Doha: (Press Release) it is rightly said that no graduate of any university loves his or her Alma mater as strongly as the graduates of Aligarh Muslim University love their alma mater. Anywhere in the world there are a number of old students they form an Alumni forum for socializing and doing something for the university’s progress. The Qatar chapter of the Alumni is one of the most active and prominent world-wide as the highest authorities of the University have duly recognized this fact. The Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association Qatar (AMUAAQ) celebrated the 202nd birth anniversary of the university’s founder “Sir Syed Ahmad Khan” on 25th October 2019 (Friday) at the beautiful indoor venue (Al Majlis Ball Room) of the Sheraton Grand Doha Resort & Convention Hotel under the managing committee of Aligarh Muslim University Aligarh Alumni Association presided by Jawed Ahmad.

Nagma, Senior Congress leader (General Secretary) and Bollywood actress was the chief guest from India and H.E. Mohammed Bin Ahmed Bin Twar, First Vice-Chairman of Qatar Chamber was the Chief Guest from Qatar, while Mr. MS Bukhari attended the program as a Chief Patron of AMUAAQ.

Dr. Khalid Al Ali – Director Ministry of Education Qatar, Hassan Chougule – President DPS MIS and Emad group Entrepreneur, Azim Abbas - President IBPC, Indian Embassy and Entrepreneur, Ganga Kumar-IAS and director of Bihar Govt (Govt of India) and Congress leader Salman Nizami were the guests of Honour.
Salim Pathan ,AR Sanaullah ,Mr. Satyendra Pathak (Qatar Tribune), Mr. Mumtaz Hussain, Mr. Quazi Faiz,Mr. Nilangshu Dey (President-ISC), Mr. Manikantan (President-ICC), Mr. PN Baburajan (President-ICBF) , Mr. Avinash (ICBF), Mr. Bahuddin Khan (VP-HSBC), Mr. Najmul Hasan (President-Alumni JMI), Mr. Ahmad Ashfaque (Bazm E Urdu), Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed (Bazm E Sadaf), Mr. Wasiuddin Ahmad , Prof. Javaid Zaidi (Qatar University) Mr. Ashfaque Deshmukh (Qatar Steel), Mr. Rasheed, Mr. Ateeq Anzar, Shoukat ali Naz, Rashid Chisti ,Wasi Bastavi,Raquim Azmi, Mohammed Sultan , Dr. Sara Haque, and many more media & community representative attended the program as a special guests.

Over three hundred twenty (320) Alumni and AMU well-wishers gathered for the evening to remember and appreciate achievements of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan. **Mr. Sarwar Mirza** (Vice-President, AMUAAQ) compere of this event welcomed all the guests and Mr. Mosheer Alam also supported in comparing, while Shahid Yar Khan, Qamar Alam, Ali Imran, Ziauddin Ahmad, Dr. Nadeem Jilani, Dr. Syed Jaffery, Mohammed Farman Khan, Javed Sultan, Mohammed Ahmed, Asif Khan, Danish Ali Khan, Shahid Perwez, Mosheer Alam, Abdul Karim, Firoz Khan, Imtiyaz Ahmed, Mohammed Sultan, Adil Ahmad, Mohammed Naim, and Anjum Hussain graced the occasion.

**Mr. Saifur Rehman** started the program with the recitation of Verses from Holy Quran while safety moment/Evacuation plan briefed by Javed Sultan.

**Jawed Ahmad, the President of the AMU Alumni Association Qatar** gave the welcome address including a brief about Sir Syed Ahmed Khan. He reiterated again a long-standing demand to the Govt. of India to confer Sir Syed Ahmed Khan with Bharat Ratna in recognition of his contributions to the development of the nation. Mr. Ahmad also mentioned that Alumni association Qatar first time get included in its parent body and he as a president too considered in International advisory committee of AMU, he thanked to the committee members and Patron for their support to achieve this honour.

He also mentioned that AMUAAQ organised so many events and meet like – Zaiqa E Aligarh including Women empowerment and child abuse, Alumni meet, Iftar, Multi Specialised Free Medical camp, Felicitation program, Eid Milan, Supporting and Standing with India and AMU, sports and also supporting to community and Aligs for financial assistance to many activities in India mainly in the treatment of some lifesaving Kidney Transplantation, Flood affected area distributed customized item needed by them, supported Engineering students in Formula race competition. We have been continually supporting in recruitment of our Alig band non Aligarh Brother and Sister. Apart from above mentioned collective activities we did many individual one to one basic activities to build brotherhood and positive environment among all our Alig brothers residing in Qatar. He also mentioned that he felt proud that AMUAAQ started the International Excellence award starting from this year towards Education (Best Parenting), Life Time Achievement award for Community service and Entrepreneur. Mr. Ahmed spoke that they are connected with other organization and individual neighbour to support for Education to needy candidate.

