

"The Whole Creation is the family of Allah. He loves more those who serve it more."

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

(Narrated by Anas. Mishkat al-Masabih, quoted from Bukhari)

Quotable Quotes



Alhikmah Foundation, a prominent academic-cum-Social Service organization of the country, had been

holding National Seminars on topical issues for a long time and I had the privilege of having participated in some of them.

Sept., 2018

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The activities of Alhikmah Foundation in the field of Health, Education, Cultivating Sound Moral Values, Establishing Peace and General Welfare are

commendable and should be appreciated by one and all. In fact the Alhikmah has set an example for many new societies on how to consistently perform and deliver the relief to the needy.

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LESSONS FROM THE PAST

There's an old saying that who do not learn from the history are condemned to repeat it. As we know, the world has passed through several epidemics like Black Death and Spanish Flu killing billions of people in its wake but we are far better equipped to deal with calamities as compared to the past. Yet, millions of lives

have been lost despite the best efforts of the entire world. It calls for serious rethinking in terms of crisis management by the scientific community. The most effective way of staying safe during such crises has been observed to be isolation, meaning discontinuation of physical proximity or maintaining a distance from the effected so that the contagion is not spread any further.

It makes an interesting reading to find a striking reference in the life of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) who is reported to have advised people to stay confined to their homes during a plague outbreak which occurred at that time. He called upon people to stay where they are so that the effected do not spread the epidemic to other places and the unaffected remain safe by not visiting the city or place hit by disease.

His advice about keeping cities small is even more enlightening.

We are witnessing the load big cities add to the social and health services resulting in ever expanding slums and ghettos leading to multiple problems.

In comparison, small cities are far more easier to manage while offering healthier, quite and peaceful living.

As well, it is a known fact that food habits and personal hygiene play a major role in healthy living. Considering origins of various Flu/S, we know certain diseases like bird flu, swine flu and the recent pandemic probably linked to bats, it would be beneficial for us to review our food choices. Studies have proved that food choices have a great bearing on quality of life.

All these issues were discussed in a small academic gathering of Alhikmah Foundation's experts group and we think that sharing health tips would help our members and friends to make good use of this information.

"Desperate times call for desperate measures".

In this challenging period of distress and suffering, we have been working hard to provide maximum support to effected people in several ways, ration and medicines included. It will take still long to be sure that the calamity is over. We need to be highly careful and alert without lowering our guard but not panicking unduly.

Let's act wisely and protect ourselves and our family and friends by helping each other while following extreme caution. Good times will be back soon by the grace of God. Keep safe. Keep praying.

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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “URDU MEIN SCIENCI AUR SAMAJI ULOOM”

Alhikmah Foundation is committed to serve the nation with all its might and force. One of the important facets of the Foundation’s bouquet of activities is knowledge dissemination. In this direction the Foundation organized a National Seminar on Saturday, March 27, 2021 on the topic “**Urdu Mein Scienci Aur Samaji Uloom**” at its headquarters Alhikmah Skill Centre and Library, D-97/98, Park View Apartment, Main Road, Opposite MCD Park, Zakir Nagar (West), Jamia Nagar, New Delhi - 110025. It is a unique topic and it successfully attracted a plethora of scholars. They dissected the topic and brought to fore some of the jewels of information hitherto unknown. Around twenty academicians, research scholars from Delhi University, Jamia Millia Islamia, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Aligarh Muslim University and media persons from All India Radio, Doordarshan and independent researchers presented their scholarly papers. National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) sponsored the Seminar.



The inaugural session was held from 10:00am to 11:15am. CA Mr. Javed Naseem, CFO, Hamdard Dawakhana and Organizing Secretary, Hamdard National Foundation, New Delhi was the Chief Guest while Professor Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, former Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad presided over the inaugural session. The Foundation’s selfless service deeply impressed Mr. Naseem. He showered praises the work and activities of the Foundation. Mr. Naseem opined that if we were to progress and emerge out as a strong nation than the society certainly needs NGOs like Alhikmah Foundation. He also appreciated the job oriented computer courses being run by the Foundation. The Foundation runs the Cutting and Tailoring training programme for women. This course caught the fancy of Mr. Naseem who hailed it as harbinger of change for women empowerment. He was also extremely pleased that the Foundation shortly starts Paramedical Courses. He assured full help from Hamdard National Foundation in this noble cause.

