

POLICY AND PROGRAMME

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MISSION

The mission of the organisation shall be *“To prepare the students and youth for the reconstruction of the Society in the light of Divine Guidance.”*

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To call students and youth towards Islam.
2. To promote and cultivate the knowledge and understanding of Islam among students and youth.
3. To prepare students and youth to shape their individual and collective lives in accordance with the Qur'an and the Sunnah.
4. To persuade students and youth to uphold virtue (Marroof) and prevent Evil (Munkar).
5. To promote moral values in the educational system, and foster better academic and moral atmosphere in educational institutions.
6. To facilitate holistic development of the individuals associated with the Organisation, nourish their talents, and prepare them to contribute effectively to the Islamic Movement.

METHODOLOGY

1. The Qur'an and the Sunnah shall be the main guide and basis for the activities of the Organisation.
2. The Organisation shall adhere to moral bounds in all its activities.
3. The Organisation shall adopt peaceful and constructive methods for the achievement of its aims and objectives, through lawful means of educating, persuading, preaching, propagating and shall abstain from all acts which are at variance with truth and honesty or which may engender communal hatred, discord between sections of society, or disorder in the land.

PREFACE

Allah is the Creator, Master and Ruler of the entire universe. His laws in the nature prevail everywhere and none can defy Him. He has inhabited human beings on earth, to inhabit in a small part of His vast realm. He has endowed them with the faculties of observation and understanding, as well as the ability to differentiate between good and evil. Human beings have been granted a special position distinct from all other creatures, in being granted freedom and autonomy over their affairs so that He may test them. When Man remains obedient in those aspects of his life where he has been granted autonomy, he will be rewarded with everlasting bounties, and when he misuses the freedom of choice and action to disobey, he will facing reckoning for it.

Just as the Creator of the universe has provided mankind with the resources to meet their material needs, His Benevolence, Wisdom and Graciousness necessitates that He ordains means for their guidance as well. For this, He chose from amongst the ranks of mankind, noble personalities who had deep conviction in Him and were faithful to His commandments. He blessed them with His guidance and commissioned them to show the right path to their fellow beings, calling them towards Allah so that they gain success in both the worlds, and are saved from fallacies and wrongdoings in this world and earning the displeasure of Allah in the Hereafter.

These messengers of Allah were sent to different communities and nations, fulfilling the duties entrusted to them. All of them had the common mission of following the guidance of Allah and the code of life prescribed by Him, and inviting others to follow the same. However, a majority of mankind did not respond to this call. Even those who did respond positively and formed into a community of believers, gradually deviated, and the divine guidance fell prey to either negligence by its followers or underwent perversion at their hands, or became a victim of the vicissitude of time.

Finally, Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) was sent with the same task that had been entrusted to the messengers preceding him. He addressed humanity at large, including the followers of the preceding messengers who had deviated from the divine guidance. His mission was to call everyone to the right path, and form all those who accepted the message and guidance into one single community of believers, the "Muslim Ummah". This Ummah

would carry the responsibility of shaping its individual and collective life in accordance with the divine guidance on one hand, and on the other, fulfil the duty of guiding and reforming mankind.

Noble spirits who accepted the call of the Messenger (PBUH) underwent a change for the better; an improvement in their characters, attitudes and behaviours, and an upliftment in their moral and ethical standards. Under the guidance and training of the Messenger (PBUH), they became virtuous, upright and of integrity, that the world could not ignore the mercy, blessing, excellence and distinction of the message they had accepted and adopted. This resulted in people embracing Islam in multitudes.

Growth and development of individuals along these lines gave birth to a pious society, leading to the establishment of that exemplary state, where the affairs were conducted in accordance with the guidance of Allah and the code of life bestowed by Him. Mankind found solution to its difficulties and problems, remedies for its miseries, mental peace and spiritual solace. What emerged was an exemplar, viable for all times to come, establishing a clear and successful outline for guidance and nurturing of generations to come.

Hence, the guidance and way of life brought by the last of the Messengers of Allah, Muhammad (PBUH), can solve the convoluted problems of the humanity in the best manner, and provide mankind with the opportunity to create a world based on justice and harmony, virtue and welfare, development and growth, without prejudice to colour, race, gender, or class. It is this code of life, "Islam", which provides the best and the most constructive way to resolve the intellectual, ethical, social, economic, and political crises and dilemmas confronting humanity at large as well as in our own country.

