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Vice-Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis addressing media person at AMU. Also seen in the picture Prof. Ashraf Malik, Registrar, Prof.V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Prof. Parvez Mustajab, Prof. M. Zubair and Prof. N.A. K. Durrani.



Vice-Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis with Mr. Rashad Hussain, special envoy of the US President at his residence.



Prof. M.U. Rabbani, Director, cardiology centre, AMU, discussing cath-lab. Project with Health Minister Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad in New Delhi. Also seen in the Picture Mr. Vivek Bansal, MLC and general secretary of all India Congress Committee.s

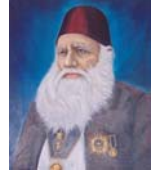


Vice-Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis at flag hoisting ceremony on the Independence Day.

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Campus Activities

AMU makes significant expansion

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today said that the University has made significant advancement to improve the quality of teaching and research and expansion of the University by establishing two AMU centres at Malappuram in Kerala and Murshidabad in West Bengal.

Addressing media persons Prof. Azis said that the idea of AMU Centres in Muslim concentrated regions has captured the minds of the people and the Government of India has decided to unlock the potential of AMU for the educational uplift of the people inhabited in distant regions.

He said that the University Court in its special meeting overwhelmingly supported the initiative of establishing AMU Centres and almost unanimously approved the amendments passed by the Academic Council and the Executive Council and stated that now legal track is clear and all the roadblocks are removed to further carry forward the process of establishing new AMU Centres.

Regarding the PIL and the Court meeting the Vice Chancellor said that the court has clarified that “no clarification is required as the subject matter pertains to subordinate legislation” and the University Counsel’s clarification that ‘in view of the above the University might proceed with Court Meeting for the legislative business on July 31, 2010 in respect of the amendments /legislations in the Statutes as per its agenda’.

To set at rest the confusion and doubts expressed by a small group, Prof. Azis said that once the President of the country as Visitor of the University has approved the centres, there cannot exist any legal infirmities as the Visitor approves the proposals only after due scrutiny and Vetting from expert officials.

He was categorical in clarifying that the establishment of new centres is a University agenda approved by the statutory bodies of the University. He observed that the admission policy of these centres, when commenced would be the same and the University will conduct the admission test for MBA and BALLB at Aligarh, Calicut and Kolkata.

Replying to a question Prof. Azis said that the University has suspended four students in 2010 and 2 were given migration certificates. In 2009, only 3 students were rusticated and one student was allowed to continue his studies.

Explaining the background he said that in 2007-2008, the University has taken very harsh decision under unprecedented situation to rusticate and suspend a large number of students in view of the murder of three students and burning to ashes the VC’s Lodge. Prof. Azis further pointed out that 99.5% students of this university are very peace-loving, disciplined and very cooperative.

AMU Vice Chancellor said that the up-gradation of J. N. Medical College will be completed by March 2012. He said that the Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 150 Crores for the expansion of Medical College under Pradhan Mantri’s Swasthya Yojna (PMSY) and the work has already been assigned to a professional government entity.

Referring to the allegation that democratic rights of AMU students were being undermined the Vice Chancellor said that the students were enjoying the right to air their grievances through Grievance Redressal Committees at department and hostel levels. The Vice Chancellor assured that the Students’ Union will be revived when the time is ripe.

The Vice Chancellor further added that the University will welcome the healthy discussion on contemporary issues and debate and felt that their skills are the part of the University system. The literary and cultural clubs in the halls of residence and the General Education Centre are the main avenues available for the students to promote their literary and cultural skills.

Obama’s special Envoy Vists AMU

The US President’s Special Envoy to the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Mr. Rashad Hussain said that President Obama had embarked upon an ambitious programme for promoting issues such as education, health, science and technology in Muslim dominated areas of the world.

He was interacting with senior faculty members and students at the Aligarh Muslim University today at Conference Hall.

Mr. Rashad said that US President has rejected the idea that Islam is a religion of terrorism and pointed out that terms like Islamic Terror and Islamic Jihad are being misused by these fringe elements who claim to speak in the name of Islam but their policies are totally against Islamic spirit.

Mr. Rashad said that 90 percent of the victims of such acts of senseless terror were Muslims themselves and hence those who are perpetuating senseless violence have no right to project themselves as champions of Muslim faith.

Mr. Rashad said that the Muslim women in US were practicing Hijab while performing their duties as skilled professionals in public life.

Mr. Rashad Hussain said that he has a very close relation with this institution. His mother is the product of this University and his other relatives also studied at AMU. He said AMU alumni are playing very positive role in US system.

He was highly impressed to see the rare manuscripts of the Holy Quran at Maulana Azad Library as Holy Quran is very dear to him.

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the University has submitted a proposal to establish Indo-US Energy Centre at AMU and the University is committed to provide the resources to establish this centre. AMU has also contacted the Government of India and US officials in this regard.

In his welcome address, AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel said that today is a happiest moment to welcome Mr. Rashad Hussain, US Special Envoy of OIC, an inter-governmental body of 56 Muslim countries.

He mentioned that AMU has a long association with US. AMU has conferred upon the honorary degree to Mrs. Eleanor D. Roosevelt, wife of the then US President on March 14, 1952 at a special convocation.

He also said that this University has a Kennedy Hall Complex, hub of socio-cultural activists. The Kennedy Hall was constructed with the grant of US Ford Foundation.

In order to establish interaction and academic and research linkages, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis visited US in 2008 and signed MoUs with several leading US universities.

