Vice-Chancellor Professor P. K. Abdul Aziz is at the Gandhi book Exhibition organized by Maulana Azad library on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti.

Professor P.K. Abdul Aziz releasing book in the inaugural session of International Seminar on Persian Studies. Also seen in picture Iranian Ambassador, cultural councilor, Professor Azermi Dukht Safvi, S.R. Farooqui and others.

Professor Satish Chandra, Professor Irfan Habib, Professor B.L. Bhadani and Professor P.K. Abdul Aziz at Professor Mohd. Habib memorial Lecture organized by center of Advanced study, Dept. of History, AMU.

Aligarh SSP Mr. Asim Arun is at AMU Camp on the occasion of world AIDS Day. Also seen in the picture Professor Abrar Hasan, Professor Ashraf Malik and Professor Abida Malik.

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From the Vice-Chancellor’s Desk

Notwithstanding the seminal contribution of the Aligarh Muslim University to the academic, political, social, literary and intellectual life of India and world, its sprawling campus has often been plagued by imprudent and slapdash attitude of a handful of students that soon snowball into a major crisis. Not infrequently media describe it as a violence-prone campus where the slightest provocation induces a spate of agitation that often results in the abrupt closure of the University; unfortunate and tragic murder of a student outside the campus in October bears an eloquent testimony to the fact. The University was throbbing with academic activities; students were busy in their studies; research scholars and faculty members were engrossed in breaking new grounds in their specialized areas of research and the administration was seriously pursuing a multi-pronged strategy for regaining the pristine glory of the institution. Further to fulfill ever-increasing educational needs of the Muslims across the country, the Aligarh Muslim University has announced the setting up five special centers at Murshidabad, Mallapuram, Kishanganj Bhopal and Pune. The University has drawn a well-laid out proposal that prompted the Ministry of HRD to approve it quickly. Subsequently, the chief ministers of Kerla, West Bengal and Bihar have allotted land for the purpose. The historic decision has fired the imagination of the well wishers of the A.M.U. across the globe.

With a view to providing much-needed infrastructural facilities to the departments and the hostels and also to arrange funds for scholarship and research activities, the AMU has decided to set up a corpus fund and AMU Alumni International summit was contemplated for the purpose. Old boys agreed to donate generously for the fund. All this came to a standstill when a group of misguided students launched an agitation not for arresting the culprits but for the resignation of authorities who were instrumental in getting the accused arrested immediately. The University has also announced adequate compensation for the victim, though the murder took place outside the campus. The agitation fuelled by some disgruntled elements and namby pamby politicians accustomed to use the University to further their self interest, continued and many rounds of negotiations and interventions of senior faculty members proved futile. The threat of violence loomed large and the meeting of the deans has decided to close the University. In order to minimize the academic loss, the winter vacation was advanced but still invaluable time was lost. The image of the university was badly tarnished and many new projects were delayed. Many national and international companies were due to conduct the campus interviews and all this was called of in a huff.

It is time for introspection. It is high time we must take a pledge not to be swayed by imprudence, sentimentalism and hearsay information. Mere lip service to the cause of the University will hardly fetch anything. There must not be a dichotomy between words and actions. A continuous dialogue and warm rapport between student and administration is destined to blaze a new trail of success. The opportunity is knocking at our door. Will it not be prudent to cash in on it?

Professor P.K. Abdul Azis
Campus Activities

**AMU Faculty Participates in Sentinel Surveillance**
Dr. M. Athar Ansari attended the Annual meeting of Sentinel Surveillance Unit (SSU) at Simla on 13.11.09. he also presented a paper entitled “Ocular morbidity and cataract surgery – An assessment of SSU in Aligarh” highlighting the achievements of SSU running in the Department of Community Medicine in collaboration with Institute of Ophthalmology, A.M.U., Aligarh. SSU is functioning under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB). SSU in A.M.U. is one of the most functional centres among 24 SSUs in India. Dr. A.S. Rathore, Additional Director General (NPCB), Min. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India has appreciated the efforts of AMU in prevention and control of blindness. Dr. Zulfia Khan has also attended the meeting as she is a former Coordinator of SSU and has vast experience in the field of community ophthalmology.

**Lecture on Indo-US Relations**
Under the auspices of the Department of Political Science Professor Mohammad Badrul Alam of the Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia, delivered an extramural lecture on “The Contours of Indo-US Relations: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back” on October 10, 2009 in the Faculty of Arts Lounge. Tracing the rapid improvement of Indo-American relations since the end of Cold War Professor Alam stressed upon the sea-change in the attitude and approach of the American government and people towards India as indicated by ever –expanding economic, educational and scientific, technological and strategic cooperation, and multifarious contacts and exchanges. The past decade has seen a proliferation of South Asian Studies centers on the American campuses and an ever increasing number of India students are going to America for higher studies. Similarly, the number of Indian academics employed by American universities is increasing so much so that the MIT is jokingly spelled out as the “Madras Institute of Technology”, not to mention the presence of the Indian IT community in the Silicon Valley.
Professor Alam said that while he is no defender of all American policies he sees a positive change in the American policy to the benefit of India. The US no longer supports the Pakistan claim over Kashmir and gave up the gesture of equating India and Pakistan in its dealing long ago. Nevertheless, the recent setback to India over the civil nuclear cooperation should not dishearten the India government and people.
The lecture was followed up by a lively interaction between the students and the guest speaker.

**All India Sociological Conference**
XXXV All India Sociological Conference was held from October 10-12, 2009 under the auspices of Department of Sociology & Social Work, Kashmir University, Srinagar (J & K). Prof. Noor Mohammad, Chairman, Department of Sociology & Social Work, A.M.U., Aligarh presided over one of the sessions (RC-19) as well as presented his paper on “Ajlafs in an Era of Globalization: A Study in Social Structure of Muslim of India (RC-19). Dr. Nemat Ali Khan, Sr. Faculty Member and Dr. Mohd. Aklram, Reader also participated their papers in RC-02. The following Guest Faculty and Research Scholars also participated in the said Conference as well as presented their papers in various Research Conference :- Dr. (Ms.) Rajiya Shahani, Guest Faculty (RC-02), Ms. Sadaf Nasir (RC-29), Mr. Fayaz Ahmad Bhat (RC-07), Mr. Mujahid Ali (RC-10), Ms. Shaizy Ahmed (RC-19), Mr. Mohd. Arif (RC-02), Mr. Abdussalam, M.P. (RC-03), Ms. Sadaf Rafiq Beg (RC-03), Ms. Fouzia Khurshid (RC-10) and Ms. Seema Kumari (RC-10). They also took interest and participated in various symposiums organized in the Conference.

**Two Staff Members Attend International Seminar**
Professor Zafarul Islam and Dr. Ziauddin (Department of Islamic Studies A.M.U.) attended the International Seminar Islamic on “Islamic Legal Thought and Institutions in South Asia” at the Professor Zafarul Islam and Dr. Ziauddin (Department of Islamic Studies A.M.U.) attended the International Seminar Islamic on
“Islamic Legal Thought and Institutions in South Asia” at the Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad (Pakistan). They presented papers on “Fatawa-I Tatarkhaniah-An Introductory Study” and “Research Studies on Fiqh in the Indo-Pak subcontinent – Reflections on Arabic and Urdu Printed Works and Manuscripts” respectively. The Fatawa on which Prof. Zafarul Islam presented his paper was compiled during the Sultanate Period (14 Century). Its five volumes (edited by Qazi Sajjad Husain) were by Dairatul Maarif al-Usmania Hyderabad, during 1984-1990.

The Department of Islamic Studies has made significant strides in research and as many as seven research scholars completed their work.

Young Scientist Award
Dr. Yasir Hasan Siddiqui, Lecturer, Department of Zoology, AMU has received a DEF Prize 2009 for Young Scientist-2009 (Rs. 8000/- Memento and Citation) from Academy of Environmental Biology, IITR, Lucknow at ICRISAT, Patancheru, Hyderabad in the 29th Annual Session of The Academy of Environmental Biology for the work in Environmental Biology and Genetics.

New President of Indian Psychiatric Society
Professor R.K. Gaur, Department of Psychiatry, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh has been unanimously elected as President of India Psychiatric Society, central zone. Central Zone comprising four states: U.P., M.P., Uttarakhand and Chhattisgarh. He took the charge of presidency on the occasion of 31st Annual Conference of Indian Psychiatric Society, Central Zone, at Orchha, Jhansi.

Course on Application of GIS Techniques for Research
A four-day Short Term Course on Application of GIS Techniques for Research was organized for the professional development of AMU faculty and research scholars under the aegis of UGC Academic Staff College, AMU, Aligarh. Dr. Shahab Fazal, Dept. of Geography was the Course Coordinator. 47 Faculty members, Research Scholars from the AMU and local colleges of Aligarh attended this useful Course in which GIS Technique as a modern technique for research was identified and discussed at length. Among the Resource Persons was Dr. Akram Javed, AMU who illustrated the role of GIS techniques in Urban Planning. Dr. Sandeep Goyal, Madhya Pradesh Remote Sensing Application Centre, Bhopal dealt with Multi-Criteria Evaluation (MCE) and GIS modeling for land and water resource development. Dr. Ateequr Rahman, Jamia Millia Islamia elaborated on the application of GIS in ground water vulnerability, potentiality, assessment and mapping. Professor Farasat Ali Siddiqui, AMU spoke on the modern techniques and problems in research. Professor Abha Laxmi Singh, AMU brought out the significance and role of studies in research. Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College gave away the certificates to the Course Participants. He exhorted them to enhance their skills in that gaining knowledge is a life-long process. Dr. Shahab Fazal, Course Coordinator is an expert in the field of the application of GIS. He has been conferred with Commonwealth Fellowship for pursuing specialized study in this field.

International Seminar on Modern Persian Literature
The Department of Persian under the DRS programme in collaboration with Indian Council for Historical Research, New Delhi organized a two day International Seminar on “Persian Literature During 20th Century A.D”. The inaugural session was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis. The Chief Guest was H.E. the Ambassador of I.R., Iran Syed Mahdi Nabizadeh. Pro-Chancellor Janab Rehmatullah Khan Sherwani was the Guest of Honour. The Seminar was inaugurated by the renowned scholar and critic, Prof. Shamsur Rahman Faruqi. The Key-Note Address was presented by Prof. A.W. Azhar, former Dean and Head of the Dept. of Persian J.N.U., New Delhi.

Several other renowned scholars such as Cultural Councilsllor of I.R. Iran Dr. Karim Najafi Barzigar, Dr. Mahmood Salari, Director, Fiction Foundation Tehran, Dr. Firoz Zunnuzi Jalali renowned Iranian Novelist delivered speeches at the Inaugural Function.
Inaugurating the Seminar, Professor Shamsur Rahman Faruqi, has observed that the story of modern Persian poetry has been very similar to that of modern Urdu poetry, with the difference that modern Urdu poetry did not entirely cut itself off from the classical models. This has not happened with modern Persian poetry because the Iranian modernists did not create a theoretical structure liberal and flexible and logical enough to accommodate their classical heritage and their modern attainments.

The ambassador of I.R. Iran, Syed Mahdi Nabizadeh said that India was an important centre of Persian Language and Literature in the 18th and 19th and 20th century A.D. Indian born Persian scholars of the last century have contributed a great deal to Persian language and literature. Mr. Nabizadeh also pointed out that the Islamic Revolution of Iran has greatly affected the Modern Persian Literature in many ways.

In his presidential remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of AMU Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that the DRS Programme is the dynamic research initiative of the University. He hoped that this soon will be converted into DSA in near future.

Delivering the Key-Note Address Prof. A.W. Azhar, former Dean School of Languages, J.N.U. New Delhi said that the Modern Persian Literature during 20th Century A.D. was very vast and varied. It captured a large canvas of Modern Persian Language and Literature and its horizon was broad.

In his welcome speech, Chairman Department of Persian Prof. Mohd. Asif Naim Siddiqi said that after the Islamic Revolution a lot of changes have occurred in Iran.

Prof. Azarmi Dukht Safavi, Coordinator DRS Programme, Director Seminar, highlighted the objectives of the Seminar and said that until now under the DRS Programme three International Seminars have been organized. She said that a large number of delegates from all parts of India and abroad are participating in the two days deliberations.

In this occasion the Vice-Chancellor of AMU Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis released Nazm-i-Guzida, edited by Prof. Azarmi Dukht Safavi under the DRS Programme, two volumes of Seminar articles and several other books. Urdu translation by Prof. Azarmi Dukht Safavi of Modern Short Stories writers of Iran, published by the Iran Culture House, New Delhi was also released. Vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Maria Bilquis, Dean Faculty of Arts and the programme was conducted by Dr. S.M. Asad Ali Khurshid.

In this two day Seminar five academic sessions were held and 35 papers were presented by renowned scholars of India and abroad.

