

Presidential Address

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(In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful)

Al-Hamdu li Allahi wa Nasta'yeenuhu wa Nastaghfiruhu wa Na'oozu bi Allahi min Shroori Anfusina wa min Sayyi'aati A'malina. Man Yahdihi Allahu fa la Mudilla lahu wa man Yudlihu fa la Hadiya lahu. Wa Nashhadu an la 'Ilaha illa Allahu Wahdahu la Sharika lahu, wa Nashhadu anna Sayyidina wa Maulana Muhammadan 'Abduhu wa Rasooluhu Salla Allahu Ta'aala 'alaihi wa 'ala Aalihi wa Ashabihi wa Dhurriyyatihi Ajma'yeen. Amma Ba'd.

**Respected Members of Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind, Distinguished
'Ulama and Intellectuals of the Millat!**

First of all I shall like to pay my thanks to you for selecting this humble man to chair this grand session in spite of all of his weakness and shortcomings. This is a fact that I am not capable of discharging this great responsibility. I agreed to carry on this heavy burden only because of your expectations from me and trusting your prayers. May Allah, the Exalted, grant us His conformation in discharging this responsibility! Amen.

This is a great generosity and superfluity of Allah, the Exalted, that today, the caravan of the servants of this 92-years old Jama'at has camped in this Indian city that bears its unique history as the

town hosting Darul-Uloom, Deoband, it enjoys international reputation at different levels. A year back in this very month of November, the 29th General Session of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind was held at Hyderabad. The agenda included important issues facing the community and the nation. The 30th Session has been convened at historic Deoband in special circumstances of the country. The place is blessed with the glory and splendor by the presence of Dar-ul-Uloom, Deoband. The contribution of great Muslim scholars and authorities of Islamic jurisprudence has enhanced greatly the reputation of Darul Uloom. Deoband is known the world over as the centre for publication of books and publishing houses. The adjoining areas of Deoband have a large number of relics and tombs of great figures of Islamic history. It is a fact that the history of the township goes thousands of years back. Maulana Zulfiqar Ali, father of Shaikh-ul-Hind Maulana Mahmood Hasan regards Deoband among those townships, which came up after the deluge of Noah. Among them are Kaliyar, Mangalore, Phulat, Gangoh, Nanauta, Ambetha, Thana Bhavan, Jhanjhana, and Kairanah. All these are connected with well-known figures.

Deoband is famous for *Devi ka Kund*. The place was covered with heavy forest. For that reason it was known as *Devi ka Van*. With passage of time, it came to be known as Deoband. The place is well-known for the resting place of Maulana Qasim and a large number of graves of saints and holy figures. Among them are Shaikh Alauddin Suhrawardy, Shah Vilayat, Qaloo Qalandar, Shaikh Abul Wafa Usmani, Shaikh Mazul Islam Siddiqi and Maulana Fazalullah. Among great men of recent past are Hazrat Maulana Mohammad Qasim Nanautvi, Hazrat Haji Abid Hussain, Hazrat Maulana Zulfiqar Ali, Hazrat Mullah Mahmood, Hazrat Shaikh-ul-Islam Maulana Hussain Ahmad Madani, Hazrat Maulana Habeebur Rahman Usmani, Hazrat Maulana Mufti Azizur Rahman, Hazrat Maulana Qari Tayyab and Hazrat Maulana Fakhruddin deserve special mention. There were many other holy men who were laid to rest there.

Deoband has a chain of important mosques. Among these are Adini ki Masjid, Madani Masjid, Qilay ki Masjid, Masjid Khanqah, Masjid Sarai Peerzadagan, Masjid Alamgiri, Qazi ki Masjid, Jama Masjid, Tayyab Masjid, old mosque of Darul Uloom, Chattay ki Masji, Masjide Rasheed and others.

In addition to Darul Uloom, Deoband has several important educational institutions. Among these: — Inter college, Tehsili school, Islamia Higher Secondary School, Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya and Public School deserve special mention. Recently established are Vidya College and B.Ed. College. The township has a number of famous libraries also. There are other institutions also like Muslim Fund.

With this background in view, the current session has several dimensions. All great leaders of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind have had a close and abiding relationship with Darul Uloom, Deoband. Hazrat Shaikh-ul-Islam Maulana Hussain Ahmad Madani and Hazrat Maulana Syed Fakhruddin, Presidents of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, were also distinguished teachers of Darul Uloom, Deoband.

Twenty-nine Sessions of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind were held in important cities and central places from 1919 to 2008. The 30th Session is being held in the context of national and international conditions. We are here to consider them for drawing a future line of action. Post 9-11-2001 scenario has emerged before us in a special form. We have to evolve a line of action to meet the current situation.

Battle for peace against terrorism
Dear Gentlemen!

Friends!

The entire world is beset with terrorism and its consequences. Terrorism by an individual or any organization has to be condemned and deserves a ban. A country or society can prosper only in peaceful conditions. In an atmosphere of fear and terror everybody is only concerned about his security. He is not concerned about other basic problems of the country. The social set-up gets into disarray. In the post September 9, 2001 the entire world scene is completely changed. It has led to mutual alienation and hostility among different communities of the world. Religion and religious identity too have been targeted. In particular, Islam, their Prophet and their identity as a community have become the main target. In view of that, for past nine years Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind has been conducting a campaign for presenting the truth about them. In that process Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind has so far conducted nearly two hundred meetings and conferences. Among them, forty large gatherings were held at different metropolitan cities, which include the ones at Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Bangalore, Bhuwneshwar, Azamgarh, Ahmadabad and Palanpur. At national and international level they have had positive impact. They have influenced a change in and conduct of media and official circles. However the final battle has yet to be won. The enemies have changed their tactics.

