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Workshop for Medical Officers

A Regional level Workshop on “Sexually Transmitted Infection/ Reproductive Tract Infection (STI/RTI) Services under National AIDS Control Programme - III for Medical Officers” was organized in the Department of Community Medicine, J. N. Medical College, AMU, Aligarh, sponsored by UP State AIDS Control Society (UPSACS), Lucknow.

This workshop was attended by the medical officers from nine districts of U.P., Dr. Najam Khalique, Programme Coordinator discussed the current scenario of Reproductive Tract Infections/Sexually Transmitted Infections in India. The Workshop included lectures on various aspects of STI/RTI and its prevention and control. Resource persons who delivered lectures were Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Dr. Ali Amir, Dr. A. Razzaque Siddiqui, Dr. Suboohi Afzal, Dr. M. Salman Shah, Dr. Tabassum Nawab, Dr. Sakeena Mushfaq, Dr. Nishat Akhtar, Dr. M. Shahid and Dr. Anjum M. Chughtai. The program was conducted by Dr. M. Salman Shah and Dr. M. Athar Ansari proposed the vote of thanks.

Orienting the Professionals

The Department of Community Medicine, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized an orientation programme on “State Quality Monitoring Unit for Emergency Obstetric Care and Life Saving Anaesthetic Skill Training in Uttar Pradesh”.

The training programme was attended by the doctors from departments of Community Medicine, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Anaesthesiology and Paediatrics, J.N. Medical College, AMU and Rohilkhand Medical College, Bareilly. Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Chairman, Department of Community Medicine, highlighted the importance of the programme and Dr. Najam Khalique, Programme Coordinator discussed the current scenario of obstetric care in rural areas.

The training programme included a lecture by Prof. B.S. Garg, Director, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences and W.H.O. Consultant, Sevagram, Wardha on operational plan and structure of Life Saving Anaesthetic Skills and its tools.

Dr. Surekha Tayade, Resource Person from Wardha delivered a lecture on operational plan and structure of Essential Obstetric Care monitoring and its tools. Dr. A. Razzaque Siddiqui, Dr. Ali Amir, Dr. Suboohi Afzal, Dr. Anees Ahmad, Dr. M. Salman Shah, Dr. S. Hasan Nawaz Zaidi and Dr. Tabassum Nawab also attended the programme. Dr. Gitanjali participated as observer from National Institute of Health & Family Welfare, (NIHFW) New Delhi. The program was conducted by Dr. Suboohi Afzal and Prof. Zulfia Khan proposed the vote of thanks.

Resolutions

A meeting of the Academic Council of the Aligarh Muslim University has resolved to institute 124 teaching positions covering the faculty of Arts, Social Science, Science, Engineering and Technology, Medicine, Unani Medicine, Institute of Persian Studies and Prof. K. A. Nizami Centre for Quranic Studies. The Academic Council also approved specializations and qualification of each post of Professor, Reader and Lecturer.

The meeting was presided over by the AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis. All 32 items were passed in an amicable atmosphere.

The Academic Council has changed the name of ‘Ahmadi School for the Blind’ as ‘Ahmadi School for Visually Challenged’.
The meeting of the Academic Council also approved the amendments in Ordinance (Executive) for the establishment of the Directorate of School Education, the Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools maintained by the Aligarh Muslim University.

To consider the request of certain ex-research scholars for permission to submit PhD. theses as ex-student beyond the prescribed time, the Academic Council extended one year as a very special case.

The Academic Council also approved the proposal for the relaxation in attendance of the NCC students.

The Academic Council has resolved for relaxation of 5% (i.e. from 55% to 50%) of marks at Master’s level and 5% relaxation at graduate level under the term of ‘Good Academic Record’ at par with SC/ST and physically and visually challenged candidates for appointment on teaching and non-teaching positions at the level of Assistant Registrar.

**Prof. Jairajpuri honoured**

The President of India, Smt. Pratibha Patil in her capacity as Visitor of Banaras Hindu University has nominated Professor Mohammad Shamim Jairajpuri an eminent Zoologist of AMU and the Honorary Scientist of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) as a Member of the Court of Banaras Hindu University for a term of three years.

Earlier, was appointed as a member of the Court of the Assam Central University, Silchar. Prof. Jairajpuri has already attended the first meeting and contributed extensively to the deliberations. Most recently the Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri (J&K) has nominated him on their Academic Council. He is already on the high powered NACC’s Appeals Committee as its Chairman.

**Shastri Faculty Research Fellowship**

Dr. Shahab Fazal, Reader, Department of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded with prestigious Canadian Government’s Shastri Faculty Research Fellowship. Dr. Fazal would be visiting Montreal University, Canada to work on a research project entitled “Livelihood transformation in the Montreal peri urban interface”.

Presently working on a major research project sponsored by ICSSR, Dr. Fazal has availed prestigious doctoral and post doctoral fellowships such as CSIR Fellowship, British Government Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship, Department of Science and Technology’s Young Scientist Project etc.

**VC in Murshidabad**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis met West Bengal Chief Minister, Mr. Budhadeb Bhattacharjee at State Secretariat, Kolkata yesterday and thanked the UPA and West Bengal Government to provide all support for establishing a new campus of Aligarh Muslim University at Murshidabad, West Bengal.

After holding meeting with the Chief Minister, the State Higher Education Minister, Mr. Sudarshan Roy Choudhary and the Finance Minister, Dr. Asim Dasgupta at Writers Building, Professor Azis said that the response of the West Bengal Government was very positive and expected it to act as a gateway for the Muslim students in the North East region. He said that the Murshidabad campus of AMU would start functioning from the next academic year, if the State allots the required land.

The Vice Chancellor and a team of AMU officials including Professor Pervez Mustajab, Controller, Professor Javed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies & Research, Professor Ekram Husain, former Dean of Engineering Faculty and Professor N.A.K. Durrani, Media Advisor visited Murshidabad for an on the spot assessment of the 350 acres of land provided by the State Government for the project.

The Executive Council in its meeting held on January 7, 2008 and the Court in its meeting held on December 2, 2007 had decided to establish five regional centres of AMU in West Bengal, Bhopal in Madhya
Pradesh, Malappuram in Kerala, Pune in Maharashtra and Katihar in Bihar. These centres were already approved by the Central Government and it will enable the University to fulfill the responsibilities mandated by the AMU Amendment Act of 1981.

The West Bengal Chief Minister and the government have taken a proactive step in emphasizing the need for financial grants in the Central government annual budget that has resulted in the allocation of Rs. 25 crores for establishing an education hub by AMU at Murshidabad. The people of West Bengal in general and Muslims of the state in particular have extended a warm welcome to AMU. The University will start all the faculties presently in vogue in AMU including Engineering, Medical, Biotechnology, Nanotechnology, IT based programmes, Mass Communication besides Humanities, Science and Life Sciences.

**UGC Directives**

The Academic Council resolution relates to only relaxation of 5% marks at Master level and 5% at Graduate level under the term “Good Academic Record”, coined by the UGC for visually and physically challenged categories of candidates when they apply for the post of Principal, professors, Readers, Lecturers, etc., in Central Universities. This is in tune with the directives of the UGC in this regard and is considered for SC/ST.

The position taken by the University is that being a minority institution the reservation for SC/ST does not apply to it and this has been made unequivocally clear by AMU in a recent communication to MHRD. The Vice Chancellor said that the minority character of AMU will be fully protected.

**Updating Emergency Departments**

Airway management is one of the most vital steps in initial resuscitation of sick or injured patients in the Emergency Departments.

To overcome the lack of knowledge in the specialty of Emergency Medicine in India, INDO-US Academic Council for Emergency and Trauma (ACET) has given the responsibility to structure and formulate a protocol based Emergency and Trauma Airway Course (ETAC), to the Department of Anaesthesiology, J.N. Medical College, AMU, Aligarh, under the leadership of Dr. Syed Moied Ahmed.

The Department of Anaesthesiology, JN Medical College, AMU has formed a website wc2009.com where the details of the course and the registration form can be downloaded by interested candidates.

Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean Faculty of Medicine officially launched the website and urged the resident doctors, junior consultants to take maximum benefit of the services delivered by the Dept. of Anaesthesiology. Prof. M.M.H. Siddiqi, Prof. S. Bano, Prof. A. K. Verma, Prof. I. Ghani, Prof. M. H. Beg, Prof. M. U. Rabbani, Prof. Imam Bano, Prof. L. T. Bariar, Dr. Arshad Hafeez, Dr. T. Rabbani, Prof. T. Shahab, Dr. S. Haleem, Dr. A. Quadir, Dr. S.N. Jamil, Dr. S. Moied Ahmed, Dr. H. Usmani, Dr. H. Amir, Dr. Farah Nasreen and Dr. Abu Nadeem were also present on the occasion.

**Media Trial**

The Muslim community in general and AMU community in particular is a worried lot. The mainstream newspapers are filing reports one after another implicating AMU in more than one way.

The AMU Community is shocked to see the screaming headlines of the probe against the Vice Chancellor. There appears to be a media trial launched by some vested interest to malign the University and its Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis. Although the University has not yet received in writing any communique from the MHRD about the so-called enquiry, already a media trial has reached its pinnacle.
The question of financial irregularities simply does not arise when the highest and the most authentic audit body of the country, the CAG has given clean chit to AMU’s 2007-08 accounts. For the first time in the recent history of AMU there was no audit para from the CAG that bears testimony to transparent financial transactions maintained by the present regime.

The dubious allegations of excess TA payment, excessive expenditure on the repair and renovation of the burnt VC lodge, payment of Income tax of VC and Registrar from the University fund, purchase of a new vehicle for VC’s use, buying furniture from Kerala, spending crores for campus security etc are all frivolous because of the fact that every purchase and payment has been made within the permissible limits and in accordance with the existing rules of the University and the rules of the Government of India and the same has been documented by the University in its earlier response to the Ministry.

Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has always complied with the Acts and statutes of the University in letter and spirit. AMU feels that any allegation in this regard will turn out to be a fallacy. The allegations of taking decisions in a meeting without quorum does not meet the acid test as complainants themselves tried to stifle the meeting. Since the complainants are vested groups and the complaint is motivated by extraneous considerations, certain faculty members of the university made counter allegations against their pursuits, indicating their past records and business interests involved in the university.

Group politics is a common factor of life in every organization. But the distinct attribute of the grouping in AMU is that ‘the greater the nuisance, the greater the gains’. The history of AMU is replete with instances when the previous Vice Chancellors have gone out of the way to ‘buy peace’ with them and those who dared to ignore had to face the fury in the form of protests, petitions and violence.

The news of enquiry orders has sparked anxiety and sense of deep hurt among the well wishers of the University who have seen the University past from the most turbulent phase of its history in 2007 to a peaceful abode of vibrating academic activities under the leadership of the present Vice Chancellor. With the exception of the small group that launched the complaint and the vilification campaign against the Vice Chancellor everyone feels that at this juncture when the University is in a state of complete orderliness and expansion mode any enquiry will once again land the AMU in turmoil. The hard earned gains accomplished in the recent past, the academic vibrancy, the fresh research initiatives and the rule of law restored by the present regime is bound to collapse if the administration’s attention is diverted towards the probe.

Taking a tough posture against the enquiry order as reported in a section of media against the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, the prominent Muslim leaders and intellectuals in a joint statement have termed it as extremely painful. The statement says that the allegations were leveled against the VC by a few vested interest EC members who always have their own nefarious designs to influence the VC.

The Secretary General of All India Milli Council Dr. Manzoor Alam, Chairman, Delhi Minorities Commission, M. Kamal Farooqui, President, All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat, Dr. Zafrul Islam Khan, President, Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind Maulana Arshad Madani, Patron, Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind, Maulana Mahmood Madani, Secretary General, Jamat-e-Islami Hind, Mr. Nusrat Ali and Secretary General, Central Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind, Dr. O. Khan, in a joint statement, said that the allegations were leveled against the VC by those people who have been using the University resources for last 20 years for personal gains through the local tenders of building constructions and the supply of uniform.

The statement said that the allegations of financial misappropriations leveled against the Vice Chancellor are baseless and do not bear any testimony as the Controller and Auditor General of India has already passed the University’s accounts for the last financial year, i.e. 2007-2008 without any objection.

