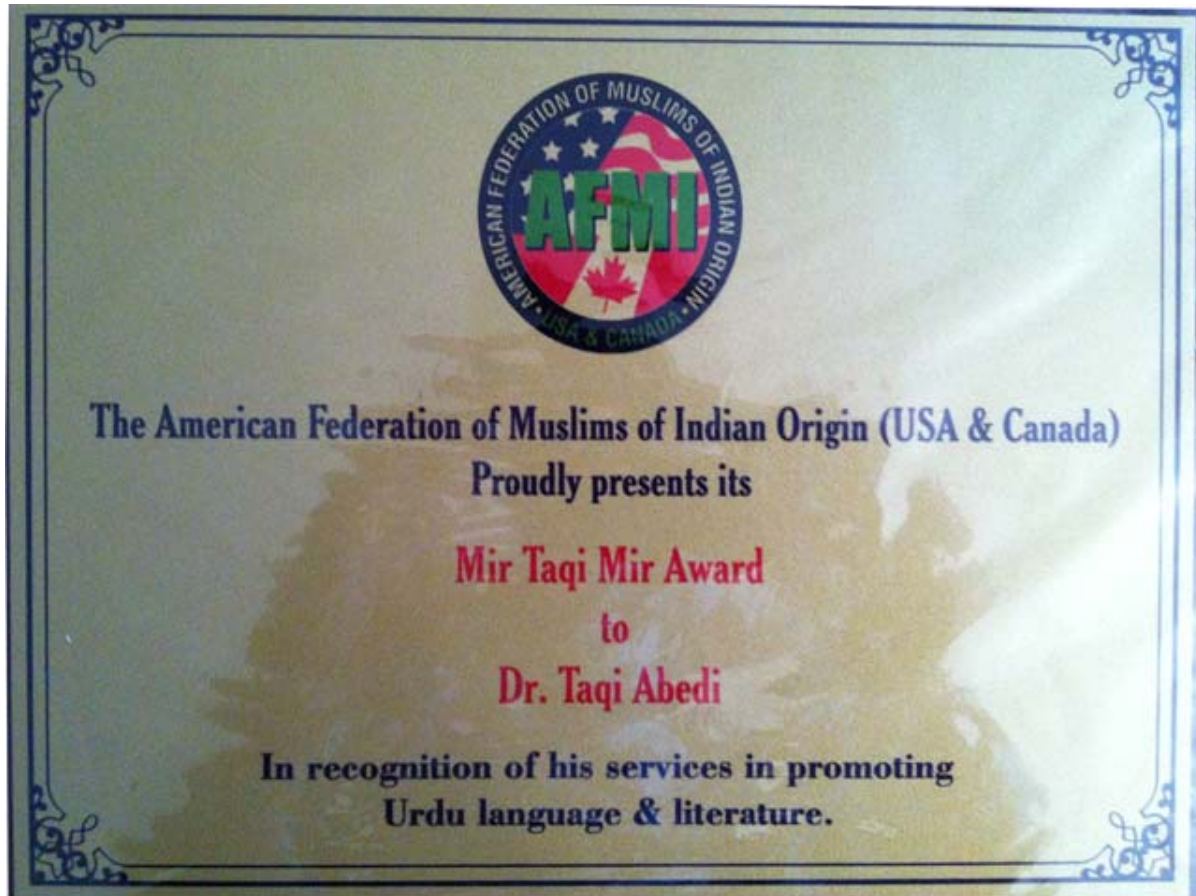


HYDERABAD, India--The American Federation of Muslims of Indian Origin (AFMI USA & Canada) named **Dr. Taqi Abedi** as the recipient of its prestigious **Mir Taqi Mir Award**. The announcement was made at the inaugural session of AFMI's 21st Annual Convention and Gala Awards Ceremony in Hyderabad on December 29, 2012. The chief guest at the convention was the US Consul General (Hyderabad) Mrs. Katherine Dhanani. Other dignitaries included Mr. Wajahat Habibullah (Chairman, Minorities Commission), Justice (retd.) MSA Siddiqui (Chairman, National Commission on Minority Educational Institutions), Mr. Shabbir Ali (former minister of Andhra Pradesh), etc.

The **Mir Taqi Mir Award** is handed out each year to a person making outstanding contributions to Urdu language and literature. The Toronto based **Dr. Taqi Abedi** was chosen for his many contributions as a critic, author, researcher, poet and activist. Author of more than three dozen books he is a recognized authority on many Urdu poets. His active promotion of Urdu in the West is also appreciated.

Earlier recipients of AFMI's **Mir Taqi Mir Award** include Mr. Shams ur Rahman Faruqi, Mr. Mujtaba Hussain and Mr. Gulzar Dehlwi.





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