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Dear Students,

Assalamalaikum,

I welcome you in this new academic session 2019-20. I send my wishes and blessings to all my students. To the newly admitted students, it is heartening to note your motivation in choosing our university. I hope you all will take the University to greater heights and glory with our beloved founder, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan’s vision as the guiding principle. It is gratifying to report that our University has been seeing continuous upswing in the ranking charts of educational institutions. In the last two years, the university has seen its best ever performance in the National Institutional Ranking Framework, the official ranking agency of the Ministry of HRD; 2nd best in US News and World Report; and 3rd best in India Today. It has been a fulfilling year for the University, however, there is no resting on our achievements and we need to continue the good work as improvement is a continuous and gradual process.

It would have been a happy moment had the University reopened on a peaceful note. Unfortunately, there have been issues on which I address you directly.

My dear students, you are the central tenet of this University. It is my utmost priority to keep in mind your welfare. Hence, I would like to put across the following points for your knowledge:

1. Disciplinary action has been taken against some students only after repeated intolerable acts of indiscipline and criminal misconduct, and after they crossed the red line.
2. It is sad to know that some students are involved in rumour mongering about installation of a Police Chowki in the campus. I urge students, whom I consider reasonable and rational scholars, not to believe these baseless and false rumours. Please cross check and verify when any untoward issue is reported through any medium of information to you.
3. As your guardian, I understand that examinations are the backbone of your academic system, thus, it is our primary duty to hold transparent and fair system of conducting examinations. To maintain the sanctity of the examinations we cannot accept unfair means, tampering or interference from those who have vested interests.

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4. You must keep yourself well informed about the policies and provisions in the University system through Acts, statutes, ordinances and code of conduct available on the University website, rather than believing the rumours spread through social media by miscreants who wish to disrupt our great institution for their ulterior motives.

5. All along, my efforts have been to resolve issues in a democratic way by having a wide-ranging dialogue with all the stakeholders on any issue concerning the students. As a result, there has been peace and cordiality on the campus. But no academic institution can flourish without basic discipline on the part of its students and staff. Hence, I state with full responsibility and authority at my command that anyone found indulging in indiscipline or vitiating peaceful harmony will be dealt with sternly in accordance with law.

6. University functions on the basis of democratic spirits and established mechanisms for grievance redressal. If you have any grievance, please formally register them directly to Competent Authorities, including the Vice-Chancellor. Please follow the due process to get your complaints resolved rather than seeking help and support from those who are going to misuse and exploit your situation.

With these words, I appeal to the student fraternity of Aligarh Muslim University to refrain from becoming part of those who only wish to manoeuvre your presence for their personal gains and selfish motives. I am always there to help, guide and protect you.

Looking forward to having a fruitful, peaceful and successful academic year ahead with your cooperation.

Yours Sincerely

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