

Asha Vahishta Seminar II #7: Synopsis

During the 7th colloquium of AVSS Phase II, participants investigated if and how, faith institutions could be made into democratic spaces.

Leadership (priests, executive officers, administrators) is crucial to educational transformation. The anjuman (community) must ensure that its faith-leadership and fellowship-leadership are representatives of the anjuman's vision. All too often, a disconnect between leadership goals and anjuman vision, accounts for the failure to sustain a vibrant faith and fellowship.

Leaders were identified as different from managers. Leaders innovate, develop, investigate, inspire, and challenge the status quo. Managers by contrast, administer the status-quo, focusing on structures rather than people, relying on control rather than projecting goals. The AVI (Asha Vahishta Initiative), as an endeavour of transformative education, requires leadership within faith and fellowship bodies in order to make AVSS resolutions actionable in its third phase.

At the close of the session, participants discussed how a guiding or vision-document like the Articles of Faith could be utilized to mandate anjuman legitimacy, direct faith leadership, and direct fellowship governance. The Articles (v.1: June 2017), rebranded as **the 101 Inspirations (v.2: February 18, 2018) are now available via the OZCF website, [Here](#).**

In the following sessions, the Inspirations will continue to be discussed and referred. Session participants are encouraged to read and reflect upon their content.

