

EVALUATIVE REPORT OF ZAKIR HUSAIN INSTITUTE OF ISLAMIC STUDIES

1. Name of the Department: **Zakir Husain Institute of Islamic Studies**
 2. Year of establishment: **1971**
 3. Is the Department part of a School/Faculty of the University? **No**
 4. Names of Programmes offered (UG, PG, M. Phil., Ph. D., Integrated Masters; Integrated Ph.D., D. Sc., D Litt etc.) **Not Applicable**
 5. Interdisciplinary Programs and Departments involved **Not Applicable**
 6. Courses in collaboration with other universities, industries, foreign institutions, etc. **Not Applicable**
 7. Details of programmes discontinued, if any, with reasons **Not Applicable**
 8. Examination System: Annual/ Semester/Trimester /Choice Based Credit System **Not Applicable**
 9. Participation of the Department in the courses offered by other Departments **Not Applicable**
 10. Number of teaching posts sanctioned, filled and actual (Professors/Associate Professors/Asst. Professors/others)
- | S. No. | Post | Sanctioned | Filled | Actual (Including CAS & MPS) |
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| 1. | Professor | -- | -- | -- |
| 2. | Associate Professors | 01 | Vacant | Vacant |
| 3. | Asst. Professors | -- | -- | -- |
| 4. | Others | -- | -- | -- |
11. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation, area of specialization, experience and research under guidance **Not Applicable**
 12. List of senior Visiting Fellows, adjunct faculty, emeritus professors etc.
Dr. Jaishree Kak Odin, Fulbright Scholar (2008)
 13. Percentage of classes taken by temporary faculty – programme-wise information **Not Applicable**
 14. Student Teacher Ratio. **Not Applicable**
 15. Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff: sanctioned, filled and actual.

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S. No.	Post	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual
1.	Associate Professor	One	Vacant	Vacant
2.	Research Associate	One	Vacant	Vacant
3.	Assistant Editor	Two	One	Dr.Tajammul Husain Khan
			One	Vacant
4.	Professional Assistant/ Documentation Officer	One	Vacant	Vacant
5.	Section Officer	One	Office Asstt.	Md Merajuddin
6.	UDC	One	Office Asstt.	Dr. Ataur Rahman
7.	LDC	One	Vacant	Vacant
8.	Computer Operator	Nil	One	Naushad Alam (Out sourced)
9.	Daftari	One	(Peon)	Naushad Outsourced
10.	Peon	Two	(i) With Printing Asstt	Rashid Ahmad
			(ii) Out sourced (Peon)	Mohd Hashim Khan

16. Research thrust areas as recognized by major funding agencies. Not Applicable
17. Number of faculty with ongoing projects from a) national b) international funding agencies and c) Total grants received. Give the names of the funding agencies, project title, duration and grants received project-wise. Not Applicable
18. Inter-institutional collaborative projects and associated grants received
a) National collaboration b) International collaborations Not Applicable
19. Departmental projects funded by DST-FIST; UGC-SAP/CAS, DPE; DBT, ICSSR, AICTE etc.; total grants received. Not Applicable
20. Research facility / centre with Not Applicable
- state recognition
 - national recognition
 - international recognition
21. Special research laboratories sponsored by / created by industry or corporate bodies Not Applicable
22. Publications:
- * Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national / international) 19

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* Conferences (National and International)	No
* Monographs / articles	No
* Chapters in Books	No
* Edited Books	
* Books (Edited)	Professor Akhtarul Wasey

Special issues of the journals published by the institute:

