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عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

Translation

O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Open the door of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the Most Honourable and Glorious!

(Al-Mustatraf, vol. 1, pp. 40)

Note: Recite Durood upon the Beloved Rasool ﷺ once before and after the Du'a.

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Preamble

In every age, there have existed such people who took the initiative to preach the religion, form a Muslim society and reform the Ummah. It is through their efforts that the correct teachings of Islam reached us. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, such people will keep coming till the Day of Judgement who will receive the honour of preaching and promoting Islam.

One of these fortunate personalities is Sheikh-e-Tareeqat Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri as well. Filled with the passion to reform the society and preach the religion, he laid the foundation of the global non-political movement for the preaching of Quran and Sunnah, Dawat-e-Islami with the Madani aim: I must strive to reform myself and the people of the entire world.

This booklet, '*Interesting information about Dawat-e-Islami*' is the written version of the programme aired on Madani Channel on the 39th Foundation Day of this splendid movement, in which you will read about the first meeting of the Islamic scholars to establish Dawat-e-Islami, the appointment of Dawat-e-Islami's head and the beginning of the activities of Dawat-e-Islami etc.

This booklet was compiled in 2020. By the time it was published, the performance of some of the departments commendably increased, which has been mentioned at the end of the booklet on page number 55. This booklet has been compiled by a representative of Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department, Maulana Abdullah Na'eem Attari Madani.

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT DAWAT- E-ISLAMI¹

No matter how much Satan tries to make you feel lazy, read this booklet (56 pages) in full. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, you will acquire a priceless treasure of knowledge.

Excellence of Salat

The Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** said: Indeed, Jibraeel **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام** gave me the glad tidings that whoever recites Salat upon you, Allah Almighty sends mercy upon him and whoever recites Salam upon you, Allah Almighty sends safety upon him.²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

¹ (This booklet is the written version of the programme aired on Madani Channel on Dawat-e-Islami Day on 14th Muharram-ul-Haram, 1442 Hijri corresponding to 2nd September, 2020. It has been compiled by Al-Madina-tul-Ilmiya's sub-department, 'Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat'. (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

² (Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 1, p. 407, Hadith: 1664, Dar Al-Fikr Beirut)

First meeting of the Islamic scholars for establishing Dawat-e-Islami

Question: Please state some early accounts of Dawat-e-Islami as to how Dawat-e-Islami was established. *(Question from Nigran-e-Shura)*

Answer: I used to lead Salah at Noor Masjid (Kaghazi Bazar, Karachi). The younger brother of the late Na't Khuwan Yousuf Memon, visited me, handed me an invitation card and said: Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has sent this invitation for you. The invitation card read: There is a meeting at my house with regards to Dawat-e-Islami, in which Allamah Arshad Al-Qadiri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ and others will participate. I went to the meeting with some of my friends. Ghazali-e-Zamahn Allamah Syed Ahmad Sa'd Kazmi Shah Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ and many other elders of Ahl-e-Sunnat were present there. Allamah Arshad Al-Qadiri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ delivered a speech regarding Dawat-e-Islami and the honourable Islamic scholars gave their recommendations and suggestions. ¹

Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani and Allamah Arshad Al-Qadiri's رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ organisational mindset and their yearning for Islam was inspiring. Their conversations were reflecting their compassion for Maslak-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat. There was no mention of (the current) politics in their conversation,

¹ (This meeting was held on 2nd September, 1981 | Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

meaning, an overview of the kind of movement they wanted is as follows: Going away from (the current) politics, such a movement should be founded in which people may come towards good deeds, offer Salah, the Sunan prevail and resources could be arranged for safeguarding their faith.

Appointment of Dawat-e-Islami's leader

On the Urs (passing anniversary) of Sadr Al-Shar'iah Badr Al-Tareeqah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad Ali A'zami رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, when I went to Dar-ul-Uloom Amjadiyyah, Maulana Qaari Raza Al-Mustafa Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ met me there and said: Our maternal uncle i.e. Maulana Arshad Al-Qadiri Sahib is calling for you and has said: I will appoint Ilyas Qadiri the leader of Dawat-e-Islami. Then, Qaari Raza Al-Mustafa Sahib said: Go to so-and-so room. So, I went there. Allamah Arshad Al-Qadiri Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said to me there: We are appointing you Dawat-e-Islami's leader in Karachi. Besides this, more meetings were also held. Ultimately, I accepted (the suggestion of forming) Dawat-e-Islami. Then, I started the work with as much effort as I could muster and now, Dawat-e-Islami is before you.

Beginning of the activities of Dawat-e-Islami

At that time, there was neither a working committee nor any structure of the movement. You can say that it was as though they handed Dawat-e-Islami to me and said: Look after Dawat-

e-Islami! You are on your own now. However, Allamah Arshad Al-Qadiri Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ did say that he was writing a manifesto for it. (Afterwards,) I received that manifesto but I could not read it completely because the text was extremely tiny. Anyway, I started the work however I could. There is a famous saying that work teaches work. So, it is true that we learnt the work while doing the work. I was accompanied by a group of my friends. We started the work together. Allah Almighty's help and His Beloved's صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ kind glance and blessings remained with us that, while continuously increasing, this work has reached this point and آجُزُهُ لِيَلَهُ today, we are celebrating (the 39th) Dawat-e-Islami Day. The Islamic brothers who were with me in the beginning are also attending this Ijtima of ours. Some of them are those who were quite active in their time but now, they have grown old. There are such youths in Dawat-e-Islami as well who opened their eyes in the religious environment of Dawat-e-Islami. May Allah Almighty accept everyone's services!

The honourable Al-Haaj Syed Abdul Qadir Shah Zia'i Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ better known as 'Bapu Sharif' has played a vital role in Dawat-e-Islami. His share is also included in the progress of Dawat-e-Islami. As long as the Lord willed, he did great work for Dawat-e-Islami. May Allah Almighty shroud him in mercy and accept his services. May He forgive him and his offspring without accountability! May He forgive me and my offspring without accountability for his sake!

The very first Ijtima of Dawat-e-Islami

Question: Where and how was Dawat-e-Islami's first Ijtima held?¹

Answer: The very first Ijtima of Dawat-e-Islami was held at Jami' Masjid Gulzar-e-Habib (Karachi) under the affectionate patronage of Khateeb-e-Pakistan Maulana Muhammad Shafi' Okarvi Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. Maulana Muhammad Shafi' Okarvi Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is our benefactor. He has done many favours to us. He said: Turn my Masjid into your centre. He did not use to interfere in any of our matters. We would work however we wanted. He had given us absolute authority.

Endorsement of Dawat-e-Islami from Khateeb-e-Pakistan

Khateeb-e-Pakistan Maulana Muhammad Shafi' Okarvi Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ ordered his son, Maulana Kokab Noorani Okarvi Sahib to give us a written endorsement. He gave him that writing on which he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ made his signature. In that writing, support for me and Dawat-e-Islami was expressed and the following was also written: Dawat-e-Islami belongs to Ahl-

¹ (This question has been made by Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department whereas the answer has been given by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَاعِمَةُ اَنْوَاعِ الْهُدَى الْعَالَمِيَّة) (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

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e-Sunnat. Everyone should support it. Thus, Dawat-e-Islami's Ijtima started at Jami' Masjid Gulzar-e-Habib (Karachi) and it was also declared the very first centre of Dawat-e-Islami. Then, Dawat-e-Islami continued to expand and the number of Ijtima'at increased to a great extent. Therefore, Jami' Masjid Gulzar-e-Habib became too small for the Ijtima so a plot was bought (at Old Sabzi Mandi, University Road, Karachi) and Dawat-e-Islami's global Madani Markaz Faizan-e-Madinah was constructed.¹

And up to now, more than 786 Faizan-e-Madinah have been established all around the world.

Dawat-e-Islami's progress and Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's emotions

All of this is no achievement of mine; it is all my Lord's blessing, His Beloved's glance, the virtue of my Ghaus Pak and the blessing of my A'la Hazrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ. The one who claims that it is a result of his efforts, should be careful because an egotistic person is fated for destruction. Therefore, one should not be egotistic; instead, we should always look towards the mercy of Allah Almighty that this has all happened only by His bestowal and His blessing. It is His

¹ (The global Madani Markaz Faizan-e-Madinah at Old Sabzi Mandi, University Road in Karachi was built in 1991 CE) (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

bestowment that we found a way, otherwise, people make progress in the film industry and some climb the ladder of success in the field of sports, but it is the blessing of Allah Almighty that He gave us an opportunity to serve His religion. The only wish is that all of it would be accepted!

Dawat-e-Islami has been making progress ever since its establishment!

Question: You started Dawat-e-Islami in September, 1981 CE in Karachi city. Since Karachi is a huge city and thousands of organisations are working here, so at that time, did you expect that Allah Almighty would grant such prosperity to Dawat-e-Islami that this movement would spread all over the world?