The leaders said that the enquiry is unjustified and that too at a time when a branch of AMU is on anvil at Murshidabad and the Vice Chancellor is very busy in its affairs. He has recently led a team to Kolkata and Murshidabad to have meeting with the West Bengal Chief Minister, Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee and other state officials. The enquiry will deviate the attention from development initiatives hence causing great loss to the University and the excluded social class that it serves.
Mr. Nadeem Farooqui, member of the University Court said that the probe decision will only help the anti-Muslim power brokers and resultantly affect the prospects of Congress in particular and UPA in general in forthcoming elections and bye-elections.

What is more alarming is that the decision to probe the allegation against the Vice Chancellor and counter allegations against some of the EC members has created a lot of heat and commotion in the national media although the MHRD has not sent any such enquiry letter to the University till date.

A group of senior teachers strongly feel that if there is any reality in the constitution of an enquiry against the AMU Vice Chancellor, it must be revised on merit and rolled back on three important counts. First it is unprecedented as no central university has ever brought under such probe. Despite more serious allegations against the VC of Allahabad University similar action was not taken by MHRD. The allegations are baseless and likely to prove a mountain of a mole but in the process of an enquiry the AMU’s hard earned image will take a severe beating thereby causing great injury to the sentiments of the minority community. The chief complainants are a vested group with commercial stake and doubtful credentials, and hence deserve to be ignored.

**High Power Committee**

The AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has constituted a high power committee to prepare the feasibility report regarding the upgradation of the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College to the status of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. The report will be presented before Central Technical Team.

The decision to constitute the committee was taken at a special meeting presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis. Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean Faculty of Medicine, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, JNMC & Hospital and Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Officer on Special Duty also were present in the meeting.

The Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. S. Abrar Hasan will be the Convener of the Committee constituted to prepare the report. The other members of the proposed committee are - Principal & Chief Medical Superintendent, J.N. Medical College & Hospital, OSD (Development), Medical Superintendent, J.N. Medical College & Hospital, Chairman, Committee for Infrastructure Projects, MIC (Electricity), University Engineer, Building Department and Assistant Engineer, Water & Sewerage. Three medical experts were co-opted as extended members, they are - Prof. M.S. Vaiithathan, Professor Emeritus & Hony. Advisor, Manipal Life Science Centre, Manipal, Prof. A.K. Agrawal, Dean, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi and Dr. B.K. Rao, Director, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.

The Faculty of Medicine is the largest faculty in the University system and its Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College is uniquely suited for the proposed upgradation. It has all the basic infrastructure and sufficient staff to meet the necessary requirement.

The JN Medical College offers a wide range of courses that includes MBBS, BDS, MDS, MD, MS, Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery. At present post graduate courses are being offered in 23 departments of the college. The staff consists of 59 Professors, 51 Readers, 68 Lecturers, 89 Senior Residents and 429 Junior Residents besides 1300 non-teaching and Paramedical staff. Furthermore there is no tertiary medical institute between Delhi and Lucknow, a distance of about 700 kms.

J. N. Medical College Hospital is an 1155-bedded secondary care referral hospital which is already providing comprehensive medical care to a large number of patients.

The popularity and the esteem of the hospital is evident by the fact that in the year 2007-08, a bulk of 3,86,347 patients attended its OPD, 29,876 patients were admitted with a high bed occupancy rate and 12,327 operations were carried out.

Forty seven years old J.N. Medical College hospital provides round the clock emergency services and has 55 beds in the casualty section along with three well-equipped emergency operation theatre, 24-hours Labour room facility along with attached eight beds paediatric nursery are also available. The Department of Radio Diagnosis provides diagnostic services and is equipped with MRI, Spiral Whole body CT Scan, Colour Doppler Ultrasonography etc. The Blood Bank of the hospital is also well equipped and facilities for blood
matching are available round the clock. An eight-bedded Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and eight-bedded Coronary Care Unit (CCU) with all essential equipments is functioning along with a Paediatrics Dependency Unit (HDU).

Based on the initiative of the University which submitted a comprehensive proposal of Rs. 201.67 Crores to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare the Union Cabinet at its meeting held on February 5, 2009 has approved the upgradation of the J. N. Medical College to the level of an Institute of Medical Sciences at an estimated cost of Rs. 150 crores. As per the announcement made by the Union Minister, Mr. P. Chidambaram, the upgradation was sanctioned under the second phase of the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY).

Once the upgradation plan is in place, the J.N. Medical College will become one of the foremost Medical Institutions of the country where all facilities would made be available to the patients.

UNICEF Project for JNMCH

Department of Community Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has been given a project “Strengthening implementation of Bal Swasthaya Poshan Mah (BSPM) in UP” by the State Government. The Project is sponsored by UNICEF.

A high level meeting of heads of Department of Community Medicine of all Medical Colleges of UP was held at UNICEF office, Lucknow. Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Chairman, Department of Community Medicine attended the meeting and expressed his views on planning & implantation scheme.

Faculty members of the Department will be involved to monitor the routine immunization and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) activities in various blocks of Lakhimpur Kheri, Sitapur, Aligarh, Hathras, Etah, Kanshi Ram Nagar (Kasganj), Moradabad, Rampur, Jyotibaba Phule Nagar (Amroha) & Bijnore. For State Observer & Monitor Training a State level workshop was held at Lucknow.

Inquiry Committee Finds Support

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the University would provide all support to the fact finding Inquiry Committee to complete its work in a fruitful manner and appealed to all students, teachers and non-teaching staff to cooperate with the University administration in the peaceful conduct of classes and other academic and research affairs.

The University has received the communication from the MHRD that the Visitor, the President of India, has constituted a two-member fact finding Inquiry Committee comprising Mr. Justice Fakhruddin, Retired Judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh as a Chairman and Mr. A. H. Jung, IAAS, former Secretary to the Government of India under Section 13(2) of the University Act to look into the allegations against the Vice Chancellor leveled by eight EC members, AMU Old Boys’ Association and non-teaching employees and the counter allegations made against the complainants by an 18-member group comprising members of the University Court, EC, Academic Council and AMU Staff Association and on the demand of 23 elected representatives of the various University statutory bodies of the University for a CBI inquiry into the affairs of the University for the last two decades.

The University will be appointing the representative under sub-section (2)(c) of Section 13 of the University Act to represent the University with a right to be present and be heard during the fact finding work of the committee. The fact finding committee will submit its report to the Visitor within a period of three months.

US Calling

Mohd. Ghazi, a student of AMU S.T.S. High School has been selected for academic trip to the US as part of the US Embassy Access Programme. Ghazi is enrolled in the Access Scholarship Programme aimed at enhancing proficiency in English, in which 100 AMU School students, both boys and girls, of socially
underprivileged sections are registered. This programme has been in progress since November 2007 under the auspices of the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU, Aligarh.

NRHM Training

Dr. Ali Amir and Dr. Abdul Razzaque Siddiqui Senior Lecturers, Department of Community Medicine, J. N. Medical College attended a training programme for the proposed mentors under Faculty Development Programme at National Health Systems Resource Centre, Delhi under National Rural Health Mission, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. After training both the faculty members (mentors) would need to train epidemiologists under Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) make field visits to the epidemiologist districts, observe and guide the Dr. Ali Amir and Dr. Abdul Razzaque Siddiqui Senior Lecturers, Department of Community Medicine, J. N. Medical College attended a training programme for the proposed mentors under Faculty Development Programme at National Health Systems Resource Centre, Delhi under National Rural Health Mission, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. After training both the faculty members (mentors) would need to train epidemiologists under Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) make field visits to the epidemiologist districts, observe and guide the researchers in their work/assignment and identify the early warning signals of impending outbreaks and help initiate an effective response in a timely manner.

On Guard

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University, has called upon the functionaries of the University to maintain the existing peaceful environment and extend full support to the fact finding committee set up to enquire certain allegations and counter allegations. He urged the University staff to show maturity and not to be carried away by emotions and heresy.

He urged the provosts and wardens to properly manage the affairs of the residential life of the campus in accordance with the rules and the norms. The staff should behave well and in a dignified manner in their dealing with the students, he further emphasized.

Court Member, BHU

The President of India, Smt. Pratibha Patil in her capacity as Visitor of Banaras Hindu University has nominated Professor Syed Iqbal Ali, Principal, University Polytechnic, Aligarh Muslim University as the Member of the Court of Banaras Hindu University for a term of three years.

Hymenoptera Project

Prof. M. Hayat, Dept. of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University has been appointed as a Collaborator to the project on Hymenoptera, one of the priority areas of research under AICOPTAX, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. Prof. M. Hayat will be working under a Steering Committee coordinated by Dr. T. C. Narendran, Professor Emeritus, Zoological Survey of India along with two Junior Research Fellows on his disposal.

The project will cover Encyrtidae, Mymaridae, Trichogrammatidae and Aphelinidae as subjects of the research.

Cal Catteral Award

Dr. Shah Alam, Reader, Department of Psychology, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded with Cal Catteral Award of International School of Psychology Association given to him by the world renowned Psychologist, Prof. Sternberg from USA. Dr. Shah Alam was awarded in recognition of his scholarly paper on the “Substance Abuse: A Challenge for the School Psychologists” presented at the 31st International School Psychology Association Conference held at Qawra, Malta, where he pointed out that the substance abuse is a
global problem hence a prime concern of every body. Dr. Shah Alam while shedding light on the reasons and symptoms of drug addicts also suggested various remedial ways, especially with reference to school psychology.

**VC Visits Thrissur**

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University visited Thrissur, the cultural capital of Kerala to attend the meeting convened by the Government of Kerala to review the progress relating to setting up of the Off-Campus Centre of Aligarh Muslim University in the Malappuram district.

The Minister for Revenue and Minister for Higher Education, Government of Kerala were present in the meeting. The Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University has been especially requested to participate in the meeting. Other officials are Dr. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Vice Chancellor, Calicut University, the Director of Collegiate Education, Dr. Kancheria P. Isaac, Director of Technical Education, Dr. Vijay Kumar, Special Officer (Principal), Government Engineering College, Thrissur and Shri Ali Askar, Assistant Special Officer, Government Engineering College, Kannur.

Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Media Advisor also participated in the meeting and made a PowerPoint presentation.

The AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis also attended the Academic Council Meeting of the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth and Development held at Seriperumbudur, near Chennai.

**IAP Paediatric Quiz**

Department of Paediatrics, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has organized 3rd IAP Paediatric Quiz for post graduate at local level. The quiz programme was inaugurated by Prof. S. Abrar Husain, Dean, Faculty of Medicine. Dr. Uzma Firdaus, Lecturer, dept. of Paediatrics conducted the quiz programme, assisted by Dr. M. Faisal and Dr. Lovnesh. The team comprising of Dr. Nitin Trivedi and Dr. Mohammad Nishit won the quiz competition while the team comprising of Dr. Vikram S. Patra and Dr. Shashikant Gupta were declared runner up.

**Airway Management**

The officiating Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. Absar Mustafa Khan said that a fast change is witnessed in the modern medical science and if we do not keep up with the pace, we will be left far behind. Prof. Khan was addressing the inaugural session of the Workshop on Emergency and Trauma Airway Management organized by the Department of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College.

The chief guest of the occasion, Prof. O. P. Kalra from University College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi said that the influx of the patients coming to emergency has increased in view of the population growth and about 80% patients come to the hospitals through emergency while minimal 20% patients only get through OPDs and it is imminent for the medical colleges of the country to equip with the best talents in physiology and surgery so that the patients can be provided with the accurate medical assistance hence bringing the death rate down.

Prof. Kalra said that considering the importance of trauma and airway management, Medical Council of India has added this in the curriculum of medical studies and it will prove to be a boon to the medical system in future.

Prof. Parveen Agarwal, National Chairman of Indo-US Academic Council for Emergency and Trauma and the guest of honour said that every physician and surgeon attending the emergency should have the expertise in trauma and airway management.

The Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Professor S. Abrar Hasan said that the workshop is equally important for the anaesthesiologists. Prof. Ashraf Malik, Chief Medical Superintendent and Principal, J N Medical College,
AMU said that the college administration is making efforts to upgrade the medical facilities available in the emergency.