International Conference on “Emerging Technologies in Environmental Science and Engineering”

The Inaugural function of the International Conference on Emerging Technologies in Environmental Science and Engineering was held in the Department of Civil Engineering.

The Conference was started with recitation from Holy Quran. Prof. Razaullah Khan, Chairman Department of Civil Engineering welcomed the delegates. In his welcome speech he made special mention of the International and National delegates who have traveled all the way from different parts of the globe.

Dr. Izharul Haq Farooqi, organizing secretary of the conference, introduced various themes of the conference. The organizing secretary informed the delegates that about 320 abstracts and about 240 full length papers were received.

Prof. Rashid Hayat Siddiqui Internationally known environmentalist spoke about the current environment scenario. He narrated few environment episodes about the quality of rivers and other water bodies in the country.
Dr. John Perumal, Professor, University of La Sierriea, USA was the key note speaker at the function. He spoke about the green cities and reiterated the necessity of such cities for minimizing environmental pollution. Prof. Ashok Kumar, University of Toledo, OHIO USA, Chief Guest of the function appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee and the department. Prof. M.M. Ashhar, Incharge Environmental section proposed the vote of thanks. Thereafter the technical sessions were started and continued for three days. The conference was the first international conference ever organized by the department. Around 30 international delegates from USA, Canada, Australia, Malaysia, Poland, Slovak Republic, Latvia, Thailand, Iran, Iraq, Nepal and around 150 national delegates from different I.I.Ts’, N.I.T’s and other research and academic institutes of repute have participated and presented their research papers. The papers were presented in two parallel oral session and one poster session. A book of abstract and CD (bearing ISBN numbers) containing full length papers was released by the chief guest.

ZHCET Placement Report
Number of companies visited this campus in the recent past and recruited a good number of students through campus placement. The placement figures are (322) mark. The overall impression of our students was also very good and company executives have praised their performance in written test, Group Discussion and interviews.

Remembering Gandhi
The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today inaugurated a three-day exhibition of books and photographs on Mahatma Gandhi at the Maulana Azad Library. A large number of letters written by Mahatma Gandhi to the students and other AMU alumni freedom fighters were displayed at the exhibition. Delivering the presidential address at the Commemorating Meeting, Prof. Azis highlighted the association of Gandhi Ji with AMU. “AMU has always been a focal point for Mahatma Gandhi and he visited Aligarh several times and the students of AMU played important role in freedom movement” he said.

On this occasion, Prof. Bilquis Naseem Waris, Principal of the Women’s College, Prof. Ainul Haq Khan of the Department of Botany and Miss Fatima Javed, student of BA also addressed the commemorating meeting. University Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel conducted the programme. National Integration Pledge was administered by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis. Mr. Johny Foster presented a group song on Bapu.

National Seminar – Centre for Women’s Studies
A three day National Seminar was organized by the Center for Women’s Studies, Aligarh Muslim University on “Women in Modern Social and Political Thought”. The seminar was attended by a galaxy of eminent scholars including Prof. Irfan Habib, Prof. Aditya Mukherjee, Delhi, Prof. Mridula Mukherjee, Delhi and Prof. Meera Koshami. The special lecture was delivered by Prof. Mridula Mukherjee and Prof. Meera Koshami. Delivered the welcome address, Professor Shireen Moosvi, Director, Centre of Women’s Studies briefly outlined the progress of the Centre and happily informed that the Center has been promoted from Phase I Development Plan directly to Phase III by the University Grants Commission. Prof. Farhat Hasan, Coordinator of the Center highlighted the relevance and importance of the topic of the Seminar. Prof. Mridula Mukherjee enlightened the audience with her intellectual narration of ideologies based on gender equality that have been prevalent in Indian philosophical history right during the freedom struggle. She also shed light on the thought of Nehru and Gandhiji. “Nationalist vision cannot be discussed completely without mentioning women’s contribution”, she said.
Prof. Irfan Habib while presiding over the inaugural session of the seminar said that in a class ridden society like ours, women are oppressed at every level as the gender discrimination is still in practice in our society. Prof. Habib suggested that any legislation in this regard should be prescriptive rather than compulsory in nature.

Prof. C. P. S. Chauhan, Dean, Faculty of Social Science appreciated the activities of the Centre and praised for taking up the issue of gender equality as the core of the social issues.

**Zoologist Speaks**

Dr. Shams Tabrez Khan, Research Fellow at National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Japan delivered a lecture on “Drug discovery from Marine Actinobacteria & Story of Salinispora” organized by the Department of Zoology.

Dr. Khan emphasized that drug discovery is currently suffering from the problem of saturation and re-isolation of previously reported compounds from terrestrial habitat. Marine actinobacteria are, therefore, of special interest in this regard. Dr. Khan and his group at AIST is mainly involved in the preparation of novel chemical compounds library from these marine actinobacteria for novel drug discovery. His experiments based on gene screening of strains showed that these strains may produce novel bioactive compounds. Dr. Khan pointed out that during the chemical screening of these strains at least eight novel compounds were isolated demonstrating the activity against cancer cell lines. His significant contribution in the area of drug discovery from marine microorganisms will be an attribute to the medical sciences.

Prof Absar M. Khan, Chairman, Department of Zoology highlighted the importance of his lecture and motivated the students to pursue such studies in future for human welfare. Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology also highlighted the significance of the work and added that in this decade when we are facing a lot of difficulties in treating cancers, the drug discovery from marine resources will be a boon.

**Advisory Committee for Special Centers of AMU**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has appointed the Advisory Committee of the Prominent Old Boys to examine the idea of establishing the Special Centres of AMU with a request to submit its report by December 15, 2009 for consideration by the University.

AMU is poised for a historic expansion in the coming decade. The decision of the University to open five special centres in Murshidabad (West Bengal), Malappuram (Kerala), Katihar (Bihar), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) and Pune (Maharashtra) has won global appreciation by the AMU alumni.

A twelve member Advisory Committee of the prominent old boys under the convenor ship of Dr. Masood Akhtar of the Middletown, USA will meet on October 14, 2009 in the India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi. The other members of the committee are Engineer Nadeem Akhtar Tareen, Riyadh (KSA), Mr. Zaigham Khan, KSA, Mr. Ameen Ahmad, Group Managing Director of Teejan Group of Companies, Sultanate of Oman, Mr. Faisal Saleem, USA, Mr. Ali Rizvi, President, Federation of AMU Alumni Associations of USA, Mr. M A A Fatmi, former Minister of State for HRD, Mr. Khwaja Mohammad Shahid, New Delhi, Mr. Safdar H. Khan, Senior General Manager, Trade Fair Authority of India, New Delhi, Mr. Syed Hasan Kamal of USA, Mr. Frank Islam, Chairman and CEO, FI Investment Group, LLC, USA and Prof. Javed Musarrat of INA Research Chair of King Saud University, Riyadh (KSA).

The Advisory Committee will collect suggestions from the AMU Old Boys from across the globe through various networks and e-mails for establishing state-of-the-art campuses, prepare a framework for academic activities in the new centres taking into account the need for the emerging world and employability of the youth.

The Committee has been assigned the task to identify courses that AMU should offer at these new Centres and identify potential mentors and collaborators for various programmes.

The Advisory Committee of the prominent AMU Alumni would prepare a concept plan for each Centre that the University intends to start.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the Committee may submit its report by December 15, 2009 and the University would organize a national level brain storming session in New Delhi to consider
this report. The University would give its best of consideration to the emerging ideas and would be placing it before the statutory bodies of the University for taking a final view and develop a vision plan for these new Centres.

**Hayat-i-Jawed in English**

“Hayat-i-Jawed” biography of the Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, has appeared in its English version. Sir Syed Academy, AMU, commissioned, Professor Rafi Ahmad Alvi, G.F.I. Graham Fellow, Sir Syed Academy for undertaking this ambitious project which he has successfully accomplished. Hali being Sir Syed’s contemporary and associate has delved deep into the socio-cultural and educational scene of the day and Sir Syed’s heroic efforts for regenerating the Muslim community. This work has both immense historical and literary value. It is available at publication division AMU, Aligarh. For further details contact pub_div@rediffmail.com.

**President, Association of Surgeons**

Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Department of Surgery, JN Medical College, AMU has been elected President of Association of Surgeons of India (UP Chapter). This is the first time that a surgeon from J N Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has been elected to the prestigious post.

**All India Essay Writing Competition**

Tahir Ashraf Siddiqui of National Law Institute, Jodhpur, Rajasthan bagged the first prize of All India Essay Writing Competition on Sir Syed Ahmad Khan organized by the Aligarh Muslim University, while Jyotsana Gautam of Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla and Bharat Bhatti of Delhi University got the second and third prizes respectively.

The Essay Writing Competition carried cash prizes of rupees twenty five thousand for first, rupees fifteen thousand for second and rupees ten thousand for third position. Besides these cash prize of rupees five thousand are given to individual participants each from different states as state topper.

In addition to the above, prizes for the best essays from each state have also been announced. The winners are – Vivekanand Kumar, St. Xavier’s College, Ranchi (Jharkhand), Amit Laddha, Gujarat National Law Institute, Gandhinagar (Gujarat), Tarique Ashraf Siddiqui, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra (Haryana), Mushtaqul Haq Ahmad Sikander, University of Kashmir (J & K), Shaikh Sadab A Gulab, Novrosjee Wadia College, Pune (Maharashtra), Mahmood Alam Siddiqui, Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi), Bhupinder Singh Bedi, Punjab University, Chandigarh (Punjab), Anusha N., Jaya Engineering College, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, Abhishek Kumar, Chanakya National Law University, Patna (Bihar), and Asma Shahid from Raza P.G. College, Rampur (Uttar Pradesh) and Arina Khan, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh) shared the prize of state topper from UP.

The prizes were given away to the winners at the Sir Syed Day Commemoration Meeting held on October 17th at 10 am at University Athletics Ground.

**Prof. Iqbal A. Ansari Passes Away**

While extending condolences to the bereaved family on the sad demise of Prof. Iqbal A. Ansari, the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that Prof. Ansari was one of the most important social activist of Muslim community working in close contact with the national leaders for the amelioration of the victim of communal riots. Throughout his life, he has championed the cause of human rights, particularly to protect the social, cultural and constitutional interest of the excluded social class. He felt that it was difficult to fill the gap created by the sad demise of Prof. Iqbal Ansari and prayed to Allah that the departed soul rest in peace.

**Farooq Abdullah at AMU**

“In order to resolve energy crisis and to cater to ever growing energy needs of the country the Central Government will launch Solar Mission on November 14 and Aligarh Muslim University may also set up a
separate Department of Renewable Energy”, said Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy while speaking at Sir Syed Commemoration Meeting today.

He said that the government will launch a solar mission to mark the birth anniversary of Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru. Our country imports petrol, oil, coal and millions of rupees are spent on it but enormous resources of solar and wind energy remains unused. The government has decided to tap these natural resources and Aligarh Muslim University can play an important role in setting up renewable energy department. The country will produce 20000 megawatt electricity through solar energy by 2020, he added.

Paying rich tribute to Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the most seminal figure in the 19th century India, Dr. Abdullah said, “Sir Syed was fully committed to the well-being of his countrymen and for him caste, creed and religion had no meaning. If Sir Syed’s Ideals of large hearted tolerance and peaceful co-existence are adhered to, regional differences will disappear. At political level SAARC countries emulate European Union model and use their resources on the well-being of people”.

Dr. Abdullah asked AMU students to concentrate on achieving excellence in every walk of life and they should work towards shaping the destiny of India. He asked the students to zero in on what is coming in their way and hoped that AMU will produce a Nobel laureate.

On this occasion, AMU Chancellor and retired Chief Justice of Supreme Court Justice A. M. Ahmadi conferred the prestigious Sir Syed Ahmad Khan International Award-2009 in the field of Life Sciences on eminent scientists and researchers and AMU alumni, Prof. Syed Zahoor Qasim and Prof. Obaid Siddiqi for their remarkable contributions in Marine Biology and Molecular Biology respectively. The winners of the All India Essay Writing Competition on “Sir Syed’s Vision and Mission: Relevance in the New Millennium” were also awarded prizes by the Pro-chancellor Nawab Rahmatullah Khan Sherwani.

Welcoming the guests from all parts of the globe, the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the University is on resurgent track. The University has been able to get Rs. 185 Crores for various development initiatives during the XI Plan. The Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College has been declared for upgradation at a cost of Rs. 150 Crore. The Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 50 Crore for starting two special Centres of AMU in Wes Bengal and Kerala. A residential Civil Services Coaching Academy at a cost of Rs. 14 Crore is to start soon. The Schools under the AMU are on a modernization drive. The University is expecting support to the tune of Rs. 85 Crore for creating facilities including appointment of 120 teachers, badly needed at these Schools.