The prime objective of the formation of Students Islamic Organisation of India (SIO) is to nurture and facilitate the students and youth of Muslim community in creating a virtuous society and contributing to the progress and development of the country, ensuring that their conscience and cognizance is developed along healthy lines, their willingness to sacrifice for lofty objectives is developed, and their energies are channelized in promoting Virtues and uprooting Evils from our country. The sole motivating factor in all these efforts should be the pleasure of our Cherisher and His benevolence in the Hereafter.

FROM THE DESK OF THE ZONAL PRESIDENT

Dear brothers,

AssalamuAlaikum Warahamatullahi Wabarakathuhu,

By the grace of Allah, our beloved organization SIO has completed its 40 years and has stepped into 41st year. In this long journey of 40 years, we have done the work of awakening the society through many struggles and campaigns. From the educational awareness campaign called "*Shale Kade Namma Nade*" to the program "*Education in the Assembly*" under which we have analysed the debates on education in the assembly. We have given many students and youth for the reconstruction of the society and are continuously striving in this.

The organization formulates its policy and program every two years as per the situation. The members of the Zonal Advisory Committee and the special invitees held a long discussion for four days and planned several activities ad programs keeping in mind the situation of Karnataka today. It is now our responsibility to implement it.

Brothers, I am sharing something with you very dearly. We have been a part of this organization for Allah's sake. We have to remember again and again that every work we do is for Allah's sake and self-satisfaction, only then we can maintain stability on this path. Changing circumstances have no effect on us nor on our faith and the way to attain this is by "Tazkiya" (purification of soul). Consistency in Allah's path becomes possible as we continuously practice self-purification.

The current situation is having a direct impact especially on the Muslim youth. The students and youth of the community are subjected to two types of excesses. One section is prone to feeling of insecurity due to the impact of socio-political developments while the other is leaning towards the extremes. Between these two, we have to move on the path of "*ummath e wasat*" which means middle (balanced) path community. This path is one of dignity, harmony, struggle, constructive process, activism, coexistence, pluralism and healthy dialogue. We need to introduce Islam to different sections of the society through this way.

Today it is more important than ever for us to connect ad engage with society. Only when we engage ourselves with the society we can develop social and political consciousness. We need to get out of our 'comfort zones',

Muslim ghettos and have social engagements. Our leaders should not only be the leaders of the organization but also the leaders of the community and society. We have to do new experiments, every challenge faced by the community presents new opportunities, let's utilize them positively. These challenges are the basis for the emergence of leaders. As Urdu poet Sadiq Hussain said *"Tundī-e-bād-e-muḥālīf se na ghabrā ai uqaab...ye to chaltī hai tujhe ūñchā uḌāne ke liye"*

Friends, Education and campus is our priority area of work. Today we are witnessing an agenda that is destroying both of them. Campuses are places where India's future is built. We have to work to preserve the atmosphere, the diversity of the campuses. Education today has become only for the rich. Equal education is a principle of Islam. Also, this is what our country's Constitution and Right to Education Act says. We need to form struggles to ensure that the government provides everyone with equal education. In this regard, we need to work together with like-minded organizations. In these struggles we must earnestly secure our role and earn Allah's favour. May Allah shower his special blessings upon us. Ameen

Surah Ankabooth's Ayah shall always be our inspiration, *"We will show our ways to those who fight for us"*

Zeeshan Aaqhil

State President, SIO Karnataka

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POLICY DRAFT

- 1. The cadre of the Organisation shall constantly strive for spiritual upliftment and holistic self-purification (Tazkiya), considering their relationship with Allah as their first and foremost need. In this regard, the Organisation shall facilitate a collective environment and provide guidance.**

Relationship with Allah and his Prophet ﷺ has a significant role in the self-purification (*Tazkiya*) and development (*Tarbiyah*) of an individual. With regard to *Tazkiya*, rituals of worship, prayers with humility and modesty, and a passion for the Holy Qur'an are indispensable.

The effect of *Tazkiya* should be seen in all the intellectual and emotional states of our hearts along with our bodies. Moreover, the effect of *Tazkiya* should be evident in every corner of our lives in such a way that it leads to maturity in faith, purity in heart, perseverance in action, usefulness in personality, and evolution of abilities.

True spirituality is the correct understanding of the requirements of both the body and the soul and keeping a perfect balance between the two, in which the requirements of the soul take precedence over the body.