S. No.	Name of Journal	Vol. No.	Month & Year	Remarks
1	Islam and the Modern Age	XL Nos. 2-3	May & Aug. 2009	Sufism And Indian Mysticism
2	Islam and the Modern Age	XLI. Nos. 3-4	Aug. & Nov. 2010	Asghar Ali Engineer Scholar, Reformer And Secular Activist
3	Islam and the Modern Age	XLII. No. 1	Feb. 2011	Abdul Majid Daryabadi's Contribution To The Quanic Studies
4	Islam Aur Asr-e-Jadeed	XXXX. No. 2-3	April & July 2008	Nazr-e-Shibli Nomani
5	Islam Aur Asr-e-Jadeed	XXXXII. No. 3-4	July & Oct. 2010	Shah Waliullah Afkar-o-Aasar
6	Islam Aur Asr-e-Jadeed	XXXXIV . No. 1-2	Jan. & April 2012	Fikr-e-Islami Ki Tashkil-e-Jadeed, Part – I
7	Islam Aur Asr-e-Jadeed	XXXXIV . No. 3-4	July & Oct. 2012	Fikr-e-Islami Ki Tashkil-e-Jadeed, Part – II
8	Islam Aur Asr-e-Jadeed	XXXXV. No. 1	January 2013	Quran Majeed, Mustashrequeen Aur Angrezi Trajim
9	Islam Aur Asr-e-Jadeed	XXXXV. No. 2-3	April & July 2013	Paikar-e-Deen-o-Danish: Imam Ghazali
10	Islam Aur Asr-e-Jadeed	XXXXV. No. 4	October 2013	Muallim-e-Asr: Saeed Noorsi

Intikhab risala jamia published by the institute:

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| 1. Jamia Millia Islamia - Tahreek, Tarikh, Riwayat – | Vol. I |
| 2. Jamia Millia Islamia - Aurq-e-Musawwar – | Vol. II |
| 3. Jamia Millia Islamia - Ilmi Aur Tahzibi Wirasat – | Vol. III |
| 4. Jamia Millia Islamia - Takhleeq-wa-Tanqeed Ki Dastawez- | Vol. IV |
| 5. Jamia Millia Islamia - Ishariya of Risala Jamia- | Vol. V |

Table for Research Publications of the Department

S. No.	Item	Total Numbers
1	Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national / international)	19
2	Number of papers published in conferences	No

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3	Monographs	No
4	Chapters in Books	No
5	Edited Books	14
6	Laboratory Manuals	No
7	Articles in Magazines	19
8	Editorials	
9	Books with ISBN with details of publishers	12

Please see Annexure- ERD I Publications

23. Details of patents and income generated. Not Applicable

24. Areas of consultancy and income generated. Not Applicable

25. Faculty selected nationally/ internationally to visit other laboratories/ institutions / industries in India and abroad. Not Applicable

Fulbright fellowship

(September-December 2008)

First ever from the subject of Islamic Studies from India and also first from Jamia academic fraternity Prof. Akhtarul Wasey selected for the Award of Fulbright Fellowship. (Interfaith Community Action Program) Few institutions of affiliation and some other engagements are given below:

- (i) Temple University, Philadelphia, September 14 to October 2, 2008
- (ii) Xavier's University, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 3 to December 1, 2008
- (iii) Iliff School of Theology, Denver University, November 9-12, 2008
- (iv) Catholic University, Washington DC, December 2-5, 2008

S.No.	Theme	Organizer	Date
1.	A Muslim in India: Implications for Democracy and Diversity	Hebrew National College, Cincinnati, USA	1.12.2008
2.	Muslim Heritage and the Contemporary Challenges in India	The Maryland / Virginia Chapter of Indian Muslim Council, Silver Spring, MD (USA)	22.11.2008
3.	Islam and Democracy	A Discussion organized by Interfaith Club, (International Education Week) Xavier University, Cincinnati, USA	20.11.2008
	Living in a Majority Culture As a Member of a Minority Culture	A Discussion organized by Interfaith Community Engagement (International Education Week) Xavier University, Cincinnati, USA	18.11.2008
4.	Crescent in Clouds: What Muslims Should	Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, West Chester, OH, (USA)	16.11.2008

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	Do? Discussion on Contemporary Controversies in Islam		
5.	Muslims Today, Promises and Pitfalls	The Dayton Mercy Society, Miamisburg, OH, (USA)	15.11.2008
6.	Islam and Democracy	Department of Religion, Hofstra University, NY, (USA)	30.10.2008
7.	Madrasas or Modernists: The Formation of India's Muslim Intellectuals	Loyola University, Chicago, USA	20.10.2008
8.	Iqra Internationals Contribution to Muslim Education	Guest Speaker at the Silver Jubilee Function of Iqra International Educational Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, USA	19.10.2008

26. Faculty serving in

- a) National committees b) International committees c) Editorial Boards d) any other (please specify).

