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## GLORIOUS BIRTH

Gausul Waqt, Mufti-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was born on Monday, 22nd of Zil hijjah 1310 AH (18, July 1892) in the blessed city of Bareilly Shareef, India. It was in this very city that His illustrious father, the Mujaddid (Reviver) of Islam, Imam-e-Ahle Sunnat, Aala Hazrat, Ash Shah Imam Ahmed Raza Khan Al Qadri (Radi Allahu Anhu) was born (1856-1921). At the time of the birth of Gausul Waqt, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu), His distinguished father, was in Mahrerah Shareef, one of the great spiritual centres of the Sunni World. On that same night, Sayyiduna Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu) dreamt that He had been blessed with a son and in His dream He named His son "Aale Rahmaan". Hazrat Makhdoom Shah Abul Husain Ahmad Noori (Radi Allahu Anhu), one of the great personalities of Mahrerah Shareef, named the child "Abdul Barkaat Muhiy'yuddeen Jilani." A son was indeed born to this learned personality. Namely Mufti-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) and was named "Mustafa Raza Khan." His Aqiqah was Performed and in accordance with the tradition of the family, the name given at that time was the beautiful name of "Muhammad."

## GLAD TIDINGS OF PEER-O-MURSHID

Upon the birth of Gausul waqt, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) Sayyiduna Shah Abdul Husain Ahmed Noori (Radi Allahu Anhu) told Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu), **"Maulana! When I come to Bareilly Shareef: then I will definitely see this child. He is a very blessed child"**

In accordance with those words, when Sayyiduna Abul Husain Ahmed Noori (Radi Allahu Anhu) travelled to Bareilly Shareef, He immediately asked to see Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) who was at that time only six (6) months old, Sayyiduna Noori Mia (Radi Allahu Anhu), as He is also famously know, congratulated A'la Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu) and said,

**"This child will be of great services to the Deen and**

**through Him the servants of Almighty Allah will gain great benefit. This child is a Vali. From His blessed sight thousands of stray Muslims will become firm in Deen. He is a sea of blessing."**

On Saying this, Sayyiduna Noori Mia (Radi Allahu Anhu) placed His blessed finger in the mouth of Mufti-e-azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) and made Him a Mureed. He simultaneously blessed Him with I'jaazat and Khilafat! Not only did he receive Khilafat in the Qadri Silsila (Order), but also in the Chishti, Naqshbandi, Suharwardi and Madaari Orders. In the fullness of time, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) also received Khilafat from His blessed father, Aala Hazrat , Ash Shah Imam Ahmed Raza Khan Al Qadri (Radi Allahu Anhu).

### **EARLY EDUCATION**

Gausul Waqt, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) attained most of His early education from His illustrious family; predominantly from His father, Aala Hazrat, Ash Shah Imam Ahmed Raza Khan Al Qadri (Radi Allahu Anhu) the Mujaddid of Islam, Whose status and position even at this time cannot be explained in these few lines. He studied various branches of knowledge under the guidance of His most learned and blessed father, Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu). He also studied various Books under the guidance of Hazrat Maulana Haamid Raza Khan (His Elder Brother), Maulana Shah Rahm Ilahi Maglori and Maulana Sayed Basheer Ahmed Aligarhi and Maulana Zahurul Hussain Rampuri (Radi Allahu Anhu). He gained proficiency in the many branches of Islamic knowledge amongst which are : Tafseer; Hadith; Fiqh; Laws of Jurisprudence; Sarf; Nahw; Tajweed; Conduct of Language; Philosophy; Logistics; Mathematics; History Sciences, to name few.

### **HIS FIRST FATWA**

The brilliance of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) as an Islamic Scholar manifested itself when He was still a youth. He was obviously overflowing

with knowledge and wisdom as this event shows. He wrote His first Historical Fatwa (Islamic Ruling) when He was only 13 years old. It dealt with the topic of " Raza'at"-i.e. affinity between persons breast fed by the same women. The following has been recorded with regards to this occasion.

Hazrat Maulana Zafru'deen and Hazrat Maulana Sayed Abdur Rasheed (Radi Allahu Anhu) were at the Darul Ifta (Fatwa Department) at Bareilly Shareef at this stage. On one occasion, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) walked into the Darul - Ifta and noticed that Hazrat Maulana Zafrud'deen (Radi Allahu Anhu) was writing a certain Fatwa. He was in the process of taking " Fatawa Razvia " from the shelf to utilize as His reference. On seeing this , Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) said, " Are you relying on Fatwa Razvia to write an answer? To this Maulana Zafrud'deen (Radi Allahu Anhu) indicated, " Alright then, why don't you write the answer without utilizing that book as a reference." Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) took up the challenge that was given in jest and proceeded to write an authoritative answer with no difficulty. This was the Fatwa concerning " Raza'at" - the Fatwa which He had written.

The Fatwa was then sent to His learned father, Sayyiduna Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu) for perusal and verification. On seeing the authenticity of the Fatwa, Sayyiduna Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu) was delighted and certified and Fatwa with the following words :

***"This is the Statement of such an Aalim, whose obedience is necessary"***

Sayyiduna Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu) then signed the Fatwa. He also commanded Hafiz Yaqeenudeen (Radi Allahu Anhu) to have a stamp made for Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) as a gift. He said that it should read as follows:

***" Abul Barkaat Muhiy'uddeen Jilani Aale Rahman (Elias) Mustafa Raza Khan."***

This incident took place in 1328 AH. After this incident Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) spent a further 12 years writings Fatwas at the blessed feet of Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu). He was given the great responsibility of issuing Fatwa even while Aala Hazrat

(Radi Allahu Anhu) was in this physical world. He continued with this practice until His last breath. The stamp which was given to Him was, regrettably mislaid during His second Hajj when His baggage went missing.

## **CHARACTER AND HABITS**

***“Maangne Wala Sub Kuch Paaye Rota Aaye Haste Jaaye”***  
***“Ye Hai Unki Adna Karamat Mufti Azam Zinda Baad”***

Wealth, presidency, ministership, worldly satisfaction and happiness can be given to a person by anyone, but such persons do not have the spiritual insight to give tranquillity to a heavy heart and cannot put a smile onto the face of a sad person. But Tajdaare Ahle Sunnat, Taaje Vilayat Wa Karamat, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) gave both the treasures of the physical and spiritual worlds to those in need. To be His servant was not less than kingship. Everyday hundreds and thousands of people in need of spiritual, physical and academic needs would come to Him and each one of them returned with complete satisfaction.

***“Jhuki Hai Gardane Dar par Tumhare Taaj Waalo Ki Mere Aqa Mere Maula wo Taajul Auliyah tum Ho”***

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) is that light of such an illustrious family whose radiance shone through in His character and the manners that He displayed, the excellence of which is very difficult to describe, let alone emulate. His character was the true embodiment of the Sunnah of Sayyiduna Rasulullah (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam). His radiance was like that of a lone shining star on a clear dark night;

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) possessed beautiful character, exceptional moral standards, immense Warmth; kindness, sincerity, love and humility. He never declined the invitation of any poor Muslim. He always kept His distance from those who were very wealthy and lavish. He was the possessor of great moral and ethical values.

