

SHRINE OF KHAWJA QUTBUDIN BAKHTIYAR KAKI

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ABSTRACT

The early Chishti Sufi 'saints' flourished during the 13th and 14th centuries in Northern India. However, only few saints were revered in the history of Indian Sufism. They gained greater popularity during and after their lifetime, as the result their dargah have emerged as important centre of pilgrimage. By the end of the 13th century, the dargah of Qutb Sahib had gain immense popularity and prestige. Ibn Battuta (a Moroccan traveller), was the only medieval traveller who is known to have visited the lands of every Muslim ruler of his time. He also travelled in Ceylon (present Sri Lanka), China, Byzantium and South Russia. In 1333, when Ibn Battuta reached Delhi, he found the three most popular pilgrimage places here. In the early period of the Delhi Sultanate, these dargahs were venerated.

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