Answer: When Allamah Arshad Al-Qadiri Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ asked me to take charge of Dawat-e-Islami, I refused while thinking the same things that how I could work amidst so many problems. So, a friend of mine said: Ilyas, we have to do the work anyway. This is a good opportunity. Accept the offer. Even if we cannot do the work and do not succeed, who will come and ask us why we did not do the work? We accepted the responsibility and started the work with the name of Allah Almighty. الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ, we achieved astonishing success. I could not even imagine that a person like me would attain so much honour and I would become famous all over the world. 'مَنْ أَنْتَ كَيْدَ مَنْ دَانَهُ' i.e. I know what I am. It is the blessing of Allah

Almighty that we took the step and the paths kept forming. I can say that whatever step we took for Dawat-e-Islami, Dawat-e-Islami only moved forward. It has never stepped back for a single second. We kept getting diamonds each better than the other. We did not even know that the Sunnis have people each better than the other and what immensely useful people there are, but when we started the work, we were blessed. Allah helps those who help themselves.

The vehicle of an organisation runs on the wheels of problems!

No one must think: How will the work be done in my locality or town. There are many opposing people here. Work with sincerity. **إِنَّ هَذَا إِلَهُ**, the destination itself will embrace you. If you fall prey to satanic whispers and sit back, you will keep sitting back. I also met such people who discouraged me, so much so that a Memon said to me in his language: **هَنْتَرِے الیاس! تُو دُوڈیواییں تو کم کرے کرے** (i.e. O Ilyas! Although, you have set forth but it is beyond your capabilities!) Then a time came when the same man used to kiss my hands. Had I got disheartened upon listening to him and sat back, things might have gone awry. Many people made me a target of taunts and derisions, and opposed me but Allah Almighty granted me courage and valour and that time also passed. Some people oppose me even today. If we mind their criticism and sit back, how will work be done? Remember! The vehicle of any

organization runs on the wheels of problems. The more the work increases, the more the problems do, too but one must not panic because of them. The city or locality where there are a lot of problems, we understand that the work of Dawat-e-Islami is more there, which is why problems are arising. It is obvious that when a car comes on the road, only then is it dented. It does not happen that the car remains parked in a garage and gets dented.

Fondness for acting upon the Sunan since childhood

Question: You said that we must not break hearts when working. Even though everyone knows this, but when something like this happens, they cannot stand it. They do not have the courage to face opposition from people and when they stumble a few times, they sit down having been tired. Please state something in this regard. *(Question from Nigran-e-Shura)*

Answer: Even before the establishment of Dawat-e-Islami, I was immensely inclined towards good deeds. I used to keep the bottom of my pyjama above the ankles. Hardly anyone used to do that in that era. It was something surprising for the people. Today, even some preachers of Dawat-e-Islami keep the bottoms of their lower garments below the ankles. These poor people accept defeat against the society. They do the work but they fear the society. It should not be like that. Back in my adolescence or youth, someone said to me: Ilyas, one should follow the society. Why do you walk separate from the society?

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Why do you do all this? So, I replied to him: Man is not that person who follows the society. Man is that person whom the society follows. How is it fair that whatever right or wrong, Halal or Haram is happening in the society, we start following it? I cannot bring myself to follow this society.

My honour was preserved and I remained safe from following the society. And now, the society is behind me i.e. there are multitudes who follow me. Anyway, one should not lose hope. Allah Almighty helps those who help themselves.

Tahka mandah hay woo jo pa'oon apnay tor kar baytha

Wahi pohancha huwa tehra jo pohancha ko`ay jana mayn

How was Dawat-e-Islami's annual Ijtima started?

Question: Dawat-e-Islami's annual Ijtima used to be held. How did you think of it at first?

Answer: When the work started, a number of new Islamic brothers joined us and the veteran Islamic brothers became more active. So, we thought that an annual Ijtima should also be held. Thus, the annual Ijtima of Dawat-e-Islami was started and the very first annual Ijtima was held at Kakri Ground (a ground located in an area of Old Karachi)¹

1 (This Ijtima was held on 25th and 26th November, 1982 CE) (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

As long as Allah Almighty willed, this event continued. However, venues kept changing, for example, it was first held at Kakri Ground, then it was moved to Korangi, Karachi and then it was shifted to Multan Sharif, the city of Pakistan. Thus, it was declared the centre of our annual Ijtima.

The reason for moving the annual Ijtima from Karachi to the city of Punjab, Multan was that the devotees of Rasool from all across the world used to attend the Ijtima. Moreover, a large number of people used to come to attend the Ijtima even from the remote areas of Pakistan, and Multan Sharif is almost in the middle of Pakistan. Hence, it was convenient for those coming to attend the Ijtima to come to Multan.

How did Madani Qafilahs start in Dawat-e-Islami?

Question: Madani Qafilahs have played an important role in the progress of Dawat-e-Islami. When did they start?

Answer: The Madani Qafilahs that travel these days have started a few years ago. Before this, there was a series that we called, 'Wafd (delegation)'. Someone once said to me: We will take you on a tour of Hyderabad. Since it used to be printed in newspapers that so-and-so toured so-and-so country, so I thought: me and a tour? (i.e. I thought that a tour was something huge.) Then, that time also came when we visited Hyderabad as well. Anyway, we visited various cities of Pakistan in the form of a delegation and this series that started

from Karachi continued and reached Sindh, Punjab, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Thus, this delegation visited all the provinces of Pakistan. First of all, our delegation visited Khoski, District Badin (Sindh) and our delegation that went there was quite big. This series continued. Then, we officially started 4-day Qafilas but this could only last for a short while and was not successful. So, we shortened this Qafilah to three days. This was convenient and this strategy turned out to be successful because of which the number of people as well as the religious activities increased.

Since one has to make sacrifices in a Madani Qafilah, so some people do not travel out of laziness despite having time thinking: There will not be the same comfort as home in a journey. We will have to spend nights and days in a Masjid. Electricity problems will also be there. We cannot sleep without an air conditioner at home. Even the fan in the Masjid troubles us. If the Qafilah travels to a village or a rural area, the trial will further increase as even the fans there are not in working order and the heat is a separate issue and mosquitoes also come to 'kiss' our feet. Even those who call themselves the people of Dawat-e-Islami, there are a large number who do not travel in Madani Qafilahs. Generally, only the poor people travel in Madani Qafilahs although those who are used to luxuries should also travel, as they will face more difficulty so they will get more reward as well. Remember that Madani Qafilahs have a lot of importance. It is because of them that

Dawat-e-Islami has been introduced all over the world. It is not like Dawat-e-Islami has made progress because of Madani Channel. **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, Dawat-e-Islami had acquired fame in the world long before Madani Channel and the activities of Dawat-e-Islami were being carried out in many countries of the world. Then, we also got Madani Channel. You can say that we have not attained Dawat-e-Islami from Madani Channel, but rather Madani Channel from Dawat-e-Islami.

How were the words, ‘Madinah’ and ‘Faizan’ introduced in Dawat-e-Islami?

Question: In the religious environment of Dawat-e-Islami, two words are quite common: one word is ‘Madinah’ and the other word is ‘Faizan’. Please describe how both of these words became popular in the religious environment of Dawat-e-Islami. Moreover, why do they have so much importance?

Answer: Madinah is ingrained in the character of Sunnis. The remembrance of Madinah is the food of our souls. What have you seen if you have not seen Madinah! The remembrance of Madinah used to be done even before Dawat-e-Islami and **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, it will continue till the Day of Judgement. However, the word, ‘Faizan’ was introduced in Dawat-e-Islami.

‘Faizan’ comes from ‘Fayz (blessing)’ and ‘Fayz’ is a common word. We named the very first global Madani centre of Dawat-e-Islami built in Karachi, ‘Faizan-e-Madinah’. Then, I got the

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honour of compiling a book for giving Dars at the Masjid. So, I titled it, 'Faizan-e-Sunnat'.

The slogan of A'la Hazrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رحمۃ اللہ علیہ 'Fayz-e-Raza' used to be chanted. This was a correct slogan, but when the movement of Sunnis, Dawat-e-Islami came into being, so in its religious environment, this slogan used to be chanted as, 'Faizan-e-Raza'. In fact, this slogan also became common for the honourable companions رضی اللہ عنہم, the sacred Ahl-e-Bayt رضی اللہ عنہم and the respected Awliya and the following started to be chanted: Faizan-e-Sahabah-o-Ahl-e-Bayt, Faizan-e-Awliya. Thus, the word, 'Faizan' was introduced. Now, this word has become so famous in its association with Dawat-e-Islami that the Masjid that are built under Dawat-e-Islami's Khuddam-ul-Masajid Wal Madaris Department, usually, they are identified by the same word i.e. the word 'Faizan' is affixed to the name of the Masjid. If the name of a Masjid is 'Faizan-e-Imam Husain', the observer will understand that this Masjid is run by the people of Dawat-e-Islami or Dawat-e-Islami is a contributor in some form in its construction. And when it is like that, then it will also become plainly obvious that this Masjid is run by the devotees of the blessed companions and the great Ahl-e-Bayt رضی اللہ عنہم.