The course Director, Dr. S. Moied Ahmad, said that the objective of the workshop is to cultivate confidence in the physicians to handle the critical situations efficiently and with increased positive results.

The workshop was attended by 45 participants hailing from different states of the country. The programme was conducted by Dr. Shahna Ali.

**International Seminar (Islamic Studies)**

Prof. Zafrul Islam and Dr. Ziauddin, Department of Islamic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University have participated in the international seminar on “Islamic Legal Thought and Institutions in South Asia” organized under the auspices of Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad (Pakistan).

Prof. Zafrul Islam presented a paper on “Fatawa-i-Tatarkhania – An Introductory Study” and Dr. Ziauddin presented his paper on “Research Studies on Fiqh in the Indo-Pak Subcontinent – Reflections on Arabic and Urdu Printed Works and Manuscripts”. The Fatawa on which Prof. Zafarul Islam’s paper based, was compiled during the Sultanate period in 14th Century.

**Breast Feeding week**

Department of Paediatrics, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has celebrated Breast Feeding week under the guidance of Dr. S. Manazir Ali, Coordinator and Chairman, Department of Paediatrics.

An interactive session was arranged for post graduates of Pediatrics, Community Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the interactive lectures were delivered by Dr. S. Manazir Ali on myth and realities of breast feeding. During the interactive session nursing students and IV grade employees were also sensitized regarding breast feeding by Dr. Uzma Firdaus, Sister Incharge and Sister Nikhat.

Students of Adult Education, Aligarh were briefed regarding importance of breast feeding by Dr. S. Manazir Ali and Dr. Maroof Jeelani Khan at Adult Education Center under the supervision of Dr. Seema Masood, Director, Centre of Adult and Continuing Education, AMU.

A Workshop on sensitization of health care personnel regarding breast feeding was also organized by Department of Paediatrics in collaboration with Indian Academy of Paediatrics, Aligarh Branch in Committee Room of Dean Office. Prof. Azra J. Ahmad, Dr. Athar Ansari, Chairman, Department of Community Medicine, Dr. Y. K. Dwivedi, IAP, President, Aligarh Branch and Dr. Alok Kulshreshtha, Secretary, IAP Aligarh Branch, Sister Lily of NICU were the special invitees on the occasion. About sixty delegates from departments of Paediatrics, Community Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology including private practitioners attended the function. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, JNMC, AMU who highlighted the utility of the Workshop and congratulated the Department of Paediatrics for holding Workshop on such an important topic. Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, CMS and Principal, JNMC graced the programme as Guest of Honour. Prof. Malik shed light on the importance of breast feeding in the community and urged the paediatricians to work for the reduction in infant mortality.

Several important aspects of breast feeding were discussed in the workshop including feeding practices of baby of HIV positive mother. It was emphasized in the workshop that exclusive breast feeding upto six months and timely introduction of complimentary feeding at six months reduces the under five mortality by 20%.

On the occasion certificates of participation were distributed by Dr. Y.K. Divedi, IAP President, Aligarh Branch. Vote of thanks was initiated by Dr. S. Manazir Ali.
Swine Flu
The Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College of Aligarh Muslim University has taken special measures to tackle with the probable cases of Swine Flu (H1N1 Influenza). A special OPD has been set up at the Medical College Hospital with a tentative ten-bed ward to deal with the widespread epidemic.

A team of doctors have been deputed especially to deal with such cases with Dr. M. Shoeb Zaheer and Dr. Anjum Pervez, Department of Medicine at the centre of the team for confirming clinical symptoms and to decide whether the suspected cases need blood screening/isolation/quarantine.

Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, J.N. Medical College and Chief Medical Superintendent said that all the suspected cases of H1N1 will be finally referred to the Malkhan Singh Hospital for further investigations and medical assistance including medicine. Prof. Malik said that so far no case of H1N1 influenza has been reported in the J. N. Medical College.

Guiding Admission
A high level review meeting taken by the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has cancelled the list of admitted students for M.A. History and decided that a fresh list of candidates should be declared.

The Dean, Faculty of Social Science constituted a committee of two senior professors, Prof. (Mrs.) Hamida Ahmad and Prof. Noor Mohammad to enquire into complaints received and it was found that the list prepared by the Department of History has excluded those candidates who have not submitted their marks sheets. Which is not in accordance with the prescribed University rules.

The Vice Chancellor ordered that the Department of History may prepare a fresh rank list as per the guidelines of admission.

The AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis also ordered that the University may issue a ‘Show Cause Memo’ to the Chairman and other staff involved in preparation of the list for not following the guidelines of admissions.

EC Meeting held
The special meeting of the Executive Council was held here today presided over by the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis. Fourteen members were present.

Members viewed that the successive lack of quorum is a serious matter that would affect the statutory functioning of the Executive Council.

The Vice Chancellor who chaired the Executive Council meeting told that the reason for the urgency of the meeting is listed in the agenda of the meeting. The Chairman ruled that the general law of the meetings regarding the adjourned meetings provide that the members present shall form the quorum. With the ruling, the chairman proceeded with the meeting.

The meeting of the Executive Council instituted 124 teaching/research positions faculty-wise created under XI Plan. The meeting resolved to notify the same and fill up the post in a time bound manner.

The meeting has rejected the appeal of Dr. (Mrs.) Nausheed Intiaz, Ex-lecturer of the Psychology Department and the matter will be reported to the Allahabad High Court.

Fourteen members who attended the special meeting of the Executive Council were Prof. Javed Alam, Chairman, ICSSR, New Delhi, Prof. S. H. Hashmi, Prof. Iqbal Ali Khan, Prof. Javed Akhtar, Prof. Absar Mustafa Khan, Prof. Muzaffar A. Siddiqui, Prof. Saud Ali Khan, Prof. Bilquis Naseem Waris, Prof. Mohd. Zubair Khan, Dr. Mohd. Asif Khan, Dr. Mujahid Beg, Prof. Mohammad Shabbir and Prof. Ziauddin Khairuwala.

Swimmers Awarded
Dr. Rakesh Bhargava and Ms. Amina Qureshi were awarded Best Swimmer of the year at an Aquatic Meet for Men and Women category respectively. The competition was organized by Medical College Society, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh.
Dr. Bhargava secured first position in 25 meter breast stroke, 25 meter free style and 50 meter free style events. Amina Qureshi stood first in 25 meter free style and 25 meter breast stroke events.

Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary University Games Committee and Prof. R. Sharma a Senior Consultant in Obstetric and Gynecology, J.N. Medical College awarded certificates to the winners and runner-up. Arjun Agarwal, Sports Secretary, Medical College Society conducted the programme.

Sir Syed Remembered

Professor Emeritus of English Department, Prof. Farhatullah Khan said that Sir Syed was not only an educationist and social reformer he was also a great expert of law. He pointed out that points which are part of the Constitution, were infact originally of Sir Syed. He said that Sir Syed’s grip on law may be understood by the fact that he was awarded degree of LLD by Edenbra University which has a dignified place in law. He was addressing Orientation programme on Sir Syed held by Law Society of Faculty of Law for fresh students.

Prof. Shah Mohd. Waseem, Prof. I.A. Khan, Dean of Law Faculty, President of Law Society, Dr. Shakeel Samdani, PRO, Dr. Rahat Abrar, Dr. Waseem Ali, Hashmat Ali, Dr. Rahatullah of the Department and Mustafa Bharbhuria, Iram Khan, Radab Khan, M.A. Chaudri, Kharuzzaman, Tousif Raza and Shenaz Ansari of Law Faculty were also present.

AMU Sails Smooth

Despite the setting up of the Visitor’s fact finding enquiry into the affairs of the University, the Aligarh Muslim University after a gap of several years has been functioning smoothly. Admissions to more than 300 courses including prestigious professional courses are done on merit and holding of admission tests at five Centres across the country has evoked tremendous response. Admissions are completed in hassle free manner and results are declared well in time. New academic session has been started with unprecedented enthusiasm as attendance in the classes has touched more than 90 percent. Selection committees, seminars, conferences, workshops and other academic activities are being held regularly.

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As far as allegations made in relation to financial irregularities are concerned, it is pertinent to point out that all accounts have already been audited by the Auditors of Principal Accountant General, Indian Audit and Accounts Department, UP Allahabad.

Providing security to the campus of the University, the meeting of the Executive Council held on 21.09.2007 had resorted to establish a foolproof security system in the University and demanded Z category security for the Vice Chancellor.

As a follow-up on 27.09.2007 a meeting with Special Secretary (IS) Home Ministry, Government of India including DGP (UP Police), DG (CISF), Joint Secretary (Internal Security) Joint Secretary (MHRD), Joint Director (IB), Vice Chancellor, Registrar and proctor.

Earlier AMU Vice Chancellor, alongwith Dr. Mahfooz Ahmad, Hony. Treasurer and Mr. Waseem Ahmad, member, EC, called on Arjun Singh, Union Minister of HRD and apprised him of the decision of the EC on 24.09.2007 and demanded complete security to the University.

Foreign Policy Matters

Union Minister of State for External Affairs, Dr. Shashi Tharoor said that the ultimate purpose of any country’s foreign policy is to promote the security and well-being of its own citizens. We want a world that
Dr. Tharoor was delivering the first national lecture series programme on ‘Why Foreign Policy Matters?’ at Kennedy Hall Auditorium of the Aligarh Muslim University. He said that our foreign policy debates in Parliament and the media seem obsessed with Pakistan with ephemera, or worse ephemera about Pakistan and urged that our society as a whole and particularly its educated young people, must care enough about India’s place in the world to participate actively in shaping our international posture.

He said that we do have a handful of thinkers on international issues and a twist-full of thinker tanks, but in quantum and quality of expertise and range of output they all have a long way to go before they match the role played by, for example, their equivalents in the United States and suggested that the situation will not improve unless we improve the study of international affairs at our Colleges and Universities.

He said that the Ministry of External Affairs would welcome much more spirited exchanges between MEA officials and academicians, the corporate sector and civil society and pleaded that the sustainability and success of our international policy depends on both leadership by the Government of India and the active involvement of young Indian.

In reply to a question raised at the interactive session of the lecture, Dr. Tharoor denied that India has departed from Nehru’s foreign policy of defending the Muslim World especially the Arab World.

Addressing the media, former UN Under Secretary General, Dr. Tharoor has joined the voice against film actor Shahrukh Khan’s two-hour detention at a US Airport and said that this also happens to hundreds of innocent Muslims daily who do not have billion people to stand-up for them. It raise real questions about US procedures.

While delivering the presidential remarks, AMU Vice Chancellor, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis said that the University has decided to create a Center of International Studies and diplomacy from the next academic session. He said a retired senior most diplomat, Mr. Israt Aziz is preparing the blue print of this proposed Center.

He also said that the Ministry of Human Resource Development has sanctioned Civil Service Coaching Academy with a grant of rupees ten crores so that AMU would produce better civil servants to serve the country.

Professor S. Imtiaz Hasnain, Coordinator, AMU National Lecture Series in his welcome address said that Dr. Tharoor started his career as a diplomat in 1978 is a writer of great fame and global leader of tomorrow. Professor Pervez Mustajab, Controller of Examinations proposed vote of thanks.
Refreshing Environmental Studies

The UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh organized a Subject Refresher Course in Environmental Studies on the theme of Sustainable Development and Climate Change. The three-week course focused broadly on synergies and trade off between sustainable development and climate change for analytical capacity building at local, regional and global decision making.

Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director, Academic Staff College implored for pursuing Green House Gas (GHG) friendly and fuel substitution policies.

Prof. Iqbal Ali Khan, Dean, Faculty of Law suggested devising mechanism for austerity, alternative and forestation for combating challenges of climate change.

Prof. Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University Delhi highlighted the agenda of humanity, harmony and environment and given clarion call for humanistic Laws than myopic profit making and matricidal policies.

Prof. Philipp Cullet, Director, International Environmental Law’ Research Centre Geneva called for innovating second tier level principles of sustainability and climate change.

