

1. The mutual rivalry for piling up of worldly things) diverts you.
2. Until you visit the graves (i.e. till you die).

(Qur'an Ch 102, at-Takāthur: Verse 1-2)

*“Materialistic Life is always fearful because at every step there is a danger.”*

*Materialistic Life is full of anxieties and danger”*

Srimad Bhagwat Gita: 7.6.5

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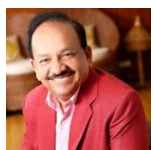


Alhikmah Foundation has been contributing in the areas of Education, Healthcare & relief measures.

I would like to convey a message of “What Can I Give” to the members of the Foundation.

December 5, 2011

**Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**  
Former President of India



Alhikmah Foundation strives for healthy and peaceful societies through promotion of education, health, cultivating

sound moral values, establishing peace and general welfare.

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### Welfare State and NGO Participation



The welfarist State of Medina under the supreme leadership of Prophet Mohammad (P.B.U.H) emerged as one of the finest models of welfare. The government took care of every single member of the society. Zakat formed the mainstay of state's income. This was released to the poor, the needy, orphans, disabled, widows as well as old age pension etc. The First Four Righteous Caliphs and

later Umayyid and Abbasids Caliphs vigorously followed this policy. Second Righteous Caliph Umar introduced land and agriculture taxes etc. to increase the income of treasury. Famous Islamic philosopher and jurist Imam Ghazali propounded the concept of civil supplies and public distribution system as far back as eleventh century.

One of the key components of a welfare state is a judicious use of state resources to establish a just and fair social order. This cardinal principle of governance upholds that the government takes care of such sections of the society who are unable to afford two square meals. Central to the canon of welfare state is the idea of benefit schemes pursued by the government. This mandates direct fund transfer to the specific service provided such as healthcare, social security, education etc. This objective is realized through a graded tax structure for different income groups called 'Progressive Tax'. Advocates of this system consider it as a potent tool to reduce the gap between the haves and have nots. According to renowned sociologist T. H. Marshall the modern welfare state combines the elements of democracy, welfare and capitalism.

India is a too huge a country for the government to reach out to each and every citizen. Therefore, it needs support from the civil society represented by nongovernmental organisations. Luckily, our country has a vast NGO network to lend a helping hand to the government in planning, implementation and execution of welfare schemes. In fact, the NGO sector, as a member of civil society, forms an important arm of the State. It acts as a coordinator between the government and citizens for delivering welfare to intended beneficiaries. The government also gives funds to the NGOs which utilize them for welfare including healthcare, education etc. to the marginalized sections of the society.

Yet, another valuable feature of NGO contribution in India is its minimal or zero-dependence on government for doing social work. Rather, it works on the *mantra* of '**giving rather than taking**'. It's a great pleasure to share with you that for the past more than a quarter century Alhikmah Foundation has earnestly pursued this noble cause. It runs Charitable Health Clinics (CHCs), maintains a reading room-cum-library facility, organises coachings for competitive exams with excellent success rate. The only source of Foundation's income is public funding from philanthropists who contribute regularly to keep the mission of Ahikmah alive. This is the humble service that Alhikmah Foundation renders in the field of social service.

**Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Nadwi**  
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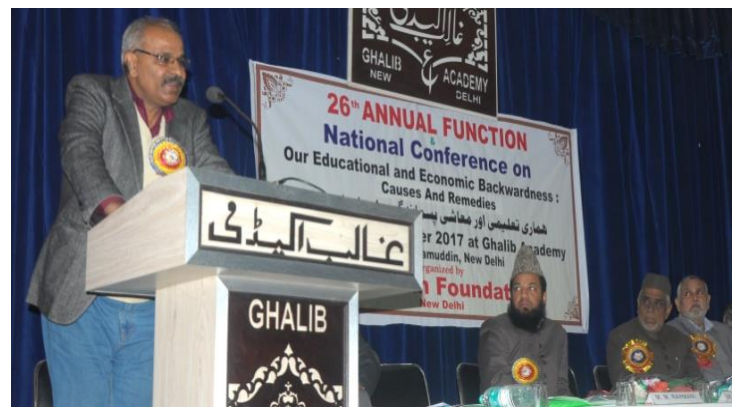


