

How the Reform movement of Shaikh Ahmed Sirhindi influenced the history of Muslim in India? Cess 2020

### Ans INTRODUCTION:-

Shaikh Ahmed Sirhind was born in Sirhind India. He is also called Mujaddad-al-f-Sani and Imame-rabbani<sup>o</sup>.

He started the first Islamic reform movement in second millennium, at the time when Akbar was ruling India. Akbar introduced several reforms in India, including representation of Hindus in governance and administration. Sirhindi strongly opposed the policies of Akbar towards Islam. SM Ikram in his book wrote about him

"The most original thinker in India before Shah-Wali-ullah and Allama Iqbal"

### ⇒ REFORM MOVEMENT OF SHAIKH AHMED SIRHINDI

→ Akbar was a secular and not practising muslim. He introduced several changes during ~~reign~~<sup>a</sup> his reign, result



in weakening Islam and strengthening  
Hindus use specific and self explanatory headings.....

## 1) DIN-E-ILAH VS SIRHINDI

→ Akbar introduced Din-e-ilahi by mixing concepts of many religions i.e. Hinduism, Christianity, Buddhism and, Islam etc. He further encouraged Bhakti movement, also called himself Zill-e-Ilahi and asked people to prostrate and bow down before him

### → SIRHINDI'S REACTION

SIRHINDI called it direct attack on Islamic teaching. He wrote letters, ~~sermons~~ to other muslim ruler to counter Din-e-ilahi.

### → MATRIMONIAL ALLIANCES:-

→ For securing his territory and to vast his boundaries, Akbar married hindu princess and allowed them to practice their religion in Mughal court.

### SIRHINDI'S REACTION:-

Sirhindi considered it unislamic



and called for implementation of Sharia law in Indian subcontinent.

#### ➤ HINDUS HAD MORE RIGHTS:-

➤ At the time of Akbar hindus had more representation in Mughal courts than muslims. They had more influence in government than muslims.

"Hindus had more power to ordinance their religion while muslims were powerless to carried out their ordinance of their religion and if they carried them they were executed."

#### ➤ RESULT OF REFORM MOVEMENT:-

His ideas later influenced the emperor Aurangzeb and he implemented it in his reign.

#### 1) IMPLEMENTATION OF SHARIA LAW:-

Aurangzeb implemented Sharia law throughout the India subcontinent, allowing slaughter of cow and Imposing Jizya and Pilgrimage tax on non muslims.



## → BANNED MUSIC AND DANCE

→ Aurangzeb banned music and dance and called these practices unislamic further following the path of Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi

## → STOP THE SPREAD OF OTHER RELIGION

→ Aurangzeb stopped the spread of Sikhism in India subcontinent unlike Akbar so Aurangzeb followed the path of Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi in true manner

add more arguments.

a 20 marks answer should have around 15 arguments and be on 7-9 pages.

## Conclusion.

Unfortunately the ideology of Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi never implemented in his life-time but it later influenced Emperor like Aurangzeb. Further he gave the basis of Pakistan movement which was Two-nation Theory. concept of two-nation theory which was the basis of Pakistan movement.

improve the structure and the headings quality.