



Tomb of Dargah-e-Alahazrat

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AGENDA

TILAWAT-E-QURAN2:30 PM
WELCOME & INTRODUCTION2:35 PM

THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE
ALTERNATING NAATS AND SPEECHES
ON THE
LIFE AND WORKS OF
HAZRAT IMAM AHMED RAZA KHAN BARELVI
FAMOUS AS
A'LAA HAZRAT
(MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON HIM).



WELCOME

In the Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful
Prayers and Peace upon His Noble Messenger ﷺ

All Praise be to Allah and Peace and Blessings upon His Chosen and Beloved Messenger, the Mercy of the Worlds, the Final Prophet, Chief of this world and the Next World, Best of Creation, Present and Witnessing One, and upon His Blessed Companions, His Family and His Pure Wives, and all His followers till Judgment Day.

*Mustafaa jaane rehmat pe laakhon salaam
Sham'e bazme hidaayat pe laakhon salaam*

*Millions of salutations on The Chosen One ﷺ, The Essence of Mercy ﷺ
Millions of salutations on the Light of Guidance ﷺ*

No star shines as brightly in the sky of 20th century Islamic spiritual revival than the name of Imam Ahmed Raza Khan Afghani Barelvi *rahmatullah ta'ala alayh* (1856 - 1921 CE). Universally conferred with the title of A'laa Hazrat *رحمته*, this great personality of the Indian Subcontinent arose to restore, preserve and promote the true light and spirit of Islam, which is founded in none other than the great love, honor and respect for the Best of Creation, the Holy Prophet Muhammad *sallallahu alayhi wa sallam* - Mercy to the Universe.

A'laa Hazrat *rahmatullah alayh* exhibited signs of Divine Providence and intellectual & spiritual genius from a very tender age. He completed the Holy Quran at the age of four and became astonishingly well versed in more than fifty branches of learning, pertaining to Ancient, Current & Oriental Sciences and left contributions in all these academic disciplines. He delivered his first public lecture to an audience that included high caliber scholars at the age of 6, and issued

his first *fatwa* at the age of 13. A'laa Hazrat رحمته اللہ علیہ was a prolific writer and savant with a phenomenal memory. He memorized the entire Holy Quran in one month by simply perusing its verses chapter by chapter between *Maghrib* and *Isha* every-day. He wrote over 1000 books during his short life span of 65 years in Arabic, Persian, and Urdu on diversified topics such as *Tafseer* (Quranic Exegesis), *Aqaaid* (Beliefs), *Hadeeth*, *Fiqh* (Islamic Jurisprudence), *Tajweed*, *Tasawwuf*, Grammar, History, Poetry, Mathematics, Philosophy and more.

Among his most notable works is the *Kanz-ul-Iman*, a beautiful rendering of the Holy Quran into the Urdu language. This mammoth endeavor is a very distinguished contribution to scholarship as it maintains the key element of the Islamic spirit – *adab*. A'laa Hazrat's رحمته اللہ علیہ choice of words when translating the Arabic verses of the Holy Quran are very careful and conscientious and therefore deliver the highest honor and respect for Allah Almighty and His Beloved Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam*. Another labor of love that stands out amongst A'laa Hazrat's رحمته اللہ علیہ ocean of writings is his *Salaam-e-Raza: Mustafaa Jaane Rehmat pe laakhon salaam*, which holds the distinction of being the longest salutation to the Holy Prophet Muhammad *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* in any language. It is a pearl in the *Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish*, an anthology of his poetry.

This great luminary cannot be claimed by the Muslim world alone but by all people of truth. At present, many Islamic and Western universities, and colleges throughout the world are researching and translating the works of this great Muslim scholar. Some of the countries in which research is being carried out are: India, Pakistan, USA, England, Holland, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and South Africa. Dr. Barbara Metcalf, Professor of History at the University of Michigan, says:

"He [A'laa Hazrat] was outstanding from the very beginning on account of his extraordinary intelligence. ... Ahmed Raza himself was a towering fig-

ure, revered for his extraordinary memory, mental agility, and intellectual capacity, and honored as a Mujaddid and a Shaikh. Guarded in his relation to the British Government, he sought above all to guard what he saw as correct practice and make religion vital in the personal life of Muslims of his day."

