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(Faculty of Law, Aligarh Muslim University)



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Profile of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)

Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) is among the oldest Central Universities in India. It was established by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the great social reformer and statesman. In 1877, he founded the Mohammedan Anglo Oriental College (MAO) in Aligarh and patterned the college after Oxford and Cambridge universities that he had visited on a trip to England. His objective was to build a college in tune with the British education system but without compromising its Islamic values. It was one of the first purely residential educational institutions set up either by the government or the public in India. It was also around this time that a movement began to have it developed into a University. To achieve this goal, expansions were made and more academic programs added to the curriculum of the college. By 1920 the Mohammedan Anglo Oriental College was transformed into the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

The main campus of AMU is located in the city of Aligarh, spread over 467.6 hectares in the city of Aligarh. AMU offers more than 300 courses in the traditional and modern branches of education. Aligarh Muslim University occupies a unique position amongst Universities and institutions of higher learning in the country. It draws students from all states in India and from different countries, especially Africa, West Asia and Southeast Asia. The University has consistently ranked among the best educational institutions in India. In 2012, the University was ranked 5th by India Today. In 2013, the University ranked 9th in the top 10 higher education institutions in India by Times Higher Education World University Rankings. According to Times Higher Education, Asia Ranking 2014, A.M.U ranks 3rd among Universities in India. The University is open to all irrespective of caste, creed, religion or gender. The Aligarh Muslim University is the realization of a vision which was broad, far-reaching and realistic. Apart from the conventional Under graduate and Post graduate courses in Social Sciences, Sciences and Humanities, the University keeps pace with the nation's growth by offering facilities for specialized learning in areas of technical, vocational and interdisciplinary studies. It is proudly Indian institution; a living symbol of composite culture of India and a bulwark of its secular principles.

About Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law, Aligarh Muslim University has a glorious history. It has shown remarkable progress and has significantly contributed to the academic as well as social development. It is one of the oldest Departments in India. The teaching of Law in AMU was introduced in the year 1883. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the Founder was greatly impressed by the Programme of Legal Education in British Universities and he was very keen to have legal education on their pattern in AMU also. In 1960, the Department of Law came into being into a full-fledged Faculty. Credit goes to Late Prof. Hafizul Rehman, the first Dean of the Faculty to develop a modern curriculum and research programme. In real sense he was the architect of the present Faculty of Law.

Faculty of Law is considered as the mother Faculty which has produced innumerable legal icons. Its alumni have distinguished themselves nationally and internationally in various spheres of life and are spread far and wide around the world. Some of its illustrious products

who rose to senior and eminent positions in judiciary include the Supreme Court Judges such as Mr. Justice Baharul Islam, Mr. Justice Murtaza Fazle Ali, Mr. Justice R. P. Sethi. Other prominent foreign Justices & Chief Justices include Justice Baseer Ahmad Khan (Chief Justice, Tanzania), Justice Augustine Saedi (Chief Justice of Uganda). Moreover, foreign Advocates/Attorney Generals include Mr. Ali Ahmad Fuzail (Attorney General of Pakistan & Advocate General of United Provinces), Mr. Faiyyaz Husain (Advocate General of Pakistan & Advocate General of United Province), Mr. Qazi Khan Bux (Advocate General, Sindh), Mr. S. Nasiruddin (Advocate General of West Pakistan) etc. A few other eminent personalities of this Faculty who have served or are serving in different prestigious capacities include Prof. Hafizul Rehman, Former Dean and founding father of the Faculty of Law, AMU, Aligarh, Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon-Former Vice-Chancellor, NLS, Bangalore, Former Vice-Chancellor, LJ, Kharagpur and Member, Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations, Member of Law Commission, Former Vice-Chancellor, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal etc., Prof. Tahir Mahmood-former Dean, Faculty of Law, Delhi University, Former Chairman, National Minorities Commission, Member of Law Commission, New Delhi, Prof. V.S.Rekhi-Former Dean & Chairman, AMU and Former, Vice-Chancellor, NLU, Bhopal, Prof. Faizan Mustafa- Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR University, Prof. S.K. Agrawal, Former Vice-Chancellor, Agra University, Agra etc.

This year it has been ranked at 6th position in terms of academic and research excellence among the Indian Law Universities. The Department of Law has also signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Washington Law School.

Law Society

The Law Society is a group of students actively involved in the affairs of the Faculty. It was founded in 1894 as a non-profit student organization. It has long traditional character which always uplifts the students' participation and performance in relation to legal affairs in different arena.

The Dean, Faculty of Law is the President of the Society. The current President of Law Society is **Prof. Javaid Talib**. The main task of the Law Society is to assist students within the Department of Law with all aspects of their study.

Networking with legal professional forms an important part of work in building a presence for Aligarh Muslim University Law graduates with the legal profession.

The society organizes events, both academic and social like Moot Courts, Debates, Case Comments, Extramural Lectures etc.

Mohammad Shafi Qureshi former Governor of Uttar Pradesh was the secretary of the society in the year 1953.

It published a review called **AMU Law Society Review** a wholly student reviewed journal.

The Law Society for the current session was formed on 24-10-2016 with its Incharge **Dr. Mohd. Tariq**, Vice-President **Syed Mohd. Haris**, Secretary **Farhan Shamsi**, Editor **Mahboob Alam Inayati**, Moot-Court Secretary **Piyush Gautam**, Joint Secretaries **Utkarsh Srivastav**, **Urooj Afreen**, **Faham Ahmed Khan**, **Sahbaj Akhtar** and Joint Editors **Salman Qasmi**, **Abdullah Samdani**.

