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Award for AMU Vice Chancellor

The Amity University, Noida has bestowed the Amity Academic Excellence Award on Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University, for his contributions to academics and research. The award was presented in the valedictory session of the Tenth World Trade Seminar – 2008 held at Amity Business School, Noida. Speaking on the occasion, Professor Azis said that challenges posed by rapid globalization can only be met by acquiring higher education. He added that India has been a seat of learning ever since the days of Nalanda and Taxila Universities. Professor Azis said that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was the force behind the technical and scientific development of India and our country needs educated youths for further development.

Professor Pearl Parter, President, St. Cloud State University, USA; Professor V.N. Rajeshkhran Pillai, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU; Mr. D.B.B. Patnaik, Chief Manager, Seed Corporation of India; Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, noted industrialist and founder of Amity University; Major General (Retd.) K.J. Singh, Vice Chancellor, Amity University and Mr. Grendre Singh, Pro Chancellor, Amity University were present on the occasion.

UPORTHOCON – 2008

The 32nd Annual Conference of U.P. Orthopaedic Association was organized by the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, J.N. Medical College, and Aligarh Orthopaedic Club, from February 1-3, 2008. February 1, 2008, was dedicated to, workshops on Spinal Instrumentation and Locked Compression Plating. Apart from the lectures, there were live demonstrations and hands-on practice sessions. Both the workshops were supported by Synthesis India Limited.

The inauguration was held in the evening. The chief guest of the inaugural function was Padma Shri Professor S.S. Yadav, President of the Indian Orthopaedic Association, Professor S.C. Goel, was the guest of honour. President of U.P. Orthopaedic Association, Professor G.K. Senger, in his presidential address, emphasized the relevance of ethical practice of Orthopaedics. Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, delivered the inaugural address. Secretary, U.P. Orthopaedic Association, Dr. Dhirendra Singh presented the UPOA report. Journal of Bone Joint Disease was released jointly by the President, UPOA Dr. G.K. Senger and Editor Dr. K.D. Tripathi. The website of UPOA was released jointly by Dr. S.C. Goel, Dr. G.K. Senger and Dr. Dhirendra Singh. The souvenir was released by the chief guest Padma Shri Professor S.S. Yadav.

A total of 342 delegates exchanged views on various subjects. Twenty-six conference lectures were delivered by senior faculty from different parts of the country. Fifty-three free papers and twenty-five posters were presented by Orthopaedic Surgeons. Five eponymous orations/lectures were delivered.

Dr. B.N. Sinha – Oration was delivered by Professor S.C. Goel, Varanasi; Dr. K.P. Srivastava – Oration by Professor M. Shantaram Shetty, Manglore; Dr. T.P. Srivastava – Oration by Dr. Ashok N. John, Mumbai; Dr. Anil Gupta Memorial Lecture by Professor A.N. Varma, Allahabad; and the Ghaziabad Oration by Dr. Shekhar Agarwal, New Delhi.

The participants included ex-presidents of U.P. Orthopaedic Association, and other members of orthopaedic fraternity.

The highlight of the conference was a symposium on Disaster Management, on February 3, 2008. A scientific exhibition was organized. A total of 42 stalls displayed latest state of the art machines, instruments, implants and pharmaceutical products.
Preventive Conservation of Museum Collections

The 40th National Conference on the theme Recent Advances and Preventive Conservation of Museum Collections, was organized by the Department of Museology, AMU, Aligarh, in collaboration with Indian Association for the Study of Conservation of Cultural Property, New Delhi, and National Museum, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, from February 5-7, 2008.

Professor Absar Mustafa Khan, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences spoke about the University and the history of the Museology Department. Professor M.V. Nair, President, IASC in his introductory remarks emphasized the significance of Preservation and Conservation and distinguished between the right and wrong conservational strategies and also defined certain policies for conservationists. Professor S. Asif A. Naqvi, Chairman, Department of Museology explained the relationship between Conservation and Museology. He said that the focus has shifted to Eco-Museology and discussed the global issues in climate change and their impact on the diversity of nature. Mr. S.P. Singh, Director, (Conservation) National Museum of India outlined preventive conservation, and the prime areas of concern.