Prof. Jaleel also welcomed the US visiting team, especially Mr. Michael P. Macy, Cultural Attaché and Ms. Sheeba Abidi, both alumni of AMU. He said that the purpose of US Special Envoy's visit was to discuss his position as part of the US government's efforts to engage Muslims around the world on people to people and organizational levels.

Mr. Rashad Hussain also paid floral tribute to the founder, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan at his grave. He also interacted with Polio partners at J. N. Medical College and appreciated the role of AMU in polio eradication.

Mr. Rashad Hussain said that he was deeply moved with the warm reception he had received at AMU by the Vice Chancellor and his team.

AMU Student Attends TWOWS General Assembly in China

Ms. Sahar Waris, a Ph.D. student from Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit AMU, was invited for an oral presentation at the 4th General Assembly and International Conference of the Third World Organization for Women in Science (TWOWS), held in Beijing, China. More than 600 womens scientists from around the globe participated in the meeting. Her paper on "DNA glycation in vivo" was highly appreciated. The work presented by Ms. Sahar at the meeting is the first quantitative study of DNA glycation adducts in healthy individuals as well as those with diabetes and other diseases.

Ms. Waris, apart from visiting many prestigious laboratories in the country, has also carried out collaborative research with eminent scientists from Iran, Germany. She also worked at the prestigious Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick, UK under the Commonwealth Scholarship Programme and has published her work in journals of international repute including Nucleic Acid Research (Impact factor – 7.5). the achievements are indeed noteworthy for a young researcher from India.

Professor A.R. Kidwai to attend "Quran 1400 Year" International celebrations in Turkey

Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Dept of English and Director, Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh has been invited by the OIC Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture, Istanbul, Turkey to participate in the meeting of the OIC Ministers and prominent scholars of the Islamic world on September 5, 2010. The meeting has been convened in the light of the OIC resolution that the year 2010-2011 be declared as the year for the commemoration of the fourteen centuries of the revelation of the Holy Quran. The meeting in Istanbul will serve as a platform for reflection, consultation and formulation of proposals for commemorating this anniversary.

Professor Kidwai has published extensively in the field of English translations of the Holy Quran. He was commissioned by the King Fahd Quran Centre, Saudi Arabia for compiling a Critical Bibliography of the English translations of Quran from 1649 to 2002 published in 2007. His several other books on the teachings of the Quran have been published from Leicester, UK and Mumbai.

Workshop on Data Analysis

Statistical tools are essential for research; this is evident from the fact that an announcement for a Workshop on Data Analysis with R and SPSS got such an overwhelming response that the five such workshops could not exhaust the list of applicants. UGC Academic Staff College (ASC) provided patronage to these workshops organized by the Department of Statistics & R. The concluding session of the 6 days long fifth workshop was held with Professor Haseeb Akhtar, OSD (Development) as its chief guest. Director of Academic Staff College, Professor A.R. Kidwai and the Chairman, Department of Statistics & O.R., Professor A.H. Khan graced the occasion. Professor Kidwai in his address highlighted the extraordinary response from the researchers of AMU for the call of these workshops and he also appreciated the efforts of the Department for this service to the research community of AMU. Professor Khan welcomed the chief guest and promised the willingness to continue such workshops in future under the patronage of ASC.

Professor Akhtar Haseeb praised the contribution of the Department. He promised to extend technical help for the development of the department in upgrading its infrastructure. The chief guest distributed the certificates to the participants of the 5th Workshop. Professor Qazi Mazhar Ali, a resource person for these workshops, conducted the Programme and he informed the audience that two of these workshops were organized each in the previous academic year and this summer vacation with the first one in January 2010. The total number of beneficiaries was 160 of which 21 were Professors/Readers/Lecturers and 139 research Scholars from 24 department of 9 different Faculties of AMU. Professor Qazi thanked the endeavors of his colleagues who were the other two members of the team of Resource Persons for these workshops: Professor Athar Ali Khan and Dr Haseeb Athar. Furthermore he thanked the guests and other colleagues for their participation in the programme.

Dreams and Destination of Dr. Sheikh Abdullah

Prof. Iffat Ara

Shakespeare's plays offer a glimpse of a wide range of experience and learning that the author had explored through the years. It is his vision that permeates his works. The plays are therefore intellectually provocative and delineate the nuances of human personality very effectively. It is through language, character and thought that the concept of change, Time and Death is revealed. Shakespeare employs the asset of wit and paradox that distinguishes him amongst all. And yet the plays remain a mystery unless they are staged for a better understanding and animation of spirit. Thus the creative process achieves its end.

Dr. Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, the advocate of Women's Education Movement has written voluminous books to highlight his views. He held meetings to assemble those who assisted him in his ambitious task to emancipate Muslim Women. He spoke fluently to convey his perennial wisdom to a large audience. His immediate perception to evolve the best system of education for women was exceptional. The academic approaches are read and forgotten. The institutions established to propagate education lose pre-eminence with the passage of time. Hence the present day reviewer is dazed only by an acute awareness of the of the yarn of thought provided by an illustration of the network of the past. The inward looking strategy adopted by the compiles of this illustrated work (Mrs. Azra Alavi and Dr. Roomana N. Siddiqui) have enhanced both wisdom

and delight. One pursues with admiration what depicts the social energy and determination of a strong and compelling mind.

The volume released by Mr. Salman Haider opens with an emblematic photograph of the school that flourished into an august seat of learning. The captions given about the photographs are like the dialogues spoken by characters in a play put up on the stage. The tragic heroes in a Shakespearean play undergo suffering due to their involvement in irresolvable situations. The Founder of this institution also faced the inevitable on account of this happy consciousness of the complexity of an endless process that he had chosen to work out. Dr. Sheikh Abdullah's friends and well-wishers with their categorical reasoning helped him to attain his selfhood. This distinction as an educationist and artist is also reflected through the presentation of photographs. The information through picture about Dr. Abdullah's early days is so scant that one fails to see every shade of his colorful past. And yet the enigma of his dedicated mission is beautifully illustrated by the voluntary support of eminent women like the Faizi sisters and Nawab Sultan Jahan Begum of Bhopal who were the backbone of the Movement in favour of women.

