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Sahitya Akademi Awardee for translation and author of *Islamic Banking India at the Service of Pan-Islamists* and *Marx My Word*. A PhD from JNU, he is a strong votary of secularism. He is firmly of the view that the enhancement of civil society is the only answer to the scourge of religious madness in the country. His article, 'The Great Urdu Fraud', exposed the academic manipulation of many, including three world-renowned linguists of JNU, among others. He is Editor of *Muslims and Media Images* and *Redefining Urdu Politics in India*. He has translated the first authentic biography of Bahadur Shah Zafar (1964). Presently, he is the General Secretary of Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu (Hind), and is translating books on 19th Century history and culture of *Dilli*, now Delhi.

For long, he has advocated that instead of modernising *deeni madrassas*, the Government of India should provide Urdu education as part of the secular curriculum of school education.

Although he believes in civility in discourse, he is never afraid to speak his mind, which, as a member of IIC for the last 10 years, he has never hesitated to do.