He announced that the Aligarh Muslim University ranks 8th among the Indian universities in terms of research publications. The Government of India has granted a sum of Rs. 9 Crore for the promotion of advanced research in the University.

Prof. Azis said that the AMU believes that it has a role to play in making quality education accessible to people in different parts of the country. In response to the status of backwardness brought out by the Sachar Committee, the Aligarh Muslim University has decided to establish 5 special Centres of the University: Murshidabad in West Bengal, Katihar in Bihar, Malappuram in kerala, Pune in Maharashtra and Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh. The Government of India has been graceful in approving the idea and allocated Rs. 50 Crore as a token grant to start these Centres during the current year.

The Vice Chancellor said that the Deans of various faculties of the University have been requested to initiate consultations with Faculty members for preparing e-lessons and e-learning tools. He said that the Controller of Examination is working on the possibility of making online submission of admission forms, online counseling, online admissions, online internal assessment and online University examinations.

The commemoration programme was conducted by AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel and the Dean, Students’ Welfare; Prof. M. Zubair Khan proposed the Vote of Thanks. Apart from the alumni from all over the world including Pakistan and Tanzania, the programme was attended by the diplomats of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Libya. Earlier in the morning the recitation of the Holy Qura was organized at Jama Masjid and a flower bed was laid on Sir Syed’s grave by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis. Later an exhibition of Sir Syed’s books and photographs was inaugurated by the Vice Cahcellor at Sir Syed Academy.
Prof. Jairajpuri – Fellow TWAS

Prof. M. Shamim Jairajpuri, FNA, Honorary Scientist in Zoology at the Aligarh Muslim University attended the XI General Congress and the XX General meeting of TWAS, the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World to be held in Durban from 20-23rd October 2009. Earlier, Prof. Jairajpuri has attended TWAS meetings in Beijing, China and Alexandria, Egypt. Prof. Jairajpuri holds the honour to be the only Scientist in AMU elected as the Fellow of TWAS till date.

The Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi of which Professor Jairajpuri is a Fellow since 1992, has sent a group of 7 scientists to the conference including Professor Jairajpuri. It is a very important conference the use of science in the development of Africa.

CASR Initiatives

While presiding over the meetings of CASR of the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Life Sciences, Faculty of Management Studies and Research and the Faculty of Theology today, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis observed that research facilities available in the departments must be put to optimum use by providing opportunities to the candidates with the best academic and research potentials. At the same time the departments of studies should also keep in mind the basic infrastructure and facilities existing in the departments and admit the students accordingly, he added.

There was a general consensus in the CASR meetings that despite the policy of enrolment of five research scholars under the supervision of each professor of the University, four research scholars under the Assistant Professor/Reader and three under the Lecturer, 1/3 vacancies must be retained for future admissions so that at least a few seats are left with the Departments to accommodate best students in coming years also.

The CASR of the Faculty of Management has approved 17 PhD admissions including one foreign student for the current session. Similarly the Faculty of Theology has permitted 10 candidates for admission to its PhD programme. A total of 28 candidates in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology including Departments of Applied Mathematics, Applied Chemistry, Applied Physics, Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Electronics and Chemical Engineering and 10 in the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences were granted admission in the M. Phil and PhD courses in the meetings of CASR held yesterday.

The CASR meetings of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Life Sciences had to be adjourned as the information provided by the departments of studies was incomplete. The Vice Chancellor has asked the Deans of the faculties to submit complete details including the merit list of the candidates prepared by the departments of studies, the details of research enrolment under each teacher of the department with the year of admission and the number of vacancies left with each teacher in the current session till date.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has also directed the Chairmen of the Departments to submit a certificate that the research facilities including space, expertise, labs and infra-structure is available in the department to meet the research requirement of the candidates recommended for M. Phil/PhD so that the young scholars should not be put to hardships when given admission in the Departments of Study.

The CASR also approved minor and major changes in the research topics submitted by the departments of Studies.

Symposium on Aligarh Movement

A symposium on “Aligarh Movement and its Relevance in 21st Century” was organized in AMU by the Club for Short Evening Courses, General Education Centre, AMU, Aligarh.

Presiding over the symposium Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU described how ideas and philosophy of Sir Syed can be used to construct a society which will be free from all social ailments and hassles. He said that today’s young generation has forgotten the values and ethics which, Sir Syed maintained during his lifetime. He asked the youth to inculcate in them values of inter-faith dialogue which Sir Syed promoted throughout his life.

Prof. Saud Alam Qasmi, Dean Faculty of Theology and renowned Islamic scholar, highlighted the mission of Sir Syed and said that today there is a great need to protect its root in the society. He said that Aligarh movement is like a torch which has spread light in the society. He also appreciated the literary skills of Sir
Syed and maintained that it was his love and dedication to the community that in his book titled “Asbab-e-Baghawat-e-Hind” openly hold the British government responsible for the revolt of 1857 despite all the censor and danger of reproachment.

Dr. Mohibul Haque, Lecturer in Department of Political Science and human rights activist shed light on the political ideology of Sir Syed and stated that Sir Syed always wanted to bring his community in the mainstream and to infuse it with positive developments.

In his address, Coordinator of General Education Centre Dr. Shakeel Ahmad Samadani said that Sir Syed always wanted Muslims to inculcate in them all positive aspects of English and Islamic Education. He said that our community has forgotten the message of Sir Syed and have lost the path shown by him as a result of which, the community is suffering from a number of social ailments like illiteracy, poverty and unemployment. He motivated the students to establish educational institutes all over the world after completing their education and fight with injustice.

Welcoming the guests, President of the Club, Dr. Shamsul Hayat emphasized that such programmes should be given added preference and should be organized regularly. The programme was conducted by Mansoor Ilahi.

The symposium was attended by a large number of students and teachers.

**Orientation Programme for Lecturers**

UGC Academic Staff College, AMU Aligarh today launched two programmes – Orientation Programme and Subject Refresher Course in Oriental Studies for University/College lecturers from all parts of the Country. The Orientation Programme has attracted 23 participants, who apart from covering the prescribed course content will also attend two special workshops – on Academic Writing Skills, of which Dr. Rashid Nehal, Department of English is the Coordinator and on Application of Geographical Information System Techniques of which Dr. Shahab Fazal, Department of Geography is the Coordinator.

The Subject Refresher Course in Oriental Studies is geared towards sensitizing the course participants to the issues, challenges and prospects of research in Urdu, Arabic, Persian and Islamic Studies. Professor Saghir Ifrahim, Dept. of Urdu is the Coordinator of this interdisciplinary course. Twenty eight University/College lecturers from various parts of the country are enrolled in this course.

In the Inaugural Programme Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU, Aligarh welcomed the course participants and apprised them of the significance and relevance of these in-service training programme. He expressed the hope that course participants will draw upon the expertise of eminent Resources Persons and the rich resources available at the Aligarh Muslim University. Professor Saghir Ifrahim pointed out the salient features of the interdisciplinary course. He urged the course participants to gain insights into research methodology which will lead to their professional development.

**Student Killed**

The Aligarh Muslim University has expressed its deep sense of sorrow at the killing of Mr. Shahnawaz Alam a student of B.Sc. III year of the University outside the campus today.

Sharing the pain and anguish at the dastardly act, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University has said that University will leave no stone unturned to bring the culprit to book. The Police has already arrested the culprit alleged to have open fire on Mr. Alam. The University will also offer a job to a family member of the deceased and a fund will also be raised from staff and students to be handed over to the bereaved family.

Urging the students to display restraint at this hour of grief, Vice Chancellor said that the University administration has been in constant touch with the district officials.

The body of the deceased has been taken to his native town and the Provost NRSC and a team of teachers proceeded to the residence of Mr. Alam to offer condolences to the family. As a mark of respect to the departed soul the classes in the Faculty of Sciences were suspended.

A condolence meeting comprising Deans, provosts, Wardens, local members of the Executive Council, Principals of the Colleges, senior teachers was held and the Vice Chancellor presided the meeting. The
meeting passed a unanimous resolution condoling the sad demise of Mr. Shahnawaz and expressed deep grief at the unfortunate incident.

In his appeal to the students, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis has said that he was very committed to the well being of the students. “Nothing is more important to me than the welfare of each one of student”. He has asked the students and teachers to see that undesirable elements do not take advantage of the situation.

VC Meets Students
The University administration must take stern action against those who are trying to disturb the peaceful academic atmosphere of the University and political interference must not be allowed. This was unanimously resolved in a meeting of Students’ Grievance Committee, comprising 150 students of all halls of residence which was presided over by Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University today.

The students said that they are extending their full cooperation to the administration in this hour of crisis. They urged the University authorities to put premium on their future and brook no suggestion related to closure of the University. The demand of resignation of University officials is totally unjustified and it is aimed at creating disturbance at the campus.

Professor P.K. Abdul Azis said that the administration is fully committed to safeguard the interest of the student and peace will be maintained at all cost. The University does not believe in the use of force and it believes in moral policing. Dialogue process involving senior teachers and students will continue. Agitation is no solution and he has initiated dialogue at all levels. He said that all legitimate demands of the students will be fulfilled and urged the agitated students to call off their dharna.

Professor P.K. Abdul Azis has also convened a meeting of prominent citizens and Members of AMU Court who also extended their full cooperation. The meeting urged the administration not to allow outsiders inside the campus.

Honour for Prof. Bhargava
Dr. Rakesh Bhargava, Chairman, Department of Tuberculosis and Chest Disease, Jawaherlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University attended the American College of Chest Physicians conference at San Diego, USA (31*-5th Nov 2009). Prof. Bhargava presented research paper titled – UNEXPLORED ASSOCIACTION OF BRONCHOGENIC CARCINOMA AND ASPERGILLOSIS in the Conference. This study was done for the first time in the world and a new association was found between lung cancer and fungus (aspergillosis).

AMU Closed
The Aligarh Muslim University and all its maintained institutions have been closed till further order with immediate effect. The detail of re-opening of the University will be announced shortly.

The decision to close down the University was taken in a consultative meeting presided by the AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis after long deliberations. The Deans of faculties, Principals of colleges, local members of the Executive Council, senior professors and other University functionaries after considering all aspects including preempting any unfortunate eventuality unanimously recommended the closure of the University till further order as all the efforts made in the last four days at different levels to persuade a small band of the students sitting on Dharna and hunger strike failed. The review meeting held for more than two hours. The senior teachers of the University were of the opinion that some anti-social and opportunist elements were trying to whip up emotions and promoting hatred against the administration with the object to destabilize the academic and peaceful atmosphere of the University. They were baseless rumours and instigating and provoking students and creating misunderstanding between the students and University administration. The ill designs of such elements came to the surface when some vested elements tried to vitiate the atmosphere of the campus last night.

On the night of October 25, a student of Aligarh Muslim University, Shahnawaz Alam was shot dead over motorbike parking row at a local restaurant near Aligarh railway station. Although the killer was immediately
arrested, the killing sparked off an agitation by a small group of students that culminated into a Dharna. The University administration acting promptly offered employment to one of the near relations of the slain student and financial help to his family and tried to defuse the situation.

All efforts to negotiate with the agitating students did not yield fruit. The senior teachers of the University made numerous visits to the dharna place to persuade but to no avail. The administration has also agreed to address all the legitimate demands brought to its notice in a series of interactive meetings of the Grievance Committee members with the Deans, Provost of Halls of residence and also with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.

In view of the increasing danger of violence and breach of peace in the campus after the intervention of external forces and infiltration by anti-social elements into the students’ group, the University had to take the harsh decision to close the University to safeguard the students’ well being. The University administration was also concerned about the deteriorating health of the students who were on the hunger strike.

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has appealed to the students to vacate their hostels within 48 hours from the issue of this notice and leave for their hometown. The University has made arrangement of 100 special buses for various destinations of adjacent districts and two special bogies in all the trains passing through Aligarh to eastern UP, West Bengal and towards Delhi for the students. The provosts of residential halls have also been directed to provide the fare to the students if needed. The University administration is taking the help of district administration to bring the situation to normal in the University campus and to cause least inconvenience to both the University students and the general public.

**Former VC, Indore University Speaks on AMU Closure**

The former Vice Chancellor of Indore University, Indore and an alumnus of the Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. A. A. Abbasi, in a talk expressed concern on the incidents unfolded in the Aligarh Muslim University during the last few days. Prof. Abbasi said that in the wake of the murder of an AMU student, it was strange that the situation turned into a crisis which was uncalled for. He said that the measures taken by the University were thoughtfully conceived and far reaching and it was hard to understand what else the University administration could do to handle the situation and what is the logic to link other problems to the incident.

Prof. Abbasi said he was a student of the Aligarh Muslim University sixty years ago and had been visiting the University frequently. He said that he always felt happy to see the progress and development that his alma mater made during this period. The developmental projects taken up by the University ensures a glorious future and the expansion programme is in fact a beautiful dream for which he prayed to succeed, he added.