A materialistic view of his life is visible when a few photographs show him attending the court sessions. This lawyer was to take up the challenges of life as an educationist and reformer. A close associate of Dr. Abdullah removed the outward shell of his existence by throwing open the reservoirs of energy and learning exhibited by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in a meeting held in Lahore where he delivered a very effective speech. Dr. Abdullah was converted to his way of thinking as Shaw became a follower of Socialism after attending Henry George's lecture. Dr. Abdullah later was stimulated by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan whose heroic stature urged him to start a movement aiming at the uplift of Muslim women. Again like a Shakespearean tragic hero Dr. Abdullah had all kinds of barriers and constraints to reach his destination. This creative handling of the situation is also depicted through photographs.

The foundation ceremony of the Wahida Hostel, the institution itself and Sultania Hostel are focused in the form of memorable illustrations. The illustrated volume also presents a spectrum of the Principal who microscopically scrutinized the academic profile of the students of the institution. The colourful pictures fascinate the viewers by showing the development at each stage like the extension of the Library and the various sections of the School and College. The Old Girls' Association formed to exemplify the closeness of the members of the institution is also reflected in this volume. The eminent alumni of this celebrated seat of learning show the cordial relationship between the founder and the crop of flowers he so painstakingly planted for the good of his community. This attainment of perfection is like the self-mastery got by the heroes in a Shakespearean play.

The Alumni Directory under preparation by Professor Anwar Jahan Zuberi is like the Personae in a Shakespearean play. Dr. Sheikh Abdullah possessed with a superb keenness of intellect is the Caretaker of the whole intellectual programme. The monograph that gives a brief sketch of the prominent girls of the institution is a contribution of Dr. Fatima Zehra Bilgrami. The titles 'The Rising Stars of Dr. Sheikh Abdullah's Galaxy' are the dramatic images of those persons who will become elemental forces of the storm of life. Some of the minor characters in a Shakespearean play also have the same forceful demeanour. Iffat Ara's monograph entitled 'A Perspective of Dr. Sheikh Abdullah's Achievements' is like the theme and structure of a play by Shakespeare. It reveals the motifs of the major sources of thought.

A reprint volume of various articles relating to Dr. Sheikh Abdullah collected by Dr. Sanaullah has the relevance of Shakespearean criticism. And lastly the Calendar prepared and designed by Dr. S. Jabir Raza and Mr. Farooq Azam is a very good illustration of the concept of time and its abiding effect found in Shakespeare's works.

No less significant is Professor Amina Kishore, and her success in this regard. She dramatizes the depth and expansiveness of this drama of academic programme started by Dr. Sheikh Abdullah. She also laid emphasis on the co-relation between the printed works and their visual presentation. All the well-known men of letters in English literature, Shakespeare, Shaw and Robert Browning sing of fecundity and a splendid, hopeful future relating to life after death. May we join hands to visualize a similar gorgeousness for the torch-bearer of Hundred Years of Women's Education Movement, Dr. Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah.

Coaching Academy Conducts Test

The Residential Coaching Academy, Aligarh Muslim University conducted its 1st National Entrance Test at three centers namely, Aligarh, Lucknow and Kozhikode for selecting 100 candidates for the coaching of Civil/PCS(J) Services 2011 as a full time regular course for Minorities/ Scheduled Castes (SCs)/ Scheduled Tribes (STs) & women.

Director of the Coaching Academy, Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala said that AMU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has appointed Prof. S. U. Farooqi, Dept. of Commerce as an Observer and Prof Mohd. Gulrez. Dept. of West Asian Studies as the Incharge for Aligarh Centre i.e. S.T.S. High School (Minto Circle), AMU, Aligarh. Dr. Mohd Wasim Ali, Dept. of Law was appointed as the Incharge and Dr. Hashmat Ali Khan, Dept. of Law as an Observer for Kozhikode Centre at Farooq College and Prof. Mohammad Anis, Dept. of Botany and Dr. Khurram, Dept. of Political Science as an Observer for Lucknow at Centennial Inter College, Lucknow for conducting the 1st National Entrance Test of Residential Coaching Academy, AMU, Aligarh. Out of 1126 applicants, 617 students appeared in the Test. The test was conducted smoothly at all the centers.

Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala, Director, Prof. Naima Khatoon, Deputy Director, Prof. S.U.Farooqi, - Observer, Prof. Mohd. Gulrez, Incharge and Dr. Faisal Nafees, Principal, S.T.S. High School (Minto Circle) took round and observed the Entrance Test of Residential Coaching Academy at Aligarh Center.

Emphasis on Aesthetic Cognition

Noted historian Prof. T. K. Venkatasubramaniam of Delhi University said that art is a complex subject of scientific enquiry and aesthetic cognition at each stage of development.

He was delivering Prof. S. Noorul Hasan Memorial lecture on “Interdisciplinary, music, history and the Tamils” at the Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. Venkatasubramaniam stated that the current state of discipline of History in India is one where there is considerable debate about ‘academic’ histories. The search for alternatives to ‘academic histories’ stem from the banal question; Was there history writing in India before the colonial intervention? Search for pure uncontaminated vernacular sources point out to a tension regarding ‘the place’ of the people in projects of nationalist modernity.

