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Glimpses of land transfer ceremony at Malapuram



Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis addressing the gathering. Also seen in the picture are Mr. Paloli Mohamed Kutty, Minister for Local Self Administration; Mr. V.S. Achudananthan, Chief Minister of Kerala; Mr. M.A. Baby, Minister for Education.



Mr. V.S. Achudananthan, Chief Minister of Kerala; receiving the portrait of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. Mr. M.A. Baby, Minister for Education and Prof. Ikram Husain are also seen in the picture.



Document of land is being handed over Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, also seen in the picture, Oomman Chandy, opposition leader, Mr. V.S. Achudananthan, Chief Minister of Kerala; Mr. M.A. Baby, Minister for Education; K.P. Rajindran, Minister for Revenue.



Advocate N. Soopy, Former Minister for Education; Mr. Basheer (old boy); Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar and Vice-Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis at Malapuram.

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AMU New Centres

Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Media Advisor

It is a historic step in the direction of the expansion of Sir Syed's dream and the great legacy of AMU to spread modern education far and wide. The overwhelming response the University is receiving from different states of the country bears testimony to the fact that AMU credentials as a secular and modern education is well recognized across the nation. The passion and reverence with which the AMU team was received and welcomed at Malappuram, Murshidabad and Kishanganj shows that the initiative has ignited the hopes and aspirations of the people of the region irrespective of cast, creed and religion. The magic of AMU is on the rise. The University has received requests from Haryana, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh to establish its centres in these states as well.



State-of-the-Art Facilities

The University has engaged the services of Educational Consultancy of India Ltd. (EDCIL) for preparing detailed Project Report. It has carried wider consultations both outside and within the campus to set in motion a foolproof strategy for establishing world class state-of-the-art education facilities including a legal framework that protect the stated objectives of the University.

In order to develop an extremely efficient Concept Plan of global dimension Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis constituted an Advisory Committee of distinguished AMU Alumni from USA, Saudi Arabia, Oman and India. The 13-member committee was assigned the responsibility to initiate consultation with AMU alumni spread across the world and gather innovative ideas for creating the five World Class Special Centres of excellence.

National Consultation

To translate the vision of creating five sustainable Centres of excellence equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, the University has conceived the idea of 'National Consultation' meet on May 30, 2010 at India International Centre, New Delhi and evolved a conceptual framework. About 100 distinguished personalities connected with the realm of education and have made notable and meaningful contribution in the sphere of education participated in the brain storming session in the national consultation.

Vision

The approach is to develop the Murshidabad and Malappuram Centre in a manner that they become autonomous in due course of time. The centres will be adequately oriented for the use of high-tech information and communication technology. They will facilitate development of most advanced e-learning resources with built-in delivery and video conferencing system. They will create virtual learning environment and maintain a constant link between the main AMU campus and the new centres. Being a hilly terrain, the location of Malappuram Centre offers a challenge. Similarly Murshidabad which is on the Eastern border, will pose location related issues of consequence. The DPR has taken cognizance of these factors and incorporated land development and landscape planning as part of its holistic development strategy.

Fast Track

The infrastructural development work was put on fast track and will be completed on turnkey basis. The University has already appointed PWD, a professional agency for project implementation. The University has evolved a timeline and if everything goes well, by 2015 its two centres located at Murshidabad and Malappuram will become fully functional.

Malappuram Initiative

It is gratifying that both the governments of Kerala and West Bengal have initiated all necessary steps to provide free land and the necessary infrastructure and support including temporary building for setting up AMU Centres. The people of West Bengal and Kerala, irrespective of religious and political affiliations, have extended a warm welcome to AMU. Already a host of discerning organizations have expressed happiness and considers it a new beginning in the annals of education of extremely backward Murshidabad and Malappuram and its surrounding regions.

Modern and Secular Education

The AMU has envisaged a national role to play by promoting modern and secular education. It strives to meet the educational aspirations of the people especially of Muslims of India. Aligarh has played a historic role by spreading the message of modern education, scientific temperament and secularism in the sub-continent and in this backdrop, the Parliament has passed the AMU Act 1981 that empowers the University to promote the educational and cultural advancement of Muslims of India. The University has a glorious tradition of broadmindedness, tolerance and enlightened approach to problems that beset the contemporary social existence. AMU has successfully kept at bay all kinds of communal, narrow, parochial and fissiparous forces. It has a record of maintaining discipline of highest order and new Centres would not be an exception.

Milestone

On March 6, 2010, the Aligarh Muslim University moved one more milestone forward in promoting modern education among deprived social class across the nation. The Kerala Government has transferred 122 acres of land in a public meeting held at Mini-Civil Station, Perinthalmanna. Inaugurating the function the Minister of Local Self Government and Rural development Affairs Shri Paloli Mohamed Kutty observed that the Malappuram district will move forward in the sphere of education when AMU Centre became fully operational.

While handing over the papers along with the map of the site to the AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P K. Abdul Azis the Kerala Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Shri M. A. Baby said that coming of AMU is a great occasion as it not only fulfills the educational aspirations of the people of the region but also opens up immense opportunities for all kinds of education ranging from Nursery to PhD degree including the professional disciplines.

Glorious Legacy

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis in his acceptance speech thanked the government and people of Kerala for the overwhelming and affectionate response, which they had extended to AMU. The Malappuram Centre will carry forward the glorious legacy and vision of AMU. It would also nurture the modern skills and education that the youth of the nation and this region could successfully use to face the challenges of globally competitive job market. Prof. Azis said that irrespective of ideological diversity the major political dispensations of Kerala converged here today to celebrate the historic event. The massive assembly of the people who were eagerly witnessing the unfolding of history and the enthusiasm displayed by a host of organizations by joyfully participating in the grand procession and at the Public Meeting bears testimony to the significance the people attach to the centre.. This has further strengthened our resolve to build an educational hub that truly reflects global standards.

Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis greatly acknowledge and profoundly appreciated the special efforts of the state government for providing the land to AMU on a fast track basis.

Shri V. Sasi Kumar, Member Legislative Assembly, Perinthalmanna observed that the people of the region had great expectations from the prestigious Aligarh Muslim University and hoped that all the stake holders will support the efforts that will be made by AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis in building a world class education centre in this remote and backward area of Kerala.

The Union Minister of State for Railways Mr. E. Ahmad speaking as the Chief Guest at the Public Function said that the Government of India has taken note of the severe educational deficit that is prevailing among the Muslims of India and has taken concrete initiative to redress the situation in the light of Sachar Committee report.

On December 28 while handing over the map and documents transferring 218 acres Phase II land to AMU Vice Chancellor, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, the Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri V.S. Achuthanandan said that the benefit for the minorities was decisive factor that propelled the things to move so fast that the Government of Kerala could acquire and transfer the required land in a record time at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

He appreciated the efforts of Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, AMU Vice Chancellor for relentlessly perusing the Malappuram centres project and successfully translating the dreams into reality.

Leader of Opposition, Kerala, Shri Oommen Chandy observed that the Kerala Government has taken initiative to fulfill the aspirations of minorities by providing land to AMU to establish its centre in Malappuram.

He said that the Opposition party will also work in tandem with the ruling party of the state and take up the matter with the Government of India for allocation of an amount of rupees fifteen hundred crores required to establish state-of-the-art-educational campus of AMU-Malappuram centre.

