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**WHY TARIQ MANSOOR**

In a letter to Tarique Mansoor last month, Alagbottom G. Satish Gunaratna sought an explanation for the portrayal of Pakistan’s founder Muhammad Ali Jinnah in the students’ union office. AMU noted that Jinnah was a founder member of the University Court who had been given life membership of the union 80 years ago, and that this portrait had been there for decades. This was followed by violence against students objected to by AMU Vice-Chancellor and a demand removing the portrait, Mansoor, a senior member of Medical Council of India, who has been AMU VC for a year, dismisses the row as ‘irrelevant’.

**MANSOOR:** What is the constitutional basis to put the portrait in AMU? We always kept the issue under consideration and the number of students who were not against this portrait was about 1,000 students. So, we took a decision to keep the portrait in the union office.

**WHAT IS THE CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS TO PUT THE PORTRAIT IN AMU?**

We had to keep the union office as it is. We had to keep the portrait there as it is. We had to run the university as it is. We had to keep the students as it is.

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