

Policy and Programme

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MISSION:

The mission of the organisation shall be to prepare the students and youth for the reconstruction of the Society in the light of Divine Guidance.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To present Islamic *Dawah* before students and youth.
2. To promote and cultivate the true knowledge and Understanding of *Deen* (Islam) among students and youth.
3. To prepare students and youth for leading their Individual and collective lives in accordance with the *Quran* and *Sunnah*.
4. To mobilize students and youth for promoting virtues (*Maroof*) and uprooting evils (*Munkar*).
5. To promote moral values in educational system and better academic and moral atmosphere in Educational Institutions.
6. To make arrangements for all round development of the individuals attached with the Organisation, to nourish their talents and to make them useful for the Islamic Movement.

In the name of Allah the most Gracious and the most Merciful

PREFACE

- Allah is the Creator of the entire universe.
- Entire universe obeys his orders and functions according to his wish and orders.
- Allah has made Man his vicegerent in this world and granted him freedom of action.
- With freedom of action God showed man his dearest way of life that is Islam.
- Islam was explained to the people through messengers, through
- Prophet Muhammad – the last messenger, the final way of life was revealed.
- By giving freedom of action and showing the right path, God has tested human beings. Whoever follows Gods way of life- Islam will succeed otherwise will fail.
- Islam is a complete way of life. It guides all areas of life may it be politics or economy, Family life or self development. Islam clearly guides at all levels.
- Islam should be followed in its entirety may it be at personal or social level.
- A Muslim should not only follow Islam but should also implement it in its entirety.
- This means a Muslim should practice Islam at his personal level completely. Should spread and propagate it and try to implement it in all those quarters where it is generally not implemented.
- It is a foremost necessity of the Muslim *Ummah* to prepare students and youth and develop them so that they are able to carry out their important duties.
- SIO has been established for the same purpose.
- SIO imparts the true spirit to students and youth and gives them deep knowledge and understanding of Islam.
- SIO persuades students and youth to practice Islam and provides them the environment which helps them practice it.
- SIO prepares students and youth to spread Islam. It provides them necessary opportunities, resources and guidance.

- SIO nurtures talents of students and youth. It develops them so that they are able to play an effective role for the cause of Islam.
- SIO nurtures the required passions and characteristics in them that will keep them consistently active to fulfil their responsibility.
- SIO does this work especially among students and educational institutions.
- The ultimate goal of SIO in all its endeavours is to seek Allah's pleasure and success in Hereafter.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Beloved Brothers in Islam, *Assalamualikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu,*

Alhamdulillah, SIO has completed its three and a half decade journey successfully. SIO from its inception strived, and succeeded to an extent, in preparing students and youth to reconstruct the society. I feel as a student organisation, our first and foremost challenge is to sensitize the student community and inculcate a sense of fraternity among them. In contemporary time, we should present the message of truth among the students and youth comprehensively. In an era of knowledge explosion and awareness and dynamic civil society participation, SIO firmly believes that students should not only confine themselves to the campuses and educational issues rather should rise against the injustice happening in the society.

Hate is ruling the day. Today human lives, their dignity and beliefs are under attack in a systemic way. In an era where human rights violation is rampant, as workers of an Islamic Movement, we should stand against the tide and struggle against injustice. Violence and hate have become norm in today's world. Systemic efforts are made to sow the seeds of Islamophobia. But why? There is an Arabic saying "People always show enmity towards what they don't know". This worryingly common tendency, which we see in the people, is due to the lack of knowledge or misconceptions about Islam. Hence, it is our prime responsibility to effectively present the comprehensive message of the *Quran* and its humanitarian values and principles of social justice in front of them.

"There is a piece of flesh in the body, if it reforms, the whole body becomes sound, but if it corrupts, the whole body gets spoilt, and that is the heart" - *Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).*

Purification and development should start from one's heart. Heart is the epicentre of change. The result is reflected in one's character, action, behaviour, relations, in brief,

each and every aspect of life. So, whatever the activities we plan for *Tazkiya*, we should primarily see whether it reforms the heart or not.

It is time to give new dimensions to the struggle for creative and socially active campuses. Today, the oppression against marginalised communities is common in universities. It's our responsibility to raise voice against the oppression, at the same time we should present the Islamic principles of social justice in the campuses. The struggle and efforts, of which we are a part of, can become a revolutionary tide only when each and every member of the organisation contributes their time, wealth and talent in this cause. Allah says in *Surah al-Balad*:

“Did We not give him eyes, a tongue, lips, and point out to him the two clear ways (of good and evil)? Yet he has not attempted the steep path. What will explain to you what the steep path is? It is to free a slave; to feed at a time of hunger; an orphaned relative; or a poor person in distress; and to be one of those who believe and urge one another to steadfastness and compassion” (*Quran* 90: 8-17).