Explaining the efforts made by the Revenue Ministry, the Local Self Government Ministry, the Electricity Ministry and other Ministries and their officials, Shri M.A. Baby, Minister for Education and Culture said that it is the combined efforts of the government, opposition parties and the public which is responsible for the creation of a modern educational hub by providing land to AMU.

While thanking the Government of Kerala, all political parties and the people at large Professor P.K. Abdul Azis said that the land transfer is a great occasion celebrated with equal enthusiasm by the AMU and the people of Kerala. Explaining the background of AMU efforts in conceiving the vision and mission of AMU centres across the nation Prof. Azis said that the University has already prepared the Detailed Project Report and submitted to the Central Government for its approval.

The project will provide access to education at different levels. The beneficiaries will be mostly middle and lower class rural youth with substantial benefit to women. The Center will be green-field energy efficient and eco-friendly. The project would be completed within timeline and on turnkey basis. The approach is to develop the centre as an autonomous entity with potential to become new universities by 2020.

The centre will be adequately oriented for the use of hi-tech information and communication technology. It will facilitate development of advance e-learning resources with built-in delivery and interaction system. The University has evolved a time frame and the infra structural development were put on fast track and the Malappuram Centre will be made completely functional by 2015, explained the Vice Chancellor.

Earlier, The Vice Chancellor, AMU explained in detail the different dimensions of Malappuram centre through a power point presentation.

Mr. Sasi Kumar, MLA of Perinthalmanna welcomed the gathering. A large number of dignitaries representing various political parties and educational and cultural organization including Shri K.P. Rajendran, Minister for Revenue and Land Reforms, Shri Paloli Mohamed Kutty, Minister for Local Self Government, Shri Abdur Rab, MLA, Shri Abdurahiman Randathani, Former Education Minister, Advocate Swoppy Mohamed Basheer, MP and former Education Minister and a large number of old boys were present in the function.

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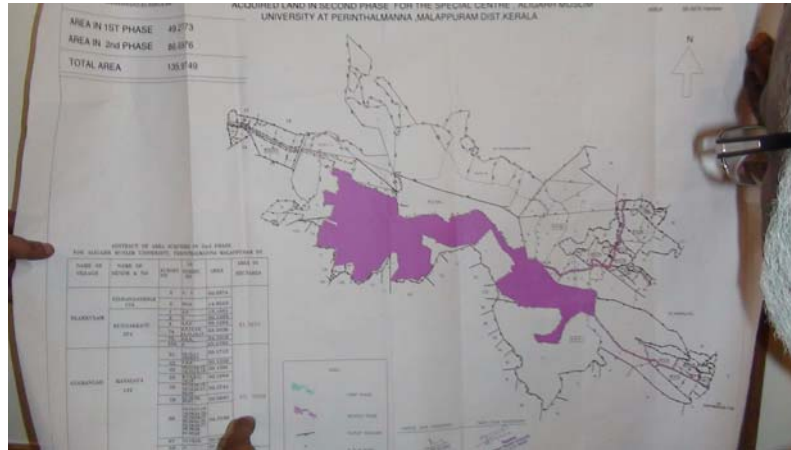
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Campus Activities

Tariq Mansoor becomes President

Prof. Tariq Mansoor has taken over charge as President of Association of Surgeons of India. U.P. Chapter at Kanpur for 2010-2011. He is the first surgeon from Aligarh to be elected as President of the U.P. Chapter of ASI which is the largest body of surgeons of U.P. and has 1600 members in all districts of Uttar Pradesh. This includes surgeons of all medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh, doctors of the Professional Health Service and private sector. Senior Surgeons of Uttar Pradesh such as Prof. H.S. Asopa, (Agra), Prof. Anand Kumar (BHU), Varanasi, Prof. Rama Kant (Lucknow), Prof. V.S. Tiwari (GSVM Medical College), Kanpur, Prof. S.P. Rai (BRD Medical College), Ghorakhpur, Prof. H.S. Chauhan (MLN Medical College), Allahabad and Prof. Rajeev Singh (MLB Medical College), Jhansi have congratulated him. Prof. Tariq Mansoor has thanked the surgeons of U.P. for electing him as the President. "By electing me they have honoured all the surgeons of J.N. Medical College, AMU, Aligarh as well as of Aligarh District", he added.



Prof. Tariq Mansoor

AMU Teacher to join Training Programme in US

Mr. Malik Mohammad Arshad, Teacher English, S.T.S. High School. AMU, Aligarh has been selected by the American Centre, US Embassy, New Delhi for joining English Teachers' Training Programme in Texas, USA . Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU has expressed his great joy over Mr. Arshad's enrolment in this prestigious programme which will equip him with better teaching skills and delivery system, which will, in turn, benefit generations of students at AMU City High School. Principal S.T.S. High School, AMU, Mr. Faisal Nafis, has also congratulated Mr. Arshad. Mr. Arshad's academic visit is sponsored by Department of Staff, Educational and Cultural Affairs, US Government. As Part of the same collaborative programme hundreds of AMU school children have been gaining basic English skills under the Access Programme for the last 3 year at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU, Aligarh and many teachers have got an opportunity to gain professional development as a result of their selection in various training programmes sponsored by the American Centre, New Delhi. Under the stewardship of Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice-Chancellor, the MOU between the two institutions was signed by Registrar, AMU.

Book for Dental Students

Professor Nafis A. Farooqui, Chairman, Department of Anatomy J.N. Medical College, AMU has published a book titled "Osteology for Dental Students". Professor Farooqui belongs to a rare breed of medicos who frequently publishes books, monographs and articles. His latest book is published by a renowned publisher CBS publishers, Delhi.

AMU Badminton Team to Play All India University

AMU Badminton team participated in the North Zone Intervarsity Badminton Tournament 2010-2011 organized by the Punjab University, Chandigarh. It qualified consecutively third time to participate in All India Intervarsity Badminton Tournament 2010-2011 to be held at Dr. N.T.R. University Vijaywada (AP) as one of the four Finalists.

Punjab University, Chandigarh, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Delhi University, Delhi have also qualified alongwith AMU for All India Intervarsity. 39 teams from various universities of North Zone participated in this tournament and only four teams qualified for the All India Intervarsity tournament which will be held in Vijaywada (AP) from 02.11.2010.

The Secretary, Games Committee, Prof. Tariq Mansoor and President Gymkhana Club Prof. Tabassum Shahab have congratulated the team members and coach for this achievement.

The AMU Badminton team comprises:- Saurav Agrawal, Rasheed Misbah Ansari, Prabhat Kumar Yadav, Chandan Kumar, Manish Arora, Haider Khan, Anurag Sharma.

Call for Curbing illness among Children

Dr. Abner Elkan Daniel, Health Specialist UNICEF Officer said that Government of UP is running the Comprehensive Child Survival Programme (CCSP) throughout the state in cooperation with AMU and UNICEF. It has rolled out a state level CCSP Training of Trainers and capacity building training of community health workers in Aligarh so that the district can successfully carry community-based management of illness among Under-5 children.

Dr. Daniel was inaugurating the CCSP for Medical Officer of UP in collaboration with UNICEF and National Rural Health Mission organized by Department of Paediatrics, JN Medical College, AMU Aligarh.