Muslims in large number continue to be victims of activities aimed to curb terrorism.

A nefarious propaganda is still in progress against Muslims and Islam. There are attempts to denigrate the image of our Prophet. Islam is impediment to the unity of mankind. An orthodox Muslim cannot be a true patriot, because Islam teaches hatred against other communities. The concept of Jihad is exploited to defame our Prophet. The misleading propaganda has to be challenged in every possible way. The sinister campaign is aimed to fan communal hatred and destroy the social fabric of the nation. The first Prime Minister of India, Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru described the idea as rubbish that good Muslims cannot be good Indians. We realize that there may be misunderstanding between different communities, which should be removed. For that a serious dialogue is necessary. There is sufficient literature about Islam, Quran and Islamic traditions in every language that should be enough to dispel all misunderstandings. Islam teaches fair-play for all communities. It advocates peace and forbids hatred and violence in every form. In Islam, extreme respect is accorded to human lives. Killing any human being unrightfully is a major sin according to Islam, which declares the murder of a single person at par with the murder of all human beings. This is the pinnacle of Islamic philanthropy that it teaches caring for human rights even in the state of war. Islam takes

utmost care to see that the ambit of war does not extend to unblemished persons and that the confrontation remains confined to the extent of the guilty. It is prohibited to kill any child, raise hands against any woman, kill any old aged person and saints.

It is our appeal to Muslims to eschew emotions in the fight against terrorism. They should join hands with others to face peacefully the current situation. During past few years Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind has paid attention to present the correct picture of the Prophet. We have achieved some success on this front. Carrying the campaign forward, we shall make similar effort to represent correctly Islamic Shari to secure the position of Muslims.

We aim to place before the public and the Government another aspect of the issue. Terrorism arises from communal injustice and prejudice. It is imperative to end such unfortunate situation. We should work for the welfare of all Indians, irrespective of their caste, community and religion so that India could prosper by 2020.

The Issue of Central Madrsa Board

The move to establish Central Mdarsa Board is likely to disrupt the identity of madrasas, their aims and objectives, finish their curriculum and syllabus and their system of education. The Madrasa boards formed in different states and madrasas affiliated to them have shown deterioration in the standard of education. At one time it was prom-

ised that affiliation to these boards would be optional and there would be no interference in their functioning. Actually the situation turned out to be contrary to the assurance. Madrasas lost their link with their social circle. The teachers lost interest in teaching. They started running for jobs. Anybody may go and see the situation prevailing in Madrasas affiliated to state Madrasa boards. The condition of central Madrasa Board shall not be different. The move is a misconceived attempt to destroy the existing successful structure of Madrasas. The conduct of the Government as seen during the past six decades does not inspire confidence. No serious effort to improve the educational condition of Muslims is on record. If the Government is really serious about Muslims' backwardness, why does it not open modern schools and institutions in Muslim dominated areas so that the children of economically weaker sections could be imparted education there. Why does it not come forward to fulfilling the need of students from primary to university level including providing course books and other expenses. It should be serious about placement of approximately 40 million unemployed graduates and post graduates. There are several other issues for which Jamiat Ulama-i- Hind has been launching dozens of movements, conferences and meetings since independence till date. But Government treated them as unheard. On the contrary, the formation of Madarsa Board has never been demanded nor any movement launched, no agitation staged for, but it is adamant on setting up madarsa board. The issue is highlighted only to create difference and rivalry between functionaries of madarsas.

According to Sachar Committee report only 4% Muslim children go to Madrasa. The government seems more concerned about them instead of doing something for the rest 96% Muslim children.

Technical and professional institutions established by Muslims face numerous difficulties in approval. Despite the fact that Minority educational institutions have the constitutional right to get grant-in-aid, they are deprived of that. Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind had demanded financial assistance for setting up 10,000 schools all over India, but it has been requiring attention for many years. Demand for restoring minority character of Ali Garh Muslim University and Jamia Milla Islamia University is never likely to grab the attention of the Government.

Setting up Madarsa Board is not going to open source of progress practically. However, that will give a hot issue to communalists that the Government bears with Muslims' whims and caprices. With that in view, we are not ready to accept any interference in Madarsa system of education. A number of zealous persons appear supporting and advising for Government affiliation citing defects in internal system of Religious Madarsas. We admit that defects can come across. But we are able to deal with it through our own Madarsa board run by Darul Uloom, Deoband. Our Madarsa Board can prepare and regulate teaching of uniform syllabus and can galvanise better system of edu-

cation. Those connected with the functioning of madarsa should make their financial transactions transparent and attempts should be made for every possible correction to wrongs.

Majority of Muslim members of Parliament have already rejected the proposal. Instead of losing sleep over the misconceived suicidal course, the government should do something for welfare and progress of Muslims.

Sachar Committee and Ranga Nath Mishra Commission Reports Intellectuals of the country!

