

# The Vice Chancellor Introduction:

Distinguished guests, friends, ladies and gentlemen:

I would like to sincerely thank all of you for coming. Before I introduce our distinguished guest I would like to say few words. All of us would not be here today if we would not have made the journey from Aligarh to America. All of us are linked by common goals and all of us are bonded by common bonds and all of us threaded by common threads. All of us share common destiny. All of us owe a sense of gratitude to Aligarh.

All of us love Aligarh and care deeply about this great institution. To me Aligarh is a shining city on the hill, beckoning brightly to all who thirst for knowledge and progress. Aligarh remains the beacon of light around the globe.

I would like to thank Qamar Khan and The Federation of Aligarh Alumni Association for giving me opportunity to introduce our distinguished guest, the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis. I want to thank the Vice Chancellor for coming here. We appreciated it very much. I want to thank the Vice Chancellor for his services to Aligarh Muslim University. Indeed it is my privilege and honor to introduce the Vice Chancellor.

I went to Aligarh this year in February after 20 years. I met the Vice Chancellor on several occasions. I was touched by his grace, his strength, his compassion, his courage, and his love of Aligarh. He is the true voice of Aligarh. He is an extraordinary man with extraordinary talent. I admire his vision and his values.

The Vice Chancellor has the experience, and wisdom to lead the Aligarh Muslim University. He is a source of inspiration to all of us. Because of his leadership we face the future of Aligarh with hope and optimism. He is passionate and committed to the Aligarh cause. I know under his leadership the cause of Aligarh will endure and the dream of Sir Syed shall never die.

The dream and aspiration of our young people rests upon him. I know he is committed to preserve and protect and promote Aligarh culture and Aligarh movement. I know he will carry the torch forward. The Vice Chancellor has brought positive changes to Aligarh .He has brought much needed breadth of fresh air and source of motivation. He has launched a most ambitious, practical, and grassroots effort to transform AMU into a university of international reputation. Let us extend our support to the Vice Chancellor. We have responsibility to lend a helping hand to the Vice Chancellor and his team to restore excellence and to restore Aligarh Muslim University to its glory. We should stand shoulder to shoulder with the Vice Chancellor for the ideals we share and the values we cherish.

In January 2007 Aligarh Muslim University went through tough and turbulent time. The campus was mired in serious indiscipline and violence. The Vice Chancellor suffered and struggled during those difficult and dreadful and dark days of Aligarh. But the Vice chancellor remained calm like an island of calmness in a violent sea.

Ladies and gentlemen the Vice Chancellor is a true leader who believes in his mission and who believes that challenges can be converted into opportunity and impossible can be made possible and unbelievable can be made believable and unacceptable can be made acceptable.

Ladies and gentlemen let us give a warm welcome to the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University.