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## MISSION

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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

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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.

## METHODOLOGY

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- A. The Qur'an and the Sunnah shall be the main guide and basis for the On Goings of the Organisation.
- B. In all its actions, the Organisation shall abide by the moral limits.
- C. For the achievement of its aims and objectives, the Organisation shall adopt peaceful and constructive methods and the lawful means of educating, persuading, preaching, propagating and shall abstain from all such acts which are at variance with truth and honesty or which may result into communal hatred, class struggle or Fasad-fil-Arz (Mischiefs on the earth).

## PREFACE

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- 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.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Beloved Brothers,

Assalamualaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu!

By the end of this term, the Organisation will InshAllah complete 40 years of its existence. We have been blessed with Allah's help and support throughout this long journey. We begin this term by praying for our friends who have been part of this great journey, determined to carry the torch with even more zeal.

Friends, first and foremost, we need to focus on our relationship with Allah and His consciousness. Each one of us should see to it that we do not spend even a single moment in Allah's disobedience. All our actions, be it walking, talking, sleeping, reading, writing, working or social and political activism, should only be to please Allah.

Secondly, we should realize our responsibility as a Muslim and strive to inculcate the Daa'e characteristics. All our individual and collective activities should be informed by Dawah considerations. In this atmosphere of hate and violence, we should focus on establishing justice through a peaceful and constructive struggle by winning hearts and minds of people.

Like everything else, social change has its own dynamics. The task of social change depends not only on the idea or truthfulness of its message but equally on understanding and utilizing these dynamics. We need to focus on understanding the context of the era that we live in and the dynamics that is required to change them and accordingly chart out our way forward. In addition to the two-year policy and programme, we also need to prepare a clear, long-term vision and roadmap with tangible aims. We must do new experiments regarding our narrative, plan of action and organizational structure in the light of this vision.

The dream of reconstruction of the society cannot be realised without understanding, framing, and propagating Islamic Thought in various spheres of life. In fact, solid and sustainable academic as well as practical efforts in the realm of philosophy of knowledge is the need of the hour. While we ourselves should work towards these lofty goals, we should also seek help and cooperation from other skilled people and organisations working in the society. There needs to be a special focus on building capacity in educational, economical and political fronts in order to fulfil the requirements of the Islamic movement.

The environmental crisis has gone from bad to worse in recent years. At the same time, the ever-increasing digitalisation and dependence on technology have created new psychological, moral and political problems. Even though these are very critical and existential fronts, so far they are not among our priorities. Going forward, we should pay special attention to these issues. Development of literature and culture on a right track is of utmost importance when it comes propagating one's message and thoughts and to ensure the growth of a civilization in a healthy manner. As a student organisation, we cannot afford to ignore this front.

CAC has taken some other important decisions as well, which are reflected in the policies and programmes. The zones have been permitted to draft their own policies according to their respective situation and requirements. While exercising this autonomy, the zones should ensure that their policies don't contradict the center's policies or their spirit. These policies may be implemented only after the approval of the National President.

May Allah guide us to work in an excellent manner and accept our deeds. (Aameen)

**Mohammed Salman Ahmed**

National President, SIO of India

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## POLICY DRAFT

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The cadre of the Organisation shall place their relationship with Allah as their first and foremost priority and continuously strive in this regard such that it results in strengthening of faith, purity of heart, consistency in efforts, beneficence in personality and nurturing of talents. The Organisation shall facilitate a collective environment for self-purification (Tazkiya).

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 an individual. In this regard, the cadre shall be encouraged to develop passion for the Quran and a deep attachment with mosques.

Faith is that state of certainty that gives an individual tranquillity. Faith manifests in personality of a believer through many qualities such as trust in Allah (Tawakkul), gratitude (Shukr), perseverance (Sabr), kindness and excellence (Ihsaan), etc. Qualities such as these must be fostered, and efforts must be made to maintain balance in the emotions. This state of mind and spirit is associated with constant engagement.

With regard to self-purification (Tazkiya), self-introspection plays an important role. In addition, all the activities of the Organisation are means for Tazkiya.

