



UZMA NAHEED

A Brief Profile

Activities &

Affiliations

INTRODUCTION OF UZMA NAHEED

Ms. Uzma Naheed, the founder director of Iqra Education Foundation is engaged in various social, economic and educational activities for the last two decades. Her exemplary work in the field of education and economic up-liftment particularly of Muslim women in the framework of Shariah has set an example for others.



The beginning:

Uzma Naheed started her work in early 1980 when she produced her first audio cassette on stories from Quran giving authentic knowledge to Muslim children about various prophets in story form. The cassettes were developed with professional voices and sound effects to make them impressive.

The first cassette titled "Moosa (A.S) aur Firaun# was great success and shortly she came out with four more cassettes titled. Moosa & Firaun and Moosa and Bani Israel.



Moosa (A.S) aur Bani Israel\$ and Hazrat Yusuf (A.S). These cassettes were so interesting for children that they heard them repeatedly and remembered the message from the lives of prophets of Allah. In view of her involvement in many other social activities, this project is yet to be completed wherein the entire history of Islam till Rasulullah (S) and Sahabah (R) would be covered.

A Social Activist:

1992-93 riots in Bombay were disturbing. In addition to the loss of lives and property worth millions of rupees, what was alarming was the problem of rehabilitation of poor hutment dwellers who lost everything in riots. Uzma Naheed joined Bombay Aman Committee, a social organization working on rehabilitation work, established its women's wing and started working tirelessly for many years.



In this age of information, rationalism and human pluralism, Muslim community feels the great need to provide Islamic education on modern scientific lines. **Iqra! International Educational Foundation**, Chicago (USA) has creatively offered with a modern Islamic educational system for our age.



With a view to introduced this well tested, comprehensive and systematic curriculum in India for the benefit of Muslim children Uzma Naheed has in the year 2000 discussed with concerned Muslims of Bombay city and established **Iqra! Education Foundation**, which is registered



IQRA; Head Office in Chicago USA

As non profit respond to the growing need of Islamic Education for our children, youth and adults.



The goal of the program is to develop an Islamic personality through inculcation of Islamic values and nurturing of Islamic behavior. Iqra! Program consists of books on various levels of education on varied subjects like, *Qur'an/Hadith, Seerah, Fiqh, Aqid, Akhlaq.*

The program is being taught in more than 40 countries all over the world. The vocabulary in our program is scientifically controlled for each level of study.

IQRA curriculum was translated into Urdu languages like Urdu, which is introduced in hundreds of schools all over the country. In the year 2006 we published Hindi version of the curriculum, which was released in IQRA's inter-faith program



IQRA's Hindi curriculum was released in IQRA's Inter-faith program in 2006

She helped in rehabilitation of poor families, particularly widows and orphans of those who lost their lives in civil disturbances, providing homes, arranging scholarships for children, making ration available for such families. It was during this period that she learnt that these poorest of the poor could not be fed on alms alone and they themselves should start some economic activity to earn their livelihood decently. She observed that the most of the widows were illiterate and did not know any work. The easiest way for them was begging.



Uzma Naheed established an NGO named **Assalah International** during this period. While doing all her existing social work under the umbrella of this new organization, she started free technical courses for ladies in Mumbai near Mumbai.



Technical Institute for Girls:

Ms. Uzma established Ladies Wing at M.H. Saboo Siddik Polytechnics managed and run by Anjuman-I-Islam. Twenty short time courses specially designed for Muslim girls were started including Fashion Designing, fabric Painting, Screen Printing and Journalism both in Urdu and English. More than 3500 girls received diploma/ certificates through these courses.



With a view to establish these girls in business Uzma participated in various exhibitions and also organized a special exhibition to display and sale the products manufactured by these girls.



She was always in touch with Muslim ladies with grievances, created mostly due to matrimonial issues and lack of Shariah. She coordinated and presented the position of such women before Ulama. She was made a member by the Muslim Personal Law Board so that she could voice the plight of Muslim women.



Uzma Naheed
honored with an
International Award
by World Trade Center



Mumbai March 27, 2017 Uzma Naheed, famous social activist has received a prestigious international award for her exemplary work for women mainly to uplift them economically and socially. Her programs under her NGO IIWA is recognized for women empowerment at national level in India The award was given to her by the Counsel General of Sri Lanka in a Global Economic Summit organized by World Trade Centre Mumbai today. Addressing to the august gathering of delegates from 25 countries she narrated a story of a mother who was thrown out of the house by her 5 sons, she was fainted by this harsh act of her own sons and was lying whole night on a road with dogs trying to bite her hands. She said this incident made her so restless that she vowed to empower women. She said that there are two problems of poor women who have art in their hands: 'what to make and where to sell'? IIWA solved these problems. IIWA is an NGO of the women and more than 3000 women are manufacturing 150 products with high quality. It is very important to open avenues for them specially to promote them. UZMA says we do not want our customers to do charity since the product manufactured by these women conforms to the international standard and quality at competitive price. It is sad that a majority of workers manufacturing beautiful Indian handicrafts are by Muslim women but they work as petty laborers. IIWA is a confluence where opportunities meet talent. On this 6th Global Summit key note address was by Dr. Mokhisakituji, Secretary General United Nations for trade and Development Geneva, Ms. Dhondy Tembo, Deputy Executive Director International Trade Centre, Ms. Michaela Markova Honorable Minister of labour and social affair of Czech Republic, Ms. Nora K Terrado, Under Secretary Dept. of Trade & Industries Philippines were also present. Besides the delegation from Consulate of Ira, Indonesia Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and many other countries witnessed this event.

