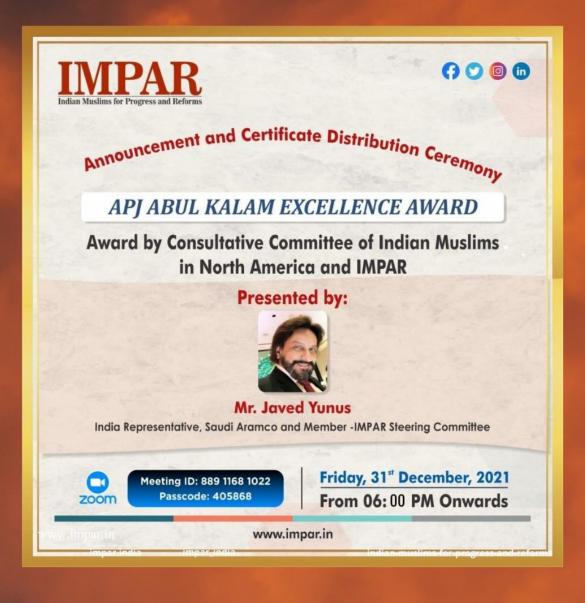


# **Monthly Report**

# FROM DECEMBER 10, 2021- JANUARY 10, 2022



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# **ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

#### Formation of IMPAR Political Advisory Group

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021, The IMPAR Political Advisory Group was formed to analyse various political issues, policies, and strategies, as well as to raise awareness, a sense of political empowerment, and ethical-political engagement in the community, without correlating to any political party.

The group may deliberate and propose reasonable recommendations for the community's political advancement and serve the nation with politically empowered citizens.

# **MEETINGS**

## **IMPAR Monthly Report Launch Meeting**

10 November 2021 IMPAR released its 20th Monthly Progress Report for November 10- December 10, 2021. The meeting was Chaired by Mr Khalid Ansari, Executive Director IMPAR and Mr Syed Rizwan, Advisor, Media and Communication launched the report by briefing about the contents and important interventions that were present in the Monthly Report. The proposal to set up a Political Advisory Group comprising 21 members made and those who are keen to be part of the committee were asked to submit their names to Mr Khalid Ansari, Executive Director.

# **EVENTS**

#### **APJ Abul Kalam Excellence Award ceremony**

31 December 2021, An Award ceremony was held by Consultative Committee of Indian Muslims in North America and IMPAR where the recipients for the scholarship award was announced by Mr Khalid Ansari and certificates were presented to the candidates by Mr Javed Yunus. The candidates also had a chance to put forward their achievements and future goals and thanked IMPAR for giving them the much deserving platform and award money. The money was earlier distributed to the respective candidates after a transparent selection process by IMPAR in association with CCIM.



# **COMMUNICATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES/ORGANIZATION**

# IMPAR wrote to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana regarding Friday prayers in Gurugram

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

To,

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana Govt of Haryana, Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh (Haryana)

## Subject: Regarding Friday Prayers in Gurugram.

# Honourable Sir,

IMPAR (Indian Muslims for Progress and Reform, an apex level national body for research and advocacy, strategic planning, coordinated actions, monitoring and response system and as development catalyst for Indian Muslims, has been concerned about the prolonged problem of Muslims offering their Friday prayers on open grounds in Gurugram. We do agree that all types of prayers should not be congregated in open spaces, but it has to be understood that this prayer on Fridays is congregational and obligatory and in the absence of adequate closed areas, the Muslims have no other option but to do so in open areas that are earmarked by the administration which has been resented by other communities. You have also shown your concern to this problem and stated that this issue would be resolved amicably so that Muslims can offer congregational Namaz in their mosques. This may kindly be noted that the estimated population of Muslims in Gurugram is 4 lakhs which includes thousands coming to the city every day from nearby areas for earning their livelihoods. Many people including foreigners also come to Gurugram for treatment. Since the population is increasing and therefore the need for namaz sites is also increasing. Having no closed prayer halls, mosques, Eidgah and/ or Muslim Community Centres, the Muslims in Gurugram have no option but to offer Friday prayers (Obligatory Congregational prayers) in open public, mostly unhygienic, spaces which need immediate attention and action. A permanent solution of this perennial problem has to be searched, and in this endeavour IMPAR suggests that (a) some old mosques belonging to State Wakf Board that have been lying closed for many years could be repaired and opened for the congregational prayers; (b) wakf boards may be issued instructions to allot available lands for mosques, (c) some plots under the government schemes could be allotted to the local Muslim community/society at subsidized rates so that mosques could be built at their cost by the community members. We have also learnt that some Muslim organisations of Gurugram have applied for allotment of religious institutional plots advertised by HSVP but they have not yet been given/ allotted any plot. Looking to the grave need of spaces for prayers by Muslims, few plots under religious institutional schemes may therefore be allotted by your good self on priority.