In the context of Tazkiya, the focus should be on comprehensive development and capacity building so that the cadre of the organisation become a valuable asset to the Islamic movement.

With regard to Tazkiya, the cadre should focus on physical

health and well-being as well.

It is the responsibility of the Organisation to provide a collective environment and motivation to individuals for Tazkiya.

**In the light of Islamic Thought, SIO shall frame and develop Islamic paradigm and narrative in various spheres of life, focusing on preparation, promotion and dissemination of content.**

Every thought and ideology has a worldview as its backbone. Islam has its own conception of life and being, in the light of which the dominant thoughts and ideologies of the era will be critically examined. Efforts will be taken to acquaint the cadre with the intellectual and research efforts in the field of Islamic Thought, along with development of comprehension and capability to carry out this task.

Efforts will be taken on one hand to develop a deeper understanding of the sources of Islamic Thought, namely the Quran and Sunnah. On the other hand, an in-depth study of the contemporary society, its language and discourse will be undertaken to better understand the dominant thoughts and ideologies so as to better present the Islamic paradigm and narrative.

**The cadre of the Organisation shall continuously strive for intellectual and ideological growth and self-purification (Tazkiya) through individual study and contemplation. In this regard, the Organisation shall facilitate a collective environment.**

Study and contemplation are a staple for intellectual and ideological growth as well as self-purification (Tazkiya) in individuals. In the task of reformation, deep study and systematic contemplation are indispensable compared to superficial understanding. SIO shall try to inculcate a culture of study and contemplation among students, especially in its cadre, so that depth in knowledge and

stability in ideology is promoted and experts in different fields are trained.

Study, be it of books or of the world, contemplation and critical analysis are essential parts of it.

In this regard, the study of Quran and Seerah are fundamental. The relationship with Quran begins with recitation and continues with memorisation, contemplation, action and invitation towards its teachings. Likewise, through continuous study of the Seerah, a believer derives vibrancy for intellectual and practical struggle.

Better knowledge of language and literature develops a passion for reading, intellectual appreciation, sagacity, and the ability to express oneself. Reflection on the self and the world guides one to realisation of deep insight and contentment of heart.

### **SIO shall strive continuously to promote Daae characteristics among students and youth.**

The real identity of the Muslim community is that of the group inviting people to connect to their Creator. In order to fulfil this fundamental duty, it is necessary that the members of the community present a true picture of Islam through their words and actions. Therefore, Daae characteristics must be promoted amongst the students and youth such that individual as well as collective activities clearly and prominently reflect Dawah aspect. Considering it to be their responsibility, individuals of the community must demonstrate empathy towards the addressees and represent Islam at every front with confidence, compassion, wisdom, intellectual and practical preparation.

**SIO shall work towards bringing different social and religious communities closer to Islam and Muslims. Taking the specific socio-religious context in consideration, it shall present the truthfulness and necessity of the Islamic creed to them.**

Quran prescribes Dawah as a bounden duty of the

Muslim Ummah. The lives of the Prophets (Peace Be Upon Them) show that Dawah was central to their struggle. It is vital to take addressees' specific socio-religious context into consideration when conveying the truth of the Islamic creed. It is important to pay attention to the fact that our individual contacts and collecting 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.

In recent times, an organised and concerted effort is underway to create a gulf between various communities through hateful propaganda and prejudice. It is essential to bridge this gap among people and social groups, end prejudice and create an atmosphere of mutual trust, cooperation, and compassion. This also broadens the scope for Dawah.

In addition to practical efforts towards Dawah, academic and research work to better understand the Indian society is also essential for engaging with people.

## **SIO shall focus on educational, economic and political capacity building of students and youth.**

For any social movement to succeed, it is imperative that it has a critical mass of people possessing necessary capabilities and capacity. These capabilities include educational excellence, economic self-reliance and political acumen among others. In this regard, SIO needs to build the capacity of its own cadre, as well as students and youth of the communities in which it works, by providing them with necessary orientation, training and resources. The social, economic and political capital generated through these efforts will be an invaluable resource for the movement and the society.

