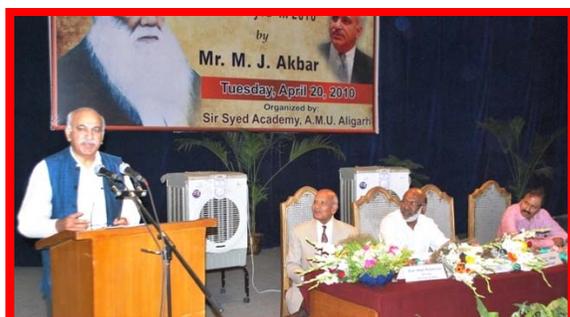




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Campus Activities

Prof. Shamim Jairajpuri gets Al-Ameen Community Leadership Award

Professor Mohammad Shamim Jairajpuri, FNA, D.Sc. at the Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded Al-Ameen All India Community Leadership award for the year 2009. The award was given to Professor Jairajpuri in Bangalore.

Professor Jairajpuri was presented with a large silver bowl as memento, a cash prize of Rs. One Lakh (Rs. 100,000/-), and a scroll of honour. The cash prize, Professor Jairajpuri gave back to Al-Ameen for the purposes of the Education of poor girls from the weaker sections of the society.

UNICEF Project

A project “Strengthening implementation of Bal Swasthaya Poshan Mah (BSPM) in U.P.” is running in the Department of Community Medicine. This project is sponsored by UNICEF. In this connection, Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Nodal Person BSPM Scheme attended the dissemination meeting on 19 and 22 April, 2010 in Lakhimpur and Sitapur districts respectively to discuss the coverage of Vitamin-A in 9 months to 5 years.

Dr. M. Athar Ansari also conducted district level training session for June-10 round of BSPM in both the districts. The objective of training was to sensitize the officers of Health and ICDS departments on Vitamin A coverage, breast feeding promotion, complementary feeding and promotion of consumption of iodised salt in the community. The training also provided an insight into programme implementation gaps and bottlenecks and identified the areas requiring improvement for the next round.

Dr. M. Athar Ansari was assisted by Dr. S.N.A. Hashmi (Medico-social Worker) in Lakhimpur and Dr. M. Salman Shah (Senior Resident) in Sitapur during the training of nearly 200 officers of health department and ICDS department.

Refresher Course in Library & Information Science

The valedictory session of Subject Refresher Course in Library & Information Science was held at the Department of Library and Information Science. The programme was presided over by Prof. M. S. Satija of University of Kurukshetra.

The participants received skill training at the Department of Computer Science and eminent resource persons and librarians delivered lectures. The course participants appreciated the content of the course and the method of course delivery. However, they were impressed by the values and culture permeating the AMU campus. About forty five participants from UP, Chattisgarh, Maharashtra, Assam, Kashmir, Kerala, West Bengal, Goa, Uttarakhand and Manipur participated in the course.

Lecture on Decriminalization of Homosexuality

Dr. Ambedkar Chair of Legal Studies and Research, Department of Law, Aligarh Muslim University organized a lecture on “Decriminalization of Homosexuality and the Constitution of India: Privacy, Morality and Personal Freedom of Citizens” at the Conference Hall of Dr. Ambedkar Chair of Legal Studies & Research. Prof. M. Shabbir, Ambedkar Chair Professor of Law and Dean, Faculty of Law, AMU delivered the lecture. While going into the inception of the debate, Prof. M. Shabbir put forward a reference of feminist movement whereby a negation of matrimony was propagated by the feminists as it was their belief that the institution of marriage facilitates the biological subjugation of fair-sex. However, Prof. M. Shabbir was of the view that such notion will prove detrimental to the very existence of society as matrimony is the only course of nature for procreation of mankind. Negating the equality contention as it was raised in the Naz Foundation case made strong submission that Article 14 and 15 of Indian Constitution when talks about negating sexual discrimination it talks about negating biological and anatomical differences as per natural orders but doesn't talk about personal sexual orientation.

Prof. Shabbir while criticizing the constitutional morality viewpoint observed that such excessive wisdom will hamper the social equilibrium and the moral growth of society. Further, Prof. Shabbir made a distinction

between constitutional morality, political morality and public morality. He observed that even constitutional fabric does not allow any kind of decriminalization of homosexuality.

Prof. Shabbir asserted that any attempt of decriminalization of homosexuality would prove fatal to the religious and cultural ethos and social equilibrium and morality of the Indian society.

Mr. K.K. Sharma, Social activist and State General Secretary, Congress Vichar Vibhag said that the act of homosexuality is something impractical, unnatural and abnormal.

Lecture on Osteoporosis

Delivering an extension lecture on “Osteoporosis-Present Scenario, Current Concept in the Management” at the J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, noted Senior Consultant in Orthopedics, Dr. D. K. Taneja said that by 2013, osteoporotic patients in India will be 36 millions, today it is 26 million.

Dr. Taneja mentioned that Osteoporosis “is a systematic skeletal disease characterized by low bone mass and micro-architectural deterioration of bone tissue leading to enhanced bone fragility and a consequent increase in fracture risk”.

He said that prolonged bed rest, low weight, high alcohol consumption, cigarette smoking, low calcium intake and high caffeine consumption are the major risk factors and suggested morning walk, milk, balanced diet can control this disease. He said that drugs should be the last option.

AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis presided over the function.

While welcoming the guest speaker Professor Imtiaz Hasnain, Coordinator of the University Extension Lecture said Dr. D. K. Taneja was awarded fellowship of National Academy of Medical Science in 2010, highest honour in medical sciences (IOA) as Medical Director.

Riders bring Laurel

Mr. Amir Ayaz Khan and Mr. Fuzail Ahmad of AMU Riding Club won the silver medal and bronze medal respectively in a national riding competition at the Silver Jubilee Delhi Horse Show 2010 organized by Army Polo and Riding Club.

Mr. Amir Ayaz Khan won the Silver Medal in Tent Pegging while Mr. Fuzail Ahmad won Bronze Medal in the same event. A six member riding team participated in the competition.

Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary, Games Committee and Mr. Nafees Ahmad have congratulated the winners for bringing laurels to the University.

National Seminar on Composite Culture

Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, today inaugurated a three-day National Seminar on ‘Composite Culture: Reflections in Literature, Art and Architecture of Medieval India’ organized by the Center of Advanced Study, Department of History.

Highlighting the objective of the seminar, Professor Tariq Ahmad, Convener of the Seminar said that the establishment of the Delhi Sultanate in the thirteenth century marks a new chapter in the socio-cultural history of India.

Delivering the keynote address, noted historian Prof. Ravindra Kumar of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi said that the advent of the medieval period in India marks the beginning of a new expression in architecture.

He said that by the close of the sixteenth century most of the distinctive features of composite ‘Indo-Islamic’ architecture had come in place. This gave a cultural depth to the composite architecture and gave it a wider context in which the users always took a fluid and porous view of their terms and crossed their boundaries without inhibition.

