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Importance of Waqf and its implementation in islamic Personal law

=> Introduction:-

Waqf is an important institution in islamic law that reflects social welfare, charity and justice.

=> Meaning:-

The word waqf means "to stop" or "to hold" In islamic law it refers to the Permanent dedication of Property by a muslim for the sake of Allah.

=> Essential Element of Waqf

1. Waqif:-

The Person who creates the waqf

2- **Mauquf:-**
The Property dedicated

3. **Mauquf Alaih:-**
The Persons or Public who benefit

4- **Mutawalli :-**
The Person who manages the waqf.

=> **Importance :-**

1. **Source of Continuous charity:-**
Waqf is a form of ongoing charity. Even after death, the donor continues to receive rewards.

2- **Social welfare:-**
Waqf ~~Source~~ supports
- Mosques
- orphanages
- Schools
- Poor and needy
- Hospitals

3- **Economic Stability:-**
It helps reduce poverty by Providing free services and financial assistance to the underprivileged

4- **Promotion of Education and Religion:-**
Many Islamic institutions are funded through waqf helping spread knowledge and religious teachings.

=> **Waqf under islamic Personal law:-**
Islamic Personal law regulates waqf in the following ways.

1- **Permanent Nature:-**
Once a waqf is created it cannot be revoked or sold

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2. **legal Recognition:-**

Courts recognize waqf as a binding legal act

3. **Role of Mutawalli:-**

The mutawalli manages the waqf Property but is not the owner.

4. **Protection of Property:-**

Waqf Property is Protected and must be used only for its intended Purpose

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=> Implementation of waqf in Society:-

1- Religious Implementation:.

- Construction and maintenance of mosques
- Support for religious education

2- Social Implementation:-

- Welfare institutions like hospitals and orphanages
- Assistance to widows and Poor families

3- Educational Implementation:.

Establishment of schools, colleges and libraries.
Helping reduce inequality

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4- **Economic Implementation:-**

- Providing jobs through waqf institutions
- Helping reduce inequality

5- **legal Implementation:-**

- Government and courts supervise waqf Properties
- laws ensure proper management and Prevent missuse.

=> **Challenges in implementation:-**

- Mismanagement by mutawalli
- lack of Proper record-keeping
- Illegal occupation of waqf Properties
- lack of awareness among People.

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⇒ Conclusion:-

Waqf is a powerful tool in islamic Personal law that Promotes charity, justice and Social welfare. Its Proper implementation can significantly improve Society by supporting education, healthcare, and Poverty reduction. Strengthening the waqf system is essential for building a balanced and caring islamic Society.

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