Interfaith Dialogue and Religious Tolerance:

Since she had seen the trauma of Muslims particularly women in the aftermath of riots, she has always remained vocal in maintaining peace in the society. She has been participating in Inter faith Talks/ dialogues at various levels. These dialogues are either arranged or sponsored by Iqra or other organizations.

She is an active member of Time Foundation of Times of India with whom Iqra has also co-sponsored many Inter faith meetings.

The times Foundation had awarded her with a special mementos in a specially organized meeting hailing her exemplary work.



Respecting religious differences while celebrating our common humanity, *Religions for Peace* is active on every continent and in some of the most troubled areas of the world, creating multi-religious partnerships to confront our most dire issues: stopping war, ending poverty, and protecting the earth. Uzma Has attended two conferences at Kyoto Japan and New Delhi

World Conference of Religions for Peace is the largest international coalition of representatives from the world's great religions dedicated to promoting peace.



Dr. Gajendra Panda on the left. Mr. Tariq Abdullah, Member, Akshay Centre of Darul Uloom, Mr. Rana Mubashir (Times Foundation) and Uzma Has

In Bombay IQRA organized an interfaith meeting jointly with Times Foundation. The gathering was addressed by the Chancellor of Jamia Millia, scholars of Darul Uloom Deoband Times Foundation and ISKON. Keynote address was by Dr. Gajendra Panda of VHP Gujarat and Mr. Tariq Abdullah

Teachers! Training Programs:

Through Iqra Education Foundation, she arranged 22 Teachers Training Programs jointly with Iqra's Chief Training Coordinator Mrs. Nishat Imam. These trainings were held in more than 15 cities of India and two cities of Bangladesh



Teachers! Training Program in progress
St. Haris School, Meer Road



Teachers! Training Program in progress
Fatima Nadiadwala School, Mumbai

Nikahnama:

With the help of Ulama she discussed the concept and introduction of a conditional Nikahnama through which the women could be saved from misbehavior of people who take undue advantage of Shariah and go Scot free for, an act against Shariah is not considered a crime. She initiated discussions and arranged meetings of Ulama with scholars, advocates and social activists and has arranged for drafting a Model Nikahnama. Fiqh Academy sent this issue to hundreds of Ulama all over the country and their opinion were published as #Ishteraat Fin Nikah\$. After heated discussions and deliberations Muslim Personal law Board had adopted and released the Nikahnama, which is being used in India.



MEMBER ALLIANCE OF THE UNITED WORLD A PHILLIPINES BASED INTERNATIONAL NGO .

ATTENDED FOUR CONFERENCES OF US BASED ORGANIZATION ASIA FOUNDATION WORKING FOR WOMEN, HELD IN NEPAL, SRI LANKA, MALYSIA, INDONESIA AND DELHI AS RESOURCE PERSON.



Attending a Conference in New Delhi on Inter Civilizational Dialogue in a Globalizing World.

VISITED USA ON INVITATION FROM THE US GOVERNMENT UNDER THEIR INTERNATIONAL Visitor's PROGRAMS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS. PARTICIPATED IN LECTURES SYMPOSIA AT BERKLEY OXFORD UNIVERSITY, BOSTON AND GEORGE TOWN UNIVERSITIES. DELIVERED LECTURE IN ISNA CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO IN 2003.



Visited USA under their International Visitors! Program for Religious Educators.

LED #KHAWATEEN BEDARI CARAVANS IN WEST BENGAL AND BIHAR AND ADDRESSED MORE THAN 30,000 WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE JOURNEY.



OTHER ACTIVITIES & FFILIATIONS:
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EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENT

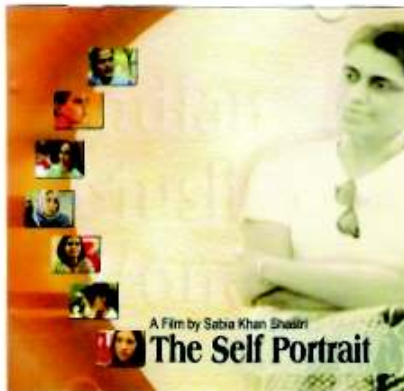
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Attached to an Indian Muslim NGO Human Development Initiative. Addressing its first conference in Delhi



Visited Rashtrapati Bhawan and met President of India, Mr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam and presented IQRAs books to him for review. He appreciated the efforts of Iqra! in promoting communal harmony.



