

# Jamia Millia Islamia university celebrates its centenary

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## History of Jamia

Originally it was established at Aligarh, in the United Provinces in 1920 and became a Central University by an act of the Indian Parliament in 1988. In Urdu language, Jamia means 'University', and Millia means 'National'.

## Conception

- Under colonial British rule, two dominant trends joined hands and contributed towards in the birth of Jamia.
- One was the anti-colonial Islamic activism and the other was the pro-independence aspiration of the politically radical section of western educated Indian Muslim intelligentsia
- In the political climate of 1920, the two trends gravitated together with Mahatma Gandhi as a catalyst.
- The anti-colonial activism signified by the Khilafat and the pro-independence aspirations symbolised by the non-cooperation movement of the Indian National Congress helped to harness creative energies and the subsequent making of Jamia Millia Islamia.

## Foundation

**The Foundation Committee met on 29 October 1920. It comprised of the following members:**

- Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Ansari (Delhi)
- Mufti Kafayattullah (Delhi)
- Maulana Abdul Bari Farang Mahali (UP)
- Maulana Sulaiman Nadvi (Bihar)
- Maulana Shabbir Ahmed Usmani (UP)
- Maulana Husain Ahmad Madni (UP)
- Chaudhury Khaleeq-uz-zaman (UP)
- Nawab Mohammad Ismail Khan
- Tasadduq Husain Khan (UP)
- Dr. Mohammad Iqbal (Punjab)
- Maulana Sanauallah Khan Amritsari (Punjab)
- Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew (Punjab)
- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (Bengal and Bihar)
- Dr. Syed Mehmood (Bengal and Bihar)
- Saith Abdullah Haroon Karachiwale (Sindh, Bombay and Hyderabad)
- Abbas Tyabiji (Sindh, Bombay and Hyderabad)
- Sait Miyan Mohammad Haji Jaam Chhotani (Sindh, Bombay and Hyderabad)
- Maulavi Abdul Haq (Sindh, Bombay and Hyderabad)

### Timeline of the university

- **On 22 November 1920, Hakim Ajmal Khan was elected the first chancellor of Jamia. Mohamed Ali Jauhar became Jamia's first Vice Chancellor,** as Allama Iqbal could not accept the offer made through Gandhiji. It also elected a syndicate and created a syllabus subcommittee.
- The known freedom fighter and Muslim theologian, **Maulana Mehmud Hasan, laid the foundation stone of Jamia Millia Islamia at Aligarh on Friday, 29 October 1920.**
- In the year 1925 Jamia shifted to Delhi with help of Mahatma Gandhi
- On 1 March 1935, the foundation stone for a school building was laid at Okhla, then a non-descript village in the southern outskirts of Delhi.
- In 1936, all institutions of Jamia, except Jamia Press,

the Maktaba and the library, were shifted to the new campus.

- In 1962, the University Grants Commission declared Jamia a 'deemed to be University'. Soon thereafter, the School of Social Work was established in 1967
- By a Special Act of the Parliament, **Jamia Millia Islamia was made a central university of India in December 1988.**