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to satisfy their local leaders.”

Kolkata on Thursday. ■ Biswajit Ghoshal

Efforts for upliftment of Bohra community, with emphasis on women's education

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In an effort to work towards the upliftment of local Dawoodi Bohra community, Mr Aziz K Qutbuddin, the youngest son of Khuzaima Qutbuddin who is the half-brother of the late Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, is visiting the city for promoting women's education, communal harmony.

The late Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin was the former spiritual leader of the Dawoodi Bohra community worldwide who passed away last year.

Speaking to *The States-*

man, Mr Qutbuddin said that, "I am here to interact with the community members and to spread the message of love and unity of Khuzaima Qutbuddin, younger brother of the former leader." He also met the pro-vice chancellor of Calcutta University and faculty members of the Arabic and Persian department today to talk about the avenues for the promotion of education.

"We have 100 per cent literacy rate in the community with special emphasis on women's education. We believe an educated woman contributes to a better soci-



DR AZIZ QUTBUDDIN DAWWODI BOHRA

ety," said Aziz while denouncing the radicalized views of certain members of the community who, he claimed, have been trying to limit the access of education for women.

He said that to co-exist peacefully in a society like ours we must promote religious tolerance through academic dialogues, publi-

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students of the Dawoodi Bohra community for higher studies. The remarkable feature of the scholarship is that at least one third of the funding needs to go to female students.

He encouraged the girls in the city to take up this opportunity to further their educational ambitions.

Speaking to the 10,000 strong community in the city, Mr Aziz K Qutbuddin whose sisters hold doctorate degree from world-renowned universities, championed the cause of women's empowerment and communal harmony for nation building.



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