Referring to a chronological account of the history of music in Tamil Nadu, Prof. T. K. Venkatasubramaniam said that well marked political changes can serve as markers. Age of Sangam and Silappathikaram provide the foundation of musical thought and culture. This stage is marked by ‘sacrifice’ characterized by ritual practices. Azhwars and Nayanmars made use of music as a medium to propagate their religious dogmas in the next stage.

He said that the large implications on globalization and its cultural landscape and Diasporic imagination on the modalities of reception, consumption and representation of classical music is yet to be studied. The cultural politics of globalization has implications for the cultural agenda of the nation state in the twenty first century.

Earlier, Prof. B. L. Bhadani, Chairman, Department of History welcomed the guest and said that Prof. Noorul Hasan contributed a lot in the up-gradation of the Department to its present status as a Centre of advanced study. Prof. C. P. S. Chauhan, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences presided over the function while Prof. Tariq Ahmad proposed the vote of thank.

Cardiac Cath. Lab to be Setup

Cardiac Cath. Lab will be established in Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University to provide meaningful facilities to the heart patients. This assurance has been given by Union Health Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad to the Director of Center of Cardiology, JNMC and renowned Cardiologist Prof. M U Rabbani during a meeting on his residence in Delhi. Prof. Rabbani was accompanied by AMU Court Member and MLC, Vivek Bansal and Prof. S C Sharma.

Prof. M U Rabbani, also the Convener of the Committee for Cardiac Cath. Lab constituted by The Vice Chancellor, Prof. P K Abdul Azis, requested Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad to initiate proceedings for the facilities of

Angiography and By-pass Surgery so that heart patients of Aligarh and nearby districts may get suitable treatment. Union Health Minister seriously heard the delegation and assured that Cardiac Cath. Lab will be established in JNMC under Prime Minister's Health Scheme.

Prof. Rabbani told that meeting with Ghulam Nabi Azad was very successful and the possibility of establishment of the Cardiac Cath. Lab in JNMC has increased in near future. He told that Dean of Medicine Faculty, Prof. S. Abrar Hasan and Principal & Chief Medical Superintendent of Medical College Prof. M. Ashraf Malik are also tirelessly making efforts for starting Cardiac Cath. Lab in JNMC.

Community Medicine Bags Project

The Department of Community Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University has been given a project "Strengthening implementation of Child Health and Nutrition Month in U.P" by UNICEF. Under this scheme, special nutrition month is being observed from. In this connection, faculty members of the Department monitored the routine immunization sessions, coverage of Vit A in under five years children and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) activities in various blocks of Lakhimpur Kheri, Sitapur and Aligarh. Team of State Observer cum Monitoring Trainers (SOMT) comprising Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Chairman of the Department & Nodal Person of the Scheme, Dr. A.R. Siddiqui, Associate Professor, Dr. M. Salman Shah, Assistant Professor and Dr. S.N.A. Hashmi, Medico-Social Worker visited villages of these districts.

Along with supervision rounds, the team also imparted health education to the families mostly belonging to poor sections of society at the Anganwadi centres regarding breast feeding, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices, prevention of malnutrition and consumption of iodized salt. Extensive sessions in the schools were carried out in these districts to promote the consumption of iodized salt. Iodine testing was done in front of children. It has been documented that areas where consumption of iodized salt is more, better school performance has been noticed in children as iodine increases the I.Q. level by 13 points.

The main objective of the above activities is to improve the physical, social and mental health status of young children so that they can enjoy a better stimulating environment and be a part of healthy society and healthy nation.

The Report of the supervision and monitoring of the round will be submitted to the State office of UNICEF and Govt. of U.P.. Next round will start in December 2010.

MSW Students get Employment

An NGO, World Children Care, working for the Rehabilitation of Street Children has recruited 5 students of MSW, Aligarh Muslim University, namely Asad, Asif, Naseem, Nazish and Shahnawaz after a rigorous recruitment process (GD & interview).

M. Saad Hameed, Career Counselor, AMU said that the organization praised the talent of AMU students and also appreciated their commitment towards social work. The organization promised to take more students in the coming months.

Workshop on Echocardiography

The Department of Anaesthesiology, JN Medical College, AMU has extended its horizon of Anaesthesia practice. The department has conducted for the first time a Hands-on workshop in Ultrasound guided Central Venous Access, Focused Echocardiography in Emergency Life Support (FEEL) and the Nerve Blocks for Regional Anaesthesia in collaboration with SONSOTIE. The workshop was Chaired by Prof. S. Bano.

Dr. S. Moied Ahmad, Incharge, ICU, JN Medical College and the Coordinator of the programme said that the central venous access and the nerve blocks are usually performed on the basis of their anatomical landmark causing high incidence of complications and failure rates. Ultrasound guided procedures have drastically reduced the incidence of complications and failure rates.

Dr. Ahmad said that recently, Echocardiography has been used to identify the probable causes of Asystole and Pulse less Electrical Activity (PEA) cardiac arrest. He, however, hoped that in near future it is expected to

be in the algorithm of Advanced Cardiac Life Support. This would enable to speed up the specific management and improve the prognosis of Asystole and PEA arrest.

Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean Faculty of Medicine, in his speech mentioned that learning is a continuous process and such type of workshop would definitely help the budding clinicians achieve perfection and improve quality of patient care.

Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, J. N. Medical College said that the Department of Anaesthesia is pioneer in innovative ideas and has been always playing a key role in improving the academic environment of the Medical College. At the end of the program certificates were distributed to the participants.