Dr. Md. Zafar Mahfooz Nomani, Course Coordinator said that climate change is threatening our ecosystem, food security and biodiversity. The climate change challenges are insurmountable and there is a need to implement National Action Plan on Climate Change.

More than 70 participants from different parts of country took part in the Course. The Director, ASC strongly felt that the course will sensitize the participants of clean development mechanism (CDM) of climate change to reduce carbon emission in India.

The tone and tenor of the Course was set by Professor Philippe Cullet, Director Centre for International Environmental Law Research Centre, Geneva by giving a clarion call to switch over to second generation legislative reform to address the climate change and sustainable development. Professor Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, New Delhi implored to chisel out the normative percept of environment and development. The Course was addressed by diverse breed of environment scholars from India and abroad. Professor S.K. Bhatnagar, Pro-Vice Chancellor, B.R. Ambedkar University, Lucknow outlined the judicial tensions and legal policies for auguring sustainable development in India.

Professor Nesar Ahmad, Hony Research Professor, Institute of Corporate Governance, New Delhi focused on the corporate social responsibility and sustainability paradigm in the promotion of carbon free economy. Dr. Valeed Ahmad traced the impact of carbon taxing in giving boost to meltdown globalize economy. Professor P.K. Sahu, from Allahabad University underlined the need for inculcation of open and distance learning studies in providing impetus to environmental education.

Professor Wazahat Husain dwelt at on the recent advances in noise pollution control mechanism whereas Professor Iqbal A. Khan elucidated judicial policies for abatement of sound pollution. Professor Iqbal Pervez outlined the challenges of diverse aquatic environment for promoting animal welfare. Professor S.M. Abbas Abidi warned about the parasitological and epidemiological threats of polluted environment. Professor H.S.A. Yahya culled out the scientific dimension of bird extinction while Dr. Afifullah Khan presented panoramic perception of wildlife policies and programmes.

Professor A.L. Singh highlighted the pernicious outcomes of haphazard urban sprawl on household environment. Dr. Suhail Ayub discussed the menace of solid waste generation. On the other hand, Dr. Shahid Farooque discussed the strategies for nuclear waste disposal. Professor Noor Mohammad highlighted the role of social work profession in ecosystem governance. Professor B.L. Bhadani introspected into historical matrix of environmental conservation in India.

Professor Abdul Matin chiselled out the sociology of ecosystem with special reference to social ecology of command areas development. Professor Akhtar Haseeb urged for a second green revolution to arrest the chemicalization of food.
Dr. Zafar Mahfooz Nomani, Course Coordinator opined that modern sustainability paradigm remain oblivious of climate change concerns which needs urgent attention by scholars and teacher of environment studies.

In the valedictory address Professor Shamim Jairajpuri, Former Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad deplored the state of environmental researches which are proactive to development of technology than development of society and called upon multi stake holder approach to eco system conservation.

Dr. Panzalam from Kamalanagar College, Lawngtlai a participant from Mizoram expressed great satisfaction about the course content and lectures organization. Dr. Ratna K. Srivastava from Jabalpur was of the view that the course happens to be of great utility in developing knowledge base of environmental studies. Dr. Kaushal Kishore from C.S. Azad University of Agriculture, Kanpur felt highly motivated and charged as pertinent ideas clicked during the course to embark on meaningful researches on environmental studies.

**Honing Corporate Skills**

The Department of Business Administration, Aligarh Muslim University organized a two-day Workshop on Development of Soft Skills. The Workshop was conducted by Mr. Udayan Banerjee (Life Skills Trainer) and Mr. A.G. Danish (an alumni with more than 20 years of experience in corporate world).

As a part of the Workshop, the first year students of MBA were introduced to critical behavioral skills which are needed to succeed in the corporate/business environment. They were provided action plans to develop their skill based on their SWOT analysis.

The Workshop also aimed at putting an agenda for advanced development of critical skills such as communication skills, leadership skills, proactive behavior, negotiation skills etc. The main purpose of the Workshop was to prepare the students for the corporate world. Moreover it helped them understand that the right kind of attitude, knowledge, skill and habit are necessary for success. The right attitude can be developed by overcoming the chains that stop you from realizing your potential. Personal ego issues need to be settled.

The Workshop was an enlightening experience for the students who got to learn complicated intricacies about future challenges of the corporate world through simple yet interesting set of activities.

**JNMCH Upgradation**

The first meeting of the High Power Committee constituted by the AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis to advise the University on the essential components and inputs for upgradation of J. N. Medical College was held at India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi.

While presiding over the meeting, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the Aligarh Muslim University is making all out efforts to upgrade J. N. Medical College on par with All India Institute of Medical Sciences. The University has submitted a comprehensive proposal with a financial outlay of Rs. 201.67 Crores to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Union Cabinet has approved an amount of Rs. 150 Crores for J. N. Medical College upgradation under the second phase of Pradhanmantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna.

Prof. M. S. Valiathan, Chairman of the High Power Committee, who is a distinguished Professor of Biomaterial known for developing artificial bio-materials used in heart related implants, has suggested starting additional courses in Emergency medicine and Family medicine as this expanding area of health is still in a state of infancy in the country.

Prof. Valiathan observed that UGC is not fully realizing the needs of medical education which requires special attention as it deals both with teaching as well as professional health care of the general public and have to adhere to the technical norms of Medical Council of India.

Prof. A. K. Agarwal, Dean, Maulana Azad Medical College emphasized the need for judicious allocation of the upgradation funds. He felt that a balance has to be maintained between the creation of new health facilities and improving the existing one in various departments of the University Medical College.
The other member of the committee Dr. B. K. Rao, Director, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital stressed the need for starting paramedical courses as manpower requirement in this area is on constant rise and without supporting the staff health services cannot witness a substantial upgradation.

Prof. Syed Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University presented the details of the J. N. Medical College upgradation plan on PowerPoint, highlighting establishment of a Trauma and Emergency Treatment Section, Cardiac Cath Laboratory, development of super specialty centres in the full fledged departments, modern laundry and kitchen, upgradation of Nursing School to College and improving common rooms, canteen and other students’ facilities.

Prof. Pervez Mustajab, officiating AMU Registrar and Controller of Examination and Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Media Advisor were also present in the meeting. Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent J. N. Medical College participated in the deliberation and proposed the vote of thanks.

**Interactive meet at Law Department**

Prof. Ranveer Singh, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi said that the law students should not adopt any short cut as hard work and labour is imperative to achieve greater success and it also requires time. Prof. Ranveer Singh was delivering a lecture at the Law Society of Department of Law, Aligarh Muslim University.

Expressing concern on the declining standard of legal studies Prof. Singh regretted that in spite of more than seven hundred law colleges and separate law departments in more than 150 universities in the country, no institute could establish its identity on global level.

Prof. Iqbal Ali Khan, Dean, Faculty of Law, AMU said that the students of AMU are performing exemplary in the country for last several years and it can be hoped that this performance will be better in quantity and quality in future.

The president of Law Society, Dr. Shakeel Samdani said that Aligarh Muslim University’s law department has a history over more than one hundred years and it has established its identity not only on national but international level as well; the pass outs of this University have got the honour of being Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court.

The students asked several questions to the guest speaker during the interactive session that followed.

**First of its kind**

The Medical Education Unit, Faculty of Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University has for the first time organized a two-day P.G. Orientation programme for first year Junior Residents. More than 90 Junior Residents participated in the programme.

The programme was organized under the supervision of Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Officer-in-Charge, Medical Education Unit, Prof. Seema Hakim, Coordinator, Dr. Mohd. Habib Raza, Member, Dr. Najam Khaliq, Member, Dr. S.F. Hashmi, Member, Dr. Shishir Yadav, Member, Dr. Sayeedul Hasal Arif, Member. The programme was organized under the supervision of Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Officer-in-Charge, Medical Education Unit, Prof. Seema Hakim, Coordinator, Dr. Mohd. Habib Raza, Member, Dr. Najam Khaliq, Member, Dr. S.F. Hashmi, Member, Dr. Shishir Yadav, Member, Dr. Sayeedul Hasal Arif, Member and Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Member participated in the programme.

Dr. Haris M. Khan delivered a lecture on Biomedical Waste Management, Dr. S.H. Arif on Rational Use of Laboratory Investigative Procedures; Dr. Fatima Khan on Rational Use of Laboratory Investigative Procedures; Dr. M. Khalid on Radiological Procedures, Dr. Shagufta Moin on Rational Use of Laboratory Investigative Procedures; Dr. M. Habib Raza on Different Biopsy methods and Surgical Specimen fixation, Dr. Seema Hakim on Communication Skills in Medicine, Dr. Tamkeen Rabbani on Universal Precaution for Health Care Professionals, Dr. Saadiya Saeed on Legal Responsibilities & Medical Ethics, Dr. S. Ziaur Rahman on Library Facilities & Indexing of Journals, Dr. S. F. Hashim on Preparation of Protocol.
The programme covered diverse topics such as communication skill, interpersonal relationship, safe disposal of biomedical waste, infection prevention practices, legal responsibilities and medical ethics, rational use of investigation as well as different aspects of publishing a research paper.

**Technical Team Visits JNMCH**

A ten member technical committee for appraisal of Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College of Aligarh Muslim University for upgradation on par with All India Institute of Medical Sciences today visited the University and met the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Union Cabinet have approved an amount of Rs. 150 Crores for AMU’s J. N. Medical College upgradation under the second phase of Pradhan Mantri’s Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY).

The leader of the Technical Committee Dr. Vinayak M. Prasad, Director, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India told the Vice Chancellor that the technical committee would submit its report as soon as possible after inspection of Medical College.

While welcoming the Technical team AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the University has instituted a high power Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. M. S. Valiathan, a distinguished professor of Bio-material.

The members of the Technical Committee also visited the J. N. Medical College and met all the Chairmen of Departments of Studies of Medicine Faculty.

Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, Medical College and Chief Medical Superintendent also participated in the deliberations.

**Nomination**

Prof. S. Kafeel Ahmad Qasmi, Department of Arabic at the Aligarh Muslim University has been nominated as member of the Academic Council of the Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri (Jammu & Kashmir).

Prof. Qasmi has been nominated by the Executive Council of the Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University in view of his outstanding contribution in the field of Arabic language and literature.

**Taxonomist Award**

Dr. Mohammad Hayat of the Zoology Department at the Aligarh Muslim University has been selected for the distinguished Taxonomist Award by the Professor T.C. Narendran Trust for Animal Taxonomy in recognition of his outstanding contribution to taxonomy, particularly on parasitic Hymenoptera as well as for promoting teaching and research in taxonomy.

The award carries a cash prize of rupees ten thousand with citation and a medallion.

Dr. Mohammad Hayat is also a Principal Investigator, ICAR, Network Project on Insect Biosystematics at AMU.

**Suspended**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has placed Dr. Tariq Islam under suspension on charge of “gross misconduct” pending enquiry with immediate effect.

Dr. Tariq Islam is a Reader in the Department of Philosophy in Faculty of Arts. He shall be paid subsistence allowance during the period of his suspension as per rules of the University.

The University further ordered that Dr. Tariq Islam shall not leave Aligarh without obtaining prior permission of the Vice Chancellor.
IUPS, 2009

Professor Usha Singhal of Department of Physiology, J.N. Medical College, AMU Aligarh has returned after attending the 36th International Congress of Physiological Sciences IUPS 2009, at Kyoto and Workshop on Teaching Physiology at Kobe, Japan.

There she has attended the General Assembly of IUPS 2009 as an official representative of Indian National Sciences Academy (INSA) Delhi. She was invited speaker and gave a talk on “Assessment of medical students learning”. She chaired two group sessions of workshop. In a collaborating programme of IUPS Education Committee, American Physiological Society and University of Texas for developing a source book of effective and economical experiments of Physiology, she has been made coordinator of Respiratory Section.

Prof. Usha Singhal was invited by the Canadian Physiological Society, Chinese Physical Society and Brazilian Society and interacted with their members. The association of Women Physiologists of Japan organized a party for all women Physiologists of world which was attended by Dr. Singhal. British Physiological Society who are the Host of next IUPS 2013 also invited Dr. Singhal for a meeting and presented their preparations of the next congress at UK. Prof. Usha Singhal had also attended IUPS in Scotland 1993, Russia 1997, New Zealand 2001. She was awarded Best teacher of Physiology by Association of Physiologists and Pharmacologists of India in 2007.

