

Hakim Ajmal Khan
1920-1927
Amir-i-Jamia (Chancellor)

Hakim Ajmal Khan was the major inspiration behind the foundation of Jamia and its first Chancellor, a post he held till his death in 1927.

He was an outstanding physician (hakim) by profession, hailing from a family of physicians. Today, he is more known today as a nationalist leader, freedom fighter, president of Indian National Congress (1921) and a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi.

Ever since his successful involvement in the movement to elevate the MAO College into the status of a university, his dream was to found an academic institution, free of government control. He remained firm in his commitment to Jamia when the crisis of 1924 happened. He spent the latter part of his life and the better part of his wealth for the welfare of Jamia, often bailing Jamia out of the dilemmas and financial crises.

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