



# SAINT PETERSBURG

A JOURNEY OF LOVE & LIGHT

**Haji Syed Salman Chishty**

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*I have lived on the lip of insanity,  
wanting to know reasons,  
knocking on a door. It opens.  
I have been knocking from the inside.*

— Rumi

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## THE MISSION

Haji Syed Salman Chishty, Gaddi Nashin of Dargah Ajmer Sharif,  
carried the eight-century-old light of Khwaja Gharib Nawaz  
to the imperial city of Saint Petersburg.

Engaging with the Indian Consulate General,  
attending cultural diplomacy functions,  
visiting the Cathedral Mosque,  
and connecting with the Russian academic world —  
every encounter was a bridge between civilisations.

**Sufi wisdom met Russian soul.  
Love met understanding.**

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***“Love towards all, malice towards none.”***

— Khwaja Moinuddin Chishty Gharib Nawaz (R.A.)

# CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA

Saint Petersburg · Meeting with Consul General Neelam Rani



With Indian Consul General Neelam Rani and diplomatic staff — Consulate General of India, Saint Petersburg



At the Consulate General of India, Saint Petersburg

***“The world is a mountain; whatever you say, good or evil, returns to you.” — Rumi***

Carrying the voice of Ajmer Sharif to the shores of the Neva · Saint Petersburg, April 2026

# LOVE TOWARDS ALL, MALICE TOWARDS NONE



Presenting the Chishty Foundation publication to Indian diplomatic representatives



Exchange of sacred gifts — carrying the blessings of Ajmer Sharif to Russia

***“The heart that gives, gathers.” — Rumi***

A sacred exchange between Ajmer Sharif and Saint Petersburg

# INDIA-RUSSIA CULTURAL DIPLOMACY

Saint Petersburg · A Dialogue Between Two Great Civilisations

A man in a grey suit and red tie is speaking at a podium. The podium is decorated with a large bouquet of white and yellow flowers. To the left of the speaker is the Russian flag, and to the right is the Indian flag. The background features a large, ornate, oval-shaped mirror or painting set within a highly decorative, white, carved frame. The overall setting is a formal, grand room with light green walls.

## CULTURAL DIPLOMACY

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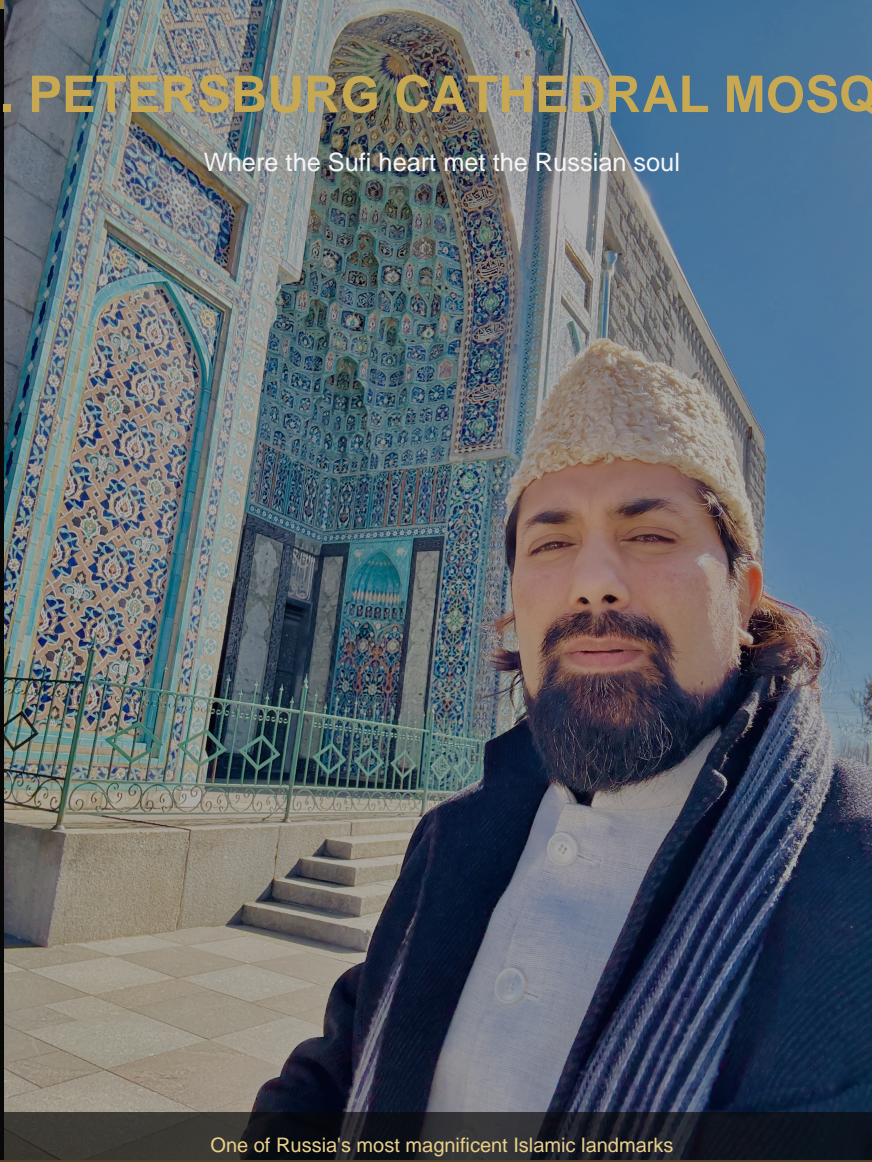
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*"The bond between India and Russia is ancient and sacred." — Haji Syed Salman Chishty*

