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CALIFORNIA JAMA'AT PROJECT: APPROVED BY THE CENTRAL ANJUMAN, LAHORE

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Editor's Note**

Alhamdollillah! Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, Professor & Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib accompanied by Amir Aziz, General Secretary of Central AAIIIL Jama'at, Pakistan will be touring our Southern Hemisphere Jama'ats of Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Indonesia. We request our global Jama'ats to pray for the complete success of our honorable Ameer in his mission to energize the Jama'ats in the Asia-Pacific Region. During the absence of Hazrat Ameer and the General Secretary, Brigadier Mohammad Saeed Sahib will inshaaAllah hold the fort at Lahore. In this regards Amir Aziz wrote:

“Assalamu Alikum

This is to inform you that Hazrat Ameer and I will not be attending office from 28th March 2010. We will be visiting Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Indonesia.

In my absence Brig Mohammad Saeed Sahib will work as acting General Secretary. So all correspondence be done with him till I am back to the office.

Please pray for us to have a successful and safe trip.

Yours truly,  
Amir Aziz  
General Secretary, AAIIIL”

## **INDIA REPORT**

The administrator of AAIIIL, India submitted the following report on activities of Jama'at there, highlighting the visit of Br. Shaukat A. Ali, Coordinator Asia-Pacific Region. JazakAllah! During the last one year period Br. Shaukat A. Ali was able to make three visits. We pray that Allah (swt) grant him

health, strength and perseverance so he could make many more visits to India Jama'at. Aameen. The report follows:

**“Report of Tablighi Daura (Visit) to India by the Anjuman’s Regional Coordinator for Asia/Pacific, Janab Shaukat A. Ali – March 2010**

***Bismillahi-r Rahmani-r Rahim*** (In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful)

***Alhamdulillah***, by the grace of Almighty ALLAH, the ***Tablighi Daura*** of India by the Regional Coordinator (RC), Asia & Pacific, AAII, Janab Shaukat A Ali sahib, during the month of March 2010 was very successful, both in terms of spiritual gains for people who came in contact with him as well as organizational and missionary activities and progress for the local Anjuman. Salaams and Dua from Hazrat Ameer, Prof. Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed sahib, were conveyed by the RC at various meetings.

**HYDERABAD**

The programme got started with the arrival of Janab Shaukat A. Ali Sahib, in Hyderabad (Deccan) on the night of 1<sup>st</sup> March, when he was met at the airport by Advocate Sahab Shabbir, LI.M., who had taken leave of absence from his studies at the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), where he is doing his Ph.D. He was accompanied by another young student from the local university and preliminary discussions on the activities for the next day commenced immediately after checking in at the hotel.

Early the next morning the agenda was to meet some people whom the RC had contacted earlier over the phone and the internet. The people to include were Mr. Abhijeet, who is now Brother Mohammad Khalil, after correspondence, discussions and clarifications on the issues of faith by Janab Shaukat Ali sahib. Further clarifications were provided during his visit to the hotel. He came with many questions on his mind and left with absolute happiness, satisfaction and spiritual solutions with him.

One army person, Mr. Mohammad Khalil Ahmed, who had met Advocate Sahab Shabbir briefly in the train and was visiting Hyderabad, was told about the visit by RC, he took the pain to come and meet Janab Shaukat Ali sahib in the Hotel. After initial meeting and lengthy discussions, he was so much impressed with Janab Shaukat Ali sahib and Anjuman’s mission to spread the true message of Islam that he promised to distribute Anjuman’s literature in

his family, friends and Army men. After over four hours he had to go for another appointment but promised to come again. He came again in the evening along with his son just to inspire him with the Anjuman's way of spreading the message of Islam and spent another over two hours.

A three member delegation of another Muslim mission active in Hyderabad (Maulana Aiyub, Maulana Mukhtar and Maulana Zabiullah) came to meet Janab Shaukat Ali, while Brother Khalil Ahmed was still there. They were advised of the visit by Mufti Mumtaz Alam of Delhi Centre and were extremely happy to meet Janab Shaukat Ali sahib and to receive copies of Anjuman's literature. They advised Janab Shaukat Ali sahib that they are teaching the faith to their people as well as train their *Muballighin* only from the *Bayanul-Quran*, the Urdu translation by Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Ali (RA) and do regard us as brothers in faith. They accept Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad sahib as the *Mujaddid* of the Fourteenth Century and *Masih Mauood* and *Mahdi Mauood* and pledged their full cooperation if the Anjuman establishes a centre in Hyderabad which they strongly recommended. Two of the three are hafiz-e-Quran and are very well versed in Hindu scriptures. They quoted liberally from Vedas etc. in support of Hazrat Mirza Sahib's writings as well as the research by Maulana Abdul Haque Vidhiyarti sahib to further convince Brother Khalil (Abhijeet), who joined us during the discussions. They congratulated him and assured him that he had taken the right decision. They requested us to send more literatures and asked Janab Shaukat A Ali sahib to arrange translation of some important books in their local Telugu language as well.

