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What Chishti's Biographer Said About Prithviraj's Defeat

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The authors argue that venerating Prithviraj Chauhan while offering chadar at Moinuddin Chishti's tomb overlooks accounts that credit Chishti with aiding Mohammed Ghori's victory. They cite Mirza Wahiduddin Begg's biography for that account and Roma Niyogi's history to challenge the portrayal of Jaichand as a traitor.



Actor Akshay Kumar.

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- The trailer cast Prithviraj as the hero and Ghori as the villain. At the time of writing, whether the film would feature Chishti's role remained open.
- Begg's 1960 biography credits Chishti's blessing in the chapter title itself, placing it alongside Ghori's victory over Prithviraj at Tarain.
- The same biography casts Prithviraj as a persecutor of Chishti and his followers and blames the king's own conduct for his downfall.
- The authors reject the familiar story of Jaichand's betrayal and cite records that place him fighting a Ghurid army led by Ghori's loyalist Qutb-al-Din-Aibak.

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