

All Parents,

1. I am enclosing an open letter. I have sent to all students. It explains the present problems at Aligarh Muslim University.
2. I request you not to permit your son / ward to bring his motor cycle to the university during the next academic session.
3. In case a male student brings a motor cycle / scooter to the campus he will be shifted to NRSC and will not be provided hostel accommodation.

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CLEANSING OF AMU HALLS OF RESIDENCE,

MOTOR CYCLE MENACE,

STUDENT INTERACTION WITH VICE-CHANCELLOR

AND DRESS CODE

1. I have finished almost one year as your Vice-Chancellor and, despite my best efforts, have not been able to fully implement the changes I wanted to make in order to fulfill Sir Syed's dream of "Secular, modern and scientific education, primarily for the millat". It is to our utter shame that a female student from another educational institution was molested in Guest House No.1 in the night of 20 April 2013 by two, young, armed "thugs" who pretended to be AMU students and who later escaped on a motor cycle.

2. The main stumbling block, on our way forward, is the presence of non student criminals being given shelter by a small proportion of AMU students, in the hostels. These criminals are armed, they support illegal issues and intimidate other students who only wish to be left alone and pursue their studies.

3. In order to get rid of this menace I intend to get all hostels fully vacated from 01 to 15 July 2013 except:-

(a) Hadi Hasan Hall (medical interns only)

(b) S.N. Hall (medical interns only)

4. I acknowledge this will cause some inconvenience to you all but to alleviate the problem special arrangements will be made to safeguard your belongings and baggage which will be stored centrally by hall provosts. I assure all students, presently residing in halls, that they will be given accommodation, in the same halls, on their return.

5. I request all my students to co-operate in my efforts. If you do not vacate your room, according to the dates given, a committee will force open your room and deposit your belongings with the hall provosts. It is therefore in your own interest that, for the sake of AMU, you vacate the rooms as directed.

6. Research Scholars too will vacate their rooms during the period. They should replan their research and academic activity, accordingly, with their supervisors.

7. Motor Cycle Menace. Another menace to AMU is motor cycle gangs who commit a crime and escape. From next academic term motor cycles will not be permitted in halls of residence. If you can afford a motor cycle you can afford to live outside the AMU Campus as NRSC student and vacate the accommodation for your, less wealthier, brothers who cannot find a place in the halls of residence. (This restriction will not apply to girl students). I am writing to all parents that providing their wards with motor cycles is creating an undesirable class division of the "Haves" and "Haves not" which is against the teachings of our founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

8. Student Interaction with Vice-Chancellor and Dress Code. I am already meeting students after Friday prayers, on the play fields and informal visits. I intend to give more opportunity for interaction. Students who wish to meet me in the office will be dressed in "Sherwani". If you don't possess one, you can borrow from your

friend, for the purpose, till yours is stitched. I will meet students, every Friday, as per the following schedule:-

(a) Student Union Leaders : 3 to 4 pm (Office)

(b) Other Students : 4 to 5 pm (Committee Room)

I will also be delighted if I see students dressed in Sherwani on Fridays and during University functions. It will only enhance the prestige of AMU. I also request my "daughters" to dress according to the custom and traditions of AMU.

9. Let us restore AMU to its past glory. We can do it if we all work together and you are not instigated to oppose the measures, I intend implementing from next academic session, commencing on 12 August 2013 (Inshallah).

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