Sachar Committee and Ranga Nath Mishra Commission reports have been subject of discussion for a few years. Very clear statistics on Muslims' backwardness and their thinning representation in all departments of life had been presented during the countrywide signature campaign on demands of reservation for Muslims, in public addresses of Hazrat Fida-e-Millat Maulana Syed As'ad Madani(R), whereas this is a reality that the formation of the Sachar Committee has been the result of Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind's struggle and the tireless efforts of its leader of caravan. Sachar Committee report gives the details of Muslim backwardness in different departments of life. This data is governmental confirmation and endorsement of facts and evidences presented by Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind. In its 404-page report compiled under 12 chapters and 76 topics, it has presented important recommendations and proposals. If those recommendations are implemented honestly, Muslims will be able to restore their presence into main stream of the country. But unfortunately the report is yet to be placed in the Parliament for discussion.

Initially Sachar Committee had been formed to deal with social and educational status of Muslims especially their labourer castes. The Report tried to a great extent to cover those essential matters related

with Muslims only. Later, ignoring the spirit of the report, all minority communities were included in the recommendations. That created huge confusion and misunderstanding among others. Such concern has also been expressed by a prestigious member of that very committee. This is our demand that recommendations of Sachar committee be put into action on the basis of Muslim backwardness removing the hurdles that comes in the way. Although reservation for Muslims is not recommended in that report, Justice Ranga Nath Mishra Commission, formed to review its recommendations and the points presented in it, has recommended 10 per cent reservation for Muslims and inclusion of backward labourer castes of Muslims by amending article 341. It is matter of regret that Ranga Nath Mishra Commission reports have not been placed in the Parliament so far. We happened to know that Ministry for Minority affairs has submitted an application in the court that seeking information regarding development of the report be banned even under RTI law. What secret does it hide that informations are not made available to those willing to know? Why is the Government playing delay tactics in bringing it in the Parliament. We demand that these reports be discussed on the floor of Parliament and necessary action be taken accordingly.

About Librahan Commission reports

Dear audience

The Liberhan commission, appointed in 1992 to probe the demolition of Babri Masjid has finally submitted its report to the Prime Minister. At first it began to have appeared that the report had been buried in the pages of history. Nowadays, a judicial commission is seen as handy tool to brush contentious issues under the carpet.

At the time of its appointment, the commission was given a time frame of three months to submit the report. Little did any one imagine that it would seek one extension after another, 48 to be precise, and drag the inquiry for 17 long years with the probe cost Indian exchequer Rs

8 crores. However the longest report in the history of India was submitted to the Government on June 29, 2009. Key question to be addressed here is if the Government would initiate action against the charge-sheeted individuals and what would be the action in concrete terms.

The report should be tabled in the Parliament and discussed for immediate course of action. "Justice late is justice denied" according to this expression, Jamiat clearly stated in its meeting of Working Committee that perpetrators of Babri Masjid's demolition be severely punished so that citizens of India could trust and repose faith in justice. It is the duty of Government to send out clear message that "Might is Right" is no longer tolerable. The demolition of Babri Masjid has undermined the prestige of the country. It is therefore incumbent to take punitive action against culprits. Article 34 of the Investigation Act 1952 stipulates that the commission report has to be placed in the Parliament along with action taken report. The Government should keep its promise by immediately discussing the matter.

Judgment about homosexual relations

Dear friends!

I would like to draw your attention to a serious social issue. On July 2, 2009, Delhi High Court passed a judgment allowing homosexual relations between two consenting adult men and women, holding the Article 377 of Indian Penal Code as unnecessary. It is a matter of satisfaction that the judgment met with determined resistance from all religious communities. Such unanimity of views was never seen earlier on any issue. On the other hand, the government does not have a clear perspective on the subject. No appeal has been made by the Central Government against the judgment. The Supreme Court too has not issued a clear direction on the writ petitions file by many social organizations. The situation is dangerous and may lead to sexual anarchy. Faced with the fact of homosexual trouble, Media adopted dif-

ferent position. While Urdu Media strongly opposed it on one hand, Hindi and English media advocated the recognition of homosexuality on the other hand. A few notable figures from various departments appears to be supportive of this sinful crime without any countable reason, whereas all religious communities in our country are unanimous that homosexuality is a sin and a social evil which will only lead to societal disintegration and break-up of family, the basic unit of society, and as such it should never get legal sanction. The Holy Koran While mentioning the cursed acts of tribe of Lot (PBUH) has warned human society against such behavior. Not to speak of religion, as far as society and human race is concerned, society owes its continued survival to the family, founded on marriage. The inevitable consequences of recognition of homosexuality would cause alarming danger to the existence of society, as it is totally lacking in the biological and anthropological elements of marriage and family which would be the basis, on the level of reason, for granting them legal recognition such pairs are not able to contribute in a proper way to the procreation and survival of the human race. Besides that, it would damage human respect and trust with each other and create doubts between brothers and sisters as well as wives and husbands, thus leading to the destruction of social structure. There is no need to be influenced by the decadent trends of the Western culture and not to give in to the demands of miniscule minority. Starvation for only lust materials without guidance of moral law causes trend of irresponsibility among people. In the west, persons devoid of essential morals and religious guidance, escapes bringing up their children. They flee away from the experience of fatherhood and motherhood, the environment that is not conducive to human development. Those influenced by western culture gave rise to that erroneous acts in India.

