

*Verily Allah commands justice, the doing of good and liberality to Kith and Kin; and He forbids all shameful deeds, injustice and rebellion.*

*(Al-Quran, Chapter 16; an-Nahl:90)*

*No one is superior or inferior; all are brothers; all should strive for the interest of all and progress collectively.*

*Rig Veda, Mandala-5, Sukta-60, Mantra-5*

### Impressions



I am glad to note that Alhikmah Foundation continues to serve the less fortunate fellow beings and the downtrodden in the fields of education and health through charitable dispensaries, polyclinics, libraries and relief centres

**Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi**

May 10, 2003

*Former Union Minister*

The yeomen services being provided by the Alhikmah Foundation in the fields of social welfare specially Health and Education consistently for such a long period of time is indeed commendable.



**Mr. Salman Khurshid**

February 23, 2010

*Former Union Minister*



## HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND PEACE

The principles of democracy and peace are essentially ingrained in the Doctrine of Human Rights. The Preamble to The Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognises that the values of dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights are the foundations freedom, justice and peace.

Incidentally the former two that is freedom and justice are the fundamental pillars of democracy. And their equilibrium guarantees peace. The interlinkages of these three concepts are well established. According to the President of The Philippines Rodrigo Duterte the real object of Human Rights is “to uplift human dignity” which can only be realised in a democratic framework.

Highlighting the core values of democracy African-American civil-rights movement leader A. Philip Randolph famously remarked “a community is democratic only when the humblest and weakest person can enjoy the highest civil, economic, and social rights that the biggest and most powerful possess”. This is the essence of peace that is all sections of the society enjoy level playing field and there is no rat race to snatch our rights and in the process deny the other his rightful due.

This ideal social system based on the principles of universal human rights creates a peaceful world. The denial and violations of basic human rights to people is what former President of South Africa and Noble Laureate Nelson Mandela describes as “to challenge their very humanity”.

Therefore, in order to live peacefully in a society that boasts of a democratic character it is inevitable that we must care for others right. We at Alhikmah we adhere to a unique philosophy that does not brag about rights rather we lay stress on fulfilling our responsibilities towards the other. That way the rights of the other are automatically taken care of.

**Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad**  
Chairman

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**IICC's PRESIDENTIAL PANEL MEET**

Chairman Dr. Ziauddin Nadwi welcomes the Panel and guests

Elections for the President, Vice President, Board of Trustees (BoT) and Executive Council of India Islamic Cultural Centre (IICC) were held on January 06, 2019 at IICC. Incumbent President Mr. Siarajuddin Qureshi sought a consecutive fourth term while Mr. Shahzad Mohammad Khan, former Press Secretary to late President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam stood for the Vice President post. In the run up the elections Alhikmah Foundation hosted a public meeting of IICC's Presidential headed by Mr. Siraj Qureshi at its headquarters, Zakir Nagar, New Delhi on Sunday, December 16, 2018. A large number of area residents thronged the meeting.

Welcoming the Panel and the guests on the occasion Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Nadwi, Chairman of Alhikmah Foundation revealed that Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi's association with the Foundation is as old as the Foundation itself. "Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi is associated with the Foundation since its very inception". Lauding the efforts of Mr. Siraj Qureshi in transforming IICC the Chairman remarked, "I stand witness to the exceptional transformation of a dilapidated building into one the finest masterpieces of architecture. It is only due to Mr. Siraj's the untiring efforts that now IICC is on global map." For the better functioning and developing of IICC as an ideal Centre for Islamic Culture and Values the Chairman made a few suggestions. "First and foremost I strongly believe that IICC stands clear of political parties and that is it blossoms as an apolitical organization. I take it though patronage of political leadership is the need of the hour, however, efforts should be made to keep away the intrusion and interference of politicians into the affairs of the IICC as it would ruin the character of IICC beyond repair and would pave the way for all sorts of corruption and vices. Secondly, to preserve as well as to promote IICC's Islamic identity I recommend the constitution of a Religious Committee comprising Islamic scholars with a mandate to oversee the activities as well as advise the IICC in the light of Quran and *Sunnah*".