Most Respectfully,

Khalid Ansari Authorized Signatory Indian Muslims for Progress and Reforms (IMPAR) Email: Khalid.ansari@impar.in, Website: <u>www.impar.in</u>

# IMPAR wrote a letter to Honble Prime Minister of India regarding Hate Speeches calling for genocide of Muslims given in Haridwar.

27<sup>th</sup> December 2021

To,

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Government of India Prime Minister's Office South Block, Raisina Hill, New Delhi-110011

#### Subject: Hate Speeches calling for genocide of Muslims given in Haridwar Honourable

Sir,

I am writing on behalf of Indian Muslims for Progress and Reforms (IMPAR) about a matter that is not only a direct affront on the principles of Law, but also challenges the state administration to take cognitive action. A week back from 17th to 19th December 2021 an event named 'Dharam Sansad' was organised by Yati Narsinghanand at Haridwar where hate speeches consisting of open calls for genocide of Muslims in order to achieve ethnic cleansing were made by Yati Narsinghanand Giri, Sagar Sindhu Maharaj, Dharamdas Maharaj, Premanand Maharaj, Sadhvi Annapoorna alias Pooja Shakun Pandey, Swami Anand Swaroop, Udita Tyagi, Ashwani Upadhyay, Suresh Chavhanke, Swami Prabodhanand Giri and Waseem Rizvi, etc. The abovementioned event and the speeches delivered during the same are not mere hate speeches but amount to an open call for murder of an entire community. The speakers openly and vociferously instigated the assembled conclave to 'take to arms', 'kill Muslims so that their population does not grow' in India. These speakers went on to suggest the preposterous thought of 80% of the majority population are under threat of 20% of the minorities, as if law and order enforcement agencies are inept in handling such an unlikely situation. The said speeches thus, pose a grave threat not just to the unity and integrity of our country but also endanger the lives of millions of Muslim citizens. It is to further notify that even though the video grabs of this "Dharam Sansad" have gone viral and also been reported by social media, the hatemongers are still scot-free as no action has been taken against them so far. A notional FIR has been registered with Haridwar Police wherein the names of the actual culprits have been deliberately omitted by the Police to save them. In view of the seriousness and gravity of the aforementioned event it is most humbly requested to take immediate action against the guilty persons. It is also pointed out that the recent speeches are a part of series of similar speeches that we have come across in the past. It may be noted that no effective steps have been taken by the authorities under the provisions of IPC in respect of earlier hate speeches. IMPAR implores your good self that before such hate-spreading manoeuvres take a heavy toll you are humbly requested to take immediate action to arrest the culprits as they have already committed a serious crime and are likely to create havoc on the peace and security of the nation if their nefarious design is not curbed in time.

Most Respectfully,

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# An open letter to Honourable MPs and MLAs on various deep-rooted issues was addressed by Syed Rizwan on behalf of IMPAR in preparation for the next elections.

#### Hon'ble MPs & MLAs,

Coming elections and the fever is on to outstrip each other in vile nonsense by politicians of various hues, and over the past few decades, the intransigent jargon, more often than not, degenerates to expand the Hindu-Muslim divide so that the voters get polarised on communal lines. Each time the Muslim community has to face the denouement and humiliation with a straight face and are given to understand that the vilification is a passing phase and will get over soon after the election results are out. But the fact is that the effects of the Muslim-bashing by the radicalized rogues, by the fanatical rabble-rousers, and by the odious politicians remain. The horrid combination of these disgusting elements can no longer be taken as fringe because their numbers far exceed the limits of patience and fortitude. Moreover, the vilification and humiliation of an entire community is no longer a temporary game-plan as there are no doubts left that society is being deliberately bifurcated into earmarking the minorities to be at the receiving end of both abuse and intimidation, while what's left of the sacred majority gets away with the disgusting and the genocidal.