Prayer (*Dua*), remembrance (*Zikr*), and seeking forgiveness (*Istighfar*) are necessary for a permanent connection with Allah. In this regard, desired qualities such as trust in Allah (*Tawakkul*), gratitude (*Shukr*), perseverance (*Sabr*), kindness and excellence (*Ihsaan*), need to be nurtured. In this regard, attention should be paid to the evocation of the instability of the world, avoidance of excess and absurdism, self-presentation, etc. Struggle in the path of Allah is an important means of *Tazkiya*. Physical health also plays an important role in fulfilling the needs of the soul.

With regard to *Tazkiya*, healthy interpersonal relations, self-introspection, and companionship with the members of the Organisation are essential. Youth-related diverse psychological and practical challenges have increased in the contemporary world. In this regard it is important to give attention on consistency in thought and vision, meaning in life, quality in education, and getting rid of various addictions. It is the responsibility of the Organisation to provide a collective environment and motivation to individuals for *Tazkiya*.

Programs:

- It is obligatory for all the members to read Qur'an with proper Tajweed. In this regard, continuous efforts shall be put in to understand Qur'an, through meaning, Commentaries (Tafseer) and further pondering over it and also memorising parts of the Qur'an should be part of the Quranic journey.
- All members must study the hadees and life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) regularly.
- Zone shall organize Mudarrise Quran Workshop.
- Tazkiya Campaign will be organised at the Markaz level.
- Infaq week will be organized at the zonal level to promote the values of Infaq.
- Tazkiya program shall be organized at unit level. Zone shall prepare and develop a syllabus for Tazkiya/Tazkiya Program
- Fajr Club shall be formed at unit level and existing clubs to be strengthened for physical, spiritual and intellectual growth.
- District-level Sports shall be organised.
- Zone shall sensitize students and youth on the issues of Marriage, gender and sexual decadence in accordance with Islamic principles.
- At unit level review meet shall be organized every month.
- Every member shall be motivated to prepare his self-development plan in the light of Tazkiya Guide and implement it in his daily life. On the basis of the designed plan, the member will review his own progress.
- Every unit shall focus on the academic excellence of its cadre.
- Considering psychological aspects, Markaz will organise a campaign on specific youth issues.

Guidelines:

- Cadres shall form friendly and informal relationships and develop team bonding in the unit. For this, the 'Buddies Concept' shall be popularized.
- Reading various commentaries of the Holy Qur'an.
- 'A day with Tehreeki Leader' can be organized at unit level.
- Cadre shall make it a habit to recite Masnoon Azkar. In this regard, books like Ma'soorat and Hisn-ul-Muslim could be utilized.
- Cadre shall consciously try to be in good companionship and try to have murabbiyana relationships with knowledgeable persons including leaders, cadre of Tehreek-e-Islaami and SIO. Every member shall identify a Murabbi/Rahbar or a guide (within JIH/SIO) for his own spiritual development.
- Interested members shall be directed to learn Quranic Arabic

through various platforms.

- Units shall give special attention to enhance the capacities and capabilities of the cadre.
- Cadre shall try to enhance a pleasant relationship with their family members and relatives.

2. In the light of Islamic Thought, SIO shall frame and develop Islamic paradigms and narratives in various spheres of life, focusing on the preparation, promotion and dissemination of content.

Every thought and ideology has a worldview as its backbone. Islam has its own conception of life and being; in the light of which the dominant thoughts and ideologies of the era will be critically examined. Efforts will be taken to familiarise the cadre with the intellectual and research efforts in the field of Islamic Thought, along with the development of comprehension and capability to carry out this task.

Efforts will be taken on one hand to develop a deeper understanding of the sources of Islamic Thought, namely the *Quran* and *Sunnah* along with Islamic knowledge tradition. On the other hand, an in-depth study of contemporary society, its language, and discourse will be undertaken to better understand the dominant thoughts and ideologies so as to better present the Islamic paradigms and narratives.

Programs:

- Zone shall organise Study ZAC.
- Zone shall focus on content generation in the form of Video Lecture Series.

3. The cadre of the Organisation shall continuously strive for intellectual and ideological growth and self-purification (Tazkiya) through individual study and contemplation. In this regard, the Organisation shall facilitate a collective environment.

Study and contemplation are a staple for intellectual and ideological growth as well as self-purification (*Tazkiya*) in individuals. In the task of reformation, deep study and systematic contemplation are indispensable compared to superficial understanding. SIO shall try to inculcate a culture of study and contemplation among students, especially in its cadre, so that depth in knowledge and stability in ideology is promoted and experts in different fields are trained.

