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How the reform
movement of Sheikh Ahmad
Sirhindi influenced the
history of Muslim in India?

1 Introduction:

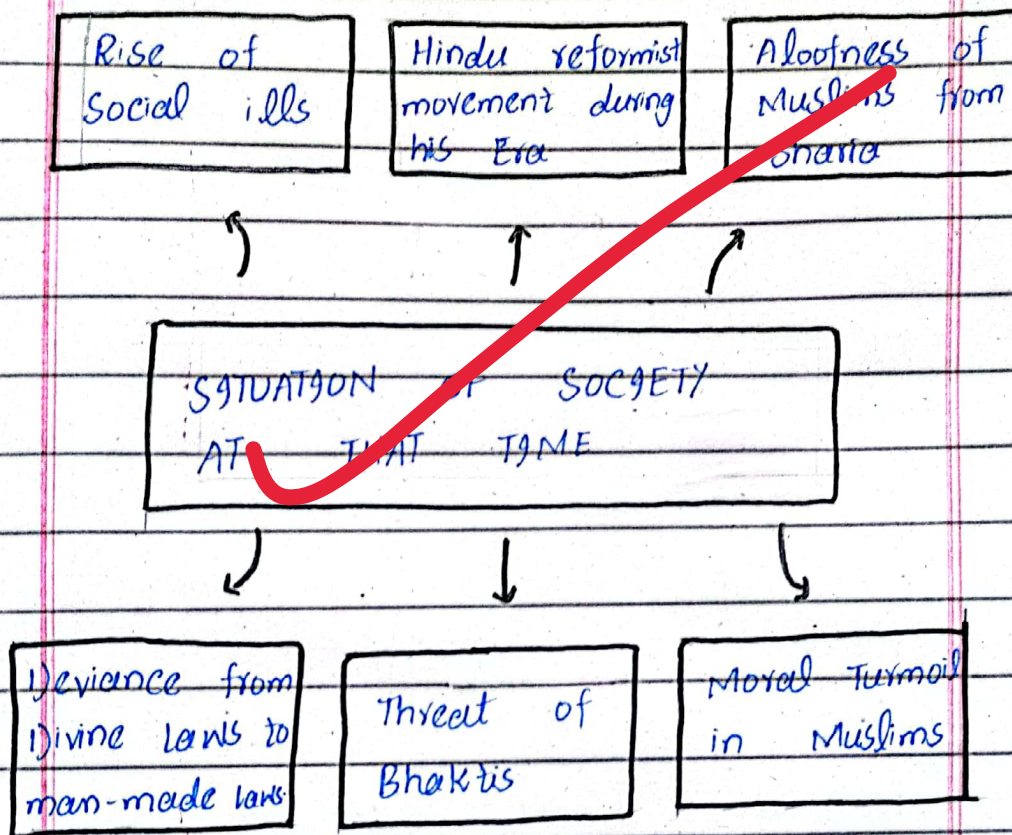
Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi was a renowned scholar of his Era. He was born in Sirhind, and he made immense efforts to revive the ^{Islamic} ~~Islamic~~ ~~principles~~ of Sub-continent. During his Era, the Muslim rulers and the masses were aloof from the Islamic principles and his efforts had left a great impact on the lives of Muslims and Muslim Society.

2 Life Sketch of Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi:-

Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi was born in Sirhind on 26 May, 1564. He was a descendant of the second pious caliph "Hazrat Umar Bin ~~al~~ ~~Khatib~~ ~~"~~, for which he was called

"Farooqi". Due to his efforts for the revival of Islam he got title of "Mujadid Alif Saani"

3 The Need for his work:



4 Efforts by Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi:

Due to the downfall of Muslims and the rise of Hindu reformist movements

he started the religious reformist movement. First of all he made some literary efforts such as:

Maktoobat: He wrote letters to the Islamic rulers of the neighbouring countries and also wrote a book on spirituality which was "Maarif-e-Raduniya". Moreover he worked for the true betterment of Islam, to end the social evils, to oppose assimilation and

4 Impacts of his Efforts:- ^{Deen-e-Esah}

His efforts and work left behind long-lasting impacts on the Muslims in political, religious and social impact aspect.

(i) Political Impacts:-

→ Emergence of Muslim Nationalism:-

He openly negated the concept of assimilation and urged the Muslims that they

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Should not merge with
the Hindus and they
should protect their identities.
He opposed the concept of
Syncretism and he was succeeded
in his efforts and the
Muslims of that time felt
that they are a separate
nation and they should not
adopt their way of living.

→ **Genesis of Two-nation
theory:-**

He made the Muslims
aware of the fact that
Muslims are a separate
nation and they should
live as a separate
nation. He openly rejected the
concept of "Wahdat-ul-Wajud".
He was a strong advocate
of Separateness of Muslims. He
wanted Jizya to be reimplemented.
Due to his efforts, Muslims
maintained distance from Hindus.

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2 Religious Impacts:-

(i) Reformation of mystics:-

To turn the better of society
 Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi criticized
 the concept of Bid'at. He
 tried to convince the people
 by citing the following verse
 of Holy Quran;

"Today, I perfected the religion
 for you and have completed
 my favor upon you."

As a result the Muslims
 abandoned un-Islamic practices
 and man-made laws.

(ii) Reformation of Society on true Islamic Principles:-

Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi reformed
 the society on Islamic principles.

He urged the Muslims to
 give up practices such
 as bribery, riba, gambling etc.

In this way he was able to
 reform ~~the~~ such a society which

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was free from all the social ills.

3 SOCIAL IMPACTS:-

Preserved the Community's faith and Beliefs:-

At his times Akbar promulgated a new belief "Din-e-Ilahi". He stood against it and ~~can~~ helped the muslims to get rid of these beliefs. Due to his efforts, he was imprisoned by the Mughal ruler Akbar. But he continued to work for the betterment of Muslims. It was he, whose efforts played a crucial role in fostering a strong connection between Muslims and Islam. He emphasized the importance of Islamic monotheism and rejected all the other beliefs.

Add more arguments.

End with conclusion