It is stated that once Akbar Ali Khan, a Governor of U.P; came to visit Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu). Mufti-e-Azam-

e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) declined to meet Him but instead left for a place called Purana Shahar (Old City) to visit a poor Sunni Muslim who was very ill and on the verge of death.

On another occasion, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, the President of a Political Party, came to visit Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) but was declined this opportunity. Many other eminent ministers also came to meet Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) but they, similarly were declined the opportunity. This was due to His extreme dislike for mundane politics and involvement in secular affairs.

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) always ensured that He properly and adequately entertained and catered for those who came to visit Him. When He was physically fit, He would regularly go to the Visitors Section of the complex at Bareilly Shareef and ask each person whether they had eaten or not and whether they had been offered tea and the like. He would make a point of always enquiring after their comfort and whether their needs were being properly attended to. His status notwithstanding, He was often seen personally carrying the dishes, into the house for visitors! He always entertained those who came from far and near to the best of His means. He would even give most of His visitors money for their passage. He was definitely blessed with the habits and characteristics of the "Salfe Saliheen" or "The pious Servants of Allah"

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allah Anhu) was a pillar of hospitality and humbleness. If He reprimanded a certain person for doing something Un-Islamic or if He became displeased with anyone for some reason, He would always express His displeasure in a gentle fashion to the person concerned, so that the person would understand his fault without being hurt or upset. He would then make Dua in abundance for such a person. In this manner those around Him always learnt from their mistakes in a welcome fashion. His Mureeds (Disciples), on many occasions, would recite Manqabats (Poetry) in His praise. On hearing Manqabats He would invariably say,

***" I am not worthy of such praise. May Allah make me worthy."***

Many people came to Him for His blessings and Duas whilst others came for Ta'weez. He never turned down any of the requests made of Him. His support for the poor knew no bounds. Indeed, even now it is not known exactly how many homes were being supported through the kindness and generosity of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu). In winter, He would give warm clothes, warm sheets and blankets to the poor and the needy.

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) gave khilafat to many Ulema-e-Kiraam and personally tied the Amaama (Turban) on their heads. He gave CLOAKS, TURBANS and TOPIES (CAPS) to many people in recognition of His regard for them. Once, during winter, a few khaadims were present with Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) who was lying on His bed and was utilizing a shawl as a blanket. Maulana Abu Sufyaan, who was also present, examined the shawl and commented as to how beautiful it was. Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) immediately removed the shawl and presented it to Him. The Maulana refused to accept the gift but Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) insisted that the gift be accepted. For Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) the fact that He was using the shawl at the time and it was winter, was of no moment!

All of His Mehfiles were full of knowledge and Barkah. Many questions on Tasawwuf were readily answered by Him. It seemed as if the rains of mercy and rays of Noor were always spread over His Mehfiles.

## **A FEW OF BLESSED HABITS**

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) always wanted to see a Muslim's inner and outer personality. He always advised them to mould their lives according to the principles and commands of Islam. He always showed discomfort in the presence of those who did Not have beards, and those who dressed Un-Islamically. He would warn such Muslims against persisting in that behaviour. Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) would always show His displeasure to those who wore ties. He

would tug at the tie gently and command that it be removed. He also asked them to make Tauba from such acts.

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) always commanded Muslims to give or take anything with their right hand. He stopped the Muslims from referring to the governments as "Sarkaar" or leaders.

Whenever He sat in Meelad-un-Nabi (Sallal Lahu Alaihi Wasallam) or Mehfil-e-Zikr, He always sat with utmost respect until the very end.

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) always ensured that if He had to spit, He was never facing the direction of the Ka'aba. He would never stretch or extend His legs in the direction of the Qibla

Whenever He entered the cemetery, He would walk on His toes and He would ensure that only that part of His feet touched the ground. At times, He would stand on His toes for about half an hour in the graveyard making Dua-e-Maghfirat!

He always forbade Muslims from doing any fortune telling. If a death or other loss took place in the home of a Muslim, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) would go to comfort the people of that house.

He always advised those in sorrow to make Sabr (have patience) and remember Almighty Allah. He gave comfort to those affected by the event.

He always exhibited the utmost respect for the Ulema-e-Kiraam. He followed in the footsteps of His blessed father and acted in accordance with the command of His father by showing deep respect for Sayeds. His respect in this regard can be likened to the respect that a slave shows to a king.

At one time it became the norm for Muslims to give their children Un-Islamic names. He prohibited these Muslims from keeping un-islamic names and stated instead that names such as Abdullah, Abdur Rahman, Muhammad and Ahmed should be utilized,

Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu), never strayed even one bit from any command of Almighty Allah and His beloved Rasool (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). His love for any person was for the sake of Allah and His Rasool (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), and if he held any person in contempt, then



it was for the sake of Allah and His Rasool (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam).

### **HIS BOLDNESS AND FEARLESSNESS**

***“Hawa Hai Gostand Wa Tez Lekin Chiraagh Apna Jala Raha Hai Wo Marde Durwesh Jis Ko Haq Ne Diye Tha Andaze Khusrawana”***

The sign of true Mo'min is that he never submits himself before an enemy. In the worst of circumstances a Mo'min still maintains, that which is the truth.

Sayyiduna Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) in this regard said,

***“To Speak The Truth Before A Tyrant King Is A Great Jihad”***

So imagine the excellence of a person who always speaks the truth at all times, a person who always raises the flag of truth and honesty, and a person who never leaves the path of truth in his entire life!

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) was one such person. He is one of the greatest leaders of the Sunnis. His boldness and fearlessness are difficult to explain. His entire life was spent speaking out against Deobandis, Wahabis and all the other misled sects. Whether it was the west, the Qadianis, or the Najdis He always challenged them till the very end. He always propagated the true Deen and the correct path of the Ahle Sunnah Wa Jamaah. With His Fatwas, He helped to protect the Imaan not only of Muslims in India and Pakistan, but of Muslims throughout the world.

He relentlessly attacked the enemies of Islam through His writings, sayings and actions. He did everything in His power to challenge the enemies of Islam. No person in His presence could say or do anything against Shariah without drawing a comment in correction. No person could speak against that which was the truth.

It is stated by one of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind's (Radi Allahu Anhu) Khaadims, who accompanied Him on a journey by train., that there were some people in the train consuming alcohol. When Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) saw them, He

reprimanded them and told them to desist from such a Haram act. They ignored His advise so He censured the leader of these person who was a young and well-built person. He struck this young person so hard with an open hand that it caused the bottle of alcohol that the young man was holding to fall. The Khaadim expected the young man to retaliate but, who then would have the nerve to retaliate against this Lion of Islam! The group became afraid and sat down quietly. Later some of them approached Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) and asked for His forgiveness for their shameful and insolent behaviour.