If this was not enough balderdash, the fringe-on-way-to-mainstream elements have stooped deeper in the muck to target Muslim women (read girls mainly). Elements of this latent fetish were first observed when Article 370 was withdrawn from Kashmir and the lumpen perverts immediately made plans of going to Kashmir to get the fair and lovely girls from there. Ostensibly their guts gave way and they stayed home to create sickening apps like Sulli Deals and Bulli Bai where photographs of Muslim girls are traded for virtual gratification. Nothing could be more deplorable and disgraceful of a group of the society that feels no shame and sees no harm in projecting itself as a morally and sexually depraved lot. However, it was expected of a radicalized section of the society to stoop to such pitiable level, but it was not expected of the politicians, especially the women politicians of the opposition parties, to keep mum over their country-cousins, if not sisters, getting figuratively disrobed and molested over the internet. So far only the lone voice of Priyanka Chaturvedi, MP, has been heard, while others have kept quiet. I want to ask the Members of Parliament and Assemblies, as well as the civilised society, can this obnoxious campaign be dubbed just as a wicked attempt to polarise? Will keeping quiet over this issue bring the communities together? Is safeguarding a cushy seat more important than honouring the dignity and respect of the womenfolk of the nation, no matter if they are good-looking?

Ladies and gentlemen of the Parliament and Assemblies, we, the office-bearers and members of Indian Muslims for Progress and Reform (IMPAR) seek your intervention and humbly request you to rise for the unsavoury occasion and raise your voices in the halls of the legislature so that the rapidly deteriorating standards of a civilised society are arrested in time. An old saying is those who do not speak against atrocity and slander are an accomplice to the crime.

May I also remind, whenever elections are on, some parties bank upon getting a major share of the Muslim vote bank to win seats, but at times of crisis, they are often left high and dry. As such, the community is increasingly feeling alienated in everyday affairs and is getting wary of the bogey of elections. Dread a time when the entire community boycotts all types of elections and the political parties play it out without the trump card. At a time when the Muslims of India have nothing left to lose, for sure, democracy would be hit hardest.

# Syed Rizwan Advisor, Media & Communication, IMPAR

# **Field Activities**

## **Blanket Distribution**

14<sup>th</sup> December 2021, IMPAR Bundelkhand Chapter's 2<sup>nd</sup> Distribution Drive of 200 blankets in Kasaura, Maudaha, Hamirpur Up was carried out by the Director of Husna Foundation and Coordinator for IMPAR for Bundelkhand region Col. Zahid Siddiquie. He has been doing Philanthropic work and thereby helping in taking forward the agenda of IMPAR successfully.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021, IMPAR Bundelkhand Chapter's 3rd blanket distribution was held in District Hamirpur in Bundelkhand UP

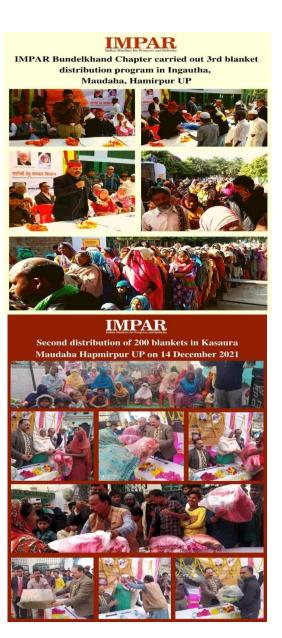
The Director of Husna Foundation and Coordinator for IMPAR for Bundelkhand region Col. Zahid Siddiquie served humanity by distributing blankets to the needy for the 3rd time, this time in Ingautha, Maudaha, Hamirpur UP.

IMPAR congratulates Col Siddiqui for his excellent social services. IMPAR wants all its members and coordinators to come forward and distribute blankets to the needy to fight the chilling winter season.

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Dr. Col Zahid Siddiqui, IMPAR Bundelkhand Coordinator**, didn't stop in his endeavour and distributing Food and blankets to the poor and needy during the chilly cold nights. Successful in his mission "each one donate one", Col Zahid believes that a person can survive without food for more than one night but can't survive for a night in this cold. They have distributed more than 3000 blankets so far. IMPAR congratulates Col Siddiqui for his excellent social services.

IMPAR with this aim motivated all its members and coordinators to come forward and to kindly contribute to similar activities.





