

KANAIGHAT ASSOCIATION UK

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AGM dated: 28th Nov 1999

In the name of Allah, the most beneficent and Almighty. The present Executive Committee was elected on the General Meeting held on 16.11.97 for a term of two years. Today the General Meeting of our Kanaighat Association UK is about to elect a fresh committee for the next two years.

The performance of the outgoing Committee may be described in a nutshell as the mixture of success and failure. In my view, the positive aspects outweigh negative shortcomings and therefore we are entitled to smile. In my time, the membership has increased almost 40% though the full paid membership has not increased at this rate.

As mandated by the very fast General Meeting that has elected me as the Secretary of this Association, we have managed to have several family gathering which were extremely helpful to maintain the vital liaison between our new generation/youngsters.

We have successfully exhibited children's performances in inter alia *tilawat* of the holly Qur'an, *ham'd-e-Rasul*, recitation of poems, self written articles and distributed presents and gifts amongst those participants in recognition of their achievements. Further, as a first time the Association encouraged our meritorious and genius students with special gifts and awards for their extraordinary exam results.

I congratulate the members of our Association for raising Tk 144,000 for flood relief in Kanaighat Thana in 1998. Though its final distribution amongst the intended recipients was not satisfactory, our motive to help the destitute of Kanaighat Thana was certainly a praiseworthy one. A decision has already been made to take action against TNO Kanaighat, but only at administrative level. A legal action against him yet to be authorised. Perhaps you will here more about this from the Treasure's report.

The most significant achievement of the outgoing Committee is to be found in my opinion, at the Association's ability to make its proper contribution at and after the funeral of late Hafiz Mawlana Luthfur Rahman who expired on 29.04.98. Our members contributed over £1,400 towards his funeral expenses and to help his widow. The Association arranged a *Khatme' Qur'an* just a few days after the expiry of the late Mawlana at the residence of its Vice Chairman Mr Abdur Rahman.

More recently on 29.09.99, our reception in honour of our Dr Colnl M Ali was a significant chapter to show respect to one of our elders. However our apology for the unnecessary inconvenience caused by the hall authority which was beyond our control.

I must conclude that though in the tenure of my office, the activity of our Association has increased significantly, there is still room for much improvement in quality and quantity of its services. I furnish with this report a current list of our members with their addresses and telephone numbers to be kept at your home for the ease of reference. Finally I request all concerned to elect a new committee with fresh energy and stamina to take us with hope, unity and prosperity to the next Millennium.

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Kutubuddin Ahmed Shikder (Secretary)