# **UNEQUAL RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION AND LACK OF EDUCATION ARE THE ROOTCAUSE OF OUR BACKWARDNESS: PROF. BILGRAMI**

Alhikmah Foundation organised a national seminar on “*Our Educational and Economic Backwardness: Causes and Remedies*” to mark its 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Day celebration on December 24, 2018 at Ghalib Academy, New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion Chief Guest Hon’ble Chairman, Delhi Commission for Minorities, **Dr. Zafarul Islam Khan** called attention for creating a network schools to spread literacy in the Community. He requested Muslims, “To be ever watchful and pounce upon the opportunities as and when they arise”. Chief Editor of *The Milli Gazette* highlighted the need of “collective efforts” to safeguard the interests of Muslims in the country. Eminent journalist put the accent on “improving home atmosphere” for the child to turn into a law abiding citizen. He noted that Muslims better not look upto government for resolving their each and every issue instead, “Take initiative and come forward on their own to address their community issues”.



**Guest of Honour Prof. (Dr.) Syed Ather Raza Bilgrami** lamented that in today’s materialistic world much emphasis is laid on increasing the production of goods but unfortunately no attention is paid for equitable distribution of resources. “In economic terms human being is considered as capital asset”, he pointed out. According to him, “Inequality and lack of education are the root-cause of the educational and economic backwardness of Muslims in India”. The noted economist identified three major areas of concern that mainly contribute to the economic and educational backwardness. These are lack of: (a) inquisitiveness and interest, (b) competitive spirit and (c) direction. He express his dismay over the fact, “Although Islam teaches us equality and underline the importance of education, yet today’s Muslims have utterly forgotten these cardinal principles and that is why they are far behind the other communities of the world”. Former Chairperson, Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia suggested that the only remedy to conquer this impediment is to “Acquire education and economic prosperity through judicious distribution of resources”.



**Speaking on the occasion Guest of Honour Dr. Dalip Kumar** of National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) presented some startling national educational statistics especially about Muslims. The Director (Projects), of NCAER claimed, “Education helps in distinguishing between good and evil and instil confidence and since Muslims are educationally backward, therefore, they lack confidence”. Dr. Kumar asserted, “Wealth is not the only criterion to acquire education”. Citing the example of Kerala he insisted, “Even though the per capita income in Kerala is low (as compared to the rest of India) yet literacy rate among Muslims is pretty high”.





**Dr. Syed Zafar Mahmood**, backed by facts and figures, apprised the audience with a critical analysis of the backwardness of Indian Muslims. The Chairman of Zakat Foundation of India (ZFI) appealed the Muslims “To join the civil services in large numbers in order to move out of the mess of backwardness”. Former Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Prime Minister Office (PMO), referring to Sachar Committee report underlined the need to work at the grassroots level for the upliftment of the community.



In his presidential remarks well-known Islamic scholar Padamshree **Prof. Akhtarul Wasey** focused on the importance of women’s education because “an educated woman is a harbinger of societal change and a catalyst of creating an ideal society by inspiring her children to be well-informed, cultured and learned”. Vice Chancellor of Maulana Azad University, Jodhpur made clear that Islam empowers women in many ways.



In the beginning, welcoming the guests, Chairman of the Foundation Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Nadwi spoke at length about the social issues plaguing our society. “Our nation is a single family that showcases a beautiful mosaic of diverse religions, races, cultures, languages and ideological currents. Therefore, debates on national development will take place on holistic grounds wherein every section of the society is taken care of undiscriminated”. Another important point that I wish to draw your attention to is “The duty to improve and develop the nation does not rest exclusively with the government”. In my view, Former Deputy Director, CCRUM, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government India, “It is the responsibility of each and every citizen of this country to play a leading role in the development of our motherland”.

“Another point” he drew home was, “Well offs must take it as their responsibility to come forward to help the underprivileged, less fortunate and have nots in realising the twin goals of healthy, peaceful society and national development. This would automatically lead to the creation of a just order”. He also outlined, in details, the genesis, working philosophy and the achievements of Alhikmah Foundation over the past twenty six years. Dr. Zia concluded his speech with a compassionate appeal to rise above our differences and join hands together for creating an ideal nation.





