

**Dr. MJ Khan**

National Convener

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Kumari Mamata Banerjee

Hon'ble Chief Minister

**Government of West Bengal**

Kolkata

Respected Chief Minister

We are writing to you for expressing our deep gratitude and support for taking some unprecedented steps and actions in the nations' fight against Covid-19 virus pandemic. The State machinery under your dynamic leadership is not only strictly enforcing the provisions of lockdowns but also efficiently providing health care support and making arrangements for poor and stranded people with food and all provisions of necessities.

**IMPAR** would also like to congratulate you for another very important step that the State Government has taken under your leadership. Your stern stand against fake news and hate content is a very welcome step, and is encouraging the officers on the ground to take it very seriously. While a section of media has been relentless in promoting fake news to weaken the national efforts of collectively fighting this pandemic, we must congratulate and compliment the State Police and the Government officials for their relentless efforts to manage the situation so effectively and win over the confidence and mobilise the support of all communities.

In the current circumstances of a countrywide lockdown, **IMPAR** immediate goal is to mobilize the community to assist the health administration, law enforcement and other government agencies in

the fight against this pandemic. IMIF through its various Working Groups and important professional members, is coordinating with various community NGOs, institutions and individuals to help the stranded people with food and other necessities and also liberally donate to PM Care Funds and other charitable bodies

Once again, we thank you for your leading the efforts from the front and bold measures and massive scale working, and promise that the community stands behind you in this time of global and national crisis with all its energy and resources to help India win.

With best compliment.

**Dr. MJ Khan**

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## **About Indian Muslims for India First (IMIF)**

*Promoted by 200 plus prominent Muslims from different walks of life, IMIF looks forward to your active cooperation and support in making a meaningful difference to the community's engagement with the society and the nation. IMIF – Indian Muslims for India First is a national think tank and apex coordination body set up by 200 plus prominent Muslims of India to put forward the voice of progressive and modern Muslims and to collectively express their constructive views to the nation. We have set out to correct several longstanding problems. The road ahead looks long and tedious. Hence, we seek the help and cooperation of all the people of our country in this endeavor. **Like Mahatma Gandhi said, let's be the change that we wish to see in the world.** The Forum is comprised of the eminent persons from politics, corporate, business, economy, journalism, policy making, art and culture and philanthropy etc. Some of the prominent members of the Group are:*

- *Mr. K. Rahman Khan, former Union Minister, Bangalore*
- *Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, Editor, Naya Duniya and ex Member of Parliament, New Delhi*
- *Mr. SY Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner of India, New Delhi*
- *Mr. Siraj Qureshi, President, India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi*

- *Mr. PA Inamdar, Educationist and President, Azam University, Pune*
- *Mr. Syed Salauddin Ahmed, former Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur*
- *Mr. Faizi Hashmi, ex IAS and former Secretary, Cooperation and Civil Supplies, Goa*
- *Dr. Hussain Madavoor, President, Malabar Jamiyya, Kerala*
- *Dr. Zafar Mahmud, President, ZFI and former IT Commissioner, New Delhi*
- *Ms. Atika Farooqui, Media Production and Film Journalist, Mumbai*
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- *Mr. Qamar Agha, Journalist and Strategic Expert, West Asia Diplomacy*
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- *Mr. Qamar Waheed Naqvi, Columnist and former Editorial Director, Aaj Tak*
- *Dr. MJ Khan, Chairman, Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture, New Delhi*
- *Dr. Abdur Raqeeb, General Secretary, Indian Centre of Islamic Finance, Chennai*