Brother Khalid Naveed, who was on the top of our agenda list for meeting, informed us that he was on his way to the hotel to meet Janab Shaukat Ali Sahib but unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances he couldn't make it. Mr. Naveed was formerly associated with Qadianis and joined the Lahori Ahmadiyya Anjuman after lengthy correspondence and telephone discussions with the RC. The RC felt sorry for his predicament and prayed for his safety and welfare. Brother Khalid Naveed sent several messages to apologize for not being able to meet Janab Shaukat Ali Sahib and has promised full support to the Anjuman.

The next group that came to meet us comprised three young engineering students from a local university who were introduced to the Anjuman during January 2010 Daura by us. Brother Khalil Ahmed was still there for his second visit when they came. Nurul Haque, Imran and Ehsan were happy to

**receive Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Ali's translation of the Holy Quran and other books which they have been studying since January. They were delighted to meet Janab Shaukat Ali sahib and promised that they will continue to study our literature and lead their lives as true Muslims and will act on the orders of Holy Quran and Holy Prophet (SAW).**

**It was indeed a very long and extremely fruitful day. The RC, Janab Shaukat Ali Sahib, along with Advocate Sahab Shabbir "Baboosahab" left for Indore in the early hours of 3<sup>rd</sup> March and the three engineering students were so inspired that they were again there to see us off.**

### **INDORE**

**The trip was scheduled to meet Brother Mohammad Shadab Sheikh, an energetic new member who is an engineer working for an MNC in Dewas, Madhya Pradesh. He also joined the movement last year through internet and lengthy correspondence and supply of literature by the RC, Janab Shaukat Ali sahib. He was waiting at the airport when our flight touched down at 9.30 in the morning and was delighted to see Janab Shaukat Ali sahib. Brother Shadab spent the entire day of 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the company of Janab Shaukat Ali sahib and Baboosahab. He was accompanied throughout the day by a businessman, Mr. Amir Ali, who provided his own motor vehicle for the whole day from/to the airport when we left for Delhi at 8.00 p.m. Brother Shadab had scores of questions which were answered and clarifications provided to their satisfaction. Among the others we had brief discussions with were a Canadian airline pilot working in India and an air hostess to whom the RC provided a few books as well as the Anjuman's Delhi Office address from where additional books can be obtained. The afternoon was spent formulating strategies on how to work in the Malwa region as this area is still untouched with the light of Islam and people are following merely the footsteps of their forefathers. Janab Shaukat Ali sahib's view was that it is, thus a fertile cultivating ground for the Anjuman's mission. Brother Shadab took notes of the points and assured that he will bear these in mind and plan a project in tandem with the Delhi Office of the Anjuman. We provided additional copies of books to both of them for distribution among colleagues, relatives and friends. At the end of the day we felt that much had been achieved and the visit, as was the case with Hyderabad, was very fruitful for the Anjuman.**

### **DELHI**

**The Delhi Daura (visit) of the Regional Co-ordinator, Janab Shaukat A. Ali sahib, was from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March. The entire span of time was utilized very fruitfully for the benefit of the Anjuman.**

**To start with Janab Shaukat A. Ali sahib thanked the Delhi members for a very successful participation in the “World Book Fair” which was held in Delhi from 30 January to 7 February 2010. The Delhi Office provided statistics of about 20,000 books, leaflets and visiting cards with the Anjuman’s website [www.aaiil.org](http://www.aaiil.org) and Delhi Office address as well as verses from the Holy Quran, which were distributed during the week. Delhi Office further confirmed that about 50,000 books, periodical, leaflets and cards have been printed in the last 12 months; all of which have been paid for by Janab Shaukat A. Ali sahib. Many people have since visited the Office or had telephone contacts with our members. Some of them visited the Office especially to meet Janab Shaukat Ali sahib and pledged their support to the Anjuman.**

