



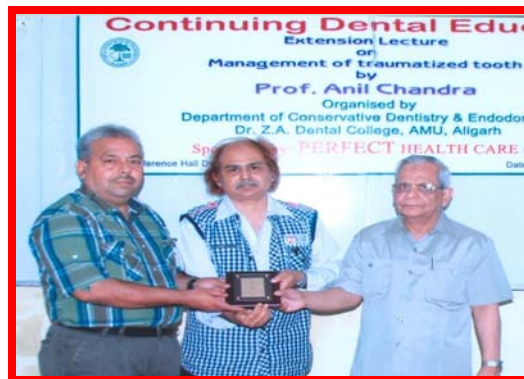
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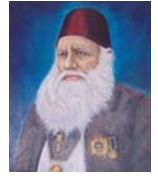


Prof. Emeritus Irfan Habib speaking at the inaugural function of 'Conflict Resolution' organised by the centre of West Asian Studies.

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## Campus Activities

### National Workshop on Yoga

Delivering the presidential address at the inaugural function of the two-day National Workshop on “Relevance of Yoga and Physiotherapy in Stress and Injuries Management”, the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis discussed diverse aspects of stress and said that human beings are highly stressed owing to human intervention. He suggested that we should maintain the environment.



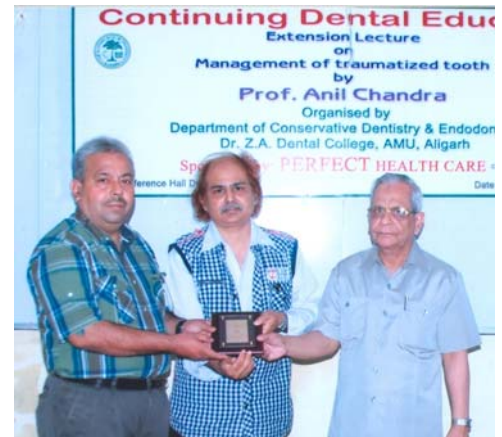
Prof. Azis said that the Department of Physical Health and Sports Education has been identified by the University Grants Commission as a ‘Centre of Excellence’ under UGC’s DRS and Special Assistance Programme. Now, this Department has become a centre of vibrant research and high quality publication.

Prof. Satish Chandra Jain, Vice Chancellor of Mangalayatan University was the Chief Guest at the inaugural function. Dr. Rajendra Singh and Prof. Jawed Ali also addressed the function.

### Lecture on Traumatic Dental Injuries

Prof. Anil Chandra, an eminent speaker from C.S.M.M.U. (K.G.M.C.), Lucknow delivered an extension lecture on management of traumatic dental injuries at a workshop conducted by the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, Dr. Z.A. Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. Anil Chandra said that the fracture of tooth, especially the front teeth has psychological effect on patients and should be treated immediately. The incidence of fracture of front teeth has increased manifold due to roadside accidents, especially in the youths. He discussed several latest and quick techniques of treatment of front teeth fracture. Prof. Chandra gave live demonstration to all postgraduate students of the department.

Prof. S.H. Hashmi, Principal, Dr. Z.A. Dental College welcomed the guest. Prof. R.K. Tewari, Chairman, Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics and Organizer of Extension Lecture and Workshop proposed the vote of thanks.



### Three Students Get Readmission

#### Executive Council Decides

The adjourned special meeting of the Executive Council of Aligarh Muslim University today considered the appeal of three law students against the order of expulsion as per the directive of the Allahabad High Court.

The meeting unanimously decided to allow Mr. Roopendra Singh, Mr. Dhananjay Singh Jadon and Mr. Bohit Sharma to seek continuation/re-admission in their respective classes on condition to submit an undertaking for observing good behavior in the future in the University and any violation will invite cancellation of their admissions.

The Executive Council rejected the appeal filed on the direction of the Allahabad High Court by Mr. Mohd. Adil against the order of issue of migration certificate placing the campus out of bound to him.

Mr. Adil had filed a writ petition before the Hon’ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad. The writ petition came for hearing on September 1, 2010 and the Hon’ble High Court ‘dismissed’ the writ petition with

directive that “petitioner may be re-delegated to approach the Appellate Authority under Section 36 (b) of the AMU Act”.

The Executive Council after due deliberations unanimously turned down the appeal of Mr. Adil Hossain, a student of MA (Mass Communication) observing that he was actively involved in acts of indiscipline and misconduct of AMU Students’ Conduct and Discipline Rules, 1985. The Executive Council noted that Mr. Adil was involved during the series of events that took place in the night of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009 and continued till 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009 relating to “Murder of AMU student and closure of the University”. He was suspended from the rolls of the University with immediate effect pending enquiry. The University campus was placed out of bound to him.