Dr. S. Manazir Ali, Chairman, Department of Pediatrics and the Coordinator of the Programme observed that about 105 lakh children die under age of five years every year in the world. In India 22 Lakh children die under age of five years every year.

Dr. Ali said that malnutrition is more common in India. One in every three malnourished children in the world lives in India. Close to 50 per cent of Under 5 deaths occur in the first month and 2/3 of them occur during the first seven days of birth in India.

Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean Faculty of Medicine said that the Department of Paediatrics is organizing this programme in second phase and it will be useful for the Medical Officers.

Two Engineering Students get National Prize

Mohammad Zaid and Arjun Jauhari, students of B.Tech. (Electronics) final year, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University have won 4th prize in the national level competition "Smart Car Race India 2010" organized by Freescale Semiconductor India, in collaboration with the Centre for Electronic Design and Technology (CEDT) and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc). It was the first of its kind competition organized for engineering students in India.

Approximately 290 engineering students, along with their faculty guides, participated in the competition. During the competition, students assembled an intelligent racing car that automatically recognized the specially designed racing track at the final competition venue. The finalist were selected based on their two round performances on the basis of the lap time taken, efficiency of algorithm, as well as the hardware inspection of car. After two days of rigorous evaluation by judges, our college team 'Zealous' was selected as 4th prize winner and received prize money of Rs. 10,000.

Mohammad Zaid and Arjun Jauhari, under the supervision of Prof. Ekram Khan and Prof. M. Hasan of Electronics Engineering Department participated in the event. Mr. Andy Mastronardi, the Worldwide Director of Freescale University Program, Ganesh Guruswamy, the Vice President and Country Manager of Freescale Semiconductor India Pvt. Ltd. and Prof. K. Gopakumar, the Chairman, CEDT, IISc Bangalore gave away the prizes to the winners.

AMU Student to Represent U-19 Indian Railway Team

Mr. Tahmeed Ahmad, student of XII, Aligarh Muslim University has been selected for the U-19 Indian Railways team. The selection trial for the said team was held in three phases, Divisional in Allahabad, Zonal in Agra and finally All India at New Delhi. More than 300 aspirants participated in each of these trials.



Tahmeed Ahmad

A 15-day trial camp of 30 players was held at New Delhi after which the team was finally selected.

Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary Games Committee, has congratulated Mr. Tahmeed on his selection and hoped that he would bring laurels to the University.

AMU Alumnus gets FNA

A distinguished alumnus of the Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. Talat Ahmad, Head, Department of Geology, Delhi University has been honoured with prestigious award 'Fellow of National Science Academy' (FNA).

Earlier Prof. Talat Ahmad was honoured with Fellow of National Academy of Science in 2009 and Fellow of Indian Academy of Science in 2004. Prof. Talat Ahmad is also a recipient of prestigious National Mineral Award, Government of India in 1994.

Dr. Talat Ahmad did his B. Sc. (Hons.) in Geology and M. Sc. Geology in 1975 and 1977 respectively from the Department of Geology, AMU.

Lecture on Innovations in Public Service

The Department of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University launched a lecture Series as part of its academic activity. The Inaugural lecture, held at the Arts Faculty Lounge, was delivered by Mr. Sudipto Sengupta, a Senior Consultant of a London based prestigious organisation, the Adam Smith International (New Delhi office); on the topic, "Innovations in Public Service Delivery in India". The lecture was attended by faculty members and an overwhelming number of students and



Prof. A.R. Vijapur, Chairman, Dept. of Political Science,
Addressing the Gathering

research scholars from various departments.

While paying tributes to the four great educationists of India, i.e. Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Madan Mohan Malviya, Rabindra Nath Tagore and Dr. Zakir Hussain – the founders of AMU, BHU, Shantiniketan and Jamia Millia Islamia respectively, he elaborated on the need and importance of innovations in the public sector. He cited some examples of innovations that have led to substantial changes in various Indian states on the initiative of different bureaucrats and individuals.

He suggested that AMU should initiate the process of establishing a Centre for Innovations besides starting courses and undertaking doctoral research on Innovations in Public Delivery System in India.

The programme was presided over by Prof. A. R. Vijapur, Chairman, Department of Political Science and Prof. Mirza Asmer Beg conducted the programme. An interactive session with the students was also held at the end.

Workshop on Translation

The inaugural session of the Workshop on issues related to the translation of social sciences and natural sciences from English into Urdu organized by the Centre for Distance Education, Aligarh Muslim University was held in the Conference Hall of Administrative Block. The six-day Workshop is organized in collaboration with National Translation Mission (NTM), which is a part of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore.

Dr. M. Rizwan Khan, Director, Centre for Distance Education and Coordinator of the Workshop welcomed the guests and eminent scholars from different fields. He highlighted the significance of the training in translation studies/process/technique at Center for Distance Education (CDE) as it has an elaborate system of translating study materials for the students into Urdu and Hindi. Dr. Khan informed that nearly 50 books have been translated by the CDE and various subjects are yet to be translated.



Dr. Rizwan Khan, Director, Distance Education,
Speaking at workshop

The Workshop was inaugurated by Professor S. Z. Chaghtai, an eminent scholar of Physics who has earned a name in the field of languages as well. Prof. Chaghtai emphasized the significance of the topic of the Workshop in today's scenario. He highlighted the fact that involvement of technical terms in the process of translation of scientific texts becomes a big

challenge.

The Coordinator of the Workshop from National Translation Mission, CIIL, Mysore informed about the activities of CIIL and

NTM.

Prof. Akhtar Siddiqui, Chairman, National Commission for Teacher's Education, New Delhi was present as the Chief Guest of the inaugural session. Prof. Siddiqui took up the issue of quality in translation of English text into Urdu language.

Citing various examples he reiterated the need to provide training as well as regular exposure to those who translate the knowledge text from various social sciences and natural sciences.

Prof. Kunju, Visiting Professor at AMU, spoke on the significance of Indian languages as the medium of instruction in Indian schools and colleges.

The Chief Guest inaugurated the official website of Center for Distance Education. The session concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. S. K. Ehteshamuddin Ahmad. The session was conducted by Dr. Asiya Chowdhary.

Emphasis on Genome Analysis

The National Symposium of Muslim Association for the Advancement of Science, MAASCON-1 on "Frontiers in Life Sciences: Basic and Applied" was inaugurated by Dr V. M. Katoch, Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi at the Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University. Dr M. K. J. Siddiqui, Director, Council of Science and Technology, Lucknow and Prof. Abdul Qayyum Siddiqui were the guests of honour.

While addressing the inaugural function of the symposium, Dr. Katoch emphasized on the cutting-edge research for the genome analysis and praised the achievement of the youngsters of department and the faculty members.



National Symposium on Frontiers in Life

Dr M. K. J Siddique pointed out the effects of pesticide on pregnant women. The concentration of the pesticide was more in the blood of the pregnant women than the blood of the foetus. This leads to the growth in retardation of the foetus.

Prof. Asif Ali Khan, Organizing Chairman of the Symposium highlighted the achievements of young researchers and faculty members of the department.

