

**202<sup>nd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan (Founder of AMU Aligarh) celebrated on  
01 Nov, 2019 at Hotel Radisson Blu - Kuwait**



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**H.E. Mr. K Jeeva Sagar – The Indian Ambassador Presenting Memento to the Chief Guest Prof Faizan Mustafa – VC NALSAR University Hyderabad**

Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys' Association – Kuwait Chapter has organized 202<sup>nd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan the founder of AMU Aligarh, on 01 Nov 2019 at Hotel Radisson Blu – in the Grand Marafie Ball Room (A Guinness World Record holder for being one of its kind), made by wood in Arabic Dhow shape. Sir Syed Day, as it is called, is celebrated every year at AMU Campus - Aligarh UP, 3 off - campus centres namely Malappuram - Kerala, Murshidabad - West Bengal, Kishanganj - Bihar and worldwide by its Alumni.

The main program commenced with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by Master Yusuf Khan, followed by the National Anthem of both countries Kuwait as well as India. Prior to the main program, celebrated Ghazal Singer Mr. Johnny Foster presented "NOSTALGIA" a collection of beautiful Ghazals and his mesmerizing voice engrossed the audience completely. The lead anchor of the program was Javed Warsi - General Secretary (AMUOBA), he started with general welcome and compered the program so meticulously, as it appeared that, spring is flowing from the mountain. After blessings and few words from distinguished guests Mr. Aijaz Ahmad Sarfaraz - MD & CEO Sahara Group and Mr. Qurban Ali Former trilingual Journalist - BBC India, Irfan Mohammad Khan – a Senior Aligarhian enlightened the audience with the essence of Aligarh Tehreek and the mission of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan. Tanwir Alam – President (AMUOBA) presented a brief welcome Address.

Prof Faizan Mustafa a prominent Aligarhian, famous Indian Television Personality, former Dean Faculty of Law and Registrar of AMU Aligarh and the present Vice Chancellor of National Law University (NALSAR) Hyderabad, attended the program as the “Chief Guest” along with his wife Dr. Ira Khan Sahiba. The Chief Guest introduction was given by Dr. Anis Ahmed – a senior Aligarhian and the Director of Salmiya Indian Model School (SIMS). Prof Mustafa delivered an exhilarating speech and quoted hard historical facts about the role of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan in empowering Indians with the most powerful tool called education. His speech was so powerful that, it took the audience’s breath away and watching Prof Faizan Mustafa speak live was the experience of lifetime for the everyone present there. H.E. Mr. K Jeeva Sagar - The Ambassador of India to Kuwait was the “Guest of Honor” and he also addressed the audience with special on the importance of education and the mission of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan.

The annual Souvenir “Samar E Syed” was unveiled jointly by the Chief Guest Prof Faizan Mustafa and the Guest of Honor H.E. Mr. K Jeeva Sagar – The Indian Ambassador, along with the Editorial Team Mr. Razi Khan, Mr. Asim Kidwai, Dr. Irum Chaudhary and the AMUOBA Executive Committee, Tanwir Alam – President, Asad Khan VP, Javed Warsi – Gen. Secretary, Sabah Omar Jt. Secretary and the Executive Members, Asim Jameel, Ahtesham Khan, Mumtaz Alam and Tariq Waseem. Thus, Jt. Secretary AMUOBA and Tarana coordinator Sabah Omar introduced the famous Indian Ghazal singer and poet Mr. Johnny Foster, who presented AMU Tarana “Yeh mera chaman .....” along with the Tarana Team comprised of Alumni ladies and gents. A beautiful poem “Khushboo wale.....” on AMU Aligarh by Tarana Team and the patriotic song “Aye watan mere watan .....” by the lovely children of AMU Alumni along with Mr. Johnny Foster was presented in the earlier segment.

The program was attended by the Chief Guest Prof Faizan Mustafa VC NALSAR University - Hyderabad, Guest of Honor H.E. Mr. K Jeeva Sagar - The Indian Ambassador, Distinguished Guests Mr. Qurban Ali - Former Journalist BBC India, Mr. Aijaz Ahmad Sarfaraz – MD & CEO Sahara Group, Mr. Muzammil Malik - MD Al-Kulaib International, Mr. Ferouze Miller GM Arabi Eneritech (represented by his son Mr. Rizwan Miller), Dr. Asad Khan – GM - Kuwait Swedish Cleaning Co., Mr. Nisar Ahmad Khan – Senior Aligarhian, Mr. Mohammad Istafa Khan – Senior Aligarhian, Dr. Khalid Al Anzi – A Kuwaiti Senior Aligarhian (could not attend), AMU Fraternity with their families, sponsors, guests and many more.

The mementos were presented to all the prominent guests, sponsors and the volunteers. The winners and the runners up of “Aligs’ Family Sports Event” held on 19 & 26 Oct 2019 at SIMS, were awarded their prizes during the program. Vice President Asad Khan delivered the “Vote of Thanks” and steered the prize distribution, very diligently. A delicious continental dinner, immaculately blended with Arabic and Indian cuisine and numerous variety of salads and desserts were served, after the raffle draw and vote of thanks.

However, it astounding to believe that, the event of this scale was organised by a tiny 8 active members team of AMU Old Boys’ Association’s Executive Committee, consists of Tanwir Alam – President, Asad Khan – Vice President, Javed Warsi – General Secretary, Sabah Omar – Jt. Secretary and the Executive Members - Asim Jameel, Ahteshan Khan, Mumtaz Alam, Tariq Waseem. It is the sheer dedication of the team members, who believed in President’s conviction and his mission, supported him unconditionally and worked tirelessly with him for almost 5 weeks to deliver this magnificent event. Certainly they deserve awards and their best award is the smile on the faces of all attendees of Sir Syed Day Kuwait 2019.

In addition to the 8 active members of AMU Old Boys’ Association Kuwait, one person away from name and fame, worked tirelessly behind the scene and he was Mr. Razi Khan a senior Aligarhian, without his wholehearted efforts, Sir Syed Day Kuwait 2019, would have not been as grand as it was.

AMU Old Boys’ Association Kuwait Executive Committee would like to express its sincere gratitude to everyone present at the function.

Thank you all & Cheers.....!!!!!!!!!!