

Online Course Outcomes
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The Khoja Community

Evolution of An Iconic Diaspora

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Presented in three parts, over 12 weekly sessions, this online course delved into epochal phases of the evolutionary journey of the Khoja Community tracing the migratory patterns that resulted in the formation of an iconic Khoja diaspora as we know it today.

- **Part I: Genesis of the Khojas in the Pre-colonial India.**
- **Part II: Identity Building in British India**
- **Part III Building and Socio-religious Endeavors**

*“A Community that has poured
the essence of faith in a
receptacle of culture.”*

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HYPOTHESIS

Faith and Culture are not mutually exclusive.

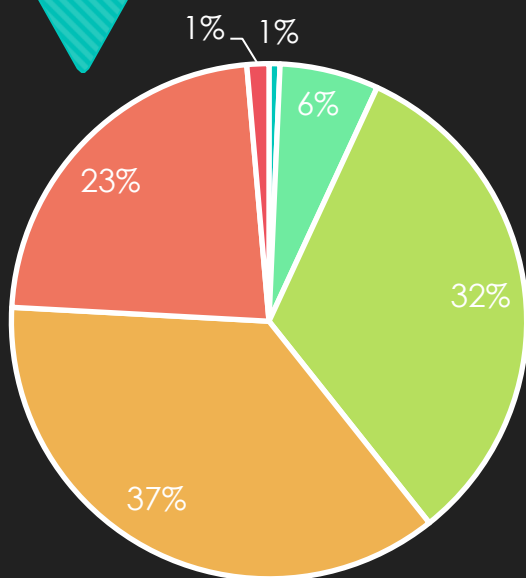
- **Part one** covered the genesis of the Khojas in the pre-colonial India to provide a background of the societal structure, traditions and rituals as well as myths amongst the Sindhi, Kutchi and Kathiawadi communities in present day Gujarat in India and Sindh in Pakistan.
- **Part 2** focussed on Identity building during the British Colonial rule in India and the crystallization of the three Khoja Communities after the arrival of the Aga Khan I in India in 1845 and 28-year tenure of Mulla Qadir Husein from 1862.
- **Part 3** traced the migration, Community Building and Socio-religious Endeavours as a case study where the Khoja Community has been most impactful. It also reviewed religious and history literature.