### **IBAADAT AND RIYAAZAT**

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) always performed His Salaah in Jamaat even when He was on a journey. Immediately, on leaving His house to go towards the Masjid, He used to be surrounded by His Mureeds (disciples) and well-wishers who would follow Him till the Masjid door, which was just a few feet away from His house. While some would be kissing His blessed hands others would talk to Him. He would always reply to all those who made Salaam to Him. On entering the Masjid, He would immediately recite the prescribed Dua.

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) would then remove the Amaama and then sit down to perform Wudhu, ensuring that it was properly performed and that the Sunnahs were accomplished. He would perform His Salaah with great sincerity and used to be drowned in the worship of His Creator. Any person looking at Him at that time would instantly appreciate that Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) had long relinquished all the wordily desires and was intent only upon pleasing His Creator.

On one occasion, while Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was travelling from Nagpur, the time arrived for Maghrib Salaah. As the train stopped, He immediately disembarked for the purpose of Salaah. His travel companions told Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) that the train would depart shortly, but Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was intent

on performing His Salaah. His companions disembarked with Him. They had just performed their Wudhu, and were making Niyah for Salaah when the train left the Station. All of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) and his companion's luggage were left on the train. The misguided commented sarcastically;

***“ The Mans Train Has Left them!”***

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was still in Salaah. When they had all completed their Salaah, they noticed that the station platform was empty. They became a little concerned since their entire luggage had gone with the train, but still Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) looked unperturbed. His companions were busy talking about the luggage when they noticed the station guard, followed by a group of travellers, running towards them. The guard came up to Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) and said, “ Huzoor! The train is stuck!” Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) said, “ The engine is damaged.” The train was brought back and Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) and His companions sat in the train. After some repairs the train left with Him and His companions seated in!

## **LOVE FOR THE HOLY PROPHET**

### ***(Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam)***

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) was drowned in the love for the Holy Prophet, Sayyiduna Rasulullah (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam). Everything He did was for the pleasure of Almighty Allah and Sayyiduna Rasulullah (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam). All that He had gained was due to the immense love that He possessed for the Holy Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam).

His extreme and unconditional love for the Holy Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam) can be understood by the fact that during the latter stages of His life, even though He was very ill, he would sit for hours with great respect in the Naat Mehfil and would shed tears in the love of Sayyiduna Rasulullah (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam).

He used to celebrate the Meelad-un-Nabi (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam) each year with great splendour. The program used to begin on the eve of the 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal and would continue till the next day just before lunch. The invitation was open to all Muslims and they would all be fed.

An examination of the Naat Shareef written by Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) is testimony to the fact that every word that He wrote displayed His love for the Holy Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam).

## **LOVE FOR SAYYIDUNA GAUSUL AZAM**

*(Radi Allahu Anhu)*

***“Ye Dil Ye Jigar hai Ye Aankhen Ye Sar hai  
Jahan Chaho Rakho Qadam Gause Azam”***

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) possessed profound love for Sayyiduna Gausul Azam, Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radi Allahu Anhu) with great humility and the utmost respect. His love for Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radi Allahu Anhu) can be understood from the following incident.

Once a very young descendant of Sayyiduna Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radi Allahu Anhu), Hazrat Peer Taahir Ala'udeen (Radi Allahu Anhu), visited Bareilly Shareef. The respect and honour that Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) showed for Him was immense. Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) would walk bare footed behind Him with great respect.

The great Ulema of the time have stated that Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was lost to such an extent in the love for Sayyiduna Gausul Azam, Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radi Allahu Anhu) that even physically He began to resemble Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radi Allahu Anhu).

***“Dekh Kar Shakle Mufti-e-Azam  
Gause Azam Ki Yaad Aayi Hai”***

## **RESPECT FOR SAYEDS AND ULEMA**

Gausul Waqt, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) had great respect and love for the Ulema and for Sayeds, Descendants of Sayyiduna Rasulullah (Sallallaahu Alaihi

Wasallam). The following incident illustrates this fact. In about 1979, a lady came with her little child to ask for a Ta'weez. It was a very hot day and she was informed that Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was resting. The lady, however, was in great need for the particular Ta'weez. She asked someone to see if Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was awake but nobody had the Courage to do this as Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was resting and they considered such an act to be disrespectful. Taking her child she commented,

***" I am surprised that in a place like this, the request of a Sayed is not attended to"***

It is not known how Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) heard this, but He immediately called out to one of His Mureeds. He instructed him to call the lady. The woman then sent her child to Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu). He asked the child's name and showed great love and respect towards this young child. With great affection, He placed His hand on this child's head. He asked someone to bring an apple for the child. From behind the curtain, he spoke to the lady concerning her problem and immediately wrote a Ta'weez for her.

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) then sent a Message to this family requesting that the mother and child should only leave after the heat became less intense; and that in the interim they should be attended to and that nothing should be spared in making these Sayeds comfortable.

When Allamah Sadrush Shariah Maulana Amjad Ali Al Qadri (Radi Allahu Anhu), the author of the famous " Bahare Shariah", use to come to Bareilly Shareef for the Urs Shareef of Sayyiduna A'la Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu), Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) would go to the railway station to personally welcome Him and showed great respect towards this great scholar of Islam. He also showed great respect towards Sayyidi Hafiz-e-Millat and Hazrat Maulana Hashmat Ali Khan Sahib (Radi Allahu Anhu). He also showed respect towards His own Mureeds and Khalifas who were Aalims.

## **HIS MARRIAGE**

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) married the blessed daughter of His paternal uncle, Hazrat Muhammad Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu). Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) had six daughters and one Son, Hazrat Anwaar Raza (Radi Allahu Anhu), who sadly passed away during childhood.

Hazrat Anwaar Raza (Rahmatullah Ta'ala Alaih), the son of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) who passed away during childhood, was an example of piety even at the tender age of three. He prayed Namaz at this age at the Masjid. Hazrat Muhammad Raza (Radi Allahu Anhu), the middle brother of A'la Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu) once stated that there was a Hindu who lived near the house of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu), and he would always make Salaam to the young Hazrat Anwaar Raza (Rahmatullah Alaih) when he passed the home of Hazrat. But Hazrat Anwaar Raza (Rahmatullah Alaih) would only stare at Him and then point His Shahaadat finger to Him. The Hindu once looked at Hazrat Anwaar Raza (Rahmatullah Alaih) and said,

“Miyān I know that you understand my Salaam, why don't you reply? Rather you point your Shahaadat (index) finger in my direction.”

On hearing this, Hazrat Muhammad Raza (Radi Allahu Anhu) replied by saying,

“The reason He shows His index finger towards you, is to inform you, that you should first accept Allah as One; and you will get a reply for your Salaam. “Subhan-Allah!”