The teachers of the department, Prof. M. Siddiqi, Prof. S. Haleem, Prof. A. Quadir, Dr. S. N. Jamil, Dr. Q. E. Ali, Dr. H. Usmani, Dr. H. Amir, Dr. Abu Nadeem, Dr. Obaid along with about 50 senior and junior residents of the department attended the programme.

Teachers should be Role Models

Prof. H.A.S. Jafri, Former Pro Vice-Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University said that teachers should serve as role models. Prof. Jafri was addressing the valedictory function of 333rd Subject Refresher Course on Inter Disciplinary

Environment Studies organized by UGC Academic Staff College, AMU, Aligarh. Prof. Jafri urged the course participants to enhance the quality of education at their respective institutions.

Prof. Jafri said that they should take step for checking academic pollution, as steps are taken to control other types of pollution. He also gave away certificate to the course participants. The prize winner of essay writing competition on National Integration organized by UGC Academic Staff College also received cash prizes and certificate from Prof. Jafri.

Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director for UGC Academic Staff College felicitated the course participants on having completed the course on such a current and timely topic. Dr. Arshad Hussain, Reader, University Polytechnic was the Course Coordinator. A total of 88 University and College teachers hailing from all parts of the country attended the course.

Health Camp

The Drug Society of J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a health camp at Roravar, Shahjamal where senior doctors from J. N. Medical College checked the poor people and provided them the required medicine free of cost.

The Drug Society, a non-profitable, non-political, charitable organization run by the undergraduate medical students of JNMC under the guidance and financial contribution of undergraduate, postgraduate medical students and senior doctors of the JNMCH arranges medicine and investigations like CT scan, USG, MRI etc. for poor and destitute admitted to JNMCH.

The camp was organized from morning to evening in which 12 senior doctors with 28 medical students and 1 vaccinator checked up a total of 717 patients and immunized 28 children against 6 killer diseases. Six OPDs comprising of Medicine, Paediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, PSM, and Ophthalmology were set up where specialist doctors attended the patients. Drugs worth of Rs. 14,000 were distributed to the people and counseling was done on health and hygiene. WHO ORS were distributed and patients were educated about its requirement and use.

Breast Feeding Week

The Department of Community Medicine has celebrated World Breastfeeding Week at all the Centres of the Department viz. Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC), Jawan and Urban Health Training Centre (UHTC), AMU-UNICEF Health Clinics and Department. Activities during the week included Focused Group Discussions with pregnant and lactating mothers from the registered families, exhibition of posters, health education and awareness activities, poster competition, identifying exclusively breastfed and complete immunized children in the families and demonstrating the correct method of hand washing etc.

A study of the breastfeeding practices has been conducted in the ANC and Immunization Clinics of the JN Medical College, RHTC and UHTC, to assess the Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices in the community

and to give correct health education. Concluding programmes were held at RHTC, Jawan and UHTC, Qila Road.

Dr. Mah Seema Massood, Director, Continuing and Adult Education was invited as the chief guest. She discussed the Ten Steps of successful breastfeeding and shared her experiences in the field.

Prizes were distributed to the mothers whose babies were found completely immunized, school children, MBBS students and interns for making posters.

Executive Council Meets

The Executive Council of the Aligarh Muslim University reinstated Dr. Tanzeem Fatima, Lecturer, Department of Law pending the submission of final report with immediate effect.

The Executive Council has also included the charges made by Dr. Tanzeem Fatima and re-constituted the enquiry committee to complete the process of enquiry. The expanded committee will have Prof. C. P. S. Chauhan as convener in addition to existing member Prof. Mohd. Zubair Khan, Prof. Iqbal Pervez and Prof. (Mrs.) Arunima Lal. The committee included Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, J.N. Medical College and Prof. Zakia A. Siddiqui, Member, Women's Cell as its additional members.

The Executive Council has approved the recommendation of enquiry report submitted by Enquiry Committee headed by Prof. (Mrs.) Hamida Ahmad. The Enquiry Committee has accepted that Dr. Tariq Islam, Reader, Department of Philosophy has now submitted an authenticated copy of his manuscript and proof of his possessing 56.8% marks. In the light of the Supreme Court's observation that defendant has secured more than 55% marks and that after the degree having been awarded by the University to the defendant, nullifying the equivalence would be turning the clock back causing grave injury.

The Executive Council has approved the decision of the Vice Chancellor for termination of the services of Mr. Mohd. Ayyub, former Senior Laboratory Assistant (Stores), Department of Pathology, J. N. Medical College due to his frequent absence from the duty and leaving the station without sanction of leave and prior permission and also failing to submit his reply.

He has filed a writ petition in the Allahabad High Court against the orders of the Vice-Chancellor. The High Court disposed off the aforesaid writ petition with the directive that the petition has an alternative remedy of filing an appeal against the order under Section 36-B of the AMU Act.

Considering the appeal filed by Mr. Mohd. Ayyub, the Executive Council has approved the decision of the Vice Chancellor.

After considering the draft proposal for amendments/additions in Statutes 16(3) for the conduct of meetings of the Executive Council, the EC approved the amendment that if the quorum is not present in adjourned meetings of the Executive Council within half an hour from the time appointed for holding meeting, the members present shall form a quorum and proceed with the agenda items.

The meeting of the Executive Council has also approved the proceedings of the meetings of the Finance Committee held on August 8, 2010. The Executive Council deferred the Mathew Commission Enquiry Report to the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Fifteen members attended the meeting of the Executive Council.

Malappuram Campus to Reflect AMU Architectural Ethos

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the AMU Malappuram campus should reflect the architectural ethos of Aligarh Muslim University. The buildings in the new centre are to be blend with green field, energy saving and modern components of highest global order.