Survey Results & General Comments

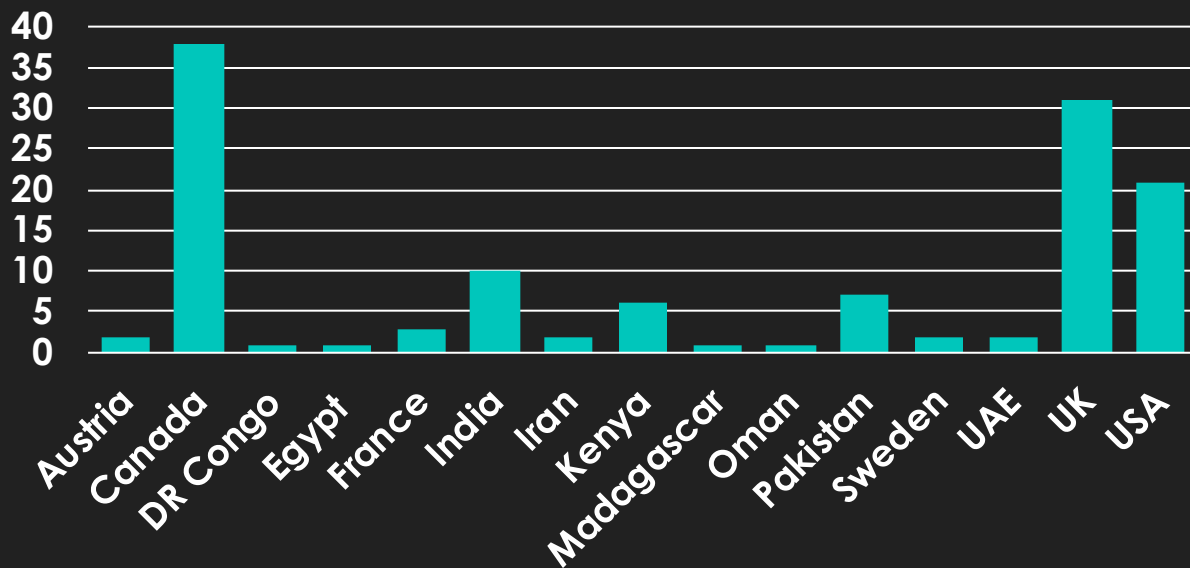


Age Range and Regions



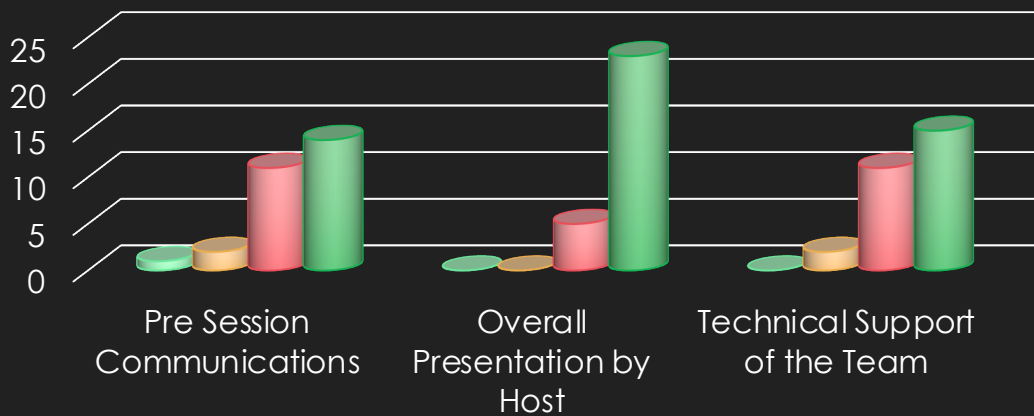
- No of registrations: 146
- No of Attendees*: 102
- Average Attendance: 49