Mr. Shahid Mehdi, Vice President ICCR (International Council for Cultural Relation) and Ex-Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, explained the need for public as well as private participation in conservation effort. Professor Badre Alam, Acting Vice Chancellor, AMU Aligarh said that memories of the past are preserved in museums and help society to understand the present and improve the future. Professor O.P. Aggarwal, in his keynote address enumerated the latest methods and techniques in preservation and conservation. Professor S.M. Hadi, Chairman, Department of Biochemistry discussed biodeterioration of museum collections. He identified humidity, as a major problem because it promotes bacterial growth. The vote of thanks was extended by Mr. R.C. Jain, Secretary, IASC.

The second session was chaired by Dr. M.V. Nair, Director NRLC, with presentations by A.S. Bisht, Mr. Vikas Revappa Usture, NMI, Delhi. Mr. Manjunathachari R.C. and Mr. Shirish Rajmalawar, RCL, Mysore. The next session on February 6, 2008, was chaired by Dr. V. Jeyaraj and included papers by Professor S. Asif A. Naqvi. Dr. Subhra Devi, NMI, New Delhi, Miss Kalpana from RCL Mysore, Dr. Mehnaz Azadi Boyaghchi, NMI, New Delhi and Mr. Gaurav. The second session was chaired by Dr. B.V. Kharbade, and included Power Point presentations by Mr. Hari Kumar, Engineer Yadraam from Ceramic Institute, Khurja and by Mr. Abdurrahim K. and Ms. Sheeba Khan.

The last technical session was chaired by Professor I.K. Bhatnagar, and included papers by Mr. D.K. Verma and Ranjan Chakroborty, Dr. V. Jeyaraj, Government Museum, Chennai, Mr. Anand Kumar and Miss Parvinder Kaur, NRLC and Mr. A.K. Bahadur.

Certificates were distributed to the participants by AMU Registrar Professor V.K. Abdul Jaleel. Professor S. Asif A. Naqvi, Chairman, Department of Museology, AMU delivered the vote of thanks. The conference was conducted by Dr. Abdur Raheem K., Department of Museology, AMU, Aligarh.
Art Exhibition

An exhibition of the paintings of Artist Masarrat Khan, was held at Majmua Art Gallery, Karachi, from February 7-23, 2008.

CEO Ms. Mehreen Ilahi arranged the exhibition. The show was inaugurated by Ms. Amber Raza Nensey, Minister for Art, Culture and Sports and Youth Affairs.

Mr. Masarrat Khan works as an artist in the Department of Museology, Aligarh Muslim University. He received the Abul Kalam Award for the best painting in Jamia Milia Islamia in 2004.

Mr. Masarrat Khan’s use of images symbolizing the evolution of an artist struggling to make peace with reality distinguish his paintings.

Workshop: Civil Services as a Career Option

The Coaching and Guidance Centre organized a workshop on Civil Services as a Career Option on February 9, 2008 in Kennedy Auditorium.

In his presidential address Professor P.K. Abdul Azis Vice Chancellor made a plea to students to try this career option. He expressed appreciation that CGC has renewed its efforts for ensuring success of AMU students in this career option. He promised all necessary assistance to CGC in this endeavour.

Alumni of AMU working as Civil Servants participated in this Workshop as Resource Persons.

Mr. S.M. Afzal, IPS, currently on deputation as Registrar, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi quoted his own experiences. He emphasized that all students can hope to clear this Examination provided they work hard. Ms. Jahan Zeb Akhtar, IRS and Additional Director, exhorted students to take charge of their lives and not rely on the crutches offered by others. She opined that Civil Service is not merely Government Service rather a Public Service. It provides an opportunity to influence the lives of others. She specifically exhorted girls to opt for the Civil Services. Mr. Faiz Kidwai, IAS, Deputy Secretary, President’s Secretariat, advised the students to join coaching classes in professional coaching centres to overcome their deficiencies. Dr. Sabahat S. Azim, IAS, CEO, SREI E-Village, encouraged students to identify what they wish to do in life and then work for realizing those goals. Mr. Zuhair Bin Sagheer, IAS, 5th Rank holder in Civil Services Batch of 2006, noted that a dedicated Civil Servant can change destiny. He advised students to improve their language skills.

