

It gives me a great pleasure to be able to share the moment of joy of Anjuman-I-Islam. The entire team lead by Dr Zahir Kazi deserves this honour of accepting the Sir Syed Excellence Award at the hands of the Governor of Meghalaya on this 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Sir Syed was a path breaker and true visionary who realised so early the need and importance of education and scientific approach. The Aligarh Muslim University is a living monument of that vision. An award in the name of such a visionary and champion of his people is a fitting honour for Anjuman-I-Islam.

I am particularly enamoured by this organisation for the extra ordinary transparency in its management but even more than that the true secular spirit it has imbibed with such honesty. Can never forget the fantastic collection in its library of scriptures and epitome multi religious and multi cultural nature. This strong faith in secular fabric of india that is reflected in all the undertakings of Anjuman-I-Islam is very encouraging and gives us hope especially in the present difficult times that we as a nation are trying to negotiate.

Sincerely praying that Anjuman-I-Islam continues for eternity with this belief and approach and wishing all the very best to all future projects of Anjuman-I-Islam.

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