National committees: (Prof. Akhtarul wasey)

S.No.	Position	Committee	Organization
1.	Member	Anjuman (Court)	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
2.	Member	Academic Council	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
3.	Member	Board of Studies	Directorate of Distance Education, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Gachibowli, Hyderabad
4.	Member (Trustee)	Trustee	Sufi Foundation India, Chandigarh, Punjab
5.	Member	Board of Research Studies	Faculty of Islamic Studies and Social Sciences, Hamdard University, New Delhi.
6.	Member	Board of Studies	Department of Islamic Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar
7.	Member	Board of Studies	Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kashmir, Srinagar
8.	Member	Board of Studies	Urdu and Arabic, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab
9.	Member	Advisory Board	Foundation for Amity and National Solidarity, New Delhi
10.	Trustee	Trustee	Foundation for Inter-Community Relations (FICR), New Delhi

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11.	Trustee	Trustee	Yasmeen Foundation, New Delhi
12.	Member	Editorial Board	Jihan-e-Tib and Unani Chikitsa aur Swasth, Central Council of Research in Unani Medicine ,Ministry of Health, Govt. of India
13.	Member	Editorial Board	Rampur Raza Library, Rampur, UP
14.	Member	Editorial Board	Insight Islamicus, Shah-i-Hamadan Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar-190006.
15.	Chairman	Sub-Committee	Promotion of Urdu Language And enhance compatibility amongst minorities Through knowledge of English, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi-110001
16.	Member	National Monitoring Committee	National Monitoring Committee for Minorities' Education, Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi
17.	Member	Assessment and Monitoring Authority	Assessment and Monitoring Authority, Planning Commission, Government of India, Yojana Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi
18.	Member	Steering Committee	Steering Committee for Elementary Education and Literacy, Planning Commission, Government of India, Yojana Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi
19.	Member	Working Group	Empowerment of the Minorities for formulation of the 12th Five Year Plan, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi
20.	Member	Executive Board	National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi.

International committees:

S.No.	Position	Committee	Organization
1.	Member	Board of Editor/ Board of Reviewers	Shaykh Zayed Islamic Centre, Peshawar University, Peshawar, Pakistan

27. Faculty recharging strategies Not Applicable

28. Student projects Not Applicable

- percentage of students who have done in-house projects including inter-departmental projects
- percentage of students doing projects in collaboration with other universities / industry /

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29. Awards / recognitions received at the national and international level by

- Faculty
 - Awards: (Prof. Akhtarul Wasey)

S.No.	Name of the Award	Organization
1.	Madhya Pradesh Urdu Academy's Hakeem Qamrul Hasan All India Award for contribution to the Urdu Language and Literature 2009-2010	Madhya Pradesh Urdu Academy

- Doctoral / post doctoral fellows
- Students

Position held by Prof. Mohammad Ishaque

- Honorary Deputy Controller of Examination since July 21, 2010 to August 25, 2014.
- Member of Majlisie-Deeniyat since October 19, 2007.
- Nazim-e-Deeniyat since December 2013

Participation and Presentation of Papers to the Academic fora:

