



RUMI FOUNDATION

Rumi Foundation, a Charitable Society with Dr. Karan Singh as its Chairman and Muzaffar Ali as the Secretary and Executive Director, was established in 2004 in Delhi as a national body.

Other distinguished Founder Members include Ashfaq Peeran, Bipin Shah, Dilshaad Sheikh, Hemi Bawa, Sharmila Tagore, Syeda Imam, Syeda Hameed and Zainab Chauhan. The Foundation's Patrons include Prince Al Hassan bin Talal of Jordan, Mrs Esin Celebi, 22nd generation granddaughter of Jalaluddin Rumi from Turkey and Lord Khalid Hameed of Hampstead, England. The Lucknow Chapter headed by M A Khan was established in 2010 and includes Jayant Krishna, Jyoti Sinha, Parveen Talha, Tariq Khan and Dr. Qamar Rehman as its core team members.

Rumi Foundation's objective is to project the inclusive philosophy of the 13th century mystic poet Jalaluddin Rumi, - of oneness of the human race and a world without boundaries, which finds resonance with India's vision of a pluralistic society.

Rumi Foundation also publishes a journal "HU-The Sufi Way" on different cultural traditions of India, five volumes of which have been published so far. The first on Hazrat Amir Khusrau, the second on Jalaluddin Rumi, the third on Sufis and Rishis of Kashmir showing the inclusiveness of Kashmir's culture through the blending of Sufism and Shaivism, the fourth on the Sufis of Punjab presenting the blend of Sufism and Sikhism and the fifth as a coffee table book, 'A Leaf Turns Yellow', on the Sufis of Awadh, exhibiting Krishna-Bhakti as an important dimension of Sufism.

Rumi Foundation's flagship cultural events are the annual World Sufi Music Festival - **Jahan e Khusrau** which is being held in Delhi annually since 2001 and the Wajid Ali Shah Festival which is being held annually in Lucknow since 2013. Besides Delhi, **Jahan e Khusrau** has also been held in Lucknow, Shrinagar, Jaipur, Patna, Boston and London.

THEME OF JAHAN E KHUSRAU 2017

Dedicated to Hazrat Baba Fariduddin Ganjshakar

An eye full of tears and a heart full of emotions was the blessing of Baba Farid to his disciple Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia.

Ishq ka rumooz niyara hai
Juz madad Pir ke na chaara hai
- *Baba Farid*

The forthcoming festival is dedicated to Hazrat Baba Fariduddin Ganjshakar the patron Saint of the Punjab and the Pir of Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia.

Mystic Music (Sama) moves the hearts of the listeners and breathes the fire of love in their hearts.

Baba Farid

Tales of human suffering racked Baba Farid's heart and seared his soul and his kind words were like balm to the afflicted who came to him.

Few saints in the history of mysticism in India and the subcontinent have subjected their physical self to such rigorous spiritual discipline as Baba Farid. His life of 93 years is one long illustration of the way in which the finite struggles to shatter and merges itself in the infinite and lives for the Lord alone.

*Maqsood man banda ze kaunain tui
Az bayhr e tu meeram az barae tu zaem*

A couplet he repeated and lived by:
In both the worlds Thou art the object that I cherish;
I die for Thee and live for Thee.