**Dr. Shakeel Habeebi**, Assistant Professor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Srinagar Campus), conducted the programme. On the occasion the Chief Guest **Dr. Zafarul Islam Khan** released the Newsletter of the Foundation. Students completing Computer Training were also given certificates. The Foundation presented shawl and memento to all the dignitaries present on the dais. Foundation's Secretary and Media Incharge Mr. S.S. Ahmad proposed the formal vote of thanks.





### FOUNDATION CELEBRATES REPUBLIC DAY

Alhikmah Foundation celebrated the 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day with much fervour and gaiety. The Foundation organised a number of programmes to mark the occasion. Chairman of the Foundation Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Nadwi hoisted the national tricolour at Alhikmah Education Point (AEP), the Foundation's headquarters located at Zakir Nagar, New Delhi. In his inspiring address Dr. Zia recalled the sacrifices of our great leaders to free the beloved nation from the foreign rule. He paid rich tributes the Father of our Constitution for providing one of the best Constitutions in the world.

Speaking on the occasion the Secretary of the Foundation Mr. Syed Shuaib Ahmad highlighted the salient features of our Constitution. "Preamble talks about Justice, Equality, Liberty and Fraternity. These are the four pillars of our Constitution whereon rests the development of our beloved country". "As citizens of this great country" he continued "it is our responsibility to uphold the ethos of the Constitution and collectively work for the development of the nation.

The Finance Secretary Mr. Saqib Yasin also expressed his views on the significance of the Republic Day. Children presented a variety of interesting programmes that showcased our rich cultural heritage and *Unity in Diversity*. On this occasion sweets were also distributed among the children. In the end Chairman administered the Pledge of Allegiance to the gathering.

### DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

As part of 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebrations the Foundation organised a National Seminar on ***Democratic Values and Our Responsibilities*** on January 28, 2018 at the Foundation's headquarters Alhikmah Education Point (AEP), located at Zakir Nagar, New Delhi. Mr. Obaidur Rahman, Former Additional Director General, Press Information Bureau (PIB), Government of India, participated in the National Seminar as Chief Guest and delivered the keynote address. In his thought-provoking address Mr. Obaidur Rahman divulges some of the intriguing details of the freedom struggle. He noted the praiseworthy contributions of our elders to free the country from the colonial rule. He spoke at length on the democratic values.



Mr. Rahman said, "Our leaders of yore put at stake everything for the independence. It is the result of their sacrifices and selfless service that we breathe in free air. They had literally offered the independence to us in a platter". Making a solemn appeal to the youth of the nation Mr. Rahman said, "The responsibility to carry on the legacy of our elders in good stead squarely lays on your shoulders. You ought to rise up to occasion and uphold the democratic values that would ensure all round development of country". Mr. Rahman further observed, "As Muslims, it is our Islamic obligation to be patriotic and take a leading part in the process of national development. Islamic teachings and Islamic history is replete with instances whereof Muslims did not shy away from sacrificing their lives for defending the nation".



Taking stock of the current scenario Mr. Rahman infused a sense of confidence and maintained, “Despite spate of violence and disturbed social order we need not lose hope. There is always a light at the end of the tunnel”. “This dark phase” he prophesied “would soon be over and good sense would prevail”. According to him, “For an effectively functioning democracy all the four pillars i.e. judiciary, legislative, executive and media must be in harmony. And the responsibility to create this harmonial order rests on the shoulders of the youth the leaders of tomorrow”. Students completing Computer Training were given certificates. Secretary of the Foundation Mr. S.S. Ahmad conducted the programme with professional excellence. Renowned Urdu poet Mr. Fasih Akmal Qadri presided over the session. In the end Chairman proposed the formal vote of thanks.