Dr. Yasir Hasan Siddique, Organizing Secretary thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis for granting permission to organize the National Symposium in the Department of Zoology, AMU, Aligarh. He acknowledged the help and support of the Department of Biotechnology, New Delhi, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi, Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi and Aligarh Muslim University for providing financial support in the organization of the Symposium. He also thanked Prof. Asif Ali Khan, Chairman of the Department of Zoology and Dean Faculty of Life Sciences for being instrumental and suggesting every step and guidance since the beginning of the program. Dr. Siddique also thanked the officials of the registrar office for the support in the matter related to the funds.

Prof. Rajendra Prasad of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Prof. Kaiser Jamil, of Hyderabad, Prof. Qamar Rahman, Visiting Professor of Rostock University, Germany, Dr. Sarwat Sultana, of Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi, Prof. Mohammad Afzal, of Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. Rohtash Chand Gupta, Chairman and Professor of Zoology, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana, Prof. Qudsia Tahseen of Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University and Dr. Asad U. Khan of Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, Aligarh Muslim University delivered lectures on the topics related to the theme of the Symposium.

The symposium was concluded with the Award ceremony for the Best Oral Presentation. Ms. Ritu Palliwal of Banasthali, Rajasthan stood first in the oral presentation. Dr. Sarfaraz-ul-Haq, Malaria Research Centre, Civil Hospital, Nadiad, Gujrat stood Second while Dr. Mehavish Haider and Dr. Ayesha Ahmad of Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU secured third in the oral presentation. The awards were given away by Prof. R.C. Gupta, Prof. Qamar Rahman and Prof. Asif Ali Khan. Prof. Iqbal Parwez proposed a vote of thanks. Prof. Mohammad Afzal conducted the programme.

Medical Student gets Gold Medal

Dr. Abu Obaid Bani Sadat, a student of M.S. Ophthalmology, Institute of Ophthalmology, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded with Dr. M.C. Luthra Gold Medal for best paper presentation at North Zone Ophthalmological Society (NZOS) and Uttranchal State Ophthalmological Society Annual Conference – Uttra Eyecon 2010 held at Mussorie for his paper, “Evaluation of Consumer Digital Camera as a Screening Tool for Amblyopic Factors - Strabismus and Anisometropia”.



Abu Obaid

Orientation Programme

The Department of Sociology and Social Works, Aligarh Muslim University organized 15th Orientation Programme, which was inaugurated by Professor V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar, Aligarh Muslim University.

Addressing the students, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel said that the students of MSW need commitment to the society as merely studying Sociology cannot help one become a social worker. He urged the students to go to the villages and remote areas to work for the betterment of the illiterate, unhealthy and poor masses. They should teach and tell them about hygienic conditions.

Prof. CPS Chauhan, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences said that the social work is an area of great importance in a country like India where poverty, illiteracy and health issues are great challenges. He said that in our country, twenty per cent of the population live below poverty line. He said that students of AMU can play a pivotal role in eradicating the ills of the society.

Prof. Abdul Matin, Chairman, Department of Sociology and Social Works said that students are expected to devote more than fifty percent of time for fieldwork. The fieldwork is closely supervised by both the faculty and agency supervisors.



AMU Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Addressing the Orientation Programme

Prof. Matin said that the two years (4 Semesters) Master of Social Work Programme enables the social work students to invest a minimum of 1508 hours as a part of its Field Work Curriculum and enrich their knowledge and develop skills in various social work methodologies. He further said that eleven batches of students have graduated with MSW degrees till date. Almost all MSW students have been able to get jobs in various governmental and non-governmental organizations. There is almost cent percent absorption of these students in the market. Ms Sofia Azmat conducted the programme while Tariq Najmi proposed the vote of thanks.

Johny Foster visits Dubai

Mr. Johny Foster, Music Instructor of AMU has been invited to visit Dubai by Non-Resident Indians and the old boys of AMU and he will present ghazals of Aligarian poets like Hasrat Mohani, Jazbi, Majaz, Ali Sardar Jafri, Jan Nisar Akhtar, Shakeel Mr. Johny Foster, Music Instructor of AMU has been invited to visit Dubai by Non-Resident Indians and the old boys of AMU and he will present ghazals of Aligarian poets like Hasrat Mohani, Jazbi, Majaz, Ali Sardar Jafri, Jan Nisar Akhtar, Shakeel Badauni, Shahryar, Rahi Masoor Raza, Javed Akhtar, etc., on his self-composed music. Apart from this, he will also present his own popular songs “*door apne watan se kahan jaoge, Hook jab bhi uthegi khinche chale aoge*” (where you will go far from your own country, wherever remembrance will dawn, you will come back in electrifying position) especially for Indians settled abroad.

Indian Universities Association, Cultural and Youth Ministry, Government of India has nominated AMU Music Instructor Johny Foster as a member of Jury for National Cultural Festival. Johny Foster has served in national jury earlier also.

Seminar on Spiritual Psychology

Prof. K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research and President, Asian Congress of Philosophy, while inaugurating the National Seminar on Spiritual Psychology organized by the Department of Psychology, Aligarh Muslim University, differentiated religiosity from spirituality and pointed out that spirituality can be considered as a process. He said that the

spirituality and science should not be seen as antithetical to each other but both the approaches can offset each other's limitation for providing a holistic understanding of human being. According to Prof. Rao the biggest predicament of today is difference in belief system and practice.

The Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis while delivering presidential address, congratulated the Department and organizers for taking up a challenging area for research and wished all the success.



Prof. Hamida Ahmad Addressing the Seminar. Also seen in the picture: Prof. K. Ramakrishna Rao, Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Prof. C.P.S. Chauhan, Prof. Akbar Husain

Earlier, welcoming the guests, Prof. Akbar Husain, the Organizing Secretary of the Seminar, said that the seminar would provide a great opportunity for everyone who is interested in learning how the spiritual psychology is changing the lives of individuals, communities and institutions around the globe.

The Chairperson, Department of Psychology, Prof. (Mrs.) Hamida Ahmad said that spiritual psychology is an area which is of central importance in the contemporary scenario because social scientists need to touch upon issues which help to bring humanity under an umbrella of common goals and bonds. Spiritual Psychology draws wisdom from the beliefs and practices of all sacred scriptures and shows the way to deep and meaningful psychotherapy for those who are mentally disturbed and happiness and well being for all mankind.

Prof. K. Ramakrishna Rao also released a book on spirituality and holistic health, "Psychological Perspective" written by Prof. Akbar Husain. Dean, Faculty of Social Science, Prof. CPS Chauhan proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. Roomana Siddiqui conducted the programme.

Sir Syed Day in Kolkata

Members of Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys' Association, Kolkata organized Sir Syed day at Hotel Hindustan International at 235,AJC Bose Road ,Kolkata to commemorate the 193rd Birth Anniversary of its founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

The Function was attended by the West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee and Prof P.K.Abul Azis, Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University was the Guest of honour. The Other Speakers on the Occasion were Shri Moinul Hassan (Member of Parliament), Maulana Md Wali Rahmani (Secretary AIMPLB, Chairman, Rehmani Foundation), Mohammad Salim,(Chairman,WBMFDC,Ex Member of Parliament) & Prof Swapan Kumar Pramanick (Vice-Chancellor of Vidya Sagar University).