A film by Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India was produced in 2006, which was directed by Saba Shastri titled 'SELF PORTRAIT!'. The film portrayed multi-dimensional work done by social activists in the field of education and economy to uplift poor particularly women. This film contained work and interview of Uzma Naheed and was distributed in over 170 countries all over the world.



Uzma Naheed visited Iran in 2007 to attend an international conference on development of a curriculum based on Sirah of Rasulallah (S) organized by Ministry of Education Government of Iran. Her paper on the subject was appreciated.



LEFT TO RIGHT: MR. SAHABUDDIN, CHAIRMAN, TIMES FOUNDATION
REV. FR. GEORGE PAUL, MR. SHAWUN NABAWI HIKU SCHOLAR AND MS. USMA WAHEED

READ A PAPER IN A SYMPOSIUM ON # SOCIO ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL CONDITIONS OF MUSLIM ARTISANS, CRAFTMEN & TRADERS ORGANIZED BY CENTRE FOR PROMOTION OF EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT OF MUSLIMS OF INDIA, ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY IN FEB., 2005.

PARTICIPATED IN A STUDY TOUR IN JAN 2005, FOR SOUTH ASIAN MUSLIM LEADERS, ORGANISED BY INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR ISLAM & PLURALISM AS RESOURCE PERSON.

PARTICIPATED IN A CONFERENCE HELD AT KATHMANDU (NEPAL) IN MARCH 2005, ON WOMEN IN ISLAM IN SOUTH EAST ASIA. AS A SPECIAL RESOURCE PERSON

IQRA INTERNATIONAL WOMENS! ALLIANCE



Uzma Naheed is Founder President of **IIWA** (IQRA INTERNATIONAL WOMENS! ALLIANCE) with a goal of True Spirit & Strong Mind. It's an organization by professional Muslim women synergizing their energies and services for you.

IIWA's MISSION:

- To be a recourse of all information relating to Muslim women by providing a non-fatalistic and symbiotic approach in a Shariah-compliant way.
- Enhance education, create awareness and help broaden women's perspective.
- Redeem and refashion women's life the Islamic way.
- Recognise. Acknowledge and act on women's issues.
- Aid positive physical, emotional and spiritual health.
- Promote communal harmony.

IIWA AIMS:

- To co-ordinate and organize Islamic conferences and lectures.
 - Introduce Islam in convent and other schools for Muslim students.
 - Entry for Muslim women in Masajids.
 - Organizing interfaith dialogue, symposia for promoting communal harmony.
 - Social networking with Muslims across the globe.
 - International scholarship for one Muslim girl every year.
 - Arrange hajj for one under-privileged lady every year.
- IIWA will be supporting other organizations, rising beyond the religious barrier and will also be supported by other organizations.

تتميزنا بالعلم
سماهی پیامبر اعظم و برنامه های درسی



هو العليم

"Appreciation"

هو الذى أرسل رسوله بالهدى و دین الحق ...

Dear *Madam Uzma Naheed*

To appreciate your sincere scientific efforts in the first International conference on the sیره of Holy prophet(PBUH) and the school Curricula, which is the way to pave the grounds for exchange of the insights and experiences between national and international intellectuals and scholars in respect to the methods and approaches to make the best use of the Holy prophet s sیره in promotion of education, this board of appreciation is presented to you.

I hope by taking the Holy Prophets Image into consideration and under his patronage and auspices, we witness the ever-increasing cooperation between Muslim intellectuals and scholars.

Jamile Alamolhoda
Academic Secretary of the
Conference

Certificate of Appreciation given to Ms. Uzma Naheed for her exemplary work in the field of education given by Jamia Alamolhoda, Iran in a conference held in Tehran in 2007 wherein she also read a paper on Islamic curriculum.



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كلية دار العلوم
المكتبة

تتقدم كلية دار العلوم بالشكر العميق للسيدة/ عظمى ناهيد مديرة مؤسسة اقرأ
التعليمية العالمية (فرع الهند) على هديتها القيمة في أثناء زيارتها لمكتبة دار العلوم ،
والمتمثلة في كتب المنهج الدراسي في المرحلة الابتدائية والإعدادية للطلاب المسلمين .
والمكتبة إذ تشكر لكم هذا الصنيع وتتمنى لكم المزيد من الإنتاج والتوفيق ، ونطمح فسى
أن يظل حلل الود موصولاً إلى ما يشاء الله .



عميد الكلية

أ.د. أحمد كشك

Certificate of Appreciation given to Ms. Uzma Naheed for her exemplary work
in the field of education given by Caro University (Egypt) when she visited
Cairo in 2005