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A world renowned research scholar, an educationist, an economist, a versatile writer and a preacher of Islam, Prof Khurshid Ahmad was born on March 23, 1932 at Delhi (India). He holds Bachelor's degree in Law and Jurisprudence, Master's degrees in Economics and Islamic Studies, an Honorary Doctorate (Ph.D) in Education, and, an Honorary Doctorate (Ph.D.) in Literature.

It is very difficult to encompass all the services rendered by Prof Khurshid Ahmad to Islam, to education, to world economy and above all to Islamic society as a whole. His: in-depth comparative study of the oriental as well as occidental philosophies in religion, academics, economics, constitutional matters and commitment for Islam has led him to be; entrusted with key positions in the national as well as international organizations on these socio-economic and other multi-dimensional disciplines.

Prof Khurshid Ahmad has held the portfolio of the Federal Minister of Planning and Development and has been Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission in the Govt of Pakistan from 1978 to 1979. As an academician, he taught at the Karachi j University from 1955 to 1968, was a research scholar at the University of Leicester, UK, and also headed the Islamic Research Academy, Karachi. He has also been Advisor, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He holds the membership of a large number of international organizations on Islam and Economics in USA, UK and many other countries of the world.

He has been editing a number of ideologically oriented magazines and periodicals. He has written about 50 books in English, over 30 in Urdu and contributed to a large number of magazines. He has so far participated over 100 international conferences and seminars in his personal as well as representative capacities.

He was re-elected as Member of the Senate in February, 2003. Previously also he remained as Member of the Senate of Pakistan from March 1985 till March, 1997. During that tenure he was also Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs from 1991 till March, 1997.

He is Vice President (Naib Ameer) of Jama'at-e-Islami Pakistan and Founder and Chairman of both Institute of Policy Studies, Islamabad and the Islamic Foundation, Leicestershire, UK.

### **Awards:**

In view of his pioneering work and contributions towards the development of Islamic Economics as an academic discipline, he was awarded the First Islamic Development Bank Award for Economics in 1988. His contributions to the Islamic cause and Islamic Movement was recognized in the form of King Faisal International Prize, 1990. In July, 1998 he received the Fifth Annual Prize of American Finance House, La- Riba, USA, in recognition of his services in Islamic Economics and Finance.

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