Prof. Abbasi believed that the indefinite closure of the University is a painful decision that would have been taken under great strain. He said that the time will only tell who was responsible to bring the University to the stage of a closure but one must ponder over what would happen to the parents who dare to arrange education for their children after a lot of hardships. He argued that the University is not a factory where simply the machines are stopped and the production comes to a halt. The University is a mill where the raw material goes waste on account of a strike and the production of fresh lot takes a long time to be materialized. The concerned families are the ultimate sufferers who are devastated. The poor and middle class is also affected and their dreams are shattered forever. The loss of one year is suffered for whole life.

Prof. Abbasi urged the students and their leaders to think on this aspect. He said that the teacher who takes on revenge from his students is a mean fellow and the student who is arrogant is a shame to the institution.

**Honour for Dr. Shameem**

Dr. Mohammad Shameem, Lecturer, Department of Tuberculosis and Chest Disease has received the prestigious Young Scientist Visiting Fellowship by the Council for Science and Technology (CST-UP). The fellowship is given for carrying out research in one of the pioneer institutions of India. Dr. Shameem will be doing a research on tuberculosis.

Dr. Shameem is already working as Principal Investigator in a research project sanctioned by Council for Science and Technology meant for young scientists. Recently he has received a major research project from
the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. He has also received fellowship of American College of Chest Physicians at its annual convocation in Chicago.

Prof. K.P. Singh Passes Away
A condolence meeting presided over by the AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis expressed its deep sense of grief and sorrow on the sad demise of noted Hindi critic and scholar, Prof. K. P. Singh, former Chairman, Department of Hindi and former Dean, Faculty of Arts, who expired on 8th November 2009 after a prolonged illness. He was 74.

Addressing the condolence meeting Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that Prof. K. P. Singh created a history and set an example for others by donating his body for the noble purpose of medical studies and higher learning in this field and thus helping the humanity in his own characteristic unassuming way.

On this occasion noted Urdu writer Padma Bhushan Prof. Qazi Abdus Sattar former Dean Faculty of Arts, Prof. S. J. R. Zaidi, Director Persian Institute Prof. Azarmi Dukht Safavi and Prof. Pradeep Kumar Saxena highlighted the contributions of Prof. K. P. Singh.

Born on 6th June 1937 in a farmer family in Karola Village, Aligarh district, Prof. Singh obtained the degree of BA in 1959, MA in 1961 and PhD in 1969 from AMU. He joined the University services as Lecturer in 1966, became Reader in 1977 and Professor in 1985. For him teaching was not merely a means of compulsive routine but an important tool of building character and transforming students into a worthwhile instrument to accelerate the course of change in the society for the benefit of the country.

Professor Singh was a good researcher and prolific writer. He has made invaluable contribution to the enrichment of academic life. He had authored six books and edited nine books. He was also Editor and Co-editor of several Hindi magazines and produced 15 research scholars. He has edited six books of Dr. Rahi Masoom Raza and his monograph on Dr. Raza was published by the National Academy of Letters.

Dr. K. P. Sing was elected as a member of all the AMU statutory bodies like Academic Council, Executive Council and the University Court. He served the University as a Chairman, Department of Hindi, Dean Faculty of Arts, Provost NRSC, Coordinator NSS, Chief of University Employment Bureau, Member Incharge Public Relations and Coordinator University Extension Lecture.

He was member of several Selection Committees of the Public Service Commission and other Universities. Prof. Singh played an important role in promoting communal harmony. He considered illiteracy and communalism as a national threat and dedicated his life for the eradication of the scourge. He was an advocate of composite culture and organized several symposium and workshops to promote Urdu language and literature as well. The great ideals and traditional values of Aligarh Muslim University lived in his persona and he remained to be an epitome of the Aligarianism that an Aligarian is known for the world over.

Prof. Singh is survived by his wife Dr. Namita Singh, former Principal, Tikaram Girls College, son Sourabh Singh, a Bio-scientist in USA and daughter Sumita Singh, both alumni of this great seat of learning.

AMU Registrar Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel presented a condolence resolution and said that the meeting of staff and students of Aligarh Muslim University mourned the sad demise of Prof. Singh and placed on record heartfelt condolences. The meeting expressed deep sympathy to his bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace and give courage to the family members to bear the irreparable loss and vacuum created by his untimely departure.

Bihar Govt. Nods for AMU Centre
Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University said that the quest of AMU to expand education in the country through AMU Special Centres has received further flip. The Government of Bihar has finally agreed to provide the required land for setting up the special centre of Aligarh Muslim University. Earlier the Bihar government offered 100 acres of land but based on the representation made by the AMU Vice Chancellor the Government of Bihar has decided to provide 250 acres of land. Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has thanked the Chief Minister of Bihar Shri Nitish Kumar and Maulana Mohd. Asrarul Hauqe, Member of Parliament from Kishanganj for taking proactive role in the land allotment for the special centre.
Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has expressed confidence that the University will move forward in the direction of establishing special centres in Murshidabad, Malappuram and now in Kishanganj. A team of University officials will be visiting the Kishanganj site very soon and submit an action plan to accelerate the process and to bring it on fast track.

Prof. Azis explained that the present initiative is a powerful projection of an ambitious plan to expand the AMU’s academic and research programmes to meet the challenging needs of the marginalized and excluded social class. It is indeed gratifying that the Government of Bihar has initiated all necessary steps to provide 250 acres of land for setting up special AMU Centre at Kishanganj. The people of Bihar in general and Muslims of the state in particular have extended a warm welcome to AMU. Historically and culturally Indian Muslims seek guidance and inspiration from AMU and expect that it fulfills their educational needs and requirements, under such circumstances it is expected that the University also wakes up for meeting out their aspirations. The Kishanganj Centre will be a step in this direction.

The idea behind setting up special Centre in Bihar is to provide easy access to modern education to the most educationally deprived social class so that the national goal of equity, access and inclusion of the excluded is accomplished. It is indeed a national duty bestowed upon AMU to promote education among the Muslims, he concluded.

Journal of Physiology Released

“Tele medicine and e-journals are giving tremendous strides to bring more content in the form of original research communication, medical connectivity, telemedicine news etc. but these journals are out of reach to an average scientific worker while the peer reviewed papers help build a strong foundation of knowledge and evidence based medicine is strengthened by reputable journals’ contents”, said Prof. D. K. Agrawal, Chairman Department of Physiology, J.N. Medical College and Executive Editor of the Global Journal of Applied Physiology and Allied Sciences. Prof. Agrawal was addressing a gathering on the occasion of release of the first issue of the journal published by the Department of Physiology.

MoU Signed with IN Holland University

Aligarh Muslim University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the INHolland University of Amsterdam for the exchange of students and academic staff between the two Universities along with joint activities in the area of course development, student internships and higher research. The MoU was signed when a high power delegation of INHolland University visited the AMU to explore the prospects of joint activities in the field of educational and cultural research and training. The visiting delegation includes Mr. Cor de Raadt, Dean Faculty of Education, Mrs. Rinke van der Veer, Assistant of Dean, Faculty of Theology, Mr. Rasit Bal, Head of the Department of Islamic Studies, Maulana Mohammed Taheer Wagid Hosain, Imam and Lecturer (Representative of Indian native Muslims) and Aehmed Nazir Khan Joemnan, Member of the Supervisory Road Mosques, Representative of Indian Mosques in Netherlands.

The memorandum of understanding is aimed at providing opportunity to the students of both the universities to learn each other’s language, culture, religion and the sociology of home and host countries and to encourage exchange programme between the two universities.

Later the delegation met the AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis and discussed with him the areas of interest that the two universities may jointly explore for higher learning and research.

National Education Day Celebrations

The Department of Surgery, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU has resolved that each member of the department will actively work to help in educating at least one poor child in his neighbourhood, all the faculty
members and students will try to highlight the importance of primary education in their surrounding area and a comprehensive programme will be framed for observing National Education Day involving seminar, essay writing competition and workshop on banners and slogan writing covering the importance of national literacy programmes and policies initiated by the Government of India.

The resolution was passed in a programme organized to mark the National Education Day on the birth anniversary of great luminary and India’s first Education Minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. The Department of Surgery also organized a debate competition on this occasion.

Prof. Imran Ghani, Chairman of the department while highlighting the importance of National Education Day focused on the importance of initiating various activities under Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan and setting up a model school of secondary education.

Addressing the gathering Prof. Amanullah Khan presented an account of basic education in rural areas through slide presentation with the help of statistics and data. Prof. Khan also stressed the need of active participation of poor and underprivileged in the literacy programmes to get better results.

Prof. A. K. Verma, Prof. M. H. Beg, Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Prof. M. H. Raza, Dr. M. M. Ansari, Dr. M. Aslam and other teachers of the Department also spoke on the occasion.

AMU Students Grievances
The Committee of Deans constituted by AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis to examine in detail the grievances of the University students has submitted its report yesterday and the Vice Chancellor has issued orders to take prompt action as suggested in the Deans’ report.

The grievances of the students covered a wide sphere of residential life and academic activities of the University. The demand for restoration of Students Union, to 24 hours canteen facility, lack of proper parking space in residential halls, absence of additional electric points in hostel rooms for mobile charging, heater and ironing clothes, raising of boundary wall of IG Hall, construction of road from Qila road to the Department of Wild Life Sciences, installation of water cooler in the corridor leading to the Department of Persian and Sanskrit, internet facility in the departments, installation of photocopy machine in the seminar libraries, removal of jammers and use of mobile in Maulana Azad Library were some of the common issues the students brought to the notice of the committee.

The students also emphasized the need for keeping book issue section of M A Library open on Sundays, more computer units in the Computer Centre, increasing dining hall timings, training of proctorial guards to properly behave with the students, canteen facility in each hall, allowing food facility to the wait listed students in halls, common menu of food in all halls, campus placement for all the students completing master courses and increasing students’ interaction with the Vice Chancellor.

They also demanded allowing parents and relatives of the students to meet and stay with their wards for two-three days, reducing application fee for PhD courses, promotion of freedom of expression in all halls of residence especially in girls’ halls, improving cleanliness in toilets of the hostels, speeding up the construction work of auditorium at JN Medical College, construction of mosque and the common room at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Hall, increased stipend for interns, modification in the composition of grievance committee allowing students to elect their representatives and the raids by university administration should not be made only in hostels.

While expressing his firm belief in the democratic values, Prof. Azis ordered for the fast and early solution to the genuine grievances of the students in line with the glorious traditions of the University.

The grievance redressal committee report states that the surprise visit of the Vice Chancellor, Proctor, DSW or the Provosts should not be considered as raid. Its main purpose is to interact with common students and to prevent anti-social elements and unauthorized persons to take shelter in the University. Such regular visits were in the interest of the students.

The report exhorted the Deans, Chairmen, Provosts and other functionaries to look into each and every grievance of the students and work for their solution expeditiously in order to put everything in order before the re-opening of the University.
Regarding the creation of additional electric points and use of heater in hostel rooms, the MIC, Electricity has been requested to consult the provost of halls to arrange two additional points for heater and one point for ironing clothes for every 50 students. The committee also suggested installation of electric meters to monitor the consumption of electricity used for this purpose.

On installation of water coolers, increase in the number of computers and availability of latest editions of textbooks in the Maulana Azad Library the Deans Committee directs the concerned authorities to resolve the issues on fast track basis. The demand of allowing use of mobile in the M A Library and removal of jammers was however not favoured in the larger interest of the majority of students who need tranquility while studying in the library.

The issue of Students’ Union was also examined and the committee observed that the University stands by its commitment to restore academic environment in the campus as a priority and that the Students’ Union shall be restored as per the recommendations of Lyngdoh Committee when a conducive atmosphere is created.

To endure better security for the students the Committee asked the Proctor of the University to depute adequate security on the road leading to Allama Iqbal Hall from behind the University Polytechnic and the road behind the Architectural Department. The Proctor was also requested to conduct special training programmes for the security personnel of the University to sensitize them on the skills required for dealing with the students. The committee observed that if needed special workshops and training sessions may be arranged for this purpose.

The committee of Deans suggested the concerned chairmen of departments to take appropriate measures for ensuring internet facilities to the students and pointed out that the advancement of information communication technology in the University has been a core agenda of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Azis and the University has already achieved great success in providing high speed internet facility to every department and halls of residence to enable the students to access the online information.

Displaying a favourable attitude to the demand of providing canteen facility in every hall and increasing the timings of the University Canteen, the Deans’ committee suggested that the provost of the halls should make all necessary arrangement to start canteen in their halls up to 12 midnight. It also said that the timings of University Canteen may be increased to a little more after due consultation with the contractor.

It was suggested that the reduction of fee for PhD application form may be put into the agenda for next Academic Council meeting. The matter pertaining to the stay of parents or relatives with their wards for two-three days, the committee stated that the parents may be allowed to visit their wards and provision of their stay be made in the University Guest House. The students were advised to apply for the guest house facility for their stay on the usual terms and conditions of the University. It also recommends setting up of a visitors’ room in halls of residence by the concerned provost to avert any inconvenience to the visitors.