Speaking on the occasion Guest of Honor Dr. S. Farooq, Patron, Alhikmah Foundation, appreciated the activities of the Foundation. He appealed the participants to join the Foundation and generously contribute for the betterment of the society. He felt that need to popularize Urdu language and emphasized on correct pronunciation because even a slightest slur may cause huge alteration in the meaning. Dr. Farooq enlightened the audience of the glorious past that produced a whole lot of quality literature in Urdu language on Social and pure sciences. But, unfortunately, he lamented that the situation has changed for the worst. Although, in the present times the situation of Social science in Urdu, is to some extent satisfactory, however, in pure sciences it is absolutely not good enough. He said that we should not worry in this regards. There is a silver lining in the dark clouds. NCPUL has proved to be a *messiah* of Urdu language. It is taking the lead to popularize Urdu language hence the NCPUL may also work to ensure the proliferation of literature in Social & Pure Sciences in Urdu language.

Guest of Honour eminent Urdu poet and social activist Mrs. Naseem Begum lauded the efforts of the Foundation especially in the field of women empowerment. She welcomed the Foundation's step for the timely seminar on this vibrant topic. She believed that as an effective learning pedagogy it becomes very easy if we learn the subjects in our own native language. Mrs. Naseem eulogized the sweetness of Urdu language and appealed to make meaningful efforts to bring out quality literature in social and pure sciences in Urdu language.

Delivering the presidential address Professor Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, admired the multifarious activities of the Alhikmah Foundation. He expressed grief over the fact that the present generation does not pay much attention to the correct pronunciation which is very depressing. He stressed on improving upon this deficiency so as to effectively communicate our thoughts and ideas. He mourned that we feel shy of and feel uncomfortable to work in our mother tongue Urdu. Dr. Parvaiz stated that Social and Pure Sciences are part and parcel of Islam. He further said that science is not a mere subject but it is a thought process which inculcates the scientific temperament.

This Seminar was the brainchild of renowned Urdu Poet Mr. Fasih Akmal Qadri who spoke at length on the importance and the need of the topic. The Convener of the Seminar presented a detailed introduction of the topic and its sub-themes. He said that the need of the hour is to produce quality stuff in Urdu on social science and various of branches of pure and applied sciences. This would go a long way in not only enriching and preserving the Urdu language but also would be of great help to the Urdu speaking and Urdu loving population. He also thanked the NCPUL for sponsoring the Seminar.



In the beginning Chairman of Alhikmah Foundation Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad welcomed the guests and speakers. In his welcome address Dr. Ziauddin threw a detailed light on the Foundation's objectives and activities. He said that Alhikmah in Arabic means "**The Wisdom**". Keeping in mind the multitude of meaning the word carries a cluster of likeminded, well meaning and responsible citizens with an urge and desire to bring about positive social change formed a society in 1990 by the name of ALHIKMAH FOUNDATION. The Foundation was registered in the year 1997 under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. It is a Non-Political, Non-Governmental Organisation. In due course of time Alhikmah has become a mass movement involving concerned citizens from all walks of life. For Alhikmah Foundation, serving the mankind irrespective of caste, creed, colour or religion, is an ineffable experience. In its crusade against social backwardness and apathy, Alhikmah Foundation contributes its bit by establishing Charitable Dispensaries, Poly clinics, libraries and relief centers for poor and destitute. Its sphere of activities also consists of collection and dissemination of useful information on socially relevant themes. Dr. Ziauddin thanked the Director of NCPUL for accepting the proposal and providing financial aid to organize this conference.

On this occasion the Foundation also distributed Certificates to the Coordinator of Craft and Tailoring Institute Mrs. Rehana Ali and faculties of Computer Courses Mr. Md. Sarwar Alam and Mr. Saud Alam. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Assistant Professor, MANUU, Hyderabad conducted the programme with professional excellence. In the end the Organising Secretary of the Seminar Mr. Syed Shuaib Ahmad, proposed the formal vote of thanks.