In his presidential remarks, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. PK Abdul Azis said that this Center is proud to have produced outstanding In his presidential remarks, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. PK Abdul Azis said that this Center is proud to have produced outstanding historians like – Prof. Habib, Prof. Irfan Habib, Prof. Noorul Hasan and Prof. KA Nizami, etc.



Prof. Azis urged that we should re-create new architecture and promote our composite culture.

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. CPS Chauhan proposed the vote of thanks. A large number of historians from all parts of the country participated in the three- day National Seminar.

Orientation Programme

The concluding session of the 110th Orientation Programme of the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University was held. Professor C. P. S. Chauhan, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences presided over the function.

In his presidential address, Professor C.P.S. Chauhan, while outlining the higher education scenario in the country emphasized the need for quality education. He said that in the age of internet, hard information or subject knowledge alone cannot make one a good teacher. Rather, University/College teachers should hone their teaching skills and serve as mentors for their students.

In the Programme 43 participants from UP, Assam, Maharashtra, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Delhi and Madhya Pradesh attended the course.

Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College felicitated the course participants and urged them to gain multiple skills and broaden their mental horizon.

Professor C. P. S. Chauhan gave away certificates to the course participants. The certificates and prizes for good performance in the Essay Writing Competition on “Communal Harmony” were also distributed on this occasion.

Live Workshop

The Department of Anaesthesiology, J.N. Medical College Hospital, Aligarh Muslim University organized a live workshop on the management of patients of trigeminal neuralgia with the latest radiofrequency technique. Two senior faculties and experts in the management of trigeminal neuralgia, Prof



G. P. Dureja, Director, Delhi Pain Management Centre and Prof. H.H. Dash, Head of the Department of Neuroanaesthesiology, AIIMS, New Delhi demonstrated the different blocks of trigeminal nerve and its branches with the latest radiofrequency technique in Pain Clinic of the Department of Anaesthesiology, J.N. Medical College Hospital.

Trigeminal neuralgia is usually a unilateral current like sensation affecting the face of human being. The radiofrequency ablation of trigeminal nerve and its branches have become popular due to its long lasting pain relief with minimal side effects.

The workshop was attended by about 100 doctors from different specialties of J.N. Medical College Hospital and Sir Ziauddin Ahmed Dental College Hospital including private practitioners as well as delegates from outside Aligarh.

Honour for Young Zoologist

Dr. Yasir Hasan Siddique, Lecturer, Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh has been appointed as the Vice President of Indian Society of Toxicology (IST) for a period of two years.

He has 80 publications including 2 edited books to his credit published in prestigious International and National Journals.

World Health Day

Department of Community Medicine J.N. Medical College, AMU Aligarh organized World Health Day 2010. While inaugurating the programme Prof. Zulfia Khan, senior faculty member of the department stressed the need to highlight the issues related to Urban Health as theme of the Year 2010. Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Chairman, Department of Community Medicine discussed the current health status of people in urban areas especially the underserved population living in urban slums. He also focused on the challenges of urbanization in India and asked the participants to join the campaign of WHO “1000 cities- 1000 lives”.



Lecture at National Conference

Dr Iqbal Ahmad, Reader, Department of Agricultural Microbiology, Aligarh Muslim University delivered an invited lecture on “Multiple Drug Resistance in Bacteria and Strategy to Combat It” during 2nd National Conference on Emerging Area in Biomedical Sciences organized by Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi.

Dr. Ahmad highlighted the importance of new strategy including developing inhibitors for microbial quorum sensing as an anti-infective drug.

Microteaching

The Medical Education Unit of Faculty of Medicine organized Faculty Development Programme on Medical Education Technology on “Large group teaching-How to make it interesting and interactive” and “Demonstration on Micro-teaching”. Thirty-nine faculty members participated in the interactive session.

The aim of the programme was to refresh the faculty members on Medical Education Technology. Prof. Seema Hakim, Coordinator, Medical Education Unit, Faculty of Medicine.

She pointed out that our teaching system is plagued by the omnipresent problem of bigger groups and fewer teachers which result in lower one-to-one interaction and (commonly) cynical student response.

Prof. Seema Hakim said Microteaching is its inclusive nature. It also presents the teacher with a snapshot of how well he/she teaches & how well are his/her teaching methods received by his/her students. Microteaching provides fertile breeding grounds that yield innovations in teaching styles.

Prof. M.H. Beg, Officiating Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Seema Hakim, Coordinator, Medical Education Unit, Prof. Noor Afshan Sabzposh, Prof. Imam Bano, Prof. S.C. Sharma, Prof. S.F. Hashmi, Prof. Mohd. Yaseen, Prof. Geeta Rajput, Prof. R.K. Tiwari, Prof. Rana K. Sherwani, Prof. Nazoora Khan, Prof. S. Manazir Ali, Dr. Tamkin Rabbani, Dr. S.S. Ahmad, Dr. Shagufta Moin, Dr. Moinuddin, Dr. Shadab M. Rizvi, Dr. Wasi Khan, Dr. Afzal Haroon, Dr. Nazish Fatima, Dr. M. Nasiruddin, Dr. Jameel Ahmad, Dr. M.K. Jindal, Dr. S. Ameer Haider Jafri, Dr. Abhinav Gupta, Dr. Anees Ahmad, Dr. Saira Mehnaz, Dr. Fazl-ur-Rahman, Dr. Farah Ghaus, Dr. Shadab A. Khan, Dr. M.S. Zaheer, Dr. Mohd. Aslam, Dr. Gul-ar-Nabi Khan, Dr. Hammad Usmani, Dr. Abu Nadeem, Dr. Asiya Mateen, Dr. M.A. Bilal Hussain, Dr. Amit Kumar Garg and Dr. Mumtaz Alam attended the programme.

Lifetime Achievement Award for VC

The Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has been conferred up on the Blessed Mother Teresa Lifetime Achievement Award by the Mother Teresa International Award Committee, Kolkata for the year 2010 in a grand function held at the Science City Auditorium, Kolkata. The award was given to Prof. Azis by the Governor of West Bengal, Shri M. K. Narayanan in the presence of the Governor of Bihar, Shri Devanand Konwar and other of distinguished personalities.

The award has also been given to Shri Subroto Mukherji, Shri Devanand Konwar, Governor of Bihar, Chairman of University Grants Commission Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, former Captain of Indian Cricket Team Ajit Wadekar, former Captain of Indian Hockey Team Gurbakhsh Singh, former distinguished tennis player Joydeep Mukherjee and former football player Tulsidas Balaram.

The award committee comprised of former Governor of West Bengal and former Chief Justice of Calcutta, Justice Shyamal Sen, Financial Director of Archdiocese of Calcutta, Rev. Fr. Peter Arulraj, Chairman Sahyog Foundation Mr. Ram Jawhrani, Chairman of the Award Committee, Mr. Anthony Arun Biswas and Mr. Ramesh Prasad, General Secretary. The committee has selected Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis for the award in recognition of his invaluable services in the fields of education and for championing the cause of deprived social classes.

The Mother Teresa Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to eminent personalities in India and abroad who have practically served the humanity in their own capacity in their respective areas with a sense of service above self.