Noted Career Counsellor, Dr. V.S. Ravindaran advised students to develop a hunger for success. Professor K.C. Chalam, Member, U.P.S.C., New Delhi also spoke on the occasion.

The Workshop was part of CGC’s strategy to identify and select potential aspirants for Civil Services 2009 Examination. This was explained to the students by Mr. M.K. Sherwani, a former IRS Officer and presently General Coordinator (Coaching) in CGC. The Guests were introduced by Dr. Parvaiz Talib, Director of CGC and the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Hisamuddin, Assistant Director, CGC. The programme was compered by Mr. Saad Hameed, Counsellor at CGC. More than 1000 students participated in this Workshop.
The Institute of Persian Research organized a three-day International Seminar on *Persian Ghazal: Tradition and Dimensions* from February 14-16, 2008. More than thirty learned Professors from renowned Iranian Universities including Tehran, Isfahan, Mashhad, Tabriz, Qum, Shiraz, Sistan and Uroomia as well as a delegation from Pakistan, consisting of seven scholars also participated in the Seminar. Dr. Ziauddin Shekaib from the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, and delegates from all over India, e.g. Vishwabharti, Banaras Hindu University, Allahabad, Lucknow, Kolkata, Delhi, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Jamia Millia, Patna, Hyderabad and Mumbai participated in the Seminar.

Vice-Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, presided over the Inaugural Function. The Seminar was inaugurated by H.E. the Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran, Dr. Mahdi Nabizadeh. The Cultural Counselor of Iran, H.E. Dr. Karim Najafi Barzigar, Professor Ali Mohammad Moezzeni, Head Department of Persian, Tehran University, Iran and Dr. Saleem Mazhar, Dean, Faculty of Language, Lahore University, Pakistan were Chief Guests. Renowned diplomat Dr. Abid Hussain delivered the Keynote Address.

Professor Azarmi Dukht Safavi, Director, Institute of Persian Research and Convener of the Seminar, welcomed the guests and said that it is very rare to have such a large number of foreign delegates in a Seminar. She said that Ghazal is the most beautiful and popular genre of poetry in Persian literature. Romantic, cerebral, mystical and philosophical, this particular form of poetry has been a treasure house of the most exquisite human thought and feeling. From Sadi to Hafiz and Rumi, from Khusrau to Bedil and Ghalib, Persian Ghazal represents a spectrum of thoughts and ideas exquisitely expressed.

The Ambassador, in his speech, showcased the significance of the topic of the Seminar. He congratulated the Vice Chancellor for the establishment of the Institute of Persian Research and said that it is the need of the hour to consider expanding ties between India and Iran.

Dr. Abid Hussain, former Ambassador to the U.S.A, in his Keynote Address, described in detail the unique position Ghazal holds in world literature. Dr. Hussain agreed with Professor Safavi and said that the concept of Ghazal existed in Iran much before the Arabs' arrival. Dr. Karim Najafi expressed his happiness at the establishment of the Institute and appreciated the efforts of the Director. Dr. Ali Mohammad Muezzini said in his speech that Persian Ghazal has imparted a special sweetness and novelty of expression to Urdu Ghazal and a large number of Persian words and phrases have enriched its diction.

The Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, in his Presidential Address, spoke in detail about the age-old ties that have existed between India and Iran and the pivotal role Persian language and literature have played in bringing into existence the composite culture of India. The Vice Chancellor said that Persian Ghazal is an embodiment of Indian culture and ethos and it symbolizes the best human sentiment. Expressing his pleasure he congratulated Professor Safavi on bringing together a “galaxy of
intellectuals”. The Vice Chancellor expressed his satisfaction with the Institute of Persian Research and very kindly promised to extend whatever help was needed. The Vice Chancellor released four books published by the Institute of Persian Research during the last one year.