IPSCON, 2009 Pre-conference

The Second 2009 IPSCON Pre-conference travelling symposium on Current Issues in Clinical Research was held under the auspices of Medical Education Unit, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. The symposium was attended by participants representing different disciplines of medicine including pharmacology, physiology, pathology, microbiology, community medicine, ophthalmology, radiotherapy, ENT, obstetrics and gynecology, etc.

The pre-conference Symposium on Clinical Research was aimed at catalyzing an in-house discussion on some current issues on clinical research guidelines such as Nanotechnology in Ophthalmology; clinical research guidelines on environmental pharmacology and legal and ethical issues in clinical research. The potential of clinical research in the field of medicine development is rapidly increasing. In this respect, such symposia provide an opportunity to discuss and deliberate on this aspect of healthcare amongst medical scientists.

The first of the series of IPSCON 2009 Pre-Conference Travelling Symposia was held at M S University of Baroda on 4th August 2009. The report of all these pre-conference travelling symposia will be presented at the 42nd Annual Conference of Indian Pharmacological Society & International Conference on Integrative & Personalised Medicine - IPSCON 2009 scheduled to be held at Kolkata from 10-12 December, 2009.

Delivering the keynote address, Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean and Officer-in-charge, Medical Education Unit, Faculty of Medicine, said that the prime purpose of the symposium was to discuss and debate on ways and means to strengthen legal and ethical enforcement in the process of clinical research. He highlighted the contributions of some alumni of medical college in the field of Clinical Research. Principal & Chief Medical Superintendent of JN Medical College, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik presided over the inaugural session.

Prof. N.R. Biswas of Department of Pharmacology, All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS), New Delhi, spoke on Nanotechnology in Ophthalmology.

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman (MD) of Department of Pharmacology, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, spoke on Clinical Research Guidelines on Environmental Pharmacology.

Prof Santanu K Tripathi, Co-Chair - Scientific Committee, IPSCON 2009 & Secretary – Clinical Pharmacology, IPS & Head, Department of Pharmacology, Burdwan Medical College, Bardhaman, summarized the Ethical and Legal Issues in Clinical Research.
The programme was conducted by Dr. Yogesh Khunte, a resident in the Department of Pharmacology, while the vote of thanks was moved by Prof. Seema Hakim, Coordinator, Medical Education Unit, Faculty of Medicine, J.N. Medical College, AMU, Aligarh.

**Pain Management**

Dr. Hammad Usmani, Lecturer in the Department of Anaesthesiology and Consultant, Pain Clinic at J.N. Medical College Hospital, AMU Aligarh attended a five-day interventional pain management training course held at Kolkata. The course was organized in collaboration with the team of Advanced Comprehensive Medical Care, Chicago, USA and World Institute of Pain.

During the course Dr. Hammad Usmani underwent exhaustive training on advance interventions in pain management including the new radiofrequency and pulsed radiofrequency techniques applied in this field. He had also learnt the placement and operation of spinal cord simulators in intractable painful conditions as well as the technique of vertebroplasty and gasserian ganglion neurolysis for spinal fractures and trigeminal neuralgia respectively.

**Mission Female Literacy**

Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has initiated a fresh and focused drive for ushering total literacy in the Aligarh district. The new initiative will make special efforts to bring into the literacy fold female illiterates of the district. The Centre of Adult and Continuing Education of Aligarh Muslim University can play a vital role in this direction. While addressing the meeting of the Task Force constituted by him to prepare an action plan Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that the teachers and students of AMU will be engaged to take up this vital social task. The Action Plan will be prepared by the Centre for Adult and Continuing Education and the Centre for Promotion of Educational and Cultural Advancement of Muslims of India, Aligarh Muslim University.

Presiding over the meeting, the Vice Chancellor said the literacy mission’s main focus will be female literacy as envisaged by Government of India. The AMU will have an inclusive approach in dealing with the issue. Although Muslims will be its main target, other weaker communities of the district will also be brought under the literacy scheme. Prof. Azis felt that it was imperative on the part of all concerned with the literacy mission to start with a fresh zeal and fervor and work hard for the achievement of the targeted mark for total literacy in the given time frame. Prof. Azis urged the teachers and students to volunteer themselves for the promotion of the literacy schemes as envisaged by the Government of India from time to time. He said that the mass mobilization, motivation and retention of learners and volunteers of Muslim minority, especially females in the literacy programmes is the need of the hour and everyone who is concerned with the subject has the duty to dedicate himself or herself to see that the female literacy is ensured by every possible means in the district.

The Vice Chancellor said that the National Literacy Mission programmes should be implemented with special attention on the female literacy and the distinguished citizens of the district should be mobilized to awaken the women of the weaker and educationally backward sections of the society as the ratio of literacy among women is much lower than that among males in the country. Prof. Azis said that it is imperative to bring forward the excluded communities and help them enter the national mainstream.

It may be remembered that addressing the Joint Session of the Parliament Honourable President had announced that the Government will recast the National Literacy Mission as National Mission for Female Literacy.

The meeting was also addressed by the former Principal of Women’s College, AMU, Prof. Zakia A. Siddiqui, the Dean, Faculty of Social Science, Prof. C. P. S. Chauhan, Director, Centre for Women’s Studies, Prof. Sheerin Moosvi, Prof. Hameeda Ahmad, Department of Psychology, Mrs. Seema Masood, Director, Centre for Adult and Continuing Education, Dr. Atia Abid, Dr. Naeema Khatoon, Prof. Amanullah Khan,
Grievance Cell Highlight

The Students’ Grievance Committee set up as a stop-gap alternative to Students’ Union in the Aligarh Muslim University, has set in motion a slew of measures in the University.

The newly established students’ body has started addressing the genuine problems and difficulties faced by the students both in the academic departments and residential halls.

The AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has initiated a novel procedure to provide a ‘voice’ to the students through the instrument of face-to-face interaction where top University functionaries including the Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Proctor, DSW and Finance Officer interacted with the students holding top ranks in each class and course of the University. The students air their grievances and the administration takes on the spot decision to redress the problems.

In a two-day interactive meeting presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis more than 300 hundred students representing 325 courses spoke on various issues both students centred and department specific, they openly criticized the existing flaws and deficiencies and demanded immediate action to improve the quality of teaching–learning process in the University. Prof. Azis took special interest in the day long activity and remained present in the interactive programme all the time.

The Vice Chancellor said that the publication of scholarly papers of teachers of the University in journals of national and international repute have placed the Aligarh Muslim University among ten Universities earmarked for highest scientific publication. He said that a very peaceful atmosphere conducive to higher academic pursuits has been ensured in the campus during the last two years and the academic calendar of the University was strictly and successfully followed for all admissions and examinations. The Vice Chancellor said that a Central Instrumentation Centre will be established in the next academic session to give a boost to the research culture in the University.

Prof. Azis pledged to convert the University into an exemplary institution of the country. He said that the Ministry of Human Resource Development has allocated Rs. 10 Crores for the establishment of an I A S Coaching Academy in the University. The AMU Coaching Academy will enable the students belonging to minority communities achieve greater successes and higher positions. He said that computers equipped with a round the clock high speed internet connection have been facilitated to each and every department and residential halls and the facility will be increased as and when required.

Most of the students drew the administration’s attention towards the problems relating to electricity and water supply and cleanliness in the residential halls and seminars. However, several of them raised various issues concerning academic and research facilities in the departments. Ms. Arina Khan of Department of Geology suggested inviting experts of Earth Sciences and establishing Placement Cell in the department. The students of Department of Chemistry requested to provide better laboratory equipments. Ms. Seema Kumari, a research scholar in the Department of Sociology asked to create a separate seminar room and provide the conveyance facility for field tours to the research scholars of the department. Ms. Amreen Ashraf of Department of Economics emphasized the need of strengthening teacher student relationship and requested to subscribe international journals of higher standard in the department.

Ms. Samein Husain of the Department of Mass Communication expressed the need for arranging special training programmes in radio and television for the students of Mass Communication and inviting distinguished journalists as guest faculties to provide better exposure to the students.

On the second day of the meeting, students of Medical, Engineering and Commerce were invited to participate. The students of Medical College requested the administration to pay special attention to the increasing problem of lack of space especially in view of the soaring number of patients coming to the
Medical College. They also urged the University administration to make efforts to arrange dead bodies for practicals.

AMU Registrar Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Controller of Examinations, Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Finance Office, Ms. Yasmee Jalal Beg, Proctor, Prof. Muzaffar A. Siddiqui, DSW, Prof. M. Zubair Khan and PRO, Dr. Rahat Abrar were also present in the meeting.

Rare Disorder

The doctors at J N Medical College were left baffled when they found a twenty year old female possessing a male organ and testes instead of a uterus and ovaries. The woman, was suffering from an “ambiguous genitalia” disorder described by the doctors at J N medical College as “partial androgen insensitivity syndrome”.

Dr. Arshad Hafeez Khan along with Dr. Manal Mohammad Khan and Dr. Moinuddin of Department of Plastic Surgery operated upon patient and succeeded in removing the testes and creating a functional vaginal canal. Besides, “the male organ was transformed into a clitoris”. Some important female hormone drugs were also administered in order to develop the female organs in her.

Dr. Khan pointed out that now she could lead a successful sexual life, however she would not be able to conceive.

Malappuram Campus on Fast Track

The Kerala Government has appointed S Lalithambika as the fast track officer to accelerate the procedures of land acquisition for the special centre of the Aligarh Muslim University in Malappuram.

Dr. K P Gopinathan, Deputy Director of Collegiate Education in the Higher Education Department, Dr. K Vijayakumar, Special Officer of land acquisition, Mr. Ali Askar, Assistant Officer, and PK Gopalan, Deputy Collector, had visited the place. They reported to the Government of Kerala that the acquisition procedures should be carried out under fast track method. Their report is supposed to have prompted the government to appoint S Lalithambika as the fast track officer of land acquisition for the centre of the AMU and the Railway Coach Factory in Palakkad. The office for the land acquisition has reportedly begun functioning in the Institute of Land and Disaster Management Complex in Thiruvananthapuram.

A discussion was held in the town hall at Perinthalmanna regarding the land acquisition, beginning of admissions in a temporary set up and other matters related to the AMU. People representing different political, social and cultural areas took part in the discussion along with the general public on 7th September. The popular gathering had expressed its concern over the delay in land acquisition and the coldness in the appointment of officers.

The land selected for the AMU Centre is spread over three panchayats in Perinthalmanna. The primary survey of 392 acres has been completed. The 158 acre plain land on the mountain will be used for the construction of the buildings. The remaining land will be used for other purposes. Water for the campus will be taken from the river Thootha nearby. The Water Authority and the Revenue Ministry have reportedly chalked out a plan and draft for the same.

New Website of Aligarh Muslim University Launched

Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, has launched the official website of Aligarh Muslim University www.amu.ac.in.

The new website provides all relevant information regarding the functioning of Aligarh Muslim University, Vice Chancellor’s Office, Registrar’s Office, Controller’s Office, faculties and departments of
studies that are linked with the new website. Information related to admission and details of various courses are also available on the concerned link.

While inaugurating the new website Professor P.K. Abdul Azis expressed the hope that people from all over the world can now get information about the ongoing academic activities and other research work. This is necessary for collaborations with other Universities as well.

Prof. M.T. Ahmad, Director of the Computer Center and Mr. Mallik Hashmi, Computer Programmer explained the salient features of the new website. Mr. Afzal Ahmad, System Manager proposed vote of thanks while Mr. Saleem Ali, Assistant Computer Programmer conducted the programme.

**Lecture in Neuro Science**

Dr. C.S Paulose, Director, Centre for Neuro Sciences & Head, Department of Biotechnology, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) delivered a lecture under University Extension Lecture Programme on “Neurotransmitter Receptor Subtypes Functional Regulation and Disease Management: A Molecular Study” at J.N Medical College recently.