The business session started at 11:30am under the Chairmanship of Professor Abubakr Abbad, Department of Urdu, Delhi University. Dr. K. A. S. Azmi, Former Deputy Director (Unani), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India was the Co-Chair. Mr. Idrees A. Khan, Former Deputy Director, Doordarshan News, New Delhi and Dr. Shakeel Akhtar, Producer (Radio), AJK MCRC, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi were the Guests of Honour. In this session the delegates presented their scholarly papers. The detail of the delegates and the titles of their papers are given as under:

LIST OF DELEGATES WHO PRESENTED PAPERS

S. No.	Name of the Delegate	Title of the Paper
01.	Prof. Abu Bakar Abbad Department of Urdu University of Delhi, Delhi	Urdu Mein Scienci Aur Samaji Uloom Ke Farogh Ki Riwayat
02.	Dr. K. S. Azmi Former Deputy Director (Unani), CCRUM Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India New Delhi	Unani Tibbi Sarmaya Urdu Zaban Mein (Ek Ijmaali Jaizah
03.	Dr. Shakeel Ahmad Assistant Professor Department of Islamic Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad	Urdu Zaban Mein Samajiyat ki Tadrees Aur Tehqeeq: Masail, Mawaqe Aur Ahdaaf
04.	Dr. Mohammad Asif Department of Indian Language and Literature Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA	Urdu Mein Samaji Uloom
05.	Mr. Mohd. Shakil Akhtar Producer, Radio Mass Communication, Jamia Jamia Nagar, New Delhi	Urdu Mein Samaji Uloom: Ek Jaizah
06.	Mr. Idrees Ahmad Khan Programme Associate ESD (Urdu Service) All India Radio, New Delhi	Urdu Mein Scienci Uloom ki Kitabon ka Fuqdan
07.	Mr. Suhail Anjum Correspondent Voice of America Urdu Service, New Delhi	Urdu Adab va Sahafat Mein Samaji Mozuaat ki Akkasi

08.	Dr. S. M. Tarique Nadvi Assistant Professor Dr. Zakir Husain College University of Delhi, Delhi	Urdu Mein Samaji Uloom
09.	Mr. Syed Shuaib Ahmad Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine, Ministry of AYUSH Government of India, New Delhi	Urdu Mein Samaji Uloom
10.	Dr. Saad bin Zia Director Zia & Kirmani Multilingual Translation Services, Aligarh (UP)	Urdu Mein Scienci Tarseel: Ahmiyat aur Zaroorat
11.	Dr. Naushad Manzar Editor, Adabimiras Web Portal	Qaumi Urdu Council Aur Urdu Mein Scienci Adab
12.	Mr. Mohd. Rizwan Khan P. O. Sarain Via Tehta Distt. Jahanabad (Bihar)	Ilm-e-Science Aur Urdu Mein Scienci Mazameen
13.	Mr. Md. Tajammula Hussain Research Scholar Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Urdu Mein Bachchon Ka Scienci Adab
14.	Miss Shahjahan Research Scholar University of Delhi, Delhi	Samaji Uloom Banam Scienci Uloom
15.	Mr. Abdul Bari Research Scholar University of Delhi, Delhi	Urdu Mein Scienci Uloo: Ek Jaizah
16.	Mr. Farzan Ahmad Quadri Office Assistant CRU, Meerut, CCRUM, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India.	Urdu Mein Scienci Aur Samaji Uloom

“How strange and foolish is the man. He loses his health in gaining wealth. Then, to regain his health, he wastes his wealth. He ruins his present while worrying about his future but weeps in the future by recalling his past. He lives as though death shall never come to him but dies in a way as he was never born.”

- Ali ibn Abi Talib (R.A.)

Almost all delegates and participants of the Seminar unanimously agreed on the importance and the need to organize such seminars in every nook and corner of the country highlighting the significance of **Urdu Mein Scienci Aur Samaji Uloom**. The research scholars from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University and other universities suggested that the workshops on the pronunciation of Urdu language should also be organized.

