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IT (Information Technology) Centre  
For  
Community Development*

at  
**Muslim Social Uplift Society**  
Sultan Jahan Manzil, Aligarh



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## BACKGROUND

A well equipped IT Centre with educated and proficient staff can be of help in channelising more government welfare funds for the poor and needy, spread awareness about documentation and enhance IT skills. This Centre is aimed at enhancing digital literacy and financial empowerment amongst the marginalized. It is established in fond memory of (Late) Professor Jamshed Siddiqui, (24 April 1968 -19 April 2021), one of the major donors and supporters of the MSUS.

He fought a five year battle with Polycythemia Vera, a rare myeloproliferative neoplasm in his bone marrow. While meeting every step of his treatment in exemplary spirits of patience and forbearance, he suffered a massive brain hemorrhage on the evening of Friday Ramzaan 3, 1442 AH. He was declared dead three days later and was laid to rest in the University Graveyard.

Late Prof. Siddiqui, came to the Aligarh Muslim University from his hometown Deoria, in UP as an undergrad student in 1986. He remained a boarder at the Viqarul Mulk Hall and completed his Masters in Computer Application in 1991. After a brief stint at the NICNET Delhi, he began his career as a Systems Programmer at the Computer Centre, AMU.

Later he was appointed as lecturer in 1992 at the Dept. of Computer Science where he went on to become Associate Professor, Professor and Chairman. During his teaching career of three decades he held several positions in the University, including warden of Halls of Residence, Proctor, Dean Students Welfare, Officer on Special Duty (Development) and several other honorary charges.

He was also an active leader of the teaching community at AMU and represented them in various democratic bodies such as elected members in the Executive Council, Academic Council, AMU Court; Secretary and Executive Member AMUTA etc. He also taught at the Ibra Technical Industrial College, Sultanate of Oman for three years and had performed Hajj at the age of 32 besides performing two *Umrah*'s later on.

In his private life he was given to ardent devotion to establishing prayer, and regularly making charity purely for the good pleasure of the Almighty.

Amongst his circle of friends and acquaintances he is fondly remembered as a generous, helping and kind hearted person with a profound nature. His refined demeanour and graceful presence is greatly missed at the AMU Staff Club in social events, games and daily banter.

He is survived by his family members, who in his memory found the Professor Jamshed Siddiqui IT Centre for Community Development, at the MSUS, in the Sultan Jahan Coaching Centre, Shamshad Market, Aligarh. May the Almighty accept it as a Sadqa-e-Jariah for him and register his name along with the blessed records of the righteous in the *illiyeen*



## RATIONALE

Being citizens of a welfare state like India the poor and marginalised sections of the community are offered many government schemes, scholarships and sponsorships every year. Most of the processing these days is done online via the world wide web. However, on account of lack of literacy, accessibility and knowledge on the nitty gritty of application process, a majority of deserving beneficiaries remain devoid of making avail of these opportunities. In view of this

the Ministries taper off the funding of these schemes and the allocated welfare funds do not reach the grassroots.

To address this issue civil society (NGOs/CSOs) can play a major role. The MSUS established in 1987 in Aligarh enjoys a trustworthy reputation amongst the local Muslim population of the city and is committed to the cause.

## OBJECTIVES

### 1. Capacity building with IT:

Free of cost IT trained to the underprivileged Armed with Computer literacy they will be truly empowered. If they have a know how they can be helped with procuring devices like tab, smart phone, laptop or PC.

### 2. IT Help Desk:

Free of Cost IT facility will be made available to the underprivileged and marginalized. Assistance in filling up forms, applying for schemes, obtaining e-documents, downloading stuff etc. using the internet connection and IT infrastructure will be provided. Sufficient hands-on time will also be given in a conducive atmosphere to the girls and women for browsing the relevant websites and finding suitable funding schemes.

### 3. Education and Awareness:

The help Desk personnel will regularly monitor the announcements on the websites of various Ministries/CSOs to track the welfare schemes and scholarships announced from time to time. They will take

appropriate measures to publicise the offers of financial help from various Government and Non-Government Agencies and prepare flyers, banners, brochures etc. Due care will be taken to prepare the same in the e-format also so that they are sent out in the community using digital platforms. The Numbers of the help desk personnel will be shared on all promotional material.

### 4. Madarsa Students:

Digital literacy and IT based empowerment will be extended to the candidates who have passed out from the deenimadaris. The facilities will be tailor made for them. Special focus will be on building outreach for these students in Urdu inn familiar terms.

### 5. Ministry/ Welfare Schemes:

The Centre will also research and translate into Hindi/Urdu such documents from various Ministries of the Govt. of India like the booklets on welfare schemes for minorities prepared by the National Commission for Minorities.

## PLAN OF ACTION

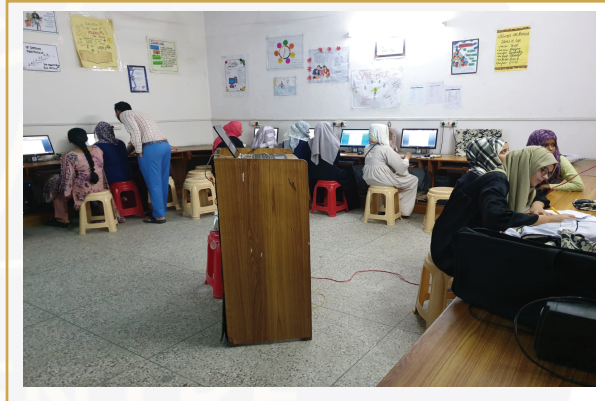
The MSUS has allocated spacious office space and hall towards the outer periphery of the building to ensure smooth accessibility. The set up includes:

1. Lounge area with notice board etc.
2. Two Workstations with PC, Printer etc. one each for men & women.
3. One Recording Room for short video production.
4. The existing Computer Lab will be refurbished for training purpose.

5. The Professor Jamshed Siddiqui IT Centre will operate from a separate bank account under the MSUS.

The donors have donated an initial grant of 10,00,000 RS. and they will continue to donate on a monthly basis for staff salary and other running expenses.

Periodically the progress report of the Centre and balance sheet will be submitted to the MSUS governing body.



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