Regarding the AMU campus at Murshidabad the Chief Minister gave all the credits to AMU Vice Chancellor Prof Azis and assured that the entire infrastructure needed for the development of the AMU campus will be provided by him. He ensured that he will particularly look into the matter related to the development of roads from national highway to the university campus. Regarding the poor supply of electricity at Murshidabad, C.M, told the AMU old boys that he will see to it that there remains an uninterrupted power supply in AMU campus at Murshidabad. He also said that the fencing to the land will be done very soon.

AMOUBA General Secretary Waqar Ahmad Khan in his welcome speech paid his gratitude to the guests and gave assurance to the Vice Chancellor for all the help and co operation from AMU Old Boys' Association for the establishment of the campus at Murshidabad. He also requested the students who are agitating in Aligarh not to become a puppet in the hands of the people who have their vested interest.

Maulana Wali Rehmani, gave stress on Muslim education and their problems. He said that Chief Minister is to be praised that inspite of all the difficulties for acquiring land he has managed to hand it over to AMU and the university campus is going to function soon.

Mr Moinul Hassan (Member of Parliament) who is also a court member and a resident of Murshidabad was happy that his dream is going to become a reality very soon. He requested the people to participate in this historic occasion. He said that from the very start, he is with AMU authority and he assured that his service will be available to the best of his capacity in future also.

Mr Mohd Salim, Chairman West Bengal Minority and Finance Development Corporation and Ex Member of Parliament, reminded the great services of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. Mr Swapan Kumar Parmanik ,Vice Chancellor of Vidya Sagar University said that AMU has played a great role in the nation building.

The programme was followed by the University Tarana, National Anthem and ended with Sir Syed Dinner.

AMU Roller Hockey Team wins Skating Championship

Junior and Sub-junior teams of AMU Roller Hockey won All India Invitation Roller Skating Championship held at Musoorie. The Senior Team has bagged Bronze Medal. In the final match AMU Junior Team edge passed Jammu & Kashmir team by 6-5 and Sub-junior Team trounced Delhi by 7-3.

AMU Senior Team went down fighting to Jammu & Kashmir by 4-6 in a playoff match and secured Third Position.

According to Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary, Games Committee, Amir Khan has bagged three additional medals in the speed skating while Momin Pal got two medals in quads speed skating. Mohsin Khan and Zameer Khan secured First and Second place in artistic skating. Asadullah Khan bagged third position in Rink Race and Lamia Akbar got first place in Artistic Skating in girls' category. Asadullah and Ashab Ahmad bagged First and Second place in Sub-junior Artistic Skating.



Roller Skating Team

The Junior Team comprising Mohd. Yaqzan, Adeeb Anwar Mustafa, Umar Arif, Aftab Alam, Umar Sherwani, Mohd. Yawar, Saadullah Khan, Mohd. Usman and Mohd. Areeb secured Gold Medal and Sub-junior Team consisting of Mohd. Labeeb Akbar, Ayan Javed, Naemur Rahman, Asadullah Khan, Izhan Azhar, Toshit Varshney and Santosh GM also bagged Gold Medal.

The Senior Team comprising Aamir Khan (Captain), Faizul Haque, Tahsin Ahmad, Anoop Kumar, Mohd. Shadab, Shariq Vali Khan, Mohd. Faizan, Mohd. Adnan Khan, Atif Hasan (GK) and Mohd. Mohsin Khan were awarded Bronze in Senior Roller Hockey Championship.

Dr. F.S. Sheerani, President, Gymnasium Club congratulated Ali Akbar, Coach of AMU Team for this achievement.

Dengue is not Fatal

Dr. Anjum Mirza Chughtai, a Consultant in the Department of Medicine, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University said that Dengue is not a critical and severe disease. Ninety-nine percent cases of simple dengue recover with simple medication.

Dr. Chughtai was delivering the lecture on Clinical Manifestation and Management of Dengue organized by the Indian Medical Association, Aligarh Unit in collaboration with Fortis Hospital, Noida. He said that all the cases of Dengue do not need Admission if NS1 is positive. He further said that platelets transfusion should be done when its counts fall less than 20 thousand. Dr. Chughtai said that the Aspirin, Voveron, Brufen etc. should be avoided. These drugs may worsen the bleeding tendency associated with some of these infections. He said that the disease manifests a fever of sudden onset associated with headache, muscles and joint pains.

Dr. Chughtai said that according to a World Health Organization Report, 2.5 million people, two fifth of the world's population, are now at risk from dengue and estimates that there may be fifty million cases of dengue infection worldwide every year. The CME was attended by more than a hundred doctors of various branches of Aligarh.

Syllabus Shapes Young Mind

While presenting presidential remarks at the concluding session of the two Subject Refresher Courses organized by UGC Academic Staff College, the distinguished academician and Professor Emeritus, Professor Irfan Habib, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh urged the course participants to be particular about the course contents. He emphasized the impact of education and syllabus in shaping the young minds and cited his own example how he was fed on nationalistic and patriotic course contents at the AMU school in 1940s. He congratulated the participants on completing the Refresher Courses in Women's Studies and English.

Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University exhorted the course participants to articulate and transmit the message of co-existence and national integration as embodied in the Aligarh Muslim University. He wished them the very best in their professional career as excellent teachers.



Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Dr. Samina Khan, Prof. Emeritus, Prof. Irfan Habib and Dr. Reshma Jamal

Professor Shireen Moosvi, Director, Centre for Women's Studies and Dr. Samina Khan, Dept. of English were the Course Coordinators of the two courses respectively. Mrs. Renu Mahajan Gupta, Assam, Dr. Malika Mistry, Maharashtra and Mr. Shariful Islam, Assam expressed their happiness over the course content and the presentation of teachers. More than 85 teachers from various universities and college all over India attended these courses.

International Conference on Emerging Technologies

An International Conference on "Emerging Technologies for Sustainable Environment" was organized by Department of Civil Engineering in collaboration with La Sierra University, USA and Asia Pacific University, Thailand and Co-sponsored by All India Council for Technical Education and the Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi.



Prof. Razaullah Khan, addressing the gathering

This is the second time that the international conference was organized by the department of Civil Engineering, Aligarh Muslim University in continuation with the first international conference organized in 2009. About 200 full-length papers and abstracts were received for the conference.

The conference encompassed themes varying from Sustainability, Water Pollution Control Wastewater Treatment, Solid and Hazardous Waste Management, Bioremediation, Wetlands, Air Pollution and Control, Noise Pollution and Control, Environment Impact Assessment, Sustainable Environment Bio-fuels Modeling Approaches in Environmental Engineering, Role of GIS in Environmental Engineering, Life Cycle Analysis, Energy Efficiency Green Engineering, Alternative Energy Technologies and CO₂ Capture to Sequestration.

About 250 national and international delegates attended the conference. Delegates from USA, Canada, France, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Iran, Saudi Arabia and almost all the I.I.T's, N.I.T's and other research and academic institutes of repute participated in the conference and presented their papers. Thirteen technical sessions consisting of oral and poster presentations were conducted during the two days of conference. The research papers were presented in two parallel oral sessions and one poster session.