You did not use to appear on TV before. Why do you do now?

Question: There are many things that Dawat-e-Islami did not do before but they are now being gradually started, for

example, appearing on video and television, and the activities of Dawat-e-Islami Welfare. So, don't you feel that when the need arises, Dawat-e-Islami will join politics as well, or at least an announcement will be made endorsing some political party?

Answer: I literally was not convinced about TV and video recording. Then, I saw the Fatawa of the honourable Islamic scholars. Some Islamic scholars still do not consider videos permissible. Those gentlemen have their own opinion based on proofs. However, the majority of Islamic scholars have declared watching and making videos permissible based on proofs. We are following their opinion. Yes, there is a difference between a digital photograph and a physical camera photograph. Anyway, the work we are doing through Madani Channel is before everyone. By virtue of it, many people have come close to the religion, non-Muslims embraced Islam, those who missed Salah became Salah performers. Thus, a lot of benefit for the religion has been gained.

The majority of common people are non-political!

As far as (the current) politics is concerned, I have been observing it throughout my 70+ years of life. The politics in my early age was the same as it is today, but in the current politics, there are more evils. First, sticks were used, then stones were thrown, then they started firing bullets and now, bomb blasts are done. The current politics has become quite

dangerous. That is the reason why the majority of the country is non-political. You can gauge it by voter turnout as to how many people come to cast their votes. Firstly, there are a number of people whose votes are not even found as to whether they even exist or not. Then, those whose votes are found, how many among them come to cast their vote? The truth is that people do not even cast their vote. We learn from this that the majority of the country is non-political.

Could Dawat-e-Islami ever enter politics?

If there is a wave of transparency in politics and the politics of the era of the rightly guided caliphs begins, then **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, the very first politician will be 'Ilyas Qadiri'. Remember that politics in and of itself is not something evil, but in the current politics, many sins have been involved and it has become difficult to get involved in politics without sins. Therefore, Dawat-e-Islami cannot enter (the current) politics. I have written it many years ago and handed it to the Central Executive Committee that if you want to break or disband Dawat-e-Islami, then do not announce that we are disbanding Dawat-e-Islami, instead, make the announcement that we are entering (the current) politics. Dawat-e-Islami will disband automatically. There is little hope that the atmosphere for good politics will develop in my life. Now, it feels like good politics

will come only in the era of Sayyiduna Imam Mahdi رحمى الله عنه, for he is a rightly guided caliph.¹

Anyway, the policy of Dawat-e-Islami is the same that it will never enter (the current) politics.

Can we cut a cake on Dawat-e-Islami Day?

Question: Can we cut a cake to celebrate Dawat-e-Islami Day?

Answer: I forbid cutting cakes that cakes should not be popularized. Some people cut cakes on the occasion of the blessed birth anniversary of the Holy Prophet and it says on the cake: Eid-e-Milad-ul-Nabi. Sometimes, a picture of the blessed sandals is on it or similar sacred words are written, and these people hold a knife in their hands and cut it! What sensible person will call it respect? Besides this, if it is someone's birthday, he would also arrange for cutting a cake, they would clap repeatedly, music would be played, there would be a mixed gathering of men and women. In addition, balloons would also be popped. It is obvious that balloons are not free. Balloons are bought with money and then popped, and thus, money is wasted. Therefore, I suggest that there is no need to cut a cake in the first place so that cake particles are prevented from going to waste and such nonsense does not happen.

¹ (Mustadrak lil Hakim, vol. 5, pp. 766,767, Hadith: 8702, Summarised, Dar Al-Ma'rifah Beirut.) Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 1, p. 257, Part 1, Maktaba-tul-Madinah Karachi)

How to celebrate birthdays?

Celebrate birthdays all you want but adopt the correct way of celebrating, for example, the Holy Quran and Naat Sharif should be recited, Du'a for wellbeing should be offered. If food is to be served, then serve it as Niyaz. Serve the Niyaz of Ghaus Pak رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ or Khuwajah Ghareeb Nawaz رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ. Even if you do not make the intention of Niyaz, there is still no harm, as serving food to the Muslims is also a reward-giving act. If the intention is good, one will attain reward. On the contrary, popping balloons or cutting a cake neither signifies the long age of a child nor will the child become pious because of it. Remember that I did not call cutting or eating a cake impermissible. Cutting and eating a cake is Halal.

How does Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat celebrate children's birthdays?

On children's birthdays, we arrange for recitation of the Holy Quran and Naat-recitation. It is not necessary that all those who belong to Dawat-e-Islami do the same. Those who love me might celebrate birthdays like I do. But there are many of those associated with Dawat-e-Islami who do not have any influence at home. They have to face difficulties. Outside, a person may act however he likes but inside the house, someone else has influence. When it is like that, then obviously, cakes will also be cut and balloons will be popped, too. If the mindset

of the Islamic sisters at home is developed, then **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, all of this can be stopped.

Why was Dawat-e-Islami's central executive committee formed?

Question: When and how did you get the idea of forming the Central Executive Committee?

Answer: For a long time at first, Dawat-e-Islami's activities continued without a Central Executive Committee. The Islamic brothers used to work together. When the Islamic brothers started to grow old and the work started to spread widely, we thought what would happen to Dawat-e-Islami after us. The movement that has the policy of 'One-man Show', there is an extreme fear of its failure. Therefore, the establishment of an advisory board became necessary and **بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ**, the Central Executive Committee was formed. ¹

There are 26 members of Dawat-e-Islami Central Executive Committee who hold various responsibilities in the country and abroad. Moreover, there is room for an increase in the number of Arakeen-e-Shura as well because these gentlemen are also growing old and diseases also flare up in old age. In addition, no one knows about life and death even though it

¹ (Dawat-e-Islami's Central Executive Committee was formed on 20th September, 2000 with 10 members and its head was Qaari Muhammad Mushtaq Attari **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ**.)
(Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

cannot be said even about a young man as to how long he will live. But there is a bigger risk of an old person's death. Furthermore, in old age, such diseases develop that the brain cannot work like before. The body parts also go out of order and one cannot function quite actively. Anyway, there is room for an increase in the Shura. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, the number will only go up.

When was the programme, Madani Muzakarah started?

Question: When was Madani Muzakarah started and how did you think of answering questions? *(Question from Haji Hassan Attari)*

Answer: Since the beginning, I was interested in Shar'i rulings. Because of the same fondness, I used to visit the Grand Mufti of Pakistan Mufti Muhammad Waqaruddin Qadiri Sahib **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** frequently. Before the establishment of Dawat-e-Islami, I also used to deliver Dars from Bahar-e-Shari'at and would answer the questions that people asked. Thus, this has been going on since before the establishment of Dawat-e-Islami. Then, when Dawat-e-Islami was formed, it continued in it as well. However, it did not have any name before. The name 'Madani Muzakarah' has been given much later. May Allah Almighty accept it and safeguard me from mistakes! I try my best to conduct this programme in the presence of the honourable Islamic scholars so that if a mistake occurs, it could be rectified through them.

How did Madrasa-tul-Madinah and Jami'ah-tul-Madinah come into being?

Question: Since Dawat-e-Islami is a movement that was established to spread the invitation towards righteousness, so please state that when Dawat-e-Islami came into being, did you have it in your mind that Dawat-e-Islami would establish Madaris and Jami'aat?

Answer: When Dawat-e-Islami came into being, there was not even a concept of Madaris and Jami'aat, but when the work increased and the Islamic brothers started to gather, we thought we should also provide the education of the Holy Quran to the newcomer Islamic brothers because it is not appropriate that the Islamic brothers only wear a beard and Imamah but do not know how to recite the Holy Quran, whereas reciting the Holy Quran correctly is something necessary. Therefore, we started Madrasa-tul-Madinah for adults for that. Then, Allah Almighty created resources so Madaris-ul-Madinah (for boys and girls) also started. **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, thousands, rather hundreds of thousands of boys and girls have completed Hifz and Nazirah Holy Quran from Madrasa-tul-Madinah. ¹

¹ (The number of boys and girls who have completed Hifz and Nazirah Quran so far is around 365,000.) (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

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Moreover, thousands of fortunate people have completed Dars-e-Nizami i.e. Aalim Course from Jami'ah-tul-Madinah. ¹

Dawat-e-Islami is the benefactor of tens of millions of people!