Repeal of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code by Delhi High Court which means making homosuality legal has greatly shocked all of us. We appeal to all individuals, organizations and institutions to make

every possible effort to avoid the social crisis likely to arise due to immoral sexual anarchy if the evil is not checked.

Exploiting Vande Matram Mischief

Respected audience!

For some time, Vande Matram is being exploited for fanning communal violence and hatred. A newly-formed outfit has taken unfair advantage of an edict of Darul Uloom, Deoband. In a provocative manner, the effigy of Darul Uloom Deoband was set on fire. Unfortunately there was no attempt to check them. The perpetrators of the mischief are connected with RSS and Bhartiya Janata Party. The organization has exploited the issue to attract public attention. One BJP leader has threatened that anybody who does not sing Vande Matram should leave the country. That shows his fascist mentality. The judgment of the Supreme Court clearly states that nobody can be compelled to sing Vande Matram. Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind and several other reputed Muslim organizations have made their stand on Vande Matram very clear. We have affirmed it clearly that we love our country and proved this several times, but Vande Matram violates our faith in monotheism that is the foundation of our faith. We would like to clarify that patriotism does not require singing Vande Matram, It is a part of the novel "Anand Math." There were patriots before Vande Matram was composed. There have been patriotic songs, one among them is *Saray jahan se achha Hindustan hamara*. Another equally famous is by Jameel Mazhari. But Vande Matram carries anti-Muslim flavor, therefore is not acceptable to Muslims. We can love and serve our country, but cannot elevate it to the status of Allah, the only one worshipped by Muslims. We love and respect the mother, but do not worship her. We demand it from the government that they should not allow the issue of Vande Matram to be deliberately raised for causing communal discord and threat to law and order.

Communal Riots and Law-Making for Their Prevention

Intellectuals of the country!

Communal riots are a serious problem for progress and peace in the country. Communal riots constitute an ugly bleak spot on the forehead of the country. They perpetuate poverty and ignorance; divert the nation from the path of progress and development. Biggest disdains and losses have accrued to the country because of bloodshedding in communal riots. A wave of minor and major riots continue to recur in different parts of the country. Minorities, especially Muslims are mostly targeted to eliminate them at both financial and existential levels. It is a matter of shame that after living together for centuries, we remain alien and unaware of each other. A major change is required to change this attitude. In this context, eradication of communal riot is an important matter for the country. Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind has been an ardent advocate of Hindu-Muslim unity and a great opponent of two-nation theory. It has undertaken several steps to promote communal harmony. That has been a persistent endeavor of the organization. There have been several communal riots in the country this year also. Unless there is an effective legislation for checking communal riots and unless the police and the administration are held responsible for their occurrence, their end cannot be foreseen. No practical and effective measure has been taken against the groups and organizations held by various commissions to be responsible for riots. Under article 21 of the Indian constitution, it is the duty of the Government to ensure the protection of life and property of the citizens. In this connection, Supreme Court and High Court verdicts are very clear that the protection of citizens' life and

property is the duty of state Governments and if any state fails in discharge of the duty, payment of compensation compulsorily falls on it. Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind launched 'Mulk-o-Millat Bachao (Save the Country and the Millat)' Movement, and arranged meetings to focus attention on this issue. It also launched countrywide signature campaign to invite attention of the authorities to urgency of the matter. The United Progressive Alliance had included the promise to bring an effective and comprehensive legislation to deal with communal riots in its minimum programme. The UPA has come to power twice but it is a matter of regret that no law has been passed to deal with communal riots and payment of compensation to the victims.

We demand from the platform of this grand session of Jamiat Ulama-iHind that the Government should frame a law to avert communal riots, arrange compensation for victims and take necessary action accordingly.

Reservation for Muslims

Respected audience!

Representation of Muslims in various departments of life is declining day to day and has come to naught in certain departments. With the passage of time, the situation has deteriorated further. In the recent General Election, their representation drastically dropped as compared to earlier. The social imbalance caused anxiety and frustration among Muslim youth. For just and balanced progress of the people of the country, it is essential that all creeds and communities should get a fair representation in development of the country. Unless Muslims, who constitute the second biggest majority in the country, are assimilated in common stream of the country's progress, balanced development of the country cannot be conceived. Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind launched a countrywide campaign on demand of reservation for Indian Muslims and secured 21 lac and 22 thousands 571 signatures for it. This document was presented by a renowned

delegation of Jamiat to erstwhile President of India. This is significant that reservation for Muslims became a topic of common discussion after Jamiat's movements and campaigns. There has been some progress in that direction particularly in Andhra Pradesh. Now various political parties and organizations are also talking and supporting reservation for Muslims, especially for labourer communities, in proportion to their population. But no meaningful action has been taken so far.

There are also talks on giving reservation in private sector. Government is working for that but this is mostly in the context of backward castes and tribes. In general, Muslim minorities, especially labourer Muslim communities are being ignored. In 1950, Muslims were excluded from this category by amending the article 341 of the Constitution through a presidential ordinance. It is greatly needed that article 341 should be so amended as to include Muslims on the basis of their backwardness. That has also been confirmed in Ranga Nath Mishra Commission Report recommending that if there is any hurdle in amendment to that constitution for inclusion of Muslims, it should be forthwith removed. In view of inadequate representation of Muslims in every walk of life, it is our demand that:

1. the Central Government and state Governments should provide reservation for Muslims on the pattern of Andhra Pradesh Government where they are enjoying reservation as a Muslim and as a caste-based community as well on the merit of education.

2. Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind has been proposing a form of reservation in that all Muslims, with the exception of their creamy layers, be granted reservation by declaring them backward Muslims.

3. in 27.5 reservation awarded by Mandal Commission be marked

separately for OBC Muslims.

4. and labourer Muslim castes also be given reservation by amending article 341 of the Constitution, since the condition of religion put in this article is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and basic requirements of justice.

Woman's reservation bill

Respected audience!

The Government should focus on providing reservation for Muslims according to their proportion of total population. Quota for woman's reservation is untimely drumbeating. If this bill is passed in its present form, it will further diminish the presence of minorities, Dalits, particularly Muslims in the Parliament and state legislatures. It will only benefit those from affluent class.

. SC/ ST/ OBC are already enjoying 22% of seats. That reservation of 33% of seats for women will make further difficult for all to get ticket from their parties and win elections within remaining 45%. The bill in its form has a clear tilt in policies to the benefit of already educated and economically empowered ladies and those belonging to families with political background. Such reservation for women will augment inequalities in the country and fail to serve its purpose. We strongly believe there should be a provision for ensuring that Muslims and Dalits, who are most backward in the country and need representation, get their due share in proportion to their population. Such attempt to bring them into main stream will create various social issues including their security. It is mostly affecting the constituencies where Muslims have strong presence or great influence. According to a preplanned conspiracy, seats with Muslim influence have been reserved for others. If Woman's reservation is so inevitable, political parties should allocate their share within their party orbit. It is a good sign that

prominent political parties have opposed the bill in its present form. In view of the situation of the country, it is not acceptable to Jamiat Ulam-i- Hind also.

The Problem of Protection of Awkaf

Sympathizers of the Country and the Community!

This is known to you that lacs of Wakf properties exist in the country. According to an estimate, there are six lac Wakf properties spread all over India. If income of waqf properties had been spent according to the desire of endowers, various social, religious and educational activities committed to welfare for Muslims would have brought fruitful result. However, the Ummah is deprived of utilizing their income because of improper management, misappropriation and illegal possession of those Awkaf. The condition of Awkaf is retreating from bad to worse by day. Anti-social elements, land mafia and corrupt persons in the administration have occupied innumerable Wakf properties. Wakf properties are in illegal occupation of Government and semi-Government institutions and political parties throughout the country. Information on sale of Wakf properties at throw-away prices by the corrupt staffs of Wakf Boards is also coming in regularly. A few days ago, sale of large piece of waqf land to a famous industrialist flashed out through Media. The matter in this direction has been made so convoluted and complicated that no effort is likely to yields to fruits. Complicity of the situation is deeply rooted to the extent that it is beyond expression in words.

Jamiat Ulama-i Hind has always been concerned with issues related to preservice of waqf properties and proper utilization of their income. Fida-e- Millat Maulana Syed As'ad Madani (RH) throughout his life tried his best to draw the attention of the concerned officials towards awful condition of awqaf, in and out of Parliament. At the present time it is seen that central and state governments are showing indifference to it. Joint parliamentary committee formed to review waqf

properties expressed in its report that states government had shown lack of interest in management of waqf boards and had failed to guard their activities, and that the Governments had never taken action against land mafia and those who had violated waqf act. According to the recommendations submitted by the Committee under chairmanship of Janab K. Rahman Khan the need of decisive steps is strongly felt for making effective arrangements for protection of Awqaf. In this regard, the most important is to pay attention to restoration and protection of those Mosques and graveyards that have been occupied by Government institutions and land mafia. We feel it very necessary that representation in the Wakf Boards, along with authority, should be accorded to reputed Muslim organizations having presence all over India. Spotted persons or individuals working against the objectives of the Wakf or those involved in court cases should not be inducted in boards in any capacity. Jamiat Ulama-i- Hind is considering to hold a meeting to review various aspects for protection of Awqaf.

Need for Minorities-Dalit Unity

Benefactors of the Country and the Community!

No need to tell you that the influence of fascist forces on the affairs of the country is getting augmented, on account of which justice, law, equality and other higher values enshrined in the Constitution and required for peace have come in jeopardy. According to its capacity, Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind has started the initiative to ensure that the systems of the country would not fall completely in the hands of fascist powers. Actually, this country belongs to the majority of minorities. Therefore, the organization is striving to unite the minorities of this country. Conferences and General Sessions have been held in this connection at various places of the country. Joint meetings of Dalits have been held in Hyderabad, Bangalore, Kanpur and Delhi. We are aware that apart from temperament and tastes, other difficulties will also interfere in this course of this unity and

integration but the expedience of the community and the country requires that we make this unity more and more stronger by assimilating the difficulties.

It has been clarified in the charter that the Prophet (S.A.W.) presented for the human world on the occasion of his last Hajj that with respect to colour, race and locality, no human being has got any excellence over any other human being.