Dean, Faculty of Arts, Professor Abul Kalam Qasmi proposed the Vote of Thanks and said that Persian Ghazal is not only the reflection of Indian Composite Culture but it also reflects the finest Iranian thought. Professor Maria Bilquis, Chairman, Department of Persian also thanked the audience and the delegates. Ms. Mushahida Marghoob, research scholar, Department of Persian, presented a ghazal by Khusrau.

Professor Safavi read out the message of Shri Arjun Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development. The Hon'ble Minister expressed his inability to inaugurate the Seminar due to health reasons, and wished the Seminar a great success. Dr. Asad Ali Khurshid, Senior Lecturer, Department of Persian conducted the programme.

During the three days of the Seminar, ten academic sessions were held and 60 papers were presented by eminent scholars such as Dr. Mahdi Mahoozi (Iran), Dr. M. Muezzini (Iran), Professor Tahir Ali (Santiniketan), Dr. A. Mazahiri (Iran), Dr. Amir Mashhadi (Iran), Professor A.W. Azhar (J.N.U), Professor Shoeb Azmi (JMI), Professor Ahmad A. Ansari (Mumbai), Dr. Professor Sharf-e-Alam (Patna), Professor Bashirunnisa (Hyderabad), Professor A.Q. Jafari (Allahabad), Professor Shamim Akhtar (B.H.U), Professor Kamaluddin (Lucknow), Professor Azizuddin (JMI), Professor Rehana Khatoon (Delhi), Dr. Saleem Mazhar (Lahore), Dr. Mohd. Nasir (Lahore), Professor Abul Kalam Qasmi (AMU), Professor Qazi Jamal Hussain (AMU), Professor S.Z. Chughtai (AMU).

The valedictory session of the Seminar was presided over by the Pro-Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University, Janab Nawab Rahmatullah Khan Sherwani. In his address he described the crucial role Ghazal has played in emoting the most subtle and intangible human thought. He congratulated the Convener of the Seminar for choosing this topic.

The papers presented covered a vast area and represented the variety inherent in Ghazal itself. Some of the topics covered included Evolution of Ghazal, Different Trends and Styles, Chief Characteristics, Concept of Love in Ghazal, Lover and the Beloved, Irfan in Ghazal, Role of the Cupbearer, Zahid and Rind, Women as reflected in Ghazal, Symbolism in Ghazal, Rudki's Lyrics, Ghazal Writers of Iran, Ghazal Writers of India, Sabk-i-Hindi, Khusrau Dehlavi, Hasan Sijzi, Ghazal during the Mughal Period in India, Bedil, Ghalib, Ghazal during Qajar / Pahlavi Period, Ghazal: A Reflection of the Social/Cultural Conditions of its times, Ghazal after the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini as Ghazal Writer, Influence of Persian Ghazal on the Poetry of Urdu and other Indian Languages, Influence of Arabic on Persian Ghazal.

The Seminar was an interdisciplinary venture and scholars from different Departments of Studies such as English, Urdu, Hindi, Philosophy, Modern Indian Languages, Sanskrit, History, Physics, Linguistics etc. presented their papers and participated in academic sessions.

Kashmir University Gate named after Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

A newly constructed gate of Kashmir University has been named ‘Sir Syed Gate’. This is first time in the history of Kashmir University that such a dedication has been made to the great educationist, social reformer and founder of Aligarh Muslim University. Professor Abdul Wahid, Vice Chancellor, K.U.K., inaugurated the gate and dedicated it to Sir Syed Ahmed Khan. Professor Wahid is an alumnus of AMU.
Interactive Session at CGC

