Empire. The scholars have cross validated references that are mainly used subjectively.

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