# SOCIAL AND DIGITAL MEDIA

#### 20th anniversary of the Parliament attack

13<sup>th</sup> December 2021, IMPAR salutes the valour and bravery of all the soldiers who gave their lives protecting the temple of Indian Democracy-Parliament, from a deadly terrorist attack on this day in 2001.

On the 20th anniversary of the Parliament attack, IMPAR remembers nine people: six Delhi Police officers, two Parliament Security Service officers, and a gardener for their sacrifice.

#### Death Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

15<sup>th</sup> December 2021, IMPAR remembered Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his death Anniversary. He was an Indian freedom fighter and independent India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister who united 562 princely states to build the republic of India

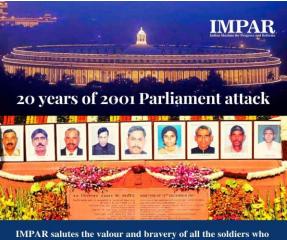
#### **Vijay Diwas**

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 stands out as Vijay Diwas that commemorates Indian armed forces victory over Pakistan in the war of 1971. It's been 51 years since the defining moment that established the prowess of the Indian army, navy, and air force, and it also led to the creation of BanglaDesh in the world map which to this day is known as East Pakistan.

The 13 days war that started on 3rd December 1971 ended when Maj. Gen A.A Khan Niazi, Commander of Pakistan Eastern Command, surrendered with his 93000 troops to Lt. Gen Jagjit Singh Aurora, General Officer Commanding, India's Eastern Command. The two Generals also signed the Instrument of Surrender in Dacca.

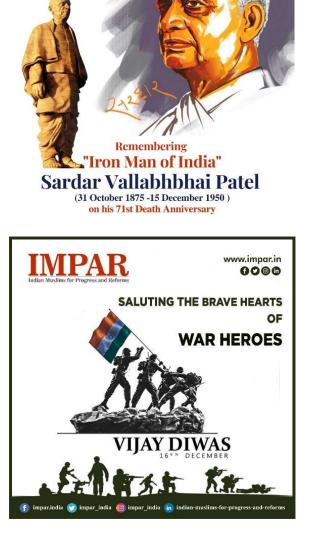
On this the heads of the Indian Armed Forces pay homage to the soldiers who laid the lives by lightning the Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate, while Bangla Desh celebrates the day as Bijoy Dibos.

IMPAR too pays homage to the brave soldiers who lost their lives and joins the nation in commemorating the resounding victory.



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#### **Minority Rights Day**

18th December 2021, Minority Rights Day as was declared by the United Nations in 1992. The Day serves to highlight the right to equality of religious, linguistic, ethnic, and regional minorities in all parts of the world.

The three pillars of democracy are inclusiveness, provision of equal opportunities and upholding the rights of minorities.

In India, the National Commission for Minorities was established in 1992 to ensure equal rights and opportunities to the minorities and prevent their discrimination. The hallmark of a healthy society is an environment where the respect and dignity of the minority is taken care of by the majority.

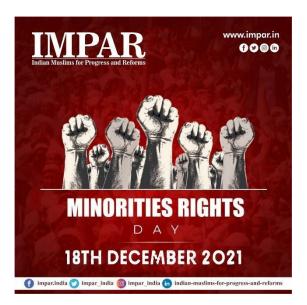
IMPAR, too, observes this day in solemnity as it continues to strive for societal equality wherein the rights of minorities are upheld in earnest.

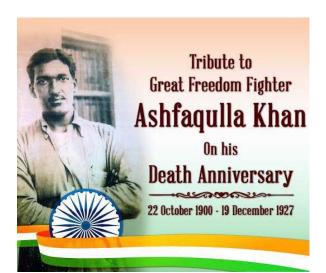
#### Death Anniversary of Ashfaqullah Khan

19<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Ashfaqulla Khan was born on 22 October 1900, in a wealthy landlord family in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh. He was a revolutionary intellectual and an idealistic young man who sacrificed his life for the country.

In 1920. Mahatma Gandhi had launched his Non-Cooperation Movement against British rule in India but withdrew the agitation due to the Chauri Chaura incident in 1922. At that point, Ashfaqulla Khan and many other young people were disheartened and decided to form an organization with like-minded freedom fighters which resulted in the formation of Hindustan Republican Association. On 9 August 1925, Khan along with other members tried to loot a train carrying British government money travelling from Shahjahanpur to Lucknow. Several revolutionaries boarded the train at Hardoi and when it halted at Kakori they barged into the guard's cabin to pull off the treasury box, but in the skirmish, they accidentally shot an innocent passenger and thereby had to abandon their heist and ran away.