From ISRO to AMU

Ms. Khushboo Mirza, a distinguished alumna of AMU and well known for being a member to the team of engineers working on Chandrayan project visited the Department of Applied Chemistry, Aligarh Muslim University and interacted with the research scholars of the department. Ms. Khushboo Mirza joined ISRO after graduating from Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology of AMU.

Her presence at the AMU inspired the research scholars of applied chemistry and provided an impetus for hard work. Addressing the research scholars, she said that all the missions are interdisciplinary in nature. She urged them to adopt creativity, honesty, hard-work and commitment that lead men and mission to the success.

The question-answer session was the most exciting part of the interaction that encouraged the students to develop the skills of a good scientist with a human heart.

The Chairman, Department of Applied Chemistry, Professor Ali Mohammad, welcomed the faculty members and students.

Murshidabad Centre

The Chief Minister of West Bengal Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee has constituted two special teams to expedite the process of land transfer to the Aligarh Muslim University for establishing its Special Centre at Murshidabad.

The team comprising Mr. Moinul Hasan, MP of Murshidabad, West Bengal State Commissioner at New Delhi and Union Finance Minister's private secretary Mr. Manoj were given a mandate to coordinate all the issues relating to the transfer of land



from Ministry of Water Works to MHRD and finally to AMU. The Chief Minister has also decided to appoint the Jungipura BDO as the nodal officer to sort out the problems at ground level and to find out suitable temporary premises for holding classes, space for hostels, one for boys and another for girls and staff quarters for faculty and other staff in nearby vicinity including health centre. Mr. Bhattacharjee has stressed the need for providing best and qualitative accommodation so that the students admitted in Murshidabad centre also feel that they are part of the legendary AMU.

While talking to the press, Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the meeting with the Chief Minister was most fruitful. The decisions taken by the Chief Minister today will put on fast track the process of land transfer to AMU and put in place a temporary system at Jungipura for starting the centre in July-August this year.

While thanking the Chief Minister Prof. Azis urged the State government to construct a 30 meter wide road from the national/state highway to the campus site alongwith power and water for the centre. The Chief Minister has agreed to provide these basic facilities and promised all help for the special centre.

Prof. Azis made it clear that the beginning would be only symbolic with offering of Law and Management courses and the University will submit a DPR for starting medical school, engineering school and all the other streams existing in the University to the MHRD.

Addressing a meeting organized by the Old Boys' Association, Kolkata at the Hotel Golden Park, Prof. Azis said that AMU is in constant touch with the West Bengal government and the proposed land at Murshidabad will be handed over to AMU within a week or so. Prof. Azis urged the people to form an association to fetch maximum support from well wishers and AMU alumni to help develop the Murshidabad centre as a state-of-the-art centre of academic excellence.

Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Media Advisor and Secretary of the Kolkata Old Boys' Association Mr. Wiqar Ahmad Khan were also present in the meetings.

UGC Releases 35 Crore

The Aligarh Muslim University's effort to bring into national academic fold the most excluded social segment by establishing its special centres in the development deficit districts received a big push. The University Grants' Commission has released an amount of Rs. 35 Crore grant-in-aid to AMU for establishment of its special centres one at Murshidabad and one at Malappuram. The UGC Under Secretary has further informed that an amount of Rs. 25 Crore is earmarked for Murshidabad campus and an amount of Rs. 10 Crore for Malappuram Centre.

AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, while thanking the Centre and the UGC for releasing the grant said that the funds provided is the first step in realizing the cherished dream of ensuring a better future for the marginalized and poor people and thereby ensuring a better and stronger nation at large.

Honour for Dr. Hashmi

Dr. G. S. Hashmi, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Z. A. Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University has recently been nominated as member to the editorial team of the International Journal of Rare Tumors and Journal of Clinical Immunology and Immunopathology Research. Dr. Hashmi is the third Indian and first AMU faculty to receive this prestigious honour.

Lecture on Forensic Sciences

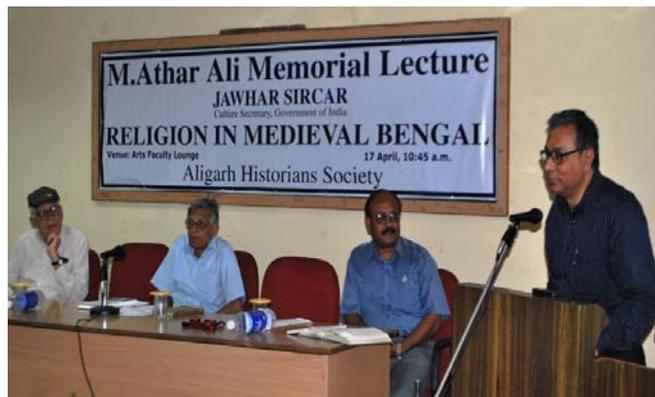
The Department of Forensic Medicine, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized an extension lecture on "Emerging Vistas in Forensic Sciences" delivered by Prof. S.K. Verma, Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, University College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. His erudition touched many recent and emerging aspects on forensic sciences.

Prof. Verma said that microbial forensics would replace the fingerprints. About 150 bacterial specimens are found on hands out of which only 13% are shared by individuals. Therefore, these microbes are highly individualistic. "Brain mapping, psychic computers, forensic radiology, digital picturization of teeth, forensic pregnancy diagnostics with placental RNA were some other advances taking place relevant to forensic sciences and criminality", he said.

The Principal & Chief Medical Superintendent, J.N. Medical College Hospital, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Prof. Jawed A. Usmani, Prof. G.U. Qureshi, Agra, Dr. Shaukat A. Hanif, Dr Saadia Sayeed, Prof. Noor Afshan, Dr. Zehra, Senior Residents and Junior Residents attended the lecture. The programme was conducted by Dr. Munawwar Husain and the vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Shameem J. Rizvi.

Sircar Lectures at AMU

Jawahar Sircar, Secretary for Culture, Government of India, while delivering Prof. M. Athar Ali Memorial Lecture organized by Aligarh Historians Society, said that Richard M. Eaton came up with one of the most plausible theories in 1993/1994 explaining the mass conversion to Islam in Bengal in his acclaimed



work “The Rise of Islam and the Bengal Frontier”. But Eaton’s work hardly touched upon western Bengal, much of which would constitute the later Indian State of West Bengal. It was not adequately prepared to address the question as to why this part of Bengal remained less affected by the same factors that accounted for an Islamic majority mainly in the Eastern two thirds of the province.

Sircar tried to build an interesting meta-narrative of the formation of the Hindu identity in medieval western Bengal and to modify a few existing ones, for this specific region. While largely accepting the celebrated Eaton thesis, he raised significant questions about its relevance for the western part of Bengal, where peasantization was led not by charismatic *pirs* and where it led to the formation of new agricultural castes, within the Hindu fold.

Welcoming Mr. Sircar, Prof. Shireen Mosvi, Secretary, Aligarh Historians’ Society spoke about the background of Aligarh Historians Society and its publications on people’s history of India series. She also expressed gratitude towards Jawhar Sircar for coming over to Aligarh Muslim University to deliver the Lecture despite his preoccupation.