We committed a folly in this regard in that we could not maintain our relations with the weaker classes and Dalits etc. with the same intensity as they ought to be. We should correct this attitude. Social discrimination and bias against Dalits is the outcome of Hindu mindset and this is necessary for Muslims to avoid it as a Muslim. Rather in a way, Muslim minority and Dalits are similar in being oppressed and accursed. On account of it, the unity among Muslims and Dalits is a natural thing and cooperation with other minorities is also essential.

Considering all this, Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind has initiated the cycle of smoothing relations with Dalits and backward classes and organized programs of eating and drinking under this scheme. The Jamiat is in contact of Dalits and labourers in Andhra Pradesh. There is the need to take it further ahead. Hazrat Fida-e-Millat (R) was very sincere in this regard. In wake of changing situation of the country, the need for minorities-Dalits unity has become more intense in comparison to earlier times.

Islamic World

Intellectuals of the country and community!

Entire Islamic world is the target of the circumstances through which it is passing as well as of the USA-Zionist elements and coercion by them. The terrorism being perpetrated in the leadership of USA, on pretext of democracy, liberty, elimination of terrorism and riddance of dangerous and destructive weapons, has thrown in jeopardy the global peace and order and sovereignty, especially of third world coun-

tries. Iraq was done away with on pretext of the destructive chemical weapons. Saddam Hussein was hanged and all this was done in name of freedom and deliverance of Iraqi people from oppression and tyranny. It was said that the purpose of attack on Iraq was to hand over the reins of Iraq in the hands of Iraqi people and establish peace but the real situation is obvious to the world. USA lies have come to public knowledge completely. No destructive weapon was found there. Such circumstances of murder and killings plunder and destruction and ruin and anarchy have taken roots in Iraq that could not be imagined earlier. Now USA itself and its allies are admitting that situation in Iraq is beyond control and very serious. It is needed now that Iraqi people be allowed to determine their fate. No country can clinch progress and democracy under the shadow of its occupation by foreign powers.

Israel aggression in Palestine

Oppression of Arab Palestinians and their accursed position has become a symbol of conspiracy by USA and U. K., tyrannies and aggression by Israel and unholy desire of usurping Arab lands. Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind has always condemned and opposed Israeli ambitions and strides and supported the rights and demands of Palestinians. At present time the situation is explosive because of economic blockade of Gaza Strip and existence of Biatul Maqdis in jeoparady. A few days back, American President Barak Obama and its Secretary for external affairs had initiated a move to resolve the issue of Palestine. But the steps needed to solve it have not been taken yet. Israel talks about unarmed and dependent state for Palestinians, whereas conception of such type of state is illogical. Israel has been continually violating the Road Map and the Peace Agreement. Palestinians' problems keep aggravating because of economic blockade and other sanctions. The situation in Palestine is distressing even today. The manner in which the sequence of subjecting Palestinians to extreme tribulations, by enforcing the economic blockade of Gaza Strip, has been

started is expressive of Israel's unholy intention. It is pitiable that neither the Islamic world nor Arab countries is putting any pressure on Israel for stopping aggression. This is shameful for the Islamic world. However, at the level of humanity on the whole, it is a welcome development that those people have realized the helplessness of Palestinians whose dominant population is non-Muslims. It regrets us that despite appeal of the American President and State Secretary, Israel is not prepared to neither withdraw from the occupied land of Arab nor stop establishing new villages. It granted permission to build more than 400 houses in 6 different places. After the occupation of Gharbe Urdun and East Jerusalem city in 1967, 50 Millions of Jews were accommodated in 100 villages. According to international law, these villages are illegal. We hope that later or sooner, pleasant changes will come in the situation. Solution of Palestinian problems will play an important role in establishment of peace at global level. There are possibilities of changes at global level as a result of Palestinians' independent and peaceful life and establishment of the autonomous state. We appeal to USA, Russia and the world community to cooperate in establishment of autonomous and independent State of Palestine as per their promises, rehabilitate homeless and devastated people of Palestine, pave the way for their return to home, and evacuate Israeli forces from the occupied Arab lands presently in its possession. Indian government should also play its role in this connection. This is sorrowful that Indian policy on Israel-Palestine tangle has got transformed and deviated under pressure from USA and Israel. Ignoring previous traditions and policies of Gandhi, Nehru and the country, the government is moving ahead towards out of limit proximity and concord with Israel. Considering this, we demand that India should adhere to its policy of supporting and assisting the oppressed and the weaker.

Afghanistan

Similar is the situation in Afghanistan too. In spite of unrestrained losses and devastation of life and property, no contours of peace establishment have emerged there so far. Indian embassy has been targeted on various occasions. No efforts seem to be effective for maintaining peace and development. On the other hand, the American President has announced to increase the number of army. Circumstances in Afghanistan are heading towards an extremely dangerous course. The citizens are finding themselves in immense trouble. The situation is so painful that can not be allowed in a civilized society. It is needed that the developing countries, the countries affiliated with Non-Alignment Movement and all those peace-loving countries who are desirous of peace would come to fore to confront the aggression launched by USA and its allies.