1. Participated and contributed in the three Days National Workshop to review, revise & update Islamic Studies Syllabi held on 22nd to 24th December 2013, at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, organized by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India) in collaboration with Zakir Hussain Institute of Islamic Studies, JMI, New Delhi
2. "Interfaith dialogue a preliminary discourse" in National Interfaith Colloquium on Interfaith Dialogue: towards a better society held on 31 October 2013 at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
3. "Malfuz al Safar- Hazrat Sharfuddin Yahya Maneri ke Majlise Ilm wa Ma'anika Tazkira" in International Seminar on Malfuzat of Sufis of India- A source of Indian History and Culture held on 24-26 October 2013 at Rampur Raza Library, Rampur U.P.
4. Participate and contributed a review article on Religious Pluralism, Secularism and Uniform Legal Code written by Prof. S. R. Bhatt in the seminar on RELIGION & JURISPRUDENCE held during 6-8 SEP.2013 at Shiri Udasin Karshni Asram, Ramanreti, Mathura.
5. Contributed a paper on Deen-e-Haq Ki Tafheem wa Tabeer: Kashf al Mahjub Ek Mutala, in the International Seminar on Shaikh Ali Hujaveri: His Life and Contributions organized by the Faculty of Humanities and Languages, Jamia Millia Islamia, ICCR, Iran Culture House, Embassy of Afghanistan, Embassy of Turkey and Urdu Academy at New Delhi during 5-7 December, 2010
6. Contributed a paper on –The Role of Rituals in Islam in a symposium on "The Role of Rituals in Religion held during 1st and 2nd of June, 2008 at Shri Udasin Karshni Ashram, Ramanreti, Mathura, U.P.
7. Presented a paper on Quran Majeed: Itmame Hujjat ki Tajrebat Shahadat, in one day seminar Scientific Aspects of the Holy Quran for the Recent Global Issues, on May 11, 2008, organized by Iran Culture House in collaboration with the Department of Islamic

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Studies, JMI

8. Participated in a four day seminar on Aqeedat ke Rang: Hind Islami Tahzeeb ke Sang, organized by IGNCA, New Delhi, held on 1- 4 April, 2008, at IGNCA
 9. Participated in a two day seminar on Allama Shibli ka Fikri-o-Ilmi Ijtehad, organized by Zakir Husain Institute of Islamic Studies, JMI, New Delhi-25 held on 25-26 March, 2008 at Jamia Millia Islamia
30. Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops organized and the source of funding (national / international) with details of outstanding participants, if any.

2009-2010

Date	Programme	Topic of the Lecture/ Extension Lecture	Delivered by
30.10.2009	Mujeeb Memorial Lecture	'Pragmatism V. Dogmatism – Prof. Mujeeb's Thought'	Ambassador Ishrat Aziz
25.01.2010	Extension Lecture	ICRC Operations in Muslim World and Today's Challenges to Humanitarian Action	Mr. Ronald Ofteringer, Chef d'Unite, Pour les Affaires Globales, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva

Date	Programme	Delegation
	Visitation of the delegation to the Zakir Husain Institute of Islamic Studies	A delegation of School Teachers and Principals from USA
31.12.2009	Interaction	Students of American University, Washington D.C., U.S.A.

2010-2011

Date	Programme	Topic of the Lecture/ Extension Lecture	Delivered by
30.10.2010	Prof. Mohd. Mujeeb Memorial Lecture	'Sahitey, Kalayen, Aur Hamara Samay'	Mr. Ashok Vajpeyi, IAS, Chairman, Lalit Kala Academy
25.11.2010	Extension Lecture	'Pakistan in Transition: Social Responses	Ms. Arshi Saleem Hashmi, Islamabad, Pakistan
11.01.2011	Lecture	(No Specific Topic)	H.E. Shaikh Dr. Ali Gomaa (The Grand Mufti of the Arab Republic of Egypt)
08.02.2011	Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture	"What is Urdu?"	Justice Markandey Katju of the Supreme Court of India

Date	Programme
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01.05.2010	Reception of Dr. Masarrat Ali President, Federation of Aligarh Alumni, USA
	Releasing Ceremony: Afkar-o-Aasar, Special Issue of Quarterly Journal Islam Aur Asr-e-Jadeed
20-21.12.2010	Two-day conference of Muslim Leaders' on HIV Stigma and Discrimination in collaboration with UNICEF