Question: Countless Islamic brothers and Islamic sisters are associated with Dawat-e-Islami. Not all of them spare two hours every day for the religious activities of Dawat-e-Islami. If they make the intention that **اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ**, they will give two hours every day for the religious activities of Dawat-e-Islami, what benefits will be gained from it? Please explain. *(Question from Nigran-e-Shura)*

Answer: Even if all the Islamic brothers and Islamic sisters spare two hours every day for Dawat-e-Islami, it is not enough. The one who does a favour to you, you can never thank him enough. Dawat-e-Islami is not the benefactor of thousands but hundreds of millions of people. There are many people who came to know about the correct Maslak because of Dawat-e-Islami, gained authentic information about their religion, those who missed Salah started to offer Salah, clean-shaven people wore beards, those who walked around bareheaded graced their heads with Imamah, those who intimidated others started to be humble and those who did not even offer Jumu'ah Salah

¹ (Up to now, around 12,000 male and female students have completed Dars-e-Nizami.) (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

became the Imams of Masajid. Today, all the Imamah-wearers that you see in the society no matter what organization they are running, Dawat-e-Islami has done a favour to the majority of them. The concept of Imamah was almost eradicated. The elderly and noble people used to tie a cloth around their heads or some great spiritual guides and renowned honourable Islamic scholars used to wear Imamah. It was very rare for someone other than them like an unknown Islamic scholar or a common person to wear an Imamah. But now, there are a huge number of people who wear Imamah.

Dawat-e-Islami gave the concept of acting upon the Sunnah of keeping Sunnah-inspired hair. **أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, many Islamic brothers are acting upon this Sunnah. It was not common in the society to wear a beard, so much so that when my beard started to grow, some unwise people would frighten me by saying all sorts of things, for example: If you wear a beard, so-and-so will happen. If you shave your beard after keeping it, something will happen to you. So-and-so had shaved his beard after keeping it, so he suffered so-and-so problems. But **أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, I remained resolute, did not pay attention to anyone's warnings and kept a beard. Moreover, I had kept Sunnah-inspired hair even before the establishment of Dawat-e-Islami. It is not like I have kept Sunnah-inspired hair because of Dawat-e-Islami. Since the beginning, I had the passion to do all these things. Having seen me, some of my friends had also grown their hair and beards. It is as though the movement for keeping Sunnah-

inspired hair and beard had started even before the establishment of Dawat-e-Islami. Keep in mind that I am not saying that it is only I who has inspired people to wear a beard; the beard is a Sunnah of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Thousands or hundreds of thousands of people had grown a beard even before. But what I mean is that among the people in our surroundings, there were very few Sunnis who had a beard. You can verify it through the elderly people if you wish. They will tell you that Ilyas is telling the truth. It is possible that the new generation would not understand this point as when they were born, they saw their father having a beard and they also grew a beard following suit. But think about who inspired their father to grow a beard. You will see the blessings of Dawat-e-Islami somewhere in that.

It is the blessing of Allah Almighty that Dawat-e-Islami has changed people. They did not even have any idea of what 'Shar'iah' is. But now, they and their generations have performed many Hajj and Umrahs, otherwise, the youngsters did not use to perform Hajj; only the elderly used to go to perform Hajj. Now, by the mercy of Allah Almighty, countless youngsters in Pakistan are seen performing Hajj. Keep in mind that I am not claiming that the awareness regarding Hajj has also been given by Dawat-e-Islami, rather what I mean is that there are a number of people who got the mindset to perform Hajj because of being associated with Dawat-e-Islami. By the blessing of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, they frequently

remember Madinah and visit Madinah twice or thrice a year. Anyway, Dawat-e-Islami has given us a lot. It has made us Salah performers and devotees of Rasool, and it has given us the sweetness of love for the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Despite these priceless favours, if someone says: I will not attend the weekly Ijtima, I will not travel in a Madani Qafilah, I will not even open and see the booklet of ‘Good Deeds’,¹

I will not wear Sunnah-inspired hair, I will not tie Imamah or I will not act upon ‘Good Deeds’ etc. so would that be fair? Even though no one should say such things.

Our Islamic brothers can do a lot of things if they want to. Develop the courage to achieve something in you and then see what wonders happen. You are requested to spare two hours every day for the religious activities. Most of the religious activities of Dawat-e-Islami can be carried out during this time, for example, Madrasa-tul-Madinah for adults, weekly

¹ In this turbulent era, Sheikh-e-Tareeqat Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دامت برکاتها في العالميه has presented a comprehensive collection of Shar’iah and Tareeqat consisting of ways to perform good deeds with ease and avoid sins in the form of a questionnaire which is titled, ‘Good Deeds’. There are 72 good deeds for Islamic brothers, 63 for Islamic sisters, 92 for students of religious knowledge, 83 for female students of religious knowledge, 40 for boys and girls and 27 for people with disabilities. Countless Islamic brothers, Islamic sisters and students act according to the good deeds, reflect on their actions every day and fill the boxes in the pocket-sized booklet of ‘Good Deeds’. By virtue of it, the mindset to punctually act upon the Sunan, hate sins and safeguard one’s faith is developed. This booklet may be purchased from any branch of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. (*Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department*)

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Ijtima, presenting the invitation towards righteousness to others along with the Islamic brothers and imparting the Sunan etc. Everything can be done. All that is required is to develop your mindset.

An unparalleled achievement of Dawat-e-Islami in the history of Pakistan

Question: Due to the rainfalls in Karachi, many local residents have been affected. Under Dawat-e-Islami Welfare, the members of Central Executive Committee are visiting these areas and are consoling and sympathising with the victims. Moreover, aid is also being provided to them. They are being provided with grains, food and clean water. Besides this, whatever need there is, it is fulfilled instantly. Please state something in this regard. *(Question from Nigran-e-Shura)*

Answer: There is a Hadith: **خَيْرُ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ** i.e. The best among people is he who benefits people. ¹

Serving the grief-stricken Ummah of the Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** and benefitting them is really an excellent endeavour and a huge reward-giving act. In the beginning, this work did not use to be done under Dawat-e-Islami. Gradually, the circumstances changed and the work continued to increase and by the mercy of Allah Almighty, we assembled a large

¹ *(Kashf Al-Khafa', vol. 1, p. 348, Hadith: 1252, Dar Al-Kutub Al-Ilmiyyah Beirut)*

manpower, so our welfare work also started. **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, this work was started in such a way that is unparalleled in the history of Pakistan. When the earthquake had occurred in 2005, Dawat-e-Islami's services in that were also incomparable, because of which people's hearts had gravitated towards Dawat-e-Islami and many important leaders had given it high praise.

(Nigran-e-Shura said:) In 2005, the earthquake had caused quite a lot of destruction. At that time, more than 600 trucks had left under Dawat-e-Islami to help the earthquake victims. When we counted its value, it was 170 million rupees.

How did Nigran-e-Shura celebrate Dawat-e-Islami Day?

Question: Dear Nigran-e-Shura, how did you celebrate Dawat-e-Islami Day?

Answer: (Nigran-e-Shura replied:) **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, I celebrated Dawat-e-Islami Day by congratulating my spiritual guide and offered two Rak'at Nafl paying gratitude to Allah Almighty. Allah Almighty granted us such a great movement and association with such an excellent spiritual guide. May Allah Almighty grant more blessing in this bounty and keep us safe from the decline of bounties! Furthermore, may He grant us steadfastness in this religious environment and enable us to be sincere!

Allah Almighty's beloved people

The Final Prophet of Allah Almighty Sayyiduna Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said:

Shall I not inform you about such people who are neither among the Prophets nor the martyrs, but on the Day of Judgement, the Prophets and martyrs will envy them upon seeing their station; they will be elevated on the pulpits of light? They are the people who make Allah Almighty's bondsmen His beloved slaves and they walk on the earth advising people. It was asked: How do they make people Allah Almighty's beloved? He said: They command people to do the things liked by Allah Almighty and forbid them from the things disliked by Him. Thus, when people obey them, Allah Almighty will make them His beloved. ¹

This is a very faith-enhancing blessed Hadith that why wouldn't Allah Almighty make those people His beloved who make people Allah Almighty's beloved? *أَمْرٌ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهْيٌ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ* i.e. enjoining good and forbidding evil are the most important and splendid religious activities of Dawat-e-Islami which is just an effort of reforming the Ummah.

