



Organizing a Two-day National Conference  
on

**“UNDERSTANDING TRUE NATURE AND MANAGEMENT OF AUQAF  
FOR BETTER PROTECTION, PERFORMANCE, AND DEVELOPMENT”**

On November 26-27, 2022,

at Azam Campus, Pune 411001, Maharashtra

**CONCEPT NOTE**

*Waqf* is an institution that enables the tying up of property for a pious cause like the alleviation of poverty, promoting human good, and making humanness sustainable. The institution has historically helped people in meeting the problems of health, education, food, and so on. The role is perpetual and continues in most parts of the world for the benefit of many. The role of *waqf* has been reported in works on the subject explaining requirements for the creation of a *waqf*, its regulation, and the rights of beneficiaries. Some works also give the story of *waqf* as a great sustainer of communities and its importance with challenges to it.

There are, however, questions about the understanding of the true nature of *waqf*, its goals, the pattern of regulation, and the maintenance of beneficiaries' interests. More so is the quest for regulation of *Auqaf* through laws made by the state and accountability of the functionaries in this process of administration. The problem becomes more complicated when the people are ignorant or ill-informed or unable to contribute towards *waqf* foundation, protection, management, and promotion.

Presently, by conservative estimates, India has lakhs of significant *Auqaf* with a potential of a few billion economies. The people of India, whose fate could be different from destitution, are not truly able to avail the support to their lives, in spite of resources being there. The issue is making rounds around a few members of society for unclear ideas and motivations. However, the issue needs to be seriously addressed. Could fault be found in law and practice and the matter set right? Probably, the essence of the institution of *waqf* is out of the sight of those commons who are the true beneficiaries of the benefits accruing out of *waqf* properties. Also, nobody seems to look from an angle to make them participants in management in any way.

The Waqf Act of 1995 as amended in 2013 is the latest legislation to govern *waqf* properties. Its success is masked for reasons to be highlighted. We may take an example here to explain the scenario. In section 3 of the principal Act, a clause was inserted to create a protective atmosphere for *Auqaf* in India, as, namely: '(ee) “encroacher” means any person or institution, public or private,

occupying *waqf* property, in whole or part, without the authority of law and includes a person whose tenancy, lease or license has expired or has been terminated by mutawalli or the Board;’. It could have a revolutionary effect, but maybe, in the overall system, the baby was lost in the bathwater. The encroacher does not seem shaken as expected. Other issues are multiple, ranging from the role of mutawallis to the contribution of boards. Maintenance, good use, and beneficiary satisfaction is a far cry.

The present-day conceptualization of institutional functioning may need to be thought about. There is a chapter in Sachar Committee Report on *waqf*. That whole is an invitation for setting the home right. The apparent development after that was the 2013 legislation. Meeting the challenges is not more difficult than identifying the challenges clearly. Any sound attempts to make an honest expression of the challenges is a challenge that is not being met. Will anybody point out the pathological pointers of the ailing *Auqaf* in India? Wailing that they are ailing is in every street!

Much has to be said, and, therefore, needs a conference. The Institute of Objective Studies, in furtherance of its activities of conferences and seminars, is organizing this two-day conference on “***Understanding True Nature and Management of Auqaf for Better Protection, Performance, and Development***” at **Azam College of Education, Pune, Maharashtra on November 26-27, 2022.**

The major themes for discussion will be:

1. Understanding the True Nature of *Auqaf*
2. Contribution of the Institution in serving the humanity in Past
3. Present day expectations from the institution
4. Need for overhauling of management and objective
5. Role of beneficiaries in the management
6. Prevention of maladministration and practices of misappropriation of *waqf* properties
7. Role of state in effective *waqf* administration
8. Re-defining of objectives and current digital economy
9. Welfare and Trade aspects of *Auqaf*
10. Any other relevant issue can be discussed.

Ulema, Academics, Activists, Journalists, *Waqf* Administrators, Beneficiaries, *Waqf* Board Members, Politicians, Research Scholars, and persons interested in the establishment of *Auqaf* are invited to participate and contribute.

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