# ST. PETERSBURG CATHEDRAL MOSQUE

Where the Sufi heart met the Russian soul



One of Russia's most magnificent Islamic landmarks



Visiting and praying at the Cathedral Mosque of Saint Petersburg

***“There is a candle in your heart,  
ready to be kindled.” — Rumi***

Sufi presence in Russia · Spiritual bridges across civilisations

# ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS

Saint Petersburg Education Forum · Building Knowledge Bridges



Meetings with Russian academic and institutional leaders at the Saint Petersburg Education Forum

***“Seek knowledge, even unto China.”***

— Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

The Chishty mission carries this spirit — from Ajmer to Saint Petersburg



En route — aboard the Russian rail

## The Journey

Travelling between  
Saint Petersburg  
and Moscow —  
carrying peace,  
carrying love.

# HAJI SYED SALMAN CHISHTY

Gaddi Nashin · Dargah Ajmer Sharif · Ajmer, India



*“Do not be satisfied with the stories that come before you.  
Unfold your own myth.” — Rumi*

Saint Petersburg, April 2026

**A Sufi from Ajmer. A mission of peace. A world listening.**



# AS COVERED BY THE PRESS

Cultural Diplomacy Talk in Russia · April 2026

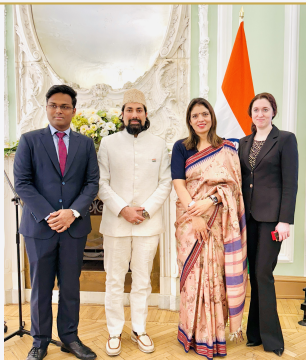
## CULTURAL DIPLOMACY TALK IN RUSSIA



Haji Syed Salman Chishty, Gaddi Nashin of Ajmer Sharif and Chairman of Chishty Foundation, met Indian Consul General in St Petersburg, Neelam Rani, during his visit to the Russian Federation on Sunday. The dialogue focused on strengthening India-Russia relations through culture, spirituality and people-to-people exchanges. Discussions highlighted Sufi heritage, civilisational diplomacy and collaborations in arts, music, interfaith dialogue and youth exchange. Both leaders reaffirmed shared values of peace, harmony and cultural cooperation.

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— Press Report · Visit of Haji Syed Salman Chishty to Saint Petersburg



With Consul General Neelam Rani — Consulate General of India, Saint Petersburg

### Key Engagements

- Consulate General of India
- India-Russia Cultural Function
- Cathedral Mosque Visit
- Education Forum
- People-to-People Dialogue



# WHERE LOVE IS THE RELIGION, ALL HEARTS ARE ONE.

— Khwaja Moinuddin Chishty Gharib Nawaz (R.A.)

Saint Petersburg received a messenger of love.  
The Consulate heard the voice of Ajmer.  
The Cathedral Mosque felt the breath of Khwaja Gharib Nawaz.  
The Neva River carried these words to the sea.

*“Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing,  
there is a field. I’ll meet you there.” — Rumi*

## CHISHTY FOUNDATION

Dargah Ajmer Sharif · Ajmer, Rajasthan, India

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Spreading the eternal light of Khwaja Gharib Nawaz across the world