



## **Qazi Mujahidul Islam Qasmi (rh)**

Always there had been some revolutionary figures on the surface of the earth whose existence are the blessings for the humanity, their contributions to knowledge, sciences, evaluations and intellectual findings and thoughts are in a large scale to benefit learners and scholars. In fact, they play such exemplary roles that can't be removed easily from the memories and can't be erased from the pages of history. Indeed, there are a large number of such immense figures who have been performing extraordinary services for propagation of Islam in various fields has per needs of time and call of age, Qazi Mujahidul Islam Qasmi is also one of them who performed enormous contribution in field of Islamic laws, he was a highly qualified Islamic jurist and had a strong grip on Qadha (Islamic judiciary). A brief biography of Qazi Mujahidul Islam is being presented here below:

He was born in 1936 at Jale, District Darbhanga, in a well-known family. His father, Maulana Abdul Ahad, was a great Islamic scholar, public speaker and orator and among pupils of Sahikhul Hind Maulana Mahmoodul Hasan (rh), he had completed his graduation from Darul Uloom Deoband in 1901 with distinction marks. Then he had engaged himself in academic field and for long period of time teaching in Madarsa Ahmadiya Madhobani, Bihar, as professor of Hadith (Shaikhul Hadith).

Qazi Mujahidul Islam Qasmi opened his eyes in a scholarly family and was nourished under the special care of his father that well-versed and enlightened him with Islamic juristic intellectuality that reflexes from his works and personality.

### **Educational journey:**

He got secondary education from Darul Uloom Maunath bhanjan, U.P. and later joined Darul Uloom Deoband in 1951 for higher studies and finally graduated in 1955. In Deoband, he studied Bukhari from Maulana Hussain Ahmad Madani (rh), Muslim from Allama Muhammad Ibraheem Balyawi (rh), Tirmizi from Maulana Ejaz Ali and educated various subjects and books from Maulana Abdul Hafeez Balyawi (rh), Maulana Muhammad Husain Bihari (rh), Maulana Fakhrul Hasan Muradabadi



(rh), Maulana Basheer Ahmad Khan (rh), Maulana Naseer Ahmad Khan and Maulana Meraajul Haque (rh). Maulana Munazir Ahsan Gilani was his special tutor in literature and writing.

He collected knowledge from the highly qualified Islamic scholars of the time and became the master of Islamic sciences; his works witness his overwhelming level of intellectuality.

### **Academic services:**

Qasmi preferred academic career and joined Jamia Rahmania Munger in the advice of Maulana Husain Ahmad Madani (rh), here he thought books that covered all standard; from primary and secondary to higher classes, he kept teaching there for almost eight years.

### **Offices and responsibilities:**

There are numerous services that he performed for upliftment of Muslim Ummah and society, only few of them are being enlisted here below:

- On recommendation of Maulana Saiyed Minnatullah Rahmani (rh), he became Director of Imarate Shariat and shifted to Phulwari Sharif Patna on 1<sup>st</sup> Shauwal 1385 A.H. and hold three offices respectively:
  1. Director Imarate Sariah from 1965 to 1962
  2. Qazi-e Shariat (Arbiter of Sharia) and Qazi-ulQuzat (Chief justice of Sharia) from 1962 till last breath of life.
  3. Nayeb Amir-e Shariyet form 24 June 1990 till his death.
- He was founding member of All India Muslim Personal Law Board and played vital role in its establishment in 1972, on 22 April 2000 he was appointed its President after the death of Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi (rh) and within the period of three years he passed away.
- Due to his efforts and counseling the project of founding Sajjad Hospital in Bihar had passed and Qazi Mujahidul Islam along with his colleagues and companions completed the project.
- He played a crucial role in providing required financial and human resources in the establishment of Minnatullah Rahmani Technical Institute at Phuwari sharif, and also played key role in founding Jaleh Educational Camp.



- He announced the foundation of All India Milli Council in the conference was organized in Mumbai on 23-24 May 1992.
- To train youth scholars founded Al MahadUI Ali Lit-tadreebfil-Qazawal-Ifta that performs marvelous role in personality development, research works and publications.
- The most significant achievement of his life is the establishment of Islamic Fiqh Academy India. This institute succeeded to make an academic and scholarly space in central Asia in the very short period of time, it directed the scholars and Islamic jurists towards research, writing, open debates and mutual discourses, it was no longer, but the country witnessed a series of Fiqhi Munaqashah (debates) on different burning and contemporary issues, academic meetings of highly qualified and eminent scholars being organized that really reminded the assemblies of Imam Abu Hanifah (rh), now the Academy is taken as an authenticated, educational and fiqhi institution in the Islamic world.
- He was associated with lots of offices and eminent institutions inside and outside the country and few of them are mentioned here blew:
- Member of Islamic Fiqh Academy Academy Mecca, Expert member of international Islamic Fiqh Academy Jiddah, Member of Al MajmaUIllmi Al Alami Damascus, Honorary member of The International Islamic Charity Organization Kuwait, Member Shariah Board of Al Ameen Islamic Financial Foundation, Bengaluru, Member Governor Body of Institute of Objective Studies.
- He did not lead the Umma only through his scholarly and academic works, rather contributed a lot in social and welfare fields by founding hospital, launching technical institutions too.

## **Literary works**

Qasmi authored over ten books, some of the most popular include:

- Islami Adalat
- Sinwanul Qaza wa Unwanul Ifta
- More than ten journals on Contemporary Issues
- Nizamul Qaza Al Islami



## **Awards and honors**

Qasmi was conferred with following awards:

- Community Leadership Award from Al-Ameen Educational Trust
- 2nd Shah Waliullah Award from Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi
- AbulHasan Ali Nadwi Award from American Federation of Muslims of Indian Origin
- Best Islamic Personality Award from Muslim Educational Association of Southern India
- Fiqh Award from Executive Arbitration Committee, Government of Kuwait
- Gold Medal from the Cabinet of Morocco, it was received on the he passed away.

## **Journey:**

He made journey of several countries of the worlds, which include: Saudia Arabia, UEA, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, America, Britain, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Russia's independent Muslim democratic states, Morocco, South Africa. He made pilgrimage to Makkatwice, first one was in 1969 while the second was 1996.

## **Death:**

On Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> Muharram, 1423 A.H. corresponding to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2002 in Apollo Hospital Delhi, at 07:05 left this mortal world. Inna lillah wa inna Ilaihe Rajeoon.