While addressing the meeting with CPWD Calicut Central Division officials, Prof. Azis said the University is waiting the DPR to be submitted by EdCIL.

The Vice chancellor said that the detailed building plan and the facilities will be provided indicating the location of Academic Blocks, Medical, Engineering and Women's Colleges, hostels, staff apartments, shopping and sports complexes etc. and urged the CPWD visiting officials to submit a detailed proposal taking a holistic view of the Malappuram Centre's campus design.

Mr. N. N. S. S. Rao, Superintendent Engineer gave a brief insight into the work of CPWD Calicut Division and assured the University that the work will be implemented with utmost care, quality and timeline will also be maintained.

Mr. K. V. Peter, Executive Engineer, CPWD, Calicut Central Division also participated in the discussion along with Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, AMU Registrar, Mrs. Yasmin Jalal, Finance Officer, Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Controller of Examination, Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, OSD (Development), Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Media Advisor, Prof. Jawaid Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management, Mr. Feroz Ahmad, University Engineer and Mr. Minhaj, Deputy Registrar (Development).

Plantation Drive

With the onset of monsoon, Department of Lands and Gardens of the Aligarh Muslim University has launched a plantation drive in the University campus.

Prof. Shan Mohammad, Director, Sir Syed Academy, Prof. Ainul Haq Khan, Dean, Students' Welfare, Prof. Mohd. Anis, Member-in-Charge, Lands and Gardens and the Public Relations Officer, Dr. Rahat Abrar today planted saplings at the Sir Syed House premises.

Mr. Jamal A. Kuraisy, Manager, Lands and Gardens said that the Department has decided to plant hundreds of saplings in the University premises.

Prof. Rabbani Elected Vice-President

Prof. M.U. Rabbani, Director, Cardiology Center, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, also a senior cardiologist, has been selected as Vice President of UP Chapter of Cardiology Society of India (CSI) for his contribution in the field of Cardiology during a Convention held at Lucknow. Prof. Rabbani, also the Convener of the Committee for Cardiac Cath. Lab constituted by Vice Chancellor, Prof. P K Abdul Azis.

Thoracoscopy Performed

The Department of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University had started the medical thoracoscopy procedure. Performing the first case Dr. Mohammad Shameem, Assistant Professor in the department said, this procedure will help in the diagnosis of complicated pleural effusions.

This procedure is performed in few departments in India.

Dr. Shameem said that few modifications had been done vis a vis conventional thoracoscopy, wherein he used flexible thoracoscope instead of rigid and took biopsy by rigid forceps. Dr Shameem had received training in the procedure from Queen Elizabeth Hospital Malaysia, sponsored by Asia Pacific Society of Respiratory (Japan). Dr Shameem said that in near future we will start new diagnostic procedures like EBUS (Endobronchial Ultrasound), Laser, Autofluorescence etc. Dr. Shameem had received Young Scientist award from UP Government this year. Prof Rakesh Bhargava and Prof Zuber Ahmad congratulated Dr. Shameem.

Treatment Camp for Cleft Lip

Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh is organizing a camp in November 2010 for treatment of cleft lip, palate and face deformities. Nose deformities in cleft lip and palate patients are very common but such patients are usually left untreated due to one or another reason and live in the society with inferiority complex. Such cases of maxillofacial surgery will be treated at the camp. The cases that were operated earlier pending the next stage operation or operated elsewhere with flawed aesthetic results will also be taken up in the camp.

The treatment camp will be organized in collaboration with Interplast, Germany and Aligarh Muslim University and operations will be performed by a team of German experts. The treatment will be free of cost with free admission facilities. However, registration prior to treatment is mandatory. Those patients who have already registered their patients, need not to register again. For further inquiry, may contact on 9997453187, 9358505240 and 7895226585 or email drssahmed@msn.com.

Librarians' Day Celebrated

The Department of Library and Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University, celebrated *Librarian' Day – 2010* with various activities. Earlier, on 12th August, it conducted a Debate on “conventional vs digital libraries” in which Ms Mehnas Siddiqi bagged the first prize and Mr. Muzammil Mushtaq won second prize. On 13th August, LIS Quiz was conducted. Team ‘*Personality*’ bagged the first prize. On 14th August, Prof. P.B. Mangla, Ex Dean, Faculty of Arts, Delhi University delivered ‘*Dr. Ranganathan Memorial Lecture*’. Prof. Mangla, a student of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan – the Father of Library Science in India-stressed on the need for establishing a National Commission for Libraries (NCL) under the Ministry of Culture as an umbrella organization to co-ordinate various research and development activities carried out by hundreds of universities and institutions in the country. Library and information centers have a very vital role to play in the knowledge society. Every educational institution, from schools to universities, should establish and maintain well equipped libraries with modern technologies. To accelerate the march towards knowledge society, public libraries may be strengthened and library legislation in every state should be enacted, he added.

Prof. Shabhat Husain, Librarian-in-Charge, Maulana Azad Library presided over the function and Dr. Naushad Ali PM, Chairman, Dept. of Library & Information Science welcomed the gathering. Library professionals from MAL, faculty members, research scholars and students attended the function. Certificates and prizes were distributed to the winners.