Concern Over Turncoat Activities

This is also a cause of great concern that apostasy movements launched by Qadiyanis and other elements are continuing in an organized manner in various parts of the country, they are active in full force to make Muslim youths their special target. They capture young boys and girls well versed in modern education but ignorant of Deen in the net of their deception woven by dreams of better future and are trying to turn them into turncoats by providing them the means of luxuries of all type. Several young men involved in such incidents have re-embraced Islam as a result of the acumen of certain 'Ulama during previous days. But we cannot guess the number such **Y**oung men correctly who might have destroyed their Deen and belief after getting entangled in their net of deception. Therefore, we need to be alert and awake everywhere. **T**here is the need to confront his belief-killing movement with full preparation and alertness. All India Majlis-e-Tahaffuz-e-Khatm-e-Nubuwwat has already been established in Darul

Uloom Deoband. Collective efforts should be made in affected areas after contacting this organization and our anti-Qadiyaniyyat literature should be made available to educated sensible persons so that the Deen and belief of our Muslim brethren could be saved.

Incidents of unrest and disorder also occurred at some places due to Qadiyani activities during previous days. So, although Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind does not deem it appropriate to take any action by taking law in hand but it will surely like to draw government's attention toward prevention of provocations by Qadiyani community in every place so that no unpleasant incident would occur as a reaction.

Importance of Religious Maktab

Leaders of the Country and the Community!

You are surely aware of the fact that establishment of religious Maktab is impervious for the existence and survival of Muslims. Today, wherever one finds a place populated by religious splendor and Islamic emblems, it is because of these religious Maktab, otherwise it is better to not speak about and narrate the religious situation of habitats where Maktab do not exist. As population is increasing, requirement of Maktab is also increasing day by day, especially in rural habitats where ignorance about Deen and lack of knowledge about religious duties and injunctions has grown to the levels causing concern. Similarly, the children, who study in contemporary schools in cities and towns, remain ignorant of the basics of the Deen in spite of growing in age. Such students should be necessarily sent to morning and nightly Maktab in order to impart basic religious knowledge to them according to proposed course of Deeni Taleemi Board of Jamiat Ulama-i Hind. This is necessary that alongside a Mosque, provision for Maktab education is also made. Charity donors should provide more and more capital for

establishing Maktabas. On behalf of Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind, there is a proposal to allocate ten per cent of its budget for Maktabas and all big institutions and organizations are strongly requested that it will be immensely beneficial if they spend an appropriate part of their budget on establishment, popularization and spread of Maktabas.

Need for Revival of Deeni Talimi Board

Dear audience!

In the past, Jamiat Ulama-i- Hind rendered great services for survival of Islam in new generation by setting up Deeni Talimi Board. In the beginning, it, in an organized manner, started work and yielded to fruitful results. It is pitiable that after the demise of Hazrat Maulana Syed Mohammad Miyan Sb (RH) it lost momentum and utility according to the need of hour. Nowadays, as tendency towards modern education has upsurges, such board capable of leading the nation and millat and catering standard education is strongly needed. The below mentioned proposals should immediately be started under this board:

- 1- Makatib in width and breadth of the country should be affiliated to the board and board shall prepare and regulate teaching of uniform syllabus of Diniyat.
- 2- Course books and literatures shall be provided in various languages according to special need and capacity of beneficiary students.
- 3- The uniformity in examinations in all affiliated Makatib and institutions be ensured.
- 4- Institutions should be established for adult education. Indeed, campaign for these activities demands full devotion and tireless efforts. If there is confidence and determination, any hurdle can be defeated. In this connection Jamiat Ulama-i- Hind has decided to struggle in every possible way. Initial steps have been taken in this direction. Meetings have been organized to discuss important aspects for its revival. Yet much more efforts are required. May Allah provide favorable circumstances for His slaves willing to work.

Need for Social Reforms

Gentlemen!

In the sight of the Qur'an and the Sunnah, the reasons behind the circumstances befalling on Muslims in our country and the whole world lie in our own weaknesses and lapses. Allah, the Exalted, has commanded in the Gracious Qur'an:

Corruption has appeared on land and sea because of the evil which men's hands have earned, that He may make them taste a part of that which they have done, in order that they may return.

(Al-Rum: 41)

Therefore, whereas we have to adopt apparent material measures for transforming the circumstances, we also have to pay full attention to social reforms among us, otherwise we will never succeed in achieving our objective because the believers can achieve honour and ascendance only when they will completely put the Deen in their practice. Allah's commandment says:

Allah has promised to those of you who believe and do good works that He will cause them to succeed others in the land, as He gave succession to those who were before them, and that He will establish for them that religion which He has approved for them, and that after their fears He will give them security in exchange. They worship Me; they ascribe nothing as partner unto Me. And whoever disbelieves after that, such are miscreants, impious.

(Al-Nur: 55)

Exhortation for total pursuance of Islam and avoidance of satanic practices comes at another place in this way:

O you who believe! Submit, all of you, to Allah, and do not walk in Satan's footsteps; assuredly he is an open enemy to you. (Al-Baqarah: 208)

For this reason, it is compulsory for a Muslim to care for implementing Deen within his circle of influence and keep making all possible efforts for eliminating evils from the society. As it is the duty of government department of health to keep an eye on the city and immediately announce the drugs, the treatment and the precautionary measures for preventing the epidemic spreading there or suspected to spread, in the same way, this is the responsibility of the 'Ulema in each locality to watch the objectionable practices spreading in the populace and adopt appropriate means and measures to eradicate each and every objectionable practice from the society, otherwise the society will get destroyed morally and spiritually. The survival of this Deen depends on Amr bil Ma'roof and Nahy 'anil Munkar (command for good deeds and negation of objectionable practices). If this task is not continued, the Ummah can never live in peace and well-being. For the sane reason, social reforms have had focal significance in constructive programs of Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind. So, former honourable President Hazeat Fida-e-Millat Maulana Syed As'ad Madani (may Allah fill his grave with radiance) had launched social reforms movement in 1992 all over the country on behalf of Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind. And had started celebrating 10-days long 'Islah-e-Mu'ashirah' programs under auspices of central and state-level Jama'ats and sending 'Ulema's delegations that still continues in one form or the other. However, the task needs to be expedited. This movement cannot succeed without local units' active role. Therefore, I earnestly appeal to all members of the Jamiat and its well-wishers to labour for it by turning social re-

forms into a mission and never be careless towards their incumbent duty.

