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### **ABSTRACT**

Coupled with anti-colonial activism and the pro-independence aspiration of the western educated Indian Muslim intellectual, contributed to the birth of Jamia in 1920. The main idea behind the establishment of Jamia was to project Indian Muslim as nationalist at the same time to maintain the purity of Islam and anti-British. Non-cooperation movement and the Khilafat movement served as the right time in realizing the dream of establishing the Jamia, the idea which has conceived long before.

However, after the birth of Jamia, it has to go through lots of ups and downs to survive. With the withdrawal of Non Cooperation in 1922 and the gradual decline of Khilafat Committee, which was the main source of economic support to the Jamia, the functioning of the Jamia was also at threat. In 1925, an emergency meeting was called in Aligarh to ponder over the smooth functioning of the Jamia. In the meeting Hakim Ajmal Khan took the challenges to make Jamia alive and was decided to change the location of Jamia to Delhi. But the University in the real sense of the term was shaped with the tireless, selfless contribution of Dr. Zakir Hussian. During this period the Jamia never take any financial help from the British India government. In 1944, the Jamia was accepted and recognized by the British India government.

When Prof.M. Mujeeb was the Vice-Chancellor of Jamia in 1962, Jamia emerged as deem university. The introduction of various disciplines in Jamia and the improvement in the infrastructure of the university goes to the credit of Prof.M. Mujeeb.

The real recognition as the education institution came with the establishment of Mass Communication and Research Centre and Engineering Faculty in the university. After long hardship of struggle, Jamia came into being as Centre University in 1988. The following decade i.e 1988-1997 was marked by decline in education because of the anti-social elements in the campus. With the coming of General M. Zaki as Vice- Chancellor of Jamia a new phase of rejuvenating in education took place.

Dr. Zakir Hessian's dreams of Jamia as the centre for higher educational institution was realized with the appointment of Prof. Mushirul Hassan, as the Vice-Chancellor of Jamia in 2004. He lifted the image of Jamia to the level of world Class University.

Today, Jamia has 24 centers and 10 faculties; some of the centers in Jamia have the privilege to be the only centre which other universities do not have. The Jamia is still stand on the principle of secularism on which the founding fathers of the university has laid. The Jamia's image of secularism was attempted to defame by some misguided politician on several occasion, however they failed. Jamia has been the educational institution for people from all race, creed and religion.