The University served the charge sheet to him with the directive to submit his reply and appear in person before the Disciplinary Committee. He appeared in person before the Disciplinary Committee and explaining his position at the outset submitted “due apology for the events leading to the closure of the University”. He admitted his direct involvement from the first day in the agitation consequent upon the murder of late Mr. Shah Nawaz Alam. He also admitted that due to involvement of some vested interests the agitation went out of their hand which culminated into huge loss to the University and its students.

Mr. Adil Hossain admitted in his undertaking that he was misguided and he also in categorical term ‘solemnly committed’ never to involve in future in any act of indiscipline and misconduct during his stay as a student on the campus and assured cooperation to the University in maintaining law and order on the campus.

On the recommendation of the Discipline Committee and considering future career and expectations of his parents, the Vice Chancellor revoked his earlier suspension order.

In sheer violation of his earlier undertaking, Mr. Adil Hossain again actively involved in the act of indiscipline and misconduct and was once again suspended on June 3, 2010 from the rolls of the University pending enquiry. The University campus was placed out of bound for him except when required by the Proctor.

Mr. Adil Hossain reportedly mobilized, collected and spearheaded a mob to block the main University road. The charge sheet was served upon him on June 9, 2010 by Speed Post and was given reasonable and fair opportunity of being heard and to explain his position with reference to each article of the charge sheet prior to his expulsion.

He has been continuously writing without credible evidence on internet. He had also circulated baseless facts on the installation of CCTV cameras defaming the University and depicting the entire institutional infrastructure and administrative apparatus in poor light.

## Emphasis on Clarity in Language Courses

Head of the National Testing Service (NTS) of India, Prof. Pon Subbiah said that there was lack of clarity in specification of goals, aims and objectives in the syllabi of language courses and examinations in the country.



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Prof. Subbiah said that the objective of the NTS is to create a centralized mechanism for quality control and maintenance by evolving regional and national norms. He observed that the idea is to have independently worked out common reference point against which the courses, institutions and individuals across the country would be equated with, for maintaining inter and intra level comparability in view of the disparity, arising out of the diversified system of education being followed by various universities and school boards.

Earlier, Professor A.R. Fatihi, Director, Center for Comparative Study of Indian Languages and Culture (CCSILC) said that Professor Pon Subbiah is an eminent scholar, linguist and researcher in the area of education. He added that Prof. Subbiah developed instruments for evaluation in different Indian Languages for various purposes. Professor A.R. Fatihi said that this multi-Crore scheme has been implemented as per the approval of the Central Planning Commission and the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The objective of NTS India is to establish regional and national norms to raise standards for the programmes of study.

Professor Fatihi further added that the Regional Field Unit (RFU) AMU Aligarh has initiated the lecture series as a small yet important measure to the larger process of reform and changes in the area of testing and evaluation.

Professor Imtiaz Hasnain, Chairman Department of Linguistics, AMU, Aligarh presided over the function. In his presidential address, Professor Hasnain acknowledged the contributions made by Professor Pon Subbiah in the field of Testing and Evaluation and said that the contributions made by Professor Subbiah will have its impact on the Educational Linguistics.

Professor K.S. Mustafa proposed the vote of thanks while the programme was conducted by Dr. Mushatque Ahmad Zargar.

## Comprehensive Child Survival Programme

Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University inaugurated a “Comprehensive Child Survival Programme Resource Center” at the Department of Pediatrics, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College. He said that the children mortality rate in Uttar Pradesh is a big challenge and this state has not proper sanitation, no fresh drinking water and facilities of health care in UP, are the major cause of children mortality. Prof. Azis said that Kerala has made public health care system. In Kerala, every hospital and nursing home has a pediatrician.

Prof. Azis further added that this child survival programme would provide trainings to Pediatricians for all parts of the UP in partnership with UNICEF.

Prof. S. Manazir Ali, course Coordinator and Chairman, Department of Pediatrics in his welcome address mentioned that the Department has received six projects this year from different funding agencies to provide better children health care. He pointed out that 22 lakh children die under age of five years every year in India. This means more than 6000 every day and more than 250 children every hour. He also mentioned that Malnutrition is more common in India than in sub-Saharan Africa. One in every three malnourished children in the world lives in India.

Dr. Javvad Suri, Coordinator, health and nutrition of the UNICEF said that AMU had played a very positive role for social mobilization for polio eradication programme and the Department of Pediatrics is providing all support as a partner.

Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, faculty of medicine, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik also addressed the inaugural function and appreciated the efforts of the Chairman, Department of Pediatrics. Prof. Tabassum Shahab proposed the vote of thanks.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel was the chief guest while Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent graced valedictory function of the programme.



Prof. Jaleel appreciated the efforts of Prof. S. Manazir Ali for bringing such a prestigious resource centre in the Department of Pediatrics and congratulated the participants for completing training. He also distributed the certificates of participation to the participants.