**Promise of 1000 mbps**

The National Knowledge Network has been integrated to the Aligarh Muslim University campus network. With the present equipment the University is receiving a 100 mbps internet speed.

Prof. M. T. Ahmad, Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology said that we have just been informed by the National Information Centre, New Delhi that they have received the equipment which will shortly be installed at AMU to provide the promised bandwidth of 1000 mbps.

**Fellow, Indian Society of Toxicology**

Dr. Yasir Hasan Siddiqui, Lecturer at the Department of Zoology, AMU Aligarh has been bestowed upon fellowship of the Indian Society of Toxicology by the Indian Society of Toxicology, Cochin at TOXOCON-5 held at Chandigarh. This fellowship carries a token of appreciation for work done by Dr. Yasir in the field Toxicology. Earlier his research articles got published in the leading scientific journals.
**Inter University Youth Festival**

Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University, flagged off a forty member team of General Education Center for participating in North Zone Inter University Youth Festival to be held from 16-20 November 2009 at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.

On the occasion Prof. Azis said that students of AMU will raise flag of the University wherever they will go. Dr. Shakeel Samdani, Coordinator, General Education Center pointed out that it is the first ever occasion when Vice Chancellor himself has flagged off the squad of GEC. He thanked the Vice Chancellor for encouraging the students.

Forty boys and girls associated with different clubs of GEC proceeded to participate in Youth Festival. Dr. Kalimullah, president of Film Club and Uzma Naaz of Fine Arts Department have accompanied the group.

At the time of see-off the team, Prof. Imamul Haque, President of Drama Club, Dr. Mujeeb Ansari of Hobbies Club, Dr. Shamsul Hayat of Short Evening Courses, Shaad Ahmad Khan, Secretary, Literary Club, Farman Siddiqui of Drama Club, Fahad Khan of Music Club and Iftikhar Alam Ansari of Hobbies Club were also present.

**Honour for Dr. Moied**

Dr Syed Moied Ahmed, Reader & In-charge ICU, Department of Anaesthesiology, J.N. Medical College, AMU, has been awarded with the “Distinguished Academician and Researcher of the Year Award 2009”, conferred by the INDO-US Academic Council for Emergency and Trauma (ACET). The ACET functions under the Framework of INDO-US Emergency and Trauma collaborative. The award recognizes the efforts by the Academic Leaders in developing Academic Emergency Medicine and Trauma Sciences in India. Instituted in 2009 this award signifies the enthusiastic involvement, passionate performance and innovative research undertaken by the awardee in using his academic expertise to cause expansion of science in the field of Academic Emergency and Trauma Sciences in India.

This award was given to Dr. Moied in the 5th Annual INDO-US Emergency Medicine Summit, held at Coimbatore. He also delivered a lecture on “Treatment of Snake Bite- India versus Abroad” in the ACET Speaker of the Year forum.

**Climate Change & Health**

The CSIR Emeritus Scientist Prof. Rais Akhtar said that climate change currently contributes heavily to the global burden of disease and premature deaths and there shall be an increase in the frequency of cardio-respiratory diseases due to increases in ground level ozone related to climate change. Prof. Akhtar was delivering a lecture on “Climate Change and Health” at the Department of Orthopaedics Surgery, JNMC, Aligarh Muslim University.

Prof. Akhtar said that climate change has altered the distribution of some infectious disease vectors. It has also increased the dangers of heat wave related deaths, increased malnutrition and consequent disorders, change in the range of infectious disease vectors and the burden of diarrheal diseases. Prof. Rais Akhtar said that adverse health impacts of such changes will be greatest in low-income countries. Those at greater risk include in all countries urban poor, the elderly and children, traditional societies, subsistence farmers and coastal population.

Prof. Khalid Sherwani, introduced the guest speaker Prof. Rais Akhtar, currently Emeritus Scientist CSIP, Geography, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, JNU, New Delhi has also taught at JNU, the University of Zambia, Lusaka and University of Kashmir, Srinagar. Prof. Akhtar has received several highly prestigious awards including Liverhulme Fellowship (University of Liverpool), Henry Chapman Fellowship (University of London), Visiting Fellowship, University of Sussex, Commonwealth Secretariat Fellow, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London, Visiting Professor, University of Paris. Prof. Sherwani said that a number of highly acclaimed research apers of Prof. Rais Akhtar have been published in international journals of high repute and Prof. Akhtar has already delivered a number of lectures around the world.
The lecture was attended by Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean Faculty of Medicine, Prof. A. A. Iraqi, Dr. Mohammad Zahid, Prof. M. Amanullah Khan, Prof. Imran Ghani, Prof. H. S. Khan, Prof. Rana Sherwani, Dr. Mazhar Abbas, Dr. Nayyar Asif, Dr. M. Aslam and a number of senior and junior residents.

Cardiac Camp
The Super Specialty OPD of J N Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University with the collaboration of Vardhman Mahaveer Medical College, New Delhi organized a free cardiac checkup camp at the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College.

At the camp a number of heart patients were facilitated with free cardiac checkups who needed valve surgery but lacked the resources for it. The patients were facilitated with the checkups at the camp organized by the efforts of Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal JNMC and Chief Medical Superintendent of Medical College Hospital, Dr. Vithal Betagiri, Chairman, Cardiac Surgery Department, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, Dr. Shailesh Jain, Consultant, Cardiac Diseases, Dr. Haseen Azam and Prof. M. U. Rabbani, Director, Cardiology Centre, J. N. Medical College, AMU.

Dr. Rabbani and Dr. Jain said that valve surgery will be performed free of cost under the concession granted by Government of India. Dr. Rabbani told that the administration of Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and the University has been seriously making efforts to provide Cathlab and Cardiac Surgery so that complete heart care solution could be provided to the patients.

Inter University Badminton Results
The Punjab University, Chandigarh has won the North Zone Inter University Badminton Men Championship while RML Awadh, Faizabad lifted the trophy in women category. The North Zone Intervarsity Badminton (Men & Women) Tournament was played here at the Aligarh Muslim University.

Men:
Punjab University beat GNDU Amritsar by 3-0
I Singles Saurav Kapoor beat Salil Katalaria by 21-15, 21-12
II Singles Oscar Bansal beat Prateek Mahajan by 21-19, 15-21, 21-18
I Doubles Saurav Kapoor & Oscar beat Navdeep & Sahil by 21-18, 21-14

Women:
RML Awadh, Faizabad beat Delhi University by 2-0
I Singles Garima Yadav beat Dikshika Rawati by 21-18, 21-6
Doubles Garima& Saloni Yadav beat Dikshita & Sheetal by 18-21, 21-17, 21-16

State Diabetes Convention
Eminent cardiologist and Director, Cardiology Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. M. U. Rabbani has said that about fifty percent diabetes patients are vulnerable to the heart diseases of which only 20 percent people are aware of the cardiac problems. Most of such cases are diagnosed at the time of fitness check up when preparing for a surgery.

Prof. Rabbani was addressing the valedictory session of VIII State Diabetes Convention “UPDCON-2009”. He said the patients who are suffering from diabetes for a long time and simultaneously are affected with hypertension or increased cholesterol are advised to get their cardiology checkups done at the earliest. Prof. Rabbani said that the patients who do not show up any symptom of cardiac problem in spite of being a positive heart patient need only extensive medical aid and only 5% of patients need angiography.

Honour for Prof. Shahreyar
The Sambalpur University, Orissa has conferred its prestigious Gangadhar National Award for Poetry 2008 on Prof. A. M. K. Shahryar, noted poet and former Chairman, Department of Urdu, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

The University has instituted the award in the memory of eminent Orissa poet Gangadhar Meher (1862-1924). The award carries a cash prize of rupees fifty thousand a shawl and a citation. Professor Shaharyar is the
The eighteenth recipient of the award and a galaxy of poets belonging to various Indian languages including Ali Sardar Jafri, Kedar Nath Singh, Ayyapa Panikar, Shakti Chattopadhyay, K. Sachidanandan, Dillip Chitre, Jayant Mahapatra, Gulzar and Nawakant Barua have received his award. Professor Shaharyar has published six collections and his poems were translated into English, Spanish, German, French, Italian and various Indian languages. Professor Shaharyar represented India in various literary meets and festivals of India held in USA, France, UK and other countries. He has already bagged several literary awards including Sahitya Academy Award, Bahadur Shah Zafar Award, Begum Akhtar Ghazal Award, UP and Bihar Urdu Academy Awards etc.

VC appeals to Muslim Intelligensia & MPs

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has appealed to the Muslim Members of Parliament and intelligentsia to come forward for the educational development of Muslims of the country and promotion of the Aligarh Movement. Prof. Azis urged them to support the University’s efforts for restoration of its minority character.

Prof. Azis was addressing a gathering of Muslim parliamentarians and intelligentsia at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Mr. K. Rahman Khan, Minister of State for Railways Mr. E. Ahmad, former deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Mrs. Najma Heptullah, Maulana Asrarul Haque Qasmi, Mr. Shafiqur Rahman Burq, Mr. Shareefuddin Sharique, Mr. Moinul Haque, Mr. Ali Anwar Ansari, Mr. M. I. Shanavas, Mr. Abdul Wahab Peevee etc. and assured their cooperation in the development of the University.

Mrs. Najma Heptullah while commenting on the PowerPoint presentation of the University said that the way the University administration has presented the detail of developmental work before the Muslim Parliamentarians reflects its sincerity. Mrs. Heptullah said that the glorious academic traditions of AMU need further expansion and assured that she will make all efforts to help the establishment of special centre of Aligarh Muslim University in Bhopal.

The Member of Parliament from Kishanganj Maulana Mohammad Asrarul Haque Qasmi said that Aligarh Muslim University is a minority institution and it is our responsibility to extend all support to it. Terming University’s move to establish of five special centres of Aligarh Muslim University in distant areas of the country as the need of hour, he said the decision would provide the best opportunities to Muslims of the country who are lagging behind and this affirmative action of the University is in line with the national aspiration to include in the education fold the most excluded social class.

Member of Parliament and AMU alumnus Mr. Shareefuddin Sharique said that being an alumnus of the University he knows that the majority of University students were always in favour of maintaining peaceful academic environment in the campus and it is the handful of miscreants that bring all the bad name to the University.

Rajya Sabha MP Mr. Ali Anwar Ansari requested the Vice Chancellor to adopt an affectionate approach towards the suspended students who have no criminal records and allow them to continue their education.

Prof. Azis shed light on the course of development that the University was able to make during the last two years. He said that new courses have been started and the University for the First Time in its history has received a massive grant of Rs. 185 Crore from the University Grants Commission under XI plan.

Prof. Azis said that research activities have been given new impetus and information technology has been developed to the level that every department and residential hall has been made an ICT hub and the internet facility has been expanded to each and every department and hostel. The Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College has been granted Rs. 150 Crore by the Government of India for its upgradation to the status of AIIMS. Similarly a comprehensive plan has also been put into action for upgrading the standard of the University managed schools.

The other prominent personalities that attended the meeting included former Vice Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia, Prof. Mushirul Hasan, former Vice chancellor of Jamia Hamdard Mr. Sirajuddin, Maulana Abdul Wahab Khilji, Chairman of Delhi Minorities Commission Mr. Kamal farooqui and former Indian diplomat Mr. Ishrat Aziz.
1st Aligarian to Pass MRCOG
Dr. Nishat Mustafa Khan, MBBS (1986 Batch) from the J. N. Medical College, AMU was awarded the prestigious membership of Royal College of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (MRCOG). She is the only Aligarian to pass MRCOG.
She did her MD in Gynaecology in 1995 from J.N. Medical College, AMU and her topic was “Colposcopic Evaluation of Cervical Cancer”.
Dr. Nishat is currently working as a senior specialist in Saudi Arabia. Dr. Nishat has attended multiple courses and conferences in Asia, Middle East, UK and USA.

Award for Prof. Haseeb
Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, Chairman, Department of Plant Protection, and former Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has been conferred with the “Dr. B. Vasantharaj David Award- 2008” for outstanding contribution made in the field of Plant Protection during the National Conference on Biodiversity, Conservation and Management of Bioresources held at Department of Zoology, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam organized by Applied Zoologists Research Association (AZRA) Division of Entomology, Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack.