A'laa Hazrat's رحمته message is one of upholding the truth about the Final Messenger of Allah ﷺ as documented by the authentic texts of Islam. It is only if the Messenger ﷺ is upheld, can the true spirit and intent of the message be upheld which is none other than the establishment of peace within oneself, with one's fellow creatures and with Allah Almighty Himself. Such is the etymology and goal of the religion Islam. This is in clear contradistinction to the actions of those who have disconnected themselves from Islamic scholarship and spirituality and simply use the name of religion to commit heinous crimes under its banner.

In short, A'laa Hazrat رحمته was a jurist, theologian, poet, and a reviver whose life revolved around the motto "Love the Holy Prophet ﷺ." Promoting this essential message is a very noble mission. We pray by the *waseela* of the Holy Prophet *sallallahu alayhi wa sallam* that we can take his message forward in the best possible manner, as this will insha Allah make for a better world and be the cause for our salvation and deliverance in Next World as well. Aameen.

*Daal dee qalb mein azmate Mustafaa ﷺ
Sayyadee A'laa Hazrat رحمته pe laakhon salaam*

*He placed in the heart reverence for The Chosen One ﷺ
Millions of salutations on our master A'laa Hazrat رحمته*



❧ EXCERPTS FROM "SAB SE AULA-O-A'LA'" ❧

Sab se aula-o-aala hamara Nabi ﷺ
Sab se baala-o-aalaa hamara Nabi ﷺ

Our Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) is the highest
Our Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) is the greatest

Apne Maula ka pyaara hamara Nabi ﷺ
Donon aalam ka dulha hamara Nabi ﷺ

He (Peace Be Upon Him) is the Beloved of His Creator
He (Peace Be Upon Him) is the Groom of both worlds

Bujh gaen jiske aage sabhi mashalen
Shamma wo lekar aaya hamara Nabi ﷺ

Jinke talvon ka dhowan hai aab-e-hayaat
Hai wo jaane maseeha hamara Nabi ﷺ

Kaun deta hai dene ko muhn chahiye
Dene wala hai sachcha hamara Nabi ﷺ

Ghamzadon ko Raza mujhda dejiye ke hain
Bekason ka sahara hamara Nabi ﷺ

Sab se aula-o-aala hamara Nabi ﷺ
Sab se baala-o-aalaa hamara Nabi ﷺ



❧ EXCERPTS FROM QASEEDA NOOR ❧

*Subha Taybaa mein huwee bat-taa he baara Noor ka
Sadqa lene Noor ka aaya he taara Noor ka*

*Baagh-e Taybaa mein Suhaana phool phoola Noor ka
Mast boo hai bulbule parti he Kalma Noor ka*

*Mein Gadaa Tu Baadshah bhar de piyaala Noor ka
Noor din duunaa teraa dedaal Sadqa Noor ka*

*TaaJ Waale dekh kar tera Imaama Noor ka
Sar jhuka te hain Ilaahi bol baalaa Noor ka*

*Sham'a dil mishkaat tan Seenaa zujaajah Noor ka
Teri Soorat ke liye aayah hai Surah Noor ka*

*Teri Nasl-e Paak mein he Bachcha Bachcha Noor ka
Too he 'ayn-e-noor tera sab Gharaana Noor ka*

*Chaand jhuk jaata jidhar Unglee uthaate Mahd mein
Kyaa hi chaltaa thaa Ishaaron par Khilawnaa Noor ka*

*Kaaf gesu Haa dahan Yaa Abr-o-Aakhen ayn saad
Kaaf Haa Yaa Ayn Saad Un kaa hai Chahra Noor ka*

*Ay Raza ye Ahmed-e Noori ka Fayz-e Noor hai
Ho gaye meri Ghazal bar kar Qaseeda Noor ka*



❧ EXCERPTS FROM THE SALAM-E-RAZA ﷺ ❧

*Mustafaa ﷺ jaane rahmat pe lakhon salaam
Sham'e bazme hidaayat pe lakhon salaam*

Millions of salutations on Mustafa ﷺ, Essence of Mercy
Millions of salutations on the Light of Guidance

*Nur ke chashme lehraen darya bahen
Ungliyon ki karamat pe lakhon salaam*

Fountains of spiritual light, like seas overflowing
Millions of salutations on the miracle of His Blessed Fingers

*Jis ke maathe shafaa'at ka sehra rahaa
Us Jabeene sa'aadat pe lakhon salaam*

The Bridegroom garlanded with powers of intercession
Millions of salutations on His immensely good nature

*Jis taraf uth gaen dam me dam aa gayaa
Us nigaahen inaayat pe lakhon salaam*

Millions of salutations on that enriching glance
Which brought life in whichever direction it turned