## **HIS JOURNEY TO HARMAIN SHARIFAIN**

***“Khuda Khair Se Laaye Wo Din Bhi Noori  
Madine Ki Galiyan Buhara Karoo Main”***

Tajdaare Ahle Sunnat, Taaje Vilayat Wa Karamat, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) performed Hajj three times in 1905, 1945 and in 1971.

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) was the first person to go for Hajj without a

photograph in His passport. He refused to permit a photograph of Himself to be taken. Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was therefore permitted to go for Hajj without a photograph in His passport and without taking any vaccinations.

During His trip to Makkatul Mukarramah, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu), also had the opportunity of meeting those Ulema whom His father, Sayyiduna Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu), met during His visit to Harmain Sharifain. These great Ulema Were from amongst the students of Sayed Yahya Almaan (Radi Allahu Anhu). Some of those that He met are Allamah Sayed Ameen Qutbi; Allamah Sayed Abbas Alawi and Allamah Sayed Noor Muhammad (Radi Allahu Anhu). They narrated many incidents which took place during Sayyiduna Aala Hazrat's (Radi Allahu Anhu) visit to Harmain Sharifain. They then requested Khalifat from Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) which He bestowed upon them.

### **HIS POSITION IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF FIQH**

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) who after writing His first Fatwa while still a student at "Darul Uloom Manzare Islam," was given the status of Mufti due to His immense Knowledge. When the Muslim World began to see and recognise His knowledge and Fatwas as true sources of guidance, they began calling Him "Mufti-e-Azam" or The Most Exalted Mufti of the time. This title has become the name He was recognized and referred to by those throughout the world. Whenever the name "Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind" is mentioned, it refers to "This exalted personality." Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) was a personality free from pride, lavishness and self-fame. His status was bestowed upon Him by Almighty Allah and His Beloved Rasool (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam). That person to whom Almighty Allah and His Rasool (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam) grants such excellence, then such excellence cannot be fully grasped by ordinary mortals. This is one of the reason why the entire world was brightened and received the benefits of his knowledge of Fiqh.

There came a stage when Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was not only known as "Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind" but He was also known as "Mufti-e-Azam-e-Aalam" or The Grand Mufti of The World. It is recorded that on his trip to the Harem Sharifain, the Ulema of the Hijaz (Arabia), Syria, Egypt, Iraq and from many other Countries came to him to solve Fiqh Mas'alas (problems). Many became His Mureeds. This is how His Faiz of Shariah and Tariqah spread its rays throughout the world. While in the Hijaz Shareef, He also had to deal with many Fatwas that came in from various places such as Africa, Mauritius, United Kingdom, America, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Malaysia and Bangladesh. He always answered every query in a very dedicated and professional manner.

### **VASECTOMY IS HARAM IN ISLAM**

***"Amaanat Hind-O-Pak Hai Is Baat Ki Shaahid Ke Badal Dali hai Minto Mein Hukumat Mufti-E-Azam."***

The year 1976 was a very difficult period for the Muslims in India. The India Government sought to make vasectomy mandatory for every adult male in India. The Government appreciated though that such a fundamental breach of religious rights would attract a severe backlash and therefore sought the backing of certain so-called religious leaders. Certain "Ulema," motivated by worldly gain, passed a "Fatwa" apparently in an attempt to make vasectomy (Male sterilization to prevent birth of children) "Permissible."

Muslims in India were in search of some way to prevent such a law from being passed as this would mean a breach of their religious rights and would result in them not having any more children. They were looking for someone who would defend their religious rights. All the Muslims looked towards the city of Bareilly Shareef, the city of light and truth, for an answer to this dissension. Indeed that Mujahid of Islam, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) did rise, holding the torch of knowledge and light against the winds of enmity and destruction. He immediately issued the correct Fatwa on vasectomy and stated in no uncertain terms;

***"Vasectomy Is Haraam, Haraam, Haraam."***



This news spread rapidly throughout India. Through the Dua and firmness of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) on this issue, the Government that wished to pass this law lost power, and a new Government came into power. The attempt to make vasectomy mandatory was abandoned.

### **MAS'ALA ON TASAWWUF**

Once, Soofi Iqbal Sahib asked Gausul Waqt, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) the following question:

***“Huzoor! Can One Remember His Sheikh In Namaz?”***  
Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) answered by saying,  
***“If you to remember anyone in Namaz then you should remember Tajdare Do Aalam, Habibe Khuda (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam). Yes, just as people tend to gaze here and there in Namaz - ‘if, in this way, the thought of one’s Peer comes into the mind then there is no hindrance”.***

Subhan-Allah! This answer has also contradicted the Deobandi belief. By looking at the life of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) and reading His Fatwas, one can see His status and excellence in the spiritual domain. His spiritual life was according to that of His renowned and distinguished father, Sayyiduna Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu).

### **LOVE FOR NAAT SHAREEF**

In the world of poetry, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) was a master of His time. Most of His poems were in the form of Humd (Praise of Allah), Naat Shareef, Qasidas ad Manqabats compiled in the Arabic, Urdu, Persian and Hindi Languages. All these poems have been consolidated in one book, the famous **“Samaane Bakshish”** which is still available today. Samaane Bakshish is a treasure chest which flows with pearls of Love for Sayyiduna Rasoolullah (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam). The compilation of Samaane Bakshish is through the blessing of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam).

When Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) returned from His journeys He would be engrossed in the writing of

Fatwas, but He is still found time to prepare Samaane Bakshish and many other Books. In the world of Poetry, the pen-name used by Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind is 'Noori', a name He derived from His Peer-o-Murshid.

Two of His most famous Naats are transliterated below :

### TU SHAM'E RISALAT'

*Tu Shama-e-Risalat Hai Alam Tera Parwana  
Tu Maahe Nabuwat Hai Ae Jal Wa'-e- Janana  
Khaate Hai Tere Dar Ka Peete Hai Tere Darka  
Paani Hai Tera Paani Daana Hai Tera Daana  
Jo Saqi E Kousar Ke Chehre Se Naqab Uthe  
Har Dil Bane Maikhana Har Aankh Ho Paimana  
Wo Kehte Na Kehte Kuch Wo Karte Na Karte Kuch  
Aye Kash Wo Sun Lete Mujh Se Mera Afsana  
Tum Aaye Chhati Baazi Rounak Huwi Phir Taazi  
Kaaba Huwa Phir Kaaba Kar Daala Tha Butkhana  
Sange Dar Jaana Par Karta Hoon Jabin Saai  
Sajda Na Samajh Najdi Sar Deta Hoo Nazrana  
Is Dar Ki Huzoori Hi Isyan Ki Dawa Tehri  
Hai Zehre Ma'aasi Ka Taiba Hi Shifa Khana  
Har Phool Mein Boo Teri Har Sham'a Mein Zau Teri  
Bul Bul Hai Tera Bul Bul Parwana Hai Parwana  
Abaad Ise Farma Veeran Hai Dile Noori  
Jalwe Tere Basjaye Abaad Ho Veerana  
Sarkar Ke Jalwon Se Roshan Hai Dile Noori  
Ta Hashr Rahe Roshan Noori Ka Ye Kashana*