In addition to 17 delegates who presented their papers, a good number of the of participants from different institutions, prominent personalities, scholars and research scholars from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University and Jamia Millia Islamia also attended the Seminar. The technical session came to an end at 2:30pm. The media also gave it a wide coverage.

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TECHNICAL SESSION- PAPER PRESENTATION







CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION







PUBLIC LECTURE ON “HOW TO PROTECT OUR PRECIOUS EYES”

Under Lecture Programme Series 2021-22 the Alhikmah Foundation organized a first lecture on April 14, 2021 on “How to Protect Our Precious Eyes” at its headquarters Alhikmah Skill Centre and Library, Zakir Nagar West, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi. Renowned Eye Surgeon and Director of AB Hospital, Bhopal Dr. Syed Umair delivered the talk.



Chairman of Alhikmah Foundation Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad welcomed the guests. In his welcome address Dr. Ziauddin stressed that our body is a precious gift that the Almighty Allah has bestowed upon us. We are duty-bound to guard it against all sorts of diseases and ailments. We have to protect it and take its utmost care. A healthy society is, in fact, the reflection of health of its people. If the people are not healthy, the society can, in no way be termed as healthy.

Delivering the key talk Dr. Syed Umair advised the people to be extra careful about their eyes because these are very delicate and chief organs of our body. He cautioned that a careless attitude towards our eyes may, God forbids, result in some serious, and in extreme cases irreparable loss to our vision/ eyes. Dr. Umair stressed on the following:

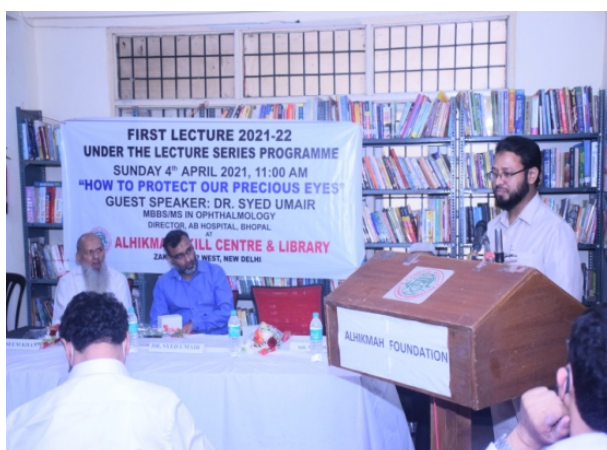
- Wear sunglasses when outside home/ office and under direct sunlight;
- After 40 years of age, regular annual eye check up is a must even if you do not suffer from any eye problem;
- In case you are a diabetic a bi-annual consultation with an Ophthalmologist is a must. Keep your blood sugar under control;
- Use adequate green leafy vegetables in your diet. Fish is also beneficial for eyes;
- Use yellow fruits like orange, sweet lemon (*musami*) and all other fruits which are rich in vitamin A;
- Regular eye exercises like focus exercise, clockwise and anti clockwise movement on daily basis;
- Frequently splash fresh water on eyes during day time and at night too.

Dr. Umair cautioned the people to be more careful about the health of their children’s eyes because nowadays they are spending most of their time on digital devices like laptop, desk top and mobile etc. which is dangerous sign for their eyes. Dr. Umair said that due to COVID-19 pandemic children are exposed to radiation emitting electronic devices and they are glued to them for a longer duration for their studies, gaming or other purposes. This constant staring reduces their blinking capacity. On average a healthy person is supposed to blink at least 15-20 times per minute. However, continuously gazing at mobile phones, laptops,

Ipads, Desktops is dangerous for the health of the eyes. The talk of Dr. Umair was well taken by the audience and generated a good number of questions from them which he gracefully answered.



Mr. Naeem Raza, Director, Makkah Medicos, New Delhi presented the data of the World Health Organization (WHO) on ophthalmological diseases in India and in other countries. He highlighted the eye problems of Indian people and particularly people staying in Delhi. Mr. Waseem Khan, renowned Social worker of Jamia Nagar presided over the function. Secretary of Alhikmah Foundation Mr. S. Shuaib Ahmad proposed the formal vote of thanks. He also appealed the audience to spread the word about various job oriented Computer courses and coaching programmes etc. offered by Alhikmah Foundation. He also briefly highlighted the achievements of the foundation since its establishment in 1990.