Aids Awareness Camp Organized
On the occasion of World AIDS Day an Aids awareness camp was organized at Sarsol, G.T. Road by Voluntary counseling & Testing Centre (VCTC) Department of Microbiology with the help of a non-government organization.
A team of residents, Dr. Mehvash, Dr. Nazia, Dr. Parvez, Dr. Asif, Dr. Hasan Dr. Sarfaraz, Dr. Shamim, Dr. Suhaib and Dr. Sana and many interns participated also in the camp.
Mr. Asim Arun, DIG Aligarh inaugurated the camp. Prof. Abida Malik presented a bouquet to Mr. Arun. He of appreciated the efforts of the organizers of the camp. Principal & CMS, Prof. Ashraf Malik, Dean Prof. Abrar Hasan, were also present.
Separate Counters for General Health checkup, registration, Counseling and for blood collection for HIV test were arranged by the VCTC. The AIDS awareness to the public was provided with the help of short documentaries charts, posters, pamphlets, on HIV/AIDS and through counseling by expert counselors. The facility of HIV testing was provided free of cost.
More than 210 persons registered and were made aware of modes of transmission and prevention of AIDS. 139 blood samples were collected for HIV testing and about 70 persons received medication for general complaints.

Guest Faculty Gets Award
Dr. S. Asad Ali, guest faculty in Department of Applied Physics ZHCET, AMU, has bagged excellent poster Award of National Conference on Accelerator and Low Level Radiation Safety held at Inter University Accelerator Centre, New Delhi.
This conference was inaugurated by Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam former president of India. Prof. S. K. Thorat, Chairman University Grants Commission Presided over the inaugural function.
Taxonomist Awarded
Dr. Mohammad Hayat, Retired Professor of Zoology and Principal Investigator in an ICAR National Project ‘Network Project on Insect Biosystematics’ has been awarded the first “Distinguished Taxonomist Award – 2008”, instituted by the Prof. T. C. Narendran Trust for Animal Taxonomy, Kozhikode.

The award ceremony held at the Zoological Survey of India, Western Ghat Regional Centre, and Dr. Ramakrishna, Director, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata, presented the award, comprising a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-, a plaque and a certificate to Prof. Hayat.

Akhtar Haseeb Honoured with “Life Time Achievement Award”
Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, Chairman, Department of Plant Protection has been conferred with the “Life Time Achievement Award-2009” for outstanding contribution in the field of Agriculture Productivity with special reference to Crop Protection on the occasion of National Symposium on Achieving Millennium Development Goals: Problems and Prospects held at Bundelkhand University, Jhansi (UP).

AMU Faculty Gets Award
Dr. Shah Alam, Reader in Psychology (W.C.), Department of Psychology has been awarded Suprabha Deb Memorial Medal for the year 2008. the Medal was given away by Honorable Governor of West Bengal and Chancellor of Calcutta University Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi in the Convocation of Calcutta University 11th September, 2009.

English Access Microscholarship Program
The orientation session was held for the incoming students of the English Access Microscholarship Program at Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Professor V. K. Abdul Jalil Manager, AMU Schools and Registrar Aligarh Muslim University was the Chief Guest.

In his opening remarks, Professor A. R. Kidwai, Director, Academic Staff College focused on its non-traditional approach, and mentioned that it does not follow the usual system of syllabi and exams. According to him the representatives of the Access Program were extremely pleased with the way that the classes had been conducted at the ASC during the last two years, and had increased the batch size from 100 to 200. Professor Jalil presented bouquets along with folders containing relevant information about students and class assignments to the core team of Access resource persons consisting of Dr. Rasheed Nehal, Associate Professor, Department of English, AMU, Dr. Amirullah Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of English, AMU, Ms. Munira T., Assistant Professor, Department of English, AMU, Dr. Vibha Sharma Assistant Professor, Department of English, Dr. Soohia Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Department of English, AMU, Mr. Sajidul Islam, Assistant Professor, Department of English, AMU, Dr. Faiz Zaidi, Postgraduate Teacher, Ten Plus Two (Boys), AMU, Mr. Saiyed Vihar Akbar, Postgraduate Teacher, AMU City High School, Mr. Malik Arshad, Trained Graduate Teacher, STS High School, AMU, Ms. Neetu Saraswat, an Access Teacher form Kendriya Vidyalaya, Aligarh is also part of this core team, but was not presented at the orientation session.

It was followed by the presentation of mementoes to the new students.

Professor V. K. Jalil began congratulated Professor Kidwai for his vision foresight and organizational skills in having successfully launched and run the Access Program. Professor Jalil also appreciated the efforts of the resource persons, and said that he had personally witnessed how fluently students belonging to the last batch had been able to converse in English within a month of attending Access classes.
International Conference on Co-Existence of Religion

An International Conference on Peaceful Co-Existence of Religions was held in the Tehran University in which professor Ali Mohammad Naqvi, Chairman Department of Shia Theology presented a paper on Typology of Religions and Religious Perspectives.

At the end of the conference Tehran Declaration of Peaceful Co-Existence of Religions was passed which urged the followers of all Religions to work towards Peaceful Co-Existence of all Religions. Professor Ali Mohammad Naqvi also visited Mofid University, Adyan University and Higher Institute of Research in Qom. Professor Naqvi’s on the person book Development of Indian Religious Thought was released in the Tehran University.

Rahul’s plea for internal Democracy

“Democracy has been flourishing in the country but no political party pays heed to the concept of internal democracy” and “frequent nomination to the important posts instead of democratic election is the testament to the fact”, said Rahul Gandhi, MP and General Secretary of the Congress while interacting with the students at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

Non-democratic structure of the political parties prevents common man from joining the politics and it has to be changed, he added.

“The destiny of the country is shaped by the youth hence they must fully participate in the political system of the country. Nobody knows how to enter politics as there is no well-defined procedure and path into politics has to be clear and transparent”, Rahul Gandhi added.

Rahul Gandhi said no criminal and fundamentalist must be given opportunity in political parties. Describing AMU as the invaluable intellectual treasure of the country, Mr. Gandhi urged the students not to carried be away by any consideration other than the merit. The example of Dr. Manmohan Singh bears an eloquent testimony to the fact, he added.

Earlier, welcoming Mr. Rahul Gandhi, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis said that the Muslim community and the Aligarh Muslim University are extremely indebted to Pandit Nehru for the unstinted support.

Professor Azis urged Mr. Gandhi to take up the issue of the Minority Character of AMU with the Prime Minister of India and get the Minority Character of AMU restored unequivocally by an amendment to AMU Act of 1981 by the Indian Parliament.

The University has submitted a rupees two thousand crores proposal for establishing five centers across the country and for this massive expansion the Government of India should come forward with clear cut and time bound affirmative programmes to enable the Sachar Committee’s recommendations to become more meaningful, he concluded.

At the end of the interactive meet, Rahul Gandhi answered various questions raised by the students of AMU relating to role of youths in building new India, the issue of reservation for Muslims in educational institutional, minority character for AMU and implementation of Sachar Committee. Earlier, Mr. Rahul Gandhi visited the mazar of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the legendary founder of Aligarh Muslim University. Mr. Gandhi also visited the AMU Staff Club and interacted with the University teacher. Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar, AMU extended a vote of thanks.
Professor Ameen gets International Ranking
Professor Saiyed Mohammad Ameen Mian Qadri of the Urdu Department at the Aligarh Muslim University has been described as 44th most influential Muslim in the world by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre of the Georgetown University, USA.
The Prince Al-Waheed Bin Talal Centre for Muslim-Christian Understanding Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University has published a new book containing the list of 500 most influential Muslims in the world.
Professor Saiyed Ameen Mian Qadri is a leader of the Indian Barelvis and a Sajjada Nasheen or Sufi disciple of the Khanquah-e-Barkatiya, Marehra sufi tradition which stems from the Qadriyyah tradition of eminent Sufi master Abd al Qadir al Jilani.

AMU Signs MoU with Indonesia
The Aligarh Muslim University today signed a Memorandum of Uniderstanding with Darussalam Institute of Islamic Studies, Indonesia to collaborate on educational matters.
A seven member delegation of the Darussalam Institute of Islamic Studies, Idonesia met the AMU Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis and other senior officials of the University. It also visited the Departments of Theology, Islamic Studies, Arabic and the University library.
These two Institutes agree to organize Conferences, Seminars and Scientific discussions on various issues both will hold joint cultural programme of the students and will exchange visiting Professors between the two institutions for agreed period.

Flowers can survive two decades AMU scholars discover technique
The researchers at the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) have discovered a technique to keep flowers fresh and beautiful with their color and shape intact for over twenty years. The innovative and cutting edge technological research finding of researchers at the AMU has ensured the preservation of bouquets and flowers for over 20 years with their original colour and shape.
The five year long research on “preservation of botanical specimen retaining the natural colour pigments carried out by Dr. Parveen Kumar, research scholar under the supervision of Dr. Abdur Raheem K., Reader in Department of Museology, AMU. The innovation shall not only promote flora industry but will also benefit customers, natural history museums, agricultural museums, forest museums and museums of educational institutions that are the custodian of our natural heritage.
The research finding has already received recognition from Prof. Cheng Sen Li, Director, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing and Dr. A. A. Ansari, Joint Director of Botanical Survey of India, Gaṅtok. The innovative technique was greatly appreciated during the recently concluded V International Flora Expo ’09 held at Bangalore.

Seismological observatory at AMU
AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today inaugurated a Broadband Seismological Observatory at the Department of Geology, Aligarh Muslim University set up by the NGRI, Hyderabad to record and monitor the seismic activity in the region.
The project undertaken by NGRI, Hyderabad with the financial assistance from Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India aims at monitoring the seismic activity in the region covering Indo-Gangetic Plains. The study aims at monitoring the seismicity from Gwalior to Moradabad by setting up Broadband Seismic Stations at approximately 50 km apart at Gwalior, Dholpur, Agra, Aligarh, Narora and Moradabad.
The NGRI scientists demonstrated the utility and purpose of this observatory to the staff and students of Department of Geology. Prof. R. K. Jadav, Director, Bajaj Institute of Management, Mumbai, Dr. Sahdaba Khursheed, Chairman of Department of Geology and Prof. Mahshar Raza also addressed on this occasion.
Emphasis on Humane face of Police
The Senior Superintendent of Police of Aligarh Mr. Asim Arun interacted with the students of Mohsinul Mulk Hall at a programme organized under the aegis of the Career Counseling Cell of the Hall. Prof. Shan Mohammad, an eminent scholar and Director, Sir Syed Academy presided over the function. Mr. Asim Arun, SSP, spoke at length on different matters ranging from general law & order and how to present a human face of police in dealing with Public. He also shared his experiences as Police Officer with the students.
Prof. Shan Mohammad in his presidential address opined that today’s Aligarh, to some extent, is what Sir Syed visualized more than a hundred year ago. He urged the students to refrain from destructive activities and concentrate on their studies to fulfill the expectations of their parents.
Earlier in his welcome speech Dr. Suhail Sabir, Provost, M.M. Hall highlighted the main idea behind such endeavours. Dr. Suhail emphasized the importance of interaction with luminaries of different field that would help the students aspiring to appear for Civil Services and other competitive examinations. Dr. Sabir informed that such lecture will be held fortnightly.

Sonia, Manmohan to get D.Lit
The Executive Council of Aligarh Muslim University in its emergent meeting held today has decided to give re-employment to Prof. Noor Afzal with immediate effect as a special case keeping in view his academic credentials and expertise in Fluid Mechanics on the prescribed terms and conditions till he attains the age of 65 years. The decision of the EC was taken in the light of Statute 29(10)(b) and Clause 26 of Chapter IV of the Ordinances (Executive) of the University. The EC has also examined the recommendation of the Board of Studies of the Department of Mechanical Engineeringas.
Further, the Executive Council has resolved to award the degree of D. Lit. (Honoris Causa) to the Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Chairperson of Indian National Congress Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University and retired Chief Justice of India Justice A. M. Ahmadi and the iconic artist of global fame Mr. M. F. Husain. The D. Lit. degrees will be given to these distinguished personalities for the outstanding contributions made by them in their respective fields of endeavour. The degree will be conferred in the forthcoming annual convocation of the University.
The meeting was presided by the Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis and attended by 15 members including Prof. A. M. Pathan, Mr. P. A. Inamdar, Prof. Jawaidd Akhtar, Prof. Ziauddin Khairuwala, Prof. Saud Alam Qasmi, Prof. M. Z. Khan, prof. M. T. Ahmad, Prof. Maria Bilquis, Prof. Mujahid Beg, Prof. Muzaffar A. Siddiqui, Dr. Asif Ali Khan, Dr. Saud Ali Khan and Prof. Pervez Qamar Rizvi. Among the notable absentees were Prof. Jawaidd Alam, Mr. Zafaryab Jeelani, Dr. Hafiz Ilyas, Mr. Jamshed Siddiqui and Mr. Khurshid Ahmad Khan.

New Proctor
Prof. M. Zubair Khan, Department of Mathematics, currently Dean, Students’ Welfare has been appointed Proctor of the University vice Prof. Muzaffar A. Siddiqui for a period of two years or until further orders.
Further, the Vice Chancellor has appointed Dr. Mujibullah Zubairi, Lecturer, Department of Electrical Engineering as Member-in-Charge of Central Automobile Workshop for a period of one year or until further orders.