### 'PAYAAM' LE KE JO AAYI'

*Payaam Le Ke Jo Aayi Saba Madine Se  
Marize Ishq Ki Laayi Dawaa Madine Se  
Suno To Gaur Se Aayi Sadaa Madine Se  
Qareen Hai Rehmat-o-Fadhle Khuda Madine Se*

*Mile Hamaare Bhi Dil Ko Jilaa Madine Se  
 Ke Mahr-O-Maah Ne Paayi Zia Madine Se  
 Jo Aaya Le Ke Gayaa Kaun Louta Khaali Haath  
 Bataaye Koyi Sunaa Ho Jo "Laa" Madine Se  
 Wo Gayaa Khuld Mein Jo Aa Gayaa Madine Se  
 Gayaa Wo Khuld Se Jo Chal Diyaa Madine Se  
 Madina Chasma-E-Aabe Hayaath Hai Yaaron  
 Chalo Hamesha Ki Le Lo Baqaa Madine Se  
 Chale Jo Taiba Se Muslim To Khuld Mein Pahonche  
 Ke Seedhaa Khuld Ka Hai Raasta Madine Se  
 Tumhaare Qadmo Pe Sar Sadqe Jaan Fida Hojaye  
 Na Laaye Phir Mujhe Mera Khuda Madine Se  
 Tere Habeeb Ka Pyaara Chaman Kiya Barbaad  
 Ilahi Nikle Ye Najdi Bala Madine Se  
 Tere Naseeb Ka Noori Milega Tujh Ko Bhi  
 Le Aa-e-Hissa Ye Shaah-O-Gadaa Madine Se*

### **HIS BOOKS AND TREATIES**

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) was a great Muhaqqiq (Philosopher) and Musannif (Author). His writings were filled with the rays of knowledge of His distinguished father, Aala Hazrat, Ash Shah Imam Ahmed Raza Khan Al Qadri (Radi Allahu Anhu). All His works displayed incisive research. It seemed as if His works were overflowing with the research of "Imam Ghazzali (Radi Allahu Anhu), the rareness of Imam Raazi (Radi Allahu Anhu) and the rays of knowledge of Imam Jalaluddeen Suyuti (Radi Allahu Anhu)." Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) wrote a number of books in His blessed lifetime. The names of a few of these books are stated below:

**Tanweerul Hujjat Bi Tawaaril Hijjah, Tardush Shaitaan, Hujjatul Da'ira Bi Jawaabil Hujjatul Hazira, Al Qaulul Ajeeb fi Ajoobatit Tasweeb, Masa'ile Sima, Idkhalus Sinan, Almautul Ahmar, Fatawa Mustafawiya Part 1 & 2, Noorul Irfaan, Malfoozate Aala Hazrat.**

## HIS KARAMAAT

***“Kaha Tak Raaz Likhoge Karaamat-e-Mufti-e-Azam”***  
***“Sarapa Hi Sarapa Hai Karaamat Mufti-e-Azam”***

One of the greatest Karamats of a Mo'min is for him to be always steadfast on Shariat-e-Mustafa and Sunnat-e-Mustafa (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam). A Mo'min must be Prepared to accept all the difficulties and calamities of life. When faced by any calamity he should always make Sabar and make Shukr to Allah Almighty.

These outstanding qualities are found in the life of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu). He was always steadfast and firm on Shariat-e-Mustafa (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam) . It is said that just as it is impossible to move a mountain from its place, so too it was not possible to move Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) from the Shariat-e-Mustafa (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam). Every second in the life of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind was a Karaamat. Volumes can be written about the Karaamat of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu). He Him self is a living Karaamat!

For the purpose of Fuyooz-o-Barkat we will quote one such Karaamat. Once Hazrat went for the Urs of Hazrat Mehboob-e-Ilahi, Khwaja Nizamud'deen Awliyah (Radi Allahu Anhu) to Delhi. He stayed at a place called 'Koocha Jilani' with Ashfaaq Ahmed Sahib. At this place, a certain Wahabi Maulvi began arguing with Hazrat concerning the Ilme Ghaib (Knowledge of the Unseen) of Huzoor Anwar (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam). Ashfaaq Ahmed Sahib asked Hazrat not to argue with this person as it would not make any difference to him. Hazrat Said, "Let him speak. I will listen to him and all those who are present should also listen attentively. The reason why nothing makes a difference to Maulvi Sahib is because nobody listens to him properly. So let him say that what he wishes."

Maulvi Saeedud'deen then spoke for approximately 15 minutes explaining how Rasoolullah (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam) did not apparently possess Ilme Ghaib, He spoke for some time and then became silent.

Hazrat then Said, "If you have forgotten anything

concerning your argument then please feel free to speak further.”

The Maulvi Sahib spent another half an hour trying to show that, Huzoor (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam) did not possess Ilme Ghaib.

After listening to his arguments Hazrat said, “You should immediately repent from your false belief. Allah has definitely blessed Huzoor (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam) with IlmeGhaib and you have tried to contradict it in every way you could. If you do not mind then also listen to my argument.”

Hazrat asked in response to the argument put forward, “What is the responsibility of a son towards his widowed mother?”

The Maulvi Sahib in answer said, “I will not answer that as it is not relevant to the topic of discussion.”

Hazrat then said, “ I did not mind when you questioned me, but in any event just listen to my questions. There is no need to answer them.”

Hazrat then continued and asked, “What do you say of someone who takes a loan from another and then hides from him? Is it correct to be weary of your crippled son and abandon him to a life of begging? To make Hajj Badal from.....”

This question was not yet completed when the Wahabi Maulvi fell at the feet of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) and said,

“Hazrat! It is enough. The problem has been solved Today I have realised that Huzoor (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam) has IlmeGhaib. If not by now the Munaaliqueen would have destroyed the Islamic Missions. If Almighty Allah has shown you those things about me which nobody else here knows about, then I cannot imagine all that which He has informed Rasoolullah (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam).”

The Wahabi Maulvi immediately repented and became a Mureed of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu).

Each year, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) use to go to Calcutta for missionary and was very successful in inviting people to Islam. When the Pope visited Calcutta amid wide-spread media coverage, relatively few Christians showed to meet the Pope. The Christians of Calcutta were perturbed,

as whenever Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) visited that city, without any media coverage, He attracted thousands of people who came to see Him.

The Christians decided to insult Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) and to attempt to lower His regard in the eyes of the people. They selected three Christians who were to approach Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) on the pretext that they wished to become His Mureeds. This was their plan: Whenever Hazrat was going to make any person His Mureed, He would ask the person to say, " Say that you have given your hand into the hands of Gaus-e-Azam (Radi Allahu Anhu). The Christians were then going to say that Hazrat is liar (Allah forbid) since this was not the hands of Gaus-e-Azam (Radi Allahu Anhu)!"