Eminent historian, Padma Vibhushan and Professor Emeritus Irfan Habib familiarized the audience with the monumental work of Sircar. Prof. Habib said that although Prof. Athar Ali was not a Marxist he wrote history on the basis of scientific historical methodology and his works have brought laurels to the Aligarh Muslim University.

Prof. Iqtedar Alam Khan and Dr. Ishrat Alam Joint Secretary, Aligarh Historian Society and Member Secretary, Indian Council for Historical Research were also present.

New Programme at AMU

The P. G. Diploma in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies (CRPS) at the Centre of West Asian Studies, Aligarh Muslim University is a new programme funded by the University Grants Commission under the Scheme of Innovative Programmes of Teaching and Research in Interdisciplinary & Emerging Area (TRIEA). The course will offer state-of-the-art training to the students and practitioners for gaining the skill needed to analyze and manage conflict in international arena as well as in community settings that are increasingly sought in today’s job market.

According to the Coordinator of the Programme, Prof. Mohammad Gulrez, “With conflict situations on the increase at every level of global society, the ability to gain the skills needed to analyze and manage conflicts is widely felt in international arena as well as community settings, the business organization as well as any other work places”. The Duration of the Course is one year with an intake of 15+5 from foreign students quota and from amongst the sponsored candidates from government, public bodies and institutions, industrial concerns, members of staff of any recognized university, deemed university, autonomous institutions and colleges and registered NGO’s.

Admission to the Course is based on objective type test to be conducted by the Centre of West Asian Studies.

Painting Competition

The Aligarh Movement Magazine, Centre for Comparative Study of Indian Languages & Culture [CCSIL&C], AMU & National Council Promotion of Urdu Language [NCPUL] Govt. of India jointly organized a painting competition of students of different local schools on Sir Syed House campus, AMU, Aligarh.

Chief Guest of the Competition, Sahitya Akademy Award winner Prof. Abul Kalam Qasmi appreciated the efforts of the children and pointed out that they were the representatives of the India of tomorrow. Director of Sir Syed Academy Prof. Shan Mohammad said that such an art competition on language diversity and national integration will develop nationalism among children. Director of the CCSIL&C, Prof. A. R. Fatihi interacted with the children and shared some tips on art.

Editor of the Aligarh Movement Magazine Jasim Mohammad emphasized upon the need to push forward the Movement launched by Sir Syed and stressed that the children should be educated about its finer points.

Convener of the Painting Competition, Daulat Ram told that 51 Children took part in the event.

Placements

PRADAN, a leading NGO of India and a Magsaysay award winner, came to AMU for final selection of students on 13th April, 2010. The final interviews were held at the Training & Placement Office of Zakir

Husain College of Engineering and Technology (ZHCET). Six Students from the faculties of Commerce, Law, Social Science, Management and Engineering have been selected on handsome salaries.

The selected students expressed their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Farid Mahdi, Training and Placement Officer, ZHCET for providing the necessary support to them.

Dr. Farid Mehdi said that the next company expected to visit the campus for placement will be HCL, Noida. Dr. Mehdi has urged the Alig community to extend cooperation in bridging the gap between the corporate world and the Aligarh Muslim University to develop a strong corporate interface in order to ensure effective placements for the students.

Project on Monkey Menace

The University Grants Commission has allotted a project to Dr. Anees Ahmad, Lecturer in the Department of Community Medicine, J.N. Medical College, A.M.U., titled “Study of monkey menace and its impact on community health in Aligarh district of Uttar Pradesh” for a period of two years (2010-2012).

Dr. Ahmad said that it is a well-known fact that the population explosion and rapid urbanization has lead to innumerable problems not only for humans but also for animals living close to us. These problems cause man–animal conflicts.

The wild life experts will help Dr. Anees Ahmad in identifying the various monkey groups and their estimated group population in different areas. The outcome of the research project will be used by the government in planning how to tackle with the problem of monkey menace in Aligarh district.

AMU Cricket Club Wins

Aligarh Muslim University Cricket Club won the Sir Syed Open Cricket Memorial Tournament by defeating Areeb Cricket Club by 68 runs at Wellington Cricket Pavilion here today organized by AMU Cricket Club.

After winning the toss Aligarh Muslim University Cricket Club opted to bat first and scored 150 run for the loss of 9 wicket in stipulated 20 overs. Chasing the target, Areeb Cricket Club bowled on paltry 92 runs in 18 overs. Furqan was awarded the man of the mach award while the captain of Aligarh Muslim University Cricket Club, Imtiaz was declared man of the series.

Prof. SMA Rizvi, Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Imran Ghani, Chairman, Department of Surgery, J.N. Medical College and Prof. Tariq Mansoor Secretary, University Games Committee gave away the prizes to the winner and runner teams. Dr. S. Amjad Rizvi, President, Cricket Club welcomed the guests. Mr. Faisal Sherwani, Coach proposed the vote of thanks.

Sir Syed Memorial Lecture by M.J. Akbar

Noted journalist Mr. M.J. Akbar said that India is most likely to become a modern nation because all the four pillars of modernity through Democracy, adult franchise, secularism, in which every faith is equal before the law, gender equality, and economic equality through economic opportunity are the driving forces of progress. He felt that the poverty is the sustaining element of naxalites in the country and this factor may

become an inhibiting factor of modernity, he observed. Recall what Sir Syed said in his letter from England when he saw the maid reading a popular economic equality: as long as we have poverty, as long as we naxalites picking up gun because the poor have not had enough to each, we Indian cannot overseas a modern India.

Mr. M.J. Akbar was delivering Sir Syed Memorial lecture on “Muslims and Modernity – Relevance of Sir Syed in 2010” organized by Sir Syed Academy at Kennedy Auditorium, Aligarh Muslim University Aligarh.



Mr. Akbar said that the last two centuries, both Mughal and Othman also failed to democratize the educational system and ignored the new technologies like printing.

We reflected on life of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan & said that he was so depressed by the events of 1857 that Sir Syed contemplated settling down in Egypt. But he dismissed exile as cowardice and turned to programme

of reform and education for Muslims, urging them to acquire the intellectual merits that had made the British victors and modern scientific temperament and versatility in the English language. This would restore the glory they had lost with the decline of Mughal power. Sir Syed's life was devoted to lifting Indian Muslims out of what he described, a "fatal shroud of complacent self-esteem".

Mr. Akbar highlighted the role of Sir Syed for propagating female education and said that Sir Syed was far ahead of his age in demanding education for girls. In 1869, he visited England to admit his son at Cambridge and study the people he so admired. He mentions a young girl, Elizabeth Mathews, a maid in the house where he was living. In spite of her poverty, he notes, she would buy a half penny paper called 'Echo' and would delight in reading punch it she chanced upon a copy and Sir Syed wrote 'The Muslims have nothing to fear from adoption of the new education if they simultaneously hold steady fast to their faith, because Islam is not irrational superstition, it is a rational religion which can march hand in hand, with the growth of human knowledge'. Akbar said that Sir Syed promoted learning as well as inculcate 'national hood'.