2011-2012

S.No.	Date	Events
1.	4.7.2011	Extension Lecture on Arab World and their Implication for the Region by Dr. Turakkaya Ataov, Turkey
2.	28.9.2011	Book Release Function (Faiz Fehmi) and Extension Lecture on Faiz Ahmed Faiz by Dr. Syed Taqi Abedi, Canada
3.	12.11.2011	Maulana Azad Memorial Lecture <i>Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Aur Mutalay-e-Mazahib</i> by Prof. Saud Alam Qasmi
4.	22.11.2011	Prof. Mohd. Mujeeb Memorial Lecture <i>Revisiting Ghalib</i> by Prof. Gopi Chand Narang, Former Chairman, Sahitya Academy, New Delhi
5.	25.11.2011	Extension Lecture on Pakistan in Transition : Social Responses by Ms. Arshi Saleem Hashmi, Pakistan
6.	3.12.2011	Symposium on Aalam-e-Islam Ke Chand Aham Ulama Aur Unkey Ilmi Karname
7.	9.12.2011	One-day seminar on Imam Ghazali: Ilmi Atya Aur Manwiyat
8.	9.12.2011	Interaction with Turkish Delegation
9.	10.2.2012	Visiting Indonesian Delegation consisting of 42 members
10.	14.2.2012	interactive session with the Visiting Delegation of 14 Afghan Religious Leaders
11.	21.2.2012	Book Release Function <i>The Arab Spring</i> by Prof. Ishteyaque Danish, Department of Islamic Studies, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi
12.	23.2.2012	Book Release Function <i>Sufism and Indian Mysticism</i>
13.	29.2.2012	Extension Lecture on <i>Ongoing Developments and Happening in the Arab World</i> By Ambassador Karamatullah K. Ghori
14.	13.3.2012	One-day workshop on HIV AIDS

2012-2013

S. No.	Date	Events
1.	27.8.2012	Extension Lecture on "Some Western Christian View of Islam: Theological Development Since 1900" by Dr. Ataullah Siddiqi, Visiting Professor, University of Gloucestershire, UK, Former Director, Markfield of Institute of Higher Education, UK

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2.	3.9.2012	Extension Lecture on “Women’s Contribution To The Development Of Hadith Literature With Special Reference To India” by Dr. Mohammad Akram Nadvi, Research Fellow, Oxford Centre of Islamic Studies, UK
3.	12-13.10.2012	A two day seminar on “Concept Of Freedom And Its Application In Islamic Jurisprudence” in collaboration with Islamic Fiqh Academy, New Delhi
4.	30.10.2012	Mujeeb Memorial Lecture on “Evolution Of Muslims In India” by Mr. Najeeb Jung, IAS, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delh – 110025
5	22.11.2012	Interaction with Maulana Zakariya Ismail Rawat, Chairman, Islamic Academy, Panama, Central America
6	23.11.2012	Interaction with the delegation of Jamiatul Imam Bin Saud, Ryadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
7	8-10.2.2013	A three day International Conference on “Islam And Modernity In Collaboration” with Isambul Foundation for Science and Culture, Turkey
8	16.2.2013	A one day seminar on HIV AIDS
9	11-16.3.2013	An exhibition of Art and Calligraphy in association of The Siysat Delhi, Hyderabad

2013-2014

S. No.	Date	Events
1	2.4.2013	Extention Lecture on “Sir Syed Ahmad Khan’s Commentary Of The Bible (TAB’IN AL-KALAM)” by Dr. Christian W. Troll, Professor for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, Philosophies – Theologies, Hochschule St. George, Germany
2	19.6.2013	Interaction with Indonesian Delegation
3	2-3.7.2013	A two day workshop for the establishment of National Institute For Faith Leadership Under The Auspicious of Shaikhul Hind Educational and Charitable Trust
4	2-4.8.2013	A Three Day Quranic Exhibition
5	14.10.2013	A Special Lecture On “The History of Muslim – Christian Relations From The Mughals to The Reformist: Islamic Response To Biblical Literature In Northern India During The 17 th – 19 th Centuries” by Dr. Charles M. Ramsey, Academic Director, Centre For Dialogue And Action For Man Christian College (A Chartered University, Lahore, Pakistan)
6	30.10.2013	Prof. Mohammad Mujeeb Lecture on “Translation The Untranslatable Major Trends In The Recent English Translations Of The Quran” by Prof. Abdur Rahim Qidwai, Director, UGC

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		Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh
7	22-24.12.2013	A Three Day Workshop on “Preparing Comprehensive Syllabi of Islamic Studies” in collaboration with NCPUL, Govt. Of India
8	11-12.02.2014	A Two Day Workshop on “Building Communities Of Peace: Muslim Christian Relation In Asia” in collaboration with Islamic Studies Association (ISA), Delhi