Sufism

Dr. Gulfishan Khan

Mysticism “the great spiritual current which goes through all religions,” also known as *tasawwuf* the Perso-Arabic term for Islamic mysticism represents the inner or the esoteric dimension of Islam. Islamic mysticism, also known as Sufism, though a transnational phenomenon, in common perceptions is largely associated with popular piety and devotion. However, it is worth remembering that the Sufis were not only selfless teachers, spiritual guides and moral preceptors but they were also scholars of great repute, and men of learning, who sought to spread words of God orally as well as through their writings. Perhaps, it would not be an exaggeration to state that piety and devotion to God the Beneficent, as well as knowledge (esoteric and exoteric both) remained the hall-marks of Sufism and medieval Sufi life. Surely, love of God, and love of human-beings served as the motive force to all mystic missions. Even the divine beauty was thought to have manifested in human beauty. The sufi-saints were themselves writers and poets too and they used poetry to express their warm emotions for God as well as for the human-beings. As Shaikh Bu Ali Qalandar Panipati (d. 1323) said about the all embracing power of love: “Were there not love and the grief of love –who would say, who would hear so many sweet words?” The sufi-saints acted as source of inspiration and as the true embodiments of piety, learning and hope. The Sufi hospices known as *khanqahs* which dotted the landscape of the sub-continent practiced classless society and soon became the nucleus of knowledge and learning. They educated the masses and met their felt needs, giving spiritual meaning to their lives and channeling their emotions. The simple teachings of love of God and love of one’s neighbour attracted innumerable followers to the mission of Khwaja Muinuddin Chishti (d. 1236) the outstanding representative figure and founding father of Chishtiyya, the pan-Indian Sufi order, who settled in Rajasthan in the last decade of the twelfth century, whence his message of love spread though out the length and breadth of the country. His teachings based on three simple principles, a generosity like that of the ocean, a mildness like that of the sun and modesty like that of the earth laid the foundation of broad humanism and tolerance and touched the of hearts of millions. Further with the ceaseless spiritual endeavours of Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya (1243-3 April 1325), tenderly called Mahbub-i-Ilahi, God’s Beloved that Sufism became a mass movement in Indian life. His love of learning is evident from the fact that he was mentor and patron-saint of the versatile and witty poet Amir Khusrau Dehlawi (1254-1325), “the parrot of India” lovingly styled as “God’s Turk” by his mentor. The historian *nonpareil* Ziauddin Barani, (1285–1357), the renowned chronicler of Delhi Sultanat, and the Badaun-born poet and a sensitive lyricist Hasan Sijzi Dehlawi (d. 1328) were also his distinguished lay-disciples. Hasan Sijzi also recorded the oral discourses of his beloved master and thus not only preserved his chaste words for the future generations, but also initiated a distinct Indian literary genre called *mal'fuz* literature. Therefore, a panel aimed at cultivation of emotions like love, passion, fear, grief and others in the Islamic mystical tradition and its interaction with other fields of society as a part of the European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies held in Bonn (26-29 July 2010),

was an auspicious sign indeed. The theme of the panel which attracted leading scholars of the subject Thomas Dahnhardt, Hans Herder, Nile Green and research scholars working on various aspects of Sufism mainly in Germany was organized by two research students Maritta Schleyer and Mohammad Sajjad from the Max-Planck-Institute for Human Development, University of Berlin. It was a befitting tribute to the martyrs of love as the city is also the final abode of Annemarie Schimmel (d.2003), the doyen of Sufi scholars, who enriched the subject of Sufism with her life-long devotion. Moreover, the new approaches to the study of Sufism in South Asia based on perspectives from the history of emotions is a welcome scholarly move too. It is a significant paradigmatic change in an era when the media representations of Islam in the West are largely negative and misleading. In the field of scholarship too, the common themes of discussion are Sufi shrines and British authorities, Sufi response to the British presence for the colonial period and more recently the *Ulama*, the religious elite and the Mysticism “the great spiritual current which goes through all religions,” also known as *tasawwuf* the Perso-Arabic term for Islamic mysticism represents the inner or the esoteric dimension of Islam. Islamic mysticism, also known as Sufism, though a transnational phenomenon, in common perceptions is largely associated with popular piety and devotion. However, it is worth remembering that the Sufis were not only selfless teachers, spiritual guides and moral preceptors but they were also scholars of great repute, and men of learning, who sought to spread words of God orally as well as through their writings. 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British authorities, Sufi response to the British presence for the colonial period and more recently the *Ulama*, the religious elite and the role of the new reformist madrasahs and above all Islam and Jihad. On the other hand, as the true messengers of love and peace, the Sufi-saints taught their disciples and other seekers of truth that their duty is the fulfillment of God's will, not out of a feeling of duty but rather out of love - for could there be anything greater than the unconditional love which man offers his Lord? But in order to be able to love God and, through Him, His creatures, the heart has to be purified by constant remembrance of God called *zikr* and meditation the core sufi practices. The purification of hearts is achieved by constant struggle against one's lower qualities called *nafs*, which are, according to the word of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), "the greatest enemy of man." This struggle against one's lowly and base qualities is indeed the "greater Holy War," for outward enemies can disappear and are not as dangerous as the inner, satanic forces, which try to incite man into evil, disobedience, and forgetfulness. It is this "Holy War" Jihad which was to be constantly fought and successfully won against the forces of evil. The above message combined with the universal appeal of love attracted all grades of people into their *khanqahs* from the king to the commoners. The prominent Qadiri saint Shaikh Muhammad Mir (1550-65) in a personal audience advised the Emperor Jahangir that preservation and protection of his subjects was the foremost duty of a monarch. Similarly, a just king must have sincere devotion in the welfare of his subjects, he is reported to have told Emperor Shahjahan who held the Shaikh in high regards. Bulhe Shah (d.1758) the well-known sufi poet of Punjab considered the doctrine of *sulh kul* (peace with all) as an essential part of his spiritual mission. It was the timeless appeal of Sufi ideas based on love of God and love of his creatures that Khwaja Hasan Nizami (1878-1955) could play an important role in the establishment of communal harmony in the post-independence India. Khwaja Hasan provided a model of a composite national Indian identity based on mutual religious respect and tolerance. He could address all Indians irrespective of religious, regional and other considerations from the same Sufi world view based on Sufi ideas of love and respect of each others' religious and emotional feelings.

