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Nund Rishi

Sheikh ul Alam sheikh Noor us Din wali is one of the most popular saint (wali) among other popular saints (Auliya) in Kashmir. He was born in 1377 AD at Koinmoh Kulgham. He played the most leading role in spreading Islam in Kashmir. Sheikh Noor aud Din Wali lived a simple saintly life. To purify himself spiritually, he spent twelve years in a cave. We learned honesty, purity, simplicity, kindness, sympathy, humbleness in his teachings. He taught us the way of truth and justice and service to humankind. His life is an example of peace and property towards resurrection.

He influenced many spiritual teachers and saints, including Hamza Makhdoom, Resh Mir Sàeb, and Shamas Faqir. Noor-ud-Din spread his teachings and message through poems, commonly known as shruks. His poems have emphasized moral principles that often call for peace. He strived for Hindu–Muslim unity. One of his prominent poems is “**Ann poshi teli yeli wan poshi**”, which translates as “**Food will thrive only till the woods survive**”.

A Kashmiri poetess “Lal Ded” was his contemporary and had a great impact on his spiritual growth.

Noor-ud-Din is also credited with translating the Quran into the Kashmiri language.

In 2015, the University of Kashmir published an Urdu book titled “Kalam-i-Sheikh-ul-Alam”, comprising about 300 shruks of Nund Rishi translated into Urdu by Ghulam Muhammad Shad. Noor-ud-Din died in 1438 at the approximate age of 63.

Sultan Zain-ul-Abidin delegated a tomb for his body at Charari Sharief. The Charar-e-Sharief shrine is visited by pilgrims to this day, especially on the eve of Noor-ud-Din's.

Refer to the You Tube link:

<https://youtu.be/enFBgM8cPzk>