

ABSTRACT

There has been variant in colonial experiences of different regions and the people who are residing in that particular region. Few experiences among all these are quite significant in terms of their production and merits. The village of Khan Garh is an exception with a unique experience of colonialism that has turned the course of history as people and the region had a more productive and healthy state of life during colonialism and the same goes on with its post-colonial experiences. This exception in experience of Khan Garh village had happened after Brigadier General John Jacob assumed the power as an official of the British administration to persuade the policies in the best interest of the Raj. What if he was told that nothing but rigged mountainous region and barren land awaits him, still general John Jacob was enthusiast and urged himself and the authorities under him to turn the land as more prosperous, agriculturist and more appalling to its residents. Besides, Jacob transformed the structure of the village by altering a vast desert into rich cornfields, planted trees across the village, created avenues for better economy and canals were constructed to irrigate the barren planes, and above all, Jacob made the region free from everyday raids and familial battling of the tribes among themselves. This transformation in the case of Khan Garh village under Jacob has commendable features as this transformation goes deeply even to individual and his best to the objective society. Jacob led the people of Khan Garh village to a point where rebels felt proud of their hard works in correspondence with the English officials. From social to Political and from Religious to a more modernized society was thus the hallmark of Jacob's transforming struggle to the region under his suzerainty. It was the people who loved calling their transformed village after their sincerest, devoted and helpful leader and named it Jacobabad.