Dr. Paulose said that neurotransmitter receptor functional regulation is very important for the control of cell proliferation, pancreatic regeneration and insulin production, disease managements like Diabetes, Cancer, brain diseases – Epilepsy, Parkinson’s disease and spinal cord re-establishment after injury. The balance of these bio molecules keeps our cells healthy by nourishing them. “Use your Brain to the maximum capacity so that you have an efficient wiring to do the activity with full capacity. The more you use your brain the better you function and reduce ageing problems”, said Dr. Paulose.

Prof. P.K Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor presided over the function. Prof. Imtiaz Hasan, coordinator of University Extension Lecture introduced the speaker to the audience. Dr. Paulose was recently conferred 13th Kamlaa B.K. Anand Oration award by the AIIMS, New Delhi for his outstanding contributions in the field of Clinical Neuro Sciences. Prof. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine welcomed the speaker and Prof. Salimuddin proposed vote of thanks.

**AMU Campus, Bihar**

While thanking the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Bihar Shri Nitish Kumar in taking the decision to give 100 acres of land free of cost to Aligarh Muslim University for opening its centre in Bihar, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has requested him to provide an additional 150 - 200 acres of land contiguous to the currently identified site for establishing AMU centre in Bihar. The Vice-Chancellor has requested Shri Nitish Kumar to provide the required land urgently so that the University would be able to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and Feasibility Report (FR) as required by the Government of India.

**Postmortem**

A high level meeting of the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University and Aligarh District Administration officials was held at the office of the Principal to discuss the modalities of initiating Postmortem in the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and to deal with medico-legal cases.

A host of senior officials of Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and district administration consisting of Senior Superintendent of Police, Aligarh, Additional District Magistrate (City), Aligarh, Chief Medical Superintendent Malkhan Singh District Hospital, Aligarh, Prof. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, JNMC, Deputy Chief Medical Superintendent, Malkhan Singh District Hospital, Aligarh, Chief Medical Officer, Malkhan Singh District Hospital, Aligarh, Prof. Shamim Jahan Rizvi, Chairman, Department of Forensic Medicine, JNMC, Dr. Asad Reyaz Khan, Deputy Medical Superintendent, JNMCH and Dr. Naseem Alam, Casualty Medical Officer, JNMCH participated in the meeting. Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal, JNMC and Chief Medical Superintendent, JNMCH presided over the meeting.
Recognised

The degrees of MD (Biochemistry) and MD (Forensic Medicine) awarded by the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College of the Aligarh Muslim University have been accorded recognition by the Medical Council of India.

The Post graduate committee considered the MCI Inspector’s report (June 2009) and decided to recommend that MD (Biochemistry) and MD (Forensic Medicine) qualifications granted by Aligarh Muslim University in respect of students being trained at J. N. Medical College be recognized.

Prof. Asif Ali, Chairman, Department of Biochemistry, JNMC said that the credit goes to the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis who has been kind enough to take personal interest in the matter.

Winners at Pulse-2009, AIIMS

The students of Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC) demonstrated an exemplary skill in cultural, literary and sports events and brought laurels to the Aligarh Muslim University by winning a total of 14 prizes in different events at the 37th Annual South East Asian Socio-cultural Meet ‘Pulse 2009’ organized at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, JNMC and Chief Medical Superintendent, JNMCH congratulated the team.

Three students of J N Medical College participated in two literary events and made a clean sweep in English Debate and English Elocution. The most coveted prize of Best Speaker under the English Debate category went to a student of 2009 batch Ayesha Asrarul Haque while the first prize in English Elocution went to Jayesh Khaddar. The second prize for English Elocution also went to Neetika Sharma of AMU.

Under Western Instrumental Music, the first prize was bagged by Saransh Bansal while under Western Duet, Nabeel Firoz won the second prize. Nabeel Firoz again won the second prize under Band Performance. Under the Classical Light Duet event, Neha Agarwal and Nabeel Firoz won third prize while under Indian Classical Instrument third prize went to Saransh Bansal.

In sports Category, Pranav Mishra shared Gold in mixed doubles in Table Tennis while Neetika Sharma and Pawan Kumar won Silver in Mixed Doubles in Lawn Tennis. Neetika Sharma won Silver in singles in Lawn Tennis and Anmol Gupta won silver in doubles in Table Tennis. Ahmad Mamoon Karimi and Seema Rizvi won silver in 400 meter sprint and chess respectively.

The Medical College Society also heartily congratulated the winners of Pulse 2009 for their hard work and success.

Malapuram Visit

A five member team headed by Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has visited the site at Perinthelmanna in Malapuram district proposed by the Government of Kerala for setting up of the AMU special centre for which the Government of India has already allocated an initial amount of Rs. 25 crore in the current fiscal year.

While inspecting the site, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Azis said that in order to extricate the minorities from the quagmire of ignorance and set them on the path of intellectual resurgence at national level the AMU has
conceived an ambitious plan of establishing five special campuses in different locations of the country including one in the Mallapuram district of Kerala.

Prof. Azis lauded the initiatives taken by the Government of Kerala in providing the necessary facilities including the land for setting up the special Centre of Aligarh Muslim University at Malappuram and for starting the process of land acquisition on a fast track basis.

Tracing the genesis Prof. Azis said that AMU has taken this historic decision to regain its national stature and provide leadership to minority education in the country. The Executive Council in its meeting held on January 7, 2008 and the Court in its meeting held on December 2, 2007 has decided to establish five regional centres of AMU in the backward areas populated by minorities. The sites proposed were Murshidabad in West Bengal, Malappuram in Kerala, Katihar in Bihar, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh and Pune in Maharashtra. These distant centres were already approved by the Central Government and it will enable the University to fulfill the responsibilities mandated by the AMU Act 1981.

Further, Aligarh Muslim University had received representations from the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Chief Secretary of Government of Kerala and the Gharib Nawaz Foundation for Education of Muslims of Bhopal suggesting to establish Regional Study Centre of Aligarh Muslim University in their respective regions. The backdrop of the alarming revelations of the shocking state of educational backwardness of minority community by Sachar Committee is another factor that paved way for the decision.

Expressing confidence in setting up a special AMU Centre at Malappuram after the transfer of land to the AMU very soon the Vice Chancellor declared that the Aligarh model consisting of schools, faculties, Medical and Engineering Colleges and Departments of Advanced Studies will be established in Malappuram so that the students can get an opportunity of wholesome education right from primary to post graduate including in Professional disciplines.

In another historic initiative, the University has successfully conducted its admission tests for the MBBS, BDS, B. Tech./B. Arch., Class XI and Diploma in engineering courses at five centres outside Aligarh including one at Farook College, Kozikode. Both these initiatives were extremely significant as they are designed to provide greater access and equity to the students of different parts of the country. In itself it is carrying the legacy of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan by spreading the Aligarh Movement across the country for the educational uplift of the people of India, especially the deprived Muslim population spread across the country, Prof. Azis observed.

The proposals were, in fact, the need of the hour and something that should have been done earlier. The West Bengal, the Kerala and the Central Government’s efforts to promote education among Muslim community and to bring them into the national mainstream by expanding the benefit of education to Muslims also provided focus on the issue and helped us formulate the policy to widen the AMU’s campus network by establishing regional centres of advanced study and research. The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India endorsed the above proposals and consented to extend necessary help to the University. In the current financial year budget the Central Government has already allocated an initial amount of Rs. 25 crore each for Malappuram and Murshidabad special centres. The West Bengal Government has already set in motion the transfer of 350 acres of Farakka Barrage land to the AMU. A five-member high power AMU team headed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has visited Murshidabad and Kolkata on the invitation of the West Bengal government and inspected the proposed land and discussed various issues.

Similarly, the Kerala Government has already held wide ranging consultations in the highly focused meeting held in the first week of August at Thrivananthapuram presided over by Minister for Education Mr. M.A. Baby and also Minister for Culture and other State officials attended by AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis. It decided to put the issue of Malapuram AMU Centre on “Fast Track.”

While discussing the main issues during the Malapuram site visit with the State Officials Prof. P.K. Azis stressed the need for constructing a 100 feet–wide access road and a specific time-frame for handing over the acquired land in two phases. The District Collector, Mr. M.C Mohan Das and the Deputy Collector, Land
Acquisition Mr. Gopalakrishna, E.K has confirmed that the Kerala Government will provide 150 acres of acquired land by the end of October this year on fast track basis and rest of the 242 acres by the end of the year. The Officials of Electricity Department present in the meeting assured the Supply of 5 to 10 MW of uninterrupted power supply to the new campus to be established in the picturesque backdrop of the Perinthalmanna.

Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has also held detailed discussions with Thrissur MLA Mr. V Sasikumar, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has also held detailed discussions with Thrissur MLA Mr. V Sasikumar, State Level Officer Smt. Lalithambika. S, District Collector Mr. M.C. Mohandas, Special Officer Dr. Vijaykumar, Additional Director Mr. Y.V. Srikumar and other district officers. Advocate V.K. Biran and Mr. P.A. Hamza both members of the AMU court.

A.M.U Visiting team who participated in the discussions includes Prof. Ikram Husain, Prof. Parvez Mujtajab, Prof. Javed Akhter and Prof. N.A.K Durrani.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. P.K Abdul Azis while interacting with the local people of Perinthalmanna said that the proposal of setting up of special campuses including one in Malappuram district 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 Kerala has initiated all necessary steps to provide the required land for setting up special AMU Centre at Malappuram. The people of Kerala in general and Muslims of the state in particular have extended a warm welcome to AMU. Already a host of discerning organizations have expressed happiness and considers it a new beginning in the annals of education of extremely backward Muslims of Malappuram and the surrounding regions.

To start such a Centre is all the more necessary in view of the increasing pressure on the existing AMU Campus that cannot sustain the increased demand for admissions sought every year. The present campus and resources (hostel facility, teaching rooms, space and staff etc.) of the University are limited and cannot be expanded beyond a certain point, but the pressure is increasing and one cannot escape the need of providing educational facilities to the most excluded community.

The special centre of AMU at Malappuram will make education available to poor and downtrodden Muslims who are educationally most backward.

The AMU has envisaged a national role to play by promoting modern and secular education. It strives to meet the educational aspirations of the people especially of Muslims of India. Aligarh has played a historic role by spreading the message of modern education, scientific temperament and secularism in the sub-continent and in this backdrop, the Parliament has passed the AMU Act 1981 that empowers the University to promote the educational and cultural advancement of Muslims of India. The University has a glorious tradition of broadmindedness, tolerance and enlightened approach to problems that beset the contemporary social existence. AMU has successfully kept at bay all kinds of communal, narrow, parochial and fissiparous forces. The obsessive apprehension expressed by a section of the media is unwarranted. The University has never allowed any unlawful engagement in its sprawling campus. It has a record of maintaining discipline of highest order and Malappuram Centre will not be an exception as far as propriety and discipline is concerned.

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 Malappuram Centre will be a step in this direction.

The idea behind setting up special Centre at Malappuram 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.

Establishment of special centre, although is in formative stage, the University is receiving extremely positive response from all stake holders including the state government. The University will start all the
faculties presently in vogue in AMU including Engineering, Medical, Biotechnology, Nanotechnology, IT based programmes, Mass Communication besides Humanities, Science and Life Sciences. It intends to turn the Malappuram region into an innovative, modern and forward looking academic and research hub of global standards, especially catering to the needs of all four southern states.

**Award for AMU Faculty**

Professor Anis Ahmad Ansari, P.G. Dept. of Kulliyat, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, has got the First Hakim Ahmad Ashraf Memorial International Award sponsored by Hakim Ahmad Ashraf Memorial Society, Hyderabad. Mr. Khaleel-ur-Rahman, Ex-M.P. presented this award in a function held in Hyderabad. The award was conferred for lifelong services in the area of Unani System of Medicine.

Prof. Ansari visited several countries such as Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Kingdom of Saudi Aribia, Pakistan, U.A.E., etc. in pursuit of propagation of Unani System of Medicine.

**Arshad Hafeez presented a paper**

Dr. Arshad Hafeez Khan, Chairman Dept. of Plastic Surgery attended the national conference of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India held at Mahabalipurm, Chennai and presented the entitled “Recurrent flaps of the arm for resurfacing of elbow defects”.

