

“Whoever can guarantee (the chastity of) what is between his jaw-bones and what is between his two legs, I guarantee paradise for him”

Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) (Bukhari)

“The Youth of a Nation are the trustees of posterity.”

Benjamin Disraeli

“The power of youth is the common wealth for the entire world.”

Kailash Satyarthi

### ***Impressions***



Alhikmah Foundation has been working in the fields of education, health and welfare of people in need, which is indeed laudable

**Dr. (Ms.) Girija Vyas**

March 2, 2014

*Former Union Minister*



I hope that Alhikmah Foundation continues to work for the betterment of the Indian society to fulfil the aspirations of the people

**Shri Mukhtar A. Naqvi**

March 13, 2016

### **MAHATMA GANDHI, YOUTH AND SOCIAL REFORMS**



The goal of social reforms is effect long ranging and long lasting changes in the society rather seeking a spontaneous transformation. Indeed it takes a lot of courage and patience to mould the existing mindset but one has to consistently make efforts to win over the oldfangled customs and traditions. These reforms

are primarily aimed at weeding out such evils from the society that create bottlenecks in the upward march of the nation.

Youth hold special place in Mahatma Gandhi's plan for social reforms. He believed in youth power as a potent tool for social reforms. He aspired for the modern youth to turn into the instrument to form idealistic thoughts with a scientific outlook. He resolutely favoured that youth become open-minded like himself. He instilled the quality of self-reliance among the youth. He wanted the youth to be an icon of virtuous life and good moral conduct.

He advocated a three-fold path for the youth: the environment, social and individual. At the environmental front he emphasized that the youth must strive to establish peace in the society. Also he strictly warned the youth against misinterpretation religion for their vested interest. Gandhiji believed that one of the essential components of a peaceful environment is equitable and judicious resource distribution for which the youth should rise to the occasion and play a leading role to ensure the same.

Gandhiji effectively channelized the energy and enthusiasm of the young for constructive purposes. He utilized the youth power to abolish social evils such as *Sati*, child marriage, dowry, untouchability, polygamy, caste system. In the process he made the most of this power to create awareness about women education, widow-remarriage etc. Gandhiji stressed that youth must follow the *Satvik* Model of right conduct, excellence and truth as effective weapons to bring about positive social reforms.

Gandhiji's teachings for the youth hold immense potential for social reforms. The youth of India is obliged to follow in Gandhiji's footsteps to make real progress. If youth were to imbibe his philosophy, then certainly our country would forge ahead in the right direction.

**Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad**  
Chairman

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## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Day Celebrations of the Foundation



Chairman Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad and other dignitaries on the dais

On the occasion of 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Day Alhikmah Foundation organised a National seminar on *Youth Power and Social Reform: Opportunities and Challenges* on October 28, 2018 at India Islamic Cultural Centre Lodhi Road. Prof. (Dr.) Asim Ali Khan in his keynote address pointed out, “Physical, mental and social health are the three areas of health”. The Director General of Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) revealed that nearly fifty per cent of our population is composed of youth. “This is a huge force to effect social reforms. The youth must be imbued with virtues and moral values that help build an ideal society”. According to him, “The key to social harmony is education. Therefore, in order to promote social it utmost necessary that we open as many educational institutions as possible”. He asked the youth, “To recognise the challenges and work to reform the society”.



Dr. Dalip Kumar, Advisory Board Member of Alhikmah Foundation welcoming the guests

Welcoming the guest Dr. Dalip Kumar said that youth is not limited to numbers only. “According to World Bank the youth is phase between childhood and adulthood”. With the help of data he brought home the point that almost 35 per cent of Indian population is composed of youth and it is incidentally the highest number of youth population in the world. Talking about the opportunities available to the youth he said, “There are “umpteenth opportunities available to the youth in almost every sphere.” Some of the government schemes of the government for the youth are Skill India, Startup, Make in India.”



Chairman Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad introducing the theme of the National Seminar

In his introductory remarks, Chairman of the Foundation Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad elaborated the theme of the Seminar. Underlining the significance of the topic he stressed, “Today, our country stands at an exceptionally critical crossroads: the 50s-60s generation religiously sticks to the age-old traditions and customs and is awkwardly at odds with the changing norms of the society. While, on the other hand, the enlightened youth of the 21<sup>st</sup> century strives hard to break the shackles and heralds a new era of modern scientific thinking. This intersection of two diametrically opposite ideologies creates an interesting scenario”. The Chairman further said, “The youth of today is the harbinger of social reforms and scripts a new dawn of a healthy society bereft of social evils. Fortunately, the youth power – despite stiff resistance and brutal challenges from the older generation – successfully outmanoeuvres the dogmatic and regressive mind-set”. He regretted that even after more than seventy years of independence our society is still mired in such vices as dowry, *sati*, child marriage, gender discrimination, skewed sex ratio etc. The mounting social-economic issues warrant that every city should have an Alhikmah like NGO. Dr. Zia presented a detailed introduction of Alhikmah Foundation.



