Welcoming the eminent guests to the first induction program of BALLB-2015 batch, Dr. Badaruddoza, Director, AMU Murshidabad Centre highlighted the importance of being ‘Aligs’ to the new students. He emphasized on the traditions and legacy of Aligarh Muslim University and urged the students to remain ‘Aligs’ for the rest of their lives. He advised the new students to have utmost respect for their elders and seniors and to follow the rich traditions of Aligarh Muslim University. Explaining the need of establishing the Centre in Murshidabad, Dr. Badaruddoza, pointed out that it was the vision of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan to spread education to all the marginalized sections of the society. Murshidabad deserved AMU Centre because it is one the most educationally and economically improvised district of the country. The condition of Muslims here is even worse. There are only 43% Muslims in the district who attend primary school. Out of these, only 3% complete secondary education while only 2% become graduates. So, there is an urgent need for uplifting the people from such pathetic conditions and Aligarh Muslim University has a proven track record of doing it over years. Dr. Badaruddoza congratulated the new batch for getting admission in AMU Murshidabad Centre and being fortunate enough to become a part of the ‘Alig’ world.

Speaking in the first session of the event, Mr. Sk Nurul Haque, retd. IAS officer and Ex. Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, told the students that he himself was inspired to join civil services by an ‘Alig’. Although, not being an Alig himself, he gained a lot from AMU by being a member of various Alig forums. He described ‘Aligs’ to be ‘global persons’ who are modern individuals with Islamic values. Addressing the law graduates, he drew their attention towards different career opportunities that are available to them such as judicial services, public services, public prosecutors, practicing lawyers, and legal advisors to corporate houses. Motivating the students to excel in their respective fields, he discussed the elements of success in life like to conceptualize one’s own mission and vision, and development of positive thinking and positive attitude. He urged the students to join government services as the government is repository of power and a government employee can influence his/her society in a more meaningful manner.

Ms. Avantika Sarkar, an advocate at Calcutta High Court and General Secretary, National Bureau of Human Rights and Legal Research recommended law students to join hands in
providing legal aid to poor people. She believed that legal aid is a pious obligation of the lawyers towards their society. Legal aid not only aids in preserving the rule of law in the society but also helps law students in various ways. It gives them a chance to meet real clients and to get exposed to various dimensions of law. She advised the students to do something for their society without looking at what they are getting back in return.

Justice Abdul Kader, Ex-District Judge and presently, President District Consumer Dispute and Redressal Forum, inspired the students to follow the 3D principles of Dedication, Devotion and Determination. He believed that the historical reputation of Aligarh Muslim University depends on the good deeds of its students and teachers. The students should develop practical knowledge of law along with the knowledge that is given in the books. Law being an interesting and difficult subject requires the application of 3D’s by legal fraternity in true sense. An advocate helps the court in separating chaff from grain. A student can become an effective lawyer by developing this ability and assist the judiciary in delivering justice.

The second session of the induction program was also addressed by renowned personalities. Prof. Syed Samsul Alam, the founder and ex-VC of Aliah University, laid emphasis on the need of being truthful to one’s own business and profession. He appealed to the students to be honest and truthful in their dealings as these qualities develop goodwill and reputation. He said that despite of having excellent laws in India, implementation remains a big concern for the society at large. It is the duty of the Bench and the Bar, to streamline the judicial process in the country by removing the hurdles. Justice Abdul Ghani, Chairman Wakf Board, Govt. of West Bengal and Ex. Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court, touched upon various aspects of Law as a subject. He explained the concept of consumer rights and the importance of Lok Adalats.

Dr. Md Junaid, Course Coordinator, BALLB course proposed the vote of thanks. The program was conducted by Mohammad Ali, BALLB final year student.