**Imtiyaz Shines**

Mr. Imtiyaz Ahmad a Student of AMU participated in the All India Gold Cup Cricket Tournament conducted by Andhra Pradesh Cricket Association as a member of the Uttar Pradesh Cricket Team. He was instrumental in UP winning the Gold Cup tournament by beating Hyderabad. He scored 46 runs and also took 4 wickets in final match.

**AMU observes Van Mahotsav**

The Department of Land and Gardens, Aligarh Muslim University celebrated Van Mahotsav in the Campus. Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, The Vice Chancellor of the University and Prof. Mohammad Anis, Member-in-Charge, Land and Gardens, AMU and other dignitaries planted the saplings of *Cupressus sempervirens* at Gulistan-e-Syed. Its various species are grown as decorative trees in parks and around temples. The eco-friendly drive was launched at different locations including residential colonies, departments, medical college, along main tracks and workshops etc. A total of 14,500 tree saplings were planted during the monsoon season. The emphasis has been made on ornamental and flowering plants and various fruit trees. Some of the important species planted during current drive include *Cassia biflora, Lagerstroemia indica, Emblica officinalis, Syzygium cumini, Citrus grandis, Azadirachta indica, Melia azedarach, Mangifera indica, Terminalia arjuna, Grevillea robusta, Delonix regia, Cestrum nocturnum, Bauhinia accuminata and Tecoma capensis* etc.
Senior Secondary Wins Football Tournament

An Inter-school invitation football tournament was organized by Football Club, University Game Committee to mark the Independence Day Celebrations at University Football Ground. Sixteen teams of AMU and Aligarh District participated. Senior Secondary School AMU won the final by 6-3 defeating Our Lady of Fatima school team in a keenly contested final. Prof. Mohd. Zubair Khan, Dean Student Welfare and Mr. Ashok Tej Pal, District Sports Officer were the Chief Guests and Guest of Honour respectively. Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary, Games Committee and Dr. Mohammad Iqbal President Football Club welcomed the guests. Similarly, an exhibition basketball match between AMU XI and AMU junior XI was played at Basketball court in which senior team defeated junior team.

Best Educationist

Professor Hamid Ali of the Department of Petroleum Studies, AMU Aligarh has been conferred upon the Best Educationist Award by the Solidarity Council, New Delhi.

Prof. Hamid Ali received the award in a Seminar Education and Industrial Development held at Constitution, Speaker Hall, New Delhi.

AMU Faculty gets Award

Dr. Ms. Laman Sami, Lecturer department of Commerce has been awarded with Rashtrya Gaurav Award (National Pride Award).

Dr. Sami received the award for her meritorious services and remarkable role in economic growth and national integration. Lt. Governor of Pondchery Iqbal Singh has given the award to her in a function held in New Delhi.

AMU Participates in UP swimming championship

In the UP state swimming championship held at Haris Mohd Khan, captain swimming club took part in 50 meters free style and his timing was 0:35 seconds; Mohd Faraz Khan took part in 50 meters Breast stroke and his timing was 0:42 seconds; Saify Rasheed took part in 50 meters back stroke and his timing was 0:43 seconds; Athar Ali took part in 100 meters Breast stroke and his timing 1:58 seconds; Azeem Anwar took part in 100 mtrs. Free style and his timing were 1:35 seconds; Arjun Agrawal took part in 50 mtr. Free style and 50 meter Breast stroke and his timing was 0:32 and 0:43 seconds respectively; Talha Laiq took part in 100 mtrs. Breast stroke and his timing was 1:36 seconds and qualified for final and Zainul Abideen Lodhi took part in 100 mtrs. Free style and his timing was 1:32 seconds.
Old Boys win Hockey Match
On the occasion of Independence Day celebrations, a hockey match between AMU Old Boys Hockey team was played. Many stalwarts of their came from different parts of country to participate in this match. Mr. Zafar Iqbal, Olympian won the heart of the large no. spectators by his performance. Prof. Masood Alam, Former Hockey Club President encouraged the players with his presence. Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary Games Committee welcomed the teams & the guests. Prof. Jawaid Ali Khan, President Hockey Club presided over the function. AMU Old Boys won the Match 5-3.

Mr. Mohd Sheida, Executive Engineer UPU. Nigam Ltd.; Mr. Mujeeb Sami Kidwai, Executive Engineer UPPWD; Mr. Jawaid Sami Kidwai, Superintending Engineer PPPWD; Mr. Ali Mohd Khan (Arshad), Civil Engineer UPSEB; Mr. Afzal Ahmad, Sports Officer UPSEB; Mr. Aitmad Ali, Colour Holder 1972; Mr. Farooq Ghani, Colour Holder 1969; Mr. SMA Khan, DIG; Mr. Athar Khan, Coach, Moradabad Hockey Nursery; Mr. S. Mahmood Husain, Captain & Colour Holder 1986-87; Mr. M. Ashfaque Ahmad, Systems Programmer Computer Centre (AMU); Mr. F.U. Siddiqui, Coordinator Al-Barkaat; Mr. Athar Ahsan, Represented Intervarsity 1982-87; Mr. Md. Saleem Khan, Asst. Audit Officer Accountant General (Audit), Dehradun (UK); Mr. N.K. Rai, Supdt. Of customs (preventive) Calcutta; Mr. Iqbal Khan, NRMB; Mr. Naved Zia, OPS Supdt. Air India (Captain); Mr. Shahid Akhtar, Coach of Hockey Islamic I / C Etawah; Mr. Md. Zafrul Hasnain (Mujjan), Eastern Raily Calkata West Bangal; Mr. Mashhood Alam, Food Corporation of India; Mr. Anis Ur Rehman, Asst. Director University Game Committee AMU; Mr. Syed Husain Waheed, Joint Secretary & Captain 1988-90; Mr. Sarmad Mahmud, Business; Mr. Feroz Khan, University Engineer, AMU.

Inter-Hall (Men & Women) Aligarh District Swimming Championship 2009
The Championship was inaugurated by Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary, University Games Committee on 16.08.2009. The closing ceremony and Prize distribution was done by Mr. K. Ram Mohan Rao, District Magistrate, Aligarh. Prof. Ibne Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Radio-diagnosis, JN Medical College was the Guest of Honour at the Function. This year around 150 swimmers took part in the championship. The annual report and vote of thanks was given by Prof. M. Mohsin Khan, President, Swimming Club.

In Championship
NRSC Hall, Hadi Hasan Hall, Allama Iqbal Hall, Senior Secondary School (Boys), Sir Sulaiman Hall, V.M. Hall, R.M. Hall, S.S. (S) Hall and S.T. High School, ABK Union School, Abdullah Nursery, St. Fidelis School, Aligarh Public School, Ayesha Tarrin School, Delhi Public School, Al-Barkaat School, Krishna International School, Black Dale School, Our Lady of Fatima and Iqra Public School participated.

Results of Inter Hall and Boys Aligarh District Swimming Championship 2009

Inter Hall Championship was won by NRSC Hall and S.T. High School was Runner’s up.

Men
Winner: Mohd Faraz Khan, NRSC.
Runners up: Talha Laiq NRSC.

Group I
Winner: Zaiuul Abideen Lodhi, ST High School.
Runners up: Sekhar Sharma, DPS.

**Group II**
Winner: Ateeq Ahmad, ST High School.
Runners up: Mohd Faizan, ABK Union.

**Group III**
Winner: Mohd Arsalan, ST High School.
Runners up: Amir Khusrow, ABK Union.

**Group IV**
Winner: Osama Mansoor, APS.
Runners up: Saquib Javed, Abdullah Nursery.

*Results of Aligarh District Swimming Championship 2009 (Women)*

Around 50 women and girls took part in the championships from following halls and school.
S.N. Hall, IG Hall, Abdullah Hall, Girls High School, APS, DPS, Kirshna International, OLF, St. Fidelis, ABK Union, Abdullah Nursery and Little angles schools:

**Result (Women)**

**Women**
Winner: Razia Chauhan, Girls High School.
Runners up: Naintara Fullur, 10+2 Girls AMU.

**Group II**
Winner: Husan Ara Chauhan, Girls High School.
Runners up: Adeeba Mansoor, APS.

**Group III**
Winner: Afreen Javed, Little Angles School.
Runners up: Jahanvee Gupta, OLF.

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**Obituaries**

1. A condolence meeting to mourn the sad demise of Padmashri Professor P.N. Kaula, Doyen of Library and Information Science was organized at the Department of Library and Information Science at Maulana Azad Library, AMU Aligarh. Prof. Kaula an eminent scholar and great teacher of Library and Information Science has expired recently at the age of 85.

   Prof. Shabahat Husain, Librarian-in-Charge, Maulana Azad Library, spoke about the contributions of Prof. P.N. Kaula in & out side India. He said that Prof. Kaula was ‘one of the most influential librarians in the world’. He was a world renowned personality in the field of library and information science. There are few people who have left their footprints as deep as Prof. Kaula in the library and information science discipline. Prof. Shabahat said that it was a great loss to this profession. His sad demise has created a vacuum which cannot be filled in near future.

   Mr. Shakeel Ahmed, Deputy Librarian informed that the Government of India honoured Prof. kaula with prestigious Padmashri Award in the year 2004 for his sincere and whole hearted contributions in developing library and information system in India.
Dr. Naushad Ali P.M., Chairman, Department of Library and Information Science said in his speech that Prof. Kaula was closely associated with the Department in various capacities since its inception. He sincerely contributed rupees one lakh for establishing Kaula-Bashirudhin Chair in the Library and Information Science in 1996. He also instituted Prof. M. Bashirudhin-Kaula Gold Medal at the Department to the best student of BLISc every year since 1996. The efforts are on for instituting Prof. P.N. Kaula Lecture Series in the Department under Prof. P.N. Kaula Endowment Trust.

Faculty members, Staff and Students of the Department of Library and Information Science and all library professionals of Maulana Azad Library, AMU Aligarh were present in the Condolence Meeting.

Dr. Syed Mehmood Naqvi, FNA, an eminent old boy of Aligarh Muslim University and renowned geoscientist has expired away at Hyderabad. Prof. L. A. K. Rao, Chairman, Department of Geology expressing grief, termed his death as a great loss to this University in particular and to geology fraternity in general. He prayed for the peace to the departed soul and patience to his family.

Dr. Syed Mehmoood Naqvi was born in Amroha in 1942. He did his B.Sc. in 1967 and M.Sc. (Geology) in 1969 from Aligarh Muslim University and completed his Ph.D. under the guidance of Late Prof. Faqruddin Ahmad in 1973. He was awarded Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Award in 1983, APCOST Award in 1986, National Mineral Award in 1992, INSA Fellowship in 1986, Decennial Award of the Indian Geophysical Union in 2001, Fellow of the Andhra Pradesh Academy of Science in 2001 and National Mineral Award for Excellence in 2006.

Dr. Naqvi published more than 260 research papers on Indian plate in national and international journals. He was most cited geoscientist of India. Dr. Naqvi supervised about 40 Ph.D. theses and published 6 books on Precambrian rocks of Indian shield. Dr. Naqvi held several prestigious positions including Director, National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad, Vice-President of Mining and Metallurgical Society of India, Secretary, Geological Society of India, Fellow, Geophysical Union, Chairman, INSA Committee for International Commission on lithosphere and Vice President, Indian Association of Applied Geochemists.
Book Review

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Name of the book- Sir Syed Ka Safar Nama
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Sir Syed Ka Safar Nama Musafiran-i-London the travel-diary of Syed Ahmad Khan (1817-1898), one of the architects of modern India, edited by Dr. Asghar Abbas, former Director of Sir Syed Academy (2002-2008) with a significant introduction is a welcome edition in ever-expanding field of Sir Syed Studies.