Prof. (Dr.) Asim A. Khan, Director General, CCRUM, Ministry of AYUSH, GoI delivering the Keynote Address



Prof. (Dr.) Shakeel Samadani, Faculty of Law, AMU, speaking on the occasion

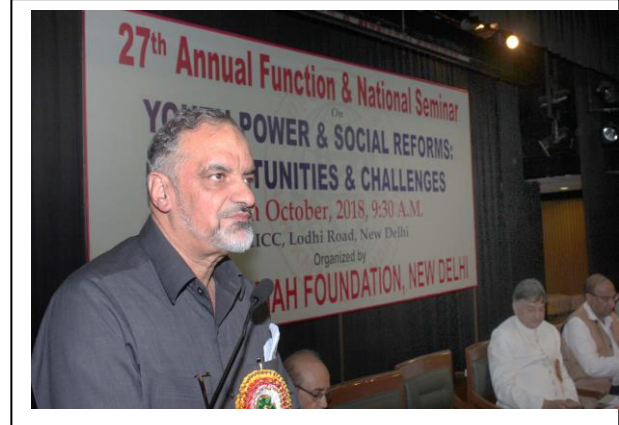
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In his thought provoking address Guest of Honour Prof. (Dr.) Shakeel Samadani asserted, “All of the problems have solutions and there is no substitute for hard work. The history stands witness to the fact that the conquerors of the world have put in hard labour. Directionless work is unproductive while hard work in the wrong direction is dangerous.” He took the pledge from the youth to work hard in the right direction. He drew parallels between the Prophet Mohammad and Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. “The one common link between the two was the great concern for education. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan made education as weapon to fight the colonial rulers. He established Mohammad Anglo Oriental College to replicate the English model of education. Sir Syed Ahmad always stressed for education with good upbringing and reasonable goal”.

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Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi speaking on the occasion



Dr. S. Farooq Speaking on the occasion

Guest of Honour Mr. Sirjauddin Qureshi appealed the Muslim youths to seek career other than politics. Yes of courses the youth lack a proper guide who can guide them in the right direction. Speaking on the occasion Guest of Honour Dr. S. Farooq congratulated the Chairman Dr. Ziauddin for his untiring efforts. President of TASMIYA Educational Society maintained, “Youth should make forward march with a positive energy. Laying stress on the importance of education for social reforms Dr. Farooq highlighted the “three components of education” namely: art of expression; art of earning and art of living which integrates the preceding two components. Guest of Honour Shah Mohammad Ali Arif congratulated Alhikmah Foundation for organising seminar on such an important topic and mentioned that youth need a “roadmap to achieve their goals”. In his views, “Youth is the hope of reform”. “But unfortunately the today’s youth have forgotten their responsibility and are directionless”, rued he. Guest of Honour Mr. Yusuf spoke about the importance of youth clubs in empowering youths. He said that our country boasted of a huge group of 42 million youth. “One of the programmes of GoI is Youth Clubs which work under Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK). It works for skill development, sports etc”. He appealed the people to establish NYK in every village.



Mr. Yusuf speaking on the Role of Youth Clubs in Empowering Youths



Shah Mohammad Ali Arif speaking on the occasion

Guest of Honour Prof. (Dr.) Madan Mohan Goel termed Alhikmah Foundation as, “Pillar of Hindu-Muslim unity”. He spoke on ‘Empowerment of Youth for Ethical Politics’. The Vice Chancellor of Jagan Nath University, Jaipur, “Regretted that our educational programmes are made without taking into account the NYP 2014. The former Director of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development stressed upon the youth to improve English communication skills. He defined www as work without worry. “We have to limit ourselves the needs that is needonmics and shun the greed that greedonomics. This is the formula for ideal politics”. He opined, “The most important challenge for the youth is cut-throat competition and Social or economic reforms are impossible without political reforms. We have to remove all the weaknesses in our politics and need to political empowerment of youth.”



Prof. (Dr.) M.M. Goel speaking on ‘Empowerment of Youth for Ethical Politics’



Prof. Akhtarul Wasey delivering the Presidential Address

In his presidential address Prof. Akhtarul Wasey said that in today’s time everyone is self-centred but still there are people who are selflessly engaged in social service and Alhikmah Foundation is one NGO that stands tall among the hoard of greedy NGOs that serves the nation. The Vice Chancellor of Maulana Azad University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan disagreed with the attitude of criticising Mac Caulay’s educational policy rather he stressed, “We must make efforts to do away with Mac Cauley’s outdated education policy and frame new educational policy keeping in mind the need of the hour”. He underlined the need to educate the girl child because she is the harbinger of change. He encouraged the youth, “Do not get panicked with hostile atmosphere. We should rise to the occasion work for the progress and development of the nation. He emphasised the need to “start a dialogue with our fellow countrymen. Islam is a religion of endorsement, confirmation and affirmation and not of negation and denial”.

Alhikmah Foundation distributed Sewing machines, educational kits and scholarships on the occasion.



Prof. Akhtarul Wasey releasing the Souvenir



Prof.(Dr.) Shakeel Samadani giving away Educational Kits



Dr. Dalip Kumar and Prof.(Dr.) Asim A. Khan giving away sewing machines



Dr. Shakeel Habeebi conducting the programme



Mr. S. S. Ahmad proposing the formal vote of thanks

### **Highlights of National Youth Policy – 2014**

- Empower youth of the country to achieve their full potential, and through them enable India to find its rightful place in the community of nations
- Create a productive workforce through: Education, Entrepreneurship, Employment and Skill Development
- Develop a strong and healthy generation through Health and Healthy Lifestyle and Sports
- Instil social values & promote community service through Promotion of Social Values and Community Engagement
- Facilitate participation and civic engagement through Participation in Politics & Governance and Youth Engagement
- Support youth at risk & create equitable opportunity for all through inclusion and social justice

#### **APPEAL**

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