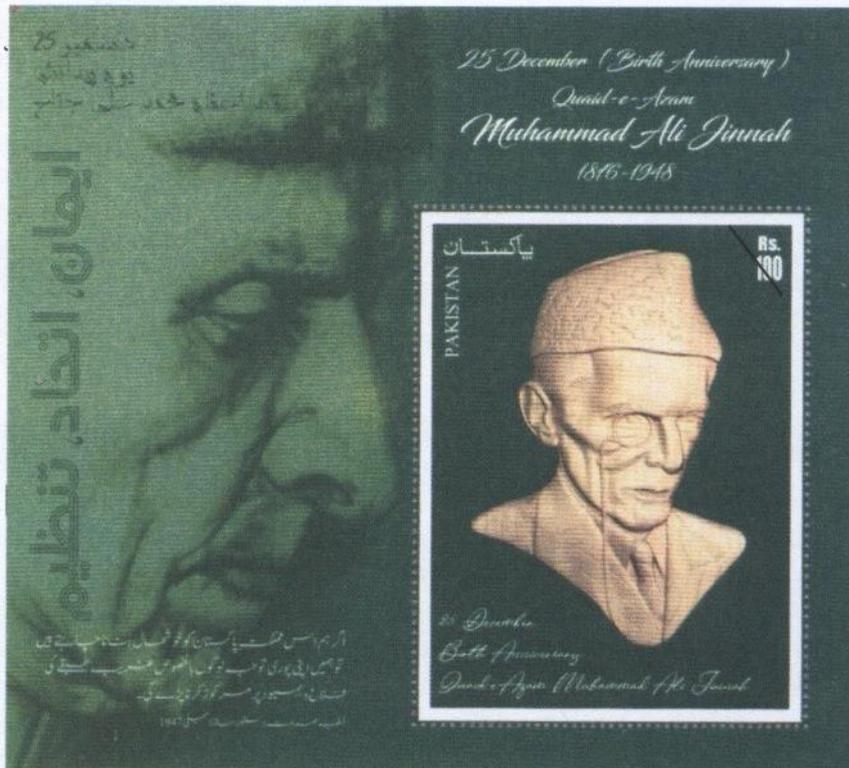


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Founder of Pakistan Mohammad Ali Jinnah called by the Nation Quaid-i-Azam - Great Leader was born in Karachi on 25th December 1876. He got his early education in Karachi. Since boyhood, he was brilliant and promising, zealously devoted to his studies and fired with the ambition to grow up to be a great man. No wonder he did achieve greatness by his extraordinary qualities of mind and determination.

After passing the matriculation examination at the age of 16, he left for England where in 1896 he qualified himself as Barrister-at-Law from Lincoln's Inn. Back in India he started practicing as a lawyer in Karachi at the age of 20. Later he moved to Bombay where he established a very successful practice. He began taking part in the country's freedom movement since the early nineties. In 1910, he was elected to the Imperial Legislative Council. He remained associated with the Council and its successor, the Central Assembly, for over 30 years. In 1913, he joined the Muslim League, an organization formed in 1906, to safeguard the legitimate interest of the Indian Muslims, who numbered about one third of the country's population. He became president of the All India Muslim League in 1916. Throughout his subsequent political career, he fought fervently for the just interests of the Indian Muslims, and championed their cause with devotion and courage.

Convinced by the past experience that as a minority community, the political interests of Muslims and their distinct cultural identity could never remain safe after the withdrawal of British rule from the Indo-Pakistan sub-continent, he put forward the plan envisaging the establishment of a separate home land - Pakistan in the areas where the Muslims were in majority. In 1940, the famous Pakistan Resolution was passed at Lahore demanding the creation of Pakistan as an independent, sovereign country. Thereafter, the achievement of Pakistan as a separate homeland became Jinnah's dominant aim which he steadfastly pursued, and by dint of his exceptional statesmanship, constitutional acumen, and intelligent

advocacy, he ultimately succeeded in getting the Pakistan idea accepted by the Indian National Congress a predominantly Hindu political organization - as well as the British Government.

Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah became the first Governor-General of Pakistan after its emergence as a new country on the 14th August 1947. He died in Karachi on 11th September, 1948.

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