

MOULANA ANWAR SHAH KASHMIRI (RA)

November 1875 – 28 May 1933

Was an Islamic scholar from Kashmir in the early twentieth century, best known for his expertise in the study of Hadith, a strong memory, and a unique approach to interpreting traditions, as well as the fourth principal of Darul Uloom Deoband. He acquired training in Islamic sciences at Darul Uloom Deoband under the mentor-ship of Mahmud Hasan Deobandi, alongside enjoying a spiritual journey with Rashid Ahmad Gangohi.

He joined Darul Uloom Deoband, serving as the post of Sheikh al-Hadith for nearly thirteen years before choosing Jamia Islamia Talimuddin as his final destination for his academic voyage.

He contributed to the training of approximately two thousand Hadith scholars. Aged four, he started reading the Qur'an under the instruction of his father, Muazzam Ali Shah.

In 1889, he relocated to Deoband, where he studied at the Darul Uloom for three years. In 1892, he moved to Darul Uloom Deoband where he studied with Mahmud Hasan Deobandi and others.

He taught books of Hadith without taking a salary. In 1933, Shah became ill and travelled to Deoband for medical care.

He continued addressing students there until he passed away on 28 May 1933. Islamic scholar Sayyid Rashid Rida said, "I have never seen a more distinguished scholar of Hadith than Allamah Kashmiri.