Yearning for reforming the Ummah (Parable)

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat *دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمْ الْعَالِيَةِ* was once attending an Aqeeqah ceremony. The Successor of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat

¹ (Shu'ab Al-Iman, vol. 1, p. 267, Hadith: 409, Dar Al-Kutub Al-Ilmiyyah Beirut)

Haji Ubayd Raza Attari رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was also with him. I was in attendance as well and the students of Jami'ah-tul-Madinah had gathered, too. When the Aqeeqah animal was slaughtered for this ceremony, a detail was stated about its Halal, Haram and Makruh parts of the body and he even picked up the parts and showed them as to which body part is to be eaten and which not. It was also explained what kidneys, lungs and glands are. In fact, it was also stated which part of the meat of an animal the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ preferred. Seeing this entire situation, I humbly said in the court of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat that usually, nothing like this happens in our feasts; instead, people come, meet us, have food and leave. What motivated you to do all this, for which you made such arrangements and all of this was explained? My spiritual guide Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ gave a beautiful and faith-enhancing reply and said: yearning for reforming the Ummah! This answer was quite brief and comprehensive, as it is said: خَيْرُ الْكَلَامِ قَلْبٌ وَ دَلِيلٌ i.e. the best speech is that which is brief and illustrious. It is really only the yearning for reforming the Ummah that Dawat-e-Islami has been climbing the ladder of success and is present here today. This feeling is a bestowment of Allah Almighty and by virtue of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Dawat-e-Islami and Tasawwuf

Question: How do you see Dawat-e-Islami's connection with Tasawwuf? *(Nigran-e-Shura's question to Mufti Fuzayl Raza Attari رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ)*

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Answer: (Mufti Fuzayl Raza Attari عَدَّ طَلُّهُ الْعَالِي said:) Our Madani aim is: I must strive to reform myself and the people of the entire world. The first part of this Madani aim is regarding one's own reformation. And in one's own reformation, the outer as well as the inner self is reformed. When the word, 'Batin' is used, it only refers to the heart and Tasawwuf refers to the cleansing of the heart. When the heart is cleansed, the outer self also becomes clean and pure. In the first part of this Madani aim of ours, a clear indication is present towards this aspect. Remember that the objective is not something to forget, rather it has to be remembered forever. In the religious environment of Dawat-e-Islami, there are many opportunities to remember this Madani aim, for example, enlivening the Masajid, establishing Madaris, travelling in Madani Qafilahs, delivering speeches and holding Ijtima'at etc. Since, the cleansing of the heart is deeply connected with action, therefore, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَاعَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَّة has granted 'Good Deeds' so that when a person acts upon them, his heart would become clean and pure, because when the heart is pure, then faith will also become strong and perfect.

Two things are necessary for salvation

Two things are quite important: The first is faith and the second is sincerity. No one can be a Muslim without faith and no deed is accepted without sincerity. In the Holy Quran, where the pious people and those who will attain salvation are

mentioned or the glad tidings of their entry into Paradise are given, two words are used there: One is 'الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا' and the other is 'وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ' i.e. those who embraced faith and performed good deeds.

Hence, it has been stated in Surah Al-Asr:

وَالْعَصْرِ ۝ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ۝ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ
وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ ۖ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ ۖ

By the oath of that era of the Beloved (Prophet Muhammad). Indeed mankind is surely in loss. Except those who believed, and did good deeds and advised one another towards the truth, and advised one another to have patience.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 30, Surah Al-'Asr, verses 1-3)

If the way to act upon this blessed Surah is summarised in one sentence, it would be as follows: The way to act upon Surah Al-Asr in an ideal manner is the religious environment of Dawat-e-Islami. In the Madani aim of Dawat-e-Islami, there is a clear indication towards it. Faith and sincerity both are quite important because there is no salvation without faith and no action is accepted without sincerity. Severe warnings have occurred regarding a pretentious person, for example, a

pretentious person will be given such punishment from which Hell itself will seek refuge.¹

Reforming the inner as well as the outer self is necessary

The first part of the Madani aim, 'I must strive to reform myself' means, 'I must first strive to reform my heart', not that I only have to reform the outer self and forget the inner self, or that I have to reform my inner self and forget the outer self; instead, I must reform both my inner and outer selves, which is necessary. Some people make claims that their heart has been reformed despite the fact that their heart is not reformed at all because their appearance is not in conformity with Shar'iah. These people openly oppose the Shar'iah. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**, Dawat-e-Islami has provided us with such an environment in which it is easy to act upon the religion. By virtue of this religious environment, we can reform our outer self and improve our inner self as well. It was the same environment that first showed us the way to repentance. Then, it opened for us the doors to religious knowledge in the form of Madrasa-tul-Madinah and Jami'ah-tul-Madinah.

Remember that Tasawwuf is related to reforming the heart and it cannot be done until true repentance is done and religious

¹ (Mu'jam Kabeer, vol. 12, p. 136, Hadith: 12803, Summarised, Dar Ihya Al-Turas Al-Arabi Beirut)

knowledge is attained. When both of these things are present, then a person turns towards good deeds and tries to feel his good deeds and strives for sincerity. He spends maximum time remembering Allah Almighty so that the darkness of the heart may be fully eliminated because when the heart is black, its blackness covers the entire body whose effect appears in actions and statements both. Blessing vanishes from them. His statements and actions become empty of spirituality. This entire explanation was regarding the first part of our Madani aim.

It is not possible to reform the heart without Allah

Almighty's blessing

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** said: All of this is the blessing of Allah Almighty. Nothing can be done without it. It is a fact that, without Allah Almighty's blessing, nothing can be done. Even if one wishes to reform himself, it cannot be done without Allah Almighty's blessing, specially, reforming the inner self cannot at all be done without Allah Almighty's blessing. Hence, it is a blessed verse of the Holy Quran:

وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ مَا زَكَا مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ أَبَدًا

And if there had not been the Benevolence of Allah and His Mercy upon you; so, no one amongst you would have ever become pure.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 18, Surah Al-Noor, verse 21)

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However many Muslims are pure, all of this is the benevolence of Allah Almighty. We are a part of Dawat-e-Islami, this is also by the benevolence and mercy of Allah Almighty. If we are enabled to cleanse the inner self, make repentance and attain knowledge and sincerity, then all of this happens by the benevolence and bestowment of Allah Almighty.

Benefits of celebrating Dawat-e-Islami Day

(Mufti Ali Asghar Attari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said:) This day (2nd September, 2020) carries importance regarding Dawat-e-Islami Day. And today, two kinds of happiness are attained: One is that Dawat-e-Islami was established on 2nd September and the other is that on the same day, Dawat-e-Islami Day has begun to be celebrated. In celebrating Dawat-e-Islami Day, there is the aspect of gratitude that the one associated with Dawat-e-Islami pays gratitude for this bounty granted by Allah Almighty on this day in particular. It also contains the aspect of self-accountability that on this day, one will get the opportunity to reflect about what we have done so far for Dawat-e-Islami and what more we should do. And there is also this aspect that the new generation should come to know that the flourishing garden they are witnessing today, what stages it has gone through to get here.

The way of the honourable Awliya and Dawat-e-Islami

In order to understand Dawat-e-Islami's tone, nature and

beauty, it is necessary to understand some fundamental points. Hence, Allah Almighty's Awliya are found in every era and they have a lot of things in common, for example, they would sit on reed mats and conquer the world i.e. they will achieve so much success which is impossible to attain with apparent resources. These Awliya have different types. Some are those who are hidden gems and are not known to the public. Some are those who make their appearance. They have such blessings which the entire world reaps.

The purpose of the relationship of the honourable Awliya with the creation of the Lord is to transform people's hearts. Thereafter, these people train them. That is the reason why the great spiritual guides of all four spiritual orders i.e. the Qadiriyyah, Chishtiyyah, Suharwardiyyah and Naqshbandiyyah orders have been making arrangements for training their disciples, and training has remained a primary purpose of their lives. Then, everyone's way of training is different. Some train in seclusion, some bless the creation of the Lord through advice and admonition and some make books the means of training. Along with training, the honourable Awliya have also given special attention to preaching the religion and promoting Islam. Keeping all of these things in view, if we ponder, we understand that however many efforts Dawat-e-Islami had made to carry out this work, it has been rewarded many times over for it and unexpected advantages and blessings have been attained. There are

millions who are not associated with Dawat-e-Islami but they are also observed saying that had it not been for Dawat-e-Islami, I do not know what would have happened. The mere imagination of it sends a shiver throughout the body. Despite not being in Dawat-e-Islami, these people confess that Dawat-e-Islami has managed a lot of things and matters. Allah Almighty has granted this honour to Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ**. When we go through the Seerah of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ**, we learn that he did not have any particular apparent resources, rather, he would travel in buses and motorcycles to make visits inside and outside the city. It would not be wrong if we say: Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** is among those people who have visited the most Masajid in Pakistan.