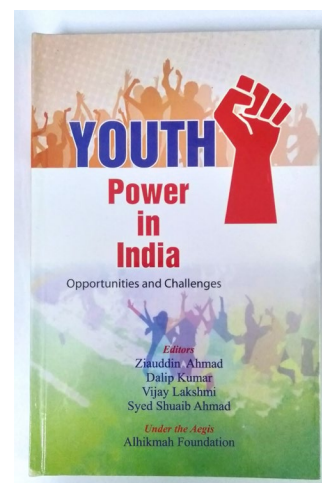
CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION TO SUCCESSFUL WOMEN OF CUTTING & TAILORING COURSE

One of the key areas of the Alhikmah Foundation's activities is women empowerment. Taking a giant leap in this direction the Foundation launched **Centre for Craft and Fashion Designing** in the year 2019. The main purpose of this Center is to train women in tailoring and fashion designing so that they could earn their living and become financially independent. Although the Centre kicked off in grand style, however, unfortunately soon the COVID-19 pandemic spread and the Foundation was forced to substantially curtail down its activities. As a result only a few women could benefit from this Centre. On April 9th, 2021 the Foundation held a felicitation ceremony for the successful students at its headquarters Alhikmah Skill Centre & Library, Zakir Nagar West, New Delhi. Mrs. Rehana Ali Coordinator & Incharge of Centre for Craft and Fashion Designing organized the ceremony. A few glimpses:



NEW BOOK OF ALHIKMAH FOUNDATION

Alhikmah Foundation adds another feather in its cap with valuable book on an important topic “Youth Power in India: Opportunities & Challenges”. The book has been edited by Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad, Dr. Dalip Kumar, Dr. Vijay Lakshmi and Mr. Syed Shuaib Ahmad and has been published by Shree Publishers, New Delhi. It contains thought provoking articles by eminent economists, professors and academicians.



RATION DISTRIBUTION DURING RAMADHAN

The Alhikmah Foundation regularly engages itself in ration distribution activity. This year the Foundation chose the Holy month of Ramadhan to start cycle of this righteous deed. The Foundation realized that due to COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdown for the past one year a huge number of people have lost their livelihood and are in dire straits to make the two ends meet. Keeping in mind this hardship the Alhikmah Foundation came forward and helped the needy in as far areas as it could.

This year the Foundation started preparation well in advance and reached out to Patrons, Executive Body members, Advisors, general body members and philanthropists for the contribution. The Foundation received an overwhelming response from them which helped it prepare a decent Ration Kit that contained rice, flour, pulses, cooking oil, sugar, tea, red chili, salt, vermicelli and soap etc. sufficient for thirty days for a family of four members. A total number of 1100 families benefited from this ration distribution exercise carried out during the whole month of Ramadhan i.e. March-April 2021. The Foundation distributed the Ration Kits to the needy in Hauz Rani, Jahanpanah colony, Hamdard Nagar, Okhla Industrial Area, slum cluster of Zakir Nagar, Noor Nagar, Jasola and Abul Fazal areas in Delhi. In addition to this the ration kits were also distributed in Meerut and Allahabad (UP). The Foundation undertook a similar exercise last year too. The Foundation distributed cooked food and ration packets to close to three thousand families during its ration distribution exercise between 08-03-2020 to 30-06-2020.

The Foundation wholeheartedly acknowledges the valuable contribution made by Mr. S. M. Beary, Bangalore, Prof. (Dr.) Tahir Mahmood, New Delhi, Architect Salman Jafry, New Delhi, Brig. Furqan Ali, Dr. S. Farooq, Mr. S. Zia Abdullah, Patna, Mr. Mohd. Asif, New Delhi, Mr. Malik Moazzam, Mr. Syed Abdullah Tarique, Mr. Sameer, New Delhi, Dr. Zafar Ahmed, Mumbai, Dr. Zakiuddin, New Delhi, Mr. Arif Shakeel, Mr. Asif Iqbal, Dr. Asma Sattar, Mr. Zahid Husain, Mr. Naved Sherwani, Mr. Ahmad Shaaz, Dr. Idris Ahmad Khan, Mr. Mustafa Faizan, New Delhi, Dr. Shoeb, Bhadrak, Mr. Anas Bilal, Delhi, Dr. Najeebul Hasan, Bangalore, Mrs. Iffat Iqbal, Mr. Syed Khurshid Mr. Naeem, Mrs. Ashraf, New Delhi, Mr. Javed Ashraf, New Delhi, Dr. Usama Akram, Mrs. Shaista Azmi, New Delhi for this Ration Distribution exercise.