Let's, derive guidance from the Holy *Quran* and stand by its instructions to face the steep path, Insha Allah.

Wassalaam,

Your brother,
Labeed Shafi
President, SIO of India

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POLICY DRAFT

(January 2019 – December 2020)

The Organisation shall facilitate a collective environment for self-purification (*Tazkiya*). Cadre will strive continuously in this regard such that, it creates purity in their hearts, sagacity in their thinking, consistency in their efforts and beneficence in their personalities.

Keywords: *Self-purification, Purity of hearts, Sagacity in thinking, Consistency in efforts, Beneficence in personality*

Relationship with Allah and His Prophet (PBUH) has a significant role in the self-purification (*Tazkiya*) and development (*Tarbiyah*) of an individual. The hope of attaining Allah's pleasure and the fear of accountability on the Day of Judgment are the main factors motivating action in a person. In this regard, self-introspection has an important role and all the activities of the Organisation are means for self-purification (*Tazkiya*).

The Organisation (*Ijtimaiyyat*) is responsible for providing a collective environment and motivation to individuals for self-purification (*Tazkiya*). In this regard cadre shall be encouraged to develop deep attachment with mosques. Multi-dimensional development of an individual will be focused with respect to self-purification (*Tazkiya*).

SIO shall promote a collective environment of study and contemplation among students and cadre for their ideological stability and intellectual growth.

Keywords: *Study and Contemplation, Ideological Stability, Intellectual Growth*

Study is a staple for intellectual and ideological growth in individuals and an important mean of gaining knowledge. For leading and guiding the world, deep study is indispensable compared to superficial understanding. SIO shall try to develop a culture of study among students, especially in its cadre, so that depth

in knowledge and stability in ideology is promoted and experts in different field are trained.

Study, be it of books or of universe, contemplation and critical analysis are fundamental to it. In this regard, study of *Quran* and *Seerah* is essential. The relationship with *Quran* starts with recitation and continues with contemplation and propagation of its teachings. Likewise, through continuous study of the *Seerah*, a believer derives vibrancy for intellectual and practical struggle.

SIO shall present Islam taking the specific socio-religious context of the nation into consideration such that, the truth of the Islamic creed is established on the addressees and they feel Islam to be their necessity.

Keywords: *Dawah, Socio-Religious context*

Quran prescribes *Dawah* as a bounden duty of the Muslim *Ummah*. The study of lives of the Prophets (Peace Be Upon Them) shows that proselytizing was central to their struggle. It is vital to take addressees' specific socio-religious context into consideration when establishing truth of the Islamic creed. It is important to pay attention to the fact that our proselytizing activities result in the addressees feeling Islam to be their necessity and sole guarantor of worldly success and salvation in the Hereafter. In this regard, equal consideration is to be given to intellectual and research activities as much as to the field work.

SIO will exert continuously to promote Dae'e's character among students and youth.

Keywords: *Dae'e's Character*

Dawah in Islam is the fundamental duty of the Muslim *Ummah*. It is our responsibility to ensure that we present a true picture of Islam through our words and actions. Hence it is resolved that Dae'e's character be promoted among students and youth so that our individual as well as collective activities clearly

reflect the Daee's tendency. Considering it to be their responsibility, individuals of the *Ummah* should represent Islam at every front with confidence, vitality, wisdom and intellectual preparation. In this regard, taking the specific socio-religious context of nation into consideration, preparation of a comprehensive narrative and a discerning and alluring language for Dawah shall be attended to.

SIO shall give equal consideration to expansion and consolidation in its activities such that, its message spreads in the student fraternity, its sphere of influence expands and organisational consciousness, ideological uniformity and complete dedication is inculcated in the cadre. In this regard special attention shall be given to selected regions.

Keywords: Expansion and Consolidation, Organisational Consciousness, Ideological Uniformity, Complete Dedication

SIO shall give equal consideration to expansion and consolidation so that its message spreads swiftly in the student fraternity of the country and our efforts are undertaken in a coordinated manner. It is necessary that Organisational consciousness, ideological uniformity and complete dedication are inculcated in the cadre, whichever part of the country or zone they happen to be. In this regard, special attention shall be paid to the developing regions. Additionally, the cadre shall be motivated to observe the priorities of the Organisation in their activities. The cadre shall engage individuals of notable capabilities from the student fraternity as well as students from the institutions of significance and try to make them part of the Organisation.

SIO shall strive to ensure social justice in the field of education. Moreover, it shall influence government policies to ensure accessible and quality education.

Keywords: Education, Social Justice, Accessible and Quality education

Along with the economic, political and social fields, the field of education too has always been in need of struggle for social justice in the country. In the field of

education, oppression and injustice against the marginalized sections, conscious efforts to keep them away from higher education, non-availability of education in their mother-tongue and absence of equal and quality education for them, still continues. Resolving these issues shall be part of our struggle for creating a better society.