Highlighting the role of Ulema, Mr. Akbar mentioned that the Ulema have always had a special place in Muslim societies, not merely as leaders of prayer but as judicial and educational bureaucracy. The Indian clergy energized despondent Muslims across the subcontinent, between 1825 and 1870, what is best described as a people's war. By the time this insurrection was defeated, it had planted seeds of a fierce anti-west, anti-colonial sentiment that prepared the community for the nationalist movement lead by Gandhi. Gandhi reorganized his allies, and wooed Muslims through the Ulema, he added.

On the issue of Muslim reservation, Mr. Akbar pointed out that a curious paradox has overtaken our policies, as Muslims because the most decisive factor in the election of alliance governments, Muslims in Parliament are coming down because the parties have created fear to win their votes. They feed Indian Muslims fear in order to herd them in one direction at polling booth. Muslims will get justice and development when they vote for development. If they vote for fear they will get fear. But we have a great opportunity in secularism and democracy. We must seize the future that has been promised to us by the Indian civilization that in both the starting point and the horizon and with fullest criticism, the future is far bright than the last two hundred years, he opined.

In his presidential address, Professor, P K Abdul Azis urged the students to come forward to discuss the issues before the nation "education is the tool of empowerment and students take the advantages of job" he added.

In his welcome address, Professor Shan Mohammad, Director, Sir Syed Academy said that since the inception of Sir Syed Academy in 1974, AMU institutes a Sir Syed Memorial Lecture almost every year under the auspices of the Sir Syed Academy. He said that noted scholars like Dr. Tara Chand, Dr. Rafiq Zakaria, Mr. B.N. Pandey, Mr. Sidharth Shankar Roy, Kuldeep Nayyar, Abid Husain, Prof. AM Khusroo and Shayam Bengal have delivered the Sir Syed Memorial Lecture in the part.

AMU Registrar, Prof. VK Abdul Jaleel proposed a vote of thanks.

On the occasion four books – Sir Syed's Review as Hunter's India Musalmans, Safarnama Musafiran-e-London edited by Ismail Panipati, Safarnama Punjab edited by Prof. Iqbal Ali and Sirat-e-Faridia by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan were released today.

Earth Day Celebrations

The Senior Secondary School (Girls), Aligarh Muslim University organized various events today to mark the Earth Day. Aligarh Muslim University Registrar and Manager of AMU Schools Prof. V.K. Abdul Jalil, Principal, Senior Secondary School (Girls), Mrs. Naghma Irfan and teachers and students of the school participated in the plantation of saplings programme.

A district level Inter School Painting Competition was organized on the theme "Save the Earth". Besides this, an Essay Writing Competition and Debate was also organized as part of the programme concerning the issues of Global Warming responsible for the deterioration of environment.



Anam Khan (XII Science) bagged the first prize in Debate while Sana Afrin (XII Science) and Amina Zaidi (XII Social Science) were awarded II and III prizes respectively.

First Asian Fellow

Dr. Mohammad Shameem, Assistant Professor, Department of Tuberculosis and Chest Disease J.N. Medical College, AMU Aligarh had received prestigious Asia Pacific Society of Respiriology Fellowship of Japan to get advance training in Interventional Pulmonology at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Sabah, Malaysia.

The fellowship is awarded to young scientists from Asia Pacific Region who is actively involved in research in Pulmonology. He is the only scientist from Asia who receives this fellowship. He has been given Young Scientist Award by the UP Government for his extraordinary work on TB and respiratory diseases.

Dr. Shameem had also received major research project from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, to develop herbal medicine for bronchial asthma.

Best Player

Munawwarul Haque Askari, Final Year B. Tech. student, Department of Electrical Engineering, ZHCET, Aligarh Muslim University has demonstrated a remarkable performance at the All India National Sports Tournament (SPARDHA-2010) organized at Banaras Hindu University, Banaras in which 35 teams and 1500 students participated from all over the country. Mr. Askari participated in Open Tennis (Singles) and won Gold Medal by defeating his opponent by 3-0. He also achieved Silver medals in Table Tennis and Squash, both a team event. He was awarded Best Player of the year 2010.



Condolence Meeting

A condolence meeting of the staff and students of Department of Psychology was held on the sad demise of Prof. S. Sultan Akhtar, former Chairman of the Department of Psychology and founding Director of Career Planning Centre, Women's College, Aligarh Muslim University.

Professor (Mrs.) Hamida Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Psychology said that Prof. Akhtar had been a part of the Department of Psychology for more than 60 years as student, teacher and Chairman who is often remembered for promoting academic excellence in the Department. She said that he possessed a multi-faceted personality & was an outstanding sportsman, a teacher par excellence, a researcher of high repute.

She said that the Psychology fraternity of the country gratefully acknowledges his contribution as President of the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology. He contributed to the development of the University in many spheres – as President, Games Committee, founder Chairman, Department of Physical Health and Sports Education and founder Director of Career Planning Centre, which continues to do yeomen service to women by fostering economic independence. Prof. S. Sultan Akhtar was respected and loved by his students for not only his impression as excellent teacher but also a counselor and father figure.

The Department offered heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayed to the Almighty to rest his soul in peace.

Visiting Fellowship

Dr. G.S. Hashmi, Lecturer, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Z.A. Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded with the prestigious Young Scientist Visiting Fellowship award by the Council of Science & Technology. Dr. G.S. Hashmi will receive clinical training under the fellowship with Prof. A.K. DCruz and Prof. Pankaj Chaturvedi, Head & Neck Oncology Services, TATA Memorial Cancer Hospital, Mumbai.



JNMC Upgradation

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University inspected the site for the construction of Super Specialty Block including Trauma Centre at J. N. Medical College premises.

The Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 150 Crore under the second phase of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY) for the upgradation of Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College to the status of Institute of Medical Sciences.

The University has decided to construct a new wing of Gynaecology and Neonatology, College of Nursing, modern kitchen and modern laundry and new OPDs. The University will also construct sewer line water supply and road network to the proposed buildings.

The Ministry has selected M/s Hindustan Latex Limited, which is a Government of India PSU as the Project Consultant to carry the upgradation work.

AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that now J. N. Medical College will become one of the foremost medical institutions of the country where all facilities may be made available to the patients.

New Construction at Physical Health & Sports Education

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis laid the foundation stone of Classes and Cubicles at the Department of Physical Health and Sports Education with a cost of Rs. 35 Lakhs under XI Plan.

Addressing the foundation stone laying ceremony, Prof. Azis said that this department is making new strives and the biggest achievement of this department is to grant DRS programme by the UGC to enhance the capacity of research work.

He urged the students to maintain the peace and tranquility and said that discipline is the core culture of the University.

Earlier, Professor Ekram Husain, Chairman, Department of Physical Health and Sports Education welcomed the guests.

On this occasion, Professor Pervez Mustajab, Controller of Exams and Prof. Ainul Haq Khan, Dean, Students' Welfare also addressed the ceremony.

