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Write a note on Shaikh Ahmed Sirhindi.

## "Introduction"

Shaikh Ahmed Sirhindi was born in East Punjab on 26 June 1564. He got the title 'Majadid-al-Sani'. Most importantly, he diagnosed several evils in Islamic Society like ~~corruption~~ ban on cow slaughter, Friday's Sermons, unIslamic practices, and deviation from Tauheed and many more. Moreover, he started campaign in order to save the Muslim's identity and Islam in the sub-continent. This answer will highlight the evils within the Muslim's society and his efforts.

## "Evils in Muslim Society"

He was the first Muslim in the sub-continent who diagnosed ~~the~~ several evils within the Muslims Society. Firstly, he diagnosed the unIslamic practices within the Muslims Society under Hindu influence.

Secondly, promotion of Rajputs and marriages with their daughters during Akbar's era.

Thirdly, diagnosed the most dangerous evil of the concept of "Deen-i-Elahi" ~~was~~ which was made



by Akbar. Most importantly, Deen-i-Elahi was the combination of Islam, Hinduism, and Christianity. He openly condemned the concept of Deen-i-Elahi and stated that

"Islam is a complete code of life. Any addition to it is a corruption, not an enlightenment".

Fourthly, he found out that Sufis and Scholars are focusing on spiritual experience without Islamic Law. He emphasized that

"Practicing of Islamic Spirituals without Shariah is not a valid journey".

Furthermore, he encouraged the Muslims to adopt Islamic law in both personal and spiritual life.

Fifthly, ban of Cow slaughter,  
Sixthly, ban of Friday's Sermon as well.  
Lastly, the ignorance of Muslim Scholars.

## "Revival Movement"

It was the great Challenge for him to revive the Muslim Identity and protect Islamic laws.



## 1) "Through his Students"

He sent his students in different part of the country. They emphasized on Itihad- Islam during their sermons. Most importantly, they gave the examples of Holy Quran and prophet (P.B.U.H).

## 2) "Opposition of Atheism and Polytheism"

He strongly opposed the concept of atheism and polytheism. He wrote a letter to "Hindu Gurvey" in which he wrote that Ram and Ganish are the humble creation of God. In addition to this, he stated that Ram did not save his wife so how he can save other people.

## 3) "Emphasized on simplicity"

He emphasized on simplicity with the help of his students. They encouraged the Muslims to follow simple life style.

## 4) "Imprisonment"

During Akbar's era, Akbar sent him in jail for two years. The reason behind this is that, he did not perform Sajda to Akbar. Furthermore, in Akbar's concept of Deen-i-Elahi people did



Sajda to him. However, he did not perform Sajda to him and stated that it is prohibited in Islam.

## 5) "Two Nation Theory and Sheikh Ahmed"

At that time there <sup>were a</sup> ~~was a~~ joint Nationalism and joint notability in the sub continent because Hindu and Muslims were following the same unIslamic practices under secular and Hindu rituals. He emphasized that the Muslims have their own separate identity. He advocated the Muslims should follow their life style.

## "Influence of Shaikh Ahmed"

The revival movement of Shaikh Ahmed had the great influence on the Muslims spiritual, personal, and private life.

## 1) "Influence over Muslim Society"

The movement of Shaikh Ahmed showed great influence over the Muslim society. The reason behind this is that it gave confidence to Muslims of the sub-continent. The Muslims realised that they had their own separate identity.



## 2) "Influence over Akbar"

Once he was in prison during Akbar's era because he did not perform Sajda to him. Later on, he gained great popularity during Akbar's era. He wrote many letters to him. Most importantly, due to his efforts, Akbar started giving importance to the Muslim ~~sects~~ scholars, and Shariah law in Royal Court. Additionally, he lifted the ban from Cow Slaughter and allowed Friday Sermon.

## 3) "Two Nation Theory"

During his revival movement, the two nation theory gained great popularity within the sub-continent. The reason behind this is that, he emphasized that the Hindu and Muslim are two separate identities.

## "Shah Waliullah Dehlvi"

According to the Shah Waliullah Dehlvi.

"He was the second Umar of Islamic in the sub-continent".



## "Conclusion"

In view of the above arguments, this question concluded that he was the first Muslim in the Sub-continent who diagnosed the evils within the Muslim society. Furthermore, evils like Deen-i-elahi, banon, cow slaughter and Friday's sermon. However, he saved Muslim identity, spiritual, and moral life through his revival movement. Due to his movement, Muslims gained confidence in sub-continent.