Study, be it of books or the world, contemplation and critical analysis are essential parts of it. In this regard, the study of the *Quran*, *Hadith*, and *Seerah* are fundamental. The relationship with *Quran* begins with recitation and continues with memorisation, contemplation, action and invitation towards its teachings. Likewise, through continuous study of the *Seerah*, a believer derives vibrancy for intellectual and practical struggle. Better knowledge of language and literature develops a passion for reading, intellectual appreciation, sagacity, and the ability to express oneself. Reflection on the self and the world guides one to realisation of deep insight and contentment of heart.

Programs:

- Regular Book talks/Discussions shall be organized at zonal level.
- District-level Readers Workshop shall be organized.
- Post membership reading course will be designed by zone and the same will have to be followed by members.
- Units shall organize Study tours/Excursion drives.
- Units will strengthen existing library/libraries, and those units without libraries shall setup the same.
- Readers Arena shall be strengthened.
- Units shall promote the Gifting & Exchanging of Books among cadres.
- Units will organize Read-athon to provide a healthy environment for the cadre to read books of their interests, this can be part of weekly programs too.
- Units shall organize Human Library sessions

Guidelines:

- Quran study circles shall be made regular part of unit activity.
- Units are advised to visit local libraries and bookstores collectively.
- Districts/Units are advised to organise Heritage Walk to historical places.
- Units are encouraged to organize book review sessions.
- Units are encouraged to establish Documentary clubs.
- Cadre shall be promoted to excel in the regional language of their region.
- Cadres shall be encouraged to start with novels, graphic guides, comics, etc. In order to develop interest in reading.

4. SIO shall encourage students and youth to strengthen their ties with fellow country brethren and strive continuously to promote Daae Characteristics.

The real identity of the Muslim community is that of the group inviting people to connect to their Creator. In order to fulfil this fundamental duty, it is necessary that *Muslim Ummah* realise its sense of responsibility and present a true picture of Islam through their words and actions. Therefore, *Da'wah* Characteristics must be promoted amongst the students and youth such that individual as well as collective activities clearly and prominently reflect *Da'wah* aspect. Considering it to be their responsibility, individuals of the community must represent Islam at every front with confidence, wisdom, passion, intellectual and practical preparation.

In recent times, an organised and concerted effort is underway to create a gulf between various communities through hateful propaganda and prejudice. It is essential to bridge this gap among people and social groups, end prejudice, and create an atmosphere of mutual trust, cooperation, and compassion, which will also broaden the scope of *Da'wah*.

Programs:

- National-level *Da'wah/Seerah* Campaign shall be organised.
- Zone shall circulate stories/work of personalities who have contributed to the field of *Da'wah*.

5. SIO shall consider the specific socio-religious context, to present the truthfulness and necessity of the Islamic creed to them.

Quran prescribes *Da'wah* as a bounden duty of the Muslim *Ummah*. The lives of the Prophets (Peace be upon them) show that *Da'wah* was central to their struggle. It is vital to take the addressees' specific socio- religious context into consideration when conveying the truth of the Islamic creed. It is important to pay attention to the fact that our individual contacts and collective activities result in the addressees' feeling Islam to be their necessity and the sole guarantor of worldly success and salvation in the Hereafter. In this regard, equal consideration is to be given to intellectual and research activities as much as to fieldwork.

In addition to practical efforts towards *Da'wah*, Islamic ideological discourse shall be built in academic circles and especially in campuses. Moreover, academic and research work to better understand the Indian society will be helpful for *Da'wah* activities.

Programs:

- Zone shall develop an understanding on 'Philosophy of Shri Narayan guru and Islam.'

- Zone will take up a study on understanding different religions and castes in Karnataka.
- Member shall invite their friends/colleagues to their Homes and host them. (*Visit My Home/ Mere Ghar Ake Toh Dekho*)

Guidelines:

- Units shall promote social welfare activities among cadres and work on positive image building of the community.
- Units are encouraged to organize Masjid Darshan/Madrassa visits, etc.
- Units are encouraged to organize Interfaith Dialogues, Meet with religious heads, etc.
- Members shall be motivated to learn regional languages.
- Cadre will do individual Da'wah work in his area of influence. Every member shall try to convey the message of Islam (Do Dawah).
- Units will make the best use of ISMIKA postal library.
- Units are encouraged to donate Islamic literature to public and college libraries.