2014-2015

S.No.	Date	Events
1	8.6.2014	Extention Lecture on “Relevance Of Quanic Understanding In The Contemporary World” by Dr. Aslam Pervez, Principal Zakir Husain College, University of Delhi in collaboration with Quran Centre, New Delhi
2	8.9.2014	Lecture/Interactive Session on “ The Hindu Muslim Relation Prior To The 12 th Century” by Prof. Bruce Lawrence, Professor Emeritus, Duke University, USA in collaboration with Department of Islamic Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi - 110025

31. Code of ethics for research followed by the departments
Jamia has its own code of ethics and they have subscribed to a software which can take care of the percentage of plagiarism
32. Student profile program -wise: Not Applicable
33. Diversity of students: Not Applicable
34. How many students have cleared Civil Services and Defence Services examinations, NET, SET, GATE and other competitive examinations? Give details category-wise. Not Applicable
35. Student progression Not Applicable
36. Diversity of staff: Not Applicable
37. Number of faculty who were awarded M Phil, Ph.D., D.Sc. and D.Litt. during the assessment period Not Applicable
38. Present details of departmental infrastructural facilities with regard to
a) Library Not Applicable
b) Internet facilities for staff and students: Yes

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- c) Total number of class rooms: Not Applicable
d) Class rooms with ICT facility: Not Applicable
e) Students' laboratories: Not Applicable
f) Research laboratories: Not Applicable
39. List of doctoral, post-doctoral students and Research Associates Not Applicable
40. No. of post graduate students getting financial assistance NIL
41. Was any need assessment exercise undertaken before the development of new programme(s)?
If so, highlight the methodology. Not Applicable
42. Does the department obtain feedback from,
- a. Faculty on curriculum as well as teaching-learning-evaluation? If yes, how does the department utilize the feedback? Not Applicable
 - b. Students on staff, curriculum and teaching-learning-evaluation and how does the department utilize the feedback? Not Applicable
 - c. Alumni and employers on the programmes offered and how does the department utilize the feedback? Not Applicable
43. List the distinguished alumni of the department (maximum 10) Not Applicable
44. Give details of student enrichment programmes (special lectures / workshops / seminar) involving external experts. Not Applicable
45. List the teaching methods adopted by the faculty for different programmes. Not Applicable
46. How does the department ensure that programme objectives are constantly met and learning outcomes are monitored?
The Institute through its publications, cultural and social studies, symposia, seminars and conferences has been promoting the understanding of Islam among the subscribers of other faiths and that of other faiths among Muslims in and outside the country with due stress on the historical and contemporary role of Islam and mysticism and religions as a whole in providing inspiration and giving direction to human life in the background of movements of liberalization and modernization in the Islamic world.
47. Highlight the participation of students and faculty in extension activities. Not Applicable
48. Give details of "beyond syllabus scholarly activities" of the department. Not Applicable
49. State whether the programme/ Department is accredited/ graded by other agencies? If yes, give details. No
50. Briefly highlight the contributions of the Department in generating new knowledge, basic or applied.
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The Institute is publishing three internationally reputed journals:

- *Islam and the Modern Age* (English),
- *Islam Aur Asre-e-Jadeed* (Urdu), and
- *Jamia* (Urdu).
- In addition to these journals –
- Institute has important publications in Urdu, English and Hindi covering a wide range of ideas and academic interests.
- Zakir Husain Institute also annually organizes the prestigious Prof. Mohd. Mujeeb Memorial Lecture that has become a forum for expressing and discussing thoughts and ideas concerning Indo-Islamic and modern civilization and their interface.
- The Institute has also organizing Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture which was earlier organized by the Zakir Husain Foundation.
- Zakir Husain Institute very often organizes lectures, symposiums and seminars etc. to generate new knowledge, basic or applied.
- The Institute has been recognized by international agencies and NGOs for its contribution in creating awareness in the field of HIV AIDS from Islamic perspective and especially by organizing workshops for the Muslim clergy.

51. Detail five major Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges (SWOC) of the Department.

Strength:

The Institute through its publications, cultural and social studies, symposia, seminars and conferences has been promoting the understanding of Islam among the subscribers of other faiths and that of other faiths among Muslims in and outside the country with due stress on the historical and contemporary role of Islam and mysticism and religions as a whole in providing inspiration and giving direction to human life in the background of movements of liberalization and modernization in the Islamic world.