**Fruitful meetings and discussions were held with a number of people apart from our members. It also witnessed the conversion of two people to the fold of our noble religion coming from different social and religious backgrounds. Mr. Harikishore, a young student, and Mr. Rajneesh, an elderly man, came from Hinduism background to accept Islam before the Regional Co-ordinator. Brother Salmaan, who came from a Buddhist background, had converted to Islam earlier and joined the Movement in Bangkok last year; after several years of correspondence with the RC. During meetings with the RC in Bangkok in October last year, Janab Shaukat Ali sahib gave him copies of the Holy Quran and several other books. He is currently serving in Kabul, Afghanistan, and came to Delhi to meet the RC. He visited the Anjuman’s Centre in Delhi with Janab Shaukat Ali sahib and met our members. Since returning to Kabul in November 2009, he has been studying Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Ali’s translation of the Holy Quran and other books supplied by the RC. He advised us that since January 2010 he has started regular weekly *Dars-i-Quran* among about 20 colleagues and university students in Kabul. He thanked Janab Shaukat A Ali sahib profoundly for his support and encouragement. His presence and active participation in our discussions were sources of encouragement for our local members.**

**Other Muslim brothers also came to affirm their support and participation in the Anjuman’s work of spreading the true message of Islam, it’s Holy Prophet**

**(SAW) and the Imam of Our Age, Hazrat Mirza Sahib (RA). Janab Shaukat Ali sahib paid visits to the local Courts to meet advocates with whom he had discussions during previous visits as well as other places where the message needs to be spread among the professionals and intellectuals as well as others from all walks of the society.**

**There were numerous important and useful meetings with the members discussing the strategies and formulating blueprint for long term and short term goals to achieve the agenda of the Anjuman's mission. Thus Janab Shaukat A. Ali sahib's stay in Delhi yielded many benefits and was a very fruitful one for the Anjuman. A number of instructions were issued and decisions taken, which are essential part of his missions. Among other matters on which action was taken by him was the restoration of Ahmadiyya Education Centre, Delhi and the publication of additional books as well as translation of literatures in other Indian languages.**

**Janab Shaukat A. Ali sahib also decided to post Maulana Muhammad Mushtaque to Bihar to coordinate the Anjuman's activities in that region; and Maulana Shafiqul Alam to Jammu and Kashmir State. It is very encouraging to report that there are several areas in Bihar, West Bengal and Assam where we now have members. In view of this the members were thrilled to learn that Janab Shaukat A. Ali sahib had decided to personally visit them in Bihar and West Bengal.**

## **BIHAR**

**The next station was Katihar in Bihar, and to reach there Janab Shaukat A. Ali sahib, together with the Anjuman's Head Muballigh, Mufti Mumtaz Alam, and Advocate Sahab Shabbir, had to endure a 20 hours 10 minute train ride. It may be of interest to note that the Anjuman has members in various places in Bihar, as can be seen from the report below. The first stop was Katihar, where some families have accepted Ahmadiyyat and were looking forward to Janab Shaukat Ali Sahib's visit. At least ten of them were waiting at the station early in the morning and were overjoyed to find him among them. A number of literatures were distributed among them during discussions, with a promise that the Delhi Centre will provide additional material and take care of their needs. Janab Shaukat Ali sahib instructed that the Delhi Office send them the periodical, literatures and arrange for regular visits to this area by our *muballighin*.**

**After meeting members there we drove to Bhagalpur which is a distance of about 100 kilometers. We spent a day there meeting members and potential members and found out that there was a “Book Fair” being held at the time and there were three days remaining. We visited the “Book Fair” and discovered that there were about thirty stalls by various societies and companies but there wasn't any Muslim organization represented or books on Islam. We immediately approached the organizers and arranged for a stall to be kept from the very next day. Some members and a stock of books were left there and our participation proved to be fruitful.**

**Early the following morning we left for Kahelgaon, a distance of about 40 km. As a few more members had joined us there, we took two vehicles from there on a day long visits to several areas. We headed for Braini Village where the Anjuman is buying a piece of land to spread its wings in this part of India. The village has over 150 Muslim families with about 450 children below the age of 16 years but there is no school. Some basic classes started at the community hall but there is always disruption as the hall is being used for all community meetings and functions. Members from this area have visited Delhi every time Janab Shaukat Ali sahib visited Delhi in the last three years and have requested support for establishment of a school and extension of their small Masjid.**

**Janab Shaukat Ali sahib visited the place himself and met the local people. The villagers were overwhelmed with his visit and a group of over 60 adults and over 170 children were available to welcome and greet us. Janab Shaukat Ali sahib met with the community leaders and responsible people of the village who assured us that they will extend all possible assistance and support for the establishment of the Ahmadiyya centre in their village. Lunch was arranged for all those present. We visited the Masjid and were advised that for Jumah Prayers people have to complete their prayer standing up as there is no room for full *ruku* or *sajda*. A school as well as extension of the Masjid, and ancillary facilities, has now been planned. Imam Muhammad Mushtaque was appointed as a full time *muballigh* for that area of India by Janab Shaukat Ali sahib during our meetings in Delhi and he was also present during our discussions and is now based in the village.**