There were six senior trainers from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Allahabad, Mirzapur and Agra while 25 participants were from Agra, Hathras, Bijnor, J. P. Nagar, Etawa, Firozabad, Lucknow, Kasganj, Rampur and Mahova.

Prof. S. Manazir Ali, Coordinator and Chairman, Department of Paediatrics gave the over view of department and highlighted the projects running in the Department from different funding agencies (UNICEF, NRHM, ICMR, WHO,) to provide better child health care. He pointed out that 22 Lakh children die under age of five years every year in India. It means more than 6000

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Prof. S. Abrar Hasan and Prof. M. Ashraf Malik also addressed the valedictory function and appreciated the efforts of the Chairman, Department of Pediatric. Prof. Tabassum Shahab, Dr. Farzana Beig and Dr. Zeeba Zakaur Rab from Department of Pediatrics were also present.



### **Admission to Residential Coaching Academy Finalised**

Professor Ziauddin Khairoowala, Director, Residential Coaching Academy of the Aligarh Muslim University said that the Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis has approved the guideline for admission to candidates in Residential Coaching Academy in Civil Services and PCS (J).

Prof. Khairoowala said that the list of first batch, selected candidates for coaching will be announced shortly. He said that the candidates were selected on the basis of objective type written test and the interview.

Prof. Khairoowala further said that the candidates who have already undertaken the coaching for the last two years shall not be considered for admission in the Residential Coaching Academy and they would not be considered for residential facility.

Those students who have qualified National Entrance Test and residing within the radius of fifty kilometers of Aligarh will not be provided residential facility in Sherwani Hall, he added. A candidates who indulges in unruly behavior and violent activities, will be removed with immediate effect by the Director after the enquiry committee establishes guilt of the candidates following the show cause notice and recommends action against the candidate.

### **Dr. Kalimuddin to Visit Germany**

Dr. Md. Kalimuddin Ahmad, DAAD Fellow (Germany) and Lecturer, Department of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University is visiting Germany to attend and present a talk in a DAAD sponsored Summer School of Industrial Mathematics. The Summer School is organized in Felix Klein Centre of Mathematics in the University of Kaiserslautern, Germany.

The program includes Workshops and Lectures by the experts on the application of Mathematics like Mathematical Challenges in Solar Cell Research, Image Analysis, Biomedical and Financial Mathematics. This venture has provided an opportunity to the participants to be acquainted with new research areas of Mathematics and interact with international top Mathematicians.



Dr. Kalimuddin has published 44 research papers in prestigious journals and has also completed two DAAD sponsored research projects in Applied Mathematics that resulted into publications with his German counterparts.

## Solo Painting Exhibition

Solo Painting Exhibition made by an alumnus of the University Afzal Ahmad and organized by the General Education Centre, Aligarh Muslim University was inaugurated by AMU Registrar Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel. Prof. Khwaja Shamim and senior teacher of Department of Psychology, Prof. Hameeda Ahmad were also present on the occasion.



The Exhibition “reflection” is a projection of Bismillah series paintings that beautifully highlights Bismillah in various shapes like the peacock feather, pigeon, mosque, boat, goblet, eye, bird, star, pomegranate, pear etc. The amateur artist Afzal Ahmad said that it was an effort to bring the dying art of calligraphy to fore and that he would try to highlight the verses of holy Quran that promote education.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel in his inaugural address said that it was a great effort to highlight the Bismillah

through paintings and Afzal Ahmad has proved his skills by rendering such an enticing work. Prof. Jaleel said that the teachers of this University are great source of enlightenment for the students. He also appreciated the efforts of Dr. Shakeel Samdani, Coordinator, General Education Centre in providing students with continuous opportunities to develop their skills, thus bringing laurels to the University.

Earlier, Dr. Samdani in his welcome address said that Afzal Ahmad has presented the Bismillah in a new style and deserves due appreciation. He said that the University is emanating a very peaceful and tranquil atmosphere that has helped create a very productive environment in the University. All this was possible because of the extra ordinary efforts made by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel and other senior officials of the University.

The programme was conducted by Mr. Mansoor Ilahi, Student Convener, Club for Short Evening Courses. A large number of students and teachers of the University including Prof. Mohammad Aslam, Dr. Mujib Ansari, Dr. Kaleemullah, Dr. Liaquat Ali Khan Rao, Prof. Abdul Aleem, Dr. Muhibbul Haque, Dr. Najmuddin Ansari were present in the function.



