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**Aga Khan meets with Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana
and Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana in Hyderabad**

Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 27 February 2018 – Continuing his official visit to India, His Highness the Aga Khan, Imam (spiritual leader) of the Shia Ismaili Muslims, and founder and Chairman of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), today met with Honourable Shri E.S.L. Narisiham, Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana at the Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad.

His Highness thanked the Government for its continuous support towards the endeavours of the Aga Khan Development Network in the region, noting that the projects played a critical role in improving the quality of life of all citizens.

The Aga Khan described to the Governor the AKDN's emphasis on quality in the provision of education and the importance of assuring a global standard in its educational institutions. The Governor commended the good work of the AKDN in the fields of education and healthcare and the holistic approach to bringing about change in quality of life.

The Governor acknowledged His Highness' engagement in revitalising and making accessible to the widest public, heritage sites through the conservation and restoration work at Quli Qutb Shahi Tombs.

The two leaders also discussed the consequent positive economic impact through employment creation, expert and artisanal skills enhancement and increased tourism, and the social impact through creation of public leisure space for reflection and the enjoyment of nature.

Later in the day, the Aga Khan met with Shri Mohammed Mahmood Ali, Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana, who called on him at his hotel.

The Deputy Chief Minister expressed gratitude for the expertise and experience that the Aga Khan Development Network had brought to bear in its initiatives in culture and education in Telangana and assured the Aga Khan of the Government's continued support and facilitation.

His Highness the Aga Khan will depart for Mumbai tomorrow, 28 February, on the final leg of his 10-day official visit to India. This year, the Aga Khan is visiting numerous countries around the world to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of his leadership as Imam of the Shia Ismaili Muslims.

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