Ashfaqulla Khan remained untraceable for a long time but was eventually betrayed by a friend who notified the police about his whereabouts. Khan was caught on the morning of 17 July 1926 and was detained in the Faizabad jail,





His brother Riasat Ullah Khan was his legal counsel but the case for the Kakori dacoity was concluded by awarding death sentence to the revolutionary and he was hanged on December 19, 1927, along with Bismil and Roshan Singh (all in different prisons), for their role in the Kakori train robbery.

This courageous man who was also a poet deserves to be remembered as a revolutionary intellectual who also tried to give shape to the larger revolutionary movement of Independence. IMPAR pays its rich tribute to Ashfaqullah Khan on his death anniversary for the unforgettable services he rendered to the nation.

#### Muhammad Ibn Musa Al-Khwarizmi Birth Anniversary

22 December 2021, Muhammad Ibn Musa Al-Khwarizmi, born in Khwarazm in 780 AD, was a Persian polymath who excelled in mathematics, astronomy, and geography. The Latinized version of his name became Algorithmic from where algebra is derived.

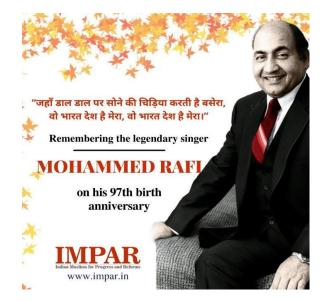
Khwarizmi's most notable work is The Compendious Book on Calculation by Completion and Balancing. One of principal achievements was the demonstration of how to solve quadratic equations by completing the square for which he provided geometric justification.

He has been described as the founder or father of algebra- the word itself is from the title of his book 'al jabr' meaning completion of re-joining.

#### Birth anniversary of legendary singer Mohammed Rafi

24 December 2021 IMPAR remembers legendary singer Mohammed Rafi's on the occasion of his birth anniversary.

He was one of Bollywood's greatest singers, with a soulful voice that captured many hearts while dominating all genres of music. He was known for his versatility and range of voice, as well as his ability to modulate his voice based on the actor and his mannerisms; his voice perfectly captured their essence. Mohammed Rafi Sahab has received four Filmfare Awards and one National Film Award. The Government of India conferred him with the Padma Shri award on him in 1967.



#### Birth Anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee

25th December 2021, IMPAR on Good Governance Day remembered former-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

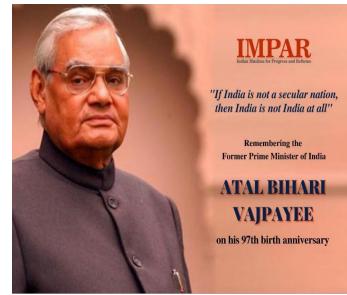
Vajpayee was one of the co-founders and a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party.He served three terms as the prime minister of India.

He was the first Indian prime minister not of the Indian National Congress to serve a full term in office. He is also noted as a poet and a writer.

He was conferred India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, by the president of India, Pranab Mukherjee. He died on 16 August 2018 of agerelated illness.

## **Christmas greetings**

25<sup>th</sup> December 2021, On Christmas Eve, IMPAR wished a blissful and bright season filled with gratitude, peace, and prosperity. May the true spirit of Christmas shine brightly in our hearts and light our paths.





#### **New Year Greetings**

1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, IMPAR extended New Year greetings to its members and to the community and wished for a happy, successful and prosperous year ahead.





#### **IMPAR congratulated Mr Anwar Hussain**

1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, IMPAR congratulated Mr Anwar Hussain, IMPAR district Coordinator for Central Kolkata for receiving the prestigious Yugal Kishore Shukla Journalism Award.



YUGAL KISHORE SHUKLA JOURNALISM AWARD



We are pleased to inform our esteemed members that M Anwar Hussain IMPAR District Coordinator Central Kolkata has been awarded **Yugal Kishore Shukla Journalism award** in the Hindi Mela organized by the reputed cultural organisation Sansritik Punar Nirmana Mission, yesterday on Jan 1, 2022. Mr Yugal Kishore Shukla was the lengendary Hindi Journalist and was the founder Editor of **Udant Martand** the Hindi Newspaper first published in the year 1826 from Kolkata. This award is given every year to a young Hindi journalist for best contribution in Hindi journalism. IMPAR congratulates Mr Anwar Husain for his receiving the prestigious honour.