Four internationally reputed journals, *Islam and the Modern Age* (English), *Islam Aur Asre-e-Jadeed* (Urdu), *Islam Aur Adhunik Yug* (Hindi) and *Jamia* (Urdu) are published from the Institute to present a critical evaluation of and interaction between Islam and modern life and thought and a comprehensive view of Urdu scholarship, literature and culture.

Zakir Husain Institute of Islamic Studies annually organizes the prestigious Prof. Mohd. Mujeeb Memorial Lecture that has become a forum for expressing and discussing thoughts and ideas concerning Indo-Islamic and modern civilization and their interface. Many eminent scholars and intellectuals have so far delivered the Lecture including Mr. Hamid Ansari, Mr. Syed Hamid, Mr. Namvar Singh, Prof. Mujeeb Rizvi, Mr. M.J. Akbar, Prof. V.N. Dutta, (Late) Prof. A.M. Khusroo, Ambassador R.M. Abhyankar, (Late) Dr. Rafiq Zakaria. In addition to this, the Institute is also organizing extension lectures and symposia regularly.

Opportunities:

- (i) The Zakir Husain Insitutte of Islamic Studies plans to restart publication of its Hindi journal *Islam Aur Adhunik Yug* of which two issues were brought out but it ceased publication because of paucity of funds and non-availability of staff (especially one Assistant Editor (Hindi) and one

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Editorial Assistant.

(ii) The publication of a Hindi independent quarterly journal was a unique distinction of the Institute. To restart its publication is necessary more because of the reason that no serious, authentic and objective journal on Islam is published until now.

(iii) The Institute is also interested in inviting distinguished scholars (religious / social scientists) as Visiting faculty for a week to fortnight to deliver special lectures on contemporary issues of relevance.

(iv) The Institute is willing to be developed as a Think Tank for providing necessary input, authentic knowledge content and objective assessment of the trends, happening and thought patterns in the Muslim societies of the world to the policy makers.

(v) The Institute is also willing to work as a bridge to fill the gap between various faith groups and religious communities in this global village when no individual or socio-religious group can live in isolation and bound to be interdependent. To achieve this purpose, the Institute would like to be a nucleus to develop an alliance of different faiths to prepare a Common Minimum Programme against all ills and evils negatively affecting human society beyond regions and religions.

Challenges:

(i) The foremost challenge before the Institute is to counter in a civilized manner with an academic spirit the vicious campaign based on ignorance and disinformation about Islam and its teachings by a section of political and economic vested interests around the globe and also misuse of Islamic idioms and jargons by the self-styled extremists and radicals for their short-term gains and narrow interests.

(ii) Another physical challenge to the Institute is lack of staff, space, continuous financial support and distribution networking.

52. Future plans of the Department

- The Zakir Husain Institute of Islamic Studies plans to restart publication of its Hindi journal *Islam Aur Adhunik Yug (Vol. I, No. 1 & 2, June, September 2007)* of which two issues were brought out but it ceased publication because of paucity of funds and non-availability of staff (especially one Assistant Editor (Hindi) and one Editorial Assistant).
- The publication of a Hindi independent quarterly journal was a unique distinction of the Institute. To restart its publication is necessary more because of the reason that there is no serious, authentic and objective journal on Islam being published in Hindi anywhere in India published until now.
- The Institute is also interested in inviting distinguished scholars (religious / social scientists) as Visiting faculty for a week to fortnight to deliver special lectures on contemporary issues of relevance.
- The Institute is willing to be developed as a Think Tank for providing necessary input, authentic knowledge content and objective assessment of the trends, happenings and thought patterns in the Muslim societies of the world to the policy makers.
- The Institute is also willing to work as a bridge to fill the gap between various faith groups and religious communities in this global village where no individual or socio-religious

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group can live in isolation and is bound to be interdependent. To achieve this purpose, the Institute would like to be a nucleus to developing an alliance of different faiths to prepare a Common Minimum Programme against all ills and evils negatively affecting human society beyond regions and religions.