Mr. Mohammad Yusuf, Director Haryali Foundation



Former Union Minister Mr. Saleem Shervani

Patron of Ahikmah Education Point (AEP) Former Union Minister Mr. Saleem Iqbal Shervani visited the Foundation for the very first time in his life. It was a pleasant surprise. His happiness knew no bounds. In his well wishing thoughts Mr. Shervani said, “All of us dream but only a handful of us succeed to realize their dream and Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi is one of those finest gems who realized his dream with dedication, commitment and hard work. We are proud of him”. He spoke high of Mr. Siraj’s contribution in the outstanding makeover of IICC. “The Muslim Community is literally beholden to Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi for his selfless services in and outside of the IICC”.

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf, Executive Director of New Delhi based NGO, Haryali Foundation for Rural Development was of the view to diversify the activities of IICC. Elaborating on his scheme Mr. Yusuf suggested for setting up of Community Welfare Division, Information Facilitation Centre, Research & Policy Division, Division for Raising Voices on issues of National Importance, Mobile Health Clinic etc.

Mr. Saba Israr showered praises on Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi for his exemplary services to IICC and the Muslim Community. Mentioning his reforms in IICC Mr. Israr disclosed, “Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi introduced several far reaching reforms in IICC including the membership and the provision for the Presidentship, Vice Presidentship and other posts.” Highlighting the importance the world leaders attach to IICC Mr. Saba remarked, “Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi efforts bore rich dividends and now the IICC is a hot spot and a must-visit venue for the world leaders. Recently, the President of Palestine and other foreign dignitaries visited the IICC. There is no greater a personality than Mr. Siraj Qureshi who can steer IICC to such great heights.”

Mr. M.J. Rahman told that he was friends with Siraj Qureshi since 1988. Affirming his unconditional support to Mr. Siraj Qureshi he recollected an anecdote of the last Presidential elections of IICC. “During the last elections some senior political leaders approached and asked me not to support Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi but I summarily rejected the offer.” Extolling the hard labour that Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi had put in for the development of IICC Mr. Rahman said were “unmatched and unparalleled in the history of IICC and he sacrificed everything including his business and family life for the sake of IICC”.





Chairman greets Panellists

Dr. Nazar Abbas termed Aligarh Muslim University, Jamia Millia Islamia and Jamia Hamdard as the “Intellectual Hub of Muslims” and “IICC epitomizes all of these in one”. He pointed out, “The character of Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi is crystal clear and his image is spotlessly clean and all of his three terms have been corruption free. He emphasized the need to delink political parties from the IICC. “Had Mr. Sirajuddin been a member or even the backing of any political I for one would have staunchly opposed his candidature”, proclaimed he.

Mr. Malik Zaheer who is member of Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi’s panel for a decade took pride in association with him as also the IICC’s corruption free character. “I fearlessly admit that IICC perhaps is the only organization that is corruption free. During the three stints of Mr. Sirajuddin neither a single case of corruption came to light nor was he or of any of his associates accused of any embezzlement. This is the greatest and matchless achievement and a hallmark of Mr. Siraj’s honesty and transparent functioning”. Talking about the contribution of Mr. Siraj in the upliftment of IICC he divulged, “When Mr. Siraj took over as the President of IICC for the first time in 2004 the IICC was reeling under heavy debt. He immediately handed out Rs. 50 lakh in his personal capacity and took a loan of a whopping four crores at his own personal risk!”

In his thought provoking address Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi overwhelmed by the emotions broke down on the stage. He stressed that the existence of IICC depends upon our i.e. Muslims cooperation. Drawing attention to the reason for such a high number of contestants Mr. Siraj enumerated, “Today, the imposing structure of IICC stands tall and is a vital component in the Muslim’s life line. Which is why everyone is eying to capture it. But I do not carry any grudges against anybody. I worked day in and day out and roughed all weathers to give a facelift to IICC. He was grateful to the then Chairman of Bombay Mercantile Bank late Mahmoodur Rahman (IAS) for sanctioning Rs. 4 crore without any collateral guarantee. He thanked Almighty Allah for giving him an opportunity to serve IICC. In the end Mr. Sirajuddin Qureshi received an standing ovation.



