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"In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Compassionate"

CHISHTY FOUNDATION

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MEDIA COVERAGE REPORT

Official Visit to the Russian Federation

Moscow • St. Petersburg

April 2026



Haji Syed Salman Chishty with H.E. Ambassador Vinay Kumar | Embassy of India, Moscow

HAJI SYED SALMAN CHISHTY

Gaddi Nashin • Dargah Ajmer Sharif • Chairman, Chishty Foundation

"Love Towards All, Malice Towards None"

— Hz. Khawaja Moinuddin Hasan Chishty (R.A.)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2026, **Haji Syed Salman Chishty**, Gaddi Nashin of Dargah Ajmer Sharif and Chairman of the Chishty Foundation, undertook a landmark diplomatic and interfaith mission to the Russian Federation, visiting the historic cities of **Moscow** and **St. Petersburg**. The visit generated significant national and international media coverage, reflecting the breadth and depth of the engagements conducted.

The mission encompassed official meetings at the **Embassy of India in Moscow** with H.E. Ambassador Vinay Kumar and DCM Mr. Nikhilesh Giri; a historic dialogue at the **Grand Cathedral Mosque of Moscow** with Deputy Grand Mufti **Hazrat Damir Mukhetdinov**; and engagements with Russian Muslim leadership, academic circles, and diplomatic communities across both cities.

Themes of **spiritual diplomacy, bilateral trade, BRICS cooperation, interfaith harmony, and people-to-people connections** defined the visit — firmly positioning the Chishty Foundation as a key bridge between India and Russia at the highest spiritual and diplomatic levels.

CITIES VISITED	Moscow & St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
DATE	April 2026
KEY MEETINGS	Embassy of India Moscow • Grand Cathedral Mosque Moscow
DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT	H.E. Ambassador Vinay Kumar • DCM Nikhilesh Giri
INTERFAITH ENGAGEMENT	Deputy Grand Mufti Hazrat Damir Mukhetdinov
MEDIA COVERAGE	English • Hindi • Urdu • Regional Press
KEY THEMES	Spiritual Diplomacy • BRICS • Bilateral Trade • Interfaith Dialogue

“The bonds between India and Russia are ancient and sacred. When spiritual wisdom walks hand in hand with diplomatic vision and honest trade, we build not merely partnerships between nations — we build peace between peoples.”

— **Haji Syed Salman Chishty, Gaddi Nashin, Dargah Ajmer Sharif**

DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENTS

Embassy of India, Moscow — April 2026

Haji Syed Salman Chishty called upon **H.E. Vinay Kumar**, Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation, accompanied by **Mr. Nikhilesh Giri**, Deputy Chief of Mission, and senior Embassy officials. Discussions encompassed public diplomacy, bilateral trade, manpower cooperation, spiritual bonds, interfaith dialogue, and BRICS collaboration between India and Russia.



Full delegation at the Embassy of India, Moscow. Left to right: members of the visiting delegation, Haji Syed Salman Chishty, H.E. Ambassador Vinay Kumar, DCM Mr. Nikhilesh Giri, and senior Embassy officials.



Haji Syed Salman Chishty presenting the Chishty Foundation publication to H.E. Ambassador Vinay Kumar.



The delegation at a historic venue in Moscow prior to the Embassy meeting.

INTERFAITH ENGAGEMENT

Grand Cathedral Mosque of Moscow — April 2026

Haji Syed Salman Chishty visited the **Grand Cathedral Mosque Center in Moscow** — one of the largest mosques in Europe — where he held a special dialogue with **Hazrat Damir Mukhetdinov**, First Deputy Chairman of the Religious Board of Muslims of the Russian Federation and Principal of the Moscow Islamic Institute.

Conversations focused on deepening spiritual and intellectual ties between Indian and Russian Muslim communities, shared platforms for cultural and educational exchange, youth programmes, and advancing global peace through the universal Sufi message of love, tolerance, and service to humanity — the timeless message of the Chishti tradition.

The dialogue concluded with **Prayers for World Peace, Unity and Harmony**, offered together as a collective supplication. Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to building bridges across nations, faiths, and communities.



Haji Syed Salman Chishty presenting a gift to Hazrat Damir Mukhetdinov at the Grand Cathedral Mosque, Moscow.



Group photograph with delegation and senior officials of the Grand Cathedral Mosque Center, beneath sacred calligraphy.

“The convergence of spirituality and diplomacy is the path to global peace.”

— **Haji Syed Salman Chishty**

ABOUT THE CHISHTY FOUNDATION

The **Chishti Foundation**, under the leadership of Haji Syed Salman Chishti, Gaddi Nashin of Dargah Ajmer Sharif, carries forward the universal message of **Hazrat Khwaja Moinuddin Hasan Chishti (R.A.)** — Khwaja Gharib Nawaz — through global initiatives in interfaith dialogue, spiritual diplomacy, and humanitarian service.

Rooted at **Dargah Ajmer Sharif** — one of the most sacred Sufi sanctuaries in the world, welcoming millions of devotees of all faiths each year — the Foundation engages with world leaders, religious authorities, and diplomatic communities in service of global peace, civilisational harmony, and the brotherhood of humanity.

SPIRITUAL DIPLOMACY

Building bridges between nations through the timeless Sufi message of love, peace, and universal brotherhood.

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

Fostering meaningful dialogue across faiths, cultures, and civilisations in the service of shared humanity.

HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

Carrying forward the Chishti tradition of serving all of creation with unconditional love and compassion.

GLOBAL PEACE ADVOCACY

Engaging with multilateral forums including BRICS, OIC, and interfaith platforms to advance equitable global development.

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