Prof. Javed Ahmad proposed a vote of thanks and Dr. Brij Bhushan conducted the programme. AMU Vice Chancellor and other guests presented the prizes to the students who brought laurels to the University.



English Trainer for Madarsa Workshop

Dr Syed Faiz Zaidi, English Teacher, Senior Secondary School (Boys), Aligarh Muslim University has been invited as a trainer for Madarsa English Language teachers' workshop being held at Delhi from May 3-14, 2010. He would be working as a local trainer along with Professor Gretchen Coppedge, English Language Fellow from United States of America.

The workshop is being organized in collaboration with the English Language Office, American Center, New Delhi and Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi. About 35 Madarsa teachers hailing from different states in north India would be participating in the workshop. The Workshop will train teachers to use current communicative methods in teaching English, and will include language improvement techniques. The focus will be on using an activity-based approach, which will enable the participants to experience some of these latest approaches in practice.

Seminar on Stem Cells

The Dept of Obstetrics and Gynecology, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a seminar on the Stem Cell Preservation and growing role of stem cells in curing serious diseases. Speaking on the occasion, noted expert Prof. V.K. Poddar, Chairman, Reproductive Medicine of FOGSI delivered a lecture on the usefulness of stem cells in treating a number of irreversible conditions.

Prof. Poddar said that the practice of using stem cells from the umbilical cord of newborns to treat some life threatening disorders is fast picking up in a number of cities of India. The preserved stem cells can be used as a definitive treatment for cancer, thalassaemia, leukaemia, diabetes, spinal cord injury, paralysis, heart ailments etc.

Prof. Noor Afshan Subzposh, Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology spoke about the benefits of stem cells and how it could be used to cure diseases and save lives amongst other members of the donor baby's family. Mr. Khalid Raza, Manager, Cryobanks International India Pvt. Ltd. told that now this facility is available in Aligarh.

Prof. Imran Ghani, Prof. Zakia Arshad, Prof. Imam Bano, Dr. Tamkeen Rabbani, Dr. Nasreen Noor and other specialists participated in the discussion.

International Conference on Islamic Finance

Faculty of Management Studies and Research, Aligarh Muslim University today organized an International Conference on 'Islamic Finance: An Alternative Financial System'.

The main thrust behind organizing this conference was to bring together students and professionals from different fields to interact on one platform and contribute towards sharing, designing, propagating and implementing Islamic Finance.

Modern Islamic Finance is a young but vibrant industry that is becoming an alternative form of Finance as well as an integral part of mainstream finance. Its growth rate of 15 to 20 percent over the last few years and suggested future rate of 30 percent is encouraging.

In his welcome address, Prof. Khalid Azam, Chairman, Department of Management Studies and Research at AMU has pointed out that in the present economic scenario, Islamic banking and finance has been recognized by economists and bankers as an alternative way of managing the economy to protect it from unprecedented meltdown. It is also going to be effective in moving upward a grossly slowdown economy.

Professor Valeed A. Ansari, Course Coordinator said that AMU is the first and only Central University to introduce a Post Graduate Diploma in Islamic Banking and Finance 2009-2010. He said that all the students

have done their training in most reputed firms like Reliance Capital Services, Secure Investment, Bajaj Allianz, Taurus Mutual Fund, etc.

In his presidential address, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. PK Abdul Azis said that AMU is an institution of great historic legacy and this institution has a deeply inspiring feelings among its alumni. Prof. Azis said that new building for management institute will be constructed. Mr. Ameer Ahmad, an alumnus has donated rupees one crore to this project.

Dr. Iqbal Masood Al-Nadwi, Shariah Scholar, Canada, Mufti Barkatullah, Advisor, Islamic Bank of Britain, Mr. Noorul Ameen, CEO, Reliance Capital Services, Mr. Sumesh Krishna, MD, Grameen Kovta, Micro Finance, Mr. Shariq Nisar, Director, TESIS, Bangalore, Dr. Abdul Hadi Shaikh, Senior Research Analyst, Data Rating Intelligence (S & P) and Mr. M.Y. Khan, Former Advisor, SEBI were the resource persons.

Ms. Nida Ghawar conducted the inaugural session.

Digital Tribute to Sir Syed

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University launched the website Sir Syed Today in the central hall of Maulana Azad Library, AMU.

The website has been designed by Dr. Masarrat Ali, an AMU alumnus from USA. Dr. Masarrat Ali

claimed that this is the first and largest digitization work in India dedicated to any person or institution. The website has more than one lakh ten thousand pages of historical documents related to Sir Syed, MAO College and AMU history.

He said that more than 45,000 pages of Aligarh Institute Gazette and five thousand pages of Tehzibul Akhlaque were digitized. He said that the purpose of this website was to revive the Aligarh Movement. He also presented a set of 103 CDs to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Azis.

Dr. Masarrat Ali said that this is a humble tribute to the founder of his alma mater, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

Dr. Masarrat Ali joined AMU in 1971 as Pre-University student and earned a Gold Medal in M. Sc. (Biochemistry) in 1977. He is one of the first Aligarians who had the vision and courage to establish Alpha Diagnostic in 1994, which is now regarded as one of the largest and most successful, world renowned Bio-



tech Company of USA. Dr. Ali was bestowed upon the honour of Ronald Reagan Gold Medal by President Bush in 2005. During the same year he was also declared the 'Businessman of the Year'.

He is the first Indian Muslim who was nominated as an official candidate of Barack Obama's Democratic Party to run for the House of Representatives elections in Texas (USA).

In his presidential address, the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that Dr. Masarrat Ali is a distinguished old boy with great passion for doing something extra ordinary for his alma mater and community at large. He is an embodiment of so many abilities, qualities and success in his personal and professional life.

Prof. Azis mentioned that project initiated by Dr. Masarrat Ali has completed and now would be available to entire world. He said that Dr. Masarrat Ali has done a marvelous job for digitizing the entire collection of books, speeches, letters and articles written by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, founder of the Aligarh Muslim University.

He said AMU wants men of excellence to lead the nation and urged the students to imbibe a new culture and a new sense of inspiration. Addressing the function as a guest of honour, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar said it is a historic moment for the Aligarh Muslim University to launch a website. He said that the vision and mission of Sir Syed is very relevant today. He said that the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Azis is spreading the message of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan by establishing special centres in different parts of country.

In his welcome address Prof. Shabhat Husain, Librarian-in-charge of Maulana Azad Library said that Dr. Masarrat Ali is also planning to produce a documentary on the life and works of Sir Syed to bring international recognition to the founder of this great seat of learning. He is also planning to establish a Nursing School in India with US affiliation from San Antonio, TX, which has the finest nursing schools in the US.

American Fellowship for Dr. Tiwari

Prof. R. K. Tewari, Chairman Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, Dr. Z. A. Dental College, AMU was awarded with the prestigious American Fellowship of International College of Dentist in a function organized in Hotel Ashok, New Delhi.

The award is given to the dentist of national and international repute for his extraordinary work in the field of dentistry.

DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR

*Mohammad Shabbir**

Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's life reads like a great saga. Born in a humble 'untouchable' family, facing many vicissitudes of life, but through dint of hard work and merit, he rose to be one of the foremost leaders and a great savant of the country, in an era of titans. His life's mission was emancipation of the down-trodden from millennia of servitude and indigence, which is a great blot on the Indian society. Today, Babasaheb's life, ideas and ideals hold beacon light of hope and inspiration to the millions of the country. His birth centenary is an occasion to pay our humble regards to the great leader and rededicate ourselves to his ideals.

Dr. Ambedkar was more than an institution. He had been described by many in many ways- a social reformer, a redeemer, the law-maker and what not? Today, when we look back and compare our notes of the happenings of yester-years and today's we rarely look to him in a national perspective. Dr. Ambedkar was born with no silver-spoon in his mouth, yet he could attain the stature on par with the greatest men of his time. This alone should speak volumes about his personality.

'Bhim' who was the 14th child of his parents always took pride in himself that he was born to beat others. Hence 'Bhim' had to fight his way literally up the ladder and when he boasted that he was

'Chavdasa Ratna', he meant it and proved as such. The excellent academic record of Ambedkar was a testimony to his intellectual brilliance.

In the year 1908, young Bhimrao passed the Matriculation examination from Bombay University with flying colours. Four years later, he graduated in Political Science and Economics from Bombay University and got a job in Baroda. Around the same time his father passed away. Although he was going through a bad time, Bhimrao decided to accept the opportunity to go to USA for further studies at Columbia University for which he was awarded a scholarship by the Maharaja of Baroda. Bhimrao remained abroad from 1913 to 1917 and again from 1920 to 1923. During this period, he had established himself as an eminent intellectual. Columbia University had awarded him the Ph.D. for his thesis, which was later published in a book form under the title "*The Evolution of Provincial Finance in British India*". But his first published article was "*Castes in India - their Mechanism, Genesis and Development*". During his sojourn in London from 1920 to 1923, he also completed his thesis titled "*The Problem of the Rupee*" for which he was awarded the degree of DSc. Before his departure for London, he had taught at a College in Bombay and also brought out Marathi weekly whose title was 'Mook Nayak' in 1919. Just like Gandhiji who started 'Young India' and 'Harijan', Dr. Ambedkar chose his Marathi fortnightly for propagating the cause of improving the conditions of the untouchables. In 1927, he started another Marathi fortnightly the '*Bhahiskrit Bharat*' and a weekly, '*Janata*' in 1930. Another paper '*Samta*' was launched in 1929 as the organ of the *Samaj Samta Sangh*.

In April, 1923 he returned to India and equipped himself fully to wage war against practice of untouchability. Meanwhile, the political situation in India had undergone substantial changes and the freedom struggle in the country had made significant progress. The problem of the down-trodden were centuries old and difficult to overcome. Their entry into temples was forbidden. They could not draw water from public wells and ponds. Their admission in schools was prohibited. In December, 1927 he led a *Satyagrah* to establish the civic rights of the untouchables to draw water from a public tank at Mahad in Colaba District, to give the untouchables the right to draw water from the public tank where he burnt copies of the '*Manusmriti*' publicly. The entry of untouchables in a temple of Nasik was at another form of agitation he had conceived.

The Communal Award of 1932 conceding separate electorate to the untouchables was opposed by Mahatma Gandhi who went on a fast unto death in protest against it. The Poona Pact provided for reservation of seats for the untouchables in General constituencies. The provision of separate electorate was dispensed with. The pact carved out a clear and definite position for the downtrodden on the political scene of the country. It opened up opportunities of education and government service for them and also gave them a right to vote.

Dr. Ambedkar could not reconcile himself to the political compromise which did not eliminate the social stigma attached to the *Harijans*. As he felt that the *Harijans* would never get recognition of social equality within the Hindu-fold, he declared that they would leave the Hindu-fold altogether and accept some other religion. He first turned to Sikhism and then to Buddhism. But this did not alter the real conditions of the *Harijans* and many of them reverted to their earlier faith.

Whatever, opportunity presented itself was seized by Ambedkar to promote the interests of the *Harijans*. Among his own efforts was the foundation of the 'People's Education Society' in July, 1945 which started a number of colleges in the then Bombay presidency for the Scheduled Caste students.

In 1947, when India became Independent, the new government invited Dr. Ambedkar to serve as the Nation's First Law Minister, which he accepted. On August 29 Dr. Ambedkar was appointed as the Chairman

of the Constitution Drafting Committee, charged by the assembly to write Free India's New Constitution. In 1948, Dr. Ambedkar completed the draft of the Constitution and presented it in the Constituent Assembly in Nov. 1949, this draft was adopted with very few amendments. Many provisions have been made in the Constitution to ensure social justice of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes.

Dr. Ambedkar resigned from the cabinet in 1951 following the stalling in parliament of his draft of the Hindu Code Bill, which sought to expound gender equality in the laws of inheritance, marriage and the economy. Although supported by the then Prime Minister, it received criticism from a large number of members of Parliament. On the occasion of Buddha Jayanti, he declared in Bombay on 24th May, 1956 that he would adopt Buddhism in October. On 14th October, 1956 he embraced Buddhism along with many other his followers. The same year he completed his last writing 'Buddha and His Dharma'.

Dr. Ambedkar's patriotism started with the upliftment of the down-trodden and the poor. He fought for their equality and rights. His ideas about patriotism were not only confined to the abolition of colonialism, but he also wanted freedom for every individual. For him freedom without equality, democracy and equality without freedom could lead to absolute dictatorship.

On 6th December, 1956, Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar attained '*Mahaparinirvan*'.

Men born in aristocratic families could easily become great in a capitalist society, with all avenues and opportunities open to them to become great and to be made great. But Dr. Ambedkar who rose from the dust could write the lines and Chapters of history. He rode like a colossus on the Indian political scene both in the pre and post-Independence days.

The exhortation that Baba Saheb gave us was, "*Lost rights are never regained by begging and by appeals to the conscience of the usurpers but by relentless struggle*". Scheduled Caste people will attain their goal of equality with others by only following Baba Saheb's message. He was a national leader and a great patriot who said, "*We must be determined to defend our independence till the last drop of our blood*". The clarion call he gave to the Nation in the Constituent Assembly after introducing the Constitution is valid even now, on Jan. 26, 1950: "*We have equality in politics and inequality in social and economic life. We must remove this contradiction at the earliest moment or else those who suffer from inequality will blow up the structure of political democracy*". If our society and nation pay heed to this warning there will be social justice and economic equality in our society. Indeed, it would amount to true reflection and actualization of egalitarian approach of the Constitution of India.

This article is authored to pay constructive tribute to Dr. Ambedkar appreciating his matchless contributions in promoting the cause of human rights of subjugated masses on solemn occasion: 119th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

Obituary

The Aligarh Muslim University expresses its grief and sorrow on the sad demise of Dr. S.R. Siras, Reader in the Modern Indian Languages.

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University expresses his condolence to the grieved family.

The University has clarified that in pursuance of the interim order dated April 1, 2010 passed by the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, his suspension was withdrawn on April 5, 2010 and was reinstated on his post with immediate effect, pending final outcome of the disciplinary proceedings.

