

## 'Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi Reform Movement and its Impact on Muslim India'

Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi was a social reformer, sufi and Mujaddid. He became the saviour of Islam, when Islamic practices were in great danger due to un-Islamic policies of Akbar, that welcomed the anti-Islamic ideologies. Mujaddid Alf Saani came in front to counter the anti-Islam forces and to restore the glory of Islam.

In the reign of Akbar, number of Hindu customs and practices became part of Muslims traditions and the policies were adopted by men in power that were detrimental to Islamic

The belief in Karamat was widespread. Similarly, the concept of Deen-e-Elahi was coined by Akbar and he also initiated the practice of prostration before king in the court. He also promoted Hinduism by marrying Hindu ladies and giving high positions of court to Rajputs and Hindus.

In result, many Islamic practices came under grave threat like cow slaughter was banned, demolishing of mosques and construction of Hindu temples etc.



In this time of need, Shiekh Ahmed Sirhindi emerged as the saviour of Islam and through his efforts and services he eliminated the un-Islamic tendencies.

Socially, he rebuked newly integrated features of other religions and successfully countered the Wahdat-ul-Wujood ideology with his Wahdul-Shuhood ideology. Due to his efforts, he made Muslims undertake that they will not be influenced by any un-Islamic concept.

He sent his several disciples to across the subcontinent to preach the real Islamic teachings. Due to his efforts, Jizya was imposed again on temples and mandirs. Similarly, the great practice of ordering khutbas, constructing mosques was again started.

Shiekh Ahmed Sirhindi is also known as original thinker, he for the first time, translated and made available the Persian translation of Holy Quran to spread the message to larger audience.



Muzaddid Alf Sani, made the notable leaders of court, his disciples and they influenced the Jehangir to give up the practices of his father and adopting Islamic practices in his court.

Amongst his innumerable contributions, he sent his letters to prominent scholars of all Muslim countries and emphasized on religious doctrines and put great stress on Itteb-i-Sunnah.

Politically, his efforts are not negligible, though he was not a political person and he did not take part in politics but the sincere efforts made for Muslims, also benefitted the Indian subcontinent at large.

The concept of Deen-e-Elahi, badly affected the spirit of Islam, Shiech Ahmed Sirhindi, successfully countered it and the amalgamation of Islam and other religions. He very strongly, narrated and made Muslims realize that they have a separate identity and demarcation



is necessary for their survival.

He was a staunch advocate of Muslim separation and due to his efforts, the way was paved for Shah Waliullah and Syed Ahmed Shaheed that ultimately led to Two-Nation Theory and Pakistan Movement.

Shahid Ahmed Sirhindi, who is hailed as, Mujaddid Alf Saani, for his remarkable contributions, greatly transformed the society. While turning the pages of history, one cannot be left unimpressed by his services to the Islam that were devotedly carried out by Sirhindi.

Albar's policies were driven with the aim of political gain, Shahid Ahmed Sirhindi, steely challenged his policies and re-established the last glory of Islam by propagating true shariah in the Indian sub-continent.