* Includes attendees of any number of sessions between 1 & 12

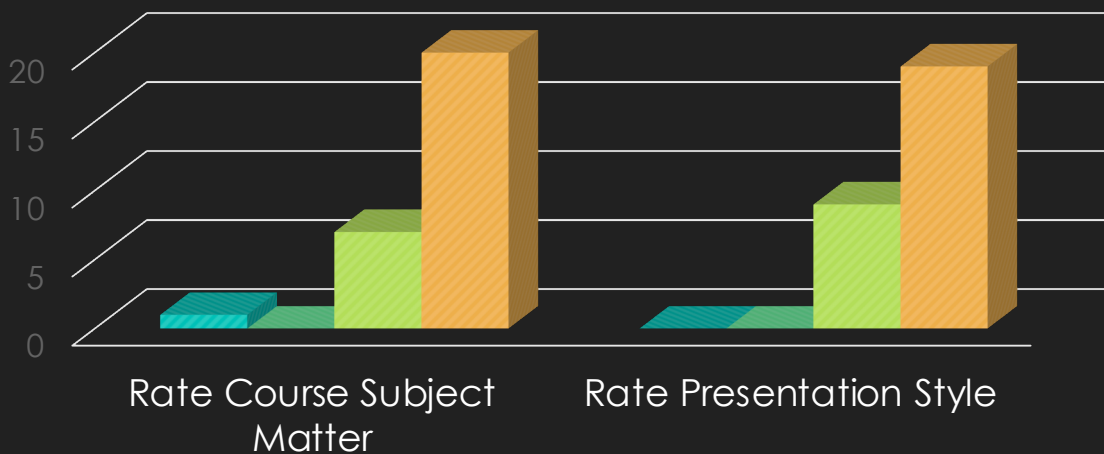


Presentation & Content

Communication



■ Poor ■ Satisfactory ■ Good ■ Excellent

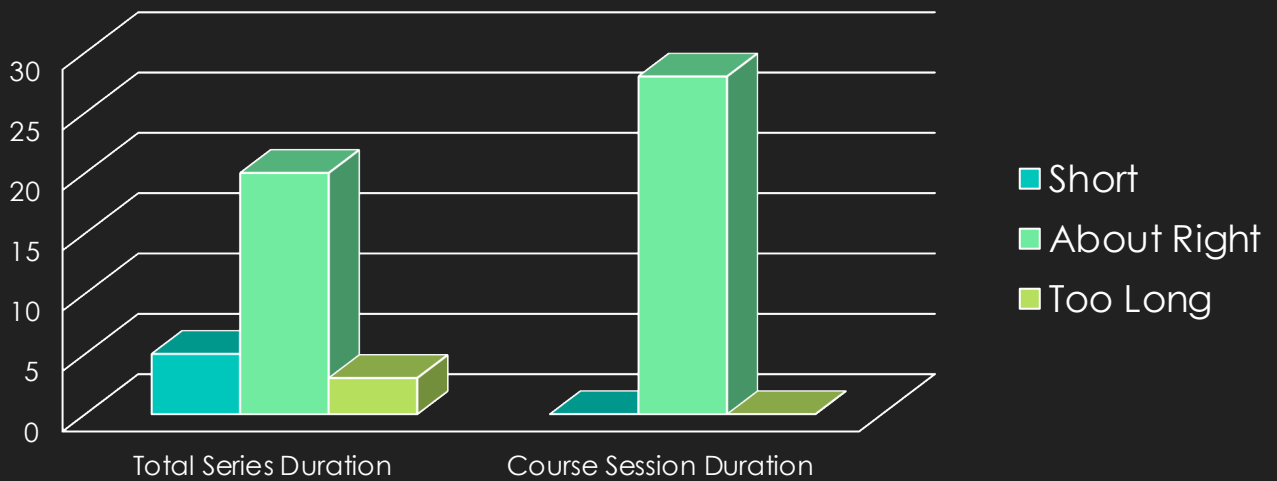


■ Below Expectations ■ Average ■ Good ■ Excellent

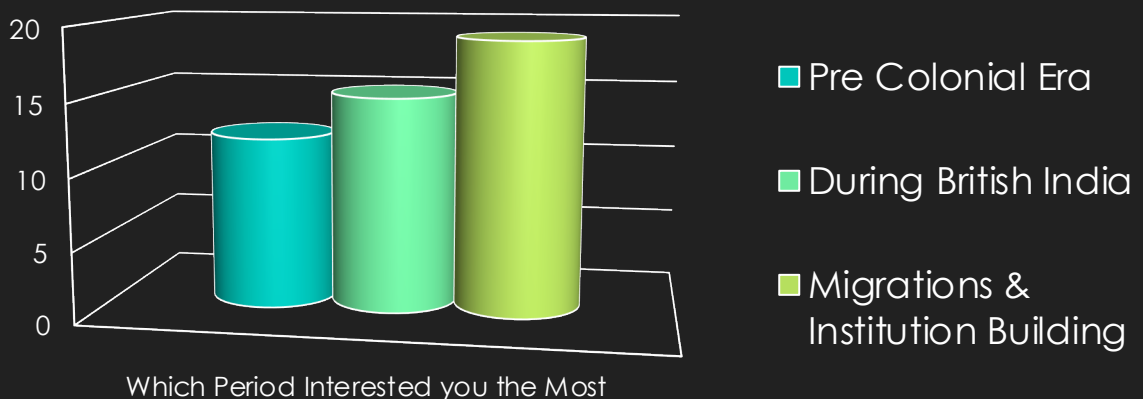


Length and Interest Area

Course Duration



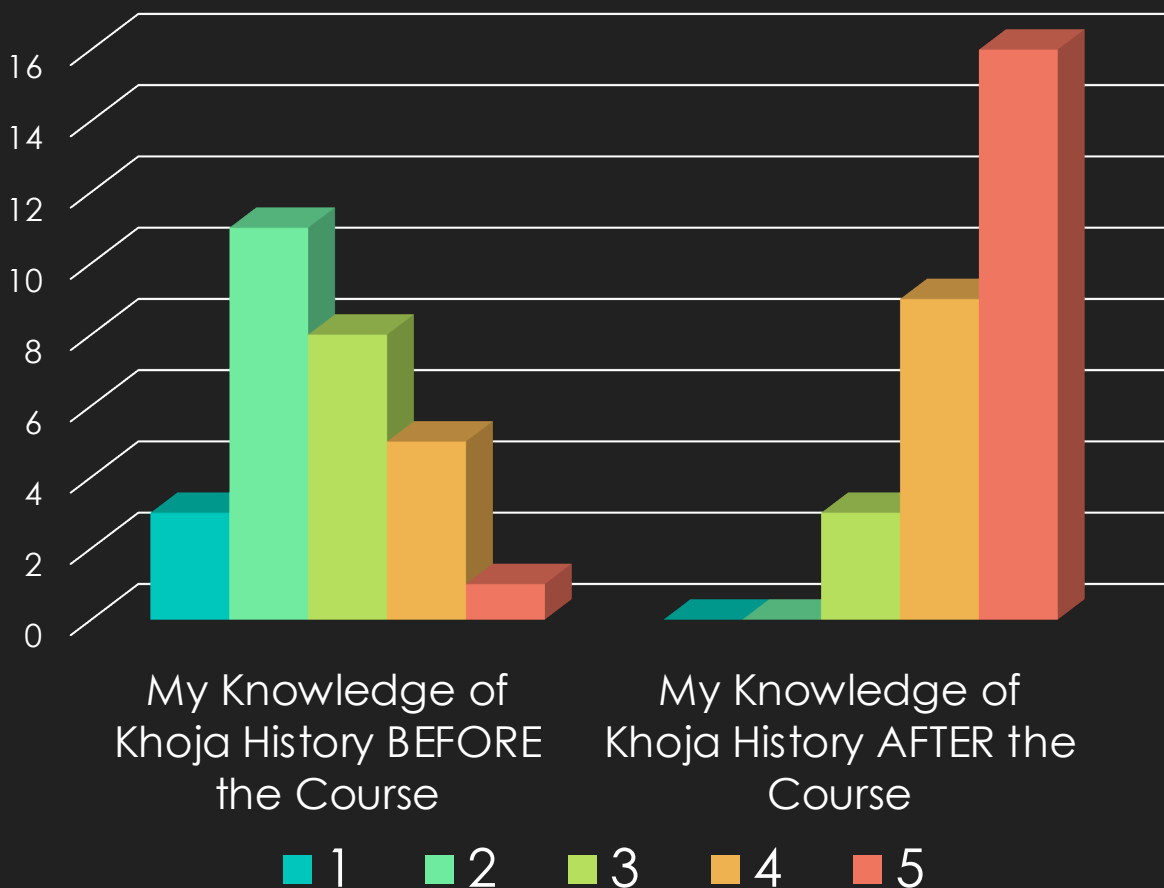
Which Period Interested You Most





Impact of the Course

Khoja History Knowledge Pre-Post Comparison



Based on a range of 1 (Lowest) – 5 (Highest)

“General Comments”

- Great presentations= way beyond expectation.
- Appreciate and admire our ancestors even more of all the trials and tribulations that they went through to bring us to where we are today.
- Very graphic and mesmerizing
- A “must” for any Khoja who is interested in learning our history.
- What you are doing now is historic and will be remembered for generations to come.
- our culture, heritage and belief is woven into the strength of our community. This strength is seen when our ancestors moved from India to Africa
- With Hasnain's personal anecdotes and additional contributions from Kumail Rajani, Iqbal Dewji and Iqbal Akhtar, this course kept me spell bound.