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## IMPAR congratulated Ms Khushnuma Khan

10<sup>th</sup> January 2022, IMPAR Congratulated Ms Khushnuma Khan- member of IMPAR Business Support Platform on being appointed as an Arbitrator to the Geneva International Dispute Resolution Institute.

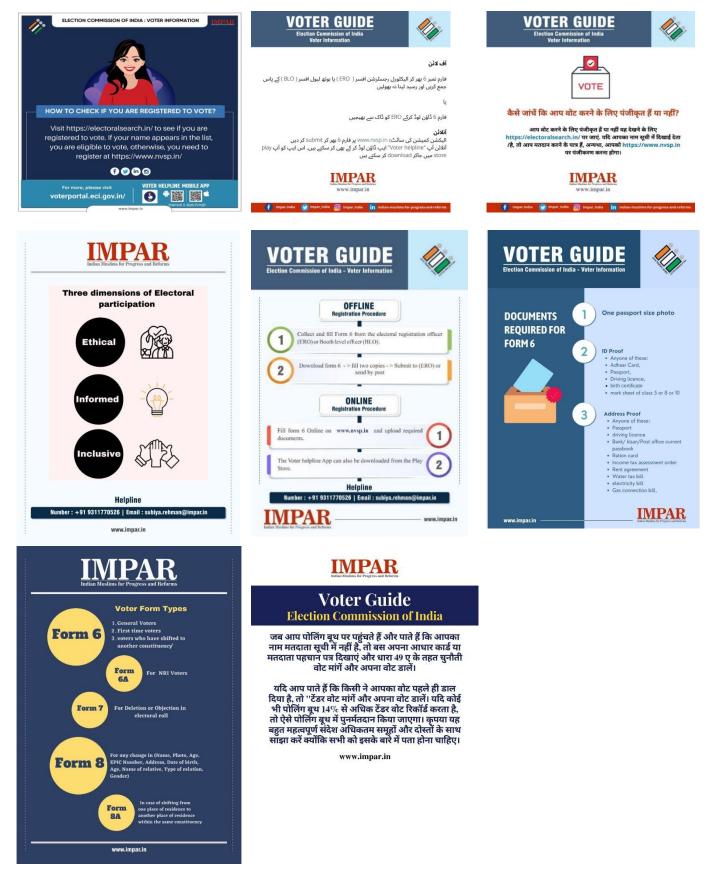


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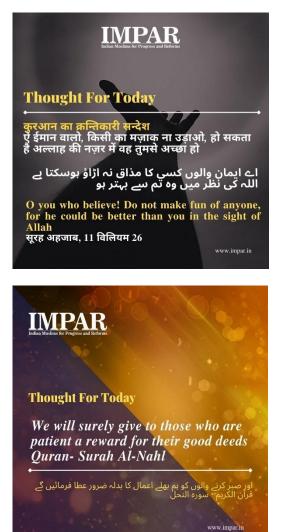
#### **Voter Awareness**

IMPAR Political Advisory Group shared voter information and guidelines in Hindi Urdu and English to help the common masses in the process of voter registrations and to politically empower them for the upcoming elections.



#### **Thought for Today**

IMPAR continued the initiative to share important thoughts and ideas in both English and Urdu; the undertone to share the messages in Urdu was to promote and popularize Urdu language.



#### **Condolences:**

IMPAR expressed grief over the sad demise of Renowned Islamic scholar, author of various books, and one of the leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Maulana Muhammad Yusuf Islahi who passed away at a hospital in Noida on December 21, 2021, after a brief illness.

Maulana Yusuf Islahi was born on July 9, 1932, in Formalee, District-Atak. He acquired his elementary education at Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh.

He received his Islamic Studies education at Mazahir Uloom in Saharanpur, as well as his higher studies and Fazeelat from Madrasatul Islah in Sarai Mir. He memorised Tajweed and learned the Quran.

He was also the chief patron of the Islamic Circle of North America's (ICNA) Project WhyIslam and used to spend a few months each year in the United States of America for the sake of Da'wah.



