

The Educational functions of Hajj Abdul Ali Khan Endowment in Birjand

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Abstract

Devotion, as one of the divine commandments, has been a support for the flourishing and strengthening of Islamic culture due to its support for the establishment of educational institutions and schools. This good tradition has been a constant source of funding and popular support for the continuity and sustainability of educational centers for the education of students and scholars of all walks of life. This research done by descriptive-analytical method and based on endowment documents and library resources, seeks to examine and analyze the endowment documents of Hajj Abdul Ali Khan to explain the effect of endowment on school creation and ultimately cultural and educational prosperity of Birjand. The results show that one of the concerns of the people and even the rulers of Birjand at the time was the lack of educational institutions and concerns about cultural backwardness. The students also paid attention to the cost of their clothes and books, and by dedicating various competitions (property and real estate) to their endowed educational and cultural center, which includes a mosque complex, a seminary, Hosseinieh and Abanbar, a model of establishing educational and cultural centers for this city has created.

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