

HAPPY HOME SCHOOL SYSTEM

MRS. MARYAM FARUQI

Tribute to a Pioneer in Education

Mrs. Maryam Faruqi is a well-known name in the educational circles of Pakistan. She is the founder of the Happy Home School System.

FAMILY HISTORY:

Her success can be attributed to her passion for education and the restless desire to utilize her potential for the service of humanity. She was born in India to Sir Ebrahim and Lady Hawabai Ebrahim Haroon Jaffer. Her father tried to create an educational awakening amongst the Muslims and laid the foundation of the Bombay Provincial Muslim Educational Conference which was affiliated to the All India Mohammedan Educational Conference of Aligarh. He also set up a school in Pune which is to date offering excellent education to Muslim girls.

EARLY EDUCATION:

Her education started from the Islamia School, Pune, which is now a full-fledged school named after her parents. When she topped in grade-6, she was asked by the Headmistress to teach Urdu to class-V. She felt on top of the world when at the end of the period the Headmistress remarked, "I bet you will be a good Headmistress." That was her first success. She gave her Matriculation Examination through the Convent of Jesus and Mary, Pune and acquired First Merit Position. Her name remains etched on the Honour Roll Board. She joined the prestigious Naurooji Wadia College and her outstanding intermediate results earned her the Moosa Qasim Gold Medal. In 1945, she graduated from Bombay University with distinction & was awarded a Gold Medal in B.A Honours.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION:

Mrs. Faruqi received a scholarship to do teacher training at the Government Teachers Training College, Belgaum, from where she graduated with flying colours. On migrating to Pakistan, Mrs. Faruqi did the Montessori Teachers Training under the able guidance of Madame Maria Montessori herself. Mrs. Faruqi was awarded the Fulbright Hayes Scholarship for studying Educational Administration and Supervision in USA in 1960. She also visited schools in USA and observed their system which greatly helped her in streamlining her own system and introducing new methods at the Happy Home School.



Mrs. Maryam Jaffer the first Memon girl to have topped the Bombay University in 1945.

A historic photograph taken on the occasion of the marriage ceremony of the founder of Happy Home School, Miss Maryam E.H. Jaffer, to Mr. Nooruddin Hasan Faruqi, celebrated at 4, Windsor Place, New Delhi on April 6, 1947.



Standing from left to right :

(1) Mr. Muhammad Ali Maniar (2) Mr. Khwaja Hasan Nizami (3) Mr. Saeed Ahmed Siddiqui (4) Mr. Haroon E.H. Jaffer (5) Mr. Essa E.H. Jaffer (6) Mr. Yusuf E.H. Jaffer (7) Mr. S. Ghani (8) Mr. Aziz-ul-Hasan (9) Mr. Aziz Ahmed Siddiqui (10) Mr. Badruddin Hasan Faruqi (11) Mr. Q. Mustafa (12) Mr. Aziz Ahmed (Khalish) Siddiqui (13) Mr. Raza Habib Rizvi (14) Mr. Khalil Ahmed Siddiqui (15) Mr. Ahmed E.H. Jaffer (16) Mr. Rafiq Ahmed (17) Mr. Ismail E.H. Jaffer (18) Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed (19) Mr. Habib Ahmed Rizvi

Sitting From left to right :

(1) Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar (2) Mr. I.I. Chundrigar (3) Begum Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan (4) Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah (5) Mr. Nooruddin Hasan Faruqi (6) Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan (7) Miss Fatima Jinnah (8) Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Khan (9) Mr. Husain Imam

Children (sitting on the ground) left to right :

(1) Shafa'at Habib Rizvi (2) Nusrat Rizvi (3) A. Kader Ahmed Jaffer (4) R. Habib (5) A. Razzak Essa Jaffer (6) Sa'adat Rizvi (7) Raffat Habib (8) Mazhar Rizvi (9) A. Wahab Ahmed Jaffer (on Mr. Hussain Imam's lap)

MARRIAGE

Mrs. Maryam Faruqi married Nooruddin Hasan Faruqi an Income Tax Officer on 6th April, 1947 in Delhi. The marriage was attended by Quaid e Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and other renowned personalities of the Pakistan Movement.

FOUNDATION OF HAPPY HOME SCHOOL:

After marriage her husband opted for Pakistan. Mrs. Faruqi worked with Mrs. Qazi Issa on the National Guard Movement preparing girls and ladies for emergencies. She worked with the Women's Muslim League. She also enrolled herself in some vocational classes at the Mama Parsi School.

Seeing the need for good schools she laid the foundation of the Happy Home School in February 1949 starting from her own bungalow on 95 Jamshed Road, Karachi. She began with the admission of 5 children, which multiplied resulting in 25 children within a month.