New DSW
Prof. Ainul Haque Khan, Department of Botany has been appointed the Dean Students’ Welfare, Aligarh Muslim University.
Earlier Prof. Khan has worked as Acting Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences and Chairman, Department of Botany. Prof. Ainul Haque Khan’s scholarly pursuit has been enormous as more than a hundred scholarly papers have been published in the renowned international and national journals.
**Young Scientist Prize**
Dr. Yasir Hasan Siddique, Lecturer, Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University has received a DEF Prize for Young Scientist-2009 from Academy of Environmental Biology, IITR, Lucknow at 29th Annual Session of The Academy of Environmental Biology for his eminent work in Environmental Biology & Genetics.

**Zahoor Qasim Donates 3Three Lakhs**
Noted scientist Professor Syed Zahoor Qasim today presented a cheque of Rs. Three Lakhs to the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis for the award of Scholarship and Gold Medal. Prof. Qasim is an alumnus of this institution. While accepting the donation Prof. Azis said that this is a unique gesture on the part of Prof. Qasim.
The Scholarship and Gold Medal may be awarded from the next academic year to the student who secured highest marks in the final year exam of M. Sc. (Zoology).

**Environmental Science Award**
Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Lecturer at Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University has been conferred upon the Scientist of the Year Award-2009 by the National Environmental Science Academy, New Delhi. The award carries a Gold Medal and a Plaque as the token of appreciation for the contributions of Dr. Riaz Ahmad in the area of Biochemical and Molecular Genetics.
Dr. Riaz Ahmad was conferred upon this award at the XXII Annual Conference of the National Environmental Science Academy held at the Convention Centre of Hamdard University, New Delhi. The Academy conferred this award on him realizing his important contribution in “asphyxia-related switch over” and “down regulation of ATPase Activity” in several Airbreathing Organ (ABO) possessing freshwater fishes.

**Workshop an Advance Laparoscopy**
A Workshop on Basic and Advance Laparoscopy in Adult and Paedriatic Patients was organized by Department of Surgery, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College from December 19-20, 2009. In this Workshop eminent faculties from different parts of India, namely Dr. S. D. Maurya, Maurya Sach Khand Hospital, Agra, Dr. Rasik Shah, Mumbai, Dr. Prema Menon, PGI, Chandigarh, Dr. Yogesh Agarwal, Fortis Hospital, NOIDA, Dr. Yogesh Misra, Lucknow, Dr. Kishore Panjwani, Agra and Dr. K. L. N. Rao, Professor and Head Department of Paediatric Surgery, PGI, Chandigarh participated and demonstrated various laparoscopic procedures and techniques by operating on 14-15 patients that proved very beneficial to resident doctors, delegates and other participants of the workshop.
Inaugurating the workshop, AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis stressed on promoting research and bringing the Medical College at par with national and international level medical institutes.
Earlier, Prof. Imran Ghani, Organizing Secretary of the Workshop welcomed the delegates and introduced the guests. Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, JNMC and Chief Medical Superintendent of J. N. Medical College Hospital and Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine also addressed on this occasion. At the end of the programme, Prof. Imran Ghani presented vote of thanks.
Professor N. A. K. Durrani

Describing Shri Rahul Gandhi as a young and dynamic leader arising in the Indian horizon professor Abdul Azis, Vice-Chancellor said that he is proud to have him in the midst of AMU students who have a dream and vision for India. The visit is an excellent opportunity for the students and staff of the University to know his vision of a new India. Prof. Azis said that the AMU community wants to share with him the dream that they have and hoped that the interactive session organized by AMU would touch the right chord on both sides and lead to creation of a new partnership and the great values nurtured by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Smt. Indira Gandhi.

Mr. Gandhi will win the hearts and minds of new generation of India. The Muslim community and Aligarh Muslim University are extremely indebted to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru for the unstinted support he had given to reposition the AMU after India became independent. The AMU needs special privilege from your side as well”, Prof. Azis urged.

AMU has its genesis in the ideal of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan who wanted modern education to be blended with Islamic education. The University has a Muslim character right from its inception and it maintained its secular credentials all along, he observed.

Pleading for restoration of minority character of the Aligarh Muslim University Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that there is an order from the Allahabad High Court that has taken away the minority character on the basis of a petition filed before it. An appeal for restoration of minority character of AMU is pending with the Supreme Court of India. He has requested Mr. Rahul Gandhi to take up the issue of minority character of AMU with the Prime Minister and get the minority character restored unequivocally by amending the AMU Act of 1981.

Lauding the efforts of the Central Government Prof. Azis said that the Muslim community of the country is extremely grateful to the UPA government led by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and the UPA Chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi for their special focus on the development areas close to Muslim minds.
Making special reference to the expansion drive the AMU has undertaken Prof. Azis said that the Government of India has in principle approved the establishment of regional centres of AMU in five different zones of the country making education accessible to people in backward region. The University has submitted a Rs. 2000 Crores proposal for establishing these centres and Rs. 1000 Crores’ proposal to modernize the present AMU campus located at Aligarh.

Prof. Azis requested Mr. Rahul Gandhi to extend support for the massive expansion programme undertaken by AMU. He also urged Mr. Rahul Gandhi to take up the task of bringing forward a clear cut and time bound affirmative programme to enable Muslim community fill the development deficit identified by the Sachar Committee.

Tracing the long association of Nehru family with the University Prof. Azis said, “When I see you sitting in this great seat of learning, history comes back to my mind, this visit is very sensitive to us. Your beloved mother Smt. Sonia Gandhi visited AMU in 2003, your grandmother Smt. Indira Gandhi visited in 1965 and your grandfather Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru had shown love for AMU and its founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan visiting in 1933, 1948, 1955 and 1962. University had honored Pt. Nehru by conferring honorary D. Litt. In 1948. This visit of yours, I hope will be the beginning of a long enduring relationship, a relationship that we always had with the Nehru family. I hope you would become the architect of New Millennium India”.

Responding to the welcome speech of the AMU Vice Chancellor, Mr. Rahul Gandhi said “I am not going to be the architect of new India but the young men and women of this nation will be the future of this country”, he observed.

Mr. Gandhi said that he felt proud when he went to an institution with the kind of history that AMU had. He spoke to the students and listened to them what they felt. The biggest thing and most important is to participate in the future of the country and in his view the easiest way of participating in the future of nation is through politics, observed Mr. Rahul Gandhi. He invited the students of AMU to join the fight to change the future of this country for better.

While responding to the long history that his family shared with AMU, Mr. Rahul Gandhi said that it is certainly not going to be his last visit. He would very much like to come back and have an enduring relationship with the Aligarh Muslim University. He said, “Now let me ask you a question, how many people
in this room are interested in politics?” About 50% students raised their hands. “OK and how many of you know how to enter politics?” Mr. Gandhi once again posed the question to the audience.

Speaking on getting a break in politics, Rahul Gandhi said that there is no procedure as such. You have to have some connections to enter politics, need to know people already in the field; no set of rules for entry and that is one problem. He said that we are trying to change at NSUI & Youth Congress. He further reiterated that the path into politics should be clear and open to all interested in joining politics.

Mr. Rahul Gandhi further observed that the second cause of concern was the nature and state of political parties in India. He questioned, “Why is it that we are allowed to vote and none of the political parties and I say none, including the Congress, the BJP, Samajwadi, BSP – none of the parties in India is democratic”. He further added that most important thing we need to change in our politics is that we need to start thinking about making our organizations democratic and accountable to ourselves. These are some of the things that I work on and spend my time doing, he quipped.

In response to a question from Ahmad Faraz, a student of Management Studies who asked, “You talked of democracy and democratizing the institutions but what about the control mechanism, if I can elaborate a bit more the case of Jagdish Tytler and Mr. Kumar, they apologized openly and that proves their guilt; if someone from Youth Congress does something unlawful what is the control mechanism for that?”

Mr. Gandhi replied that “first of all I would point one thing just because you are asking”. A democratic organization does not mean you can carry out illegal activities. The idea is participation of everybody and electing its leader. Those leaders will have to operate within an ideological and legal framework that we define. We have simple rules in Youth Congress and NSUI”. He made it clear that the one who participates in their election cannot be a criminal and fundamentalist of any type. Those whose views are all inclusive and liberal can participate. Now we have gone one step further. What we have done is we are going to get an outside agency to make sure that these two rules are followed. He said that to ensure that no criminal get into their system they have hired the services of an NGO run by Mr. Lyngdoh to make sure that our elections are free and fair. Other than that “there are set of rules and procedures that we have to ensure the type of control that you are talking about”. What we are saying is if you want the voice of youth in an organization, the only way is to elect the leader, he elaborated.

Emphasizing the need for democratic selection Mr. Rahul Gandhi said that it was not fair to announce Mr. So and So is your college President, you would not accept that. So, why do you accept such undemocratic things at the national level? That is a fundamental change we are working towards. Non-democratic structure of a political party in a democracy is not acceptable, he emphasized.

The next question came from Eram Khan, student of BA LLB III Year. She asked, “Recently, you would be aware, AMU was stripped off its minority character and that amounts to cold blooded murder of Muslim education in India. As a young leader, we have great expectations from you. Whats your government doing about it?”
Mr. Rahul Gandhi said that you said AMU is centre of Muslim education, intellectualism, it is a fact. But it is actually more than that. “For me it is the centre of a global phenomenon, an international thing”. I was in Egypt and students there mentioned your University. AMU is a historical place and intellectual treasure of India. There are issues with Mr. Rahul Gandhi said that you said AMU is centre of Muslim education, intellectualism, it is a fact. But it is actually more than that. “For me it is the centre of a global phenomenon, an international thing”. I was in Egypt and students there mentioned your University. AMU is a historical place and intellectual treasure of India. There are issues with minority institution here and “I will go back and I will discuss with the Prime Minister and others at higher levels”, he assured the gathering.

Responding to the question of Athar Ali, an MBA student that “You had talked earlier of 15 p of every rupee to reach the villages. What has your government done to lessen that gap and what role do you expect the youth to play in this regard?”

Mr. Gandhi said, “I will speak on little wider than your question”. When we started more than 60 years ago, it was one India but today we are divided into one India that is fast moving, rich and progressive and other India that lacks opportunity and is slow moving. Central challenge is to make it one, once again, united India. We did not have resources earlier but today the money is there, “only problem is that it does not reach the end of the line, to the poorest & the richest section”, he added.

Mr. Rahul Gandhi continued, “Another issue is the wide gap between functioning of State Governments and Central Government. If we want to build roads or provide electricity in UP, we can’t do that and you know my views on UP State Govt. and its capability to carry out things. That is one issue and second is if you go to the poor villagers, we have no means to identify them. The BPL list is all wrong. Here you can recognize the rich and the well off people. They have an identity card but with the poor, it’s not the case. We need to work for identification. Mr. Nilenkari is trying to achieve the goal of identity for each single Indian. In case of South India, there’s much more awareness and participation from villages. There are women in politics and ability to divert funds is constrained. So you see! Participation and awareness can help, he observed”.

Mallik Gaur, student from Department of Management asked, “What do you say of your accomplishments so far and what drives you basically?”

Mr. Rahul Gandhi said, “My idea of leadership comes from Mahatma Gandhi and that is to ‘create’ leaders. We have to find people and take out leadership quality in them. I don’t agree that there is one person who has a vision and he does something for the country in a dramatic way. No. It’s all of us together who make it possible. To me, the most important thing is to listen to your views. You will find 60 to 70% of
my talk is listening to you and 30% or so to tell you what I feel and view. It’s important to listen & understand.”

Responding to the question asked by a student from S.T.S. High School, Umar Ghazi that what was his dream regarding new India and role of Indians Muslims, Mr. Gandhi said, “I have grown up in a family (and you’ll have to forgive me for this) a family where caste, religion, region or sect you belong to was irrelevant. “What I have been taught is if a person is Indian, he is exactly the same as another Indian”. If someone says, “I am from a particular caste or religion, I listen because they say it”. I personally don’t see it for we Indians have different religious faiths, tribal affiliations, castes & sects which is the power of India. “I am proud of diversity of India”. Things that you and others bring to the table together make up for India. Everybody has a place. “I am against the notion of leaving out people on basis of their caste or religion which is the mistake parties like BJP have made”. It is against Indian civilization of inclusiveness. “This is our strength I am proud of it and ready to fight for”, he concluded.

Jaan Mansur Khan of University Literary Club asked, “What will you do for the Muslims of the country, keeping in view the recommendations of Sachar Committee when you become the PM of India?”