The order to vacate the university quarter at Medical Colony was also withdrawn. The Vice Chancellor said that the University was taken aback at the sudden turn of this painful event and the University will ensure all help and assistance to the grieved family at this difficult juncture.

Dr. S.R. Siras was associated with Aligarh Muslim University since 1988 as a Lecturer of Marathi and was promoted as Reader in 2003 under Career Advancement Scheme.



National Congregations

1. **37th National Annual Conference of India Association of Preventive & Social Medicine (IAPSMCON-2010), Department of Preventive & Social Medicine, Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi, 22.02.2010-24.02.2010;** Dr. Anees Ahmad, Lecturer, Department of Community Medicine, J.N. Medical College attended and presented his paper entitled "Pattern of Sexual Development and Anthropometry in Adolescent Males".
2. **37th National Annual Conference of India Association of Preventive & Social Medicine (IAPSMCON-2010), Department of Preventive & Social Medicine, Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi, 22.02.2010-24.02.2010;** Prof. Najma Khaliq, Department of Community Medicine, J.N. Medical College attend and Co-Chaired.
3. **National Conference on 'Innovations in Nematological Research – Challenges and A Roadmap Ahead, TNAU, Coimbatore 23.02.2010-25.02.2010;** Professor Irshad Mahmood, Department of Botany may be permitted attended and presented his paper entitled "Effect of Bio-Fertilizer, Organic Matter and Nitrogen Fertilizers on the Growth and Quality of Tomato in Relation to Management of Plant-Parasitic Nematodes".
4. **31st Meeting of Plant Tissue Culture Association (India) & National Symposium on 'Plant Cell Tissues and Organ Culture: The Present Scenario' University of Calcutta, Kolkata, 03.03.2010-05.03.2010;** Prof. Mohammad Anis, Department of Botany attended and presented his paper entitled "Effect of MS Medium and WPM on Morphogenetic Response in Salix Tetrasperma Roxb".
5. **63rd Indian Dental Conference, Chennai, 12.02.2010-14.02.2010;** Dr. Surandra Kumara, Reader, Department Conservative Dentistry, Dr. Z.A. Dental College attended and presented his paper entitled "Post Surgical Periapical Healing with and without Retrograde".
6. **4th National Conference on 'Computing for Nation Development', New Delhi, 25.02.2010-26.02.2010;** Mr. Mohd. Rihan, Lecturer, Department of Electrical Engineering, Z.H.C.E.T. attended and presented his paper entitled "Intelligent Control for Power System Applications".
7. **45th National 14th International Conference of the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology (IAPP) on 'Quality of life and Globalization: Effective Self Care Interventions', Andhra University, Vosakhpatnam, 18.02.2010-20.02.2010;** Professor Akbar Husain, Department of Psychology attended and presented his paper entitled "Psychopirituality and Healthy Quality of Life in a Changing World".
8. **54th National Public Health Conference-2010, Department of Community Medicine, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam, 22.01.2010-24.01.2010;** Dr. Saira Mehnaz, Lecturer, Department of Community Medicine, J.N. Medical College attended and presented her paper entitled "Comparing Existing Practices and Barriers to Utilization of Maternal Health Services in two Urban Slums".
9. **National Seminar on 'The Contemporary problems and their Solution in the light of Iqbal's though', Srinagar, 21.04.2010-22.04.2010;** Dr. Durdana Qasmi, Reader in Urdu, Women's College attended and presented her paper entitled "Contemporary Relevance of Allama Iqbal".
10. **National Seminar on 'Recent Trends in Chemical Sciences', Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, 19.02.2010-21.02.2010;** Professor Kabir-Ud-Din, Department of Chemistry attended and presented his paper entitled "Synergistic Interactions Between Gemini and Conventional Surfactant Systems and Their Use as the Solubility Enhancer of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons".

11. **National Conference on ICT: Theory, Applications and PRACTICE, Sir Padampat Singhania University, Udaipur (Rajasthan), 05.03.2010-06.03.2010;** Dr. Muhammad Yusuf Khan, Lecturer, University Polytechnic attended and presented his paper entitled “A Novel DCT to Integer Transform Conversion Method Based on Matrix Decomposition & Data Reshuffling”.



Research 2010

S. No.	Candidate	Supervisor	Topic of Research	Department
Ph.D				
Faculty of Management Studies & Research				
1.	Mr. M.S. Babu	Prof. Javaid Akhtar	“Risk Management Practices in Select Indian Companies with Special Reference to Foreign Exchange Exposure”	Business Administration
2.	Mr. Abdulrahman Mohammed Ahmed Al-Sufyani	Prof. Javaid Akhtar	“A Comparative Study of Management Functions in Selected Travel and Tourism Agencies in Yemen and India”	Business Administration
3.	Mr. Mohammad Abdul Razzaq S. Abu Rumman	Dr. Ayesha Farooq	“Balanced Scorecard Approach to Human Resources Management: A Study of Select Universities”	Business Administration
Faculty of Engineering & Technology				
1.	Miss. Sarvat Zia	Dr. Mohammad Saleem	“Bifurcations in Biological Systems: Discrete Models”.	Applied Mathematics
2.	Mr. Kashif Ali	Dr. Mohammad Saleem	“Bifurcations in Biological Systems: Continuous Models”.	Applied Mathematics
Faculty of Sciences				
1.	Mr. Niyazi Abdulmawla Sallam Al-Areqi	Dr. Saba Beg	“Study of Phase Transitions and the Ionic Conductivity of Solid Electrolytes”	Chemistry
2.	Mr. Sarfaraz Ahmed	Prof. Nizam U.Khan	“Search for Natural Antimicrobial and Biologically Active Agents”	Chemistry
Faculty of Social Sciences				
1.	Mr. Mohammad Ilyas	Prof. Noor Mohammad	“Community Development Through Land Reforms in Uttar Pradesh-A Case Study of District Aligarh (U.P.)”	Social Work
2.	Mr. Worawut Wankhwa	Dr. Mohammad Azhar	“Thailand’s Economic Diplomacy in G.C. C. Countries”	West Asian Studies
3.	Mr. Sayed Khurram	Prof. Jaowad Ali	“A Study of Locus of Control, Adjustment and Self-confidence as Related to the Performance of Hockey Players”	Physical Education
4.	Mr. Syed Tariq Murtaza	---	“Construction and Standardization of Motor-Ability Test for Early Childhood Period”	
Faculty of Life Sciences				
1.	Mr. Mohd. Shahnawaz	Prof. Bilqees Bano	“Purification and Properties of Mammalian Lung Cystain”	Bio-Chemistry
2.	Mr. Mohd. Fahad	Prof. S.M. Hadi	“Studies on the Mechanisms of Action of Plant Derived Polyphenolic Compounds”	Bio-Chemistry
3.	Ms. Rahmat Khan Tahseen	Dr. Qudsiya of Aligarh and Adjoining Areas”	“Taxonomy of Fresh Water Nematodes	Zoology