## MY SECULAR APPROACH

*Sir Syed Ahmad Khan*

*“You have referred in your address to my services in the Legislative Council when I had the honour of being a member of the Council. I cannot help saying, and I fully believe, that a man like me did not deserve the membership of the Legislative Council of India because of the great responsibility which it carried. I was myself aware of the difficulties that stood in my way; nevertheless it was my earnest and sincere desire that I should faithfully serve my country and my nation. By the word nation I mean both Hindus and Muslims. That is the way in which I define the word nation. In my opinion it matters not whatever be their religious belief, because we cannot see any thing of it; but what we see is that all of us, whether Hindus or Muslims, live on one soil, are governed by one and the same ruler, have the same sources of our benefits, and equally share the hardship of a famine. These are the various reasons why I designate both the nationalities that inhabit India by the term “Hindu” – that is, the nation which lives in India. I feel very much gratified that you attach so much value to my*



*insignificant services; and now in the end, I pray to God that He may grant progress of learning to our nation as defined above, which may spread light among our people and in our country. May He also crown your Association's efforts with success, and may He also help you in all your undertaking and endeavours”.*

*(Speech at Lahore in reply to the address presented by the Indian Association, February 3, 1884. 'lectures, p. 203').*

## **HINDUS AND MUSLIMS TO BECOME ONE HEART AND SOUL**

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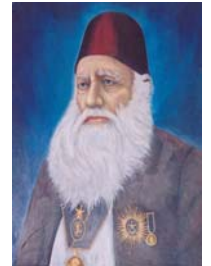
*“By the grace of God, two nations (communities) live in India at the moment and they are so placed that the house of the one adjoins that of the other. The shadow of one's wall falls in the house of the other. They share the same river or well. In death and life, as also in joys and griefs of others, everyone is a participant. One cannot live without the cooperation of another. Thus to drive a wedge between them on the basis of culture is to destroy them both. We should try to combine our hearts and souls and act in unison. If united, we can sustain”.*

*(Speech at Gurdaspur – 27 January, 1884.)*

## **A Tribute to Sir Syed Ahmad Khan**

*Prof. Asloob Ansari*

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan is justly acclaimed as one of the makers of Modern India. He was a many – faceted personality and a cosmopolitan figure. Primarily a thinker and a visionary he was an educationist, a journalist of a high order and a social reformer. He appeared on the stage of history at a time when his co-religionists were faced with a crisis and were in doldrums. Since political power and domination had been wrested from their hands by the Britishers they were the worst victims of oppression and tyranny. The aftermath of the catastrophic events of 1857 was for Sir Syed a traumatic experience, it completely unnerved him and it aged him.



Pondering long and deeply over the plight of the Muslims and of Indians in general he was convinced of the fact that confrontation with the Britishers would lead them nowhere; he thought that the saner approach lay in compromise, understanding of the situation and a gradual process of adjustment to it. He, however showed rare courage and forthrightness in pointing out, in his famous tract Causes of Indian Mutiny the faults of the Britishers in handling the administrative machinery of India. At the same time he thought that the panacea for the ills of his co-religionists lay in equipping themselves educationally and economically and go forward in rebuilding their shattered identity. His main contribution lies in the fact that he evolved the strategy of survival for the Muslims who were condemned to live in a hostile darkened world, beleaguered on all sides. He therefore thought of establishing the M.A.O. College whose foundations were laid in 1877 and this acquired the status of a modern full – fledged, prestigious university in 1922. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan laid emphasis on the fact that it was equally necessary to borrow and introduce the western processes of thought in our schemes of education.

Sir Syed was of the view that only after being equipped educationally and becoming economically self – reliant the Indian Muslims could play an effective role in the evolution of India polity. He wisely advised his co-religionists to avoid being involved in political agitation till such time as they became architects of their own homogeneity. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was also motivated to present Islam as a progressive, forward-looking and coherent value-system. He therefore undertook the challenging task of writing the exegesis of the Quran in

terms of the rational premises of thought. He somehow or other got the cue for this from the British rationalists of the 18<sup>th</sup> century known as the Deists who thought they did not constitute a regular movement of thought were nevertheless distinguished thinkers. Sir Syed's knowledge and appreciation of them was only tangential. But you cannot adequately explain religion only in terms of a rationalistic approach, for Islam is a religion based on revelatory knowledge and this requires as a precondition, belief in some form of ultimacy.

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, admittedly did not quite succeed in his venture and thus account for universalism of Islam which is as cogent and plausible as that of Judaism and Christianity. It may also be pointed out that Sir Syed, following the pattern of colleges of Oxford and Cambridge thought of laying emphasis on the inculcation of knowledge and moral discipline as well in any planning of educational programme.

It may also be pointed out that in the present context it is incumbent upon believers in Islam and the admirers of Sir Syed to Maintain the sanctity of the educational institutions and to refrain from indulging in acts of disruption, hooliganism and violence at all costs and to spread Islam's message of peace, goodwill and large-hearted tolerance to all in the farthest corners of the world. This is how we can hope and manage to celebrate the memory of Sir Syed on this day of his birth, 17<sup>th</sup> October.

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