The inaugural function was presided over by Prof. S.M.A. Rizvi, Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology. The Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering, Prof. Razaullah Khan, Organizing Secretary, Dr. I. H. Farooqi, Prof. Ashok Kumar, University of Toledo, USA, Prof. John Perumal, University of La Sierra, USA, Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal Z. H. College of Engineering & Technology and Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Controller of Examination, AMU spoke on different aspects of environmental engineering. The program was conducted by Mr. Arshad Hussain, University Polytechnic. The proceedings of the conference were also released by the chief guest on this occasion.

Workshop on Textile Designing

The Department of Home Science, Aligarh Muslim University organized a Pidilite Fevicryl workshop. The workshop was based on the principles of Textile Designing and Painting. It showed the students the basic printing and painting on fabric with simple papers, stencils and stamps. According to Prof. Farzana Alim, Chairman, Department of Home Science the workshop was attended by the students of Women's College and Department of Home Science in particular. The students gained a good experience and enjoyed the workshop with full vigour and zeal.

In a nutshell, the workshop was a great success in teaching the students a new way of art and designing.

Faisal gets IInd Position in U.P. Table Tennis Championship

Mr. Faisal Ali secured second position in the Second UP State Table Tennis Ranking Championship 2010 held at Noida in junior group.

Faisal Ali beat Shray Panday of Allahabad 3-0, Abdullah of Ranukoot 3-0, Kashis Arora of Ghaziabad 4-3, Faraz Khan of Ghaziabad 4-1 and finally lost to Sudarshan of Agra 2-4 in the Final Match.

Faisal Ali (AMU) also participated in youth and men's category and reached the semifinal. While in Youth Group Ayush of AMU lost to Mansh Yadav of Allahabad by 2-4 in the quarter final match of the Second UP State Table Tennis Ranking Championship 2010.

Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary, University Games Committee and Prof. Tabassum Shahab, President Gymkhana Club have congratulated the players on this achievement.

VC Delivers Special Address

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today delivered special address at the Canada-India Universities Presidents' Round Table Conference at Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi.

Fifteen Canadian universities' presidents and 20 vice chancellors of Indian universities and representatives of the Government of Canada and India participated in the deliberations at the Round Table Conference. The Conference was organized by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and hosted by Canadian High Commission.

Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Mr. Kapil Sibal delivered opening remarks.

The Round Table Conference decided to activate the MoUs on higher education signed by the Prime Minister of India and Canada in June 2010. On the request of Canadian High Commission, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University delivered special lecture on new forms of partnership.

Prof. S. K. Thorat, Chairman, University Grants Commission delivered the concluding remarks.

Medical Students get Best Paper Award



Mehtab

Dr. Mehtab Ahmad and Dr. M. Azfar Siddiqui, III year students of MD (JR III), Department of Radio-diagnosis, JN Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University got prestigious Dr. O. N. Saxena Best Paper Award and Dr. S. K. Srivastava Best Paper Award respectively for their excellent presentation at the Annual Conference of the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA), UP Chapter held recently at Kanpur.



Azfar Siddiqui

Dr. Mehtab Ahmad presented paper on "prediction of uterus cancer in women with postmenopausal bleeding using colour Doppler" while Dr. Azfar Siddiqui presented paper on "use of umbilical cord abnormality on prediction of abnormalities of the developing babies in the uterus".

Professor A.R. Kidwai to Visit Pakistan

Professor A.R. Kidwai, Department of English and Director, Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University has been invited by the Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan to present his paper on "Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as the Role Model for Muslim Minorities, Pluralism and Leadership".

Prof. Kidwai will present his paper at the International Seminar on Modern Trends in *Sirah* to be held on March 26-28, 2011. The paper seeks to underscore the relevance of the Prophet's teaching to our times, especially for Muslims living as minorities in many parts of the world. It also focuses on the Prophet's example for professing and practicing peaceful co-existence in a multi-faith, pluralistic society.

Electrical Engineering Gets 1.13 Crore Grant

The Department of Electrical Engineering, Aligarh Muslim University has been granted Rs. 1.13 Crore under the FIST (Funds for Improvement of S & T infrastructure) scheme by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. The grant has been sanctioned to strengthen the post-graduate teaching and research facilities in the department.

A proposal prepared by a team of Prof. Mukhtar Ahmad, Prof. Badrul Hasan Khan and Mr. Mohd. Rihan under the supervision of Prof. Mohibullah, Chairman, Electrical Engineering Department under this scheme was submitted by the department in May 2010. After first round scrutiny, the proposal was selected for a presentation which was delivered by Dr. Yusufuzzaman Khan and Mr. Mohd. Rihan to an expert committee at Indian

Academy of Sciences, Bangalore. Finally, the Department of Science and Technology sanctioned Rs. 1.13 Crore on the basis of this proposal. The grant will be utilized in procuring state of the art equipments in the concerned laboratories. It is expected that these developments will go a long way in further improving the teaching-learning process and research activities in the department.

2.30 Crore Grant for Department of Physics

The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 2.30 Crore grant to the Department of Physics, Aligarh Muslim University for support in Level-I category under the FIST Programme of DST on the recommendations of the FIST Advisory Board (FISTAB). The grant was sanctioned on a proposal of the Department of Physics to strengthen the post-graduate teaching and research facilities in the Department.

This grant would facilitate Table Top X-Ray Diffractometer and Research Microscope with imaging Facility for Research, 4 PG Special Labs for teaching (Nuclear Physics Lab., Condensed Matter Physics Lab., Spectroscopy Lab. and High Energy Physics Lab.) and 16" Telescope with accessories for Astronomy. It would also facilitate installation of servers and software for theory group.

Dr. Rais Ahmad attends International Conference



Dr. Rais

Dr. Rais Ahmad (former Chairman, Dept. of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, AMU, Aligarh) attended an Annual International Conference Organized by Association of Global Business, Virginia, USA from November 11 to 14, 2010 at Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, USA and presented a Paper on "Contract Farming in India: Problems and Challenges". Earlier his papers were also accepted for presentation in International Congress/Conference at Canada, Poland, England and Portugal in different years.

Extension Lecture on Waste Management and Environment

An Extension Lecture Programme on the topic "Waste Management and Environment Preservation" was held at department of Geology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. The lecture was presided by Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice-Chancellor, AMU and supported by the Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. Abha Lakshmi Singh and Coordinator, University Extension Lecture, Prof. S. Intiaz Hasnain. Beside this many faculty members, Chairmen, students and research scholars also attended the above lecture. On this occasion, Prof. Syed E. Hasan who is the Director of Centre of Applied Environmental Research (CAER), University of Missouri-Kansas (USA) informed about the types and nature of the waste and their impact on the soil and water. He pointed out the types of management of waste, their recycling with different recycling processes. He said that about 80,000 synthetic chemicals are being used world wide which are prone to environmental pollution. He also cited many examples of the waste pollution and their hazards in China, India, Bangladesh, Hungri and other developing countries. He also emphasized the need of waste management and recycling processes for the electronic computer and chemical and bio-chemical waste. He also stressed the need of the strict laws and legislation for the implementation in each country.

He emphasized the Economic development policies need to embrace a new agenda that calls for reducing corporate dominance of the nation's economics and politics, promotes life style changes that challenge the materialistic and anthropocentric values, curbs growth mania and redefines societal values that strive to assure greater economic and social equality that will lead to improvement of both environmental and social well-being.