The Foundation recognizes the selfless services of its volunteers who worked day in and day out to distribute the ration kits. They include, but not limited to, Mr. Saqib Yasin, Mr. Mohd. Abu Bakar, Mr. Mohammad Shoaib, Mrs. Rehana Ali, Mr. Shakil Ahmad, Mr. Shahid Parvez, Mr. Farzan Ahmad Qadri, Mr. Salimur Rahman, Mr. Kamran Hafiz, Syed Abdullah Tarique, Mr. Syed Zulfiquar Ullah, Mr. Saud Alam and Mrs. Gulshan.

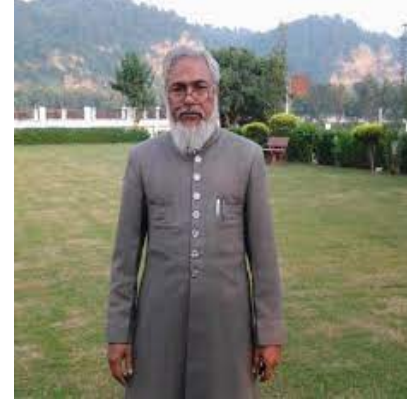
ALHIKMAH'S LOSS

Many Advisors and Well-wishers of the Foundation Leave for Heavenly Abode

Last few months have been very difficult for Alhikmah Foundation as it lost quite a few of its gems due to one or other health reasons. The details of Foundation's pillars who departed for the heavenly abode are as under:

Hakim Abdul Hannan

Hakim Abdul Hannan one of the Founding members and later Vice Chairman of Alhikmah Foundation expired on July 02, 2020. During his three decades long association with the Foundation he served in many capacities and actively participated in its health and other welfare activities.



A Unani physician and researcher par excellence Hakim Abdul Hannan was a gentle soul and well meaning person.

He served the CCRUM, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India, for a close to 35 years and retired as Joint Director.

He worked hard for the promotion of Unani Medicine not only in India but off shores as well.

He will be remembered for his deep insight into the Unani system of Medicine and for his efforts to popularize it among the masses.

In the passing away of Hakim Abdul Hannan the Alhikmah Foundation lost one of its strongest pillars of strengths who stood rock solid behind the Foundation during its the thick and thin. The Foundation places on record its deep condolences on the death of Hakim Abdul Hannan and stands with his family in this hour of grief.

The Foundation prays that Allah forgive him and grant the highest place in Jannat. Aameen Summa Aameen!

Mohd. Zeyaul Haque

Mr. Mohd. Zeyaul Haque, senior journalist and Member of Advisory Board, Alhikmah Foundation passed away on April 22, 2021 at New Delhi. He was 72. Born in 1948 in Badhawa Fateh Mohammad village under Dhaka subdivision of East Champaran District of Bihar Mr. Haque received his early education in Dhaka, and then went to LS College, Muzaffarpur.



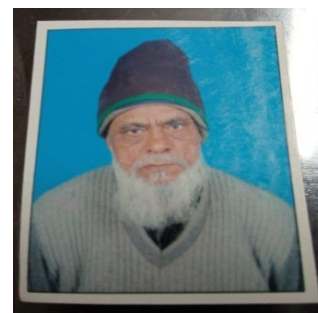
He started his journalistic career from popular national Urdu daily *Quami Awaz*, Lucknow. He later joined the Pioneer and then moved to Times of India. He also served in Russian Embassy as the Consultant Editor. He also edited a good number of books. Mr. Haque was a thorough gentleman and was a very soft spoken person. The Foundation prays to Almighty Allah to forgive him and Grant a place in *Jannatul Firdaus*.