6. SIO shall focus on educational, economic, and political capacity building of students and youth.

For any social movement to succeed, it is imperative that it has a critical mass of people possessing the necessary capabilities and capacities. Capacity building and capability generation in all domains of life is a necessary condition to broaden our social engagement and sphere of influence. These capabilities include educational excellence, economic self-reliance and political acumen among others. In this regard, SIO needs to build the capacity of its own cadre, as well as students and youth of the communities in which it works, by providing them with the necessary orientation, training, and resources. We believe, fostering the spirit of beneficence in their personality and inspiring them to identify, nurture and utilize their innate talents, as building our capacities is also an integral part of the larger *Tazkiya* process. The social, economic, and political capital generated through these efforts will be an invaluable resource for the movement and society.

Educational empowerment of a community is dependent on continuous engagement with knowledge and ideas, as well as sustained efforts for skill development and career guidance at the critical and formative stages of a student's life. For this, projects and programs of Framing Academia, which gives orientation and training for admissions in Universities and premier institutions, shall be initiated at all levels of the organisation.

In order to inculcate economic self-reliance, promotion of the entrepreneurial spirit among students and youth, as well as facilitation of institutional support, like incubation centres, chambers of commerce, and self-help groups, are the need of the hour.

The general perspective of politics and political activity is often restricted to elections and party politics. This is a very limited view of a complex field. It is important to understand politics in the broader sense of engagement with power centres, political agents, and institutions. There needs to be a conscious focus on developing skills like advocacy, alliance building, public opinion generation and overall sense of how political systems function.

Programs:

- Zone shall organize a Higher Education Drive.
- Zone shall form the Academic & Career support cell.
- Zone shall continue the "Do It Right" Series.
- Zone shall organize a program on political capacity building.
- Zone shall conduct the orientation and training for admission in universities and premier institutes, and competitive exams as a part of the "Framing Academia Project".

Guidelines:

- Cadre shall be motivated to explore internship opportunities during the time of course.
- Units shall conduct higher education awareness programs.
- Cadre shall be motivated to explore aspects of political empowerment.
- SIO shall facilitate different skill courses in collaboration with various fronts.

7. SIO shall expand its work culture and organisational structure to promote social engagements, involve students and youth in large numbers to assist its efforts, and pave the way for effective utilization of the capabilities of the cadre. For this purpose, the Organisation shall explore the possibilities of nodes and forums.

In order to achieve its aims and objectives, SIO needs to expand and develop inclusivity in its organisational structure and approach. In this regard, efforts will be made to pave the way for social influence by engaging with the existing nodes [nodes: initiatives started by individual(s)/ groups/ forums/

clubs, etc.] and establishing new nodes.

Zones and units shall strive to promote this approach based on their capabilities, opportunities, and possibilities without affecting the basic organisational activities and structure. The cadre of the Organisation shall pay attention to continuous, personalised, and productive works on different fronts through these nodes, based on their ability, interest, and inclination. Through these nodes, efforts shall be made to enhance social interaction and engage general students and young people in large numbers to assist with the various objectives of the organisation.

Programs:

- Zone shall strengthen Samvedana.
- Zone shall strengthen CERA.

Guidelines:

- Units are encouraged to form nodes considering the capacity and possibilities without affecting the basic organisational activities and structure and with the approval of the zonal president.

8. SIO will critically engage with the dominant philosophy of knowledge and education. In this regard, it shall strive towards framing, promotion and dissemination of the Islamic philosophy of knowledge and education in collaboration with selected students and institutions.

Islam has its own outlook on philosophy of knowledge and education, which is an extension of its holistic conception of life and being. As an ideological organisation, it is of primary responsibility to take critical stock of the present educational system and reconstitute knowledge in the light of Islamic principles. Thus, it is of paramount importance that research and academic initiatives be undertaken in this regard. The Organisation shall focus on providing a conducive environment and preparing individuals for the task and encourage the cadre to make this endeavour part of their academic life. The Organisation shall collaborate with individuals to make the Islamic philosophy of knowledge and education a subject of discourse in prominent institutions.

Programs:

- Zone shall identify and motivate cadres to pursue academic research on topics related to this policy.

- 9. SIO shall work towards securing equity, accessibility, and quality in the field of education, and in this regard, it shall influence government policies. SIO shall also critically deal with the issues of commercialization of education and manipulation of history in textbooks.**

Along with the economic, political and social fields, the field of education too has always been in need of struggle for justice in the country. In the field of education, oppression and injustice against the marginalized sections, conscious efforts to keep them away from higher education, non-availability of education in their mother-tongue and absence of equal and quality education for them, still continues. Resolving these issues shall be part of the struggle for creating a better society.