He concluded with the remarks that the Pollution of air, water and land is the result of improper waste management. Laws to regulate waste must be strictly enforced with power for civil and criminal penalties. Solutions to environment problems should also involve social scientists, lawyers, religious scholars and policy makers. Development policies must consider social and environmental cost of the project to assure environmental and economic sustainability.

Dr. Qazi Ehsan Ali Attends a Conference at AIIMS

Dr. Qazi Ehsan Ali, Reader, Dept. of Anesthesiology, JNMC, AMU Aligarh has presented a paper entitled "A Comparative evaluation of Airway Management with Airtraq and Macintosh Laryngoscope in different situations" in TRAUMA 2010 held on November 26-28; 2010 at AIIMS (J.P. Apex Trauma Centre). His paper was very well received by the other participants of the conference. Dr. Ehsan Ali has also attended a workshop on disaster management. This was a part of an International Congress, CME-Cum-Workshop and the 3rd Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Trauma and Acute Care (ISTAC).

Dr. Abu Nadeem, an Assistant Professor and Dr. Asad Mehmood, a senior resident, Dept. of Anesthesiology have also participated in the conference and had attended a work on Acute Trauma Life Support.

AMU Wins the North Zone Lawn Tennis Intervarsity



Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis and Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary, University Games Committee with the Members of A.M.U. Tennis Team.

The North Zone Lawn Tennis Intervarsity (Men) was hosted by Tennis Club, Games Committee, AMU from 27.11.2010 to 02.12.2010. Twenty Four teams sent entries for the event.

The matches were played on grass courts of the AMU Lawn Tennis Club. A large number of talented players participated in the event which was watched by enthusiastic spectators every day.

The AMU Tennis team won the championship defeating Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar 3-0 in the final match. Delhi University finished

third and Kurukshetra University fourth. AMU has won the tournament after a gap of 7 years. In the tournament AMU Tennis Team defeated Kumaun University, Nainital in the 1st round 3-0, Guru Jambheshwar University, Hissar in 2nd round 3-0, Punjabi University Patiala in 3rd round 3-0, Kurukshetra University in quarter finals 3-0. The members of AMU team were Saim Farooqi (BALLB) (Captain), Mohammad Nasir (BALLB) (Vice Captain), Lakshit Sood (B-Com), Ankit Sood (B-Com), and Deepak Chaudhary (B_Tech). The prize distribution function was held on 02.12.2010 at Lawn Tennis Courts where the trophy was presented to AMU Lawn Tennis Team. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis was Chief Guest and Nawab Ibne Saeed Khan of Chattari, Prof. Aslam Qadeer, former Secretary Games Committee, Prof. Syed Abrar Hasan, Dean Faculty of Medicine, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal JNMC, Mr. Man Singh Chauhan S.P. (City) and Prof. Ashok Mittal, Provest NRSC were Guests of Honour. Prize distribution function was also attended by Proctor, Controller of Examination, MIC (Guest House), Assistant Commissioner, Aligarh Division, Presidents of Clubs, Games Committee, PRO, Coaches and large number of students.

All the participating teams were full of praise for the meticulous organization of the tournament and hospitality of AMU. Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary Games Committee and President Tennis Club was the Organizing Secretary of the tournament.

UGC Academic Staff College course on Research Methodology in Biological Sciences

The UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, in collaboration with the Department of Botany, organized an 18 days interactive Programme on Research Methodology for the Research Scholars of Biological Sciences from 14 December 2010 to 06 January 2011 at the Department of Botany, AMU. 51 Research Scholars from Botany, Biochemistry, Agricultural Science, Microbiology and Zoology participated in the course. Professor Mohammad Anis, department of Botany, AMU was the Course Coordinator.

The 18 days long course was based on interactive and interdisciplinary session in which many distinguished speakers having expertise in their respective fields delivered lectures especially on frontier areas of science like biodiversity, Information technology and Nanotechnology.

While speaking at the concluding session, Professor A. R. Kidwai, director, UGC Academic Staff College welcomed the course participants and presented before them a synoptic account of the role of AMU in the spread of higher education, especially the contribution of members of the Life Science faculty. He appealed to Research Scholars to derive Maximum benefits from such course for ensuring quality education.

Professor M. Anis, Course Coordinator, welcomed the participants and opined that the horizon of Science could be widened only by including the latest subjects. He emphasized that Science and Technology system has to be infused with new vitality, if it is to play a decisive and beneficial role in advancing the well being of all sections of our society.

Professor S. M. Hadi, former Dean, Faculty of Life Science, AMU and Chief Guest of the programme underlined the importance of such courses to give exposure to the students about the frontier areas of Science and held that the principal focus should be to create a peaceful academic environment to attain all round success.

Professor Masood Ahmad, Dean Faculty of Life Sciences, was the Guest of Honour who congratulated the course participants on the successful completion of the programme. Both Professor S.M. Hadi and Professor Masood Ahmad distributed certificates to participants, while Dr. Reshma Jamal proposed the vote of thanks.

AMU Faculty Attends International Conference on ‘World Philosophy Day 2010’, Tehran, Iran

Dr. Latif Hussain S. Kazmi, Reader in the Dept. of Philosophy AMU, Aligarh was invited to take part in an International Conference on **World Philosophy Day 2010** (Tehran) conducted by **The Iranian Institute of Philosophy (IIP) and International Society of Islamic Philosophy (ISIP)** with collaboration of the Ministry of Research and Technology, The High Association of Philosophy and other organizations of Islamic Republic of Iran.

Islamic thinkers and Scholars from different disciplines hailing from various parts of the world (65 countries) participated in the conference. Dr. Kazmi presented his paper on **“Contemporary Challenges to Religion: Iqbal’s Response”**. The paper was greatly appreciated and intensively discussed in the conference. It will be published shortly as part of the resulting volume by the Institute and International Society of Islamic Philosophy.

Dr. Kazim was the only founding member of the International Society for Islamic Philosophy (ISIP) invited from India, Bangladesh and Pakistan in the Tehran dialogue. He had the opportunity to speak on Islamic Religion, Philosophy and Culture, as well as on Islamic morality with special reference to Rumi, Sa ‘adi, Hafiz, Sir Sayyid and Iqbal. The discussion was also focused on contemporary challenges to religion with special treatment of Iqbal. He also spoke on human rights in Islam, *Jihad*, *Ijtihad*, Sufism and other aspects of Islamic Ideals and Moral standards, which it has to offer to the global human society with a view to solving of its moral and religious crises as also appropriated by Iqbal. Additionally, Dr. Kazmi also appeared for interviews before various Iranian TV and Radio channels exploring the relevance of Islamic Philosophy, the Prophetic teachings, Islamic Value-system and the mystical dimension of Islam.

EDUCATION OF MUSLIMS

(Sir Syed Ahmad Khan)

“ The Muslims must find out why they do not gain the same advantage as other people from the education which is provided by the British Government. The reasons which have so far been put forward for this can in no way be considered correct. The Government must also play its part in inquiring into the real cause. It is, therefore, suggested that Muslims should be encouraged to write essays on the subject and prizes should be awarded for the best efforts. It is hoped that both the English and Muslims will make donations for this purpose. When the necessary sum has been raised a committee will be formed from among the contributors and named The Committee of the Supporters of the Advancement of Muslims Education.”

