

INSTITUTIONS

THE MUSLIM ASSOCIATION CUDAPPAH

The Muslim Association was established in the year 1930-31. With a view to imparting academic and technical education the Association established an orphanage to provide free boarding, lodging and clothing in 1939-40 to destitutes.

The orphanage developed and progressed by leaps and bounds. Buildings were constructed to house the orphanage gradually. The extension block of the orphanage was opened by Sri. Pottom A. Thanu Pillai I.E. the Governor of Andhra Pradesh in 1965. The orphanage was receiving Government grant-in-aid from 1942 to 1983 when the Government discontinued giving grants. On account of the stoppage of grant-in-aid the strength of the inmates of the orphanage was restricted from 250 to 100. The inmates study from Ist class to degree courses in local schools and colleges including technical institutes. The association provides free education facilities to all the inmates. There are about 15 inmates belonging to backward communities on roll. The Orphanage is in the receipt of

grants from the A.P. Social Welfare Advisory Board. (Govt. of India.) The Central Wakf council New Delhi was good enough to sanction matching grant of Rs.10,000 (Rupees Ten Thousand.) for the purchase of equipment and machinery.

In view of the need of the hour, Moulana Azad Vocational Training Centre was started in 1985 under the aegis of the Association. The centre imparts Technical Knowledge to the trainees in Type Writing, Shorthand (Boys & girls) Tailoring and embroidery (girls) Automobile Repairing and servicing (Boys) and it is proposed to start Adult Education centre also.

In view of the need for a Community Hall the Association proposed to construct for which foundation stone was laid by Sri. Mohan Lal Sukhadia, appealed to H.E.H. Nizam's Charitable Trust for donation for the completion of construction work. Honourable Chairman of the Trust His Highness Prince Muffakham Jah Bahadur was pleased to get the matching grant of Rs. 2.5 lakhs sanctioned at the Trustees meeting it is named after its Honourable Chairman "H.H. Prince Muffakham Jah Bahadur Community Hall". Much to our pleasure the president of the Association Haji Mohammad Rahamathullah came forward to

construct a marriage Hall. After the completion of the Halls, Her Excellency the Governor of Andhra Pradesh was requested to inaugurate the Halls. Her Excellency was kind enough to accept our humble invitation and has graced the Muslim Orphanage on which premises the halls were constructed Her Excellency declared open the halls on 29-9-1989 at 4-30 P.M.

A memorandum was submitted to Her Excellency by the Muslim Association requesting for the revival of the government grant-in-aid. The Association also requested Her Excellency to use Her Excellency's good office for according Urdu, the status of second official language of the state and for broadcasting of Urdu Programmes from All India Radio, Cuddapah centre. At the arrival, a guard of honour was given to Her Excellency by the scouts and guides of the institution. The function was presided over by the president of the association Haji Mohammad Rahamathullah Ex. Member of Parliament. Prof. Syed Magbool Hussain Basha, M.A.Ph.D., welcomed the gathering and the chief guest. Her Excellency in Her address spoke on "Islam and the Modern Education". Mr. Nabi Saheb General Secretary, proposed vote of thanks.