Similarly, ethics and values are not considered worthy of inclusion in the present education system. This is the reason that hatred, obscenity, and moral degradation is finding a place, not only among the students and educational institutions, but also in the educational syllabi. It should be noted that coordinated efforts are being made to promote prejudice and hatred through educational curriculum and educational policies. Taking these into consideration, SIO shall try to make questions of educational subject of discourse and influence the national educational agenda and policies and shall persuade the cadres on developing a critical understanding of their curriculum.

Programs:

- Zone shall take up a project on the Decade of RTE.
- Districts shall identify issues related to education and try to resolve them. In this regard, Zone shall guide them.
- Zone shall continue research and publication of Contribution of Muslim Scholars to Education in Indian Society.

Guidelines:

- Zone shall circulate updates regarding the scholarship, admissions, and important internships among cadres.

- 10. Adopting a comprehensive approach in its activities, SIO will promote a better ethical and democratic environment in campuses. Also, it will address the idea of university, education, knowledge, and campus from an Islamic perspective and strive to influence campus culture and discourses.**

Campuses have been one of the most engaged spaces of the struggle of *Tahreek-e-Islami*. Academic and ideological efforts must be made in campuses and professional colleges to bring about the social change that the movement dreams of. In this regard, SIO will try to influence the academic discourse and culture of the campus by adopting a comprehensive approach in its work. It will address the idea of campus, knowledge, and education from an Islamic perspective.

SIO will strive to influence campus culture on the basis of the moral and ethical values of Islam through various *Tarbiyah*, literary, and cultural activities. Professional and technical institutions will be given special attention in this regard. Addressing their particular concerns and developing a work culture in these institutions is necessary.

A democratic environment in the campuses is indispensable for the progress of quality education and knowledge. SIO will strive to ensure equality, justice, and quality education and restore a democratic environment in educational institutions. Building its ideological narrative, SIO will address educational and campus issues and utilise campus spaces in a democratic manner to resolve them.

Programs:

- Zone shall focus on institutions run by Tehreeki people and establish campus unit.
- Campus units shall be strengthened by organising social welfare and academic activities.

Guidelines:

- Zone shall strive to ensure equality, justice, and quality education and restore a democratic environment in educational institutions.
- Members are motivated to carry out campus activities by forming a Solidarity Forum in colleges/Universities.
- Members are encouraged to actively participate and collaborate with environment, social and technological clubs in their respective institutions.
- Members are encouraged to utilize cultural tools like Stand- up comedy, Slam poetry, etc. to sensitize & strive to create awareness on various social issues, educational issues, restoration of democratic atmosphere, etc.
- Units shall introduce SIO in all campuses through social welfare activities preferably in those where our cadre is present.

11. SIO shall pay special attention to the students and graduates of Deeni Madaris and benefit from them. It shall strive to nurture their talents and equip them to engage with society and its issues.

Deeni Madaris are a glorious chapter in the history of the Muslim community in India. The students of *Deeni Madaris* are valuable assets to the Muslim community. The Organisation shall benefit from the talents of students of *Deeni Madaris* and take the efforts to equip them to engage with society and its issues so that they play their requisite role in the development of the community and society. Students of the *Deeni Madaris* run by the managements associated with *Tahreek-e- Islami* shall be given special focus in this regard.

Programs:

- SIO shall engage with students of Seminaries with regular visits and strive to build a beneficial relationship with them.

Guidelines:

- Districts are encouraged to carry out various activities in Deeni Madaris like competitions, sports, cultural programs, Picnic etc.
- Units are advised to make the best utilization of Iste'dad series organised by SIO Markaz.
- Welfare activities like cleaning of Madaris, Vocational training, Computer Training, Teaching of Languages, etc. for Deeni Madaris students can be taken up.
- Units are encouraged to guide Deeni Madaris students to appear for the 10th & 12th exams through NIOS.
- Units are advised to promote and distribute tehreeki journal & magazines to students of Deeni Madaris.

12. SIO shall influence students and youth to establish justice in society. In this regard, it will make collective efforts for protection of rights of minorities and marginalised communities.