(Hayat-i-Javed tr. By K.H. Qadiri and David L. Mathews, p. 128).

International Seminar on Iranian Literature

A 3-Day International Seminar on Contribution of India and Indian Sub-Continent to Iranian Language and Literature was inaugurated by HE Minister Counsellor Mr. Mohd . Samim Hamraz (Acting Ambassador) of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Dr Ali Dehgahi Director, Iran Culture House, Professor Khaliq



Prof. Asif Naeem addressing the seminar

Abdul Rashid, Cultural counsellor & Advisor Education of The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and, Mohammad Azeem Sahak of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan were also present as guests of honour .

Professor AWazhar (General Secretary AIPTA) delivered keynote address. H.E.Samim Hamraz, Dr Ali Dehgahi and Professor Khaliq Abdul Rashid, highlighted the importance and relevance of Persian studies in India. They also mentioned the age-old Indo Iran and Indo Afghan relations. Minister Counselor Mohd . Samim Hamraz , Dr Ali Dehgahi and Professor Dr Abdul Khaliq Rashid, assured all possible co-operation to the Department Persian AMU Aligarh.

Professor M.Asif Naim Siddiqi, Chairman Department of Persian AMU, while proposing the vote of thank said that Persianate society in India at its best never restricted itself to local administrative, legal, or religious Sufistic needs. Its concern with Iranian Culture, Iranian Poets, and Intellectuals was interactive and creative. He also said that it might be indeed difficult to find another country having mastered a foreign language to such a degree as was the case with Persian in India. He also read the Presidential address of Nawab Rahmat Ullah Khan, Ex Prochancellor, A M U and also made mention of NCPUL (New Delhi) for financial assistance.

Obituary

Professor Asloob Ahmad Ansari

Sudden passing away of Professor Zahida Zaidi on 11 January 2011 came as a stunning and grievous blow to the academic circles in India, particularly Aligarh and Delhi. She had been associated with the Department of English, AMU, Aligarh for 30 yeas and was a highly well-known literary figure. Fortunately for her she got the opportunity of earning Tripos in English Literature from the renowned University of Cambridge in 1958. Early in her career she aligned herself with the Leftist party but the mellowing of consciousness and sensibility gradually led to the softening of her attitude toward Islam. She was a prolific writer – published five volumes of poetry (including one in English), four volumes of plays, two volumes of literary criticism (including one in English), besides several volumes of translated plays in Urdu. As a writer her forte was drama. She was very well-read in modern continental drama and had, creatively, imbibed its spirit in her work: her collection of plays, Doosra Kamra, is a fine specimen of it and is unsurpassed by any collection of plays in Urdu as yet. As an ancillary to it she directed staging of plays both in Aligarh and Delhi: she had a special knack for it and possessed the expertise needed for it. She also contributed critical articles for the benefit of non-Urdu readers on two major poets, Ghalib and Iqbal, on three well-known figures, Faiz Ahmad Faiz, Akhtarul Iman and Munibur Rehman and on such peripheral poets as Ali Sardar Jafri and Makhdoom Mohiuddin. Professor Zaidi had imbibed the enviable heritage of the finesse of the Muslim cultural tradition of her forefathers like Maulana Altaf Hussain Hali and extended it considerably. She was highly capable of integrating her creative and critical talents into a unified whole: she was

incessantly engaged with remarkable consistency, in achieving her targets till the very end. May her soul (by the grace of God) rest in abiding peace!.

A fine man, a good poet

(Intizar Hussain)



This year the prestigious Indian award called 'Jnanpith Award' has been conferred on the distinguished Urdu poet Shehryar. This is good news for Urduwallas in India and outside. Shehryar is now among those selected few Urdu poets who have been recognized on the national level in India.

But his fame as a poet is not confined to India alone. He enjoys the reputation of being a leading poet throughout the Urdu-speaking world, including Pakistan. Sang-e-Meel has recently published his collected works under the title Kulliat-i-Shehriar which runs into 688 pages.

Among the cinema-going general public he is better known for his songs in Umrao Jaan. Among the selected few ghazals which achieved fame the following is by him:

*Ye kya jagah hai doston, ye kon sa dyar hai
Had-e-nigah tak jahan ghubar hi ghubar hai*

(What place is this, friends, what abode?/ Where a haze stretches as far as the eye will go).

But Shehyar himself will hardly care to make any claim or take pride on that account. And there is a reason for this.

Shehryar has won the prestigious Indian award for Urdu poetry

In Urdu, there are three categories of poets: mushaira poets, film poets and serious poet. The poets belonging to the first two categories enjoy popularity on a wider scale in accordance with their merit. But a poet seriously engaged in the art of poetry thinks and behaves in a different way.

He may at times choose to write songs for the film or participate in a mushaira, but he would not like to associate himself with any of these branches of poetry to the extent that he may be categorized as a film poet or a mushaira poet. Shehryar belongs to this group of serious poets.

I have just read an interview of him published in Aiwani-Urdu, a literary journal published from Delhi. In response to the question: 'Why is it that in spite of your success as a songwriter for film, you are seen keeping away from the film world?' he replied: 'I had written songs exclusively for the films of Muzaffar Ali, I had not chosen to adopt it as a career for myself. I had never left Aligarh to join the film world, so where is the question of coming back to my own world in Aligarh? I am not made for this profession. So I never thought of joining it. However, I am not opposed to the art of films. I am well aware of the utility of the medium. I have once again written songs for a film of Muzaffar Ali'.

He has adopted the same attitude with reference to scholarly engagements in spite of the fact that he worked as a teacher of Urdu for 30 years at Aligarh University and retired after earning the status of a professor, 'I am a poet,' he says 'I will not be known as a scholar, an alim fazil'.

Explaining his position to the interviewer, he said, ‘as a teacher, I performed my duty honestly and did all that was required of me. But the day I retired I declared plainly that I would not like to be engaged any more in academic work. So I don’t do jobs like paper setting or checking of examination copies. I don’t participate in seminars. If invited I might attend but I cannot afford to listen to all what is being said in the papers read there. Now I am free to lead life in accordance with my own whims and to my own liking’.

Based on my personal experience, I can attest to Shehryar’s enjoyment of retired life. During my various visits to Aligarh in recent years I always found him in a nonchalant mood. He is never seen reading a paper in the seminar or taking part in the discussion following a paper read there.

I was amused to see that while esteemed scholars and professors participated in the seminar with the seriousness expected of them, Shehryar was seen engaged in chit-chat with Pakistani delegates and he was in no mood to enter the seminar hall.

Of course he becomes serious when a question relevant to his art is put to him. The interviewer wanted to know his opinion of prose poetry and referred to two collections, Sajjad Zahir’s Pighalta Neelam and Dr. Mohammad Hasan’s Zanjeer-i-Naghma. Sharyar candidly replied “The two books you have referred to don’t deserve to be treated as books of poetry. I am not opposed to experimentation in poetry. As for those engaged in writing prose-poems, they are harmless people doing no harm to anybody. They, in fact, are wasting their own time”.

In response to another question he said, ‘I don’t like to talk much about my self and my poetry. And I don’t relish self-praise’.

Here he has correctly described himself. Unlike poets in general, he is not in the habit of being assertive about his poetic achievements and rarely talks about himself. He is a fine man and a good poet.

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