OBITUARY

Professor O.P. Govil of the Department of English, A.M.U. who retired a long time passed away leaving behind a trail of memories. Who can forget a man of his stature? His special field was Victorian literature and he worked incessantly on the major Victorian poet, Robert Browning. This poet wrote unusual poems about a variety of individuals. Professor O.P. Govil was a true version of the Grammarian described by Browning in A Grammarian's Funeral. The Grammarian was a man of learning and scholarship whose pursuit of knowledge, above all other things in life, was a marked feature of his character. He cared not for health and wealth and the difficult style in which the poem is written reflects the Grammarian's painful effort in acquiring knowledge. Also when he died his disciples carried his coffin up the hill, through a rugged path to bury him. So did Professor O.P. Govil devote his life painstakingly to research and interpreted Brownings's works highlighting new perspectives for the reader. His thirst for knowledge never ceased. Even when his eye-sight was failing he was thinking of new areas of research. He, like the Grammarian, never felt satisfied with what he had acquired to know the intricacies of life and literature through his own efforts. He also analysed the Last Play of Shakespeare and always smiled in a peculiar way when new thought crossed his mind. A disciplined man all his life, he could not stop the slow and deteriorating end of life; he yearned merely to pursue his studies indefinitely. But, we believe that this learned man, like Browning, will live forever and we will bear on our minds the impact of his personality on account of his valuable work.

National Congregations

1. **63rd Indian Dental Conference-2010, Chennai, 12.02.2010-14.02.2010;** Dr. M.K. Jindal, Reader, Department of Pedodontics, Dr. Z.A. Dental College attended and presented his paper entitled “Cleidocranial Dysphasia A Case Report”.
2. **Workshop on ‘Ultrasound in Emergency and Critical Care and Short Term Course on “Role of Ultrasound in the Management of Critically ill Patients and Traumatic Emergency”, Trauma and Emergency Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi, 08.02.2010-09.02.2010;** Dr. Shahla Halem, Reader, Department of Anesthesiology, J.N. medical College attended.
3. **Indian History Congress Seventeenth Session, Osmania University, Hyderabad, 12.03.2010-14.03.2010;** Professor Satya Dev Kaushik, Department of Sanskrit attended and presented his paper entitled “Buddhism and History of World Culture in the Respect of Afghanistan and Indo-China Countries”.
4. **16th National Space Science Symposium (NSSS-2010), Saurashtra University, Rajkot, 24.02.2010-27.02.2010;** Professor Badruddin, Department of Physics attended and presented his paper entitled “Geoeffectiveness of Intraplanetary Coronal Mass Ejections and Corotating Interaction Regions”.
5. **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 attended and presented his paper entitled “Effect of Bio-Fertilizers, Organic Matter and Nitrogen Fertilizers on the Growth and Quality of Tomato in Relation to Management of Plant-Parasitic Nematodes”.
6. **National Conference on Sensor Technology and Application-STA’10, Jabalpur, 22.02.2010-23.02.2010;** Dr. Anwar Sadat, Lecturer, Department of Electronic Engineering attended and presented his paper entitled “Fiber Optic Method to determine the Adulteration in Petrol and Diesel”.
7. **State Museum, Lucknow, 13.03.2010;** Professor S. Asif A. Naqvi, Department of Museology delivered a lecture on “Conservation of natural Heritage and its significance”.

International Congregations

1. **International Seminar on ‘Adhunik Hindi Katha Sahithya Mein Sashaktikaran – Dasha Aur Disha’, Department of Hindi, Madras University, Chennai, 12.02.2010-14.02.2010;** Professor Abdul Alim, Department of Hindi attended and chaired a Session as Special Invitee.
2. **QIP Short Term Course on ‘Alternative Source of Energy’, I.I.T., Delhi, 04.02.2010-10.02.2010;** Dr. M. Jamil Ahmad, Lecturer, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Z.H.C.E. & T. attended.
3. **4th International Symposium on ‘Current Trends in Drug Discovery Research’ (CTDDR-2010), Lucknow, 17.02.2010-21.02.2010;** Dr. Zeba N. Siddiqui, Reader, Department of Chemistry attended and presented her paper entitled “Zn-Proline Catalyzed Knoevenagel Condensation Under Solvent Free/Aqueous Conditions and Biological Evaluation of Products”.
4. **International Symposium on ‘Role of Genomic in Clinical Practice & 35th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Human Genetics (ISHG), Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS), Lucknow, 06.03.2010-08.03.2010;** Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Lecturer, Department of Zoology attended and presented his paper.

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| 1. Mr. Mohammad Aal Ahmad | Dr. Shamsul Hayat | “Swatantyottar Hindi Kahani Mein Bhaya Ke Roop C Bheeshma Sahani, Krishna Sobti, Amarkant, Saani Aur Udai Prakash Ke Vishesh Sandarbh Mein” | Hindi |
| 2. Ms. Punam Kumari | Dr. Iffat Asghar | “Nagarjun Ki Kavita Mein Rajneetik Abinvyakti Ka Swarup” | Hindi |
| 3. Mr. Md. Sohel Rana | Prof. A. R. Fatihi | “Conversational Cloze as a Mesure of Oral Ability” | Linguistics |
| 4. Mr. Ashlam Khan | Dr. Bharat Singh | “Ramvrakchh Benipuri Ka Sahitya Aur Rastriya Chetna” | Hindi |

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