Mr. Haque association with the Foundation goes back to a couple of decades. As an Advisor he wholesomely contributed to the progress of Alhikmah Foundation. His timely and valuable inputs helped a great deal in shaping the Foundation's character. The Foundation remembers his precious pieces of advice during the preparation of its *magnum opus* "Peace & Development".

Er. Mohd. Rais

An out-and-out gentleman, a man of versatile knowledge, Er. Mohammad Rais left us on April 10, 2021 at New Delhi.

The Foundation is at a loss of words at the demise of Er. Mohammad Rais. He was a pillar of strength for the Foundation since its inception 1990. He immensely contributed to its progress and development. He can rightly be described as an “Ocean of Knowledge” who possessed an



knowledge of a variety of subjects. Er. Mohammad Rais hailed from Kanpur (UP) and was a B. Tech in Mechanical Engineering. In addition to this he completed Master Degrees in multiple disciplines from various universities. He was a self taught person who gained mastery over multiple languages by his sheer hard work. Late Mohammad Rais contributed hundreds of articles on numerous topics which have been published in different periodicals/ magazines. Despite the advancing age he never felt shy of leaning even a bit. He also guided many PhD students in writing their theses.

Late Er. Mohammad Rais and the Chairman of the Foundation Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad knew each other for almost four decades. In fact it was Dr. Ziauddin who played an instrumental role in bringing him from Kanpur to Delhi for the media monitoring project. When Dr. Ziauddin sowed the seeds of Alhikmah Foundation he handpicked Er. Rais for the Foundation’s literary and academic activities and he proved himself to be the best fit for the job. The Foundation always benefited from his thorough knowledge and his demise has certainly left a vacuum which may not be filled in the years to come. He will be definitely remembered for his simplicity and vast knowledge.

Abdul Mannan: Death of A Messiah

Mr. Abdul Mannan, a well-wisher of Alhikmah Foundation expired on May 12, 2021. He was laid to rest at the Feroze Shah Kotla graveyard. He is survived by his wife and two sons. Alhikmah stands with his family in this hour of grief and pray to Almighty Allah to forgive him and grant him a place in Jannatul Firdous. He, till recently, served as Joint Director, Delhi Cancer Institute, Shahdara and Health Secretary in Government of NCT of Delhi.



Mr. Mannan hailed from Jhanjharpur, Mithilanchal, Bihar. In the early 1980s he served as Secretary to the high-power Gopal Singh Panel and played a key role in drafting its well known report on the Status of Minorities in India. He also worked as Secretary to the first two Chairmen of the National Commission for Minorities. He was the founder member of the Society for Communal Harmony and Seerah Committee of Government servants in Delhi. He conceived and gave shape to the Taj Enclave, Geeta Colony. He will be remembered for his great contribution in preparing the solid base to pave the ground for knowing the status and suggesting the remedial measures to uplift the minorities. He selflessly and voluntarily offered his valuable services for minorities in accessing proper medical treatment in government hospitals.

The list of the departed soul associated with Alhikmah Foundation does not end here. Our other well-wishers who perished include Mr. Jameel Murtaza, former Metropolitan Magistrate, Government of NCT of Delhi, Mr. Nayyar Farooqui, Member, Advisory Board of the Foundation, Dr. S. K. Bajpayee, Public Policy Researcher, Lucknow, Mr. Hafiz Moinullah, businessman, Unnao and Mr. Mohd. Ahmad, businessman, New Delhi. The love, services, contribution of these departed souls will always be remembered and serve as a source of inspiration for the Foundation. We pray to Almighty Allah to forgive all of them and grant a place in Reyazul Jannah.

PROF. (DR.) DEVENDRA MISHRA'S VIEWS ON ALHIKMAH FOUNDATION

Prof. Devendra Mishra

Ex Head

Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi.



AHF: In your opinion what are the vibrant issues that warrant our immediate attention for progress and development of an individual as well as society?