In the last few years, there have been sustained attempts to create an atmosphere of fear and despair through human rights violation and continuous efforts to weaken educational and social stature of Muslims and other marginalised sections of society. These attempts, especially incidents of violence against minorities, attacks on religious symbols like Churches and Hijab, and drafting laws to intimidate and instil fear among new converts to minority religions, are not random or coincidental but part of a planned and systemic effort. Since students and youth are often the most affected

ones, it is necessary to create awareness among them, and motivate them to undertake long-term collaborative efforts with all the justice-seeking sections and engage with different stakeholders. In this regard, critical analysis of relevant current laws and proposals for their amendments to safeguard and protect religious minorities and freedom of religion and to fight against this injustice as well as to promote an atmosphere of peace and justice are important. Efforts will be made to address problems and issues not only at the national and state but also at the local level.

Programs:

- Zone shall Document the incidents of human rights violations in Karnataka.
- Zone shall address the issues pertaining to injustice and violation of the rights of minorities.

Guidelines:

- Units are encouraged to engage in discussion in colleges on the theme of Justice.
- Units and Districts are encouraged to organize legal awareness lectures under the guidance of Zone.
- Units are encouraged to collaborate with other peace-loving organisation/community leaders to promote an atmosphere of peace and justice.

13. SIO shall critically engage students and youth on the broader implications of Information and Communication Technology. The concerns of privacy are paramount in this sphere and SIO shall try to critically engage with the conceptual issues, create awareness among the masses, and influence policy in this regard.

There are many broader implications of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) on the self as well as society. Some of these being, intrusion into privacy by corporates and states, various moral and psychological concerns around social media uses, and mental health issues. With increased digitization and technology adoption, there are many ethical implications that have come to the surface. Some of the effects are addiction, lack of attention span, behavioural changes, and attitudinal shifts. There are rapid changes not only in the behaviors of the upcoming generation and their social engagements but across age groups. As an Islamic organisation, SIO believes, it is its responsibility to seriously address such issues by giving them the right directions for navigating this realm. SIO shall try to develop *Akhlaqi* concerns for new digital sensibilities that better communicate to the

new generation.

The concerns of privacy are paramount in the sphere of Information and Communication Technology. Social media are accused of stealing and processing individuals' privacy for making them a commodity. SIO shall try to critically engage with the conceptual issues of privacy, create awareness among the masses, and influence policy in this regard.

Programs:

- Zone shall organise an awareness workshop on the broader implications of Information and Communication Technology.
- Zone shall organize a seminar/discussion on selected technical institutes on the theme of Data Privacy.
- Zone shall prepare a Privacy Charter.

Guidelines:

- Units are encouraged to adopt Mobile free sessions, and this culture shall be promoted among cadres.

14. SIO shall sensitize students and youth about environmental conservation, in the light of Islamic principles.

Environmental crisis resulting from the disruption and destruction of the natural environment and resources has emerged as a critical and crucial problem around the globe. This problem is not merely environmental in nature, but it is a complex issue incorporating ideological, economic, social, political, and health dimensions as well. Utilising the Islamic concept of Habilitation of Earth (*Imaratul Ardh*), SIO shall sensitize students and youth in preparing a narrative based on Islamic principles and shall assert the peaceful co-existence of humans and the environment. SIO shall promote civic sense in its cadre as well. As required, it shall form larger alliances with concerned sections of society and environmental organisations to address the issue of the environment with regards to the state, policy, advocacy and agency.

Programs:

- Zone shall collaborate with other environmental groups related to environmental issues.
- Zone shall strive for state advocacy and policy intervention related to issues pertaining to the environment.
- Zone shall explore the aspects of the environment from an Islamic perspective and will work on content generation.

- Unit shall be directed to take up environmental issues and establish relationship with environmentalists.
- Environmental day shall be observed at zonal level.

Guidelines:

- Our programs/activities should be eco-friendly.
- Units are encouraged to take up environmental issues of their locality and try to resolve them.
- Cadre shall be encouraged to use eco-friendly products.
- Units are advised to engage and collaborate with local environmentalists/ environmental groups.
- Members shall be encouraged to join and form nodes like Parisar Samvad.
- Zone shall motivate interested members to study environmental issues and policy intervention shall be done.

15. The Organisation will promote art, culture, and literature with its spirit among students and youth; so that Islamic values could be presented to a larger audience. In this regard, attention will be given to the development of the creative abilities of students and youth.

Allah Almighty is *Al-Jameel*, the beautiful and He is the only source of beauty. It is He who designed elements of beauty in worldly objects and fashioned the taste for it in human beings. Art and literature are one of essential forms of aesthetic expression and also carry rich cultural capital within them. People adhering to Islamic ideology should push their creative boundaries to produce principled art and literature. In this regard, the Organisation will encourage its cadre to create and use cultural resources for extending its message and widening its sphere of influence.