He also mentioned that Previous SS day - Vice Chancellor became the Patron of this organization, AMU Alumni Association Qatar logo launched by Vice-Chancellor and became the part of International AMU Alumni Association, other proposal still under discussion like
AMU alumni association Qatar wants the oil and gas companies in Qatar to join hands with AMU Aligarh to provide need based training to professionals working with the Oil & Gas industry.

In recognition of the educational excellence provided by AMU, a leading Industrial Group in Qatar is keen to hold discussions with AMU for setting up an overseas campus/College in Doha, but seems difficult.

Lastly he mentioned that All Aligs and well-wishers should join hands together to support the community and stand with Qatar. After his speech he mentioned that AMU Alumni Association Qatar is recognised organisation and all the events will be announced officially under this banner.

Mr. Jawed thanked to all the Guests and well-wishers of AMU who missed to attend the SS day and sent their warm wishes - Mr. P. Kumaran (Ambassador, Indian Embassy), Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Mr. Arif Mohammed Khan, Rahul Bajaj, Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Nitish Kumar, Priyanka Gandhi. Mr. Nasim Ahmad – Retd IAS (Ex-VC AMU) and Mr. Athar Mirza.

Dr. MS Bukhari, Chief Patron AMUAAQ in his address said that all Alig should come together to fulfill the AMUAAQ mission towards community and alma mater and wished that AMUAAQ should continue with the same mission towards education.

H.E. Mohammed Bin Ahmed Bin Twar, First Vice-Chairman of Qatar Chamber in his address said that Sir Syed Ahmed Khan was one of the greatest educationist in the world and felt grate to be the part of this event and Thanked Mr. Bukhari and Jawed Ahmad and his team for the invitation and honour.

Dr. Khalid Al Ali - Director Ministry of Education Qatar who attended the program on behalf of H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Bin Salih Al-Nuaimi in his address said that Sir Syed Ahmed Khan was one of the greatest educationist in the world and felt great to be the part of this event and thanked AMU Alumni Association Qatar for the invitation and honour.

The Chief Guest Hind - Nagma, Senior Congress leader in her address said that the university is progressing by leaps and bounds. She appreciated the role of the Alumni groups who generously supported the development and construction projects in the University. She declared that the financial and moral support that AMU is receiving from well-wishers and alumni groups is beyond the imagination and above all their expectations. In her speech Nagma praised highly the A.M.U Alumni Association-Qatar for the great efforts it is making for the progress of the University. She also spoke about the special connection with AMU that her mother studied from AMU so she is having more affinity for AMU alumni. Lastly she congratulated AMU Alumni Association Qatar President Mr. Jawed Ahmad for the inclusion in AMU International Alumni committee based on his significant work & role. She also congratulated committee members and Mr. Bukhari for this achievement.

Mr. Salman Nizami also spoke about the vision and mission of AMU Alumni Association Qatar; he also talked about Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and AMU. He also addressed that all Alig should come together to fulfill the AMUAAQ mission towards community and alma mater.
Dr. Ashna Nusrat (Joint Secretary/Coordinator) & Mrs. Hina Sarwar delivered the attractive presentation of AMU and the History of AMU, Role of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Mission and Vision of AMUAAQ and Names of Famous Alumni of AMU, which was appreciated and applauded by all.

Mr. Ali Imran Advisor, A.M.U Alumni Association-Qatar delivered the Nazm – Aligarh ki Yaden. (Old days of AMU).

Dr. Syed Jaffery, Advisor, A.M.U Alumni Association-Qatar organized a quiz competition on Sir Syed’s life, mission, achievements, A.M.U & Qatar history. It was highly appreciated and enjoyed by all participants as it was played on the Kahoot mobile app and a Projector screen – Winner of this program was Mr. Shad Kaisar while First and second runner up also received the memento & certificate.

International Educational Excellence award for exceptional parenting was awarded to Dr. Nadeem Zafar Jilani & Mrs. Ghazala Jilani for their daughter Rumaisa for excelling and getting admission in medicine in OXFORD while life time achievement award was awarded to Mr. MS Bukhari.

Mr. Zeyaul Haque, General Secretary, A.M.U Alumni Association-Qatar gave the vote of thanks. He thanked the Guests and sponsors of the event.

All post holders, members & volunteers of A.M.U Alumni Association-Qatar (AMUAAQ) made significant contributions to ensure the success of this historical Sir Syed Day Function 2019 in Qatar.

Other attraction of this program was Kids show for FIFA 2022, we stand with Qatar and colorful display card for all the participants and Guests. All dignitaries, selected community leaders and sponsors appreciated with mementoes and certificates.

Finally, the AMU Tarana was performed with the same tradition and enthusiasm. The audience was spellbound by AMU’s nostalgic Tarana by team led by Mr. Ali Imran. A sumptuous Indian dinner was served to all the participants and the evening concluded with Mahfile e Sukhan (Mushaira) under the nizamat of Dr Nadeem Zafar Jilani.