The annual Ijtima kept increasing every year

It is also one of the specialties of the honourable Awliya that when they go somewhere to preach the religion and promote Islam, the bondsmen of Allah Almighty gravitate towards them in such a way that that place becomes insufficient to house them. Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** started the Ijtima at Kakri Ground; it became insufficient. Then, this Ijtima was moved to a bigger venue i.e. Korangi. In a very short period, it also filled up. Thereafter, the Ijtima was shifted to Multan Sharif. They had to switch a number of places in Multan as well, and the place where the annual Ijtima was held for the

last time was also quite huge, but it seemed as though that would also be filled up in a year or two. This is a specialty of Dawat-e-Islami that such a huge number of people arrive to attend the Ijtima. There is certainly divine help involved in it. It is the merciful glance of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and the blessing of the honourable Awliya, otherwise, Dawat-e-Islami soaring to such heights of progress is not possible merely through human efforts.

The objective of Dawat-e-Islami is to bring change in people

The very first thing that a person who joins the religious environment of Dawat-e-Islami feels in his heart is love for Islam and Sunnah. Then, Zikrullah frequently remains on his tongue, his tongue remains moist with Salawaat, he gets the bounty of offering Salah, he starts getting interested in good deeds, and if he has not recited Nazirah Holy Quran, he feels like doing so, his priorities change, his mindset used to be different before and it becomes something else after, and gradually the state of his heart keeps progressing. Since Dawat-e-Islami's objective is not to gather hordes of people, organize huge Ijtima'at, demonstrate its strength and intimidate others, rather, its objective is to change the people of the society and bring an improvement in them. That is the reason why Dawat-e-Islami makes special arrangements for bringing change in people as well as training them and for this purpose,

various departments have been established, for example, Madrasa-tul-Madinah: this is a department for teaching the Holy Quran, Fard Uloom Course: From time to time, various courses are held under this department. Arrangements are made to provide guidance to speech- and hearing-impaired Islamic brothers. Moreover, departments have been established to provide guidance to the people related with various walks of life, for examples, Lawyers' Department, Doctors' Department etc. It means that, keeping in view the requirements of every field, guidance is provided to the people related with it according to their mentality.

Views of the Islamic scholars (video clip)

- ❖ Hazrat Allamah Maulana Syed Muzaffar Husain Shah Qadiri Sahib رَحِمَهُ اللهُ الْعَالِي: May Allah Almighty grant blessings to Dawat-e-Islami and may they keep promoting love for the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in all four corners of the world.
- ❖ Hazrat Allamah Kokab Noorani Okarvi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ الْعَالِي: I am immensely pleased that academic work is being done under Dawat-e-Islami on a very prominent level.
- ❖ Ghazi-e-Millat, the Son of Muhaddis-e-A'zam Hind Hazrat Maulana Syed Haashimi Miyan رَحِمَهُ اللهُ الْعَالِي: He (Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Maulana Ilyas Attar Qadiri) first

implements the Sunnah upon himself, then he asks people to act upon it. Its efficacy is incomparable.

- ❖ Mufti Muhammad Ibrahim Qadiri **مَدَّ ظِلُّهُ الْعَالِي**: Because of Dawat-e-Islami's specialty of not relenting and not giving up, I am hopeful that in the near future, all the places where there is still some vacuum, Dawat-e-Islami will fill it.
- ❖ Hazrat Maulana Afsar Raza Razavi **مَدَّ ظِلُّهُ الْعَالِي**: The movement that is working for the pleasure of Allah Almighty in every corner of the world, is Dawat-e-Islami.
- ❖ Hazrat Maulana Syed Zaakir Ashrafi Sahib **مَدَّ ظِلُّهُ الْعَالِي**: In the world of Ahl-e-Sunnat wal Jama'at, your work and your name shine today and **أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, you have worked among the young generation with great passion.
- ❖ Hazrat Maulana Aftab Alam Sahib **مَدَّ ظِلُّهُ الْعَالِي**: The environment of Dawat-e-Islami that we are witnessing in our surroundings today, I wish we would see this work in every street and every locality!

Emotions and views of the members of Shura and introduction to departments

(Rukn-e-Shura Haji Abdul Habib Attari said:) We should all reflect where we would have been had Dawat-e-Islami not existed. The honour that we have attained, it is certainly by

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virtue of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَاعِوَةُ بَرَكَاتِهِمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** and Dawat-e-Islami. May Allah Almighty keep Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat and Dawat-e-Islami safe! Dawat-e-Islami is certainly a great gift for the Ummah. Because of it, the destinies of hundreds of millions of youths have been transformed. If they had not got Dawat-e-Islami, who knows where they might have ended up? We can never thank Allah Almighty enough for this bounty. Because of Dawat-e-Islami, a change has come not only in ourselves but our association with Dawat-e-Islami has also proved quite beneficial for our family. Nigran-e-Shura had given motivation to offer two Rak'at Nafil to pay gratitude for this bounty. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**, I have offered two Rak'at Nafil of gratitude. Other devotees of Rasool should also offer Nafil Salah to pay gratitude for this excellent and great bounty of Allah Almighty.

Madani Channel

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ, by the blessings of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, I have the responsibility of 21 departments of Dawat-e-Islami. One of these departments is Madani Channel (which was launched in Ramadan-ul-Mubarak, 1429 Hijri corresponding to 2008 CE) and as of 2020, 12 years have passed since the beginning of Madani Channel. In the beginning, its transmission only used to air in Urdu language. With the passage of time, Madani Channel continued to gain popularity all around the world. We started receiving messages from abroad saying: Madani

Channel is also watched here but our new generation understands English better. Please launch Madani Channel in English language as well. This was a huge challenge but **الحمد لله** Madani Channel English started. After that, a unique demand was made: The Muslims of Bangladesh wish to hear and see Madani Channel in Bengali language. Therefore, Madani Channel should be aired here in Bengali language. Since, there are also a number of Muslims there, so Madani Channel was started in Bengali language. In the entire world, Madani Channel is the only TV channel that is 100% Islamic. Its transmission is being aired in three languages. Besides this, its programmes are being dubbed in many languages of the world. Madani Channel is aired 24/7 in these three languages through satellite as well as its website and application.

Kids Madani Channel

For kids, the special transmission of ‘Kids Madani Channel’ has been started. At first, this programme was only two hours long but now, its transmission has been increased to four hours and in the future, we also intend to launch a separate ‘Kids Madani Channel’. The animated sketches titled ‘Ghulam Rasool’ that are aired on Kids Madani Channel, they are not just in Urdu language but also in many other languages. In addition, we intend to create a YouTube channel for Madani Channel in Arabic language and it is also one of the goals to launch a permanent Madani Channel in Arabic language.

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Social Media

One of the departments of Dawat-e-Islami is Social Media as well. Dawat-e-Islami is doing amazing work on social media. In that department, too, separate sub-departments have been formed in Urdu, Arabic, English and other languages, which have millions of followers. Every video that is shared on our social media accounts is viewed by millions of people.¹

Welfare Activities of Dawat-e-Islami

One department of Dawat-e-Islami is for welfare activities through which the Muslims are being helped. For this work, manpower and a large number of members are needed, which

¹ (The religious movement of the devotees of Rasool, Dawat-e-Islami has established a department named, 'Social Media Department'. The websites this department is working on currently include YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Telegram and WhatsApp. Work is being done on Facebook on 10 pages which include Dawat-e-Islami, Maulana Ilyas Qadiri, Maulana Ubayd Raza, Haji Imran Attari, Haji Shahid Attari, Dar-ul-Ifta Ahl-e-Sunnat, Madani news, Madani Channel, Madani Channel Live, Abdul Habib Attari and 30 Seconds or Less, whose combined likes are round 13 million. Work is being done on YouTube as well on 10 channels which include Madani Channel, Maulana Ilyas Qadiri, Islam For Kids, Maulana Ubayd Raza Attari, Maulana Imran Attari, Maulana Abdul Habib Attari, Madani Channel Urdu Live, Madani Channel English, Madani Channel English Live and Naat Production. The total subscribers of all these channels reach up to 1.7 million. If you are also a social media user, then please like these pages and subscribe to these channels. Share their content as much as you can and support Dawat-e-Islami in conveying the message of Quran and Sunnah all around the world.) (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

Dawat-e-Islami has. If we talk about Pakistan, I would not be wrong in saying that the people of Dawat-e-Islami are present in every street and every locality, through whom, rescue activities can easily be done in every neighbourhood, whereas other organizations and NGOs have the funds but they lack members because of which they cannot carry out much work.

In 2005, an earthquake had occurred in Kashmir, so, Dawat-e-Islami also provided aid to the earthquake victims but for this, we did not have to send the Islamic brothers from Karachi or some other city to Kashmir, rather, our Islamic brothers were already present there. So, only cereals and cash were sent from Karachi to Kashmir and they were distributed through the Islamic brothers present there.

In 2020 CE, the coronavirus pandemic spread, so we had set the target of helping 2.6 million Muslims who were affected in any way by the pandemic and **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ** (as of 2nd September, 2020) we have delivered cooked food, rations, grains and cash to 2 million Muslims and this endeavour still continues.