The travel-account is based upon eye-witness reports containing perceptive observations which were regularly sent back during the fifteen months sojourn (4 May 1869-4 September, 1870) of the author in the thriving British capital London for serial publication in his periodical Aligarh Institute Gazette. The choice of publication of Syed Ahmad’s views of a new cultural world, the rising modern West, through the medium of Aligarh Institute Gazette was suitable one, as it was this forum which also played a vital role in the future success of the Mohammadan Anglo-Oriental College, by creating emotional climate as well as the curricula base. It is to be noted that this work had already been published as Musafiran-i-London by Muhammad Ismail Panipati from Majlis-i-taraqqui-i-adab Lahore in 1961. But the present edition contains new features and fresh information extant in the form of letters and reports written during the sea-voyage and sojourn in London and now preserved in the pages of Aligarh Institute Gazette and Tahzib al-Akhlaq, but not included in the 1961 edition.

It is worth mentioning that writing travelogues and memoirs was a long established literary tradition of the sub-continent in the pre-modern era. Prior to the well-known visit of Syed Ahmad Khan a number of educated South Asians had visited the British Isles and recorded their first-hand impressions of the Other in the form of travel-accounts and diaries. Mirza Itisam al-Din, Mir Muhammad Husain and Abu Talib Isfahani during the last quarter of the eighteenth century, and Yusuf Khan Kammalposh, Lutfullah Khan and Karim Khan Jhajjari, during the first half of the nineteenth century were some of the prominent Indo-Islamic elite who saw various manifestations of British culture and civilisation, social life, political ideas and institutions and scientific and industrial progress of the Georgian and mid-Victorian Britain and recorded their first hand impressions in the form of travel-accounts, memoirs and also diaries. These educated Indians, the pioneers of Occidentalism or Orientalism in reverse, also aimed at enlightening their fellow countrymen in every useful thing of that nation. (Discussed by the present reviewer in Indian Muslim Perceptions of the West During the Eighteenth Century, Oxford University Press, Karachi, 1998). Their perceptions of British society were rich and wide-ranging albeit powerfully informed by their consciousness of constraints of living under the colonial rule. Indeed, the range and themes dealt in the above Safarnama reveals obvious parallels and contrasts with the earlier travelogues. Surely, what distinguished Syed Ahmad Khan from his eighteenth and early nineteenth century worthy predecessors was his success in transforming his concerns into practical reality. Second, Sayyid Ahmad Khan saw the Pax Britannica with the scientific and industrial advancements at its zenith. Another difference relates to the time and context. For Syed Ahmad and his generation, British rule had
become a *fait accompli* in the aftermath of the Revolt of 1857. The strategy of survival lay in cooperation rather than resistance to the British rule. The great visionary had already realised, rather painfully that the panacea for the backwardness of the Indian Muslims lay in the empowerment of community through higher education which in turn was expected to provide access to high government positions. It was during his sojourn in London that the blue- It is worth mentioning that writing travelogues and memoirs was a long established literary tradition of the sub-continent in the pre-modern era. Prior to the well-known visit of Syed Ahmad Khan a number of educated South Asians had visited the British Isles and recorded their first-hand impressions of the Other in the form of travel-accounts and diaries. Mirza Itisam al-Din, Mir Muhammad Husain and Abu Talib Isfahani during the last quarter of the eighteenth century, and Yusuf Khan Kammalposh, Lutfullah Khan and Karim Khan Jhajjari, during the first half of the nineteenth century were some of the prominent Indo-Islamic elite who saw various manifestations of British culture and civilisation, social life, political ideas and institutions and scientific and industrial progress of the Georgian and mid-Victorian Britain and recorded their first hand impressions in the form of travel-accounts, memoirs and also diaries. These educated Indians, the pioneers of Occidentalism or Orientalism in reverse, also aimed at enlightening their fellow countrymen in every useful thing of that nation. (Discussed by the present reviewer in *Indian Muslim Perceptions of the West During the Eighteenth Century*, Oxford University Press, Karachi, 1998). Their perceptions of British society were rich and wide-ranging albeit powerfully informed by their consciousness of constraints of living under the colonial rule. Indeed, the range and themes dealt in the above *Safarnama* reveals obvious parallels and contrasts with the earlier travelogues. Surely, what distinguished Syed Ahmad Khan from his eighteenth and early nineteenth century worthy predecessors was his success in transforming his concerns into practical reality. Second, Sayyid Ahmad Khan saw the *Pax Britannica* with the scientific and industrial advancements at its zenith. Another difference relates to the time and context. For Syed Ahmad and his generation, British rule had become a *fait accompli* in the aftermath of the Revolt of 1857. The strategy of survival lay in cooperation rather than resistance to the British rule. The great visionary had already realised, rather painfully that the panacea for the backwardness of the Indian Muslims lay in the empowerment of community through higher education which in turn was expected to provide access to high government positions. It was during his sojourn in London that the blue-print for the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, the future Aligarh Muslim University, was also prepared as evident from the detailed reports of a visit to the University of Cambridge, the premier centre of learning (where Syed Muhammad Mahmud (1850-1903), was to receive liberal English education), and the detailed outline of the curricula, published in the invaluable *Safarnama* under review. The key to achieve the goals thus set-forth of course remained self-determination and self-reliance. Yet, Sir Syed’s powerful advocacy of absorption of Victorian values, though selective, if viewed in Ibn Khaldunian perspective was an imitation of the conqueror by the vanquished people. Moreover, the major difference between Syed Ahmad and his earlier predecessors was the critical responses to his reports from those who shared his reformist agenda and mature vision such as Raja Jai Kishan Das (1832-1905), Muhsin al-Mulk (1837-1907) and other luminaries of the historic Aligarh Movement as well as from his severe critics such as Syed Imdad Ali (1820-1882).

Some of the reports as shed important light on the lofty motives, research-methodology and collection of source material of Sir Syed’s path-breaking study called *Khitubat al-Ahmadiyah ‘ala al-‘Arab wa’l-sirah al-Muhammadiyah* (allafaha al-muftaqir ila Allah al-samad Sayyid Ahmad ‘afa Allah anhu), published in English during author’s sojourn in the British metropolis by Trubner and Company, London, in 1870, as *Essays on the Life of Mohammed and Subjects Subsidiary Thereto* in the form of the individual essays devoted to a specific theme. The letters reveal that the sensitive thinker was able to discern changing views of Islam in the Western scholarship as reflected in the works of the famous English historian Edward Gibbon (1737-94), the Cambridge educated historian and archaeologist Godfrey Higgins (1773-1833), whose book entitled *An Apology for the Life and Character of the Celebrated Prophet of Arabia, called Mohamed or the Illustrious*, (London: 1829), he got translated into Urdu and the social scientist
John Davenport whose book *An Apology for Mohammed and the Koran* (London: 1869) was also printed by Sir Syed at his own cost. The English essayist and historian Thomas Carlyle and author of *On Heroes, Hero-Worship and Heroic in History*, 1841 was a personal acquaintance of Sir Syed whose favourable views on Islam and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) were greatly appreciated by him. Similarly, a number of reported items such as Sir Syed’s reflective discourses on gender-relations in British society could provide a useful corrective to the modern scholarly appraisals of the sensitive issue of Muslim female education. The *Safarnama* could help us redefine the possible contours of Sir Syed’s most controversial, but multidimensional conception of nation and community (*qaum*) in a wider perspective.

Sir Syed’s travelogue and other writing undeniably prove that the founder of the Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College was not only an institution-builder but also an intellectual, a gifted writer, the results of whose facile pen and a probing and often original bent of mind remain phenomenal indeed. It is difficult to do justice with the life and achievements of the visionary who was endowed with such prodigious versatility and unmatched prolificacy. This rich historical legacy should be preserved for the present and future both. The editor rightly reminded us of our foremost duty to preserve and disseminate the ideas of the eminent thinker through bringing out fresh critical editions of the works which cover almost any conceivable domain of intellectual activity ranging from religion, politics, literature, journalism, art and architecture to science, technology and economy. Moreover, he rightly emphasised an urgent need to translate the invaluable intellectual heritage of the great benefactor and philanthropist into English as we are facing the same dilemma which the farsighted thinker also had to face. Present generation’s strong inclination towards English as a medium of communication and understanding renders the need for translation of Sir Syed’s writings into English a necessity. Moreover, in an age marked by post-modernist thinking, Sir Syed’s writings had not lost their relevance.

### International Congregations

1. **13th International Conference on ‘Interplay of Chemical and Biological Sciences: Impact on Health and Environment, Delhi, 26.02.2009-01.03.2009**: Dr. (Mrs.) Farukh Arjmand, Reader, Dept. of Chemistry presented her paper entitled “Synthesis, characterization and DNA binding studies of mono and heterobimetallic complexes Cu-Sn2/Zn-Sn2 and their cleavage activity with pBR322 plasmid DNA”.

2. **13th ISCB International Conference on ‘Interplay of Chemical and Biological Sciences: Impact on Health and Environment’ Delhi, 26.02.2009-01.03.2009**: Prof. Sartaj Tabassum, Dept. of Chemistry presented his paper entitled “Synthesis of carbohydrate-conjugate heterobimetallic Cu 11-Sn2 IV and Zn11-Sn2 IV complexes; their interactions with CT DNA and nucleotides viz 51-TMP; cleavage activity and in vitro cytotoxic activities against 14 carcinoma cell lines”.

3. **International Conference on ‘Multimedia, Signal Processing and Communication Technologies (IMPACT-2009), Dept. of Electronics Engineering, AMU, 14.03.2009-16.03.2009**: Mr. Syed Javed Arif, Lecturer, Dept. of Electronics Engineering, ZHCET presented his paper entitled “A feed-forward neural circuit for ranking N number using O (N) neurons”.

4. **International Conference on ‘Multimedia, Signal Processing and Communication Technologies (IMPACT-2009), Dept. of Electronics Engineering, AMU, 14.03.2009-16.03.2009**: Prof. Ekram Khan, Dept. of Electronics Engineering, ZHCET presented his paper entitled “Shape Based Classification of Breast Tumors using Fractal Analysis”.

5. International Conference on ‘Fostering Entrepreneurship in Global Context’ Institute of Management & Technology, Chandigarh, 20.03.2009-21.03.2009: Dr. S.M. Imamul Haque, Reader, Dept. of Commerce presented his paper entitled “Financing Entrepreneurs in India- A new Dimension”.


7. International Conference on ‘Development of Persian Languages and Literature in South India (The Deccan-Hyderabad)’ Osmania University, Hyderabad, 28.03.2009-30.03.2009: Dr. (Ms.) Fatima Zehra Bilgrami, Reader in History, Women’s College presented her paper entitled “Sufi Literature in Deccan”.


9. 8th Post Graduate Workshop and 12th International Biennial IAP Conference, Hotel Jaypee Place, Agra, 16.04.2009-19.04.2009: Dr. Saif Khan, Lecturer, Dept. of Periodontics and Community Dentistry, Dr. Z.A. Dental College attended the conference.

10. 1st International Conference on ‘Recycling and Reuse of Materials (ICRM-2009)’, Institute of Macromolecular science and Engineering (IMSE), Parumbaikadu, P.O. Kottayam (Kerala), 17.07.2009-19.07.2009: Dr. Fareed Mahdi, Reader, Dept. of Civil Engineering presented his paper entitled “Use of Recycled Resin Derived from Post-Consumer PET Bottles as a Binder in Concrete”.

National Congregations


2. 14th National Conference on ‘Surfactants, Emulsions and Biocolloids (NATCOSEB-XIV), Dept. of Chemistry, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, 28.07.2009-30.07.2009: Dr. Iqrar A. Khan, Reader, Dept. of Chemistry presented his paper entitled “Effect of Additives on the Micellization Behaviour of 1, 4-Bis (N-dodecy1-N, N-dimethylammonium)-butane Dibromide”.


5. Meeting of the Research Project Committee of the ICHR, New Delhi, 17.07.2009: Prof. Shireen Moosvi, Dept. of History attended.


7. Advanced Symposium on ‘Craniomaxillofacial Reconstruction-2009’ Bangalore, 05.08.2009-06.08.2009: Dr. S.S. Ahmad, Reader & Chairman, Dept. of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery attended the Symposium.


11. 8th IAHS Scientific Assembly and 37th IAH Congress, Hyderabad, 06.09.2009-12.09.2009: Dr. Rashid Umar, Lecturer, Dept. of Geology presented his paper entitled “Sustainability of Shallow aquifer in Yamuna – Kerishni interstream region, Western U.P. India – A quantitative assessment”.


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