Mr. Rahul Gandhi said, “That PM question always comes up. I’ll leave that since we have a very effective PM in Dr. Man Mohan Singh Ji. Other than that, there are two or three things - For any community with regard to its improvements, political participation is necessary. “May I ask you, how many young Muslim dynamic leaders can you name?” That is what we should work upon. In the next few years, we should have a long list. “There are enough people here capable of leadership at national level but you must remember a leader has to be Indian i.e. leader of all, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian, everybody”. That the biggest change we need. “I’m here to find leaders from every community involve new people from different groups and include all parts of country”, he explained.

Replying to the question asked by a student of B. Com II Year, Umme Kulsoom which later became highly politicized that India had come a long way and when did he think India could get its first Muslim Prime Minister, the young leader said, “The question goes back to you once again. You have to come up, step out. Today we have a Sikh Prime Minister, belonging to a minority of population but it is because he is capable of doing the job. You are the people to change things and you are what talents and capabilities you bring to the table. Even when you will have a Muslim PM, he will be PM because he is the most capable, not because he is Muslim”, he added.

He further stressed, “We have everything here, vision & implementation and in other parts of country also all we need to do is being it all together”.

Mirza Danish, a student of Dept. of Geography asked, “Our country is divided into Bharat and India. Both aspire for higher studies and India being rich avails education in foreign countries as well as private institutions. What about Bharat?”

Mr. Rahul Gandhi said, “I went to a village and asked a woman what she needed the most?” She replied education for my child. I asked what it was that she considered important thing in education. The woman
replied “English”. When people reach Delhi, they learn to speak English and get better paying jobs. You get the point? And moreover, India and China together spend $3 billion on education in the U.S.A.

Elaborating on the need for quality education Mr. Rahul Gandhi said that knowledge today has become internationalized. You ask someone in Africa where would he want to study and he would say USA, UK, Australia. Some years from now, the answer should be India. We need to generate money. Productive India should involve the villages. Bangalore, Delhi, Mumbai like opportunities should reach Aligarh, Lucknow etc. People in villages don’t have what you have; we have to improve Bharat, he felt”.

While concluding Mr. Rahul Gandhi said, “We here at colleges and Universities have so many opportunities and facilities like technology, education, computers, internet. There are so many youngsters like you who have nothing. “I don’t agree with terms India and Bharat”, however and in the end “I request you all that whatever you become, doctors, engineers, put your best efforts in it and do it well”. I thank all of you for coming here and I promise, “I’ll take up the issues of your concern, act like a messenger and will be back before you even expect me to”.

Earlier Mr. Rahul Gandhi visited the Mazar of AMU Founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and paid his tribute by laying flower chadar. Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor of AMU received Mr. Gandhi at the University Jama Masjid and the Provost of S. S. Hall (South) Prof. Anis Ahmad Ansari, Provost of S. S. Hall (North) Prof. A. R. Fatehi and other officials were also present including the University Proctor Prof. Muzaffar A. Siddiqui.

At the Kennedy Auditorium Registrar of the University Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Controller of Examinations Prof. Parvez Mustajab, Finance Officer Mrs. Yasmin Jalal Beig, Dean Students Welfare Prof. M. Zubair Khan, Media Advisor Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Public Relations Officer Dr. Rahat Abrar and GEC Coordinator Dr. Shakeel Samdani received Mr. Rahul Gandhi and his entourage. Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar, AMU conducted the Interactive programme. The programme came to an end after the rendition of University Tarana and the National Anthem.

The Kennedy Auditorium as packed with students of the University, Faculty members and University functionary. The programme was received with a great deal of enthusiasm and Mr. Gandhi’s interactive address has casted a spell.

THE 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, I fully believe, that a man like me did not deserve the membership of the Legislative Council of India because of the of the graste responsibility which it carried. I was myself a ware 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 world 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 hardships 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 undertakings and endeavours.”

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

Obituary

Professor Iffat Ara
Women’s College

Mr. Humayun Zafar Zaidi, former Lecturer, Department of English, held quite a pivotal place among the poets of his generation. His ghazals evoke an exceptional sensation of beauty that permeates the very existence of man. And therefore he got love and respect freely from his readers. But the cruel hands of death reduced him to nothing. And yet his magnificence lies in his capacity of self-expression that is preserved in his creative works. His goodness and patient endurance of the burdens of life made him dignified and precious. He was always trying to push himself towards the attainment of the best and pulling himself away from a state of stagnation. He had reason to help him to survive in a befitting manner and imagination to escape the harsh realities of life.

Mr. Humayun Zafar Zaidi was associated with the Department of English as a Lecturer for a short while. And yet he made his mark due to his minute of literary works and gifted insight into the mazes of Literature. His visionary gleam made him responsive to the beauty of sounds and words of English Language through which one is able to admire Literature. With his soaring imagination he could also transform the riches of English poetry into the dreamy world of Urdu ghazal. By indentifying himself with English Literature he could cast an entirely new image of himself as a unique poet. This fertile brain through language and thought also enlightened his students who were rapt once he started delivering Lecturers in the class-room. He thus paved the way for his students for a better appreciation of English Literature. He had the knack of clarifying vague impression and made wide-awake and sharp-witted those who had the advantage of attending his lecturers. This spontaneity of expression made him a figure of veneration for his students.
This brutal world spares none and therefore blissful moments end soon. Love and friendship binds all but the bounded existence falls to pieces with a single stroke of death. Mr. Humayun Zafar Zaidi, symbol of radiant love and affection, had to tear all durable ties due to the misery of disease that gnawed and wasted his valuable self. But his pervasive existence is registered in the minds of those who are responsive to his sharp intellect and fertile imagination. He enjoyed only a brief period with his family and therefore they are spell-bound by the futility of human existence that they experienced by the sudden demise of such a distinct personality.

International Congregations & National Congregations

1. All India Seminar on ‘Ergonomics for Improved Productivity’, Department of Mechanical Engineering, ZH CET, AMU, 21.11.2009-22.11.2009: Dr. Sangeeta Singhal, Reader, Department of Physiology attended and Chaired a session.
2. Two Days National Seminar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 29.10.2009: Professor V.P. Mohammad Kunju Metharu, Visiting Professor, Department of Hindi attended and presented his paper entitled “Dakini Urdu, Hindi and Hindustani Ka Mool Srof”.
3. International Seminar on Taj Mahal and its Architects: Understanding the Monuments and its Builders, Iran Culture House New Delhi, ICHR, Indian History Congress & Department of History, University of Delhi, 23.10.2009-24.10.2009: Dr. M. Waseem Raja, Assistant Professor, Department of History attended the seminar.
4. European Congress of Integrative Medicine, Berlin, Germany, 20.11.2009-22.11.2009: Dr. Abdul Latif, Chairman Department of Ilmul Advia attended and presented his paper entitled “Scientific Validation of Unani Eye Drop on Conjunctives”.
5. Placebo Symposium in Munich, Germany 27.11.2009-28.11.2009: organized by Ludwig Maximilian University, Munchi and Samueli Institute, USA. Dr. Abdul Latif, Chairman, Department of Ilmul Advia attended.
6. Dr. Abdul Latif, Chairman, Department of Ilmul Advia visited Institute for History of Arabic & Islamic Sciences at Johan Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany on 30.11.2009.
7. 9th Global Conference ‘Flexible System Management’ (GLOGIFT-2009), NITIE, Mumbai, 12.11.2009-14.11.2009: Mr. Wasif Ullah Khan, Lecturer, Mechanical Engineering Section, University Polytechnic attended and presented his paper.
8. Joint International Conference on Applied Systems Research and National Systems Conference (ASR-NSC, 2009), Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Dayalbagh, Agra, 27.11.2009-29.11.2009: Professor Prabhat Kumar, Department of Electrical Engg., ZH CET, AMU was honoured by System Society of India (SSI) for his “Lifetime Outstanding Contribution to Sysyems Engineering: Theory and Applications”. He was conferred “Systems Society of India-Raj Kumar Varshney Gold Medal Award, 2009” by Professor Jack B. Eillis, York University Toronto, Canada.
9. International Congress-Cum-Workshop on IPR, Amity University, Amity, Noida, 05.10.2009-07.10.2009. Following teachers of the Department of Law attended Professor Ibqul Ali Khan, Dean & Chairman, Professor Saleem akhtar & Dr. Zafar Mehoof Nomi, Reader.
10. International Conference on ‘Land Use Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Resource Management, Guru Ghasi Das Central University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, 07.10.2009-09.10.2009: Professor Ali Mohammad, Department of Geography Chaired a Session, delivered a Special Lecture and presented his paper entitled “Land Use, Land Cover Change and its Impact on Biodiversity of Srinagar City in Kashmir valley”.
11. International Conference on ‘Emerging Technologies in Environmental Science and Engineering’, Department of Civil Engineering, AMU, 26.10.2009-28.10.2009: Professor Shakeel Ahmad, Department of Civil Engineering attended and presented his paper entitled “Use of Waste Human Hair as Fibre Reinforcement in Concrete”.

11. **35th All India Sociological Conference, Srinagar (J&K), 10.12.2009-12.10.2009:** Dr. Mohd Akram, Reader, Department of Sociology & Social Work attended and presented his paper entitled “Developing Some Socio-Cultural Indicators of Health”.

12. **35th All India Sociological Conference, Srinagar (J&K), 10.12.2009-12.10.2009:** Dr. Nemat Ali Khan, Reader, Department of Sociology & Social Work attended and presented his paper entitled “Marriage, Dowry and Divorce Among the Mansooris Biradari: a Sociological Study”.

13. **Seminar on ‘Maulana Ziauddin Islahi Hayat-wa-Khidmat’, Ziauddin Islahi Muslim Educational Society, Nazamabad, Azamgarh, 22.10.2009-27.10.2009:** Dr. Abu Sufyan Islahi, Reader, Department of Arabic attended and presented his paper.

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**Superannuations**

**Non – Teaching**

1. 31.07.2009; Mr. Abdul Rauf, UDC (Admin), Dean, Office, F/O Commerce.
2. 30.06.2009; Mr. Mohd. Khalid Hameed, Professional Assistant, Dept. of Islamic Studies.
3. 30.09.2009; MR. Mohd. Quddoos Farooqui, Section Officer (A/Cs), Student Section, CAO.
4. 31.07.2009; Mr. Abdul Ghani, UDC (Admin), S.S. Hall (South).
5. 30.11.2009; Mr. Moinul Haque, Asstt Finance Officer (Audit), Internal Audit Officer, CAO.

**Technical**

1. 30.06.2009; Mr. Zahid Husain, Gestetner Operator, University Polytechnic.
2. 31.08.2009; Mr. Ameer Mehd, SLA, J.N.M.C. Hospital.
3. 31.08.2009; Mr. Ali Manzar, Lab Assistant, Dept. of Bio-Chmistry, F/O Life Sciences.

**Group IV**

1. 31.08.2009; Mr. Shabbir, Kitchen Attendant, Sir Ziauddin Hall.
2. 30.06.2009; Mr. Irshad Ali, Cook, M.M. Hall.

**New Appointments**

- Professor Ikram Husain: Chairman, Department of Physical Health & Sports Education
- Professor Ahad Noor Khan Yusufi: Chairman, Department of Biochemistry (F/O Life Sciences) (Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Dental College)
- Dr. Syed Sayeed Ahmad: Chairman, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

**Members of the University Court**

- Professor Asif Ali: Chairman, Department of Biochemistry (F/O Medicine)
- Professor Mohd. Naim: Chairman, Department of Pathology
- Professor Ashok Mittal: Provost, N.R.S.C.

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2. Mr. Atul Kumar Srivastava Chairman, Dept. of Business Administration “Total Quality Management in Human Resources: A Study of Blue-Collar Employees in Select Chemical Process Industries” Business Administration

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Faculty of Social Sciences
1. Mr. Seifollah Farzaneh Dr. Abdul Matin “Death Caused by Automobile Accidents in Iran and India: A Sociological Inquiry” Sciology
2. Mr. Kamal Akhtar Dr. Iqbal Sabir “Socio-Political Life in India During 16th-17th Centuries as Reflected in the Sufi Literature” History

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### Faculty of Social Sciences
2. Mr. Tosib Alam Dr. Mohd. Azam Khan “Fiscal Decentralization and Rural Development in India” Economics

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1. Ms. Tanzeem Fatima Prof. M. Mushfiq “Synthesis and Spectral Studies of Modified Steroids” Chemistry
2. Ms. Aisha Siddiqua Prof. M. Mushfiq “Chemical and Spectral Studies of Heterosteroids” Chemistry
3. Miss Fainana Mustajab Dr. Badruddin “Solar Influence on Terrestrial Environment” Physics

### Faculty of Life Sciences
1. Ms. Bhavna Sharma Prof. M. Farooq Azam “Eco-friendly management of reniform nematode, Rotylenchulus renifoemis infecting cowpea” Botany
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3. Ms. Nisha Sharma Dr. Hina Parwez “Circannual Variation and Inter Relationship of Abiotic Factors with the Soil Dwelling Insect in Agro forestry Habitat.” Zoology
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