Chairman Dr. Ziauddin A. Nadwi presents Memento to Patron and Former Union Minister Mr. Saleem Iqbal Shervani. Mr. Yusuf, Director, HARYALI Centre for Rural Development is on the right while Mr. Saquib Yaseen, Finance Secretary is on the left



Chairman Dr. Ziauddin A. Nadwi and Secretary Mr. S. Shoaib Ahmad present Memento to Dr. S. Farooq, Director Himalaya Group and Patron of Alhikmah Foundation.



Chairman Dr. Ziauddin A. Nadwi and Finance Secretary Mr. Saquib Yaseen present Memento Dr. Nafees Siddiqui, former Principal Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Delhi University and Member, Advisory Board Alhikmah Foundation



**LIBRARY-CUM-READING ROOM FACILITY AT ALHIKMAH EDUCATION POINT**

Indeed We have honoured the children of Adam  
and carried them over land and sea, provided  
them with good things for their sustenance  
and exalted them over many of  
Our creatures.

Surah Bani Israil, Ayah 70  
The Holy Quran



Maulana Asrarul Haque Qasmi

### **HAZRAT: AN EDUCATIONIST PAR EXCELLENCE**

Maulana Asrarul Haq Qasmi left for heavenly abode on December 7, 2018. He suffered a massive heart attack while addressing a public meeting and was declared dead at 03:00am. May his soul rest in peace. May Allah grant him an elevated place in *Jannah*. A graduate of the world renowned Islamic seminary Darul Uloom Deoband Maulana Qasmi served as the Secretary Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, Member of All India Muslim personal law Board, Vice-President of All India Milli Council, President of All India Talimi wa Milli Foundation. He was also the state president of Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind.

A condolence meeting was held on December 10, 2018 at 03:00pm at Alhikmah Education Point (AEP) the headquarters of Alhikmah Foundation located at Zakir Nagar, New Delhi. Chairman of the Foundation Dr. Ziauddin Nadwi presided over the meeting. Recollecting his close association with Maulana Qasmi the Chairman maintained, “The passing away of *Hazrat* – as he is popularly referred to – is in fact a personal loss to me. I shared an excellent rapport with the departed soul.” Reminiscing Maulana’s visit to the Foundation the Chairman stated, “He delivered a special lecture on the ‘Importance of Sacrifice’ on October 02, 2016 at the Foundation’s headquarters. He displayed outstanding oratory to bring home his point. The remarkable ease with which *Hazrat* spoke on that day speaks volumes of his scholarship and in depth knowledge of Islamic philosophy. It was a feast to listen to his thought provoking speech”. Recalling his contribution in improving the educational lot of the Community the Chairman mentioned, “A towering personality *Hazrat* played a key role in the educational upliftment of people of his Constituency Kishanganj. He is credited with establishing 163 primary schools and Milli Girls Schools.”

General Secretary of the Foundation Syed Shoaib Ahmad admired the educational services of Maulana. Talking about the setting up of Aligarh Muslim University’s campus in Maulana’s home Constituency Kishangaj Mr. Ahmad opined, “*Hazrat*’s efforts bore rich fruits when Aligarh Muslim University established one of its Centres on 224 acre plot at Kishanganj. It was a momentous occasion of his public life. In fact, *Hazrat* single handedly led the movement to establish the AMU’s Centre in Kishanganj”. Finance Secretary of the Foundation Mr. Saquib Yaseen expressed his utter shock at the death of Maulana. According to him, “*Hazrat* was a noted Islamic scholar and a down to earth man but with lofty vision. A fair and square person *Hazrat* never shied away from his duty till his last breath.”

The 76 year old two time Congress Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) was survived by two sons and three daughters. He first won the Kishanganj Lok Sabha Seat on a Congress ticket in 2009. He retained his seat in the 2014 General Elections. Maulana Qasmi was laid to rest in the same evening of his home town Tarabari in Kishanganj, Bihar Bihar

## UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

### Preamble

Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,

Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations,

Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Whereas Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in cooperation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge.

### **APPEAL**

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