- Its admirable that our ancestors preserved our culture and language for about a century in a new land.

Appendix 1: Course Modules

- Session 1: Genesis
- Session 2: Khoja Faith and Practices
- Session 3 - Khoja and Ismaili Connections
- Session 4: First Split
- Session 5: Khoja Cases
- Session 6: Khoja Community Beliefs Beyond Mumbai
- Session 7: Dewji Jamal and Qadir Hussein in Karbala
- Session 8 – KSI in Mumbai and Qadir Huseins Role
- Session 9 : Movement Gains Momentum
- Session 10: KSI in East Africa & Beyond
- Session 11: Literary Contributions
- Session 12 : Summation and Closing Circle

Resources and References

- Khoja Vruttant -Sachedina Nanjiamni – 1892
- History of the Khojas - Jaffer Rehmtullah - 1905
- Khoja Kawm ni Taarikh - Adelji Dhanji Kaaba 1912
- Mulla Qader Husain nu Jiwan Charitray - Mulla Qadir Husein
- Mahuwa Commission Report – Adelji Dhanji 1920
- East African and Madagascar Directories by Africa Federation 1960
- Endangered Species – Hassan Jaffer 2014
- Shia of India – John Hollister 1947
- **Khoja Documentary:** <https://youtu.be/9IlcCSyCK48>
- **Khoja Court Cases:** https://youtu.be/mLrdChTa6_I
- **Khoja Manuscripts:** <http://khojahistory.org/books-archive/>



**Making the Past,
Part of our Future**

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