Educational empowerment of a community is similarly dependent on continuous engagement with knowledge

and ideas, as well as sustained efforts for skill development and career guidance at the critical and formative stages of a student's life.

In order to inculcate economic self-reliance, promotion of the entrepreneurial spirit among students and youth, as well as facilitation of institutional support like incubation centres, chambers of commerce, self-help groups etc., is need of the hour.

The general perspective of politics and political activity is often restricted to elections and party politics. This is a very limited view of a complex field. It is important to understand politics in the broader sense of engagement with power centres, political agents and institutions. There needs to be a conscious focus on developing skills like advocacy, alliance building, public opinion generation and overall sense of how political systems function.

Capacity building and capabilities generation in all domains of life is a necessary condition to broaden our social engagement and sphere of influence.

**SIO will critically engage with the dominant philosophy of knowledge and education. In this regard, it shall strive towards framing, promotion and dissemination of the Islamic philosophy of knowledge and education in collaboration with selected students and institutions.**

Islam has its own outlook on philosophy of knowledge and education, which is an extension of its holistic conception of life and being. As an ideological organisation, it is of primary responsibility to take critical stock of the present educational system and reconstitute knowledge in the light of Islamic principles. Thus, it is of paramount importance that research and academic initiatives be undertaken in this regard. The Organisation shall focus on providing a conducive environment and preparing individuals for the task and encourage the cadre to make this endeavour part of their academic life. The Organisation shall collaborate with

individuals to make Islamic philosophy of knowledge and education a subject of discourse in prominent institutions.

**SIO shall work towards securing equity, accessibility, and quality in the field of education and in this regard it shall influence the government policies.**

Along with the economic, political and social fields, the field of education too has always been in need of struggle for 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 the struggle for creating a better society.

Similarly, ethics and values 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 these into consideration, SIO shall try to make questions of education subject of discourse and influence the national educational agenda and policies.

**SIO shall strive to promote better ethical and educational environment and foster democratic atmosphere in campuses.**

The moral and ethical betterment of students has always been a priority of Students Islamic Organization. In the view of ethical and moral crisis, SIO shall actively work in campuses to revive mutual and shared ethical concerns and promote Islamic values among students. Professional and technical institutions and students will be given special attention in this regard. Addressing their particular concerns and developing a working culture in these institutions is necessary.

Better educational and democratic environment in campuses is an essential condition for nurturing the potential of students. SIO shall strive to ensure equality, justice and quality in the field of education. Efforts to democratise campuses will also be a concern. In this regard SIO shall actively utilise educational spaces in a democratic manner to resolve these issues. Along with the socio-political engagements, SIO shall also try to engage intellectually and ideologically to build its own narrative.

**SIO shall pay special attention to the students and graduates of seminaries and benefit from them. It shall strive to nurture their talents and engage them with society and its issues.**

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 Organisation shall benefit from the talents of the seminary students and connect them to society and its issues so that that they play their requisite role in the development of the community and society.

**SIO shall influence students and youth to establish justice in society. In this regard, it will make collective effort with minorities, marginalised communities and other justice seeking sections of society.**

In the last few years, there have been sustained attempts to create an atmosphere of fear and despair through human rights violation and continuous efforts to weaken educational and social stature of Muslims and other marginalised sections of the society. These attempts, especially incidents of violence against minorities, are not random or coincidental but part of a planned and systemic effort. Since students and youth are often the most affected ones, it is necessary to create awareness among them, and motivate them to fight against this injustice as well as to promote an atmosphere of peace and justice. Efforts will be

made to collaborate with justice seeking sections of society to address problems and issues not only at national and state, but also at local level.

### **SIO shall critically engage students and youth on the broader implications of technology and privacy.**

Technology is an indispensable part of human life. While there are many obvious benefits, technology in itself is not neutral. There are many broader implications of technology on the self as well as society, one of these being the question of privacy, which has raised many questions of its own.

With increased digitization and technology adoption, there are many ethical implications which have come to surface. Some of the apparent effects are addiction, lack of attention span, behavioural change and attitudinal shifts. There also exists overt intrusion into the (private) realm of the individual. Its impact on societal behaviour and overarching surveillance further aggravates apprehensions surrounding the question of technological intrusion.