*Wo dahan jis ki har baat wahiye Khuda
Chashmaae 'ilmo hikmat pe lakhon salaam*

The Blessed Mouth whose every word
is a revelation from Allah
Millions of salutations on the
Fountain of Knowledge & Wisdom

*Wo zubaan jis ko sab gun ki kunjee kahen
Us ki naafiz hukumat pe lakhon salaam*

The Blessed Tongue, which was
the key to all the orders of Allah
Millions of salutations on its well-established governance

*Kul jahaan milk aur jau ki roti ghizaa
Us shikam ki qanaa'at pe lakhon salaam*

He owned the whole world yet fed on barley bread alone
Millions of salutations on that Contented Appetite

*Jis suhaanee gharee chamka Tayba ka chaand
Us dil afroz saa'at pe lakhon salaam*

The beautiful moment when Tayba's moon shone bright
Millions of salutations on that joy-filling moment of His birth

*Ek mera hee Rahmat pe da'wa naheen
Shah ki saari ummat pe lakhon salaam*

I am not the only one with a claim in his mercy
Millions of salutations on all the followers of that King ﷺ

*Shaf'ee رحمته اللہ علیہ Maalik رحمته اللہ علیہ Ahmed رحمته اللہ علیہ Imam-e-Haneef رحمته اللہ علیہ
Chaar baaghe Imaamat pe laakhon salaam*

Imam Shaf'ee رحمته اللہ علیہ Imam Malik رحمته اللہ علیہ
Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal رحمته اللہ علیہ Imam Abu Hanifa رحمته اللہ علیہ
Millions of salutations on the
four gardens of leadership

Syyeda Tayyeba 'Aabida Zaahida
Ya'nee Khaatoon-e-Jannat رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا pe laakhon salaam

The Leader, The Pure, The Worshipper, The Ascetic
Millions of salutations on the Lady of Paradise رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا
[i.e. Hazrat Fatima-tuz-Zahra رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا]

Ghaus-e-Azam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ Imam ut Tuqaa wan Nuqaa
Jalwa-e-Shaan-e-qudrat pe laakhon salaam

The Greatest Helper, The Pious Leader
Millions of salutations on the
light and glory of creation
[i.e. Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilani رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ]

Daal dee qalb mein azmat-e-Mustafa ﷺ
Syyadee A'laa Hazrat رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ pe laakhon salaam

He placed in the heart reverence for
The Chosen One ﷺ
Millions of salutations on our master
A'laa Hazrat رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ



About IECRC

IECRC is a non-profit, non-political 501 (c)(3) organization, devoted to providing academic and spiritual resources to diverse religious and cultural groups. IECRC was established in 2002 and is based in Fremont, California. As a community service organization, it is based on the model of the centuries old Islamic tradition of bringing peace and harmony to society by addressing the essential needs of people regardless of their cast, creed, color or religion.

IECRC's long-term vision is to insha Allah (God willing) establish a world-class, vibrant and dynamic university that provides a forum for those seeking to quench the thirst of the heart and mind in the merger of ancient and modern knowledge and sciences in order to provide solutions to issues of our contemporary times with the goal of promoting peace, brotherhood and the betterment of humanity at large.

In order to achieve this vision, IECRC has several short term plans which are divided into the areas of education (both children and adult), culture, research and counseling.

EDUCATION: IECRC would like to insha Allah establish a low-cost, affordable full-time school for children ages 5 - 15 years where the young minds will be taught both traditional Islamic as well as modern knowledges. They will also be oriented in Islamic *adab* (etiquette). *This requires a school building or a piece of land where one can be built.*

CULTURE: IECRC would like to promote Islamic culture within the Muslim community and to bring Islamic cultural awareness to other faith communities. *This goal requires a community center with an auditorium.*

RESEARCH: IECRC intends to insha Allah establish a comprehensive library with a collection of Islamic books including rare ones in original sources, publish a quarterly Islamic Social Sciences Research Journal, and invite scholars of high caliber from around the world on a tenure basis. *These goals require a physical facility for the library, a printing press for efficient publishing of journals and books and a guest house to lodge visiting scholars.*

COUNSELING: IECRC would like to expand its already existing services of spiritual healing and counseling. Topics covered would be in the areas of Family Affairs (Marriage - *Nikah*, Divorce - *Talaq*, etc.), Individual Counseling (Depression, Anxiety, etc.), Legal Aid & Medical Camps. *The above goals require a physical facility for the counseling center that can lodge patients seeking help from far away places.*

We invite your feedback, help and support!

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