A lockdown was imposed to protect people from coronavirus, so a new problem arose that it became difficult to get blood for the children suffering from thalassemia, and if a person suffering from this disease does not get blood, it becomes difficult to save his life. Realising the sensitivity of this issue, Sheikh-e-Tareeqat Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** made a unique announcement: If my blood is needed to save

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these children's lives, it may be taken. Upon this announcement of his, thousands of the devotees of Rasool donated over 30,000 blood bags. All of this was done through Dawat-e-Islami Welfare in which Dawat-e-Islami's Doctors' Department also gave tremendous support.

Due to the recent rainfalls, a flood situation occurred in Karachi, Hyderabad, Interior Sindh and their surroundings. Many areas were affected by it. Even in this fragile situation, Dawat-e-Islami Welfare fulfilled the obligation of working for the welfare of Muslims and delivered cash, cooked food and rations to around 300,000 Muslims.

Dar-ul-Madinah

(Rukn-e-Shura Haji Muhammad Athar Attari said:) I have the responsibility of 17 departments of Dawat-e-Islami. Among them, one important department is Dar-ul-Madinah Islamic Schooling System which is a beautiful combination of religious and academic education. It is among its salient features that Shar'iah-compliant education is provided here. From Montessori to Matric, a curriculum checked by the honourable Muftis is taught under the supervision of excellently experienced professional teachers as per the international education standards. The entire system of Dar-ul-Madinah has been designed by Dawat-e-Islami. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**, right now, 82 campuses have been established in which 22,400 students are

studying. Its campuses are present in the land of the Murshid, Pakistan as well as various countries of the world.¹

Translation Department

One department of Dawat-e-Islami is, 'Translation Department' that translates authentic Islamic books in different languages of the world. Its primary objective is to translate the books and booklets of Sheikh-e-Tareeqat Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat and the books of the elder scholars. As of now, around 3,218 books and booklets have been translated under this department in 37 languages, that are also available on Dawat-e-Islami's website and some have also been published by Dawat-e-Islami's publishing department, Maktaba-tul-Madinah.

¹ (The need of the hour was that there should be such an educational institution that is a beautiful combination of religious and academic education, whose male and female students not only become graceful Muslims but also attain professional education, become self-sufficient and acquire a distinguished place in the society. **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, a very crucial department named, 'Dar-ul-Madinah' was established on 25th Safar-ul-Muzaffar, 1432 Hijri corresponding to 31st January, 2011 CE, whose primary purpose is to cast the young generations of the Ummah of the Holy Prophet into the mould of Sunan and provide them with religious and academic education. To improve the standard of education at Dar-ul-Madinah, competent, experiences and highly educated teachers are selected. From time to time, training sessions are also held for the teachers so that they may be informed about the modern educational strategies. **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, as of now in a very short period of time, 82 campuses of Dar-ul-Madinah have been established in the country and abroad including India, the U.K and USA etc. whose male and female students number over 24,000.) (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

IT Department

In this era, who is not aware of the importance and usefulness of IT (i.e. Information technology department)? Dawat-e-Islami is in sync with the requirements of the modern era and believes in the implementation of modern tools. One department of Dawat-e-Islami is 'IT'. This department of Dawat-e-Islami has designed around 61 websites and 38 mobile applications to spread the invitation towards righteousness all around the world through information technology. The most notable among these apps are 'Al-Quran fi Al-Tafseer' and 'Prayer Times'.¹

¹ (Continuing to climb the ladder of progress, the age of social media which the human life is experiencing today, computer and internet have played a vital role in it. In this era, information technology has influence over every walk of life in one way or another. الحمد لله، the numerous departments that Dawat-e-Islami has established to reform the Ummah and disseminate the marvels of Islam all around the world, one of these departments is the IT Department, whose tasks is to present the true Islamic teachings to the people all around the world through information technology. Among the most notable achievements of the IT Department is presenting A'la Hazrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan's رحمه الله عليه renowned masterpiece, 'Fatawa Razawiyah Sharif' and the translation of Quran, 'Kanz-ul-Iman' in the form of a software. 'Tafseer-e-Seerat-ul-Jinan' published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah has also been made into a software and up to now, 38 applications have been designed. In order to get hundreds of books and booklets, audio/ video speeches, Madani Muzakaraha consisting of questions and answers rich with religious knowledge, and much more, visiting the website of Dawat-e-Islami (www.dawateislami.net) is the best means of attaining religious information in abundance.) (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

Traders Coordination Department

The business community is like the backbone for any society. To fulfill its Madani aim, 'I must strive to reform myself and the people of the entire world' and to convey the teachings of Islam to this community, Dawat-e-Islami has established a department named, 'Traders Coordination Department'. The objective of Traders Department is to reach everyone from an ordinary businessman to the Chamber of Commerce, provide them with awareness regarding Halal and Haraam, and to present the invitation towards righteousness.¹

¹ (The task of Traders Coordination Department is to provide Islamic teachings regarding trade to people related with the field of trade, spread the invitation towards righteousness among them and get them to join the religious environment of Dawat-e-Islami. Under Traders Coordination Department, Madrasa-tul-Madinah for adults are held at big markets and shopping malls etc. Mill and factory owners are given the mindset to travel in Madani Qafilas and the employees working under them are also motivated to travel in a Madani Qafilah every month. At factories and manufacturing plants, Masjid or temporary Salah spots are set up so that the devotees of Rasool may be able to offer Salah punctually. At the Masjid or temporary Salah spot of a factory and manufacturing plant, Taraweeh Salah is organized during the month of Ramadan. For Shar'iah guidance, the traders are motivated to remain in contact with Dar-ul-Ifta Ahl-e-Sunnat. For the Shar'iah guidance of people related with trade, a live program, 'Ahkam-e-Tijarat' is also aired live on Madani Channel one day a week, during which Shar'iah guidance is provided on the questions asked regarding trade. In short, this department of Dawat-e-Islami is striving to bring trade in line with the Islamic principles in a proper manner.) (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

Education Department

One department of Dawat-e-Islami is, 'Education Department'. The objective of this department is to spread the invitation towards righteousness at all universities, colleges, academies and tuition centres etc.¹

² (Sheikh-e-Tareeqat Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **رَأَسَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** says: Students are the precious assets of a country and nation. They are the ones who have to lead the nation in the future. If they are trained in conformity with the Shar'iah and Sunnah, the entire society would develop Allah Almighty's fear and love for the Holy Prophet. The Education Department was established to spread the message of religion amongst the people related with government and private schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions. Its primary objective is to get the people related with educational institutions to join Dawat-e-Islami and give them the mindset to lead their lives according to the Sunan. With good intentions, this department makes the teachers, students and other staff of colleges and universities aware of the Sunan of our Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**. Efforts are made to implement the 'Good Deeds' given by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **رَأَسَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ**. Along with other religious activities, the invitation towards righteousness is presented at hostels and arrangements are also made to wake people up for Fajr Salah. From time to time, Naat gatherings are held. The devotees of Rasool related with this department attain religious knowledge by attending the weekly Ijtima and Madani Muzakarah, and by travelling in Madani Qafilas. **أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, numerous non-practicing students who were enthusiasts of academic sciences have become regular Salah performers and habitual of Sunan. Female students have also started observing veil regularly and leading Sunnah-inspired lives. Particularly during vacations, Faizan-e-Namaz Course, Islah-e-A'maal Course, Madani Kaam Course and Faizan-e-Quran-o-Hadith Course are held under the Education Department to the teach the students some obligatory sciences, Sunan and etiquettes, to present them with an introduction to Dawat-e-Islami's religious activities and to get them to practically take part in the 12 religious activities. Similarly, from time to time, various courses are also held to

Distribution of Dawat-e-Islami

(Head of Pakistan Mushawarat and Rukn-e-Shura Haji Abu Rajab Muhammad Shahid Attari said:) We have divided Pakistan into six parts in terms of the organization, which we call regions. Six Arakeen-e-Shura have their responsibility. Then, in these six regions, 44 zones have been formed. Then, these 44 zones have been divided into 187 urban Kabinat and 140 rural Kabinat. Rural Kabinat are also known as Atraaf Kabinat. Moreover, these Kabinat from all across Pakistan have been divided into 1,626 divisions, these divisions into 5,524 Ilaqahs, and Ilaqahs in 18,375 Halqahs and these Halqahs have been divided into around 100,000 Zayli Halqahs. Dawat-e-Islami has 108 departments in total. 68 departments among them are under Pakistan Mushawarat which have been divided into various regions, zones, divisions and Ilaqahs in terms of the organization.

