

1. Govt Islamia College Railway Road

Government Islamia College was founded in 1892 AD in a two-room upper story of Haveli Munshi Harsukh at Sheranwala Gate, Lahore. The Anjuman-i-Himayat-i-Islam initiated this humble project with limited resources but of enthusiasm, passion, compassion, and foresight. It was one of the focal points for the Pakistan Movement. The founder of Pakistan, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, visited 14 times and eleven times he came to Islamia College, for he reposed great confidence in the enthusiasms, energy, and devotion of the Students of Islamia College Lahore.

The college continued to provide education to the study students in this humble condition for almost eight years. In 1900 AD, the degree classes were commenced. This up-gradation was a considerable achievement in that unspeakable circumstances looking at the slim resources. Some people looked down upon this step but the passion for educating the sons of poor Muslims prevailed and in the way of the same spirit arrangements were made for teaching Arabic at postgraduate level in 1905 AD. In 1904 AD the college was shifted to a private building at Railway Road, Lahore.

In 1907 AD Sardar Habibullah Khan, the ruler of Afghanistan, laid the foundation stone of Islamia College, Lahore at Railway Road where it stands currently. It

covers an area of about ten acres. In the new building Habibia Hall, a tribute to our benefactor, stands in the middle with rows of rooms, laboratories and, library on its both sides. Crescent (Jinnah) hostel was built in the left behind the main building of the college. Govt. Islamia College (Railway Road), Lahore continued to serve the community-mainly the Muslims. In addition to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad All Jinnah, Allama Muhammad Iqbal, also visited college many times. By reading his inspiring poetry of Iqbal in, Habibia Hall of the college infused a spirit in the students of that time.

In 1941 AD the first Pakistan conference was held in Govt. Islamia College Lahore under auspices of Muslim Students Federation which was formally opened by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad All Jinnah. It was in this conference that Lahore resolution was termed as Pakistan Resolution.

Before its centenary in 1992 AD, a computer block was built to meet the coming digital modern age laboratories for B.Sc. Classes were also shifted in this block and a big hall and its basement was allocates he Heal and Physical Education Department. The college is still playing its roles of enkindling a flame of commitment and patriotism in the hearts of young students.

Presently, this college is catering the education to 3400 students and 125 highly Qualified and experienced faculty members are on strength of this prestigious institution.

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