The number kept on increasing, more rooms had to be utilized and it was no more possible to run the school from home. Hence a building was constructed in 1952 at Shaheed-e-Millat Road, which was at that time an isolated area. The challenge was to convince parents and teachers that the area, a mile from the Islamia College, was safe enough.

GROWTH OF HAPPY HOME SCHOOL:

Today Happy Home School has four campuses in Karachi, catering to both Matric and the O Level. From the very first batch that gave the Matriculation Examination in 1958, each year Happy Home School students have brought laurels by their meritorious achievements in the Board and the University of Cambridge Examinations. Apart from academic excellence, Happy Home School is known for its discipline, the wide range of co-curricular activities, the well equipped computer laboratories and libraries, Quranic Tafseer for staff and Zohar Namaz in Jamaat which is held daily in all the Happy Home Secondary Sections.



The 63rd Anniversary of the school was celebrated on February 18, 2012. Each campus staff participated in the entertainment programme. Mrs. Maryam Faruqi, 5th from left top row, gave cash awards and certificates to the employees who had completed 20, 30 and 40 years of service. The celebrations culminated in a grand lunch.

EXTENSION OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

At the time when Happy Home School was founded, in 1949 Mrs. Faruqi also founded the Pakistan Education Society (Regd.) and set up the New Town Govt. Girls High School. The school was given the allotment of the building by Mr. Masud, Administrator of Karachi and the renowned author of the Hari Commission Report. The school was however, nationalized in 1972. Ms. Safia Khan, a devoted headmistress at the New Town School, did a commendable job and after her death Mrs. Faruqi had it renamed to Safia Khan Memorial New Town Govt. Girls Primary & Secondary School.

The Safia Khan Memorial New Town School has now been adopted by Mrs. Faruqi as the Chairperson of the Pakistan Education Society. Thus her expertise and interest in education is not limited to the Happy Home School.

She has also been an executive member of the Educational Committee of the Pakistan Federation of Business and Professional Women.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TEAM SUPPORT:

Mrs. Maryam Faruqi asserted that all her success is not the result of her efforts alone, as she was fortunate enough to have some very good friends and staff who worked dedicatedly with her. She acknowledged the tremendous support of Mrs. Zuleikha Varis, Ms. Badar Jehan Siddiqi, the late Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Chinoy, Mrs. Zainab Mehmood, Noor Bi apa, Mr. Masood ul Hassan, Mrs. Hazari, Mrs. Fernandes, Mr. Moeen Faruqi, her son and HHS Administrator, Mrs. Tahira Ahmed, Head Procurement Department, Dr. Maliha Ahmed, Deputy Principal, Ms. Temina Khalid, Head of Quality Enhancement Cell.

She also acknowledged the following heads: Mrs. Hamida Mirza, Gulshan Campus, Ms. Mahvash Faruqi, The Learning Centre, Ms. Farah Imam, O Level Campus, Ms. Humera Hassan, International Montessori Centre, Mrs. Mah Parveen Quadri, Primary Section, Society Campus, Ms. Mehr Bano and Mrs. Raana Hamid, Secondary and Pre-Primary Sections respectively at the Gulshan Campus and to about fifty staff members who have been with the school for the last 20 years and to her daughter, Mrs. Ghazala Nizami, presently the Principal of the school. All the members of the team have helped to make Happy Home School what it is today.

Mrs. Maryam Faruqi lived her life to its fullest, struggling through all odds, thanking Allah at all times and making her mark by serving humanity.

AWARDS CONFERRED ON MRS. MARYAM FARUQI

1. Gold Medal from the University of Bombay for acquiring First Merit Position 1945
2. Award of Fulbright Hayes Scholarship for Educational Administration and Supervision in the USA in 1960 - 61
3. President's Award for Literacy 1987
4. Award by Hamdard Naunehal Assembly 1988
5. Pakistan National Unity Award for her success in education by Pakistan National Unity Cour
6. Award for outstanding services for youth cause by Galaxy of Youth Pakistan 1997
7. Star Woman Award 1998 by Star Girls & Women Foundation
8. Prime Minister's Madar-e-Millat Award 2003
9. Lifetime Achievement Award by KFC 2007
10. Fatimat-uz-Zohra Award 'For the Struggle she Initiated and her Commitment' by Working Women Organization (Trust) Pakistan – 2007
11. Third Senior Citizen Award by Mera Ghar Welfare Association - 2008
12. Life time Achievement Award by the Directorate of Private School Education 2009
13. Woman Educator of the Year Award by Pakistan Excellence Awards Foundation, Islamabad 2009
14. Life time Achievement Award by the Hamdard Foundation 2009
15. Lifetime Achievement Award by the Board of Intermediate Education Karachi 2010