***“THE WHOLE CREATION IS THE FAMILY OF THE CREATOR. HE LOVES MORE THOSE WHO SERVE IT MORE.”***

**Prophet Mohammed (PBUH)**

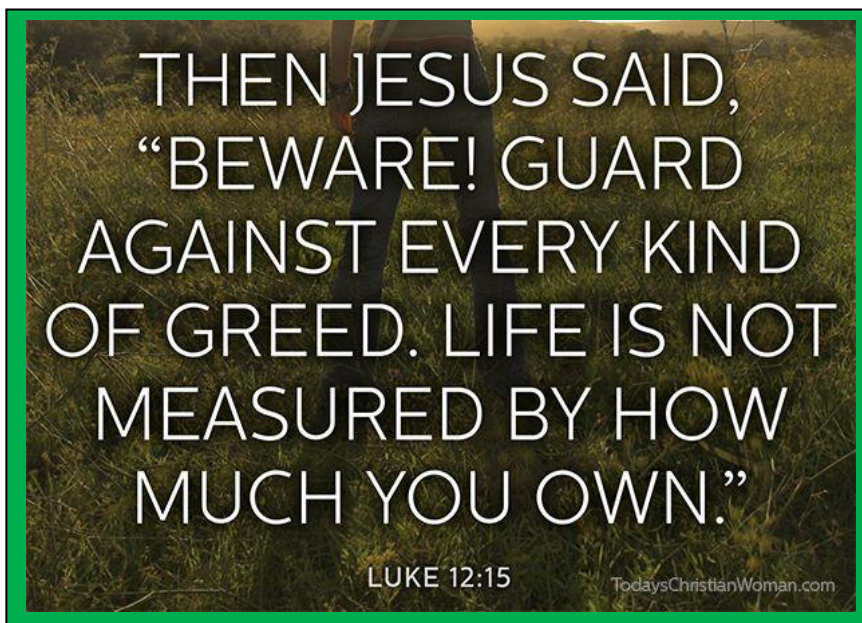


**MR. SHAMEEMUDDIN – IRS (RET'D) TAKES OVER AS HEAD COACHING & GUIDANCE CELL**

The educational activities of Alhikmah Foundation got major boost recently with taking over of Mr. Shameemuddin – IRS (Ret'd) as Head of Coaching and Guidance Cell of the Foundation. Mr. Shameemuddin brings with him a vast experience of successful coaching administration for various competitive exams with Indian Haj House (Bombay), India Islamic Culture Centre (New Delhi), Hera Educational Society (New Delhi) etc. No sooner did he join he swung into action and immediately started coaching for entrance exams to B. Ed., B.Ed. (Special Education), B. Ed. (Elementary Education) and language classes in Arabic, English and Urdu. He tactfully managed and successfully ran multiple batches. This speaks volumes of his administrative abilities. The Foundation soon plans to start coaching for Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Railways, Bank (PO), Common Graduate Level Exam (CGLE) etc.

**OBITUARY****ABUL FAZAL FAROOQUI – AN EPITOME OF ISLAMIC VALUES**

Alhikmah Foundation held a condolence meeting on March 27, 2018 to condole the death of one of its Patrons Er. Abul Fazal Farooqi who passed away on March 24, 2018. The meeting was held at the Foundation's headquarters Alhikmah Education Point (AEP), located at Zakir Nagar, New Delhi. Recounting Farooqi's long association with the Foundation, the Chairman of the Foundation Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Nadwi revealed that Late Abul Fazal Farooqi Sb. patronized Alhikmah Foundation right from the day one. He had been a leading source of light and a guiding figure for the Foundation. His timely and valuable suggestions helped the Foundation grow and stand where it stands today. The Chairman was all praise for late Farooqi. Paying homage to the departed soul the Chairman mentioned, "Farooqi was a devout Muslim, simple man, man of few but deep meaning words, and he epitomised Islamic values in him". The condolence meeting concluded with *Dua*.



### IGNOU STUDENTS VISIT FOUNDATION

Students pursuing Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) course from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi visited the Foundation headquarters Alhikmah Education Point (AEP) located at Zakir Nagar, New Delhi on March 04, 2018. The students held an interactive session with the Secretary Mr. Syed Shuaib Ahmad who apprised the students of working philosophy of the Foundation. The Secretary patiently listened to queries of the students and satisfactorily answered all of them. He also enlightened the students about the genesis of the Foundation. He further explained the students the functioning, achievements, fund mobilisation and other features of the Foundation.



## **APPEAL**

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