In this milieu, SIO shall critically engage with the entire gamut of possibilities and repercussions posed by the new technological paradigm.

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

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 concerned section of society.

**Art, Culture, and other recreational means shall be utilized by the Organisation to nurture creative talents of students and youth and to expand its sphere of influence.**

Art and Culture has paramount importance, substantially influencing every section of society. Art is a civilizational asset and best medium for propagation of ideas and thoughts. As an Islamic student organization, it is of importance to constructively critique the philosophical underpinnings of dominant ideologies prevalent in this field and parallelly nurture Art based on Islamic principles. In this regard, the Organization shall motivate individuals and nourish their creative talents.

**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 among them. In this regard, special attention shall be paid to content generation.**

Nurturing and promoting the capabilities of children below 14 years of age is of immense importance. In this regard, zones and units shall pay attention that their programmes in schools and outside should be compatible with the nature, psychology and age of the Junior Associates. Through these activities, a deep of love of Islam, refinement of character, nourishment 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. In this regard, collection of available content globally, or preparation and distribution of new content will be focused by the Organisation. Special and conscious efforts to promote Junior Associates to SIO membership shall be prioritized.

SIO shall give equal consideration to expansion and consolidation in its activities such that, its message spreads in the student and youth 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.

SIO shall give equal consideration to expansion and consolidation so that its message spreads swiftly in the student and youth fraternity of the country and efforts in this regard 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 institutions of significance and try to make them part of the Organisation.

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## PROGRAMMES AND GUIDELINES

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### Tazkiya:

- Every member shall establish deep connection with Quran. Special attention shall be paid in this regard.
- Infaq week will be observed.
- National-level campaign on the theme “Itesam bil Quran | اعتصام بالقرآن” will be organised.
- Zones will undertake teaching of Quranic Arabic. Markaz will facilitate in providing relevant course materials etc. Markaz will organise specialized Arabic learning course for selected cadre.
- Markaz will organise Study CAC and zones will try to organise Study ZAC in their respective zones.
- Every member will be motivated to prepare his individual Tazkiya plan. Individual Ihtesaab will be carried out based on the individual’s Tazkiya plan.
- SIO will organise a workshop on Islamic perspective of Psychology.

### Islamic Thought:

- Markaz will organize series of workshops on various themes of Islamic thought.

### Dawah:

- Markaz will organize Dawah campaign.
- Dawah seminars will be organised on selected topics.
- National-level workshop for selected compatriots will be organised.
- Markaz will work on content creation on Dawah.

### Capacity Building:

- InQhab will be further consolidated.
- University orientation workshops will be organised.
- Series of workshops will be organised to strengthen capacity in

selected domains.

### **Islamic Philosophy of Knowledge:**

- Episteme workshop for Research Scholars and selected students
- Scholarship and stipends to selected students for pursuing academic research on selected topics.

### **Education:**

- Research on RTE.
- Research on Islamophobia.
- Histories summit series will be organised.

### **Campus:**

- SIO will participate in student union elections.
- SIO will be active in promotion of social welfare and academic activism in the campuses.
- National-level campus leaders' workshop will be organised.
- Deeni Madaris:
- Workshop for students and graduates of seminaries will be organised.
- SIO will organise seminars and competitions for the students of seminaries.

### **Legal:**

- National-level orientation and skill development workshop for lawyers and law students' will be organised.
- Technology:
- Seminar on technology and privacy will be organised.
- E-Ethics week will be observed.
- Content generation on Islamic perspective of technology and privacy.
- Environment:
- Workshop on Islamic perspectives of environmentalism will be organised.
- Content generation on Islamic perspective of environmentalism.

### **Art and Culture:**

- Literature and film-making workshops will be organised.

### **Junior Associates:**

- Markaz will focus on content creation.

### **Organization:**

- Selected local leaders camp will be organised.
  - All Uttar Pradesh members meet will be organised.
  - National-level SMC will be organised.
  - Policy explanation camp will be organised.
  - NRMs will be organised.
  - All India ZAC meet will be organised.
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