**From Braini, Janab Shaukat Ali sahib, Mufti Mumtaz Alam sahib and Advocate Baboosahab sahib along with some local representatives including Maulvi Abdul Qaiyum, Maulvi Muhammad Shamsher and Janab Doctor Muhammad Sohrab sahibs, headed for another location of Virbanna where some mukhlis**

people had expressed their wish for the message of Ahmadiyyat and the desire to join the Ahmadiyya Movement. Some of them had come to Delhi during the Regional Coordinator's previous visit and had invited him to visit them. Although we were running about 4 hours behind schedule by the time we reached the village, a group of over 40 adults were waiting patiently to welcome us and were overjoyed to meet us. In this village, which has about 120 Muslim families, there is no school as is the case at Braini. After the welcome ceremony, discussions and some snacks, we looked at potential areas to purchase blocks of land to build a school and Masjid in future. The nearest Masjid is some distance from the village and it becomes very difficult for the villagers to reach it particularly during inclement weather. Janab Shamsheer sahib and Dr. Sohrab sahib, who are from that area as well as the other community leaders, who were present, explained that if a Masjid could be built in the village, more people including the children could attend daily prayers.

From Virbanna the visiting team together with the local representatives drove back to Kahelgaon. During dinner, plans for Braini and Virbanna projects were finalized and responsibilities were assigned to various people by Janab Shaukat A. Ali sahib; before proceeding to catch a train later that night. The reception and the reaction of the people throughout the day gave us hope for the successful operation of the Anjuman's mission in this part of India.

## **KOLKATA**

In the morning of 12<sup>th</sup> March, Janab Shaukat A. Ali sahib together with Mufti Mumtaz Alam and Research Scholar, Advocate Baboosahab, after enduring about 8 and a half hour train ride, reached Kolkata where the Anjuman has several members and many sympathizers. Janab Eshfaque Hossain, Secretary, AAIIIL India, was at the station to receive the team. Soon after checking in at a hotel, meetings started with Janab Eshfaque Hossain and Janab Enayat Karim Shaikh, a prominent member in Kolkata.

Other members of Kolkata Jamaat joined us progressively and all of us said our Jumah prayers there. More members and others came to meet Janab Shaukat Ali sahib later in the afternoon. Brothers Abdul Mutallib sahib and Enayat Shaikh sahib discussed the progress of the mission and made future strategies in consultation with the RC and Mufti Mumtaz Alam. Many

**important decisions were taken including the bangla translation of literatures plus establishment of Anjuman's Centre topped the agenda.**

**Some people with whom Janab Shaukat Ali had been in constant touch over the internet and phone also came to meet him. One student, who is about to complete his Masters degree in Computer Science, seemed very excited as in his own words, "When I got repeated encounters with Janab Shaukat Ali Sahib on the net, I was surprised to know that AAAIL is more a supporter of Khatme-Nabuwat than any other Muslim cult and this element only dragged me to meet him here." He also brought his elder cousin brother to meet the RC and his team just to let him know about the Anjuman's mission of spreading the true Islam. They were given literatures of their choice so that they can spread the message among their relatives and friends. People kept coming throughout the afternoon and one person came and, to everyone's surprise, said that as soon as he entered the lobby, without him saying anything the man at the counter said room 203, which was Janab Shaukat A. Ali sahib's room. More literatures, mostly newly re-printed ones, were given to local members to be kept by them for distribution and for sending to the libraries in Kolkata.**

**The Tablighi Daura of Janab Shaukat A. Ali sahib left a good blueprint for the wide and speedy spread of Mission activities as well as provided strategies for long term and short term goals to be fulfilled by local members. At the individual level, it left the touring members with new experiences and endowed them with spiritual benefits and the zeal and enthusiasm to serve this noble cause more vigorously. Last but not the least, this visit was in the real sense a great spiritual enlightenment for all the members and would Insha Allah prove a milestone of Anjuman's operations in India.**

**Our sincere thanks are due to ALLAH for making our participation in this noble cause and pledging support to the Ahmadiyya Movement. Our thanks are also due to Hazrat Ameer, Prof. Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed sahib, for his able leadership and guidance as well as to the members of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at Islam for their moral and spiritual support.**

***Wassalam,***

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