Adopt Simplicity in Celebrations

Gentlemen!

It is disappointing that today a large chunk of Muslims' precious capital is being wasted in extravagance in their celebrations. Lacs of rupees are thrown away like water only for show-off and display in the very moment when a large section of the Ummah is bearing the brunt of poverty and penury or has become needy of every single grain after becoming the victim of natural hazards. Indulging in squandering and extravagance by overlooking all this is a testimony to great apathy. The way to squandering leads to obvious ruin that needs to be contemplated sincerely.

Ban Abominable Things

Respected Audience!

There is a saying of the Illustrious Prophet (S.A.W.): "I did not leave after me any tribulation more dangerous for the men of my Ummah than evil-doer women." (Bukhari and Muslim). For this reason, strict orders for veils of women given in the Holy Qur'an and the noble Hadiths, to the extent that they are prohibited from coming out of their homes without any real need. Allah's command says at one place:

And stay in your houses. Bedizen not yourselves with the bedizenment of the Time of Ignorance. (Al-Ahzab:33)

But this Jahiliyyah (ignorance) has now become common everywhere and lack of veil is increasing in Muslim society too, which is extremely distressing. Therefore, there is the need to ensure strict observation of the practice of veil. Further, caution is also needed against the spread of abominable things through devices like television. Apart from this, attention is required towards following matters:

- (1) Preponderance of usurious and forbidden (Haram) dealing in Muslim society is also a cause of extreme concern.

Gambling and lottery (like Satta) is common in Muslim localities. So many households have been ruined by lottery. Worst effects of this forbidden consumption are affecting our religious temperaments. Use of forbidden income is a big reason behind prevalence of abominable things and irreligiosity today.

- (2) Millat's future is linked with our youths. Waywardness of our youth is nothing less than a tragedy. Immediate attention should be paid to reformation of our youths.
- (3) Males should fashion beards, don Islamic dress and take care of their Islamic appearance.
- (4) Mutual disputes and fights should be avoided. Special care should be given to not ruin Deen and belief as well as capital by falling in court wrangles.
- (5) Arrangements should be made to avoid lie, backbiting and false accusations.

Establishment of Modern Technical Institutions

The need of craft and science education has amplified much more in present age. With extreme labour and sacrifice, Muslims should establish following institution in each state of the country:

- (1) Medical College (2) Science College (3) Law College (4) Commerce College (5) Teachers Training College (6) ITI (7) Polytechnic (8) Allied Science (9) Diagnostic Center

In this direction, Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind has achieved special advances since the days of Hazrat Fida-e-Millat. Some work has been started in different parts of the country.

Vocational centre has been established and classes started. Medical assistance, Mufti Kifayatullah Diagnostic centre has begun to serve the needful. Jamiat College of Pharmacy, Jamiat Mahila P.T.C. College, Jamiat Women Vocational training centre, Jamiat Children Village, Madni Girls Hostel, Shah Zakaria Haji Peer English

Medium Primary School, Shah Zakaria Haji Peer Gujrati Medium Primary & secondary Schools have started providing studies.

Organizational stability

Esteemed Members!

Individuals have got the status of the backbone for any Jama'at. Progress of a Jama'at depends on its devoted workers. Whatever elevated the objectives of a Jama'at may happen to be, if its organizational structure is not robust, it can never put its vision in practice. Therefore, I will request all members and associates to pay attention to strengthening Jama'at's organization, and no organization can become stable until it pays full attention to its constructive programs. For the elders of our Jama'at, the constructive programs were so important that they were made a part of the fundamental constitution in a proper way.

Respected Sir!

These very constructive programs are the real spirit of our Jama'at and the units that put them in practice properly, they earn unparalleled acclaim and acceptance of both the masses and the elites.

Conclusion

Gentlemen!

Finally, I apologize for encroaching on your precious time and express my thankfulness for your assistance and favour. With regard to the problems and troubles of present times, I shall like to redraw your attention towards the problems and difficulties of present time. We should trust none but Allah with the conviction and submission that only He is the real dispenser, and become active in improving our religious, Milli, national, communal, collective, economic and commercial condition. For the solution of problems of domestic, national and constitutional nature, keep democratic and country-loving compatriots in your company during your struggle and

move ahead equipped with this joint power. Allah-willing, success will welcome you.

Wa Aakhiru Da'wana anil Hamdu li Allahi Rabbil 'Alimeen wa as Salatu wa as Salamu 'ala Sayyidil Mursaleeni wa 'ala Aalihi wa Ashaabihij Ajma'een. Ameen!