Similarly, ethics are not considered worthy of inclusion in the present education system. This is the reason that obscenity, nudity and moral degradation is finding place, not only among the students and educational institutions, but also in the educational syllabi. It should be noted that coordinated efforts are being made to promote prejudice and hatred through educational curriculum. Taking all these into consideration, SIO shall try to influence the national educational policies and agenda.

SIO shall engage with issues ideologically, in this regard special attention shall be paid to academic activism.

Keywords: Issues, Academic activism

SIO has been working amongst the students on various political, social and educational issues. Engaging with problems is not an end in itself, therefore while addressing social, political, economic and educational problems and solving them, it is incumbent that our ideological identity remains intact. It is vital to leave the stamp of our identity at all stages, right from selection of issues, to the ways and methods of resolving them. SIO aims to nurture ethos and see its objectives fulfilled in campuses. There are opportunities in every campus to strive for creation of democratic environment. The need is to utilize this space to raise awareness among students about social problems and involve them in socio-political struggle. In this regard, the Organisation shall promote a culture of academic activism so that problems are addressed with sound academic foundation and they can be understood and presented on an academic basis.

SIO shall try to build democratic atmosphere in campuses, in this regard it shall make collective effort with other justice-loving organisations.

Keywords: *Campus, Democratic Environment, Collective Effort*

There is a lack of democratic environment in campuses, with no space or a very limited space across the nation, for student politics and elections. SIO stands for democratic environment in campuses where everyone is free to express their opinions and engage in dialogue. In this regard, the Organisation shall strive to build, and uphold, democratic environment in campuses and for this it shall make collective effort with other justice-loving organisations.

SIO shall influence discourses prevalent in campuses and present the *Quranic* paradigm of justice in campus activism.

Keywords: *Campus Activism, Discourses, Justice, Quranic paradigm*

Raising various issues in campuses superficially might yield some short-term gains but lasting and substantial impact cannot be created unless we clarify our ideological stand on discourses in the campuses. SIO shall try to implement its vision in the student community by identifying discourses in campuses, unequivocally clarifying our stand and disseminating our message. Furthermore, according to its priorities, the Organisation shall strive to make its narratives, on different issues, as the dominant discourses in the campuses.

Special attention shall be paid to present the *Quranic* paradigm of justice in campus activism. In this regard, necessary intellectual and ideological preparation and framing of alternate Islamic narratives shall be focused upon.

SIO shall pay special attention to the students of seminaries. It shall strive to integrate them with society and social issues and nurture their talents to realise their potentials.

Keywords: *Students of Seminaries, Society and Social issues, Nurturing Talents*

Seminaries are a glorious chapter in the history of Muslim community in India. The students of seminaries are valuable assets of the Muslim community. The students of seminaries, despite facing various social and educational constraints, have the potential to play an important role in the development of the community and the nation. The Organisation shall exert to promote their talents and integrate them with society and social issues so that they play their requisite role in the development of the community and the nation.

SIO shall make collective effort to check violence and discrimination against religious minorities and other marginalised sections.

Keywords: Religious Minorities, Marginalised Sections, Collective Effort

For past some years, there have been sustained efforts to repress Muslims and other oppressed and marginalised sections through human rights violation, creation of an environment of fear and hopelessness and preventing their progress in educational and social fields. Oppression against minorities, extra-judicial killings, false cases, cases without proven charges and imprisonment for years in spite of lack of evidence have become a norm. All these incidents, especially those against minorities, are not random but are result of planned and coordinated efforts. The frequent victims of this situation are students and youth, hence it is vital to create awareness in them and encourage them to strive against it so that peace and justice prevail in the country. In this regard, it is necessary to undertake documentation. Furthermore, national institutions of human right protection (such as NHRC, Minority Commissions, SC/ST Commissions, etc) shall be utilised to address these issues. Apart from this, a critical analysis of relevant current laws and proposals for their amendment is need of the hour. The Organisation shall not only involve but also include other peace-loving organisations in this struggle based on the *Quranic* principle of "cooperate in good and righteousness".

SIO shall promote entrepreneurship among students and youth.

Keywords: Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship (i.e. self-employment and start-ups based on new and innovative ideas) promotes freedom, self-reliance, hard-work and ability to undertake risks. Entrepreneurs are not only self-reliant, but also benefit others. The Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) too had promoted this trend among his Companions (RA).

If the educated youth and experts of different fields, instead of just searching for jobs, come up with new and creative start-ups, then they: 1) become self-reliant; 2) create employment opportunities for others; and 3) contribute towards consolidation of the financial status of the community as a whole. Such youth with start-ups create a considerable sphere of influence, yield socio-political clout and provide diverse resources for furthering the cause of Islam. In this regard, assistance of different ministries of the Indian government and NGOs providing necessary knowledge, technical training, counselling and technology/resource-sharing, etc., should be utilized.