Programs:

- Zone shall produce a documentary.
- Zone shall organize a workshop for cultural orientation.

Guidelines:

- Units shall organise Cultural/Talents Night at the Unit
- Units shall provide platforms to promote talents like Calligraphy, Painting, Comic making, poetry, open mic, etc.
- Units are encouraged to explore means of art and culture to engage with the larger audience.
- Units are encouraged to form Lit Clubs, Documentary clubs, etc.
- Selected Units shall be advised to identify places & cultural forms,

and generate content to preserve them.

- Units shall be advised to organise Cultural Festival at Govt. Schools within the unit reach.

16. Junior Associates will be nurtured by taking their psychology into consideration such that, love for Islam, refinement of character, and enhancing the talents and interests in association with the Organisation are promoted among them. In this regard, special attention shall be paid to content generation and the psychological well-being of Junior Associates.

Nurturing and promoting the capabilities of children are of immense importance. In this regard, zones and units shall pay attention that their programmes for Junior Associates in schools and outside should be compatible with their nature, psychology, and age. Through these activities, a deep love of Islam, refinement of character, nourishment of creativity, development of potential, and betterment of educational standards should be promoted. In current times mental health issues of children are of prime concern, and we must strive to address them. Cultural tools play a vital role in shaping understanding and perception. In this regard, the collection of available content globally, or preparation and distribution of new content will be focused on by the Organisation. Special and conscious efforts to promote Junior Associates to SIO membership shall be prioritized.

Programs:

- Zone shall publish children's Magazine
- Every unit shall run at least one JAC.
- District level JAC Fest shall be organized.

Guidelines:

- Units shall adopt creative programs.
- Units shall encourage children to attempt exams like Olympiad, quizzes, etc.
- Units shall plan weekly programs according to the JAC guide.
- Units/Districts can organise summer camps, children's festivals, picnics, sports events, educational tours, etc.
- Units shall develop a conducive environment to encourage reading habits among JAC.
- Units shall release JAC magazine according to the resources available.
- Every unit shall run the JAC program in at least one school
- Major units shall focus on running JAC at slum areas too.

- Kids' library to be established at unit level.
- Units will take JAC children to visit Libraries, Museums, prestigious institutions, central universities, art exhibitions, historical places, etc. at the local level.
- JAC children's meet with local leaders.
- Units are advised to run JAC units in schools run by Tehreeki persons.

17. SIO shall give equal consideration to expansion and consolidation in its activities such that, its message spreads in the student and youth fraternity, its sphere of influence expands and organisational consciousness, ideological uniformity, and complete dedication is inculcated in the cadre. In this regard, special attention shall be given to selected regions.

SIO shall give equal consideration to expansion and consolidation so that its message spreads swiftly in the student and youth fraternity of the country and efforts in this regard are undertaken in a coordinated manner. It is necessary that Organisational consciousness, ideological uniformity, and complete dedication are inculcated in the cadre, whichever part of the country or zone they happen to be. In this regard, special attention shall be paid to the developing regions.

The cadre shall consistently strive for organisational aims and objectives. In this regard, special attention should be paid to developing a healthy Organisational Culture and working in local areas. The cadre shall engage individuals of notable capabilities from the student fraternity as well as students from institutions of significance and try to make them part of the Organisation.

Programs:

- Zone will organize Leaders Meet.
- Zone will organize separate leaders meet for smaller units
- Zone shall appoint District Organisers in the selected district for expansion and consolidation.
- Zone will organise Applicant Members' Camp.
- SIO School will be organised prior to Applicant Members' Camp.
- State wide Associate Making Campaign will be observed
- Zone will organise a review meet of units every six months.
- Zone shall organise MULAQAT SERIES.
- Zone shall organise Monthly meets with UPs and DPs.
- Units shall organize selected associates' training program.

- Zone shall focus on building leadership qualities among our cadres
- Every member shall strive to make at least two new applicants members.

Special Decisions of ZAC Meeting

- Units are encouraged to form nodes considering the capacity and possibilities without affecting the basic organisational activities and structure and with the approval of the zonal president
- ZAC's shall be given selected districts/Units for mentorship.

Zonal Level Committees:

1. Education Strategy Cell
2. Career Support Cell
3. ICC Committee
4. PR Team
5. Audit Team
6. Academic Cell