

AMU Winter School for the Children of Alumni

Aligarh Muslim university takes pride as its alumni are spread all over the world and leading successful life as scientists, doctors, technologists, entrepreneurs etc., just as Sir Syed prophesied, "This small plant will, one day ,turn into a mighty tree whose branches will spread all over the world".

While achieving a highly successful level of socio-cultural and economic integration with the encompassing society, our alumni are interested that their children may also get the opportunity to visit their alma mater and acquire knowledge about its culture and traditions, which is difficult to imbibe in the land in which they are currently residing. It is with this purpose that the Aligarh Muslim University is proposing to start a winter school especially for the children of alumni. This could be one of the most important way that AMU can connect with their alumni. The purpose is to establish a mutually beneficial relationship.

The aim of the Winter School (4 to 6 weeks duration) will be to impart knowledge about Sir **Syed, the relevance of Aligarh Movement in the 21st Century, Urdu language, traditional values, religion and culture** etc. The purpose of organizing the Winter School is not only to provide necessary skills and mental attitude but also to make a distinction between Talim (Education) Tarbiat(Training)-the former prepares a person for an occupation , and the latter to make him a refined person.

Sir Syed was one of the early visionaries who recognized the critical role of education for the empowerment of the Muslim community. The overall aim of Sir Syed was not merely restricted to establishing MAO College at Aligarh but spreading a network of Muslim managed educational institutions throughout the length and breadth of the country. To this end, he instituted '**All India Muslim Educational Conference**' in 1866. Free discussions and debates on moral and philosophical issues were encouraged on the college campus. Similarly, his purpose for the establishment of '**Scientific Society**' in 1863 was to inculcate scientific temperament among the Muslims. The aim was not just to impart education but also to inspire 'creativity' and to keep the student's 'inner sprit alive'.

AMU aims to foster stronger relations between its alumni with the university; I hope you will find this proposal worthwhile and inspirational as you consider your option of sending your ward to Winter School at AMU, Aligarh, India. We hope to make a notification to this end soon after approval of the Academic Council. In the meanwhile you are free to offer your comments /suggestions on the same.

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