

His Excellency Governor of Haryana

Chancellor

Kurukshetra university, Kurukshetra

Date of Birth:	1 st July 1920	
Place of Birth:	Village Baragaon, District Barabanki (UP)	
Father Name:	Late Shri Ashfaqr Rahman Kidwai	
Mother Name:	Late Shrimati Nasimunnisa	
Marital Status:	Married in December, 1941 to Late Shrimati Jamila Kidwai	Dr. A.R. Kidwai
Children:	Two sons and four daughters	
Mother-tongue:	Urdu	
Other languages:	English	
Educational background:	B.A., M.S., Ph.D. Educated at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, University of Illinois and Cornell University, U.S.A.	
Profession:	Education, Science, Administration and Social Welfare	
Field of Work Positions:	(i) Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry; Dean, Faculty of Science, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (1951-67). (ii) Chairman and Member, Union Public Service Commission of India (1967-79). (iii) Governor of Bihar (First Term, 1979-85) (iv) Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University (1983-90) (v) President, Vocational Education Society for Women, New Delhi 1985 continued. (vi) Governor of Bihar (Second Term 1993-98) (vii) Governor of West Bengal (1998-99) (viii) Chairman, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Center for Biomedical Research, Delhi University (1998-2003) (ix) Research and Development Chemist, Cipla Labs., Bombay (1941-45). (x) Director, Department of Research Plant Products, Tibbiya Colleges, Aligarh University (1951-67) (xi) National Chairman, Institute of Marketing and Management, New Delhi (2000 continued) (xii) Chairman, Bombay Mercantile CO-operative Bank, Mumbai (1999-2003) (xiii) Member of Rajya Sabha (Jan. 2000-July 6, 2004) and also Member of the following Parliamentary Committees:-	

- (a) Consultative Committee for the Ministries of Science and Technology,
Environment and Forest (2000-04)
- (b) Standing Committee on Agriculture, Water Resources and Food Processing
Industries 15th March, 2000-04.
- (c) Committee on Subordinate Legislation (2000-04)
- (xiv) HE ASSUMED THE CHARGE AS THE GOVERNOR OF HARYANA ON 7TH JULY, 2004.**

Important contributions:	Besides active role in politics, he took public life(with details) great interest in promoting the cause of ruralites and literature especially for the down trodden.
	He remained President of Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Akademi J&K for a period of two years. He also served as Director of Jammu and Kahsmir Bank Ltd., Jammu Rural Bank, Jammu, Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Corporation and Khadi Board to promote the cause of the weaker sections for 12 years.
Distinctions/Honours:	He was awarded Dr/ B.R. Ambedkar National Award by the National Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Akademi in 1991-1992 for his distinguished service rendered for the cause of the downtrodden humanity. This award was conferred on him by His Excellency the then Vice-President of India Shri K.R.Narayanan.
	He had a birght career at the University and got distinctions (fourth positions) in M.A. Economics and LL.B.Degrees
Publications:	He is working on his autobiography and details memoirs.
	He has contributed many outstanding articles in different languages on various subjects to some reputed publications of the country. He remained Editor-in-Chief of a Journal "Voice of the Depressed" and voiced forcefully through his pen for the casue of the economically weaker sections of society in this publication.
Hobbies:	Rural Development, Gardening, Agriculture, Study and Social Service.
Other information:	After attaining the excellent organisational and administrative skills in politics and public life, he has been able to achieve the highest public office as that of a Governor and has ever been striving constantly for social justice to the poor, dalits and the needy. He is a strong believer in spiritualism and has firm faith in the theory of "Sound and Light". He believes that 'sound and light' is the true philosophy of life which can lead our life towards spiritualism and an enlightened master is necessary to train us in this theory.