

***Recommendations of the National  
Conference on Centenary Celebrations of  
Muslim League (1906-2006), 19-20  
September 2006***

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1. The National Conference on the Centennial Celebrations of Muslim League (1906-2006) held at the Bahauddin Zakariya University, in collaboration with the H.E.C., in Multan, on 19-20 September 2006, recommends that in order to arouse historical consciousness among tile students and teachers of the Bahauddin Zakariya University and promote historical research in the southern Punjab region, an Institute of Historical Studies and Research be established at the B.Z.U., with adequate provision for the establishment of an archival section to collect, collate and make available to researchers and scholars archival material on all aspects of life in the region and on the Freedom Movement.

2. This Conference recommends that the papers presented to the Conference should first be referred by specialists in the field as required by the H.E.C., before a decision is taken on their inclusion (or otherwise) in the proceedings of the Conference. The basic criteria should be the presentation of new material or new interpretation.

3. This Conference felicitates the National Institute for Historical & Cultural Research for reviving the Project on the Comprehensive History of Pakistan at the initiative of its present Director, Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmad. It is heartening to note that the first volume in the Project, titled "Ancient Pakistan", is to be published shortly. In order, however, to make the Project broad-based and expedite work on it, it recommends that all the academic and scholarly resources in the field be pooled together and that

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an Editorial Advisory Board on the national basis be constituted. It is further recommended that the Board meet periodically, normally twice a year, to monitor the progress on the Project and suggest ways and means to expedite the work in hand and the completion of Project within a reasonable time.

4. This Conference recommends to Government of Pakistan that in view of the critical role played by the All-India Muslim League in the Freedom Movement, culminating in the establishment of Pakistan, and to facilitate the reconstruction of the saga of the Freedom Movement on the basis of primary sources, it is indispensable that the Project on the Muslim League Documents initiated by the Quaid-i-Azam Academy under the editorship of Professor Sharif al Mujahid, be revived. It is further recommended that an Editorial Board, comprising leading scholars and researchers on purely scholastic and academic basis, be constituted as early as possible and that the Board be directed to devise ways and means to compile, collate and edit the Muslim League Documents from where they were left off in Vol.I, published in 1990.

5. This Conference records its appreciation of the B.Z. University for organizing a National Conference on the Centennial Celebrations of the Muslim League (1906-2006), on 19-20 September 2006. This being the first Conference since the centenary celebrations were initiated by the President of the Pakistan Muslim League at Islamabad on 22 March 2006, the Bahauddin Zakariya University has given a lead to other universities and research bodies for organizing such academic moots. This Conference also records its appreciation of Prof. Dr. Humaira Arif Dasti, the Convener of the Conference, for bringing together at this forum a galaxy of historians and researchers for a discourse on the chequered career of the All-India Muslim League, and the organizers for the excellent arrangements made for the stay and comfort of the delegates from outside Multan.