The three Christians, now pretending to be Muslims went to Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) on the pretext of becoming His Mureeds. When two of the Christians saw Hazrat's Noorani face they became wary of carrying out their plan, but the third, which was very stubborn, decided to carry out the plan.

He sat in front of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) and Hazrat proceeded with making him a Mureed. When Hazrat said,

" Say after me that, " I have given my hand into the hand of Gaus-e-Azam (Radi Allahu Anhu)."

He said, " I am giving my hand in the hand of Mufti-e-Azam." He was implying that Hazrat was asking him to lie, when he was made to say a moment ago that he would refrain from telling lies.

Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) again commanded him to say,

" Say that you have given your hand into the hands of Gaus-e-Azam (Radi Allahu Anhu)."

He again said,

" I am giving my in the hand of Mufti-e-Azam."

Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) came into a Jalaal (Spiritual Anger) state and said:

" Say that you are giving your hands into the hands of Gaus-e-Azam (Radi Allahu Anhu)."

To the surprise of many, the Christian began continuously saying, **“I have given my hands into the hands of Gaus-e-Azam (Radi Allahu Anhu), I have given my hands into the hands of Ghous-e-Azam (Radi Allahu Anhu).....”**

When asked about his behaviour, the Christian said that as Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) commanded him for the final time to say that he has given his hands into the hands of Gausul Azam (Radi Allahu Anhu), he actually saw two bright hands emerging from Hazrat's hands and the Christian says that he is sure that these hands were none other than the Mubarak hands of Gausul Azam (Radi Allahu Anhu).

That Christian then asked Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) for forgiveness and explained to Him what his true intentions were. He immediately accepted Islam and became a, Mureed. The news of this Karaamat spread far and wide and thousands of Christians accepted Islam at Hazrat's hands. Subhan-Allah! This incident was narrated by Hazrat Maulana Abdul Hamid Palmar Noori Razvi, a close Khalifa of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, (Radi Allahu Anhu).

## **IN THE EYES OF THE ULEMA**

Hazrat Muhaddith-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) said: “ In this time, that personality whose taqwa (Piety) is more than his Fatwa, is none other than the son of Sayyidi Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu) whose beautiful name is Mustafa Raza, and this name comes on my tongue without problem and it allows me to gain great blessing.”

Huzoor Sayyidi Hafiz-e-Millat (Radi Allahu Anhu) stated, “ A person does not get proper respect and acceptance in his own town, but the acceptance and respect that Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) has gained in His town cannot be found anywhere else. This is open proof of His Karaamat and Vilayat (Miracle & Sainthood) .”

He then said, **“ MUFTI AZAM IS A KING, HE IS A KING.”** (Which means that He should be respected and treated as a King). Huzoor Mujahid-e-Millat (Radi Allahu Anhu) said. **“ In this time, the personality of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) is a unique one, especially**

***in the field of Ifta, but also in His daily conversations - the manner in which He spoke and explained can be understood by only the people of knowledge.***

The "Imam Ghazzali of His time, Allama Saeed Ahmed Kazmi Shah Sahib (Radi Allahu Anhu) says,

"The status of Sayyidi Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) can be understood from this that He is the son and the beloved of Mujaddide Deen-o-Millat, Imam Ahle Sunnat, Ash Shah Imam Ahmed Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu)."

Hazrat Qari Muslihud'deen (Radi Allahu Anhu) says, "After the wisal of my Murshad, the central point of my focus was the personality of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) and not only was He the point of my focus, but also that of the entire Sunni population."

### **HIS FAMOUS KHULFA**

The Khulfa of Tajdaare Ahle Sunnah, Taaje Vilayat Wa Karaamat, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) are said to be in the thousands. They are not only present in India, but are spread throughout the World. If each one of them has to be introduced, then it would form a book on its own. The names of some of the famous Khulfa are:

**In the Harmain Sharifain**- Hazrat Saeed Abbas Alawi; Hazrat Sayed Noor Muhammad; Hazrat Sayed Muhammad Ameen (Radi Allahu Anhu)

**In America** - Hazrat Ghufraan Siddiqi

**In South Africa** - Hazrat Maulana Abdul Hamid Razvi; Hazrat Maulana Ahmed Muqaddam Al Qadri

**In Holland** - Hazrat Maulana Badrul Qadri

**In Pakistan** - Hazrat Qari Muslihud'deen (Radi Allahu Anhu); Hazrat Maulana Mufti Ghulam Sarwar Al Qadri; Hazrat Maulana Mufti Muhammad Afzal Husain; Hazrat Maulana Sayed Shah Turabul Haq; Hazrat Maulana Mufti Muhammad Husain Sakar (Radi Allahu Anhu)

**In India** - Mufas'sire Azam Hind Hazrat Ibrahim Raza (Radi Allahu Anhu); Hazrat Maulana Tahseen Raza Khan; Hazrat Maulana Rehan Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu); Hazrat Allamah Mufti Mohammad Akhtar Raza Khan Azhari; Muhadithe Kabeer



Hazrat Maulana Mufti Zia Ul Mustafa Sahib; Hazrat Maulana Arshadul Qadri Sahib.

**Taajush Shariah Hazrat Allama Akhtar Raza Khan Azhari:** is the grandson of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu). Hazrat has been blessed with knowledge of Deen to an extent that He is accepted by the learned Ulama as one of the Most learned persons in this Era. Hazrat Akhtar Raza is a personality who has not only deep knowledge; but is also an example of piety and humbleness. Before His demise, Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) wrote a statement in which He said that after His demise, Hazrat Akhtar Raza Khan Qibla would be His Successor and the Heir to His knowledge. Hazrat is presently the Head Mufti of Bareilly Shareef and travels the Globe propagating the teachings of the Ahle Sunnat. May Almighty Allah bless Him with long life and good health. Aameen.

**Muhadith-e-Kabeer Allama Zia-ul-Mustafa Qibla:** is the son of Allama Sadrush Shariah, who was the distinguished Khalifa of Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu), and the personality who compiled the World Renowned Bahar-e-Shariah, an encyclopedia of Hanafi Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence). Allama Zia-ul-Mustafa is presently the Principal of Al Jami'atul Ashrafiyah Arabic University in Mubarakpur India and also the Rector of Jamia Amjadia in India. He has travelled to various parts of the world and is renowned for His knowledge in the field of Ahadith. He is said to know more than sixty thousand Hadith of the Holy Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam). May Almighty Allah keep Him for many years to come and bless Him with good health. Aameen.