Weekly Ijtima'at

One religious activity of Dawat-e-Islami is the weekly Ijtima, whose performance before the lockdown was as follows: The Islamic brothers' weekly Ijtima'at were being held at over 550 places and the Islamic sisters' weekly Ijtima'at were being held at around 7,000 places in Pakistan alone. Ameer-e-Ahl-e-

spread the invitation towards righteousness amongst the Islamic sisters related with the field of education in accordance with Shar'iah.) (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

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Sunnat **دَاعَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** says: It cannot be decided whether the Islamic brothers' religious activities are more or the Islamic sisters'.¹

Overseas Department

(Rukn-e-Shura Haji Muhammad Bilal Attari said:) As the religious activities of Dawat-e-Islami are happening in Pakistan, similarly, religious activities are also being carried out abroad. Through Dawat-e-Islami's digital services, for example, social and electronic media etc. the Madani message of Dawat-e-Islami has reached the entire world, but in terms of a proper organizational structure (i.e. organizational hierarchy, e.g. Halqah, Ilaqah, division and their entire committees etc.) Dawat-e-Islami has established its network in 60 countries. **لَا حَسَدَ بَلِّغْ**, before the lockdown, the Islamic brothers' weekly

¹ (Thousands of the devotees of Rasool gather at the hundreds of weekly Ijtima'at held under Dawat-e-Islami every Thursday after Maghrib Salah in the country and abroad and attain religious knowledge, learn Sunan and etiquettes, reap the blessings of closeness to Muslims, acquire a treasure of rewards by observing I'tikaf overnight in the house of Allah Almighty and many fortunate ones have the honour to act upon the 'Good Deeds' and travel in Madani Qafilahs at the end of the Ijtima. For these weekly Ijtima'at, a department named, 'Weekly Ijtima Department' has been established, whose task is to run the system of the weekly Ijtima according to Shar'i and organizational principles. Under the Weekly Ijtima Department, over 12,500 Ijtima'at are held for Islamic brothers and Islamic sisters in the country and abroad whose average number of participants is 490,000.) (*Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department*)

Ijtima was being held abroad at 813 places, whereas the number of Islamic sisters' Ijtima had reached up to 3,200.

Religious activities of Dawat-e-Islami outside Pakistan

Madani Marakiz and Masajid are constructed under Dawat-e-Islami abroad as well. The performance received up to now is as follows: Around 43 Masajid and Marakiz are located in Bangladesh, 55 Masajid and Marakiz in the U.K and 51 Masajid and Marakiz are present in South Africa. There are approximately 31 countries where Dawat-e-Islami has built its Madani Marakiz and Masajid. Besides this, Madrasa-tul-Madinah, Jami'ah-tul-Madinah, Dar-ul-Madinah and Islamic centres have been established abroad. This endeavour will continue by the grace and mercy of Allah Almighty and the blessings of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, and we hope from Allah Almighty's mercy that as soon as the lockdown is lifted and the situation begins to improve, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, these religious activities will move forward more rapidly.

Madrasa-tul-Madinah Department

(Rukn-e-Shura Qaari Saleem Attari said:) **بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ**, 4,245 Madaris-ul-Madinah have been established under Dawat-e-Islami in the country and abroad in which 187,000 male and female students are studying Hifz and Nazirah Quran and up to now, 365,000 students have completed their Hifz and Nazirah education. Under Madrasa-tul-Madinah Department,

various courses have also been conducted free of cost. The number of the participants of these courses is around 800.¹

Our target is that, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, we will open 2,600 new Madaris-ul-Madinah in the country and abroad by the year 2021. The expenses of Madaris-ul-Madinah are in hundreds of millions. The monthly expenses of Madaris-ul-Madinah in Pakistan alone are up to 140 million, which adds up to over 1.8 billion annually.

Jami'ah-tul-Madinah Department

(Rukn-e-Shura Haji Hafiz Muhammad Asad Attari Madani said:) **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, in 1995 CE, Jami'ah-tul-Madinah was initiated under Dawat-e-Islami from two rooms at Godra (an area in Karachi) which continued to increase and right now, it has reached up to 849 branches in the country and abroad where approximately 61,000 male and female students are attaining education, and up to now, approximately 12,000 male and female students have completed Dars-e-Nizami and graduated. This number increases every year. This year i.e. in 2020 CE, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, 2,700 male and female students will complete Dora-tul-Hadith Sharif and graduate. No fee is charged from those who

¹ (In order to make up for the shortage of teachers and administrators at the Madaris-ul-Madinah of Dawat-e-Islami, keep the system of Madaris-ul-Madinah organised and strong and to appoint teachers at new Madaris-ul-Madinah, Qaida Nazirah Course, Mudarris Course, Tajweed-o-Qira'at Course and Nizamat Course are held for adult Islamic brothers.) (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

study at Jami'ah-tul-Madinah. Education, accommodation and food arrangements are made for them free of cost.¹

Islamic Research Centre (Al-Madina-tul-Ilmiyyah)

(Rukn-e-Shura Haji Abu Majid Muhammad Shahid Attari Madani said:) One department of Dawat-e-Islami is the Islamic Research Centre (Al-Madina-tul-Ilmiyyah) in which writing and compiling work is done. In this department, 117 Islamic brothers who have completed the Aalim Course are doing the work of writing and compiling books, and **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**, up to now, 576 books and booklets have been written and work continues to be done on 35 more books.

Protection of Sacred Scripts Department

One department of Dawat-e-Islami is 'Protection of Sacred Scripts Department'. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**, this work has been going on for

¹ **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**, up to now, the branches of Jami'at-ul-Madinah have been established in various countries of the world including Pakistan, India, South Africa, Canada, USA, England, Mozambique, Nepal and Bangladesh etc. The specialty of these Jami'at-ul-Madinah is that, in addition to providing religious education, the students are also trained in terms of ethics and spirituality. Moreover, these students also take part in the examinations held under the board of the Madaris of Ahl-e-Sunnat in Pakistan, 'Tanzeem-ul-Madaris' and secure notable positions. At part-time Jami'at-ul-Madinah, PhD holders and Chartered Accountants are also attaining education. Hundreds of students graduate every year, who, after graduation, present religious services at Dar-ul-Ifta, Islamic Research Centre (Al-Madina-tul-Ilmiyyah), Jami'at-ul-Madinah and various other departments of Dawat-e-Islami.) (Discourses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Department)

six years and a system has been developed to preserve sacred scripts in 628 cities of Pakistan. To protect the sacred scripts from disrespect, more than 140,000 boxes have been installed so far, and by the mercy of Allah Almighty, 800,000 sacks of sacred scripts have been preserved. More work continues to be done.

Madani Qafilah Department

(Rukn-e-Shura Haji Ameen Attari Qafilah said:) Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** says: Our goal is to spread the Sunan of the Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** all over the world through Madani Qafilahs, and our Madani aim is: I must strive to reform myself and the people of the entire world. For my own reformation, I must act upon the ‘Good Deeds’ and for the reformation of the people all over the world, I must travel in Madani Qafilahs. **آلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, with the same Madani aim, Madani Qafilah Department has continued the cause of getting Madani Qafilahs to travel in the country and abroad. Hundreds of thousands of Islamic brothers travel in the path of Allah Almighty. According to the performance we have received of the Madani Qafilahs that travelled last year, hundreds of thousands of Islamic brothers have travelled in Madani Qafilahs which included the Islamic brothers who travelled in 3-day, 12-day, 30-day and 12-month Madani Qafilahs and also those who presented themselves as Waqf-e-Madinah (devoted for life). There are such a huge number of people travelling in

one-month Madani Qafilahs that entire trains have to be booked from various regions

Updated performance of some departments

Department	September 2020	June 2021
Islamic Research Centre (Al-Madinah-tul-Ilmiyyah)	Books and booklets that have been translated, written and researched: 576	Books and booklets that have been completed: 661 In progress: 40
Jami'ah-tul-Madinah	Total Jami'at: 849 Total students: 61,000 Total graduates (male and female): 12,000	Total Jami'at: 1,127 Total students: 88,835 Total graduates (male and female): 13,455
Madrasa-tul-Madinah	Total Madaris (for boys and girls): 4,245 Total students: 187,000 Total graduates: 365,000 Number of Islamic brothers and sisters who have attended courses: 800	Total Madaris (for boys and girls): 4,511 Total students: 210,107 Total graduates: 365,000 Number of Islamic brothers and sisters who have attended courses: 1,521

Interesting facts about Dawat-e-Islami

Dar-ul-Madinah	Total campuses: 82 Total students: 22,400	Total campuses: 102 Total students: 25,000
Translation Department	Translation of all books and booklets in 37 languages: 3,218	Total number of translated books and booklets: 4,062
IT Department	Total websites: 61 Total mobile apps: 38	Total websites: 66 Total mobile apps: 54
Weekly Ijtima'at in Pakistan	Ijtima'at for Islamic brothers: 550 Ijtima'at for Islamic sisters: 7,000	Ijtima'at for Islamic brothers: 577