DM: The issues that need our immediate attention are character building. The only article of faith that is the foundation of an individual's progress is high moral character. Five decades ago in each and every school after the morning prayers either the principal or any other senior teacher would give students lessons in character building. But sadly enough nowadays this practice is no more in vogue. No school cares for character building. I would like to quote one interesting example here. When India got independence, one foreign journalist asked the then Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, "What kind of India do you want to see? Nehru replied, "I want to see India as an industrially strong nation". The same journalist put the same question to the then President Dr. Rajendra Prasad. He replied, "I want to see 24 Carat pure gold everywhere". The journo could not make the sense of Dr. Rajendra Prasad's reply. So he requested for an explanation. Dr. Rajendra Prasad replied, "I want that each and every citizen of India should be like pure gold *Kundan* in character. That implies honesty, integrity and wholehearted effort to achieve the goal without resorting to or adopting unfair means". These are the *Lakshan* or the traits of a man of character. The second most important issue of concern is tolerance. In my opinion each and every religion preaches that only the human beings but all the creatures are created by the same God. You may call him by any name. So when everything flows out from the Almighty and will return to the same Almighty, so what is the difference between one man and the other? What is the difference between a man and a cow? So in my opinion tolerance is paramount. Everybody is free to follow his/her religion but one should not show disrespect towards other's religion that is called *Sarv Dharma Sambhāv*.

AHF: You have been associated with the Alhikmah Foundation for the past more than a decade and a half or so. How has been your experience with the Foundation?

DM: I have had an excellent experience with Alhikmah Foundation. If I could remember correctly I have been associated with the Foundation for the past 15-16 years. I have attended a number of its functions and programmes. The Foundation is engaged in meaningful activities such as helping needy students; helping poor patients and other kinds of social welfare activities. The other commendable job that the Foundation is doing that it attempts to converge the followers of different religions/sects onto a one common platform. I have come across a plethora of religious scholars of Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, Jainism etc. in the programmes of the Foundation. I believe it is an excellent effort to bring the followers of different religions on a common platform.

AHF: Being an academicians par excellence and a widely person do you feel that Alhikmah Foundation's stated objectives are in anyway helpful in resolving the human crises?

DM: Yes certainly. There are no two opinions. The Alhikmah Foundation's objectives are very clear. The Foundation is moving towards achieving its goals. I am sure that the efforts done by Alhikmah Foundation are definitely very helpful in resolving the human crises.

AHF: In your opinion what further Alhikmah Foundation can do to improve the condition of the individual as well as society?

DM: I think Alhikmah Foundation is doing what it can do. By the way it is not an easy question to reply because offering suggestions is the easiest job in the world. However, we must look into the feasibility and practicality aspect of the offered suggestion. If I suggest something but that is not practicable, then it is not going solve any purpose. In my opinion Alhikmah Foundation is doing whatever it can do hence no suggestions.

AHF: What is your message for the youth?

DM: My message for the youth is that the key to a successful life lies in the path of Ram, Kabeer, (Abdur) Raheem (Khan-i-Khana), Prophet Mohammad (P.B.U.H). This is the real path that will lead you to the ultimate reality that is *Brahmgyan*. It is the key to *Moksha* and *Mukti*. The short cut route is always dangerous. Those who resort to short cut methods destroy their lives. My message is that follow Shri Ram's path and turn away from Ravan's path. Always be good to others and never be damaging to others. A person who tries to help everyone and who does not trouble anybody is the Ram of this time. There are so many things which can be said but the gist is that Almighty is present in all human beings. He is present in you, he is present in me and he is present in every creature. The truth is that every creature is within me and I am present in every other creature. If we start thinking along these lines, there is no question of hurting anybody.

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APPEAL

Dear brothers and sisters,

Hope all are doing well by the grace of the Almighty.

As you are aware that the foundation is putting up its best efforts in the field of health, education and general welfare since 1990. The responsibilities of the foundation are increasing, so is the expenditure which is becoming a difficult task for us. In view of this, the executive body of the foundation has decided to request you to contribute as much as possible. You are also requested to join hands with us by becoming a member of Alhikmah Foundation.

The Almighty will reward you generosity.

Yours Sincerely

Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad
Chairman

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