**Maulana Sayyed Shah Turabul Haq Qadri:** hails from Pakistan. He is a direct descendant of Sarkaar-e-Gaus-e-Azam Jilani (Radi Allahu Anhu). He became an Aalim through the blessings of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu). Shah Saahib has been blessed by the learned scholars with the title of "Mujahid-e-Ahle Sunnat" The soldier of the Ahle Sunnah. The reason for this, is that He is never afraid to stand up to defend the pristin teachings of Islam. He displayed this even when He was a member of the Pakistani Parliament. His firmness on Maslak-e-A'la Hazrat is something that is worthy

of praise. May Almighty Allah grant Him long life and good health. Aameen.

**Hazrat Maulana Mufti Muhammad Hussain Sakar** (Radi Allah Anhu) : was also a very learned personality and a Khalifa of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu). He dearly loved His Peer and spoke words of great love in praise of His Master. He was blessed with in depth knowledge in the field of Hadith and taught the Bukhari Shareef for more than thirty years. One of His, unique qualities was His proficiency in Burdah Shareef. His beautiful manner of recitation and commentary of the Qasida still dwells in the hearts of those who heard Him. May Almighty Allah exalt Him in paradise and shower His rays of Mercy upon His Blessed Grave. Aameen.

**Hazrat Maulana Abdul Hamid Palmer Al Qadri**: is a disciple and Khalifa of Gausul Waqt Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu). He journeyed to India at a young age to attain Islamic education, which he attained at Madresa Manzare Islam in Bareilly Shareef. He is a personality who is drowned in the love of His Peer. He was dearly loved by Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu), and spent many years serving the Great Saint. He was amongst the fortunate few that were present during the time of the Gusl of Huzoor Gausul Waqt. He is also the President of the Sunni Ulema Council (South Africa). He is also the personality who is rectifying the incorrect practices of Muslims in South Africa by being firm on the teachings of Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu). May Almighty Allah always keep Him firm on the Maslak-e-Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu). Aameen.

## HIS DISCIPLES

Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind's (Radi Allahu Anhu) Muredeen (Disciples) were not only ordinary people but His Mureeds also consisted of great Ulema, Muftis, Mufassirs, Poets, Philosophers, Professors, Doctors etc. It is said that He has millions of Muredeen.

## **HUZOOR'S WISAAL**

Tajdaare Ahle Sunnat, Taaje Vilayat Wa Karaamat, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) was aware of the actual time of His Wisaal.

***On the 6th of Muharram (1981) He said,***

“ All those who intended to become my Mureed but for some reason or other could not come to me, I have made all of them Mureed and i have given their hands into the hand of Sayyiduna Gausul Azam (Radi Allahu Anhu).”

***On the 12th of Muharram (1981) He said,***

“ All those who asked me to make Dua for them, I have made Dua for their Jaiz (Permissible) intention to be fulfilled, May Allah accept this Dua.”

On this day He asked those that were present concerning the date. They told Him that it was the 12th of Muharram. On hearing this He became silent.

On the 13th of Muharram, He again asked concerning the date and the Mureedeen present said that it was Wednesday, the 13th of Muharram. On hearing this Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) said;”

***“ Namaz Will Be Held At Nau Mahla Masjid.”***

Those present did not understand what Hazrat Meant, but remained silent out of respect. After some time again, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) said,

***“ Did Anybody Tell you About The Namaz? I will read Juma Namaz in Nau Mahla Masjid.”***

After some time Hazrat said,

“ Did anybody say anything about the Faatiha. Those present just gazed at each others faces and remained silent. Only later did they realize the true importance of what Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was saying. Hazrat was spiritually present for Juma at the Nau Mahla Masjid, the place where, earlier, on the same day the Janazah Namaz of Huzoor was kept before Janazah Salaah! Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was not only giving hope to the Mureedeen but also informing them of His Wisaal.

That night, Huzoor opened His eyes, looked at all those present and said,

“ Remain firm on the Sunnat-e-Mustafa at all times, as this is the true path to success and salvation.”

He remained silent for a while and then said,

**“ Whenever You Are Faced With Hardship, You Should Recite ‘ Hasbunallah Wa Ne’mal Wakeel.’ ”**

After saying these words., He recited Surah Mulk and Ayatul Kursi. He then started reciting the Kalima continuously, and it was in this Manner, that the shining star of A’la Hazrat, Ash Shah Imam Ahmed Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu), the glitter and the hope for the hearts of millions throughout the world, the Mujaddid of the 15th Century, the Imam of His time, Huzoor Sayyidi Sarkaar Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) left the Aalam-e-Duniya to Journey towards the Aalam-e-Aakhira. It was 1.40 p.m on the eve 14th of Muharram 1402 AH (1981)

**“ Chal Diye Tum Aankhon Mein Ashkon Ka Darya Chhor Kar Har Jigar Mein Dard Apna Meetha Meetha Chhor Kar ”**

**“ Chaman Khaamosh Ghamgin Chand Taare Mufti-e-Azam Nahi Ab Noor O Nikhat Ke Nazaare Mufti-e-Azam Rawa Aankhon Se Hai Ashkon Ke Dhaare Mufti-e-Azam Kahan Ho Be Saharon Ka Sahara Mufti-e-Azam ”**

## GUSL

On Friday, the 15th Muharram, at 8.00am, the Gusl of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) took place. His grandson, Hazrat Maulana Rehan Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) performed the Wudhu. Hazrat Allama Mufti Mohammad Akhtar Raza Khan Azhari performed the Gusl. Sultan Ashraf Sahab used the jug to pour water. The following persons were present during the Gusl: Hazrat Maulana Rehan Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu), Hazrat Allamah Mufti Mohammad Akhtar Raza Khan, Sayed Mushtaq Ali, Sayed Muhammad Husein, Maulana Naeemullah Khan Sahib Qibla, Maulana Abdul Hamid Palmer Razvi, Muhammad Esa of Mauritius, Ali Husain Sahib, Haji Abdul Gaffar, Qari Amaanat Rasool Sahib and a few other Mureeds and family members.

Hazrat Allamah Mufti Mohammad Akhtar Raza Khan Azhari and Hazrat Maulana Rehan Raza Khan (Radi Allahu Anhu) have

stated that at the time of the Gusl Shareef of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) the Chaadar mistakenly moved a little; Immediately, Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) held the Chadar between His two fingers and covered the area that the Chaadar exposed. Those present thought that the Chaadar just got caught between Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) two fingers. They tried to remove the Chaadar from between His fingers but it would not move. The first person to notice this Karaamat was Hazrat Allamah Mohammed Akhtar Raza Khan Azhari. He pointed this out to all present. Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) fingers did not move until the area was properly covered.

***“Zinda Hojate Hai Jo Marte Hai Haq Ke Naam Par Allah, Allah Maut Ko Kis Ne Masiha Kardiya.”***

***“Janaaze Se Utha Kar Haath Pakri Chaadare Aqdas Hai Tu Zinda Hai Ye Zinda Karaamat Mufti-e-Azam”***

### **JANAZA SALAAH**

The Janaaza Salaah of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) was performed at the Islamia Inter College grounds in Bareilly Shareef. It was estimated, that more than Two and a half million (25,00,000) Muslims attended His Janazah Salaah. Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) is buried on the left hand side of Sayyiduna Aala Hazrat (Radi Allahu Anhu).

