

# AWSOM NEWS



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*As of August 2021, the Anjuman has loaned out approximately US\$ 2.3 million to over 364 students pursuing undergraduate, graduate and post graduate degrees in educational institutions in the United States. We are neither able to thank Allah enough for His mercy nor you for the continued patronage. Thanks.*

## Loan Applications Invited

The Anjuman invites loan applications for the Spring 2022 semester. **The application portal is now open and candidates are advised to submit their completed applications by the deadline of November 30, 2021.** Detailed instructions for the application process are available on our website. All students in the community who qualify on a need plus merit basis are encouraged to apply and take advantage of this facility that is available to them.



We emphasize that the applicants should pay attention to instructions and submit applications that are complete in all respects.

All applications will be examined by individual reviewers who would also contact the applicants for verification of the submitted information. The review committee will meet in late December for final allocations and the candidates will be informed of the decisions accordingly.

## Yadgar Funds Update

Mr. Shaheryar Naqvi of Diamond Bar, California instituted a Yadgar Fund in the memory of Syed Ali Hasan Naqvi.

Sister Fatima Hussain of Maryland added \$1,000 to the Fazle Hussain and Laila Begum Fund which now stands at \$5,000.

We are thankful to the donors for their generosity and request the readers to offer a sura –e- fateha for the soul of Syed Ali Hasan Naqvi, Fazle Hussain and Laila Begum.

## Obituaries

The Anjuman extends our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Fatima Ladak and Mr. Maqbool Ladak (Director and past president of the Anjuman) of Long Island, NY on the sudden demise of Mrs. Fatima Ladak's mother Ameena Dewji who died in Mombasa, Kenya a couple of weeks ago. We pray to the Almighty to grant maghfirat to the marhooma and grant her the highest place in Janat ul Firdous. We request the readers to offer a sura e fateha for the soul of Ameena Dewji w/o Hassan Jaffer Sheriff.



We offer our condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Faiz Ali of New Jersey (a long standing member of the Anjuman) on the demise of his mother in law, Marhooma Mustakeemun Nisa who died in Maryland on October 25, 2021. May Allah grant her maghfirat and an exalted place in Janat. We request the readers to kindly offer a sura e fateha for the soul of Mustakeemun Nisa d/o Syed Ali Jafar.

# Foundational Revolution of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

Revolution is generally thought of as a major, sudden change – a change so radical that it marks the end of one period and the beginning of another. It typically involves a change in government, leadership, or ideology. Examples include the French and Iranian Revolutions. However, a revolution can also involve a slow, deliberate change – a change that marks a fundamental departure from historical patterns. It involves, say, a change in economic relationships or technological conditions that transforms an entire society but it may take years to accomplish. Examples include the Industrial and Information Revolutions.

Prophet Muhammad (s)'s revolution was of the second type. He brought about transformative changes in society despite the fact that he had a relatively short period of 23 years following public declaration of his prophet hood and had to face fierce and prolonged opposition of the Quraish, the power elite of Mecca. Here, only five of his many monumental achievements would be highlighted:



1. **Object of Worship:** Following the time of Prophet Ibrahim (s), the annual pilgrimage to Mecca had gradually deteriorated into naked pilgrims making seven circuits of the Kabah that had become the repository of 360 idols. The Prophet changed the mindset of the pagan Arabs by making the Kabah a symbol of the constancy and eternity of the One and only Allah (swt).
2. **Basis of Society:** The only authority Arabs recognized was the chief of their tribes that consisted of blood relatives and confederates. The Prophet restructured the society from one based on tribal affiliation to one based on a set of common beliefs, that is, he converted the tribal society into an Islamic ummah. Consequently, tribes that were constantly at war with each other were now united into one cohesive unit.
3. **Islamic City-State of Medina:** With the exception of Yemen in the south-west, no political organization of any form at any time existed in the rest of the Arabian Peninsula. The Prophet established such a state and introduced the first-ever Charter of Medina that specified the rights and responsibilities of all its subjects. He also laid the foundation for centralized authority which empowered him to exercise comprehensive religious and political authority.

- Justice and Equity:** Arabs had notion of their own superiority over everybody else. The Prophet made no distinction between different segments of the population, administering justice with the same degree of strictness and impartiality whether they were Quraish or non-Quraish, Arabs or non-Arabs, relative or non-relatives, men or women, early or later converts, and Muslims or non-Muslims.
- Socio-Economic Reforms:** The Prophet changed many socio-economic practices of pre-Islamic Arabia. His strategy was to array practices that were less versus more harmful to Islam and correspondingly match his reforms that ranged from: (a) regulating those that were abused due to excessive use (e.g., polygamy), (b) phasing out those whose immediate elimination would have hurt the very people it was meant to help (e.g., slavery) and (c) abolishing those that posed grave danger to the fabric of the Islamic society (e.g., usury).



The world now marvels at the wisdom of societal transformation brought about by the Prophet and honors him as “the wisest reconstructionist of pre-Islamic attitudes and practices.”

Contributed by: Bashir A. Dattoo, Ph.D.

*As we enter the 11th month of the year, we remind you to kindly bring your annual membership up to date. Additionally, if you are planning to take out Khums for the year or are planning any tax exempt charitable contributions, kindly consider the Anjuman for your donations which are tax exempt and will go a long way in making a difference in the lives of our community members who will be empowered through higher education.*

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## **Membership Form**

*(Tax Exempt under IRS 13-3588100)*

Dear Sir,

I wish to become a member of the Anjuman Wazifa Sadaat o Momineen and enclose herewith my check/cash/online payment for US\$\_\_\_\_\_being the subscription for the year \_\_\_\_\_ or for Life time Membeship. I hereby undertake to abide by the Anjuman's Constitution, Rules and Regulations as approved by the Board of Directors.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced By: \_\_\_\_\_

I am donating a sum of US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

to support educational programs of the Anjuman.

I am contributing US\$\_\_ from my Khums money. *(Anjuman has obtained 'Ijaza' from Ayatollah Saiyed Ali Al- Seestani)*

I am donating a sum of US\$\_\_\_\_\_to establish an "Endowment Fund" in the memory of my late \_\_\_\_\_, the income from which will be utilized by the Anjuman for supporting its aims and objectives.

Name and contact information of person(s) who may be interested in Anjuman's membership:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

**CARDHOLDER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**

Credit Card Type     MasterCard    Visa    American Express    Discover

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION INFORMATION**

I authorize a one- time charge on my credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize a recurring charge on my credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Once every \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year) beginning on \_\_\_\_\_

and ending on \_\_\_\_\_ or indefinitely.

The Purpose of my contribution is:

Annual Membership Dues

Lifetime Membership Dues

Khums

Contribution to Yadgar Fund in the memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Donation

Repayment of my student loan from the Anjuman