SIO shall sensitize students and youth about environmental conservation in the light of Islamic principles.

Keywords: Environmental Conservation, Islamic Principles, Sensitisation

Environmental crisis resulting from the disruption and destruction of natural environment and resources has emerged as a critical and crucial problem around the globe. This problem is not merely environmental in nature, but it is a complex issue incorporating ideological, economic, social, political and health dimensions as well. Utilising the Islamic concept of Habilitation of Earth (*'Imaratul Ardh*), SIO shall sensitize students and youth and prepare a counter-narrative based on Islamic principles challenging the contemporary development models. SIO shall promote civic sense in its cadre as well. As required, it shall make collective efforts with other organisations and individuals.

Junior associates will be nurtured taking their psychology into consideration such that, love for Islam, refinement of character, honing of talents and interest in association with the Organisation is promoted in them. In this regard, special attention will be paid on content preparation.

Keywords: Junior Associates, Psychology, Love for Islam, Refinement of Character, Honing of Talents, Association with the Organisation, Content Preparation

Nurturing and promoting the capabilities of children below 14 years of age is of immense importance. In this regard, zones and units will pay attention that their programmes at school and outside should be compatible with the nature, psychology and age of the Junior Associates. Through these activities, an irresistible love of Islam, refinement of character, unleashing of creativity, development of potential and betterment of educational standards should be promoted. In contemporary time, cultural tools play a vital role in shaping, understanding and perception. It is necessary for Islamic Organisations to focus on this front. In this regard, collection of available content globally or preparation and distribution of new content will be focused upon by the Organisation. Special and conscious efforts to promote Junior Associates to SIO membership shall be prioritized.

Programmes and Guidelines

Tazkiya & Tarbiyah:

- Centre will organise Development programmes for ZACs.
- Every member must complete reading of *Tafheem ul Quran* within this *meeqat* (2 years).
- *Infaaq* Week will be observed.
- Arabic language course will be continued.

Dawah:

- National *Dawah* Campaign will be undertaken.
- A conference/seminar on *Dawah* will be organised by the centre.

Organisation:

- National level SMC will be organised.
- Orientation programme on Environmental Activism will be organised.
- Start-up Incubator will be established.
- Zones will conduct programmes on entrepreneurship.
- Orientation programme on Cultural Activism (film and literature studies) will be organised by the centre.
- North-East conference will be organised.
- Policy explanation camp will be organised.
- NRM's will be organised.
- ALL INDIA ZAC Meet will be organised.

Seminaries:

- Translation Club will be continued.
- Seminary Members Camp will be organised at national level.

Education:

- At selected zones Regional History Summit will be organised.
- SIO will organise Research Scholars Summit.
- Zones will conduct State Education Movements under the guidance of the centre.

Campus:

- SIO will take steps to facilitate Zones for entrance of the cadre in central universities and institutes of national importance and train them for campus activism. (eg: university visits, counselling, mentorship programme, etc.).
- SIO will take part in student Union elections.

Public Relations:

- SIO will establish Legal Cell at headquarters.
- National level Human Rights Activism training workshop will be organised.

Those associated with organisation will develop their life and the lives of other Muslim students and youth on following lines:

I. Tazkiya of mind and heart:

- Deep understanding of fundamental beliefs of Islam and strong conviction in them.
- Nourishment of desired qualities of heart (like concern for Hereafter, *Ikhlas*, fear of Allah, reliance in Him, patience, steadfastness, spirit of sacrifice, gratefulness, love of Allah, love of His Prophet and love for humanity).
- To create a profound devotion to *ijtama'iyyat* for the Islamic cause.
- To develop the understanding of Islamic perspective of different knowledge disciplines.
- To cleanse the thought of all effects of materialism and *Jahiliyyah* (e.g. careerism, consumerism etc)

II. Tazkiya of deeds:

- To hold firm relation with *Quran*. Frequent self-introspection.
- To cleanse the life from all evils. Especially from vulgarity and lewdness.
- To orient the life in accordance with the Islamic teachings.
- To be prompt in *Faraiz*, *Nawafil*, *Dua*, *Zikr* and *Istighfar*.
- To adopt virtuous company.
- To hold close relation with mosque.
- To spend time, talents and money in the way of Allah.
- To strive for *Dawah*.
- To nourish talents in the right direction.
- To maintain cleanliness and discipline.
- To set good standards of physical fitness.
- To develop the thirst for knowledge and grow the appetite for reading.
- To improve the standard of education.
- To make proper use of time and money.

Note:

- Above mentioned points will be propagated through weekly programmes, *Tazkiya* Camps and Speeches of Leaders.
- Every member will try to follow *Tazkiya* Guide.
- It will be obligatory for all applicants for membership to study the following books from the following domain before applying for Membership.