Those who lowered Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) into His Qabr Shareef have stated that they were continuously wiping out perspiration from the forehead of Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu), right up to the last minute.

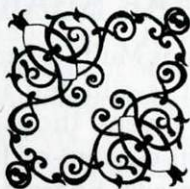
### **MAZAAR SHAREEF**

Huzoor Sayyidi Sarkaar Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) Mazaare Shareef is situated in Mohalla Saudagran, Bareilly Shareef. Every year thousands of Mureeds and devotees of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind (Radi Allahu Anhu) present themselves at Bareilly Shareef for Urs Mubarak.

## **URS-E-CHEHLUM**

Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam's Urs-e-Chehlum was held in a grand manner coinciding with Urs-e-Razvi & was attended by hundreds of Ulemas from all over the world. Lacs of Mureeds (Disciples) & devotees thronged the Jalsa Gaah (Islamia Inter College where Hazrat's Salaat-e-Janazah was performed. Before this the Urs-e-Razvi was held at the Khanqah but after this it became a routine to hold the Urs at the Islamia Inter College Ground) in Bareilly Sharif. Among the Prominent Ulemas Khaleefa-e-Aalahazrat **Huzoor Burhane Millat**, Ameene Shariat **Mufti Rifaqat Husain Sahab**, **Mufti Shariful Haq Sahab**, **Mufti Abdul Mannan Sahab**, **Allama Arshadul Qadri Sahab**, **Mufti Jehangir Sahab**, **Allama Ziaul Mustafa Sahab**, **Maulana Mushahid Raza Sahab** & several others attended the Urs. After this the Urs-e-Chehlum was organised at hundreds of places in India as well as abroad.

In Bombay the **Raza Academy** arranged the Chehlum at Mastan Talab (Nagpada) which was held under the auspices of the Grandson of Aalahazrat **Huzoor Rehan Raza Khan Sahab** & was attended by **Qari Muslehuddin Sahab** (Pakistan), **Allama Ziaul Mustafa Sahab** & various other Ulemas. The next day more than **80,000** people had "**Langar Sharif**" from 11 am to 5 pm. Even then the langar was still left & then it was distributed.



## SALAAMI

Mustafa Jaane Rehmat Pe Laakho Salaam  
Sham-E-Bazme Hidaayat Pe Laakho Salaam  
Jis Suhaani Ghari Chamka Taiba Ka Chaand  
Us Din Afroze Saa'at Pe Laakho Salaam  
Sher-E-Yaare Iram Taaj Daare Haram  
Nau Bahaare Shafa'at Pe Laakho Salaam  
Gause Azam Imamut Tuqa Wan Nuqa  
Jalwa'e Shaan-E-Qudrat Pe Laakho Salaam  
Hum Ne Jaana Na Thaa Aapka Martaba  
Ek Wali Ne Magar Hum Pe Ehsaan Kiya  
Surma-E-Ishk Aankhon Mein Pehnaa diya  
Daaldi Qalb Mein Azmate Mustafa  
Sayyidi Aala Hazrat Pe Laakho Salaam  
Mujh Se Khidmat Ke Qudsi Kahein Haa Raza  
Wo Raza Aala Hazrat Bareilly Ke Shah  
Jin Ki Har Adaa Sunnate Mustafa  
Us Imam Ahle Sunnat Pe Laakho Salaam

## DUA

*Bismillah Hir Rahman Nir Raheem Alhamdu Lillahi  
Rabbil Aalameen Was Slaatu Was Salaamu Alaa Ashrafil  
Mursaleen, Sayyidinaa Muhammad, Wa Alaa Aalihee wa  
Ashaabihee Ajmaeen*

- Ya Allah, Ham Gunaahgaar Hai, Hamaare Gunaah Maaf Karde
- Ya Allah, Ham Na-Farmaan Hai, Tu Ham Ko Baksh De
- Ya Allah, Tu Ham Par Fazl Farma, Hamaari Maghfirat Farma
- Ya Allah, Tu Ham Ko Hidaayat De, Hamaare Imaan Me Quwwat De
- Ya Allah, Teri Muhabbat Waali Zindagi Naseeb Farma
- Ya Allah, Tere Ahkaam Per Chalne Ki Taufeeq Ataa Farma
- Ya Allah, Tere Habeeb-E-Paak Muhammad Mustafa

**(Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) Ki Sachhi Muhabbat Aur Unke Tareeqe Par Chalne Ki Taufeeq Ataa Farma**

- **Ya Allah, Ikhlaas Waali Zindagi Naseeb Farma**
- **Ya Allah, Halaal Rozi Naseeb Farma, Aur Usme Barkat Ataa Kar**
- **Ya Allah, Haraam Kamai Se Hamaari Hifaazat Kar**
- **Ya Allah, Tamaam Beemaariyon Se Hamaari Hifaazat Farma**
- **Ya Allah, Tamaam Buraaiyon Se Hamaari Hifazat Kar**
- **Ya Allah, Jo Be Aulaad Hai Unko Nek Aulad Ataa Farma**
- **Ya Allah, Jo Aulaad Waale Hai, Unki Aulaad Ko Nek Kar De**
- **Ya Allah, Tamaam Musalmaano Ko Nek Karde, Unko Namaaz Ki Tawfeeq De**
- **Ya Allah, Tere Bando Ke Huqooq Ada Karne Ki Tawfeeq Ataa Farma**
- **Ya Allah, Tere Siwa Kisi Ka Muhtaaj Na Banaa**
- **Ya Allah, Hamari Aulaad Ko Dajjal Ke Fitno Se Mehfooz Rakh**
- **Ya Allah, Maut Ki Sakhti Se Hamaari Hifaazat Farma**
- **Ya Allah, Maut Ke Waqt Kalma Naseeb Farma**
- **Ya Allah, Maut Ke Waqt Shaitaan Ke Shar Se Hamaari Hifazat Farma**
- **Ya Allah, Qabar Ke Azaab Se Hamaari Hifazat Farma**
- **Ya Allah, Munkir Nakir Ke Sawalaat Ko Asaan Farma**
- **Ya Allah, Tamaam Musalmaano Ki Qabro Ko Noor Se Bhar De**
- **Ya Allah, Huzoor (S.A.W) Ki Shafa'at Hame Naseeb Kar**
- **Ya Allah, Pul Siraat Par Chalna Hamaare Liye Asaan Farma**
- **Ya Allah, Humko Jannatul Firdaus Naseeb Farma.**

**Wa Sallallahu Alaa Khairi Khalqihi Muhammadin,**

**Wa Alaa Aalihi Wa Ashabihi Ajmaeen.**

**Bi Rahmatika Ya Ar Hamar Raahimeen.**

**Aameen.**