Mr. Bhuvnesh Kumar, District Magistrate, Aligarh, addressed students who were preparing for Civil Services Examinations at the Coaching and Guidance Centre on March 1, 2008. Dr. Parvaiz Talib, Director, CGC welcomed the District Magistrate by giving him a memento and apprised him about the achievements of the Centre. He said that Centre guides the students for engineering and medical entrance tests as well as Civil Services Examinations. In the last examination Syed Waqar Raza qualified the I.P.S. and Irfan Aziz qualified the I.R.S. Mr. Bhuvnesh Kumar spoke about his own preparations for Civil Services Examinations. He said that after completing Engineering in Electronics, he worked as a Lecturer. He also worked in Computer Maintenance Corporation as a Maintenance Engineer, he encouraged the students to inculcate the passion to serve the country and society because humanity is the ultimate religion. Students asked various questions which were responded to meticulously.

At the end of the programme, Dr. Khalid Bin Yusuf Khan, Reader in Department of Sanskrit proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Hisamuddin compered the programme, Dr. Bachchan Ali Khan, Dr. Asif Akhtar, Dr. Khurram and Dr. Mamta Srivastava attended the programme.

It was announced that Dr. Mamta Srivastava, Tika Ram College and Dr. Khalid Bin Yusuf Khan will guide and train English medium and Hindi medium students in improving writing skills.

Environmental Degradation and Sustainable Development

The Department of Geography under UGC DRS Programme, AMU, Aligarh organized a National Conference on Environmental Degradation and Sustainable Development from March 1-2, 2008. The conference was organized as a tribute to Professor Mohammad Shafi, the doyen of Indian Geography who passed away recently.

A book entitled Tributes compiled by Professor Abha Lakshmi Singh was released by the chief guest Professor Emeritus Irfan Habib. Professor Abha Lakshmi Singh, Coordinator UGC-DRS Programme spoke about Professor Mohammad Shafi. She described him as an outstanding geographer, scholar of eminence and above all a person with admirable qualities. Professor Asad Abbasi, former Vice Chancellor of Indore University and close associate of Late Professor Mohammad Shafi spoke about him. He pointed out that Professor Shafi ignored criticism and maintained cordial relations with every one. Professor Jasbir Singh, Patiala University, recited some lines in memory of Professor Shafi. Professor D.N. Singh, BHU, Professor Mazhar Ali Khan, and Professor Abdul Munir, Chairman Department of Geography, also reminisced about Professor Shafi.

Professor Abdul Munir, Chairman, Department of Geography, welcomed the guests. Professor Abha Lakshmi Singh, Coordinator of DRS programme and Convener of the conference showcased the importance of the theme of the conference. Professor Asad Abbasi released Urban Environmental Management and Rural Environmental Management by Professor Abha Lakshmi Singh and Dr. Shahab Fazal and Geography of Asia by Dr. Nizamuddin Khan and Dr. Minhaj-ul-Huda.

The inaugural address was presented by Padam Bhushan Professor Emeritus Irfan Habib. He focused on various aspects of environmental degradation specially forests and animals during ancient Mughal and Colonial Period. Dr. P. Nag, guest of honour, spoke about climatic changes. The presidential address was delivered by Professor Asad Abbasi. He highlighted various aspects of
Convention of Indian Association of Sedimentologists

The Department of Geology hosted a three-day XXIV Convention of Indian Association of Sedimentologists from March 04-06, 2008. Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis said that sedimentary rocks are important because they contain a large number of economic minerals and serve as repositories of energy resources, viz., petroleum, natural gas, coal and radioactive minerals. The history of evolution of the earth and life is preserved in these rocks.

Professor Azis said that the Department of Geology, AMU has a reputation of being a centre of excellence in Sedimentological Studies and the faculty members and research scholars have made pioneering contributions in this field. He hoped that the scientific presentations and deliberations will greatly enhance our understanding of sedimentary basins and their economic potential.

Eminent Geoscientist, Professor S.K. Tondon, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Delhi University, was the Chief Guest at the inaugural function. In his welcome address, Professor Mahshar Raza, Chairman, Department of Geology highlighted the teaching and research activities of the department. He said that the Department has produced 140 M.Phils, 106 Ph.Ds. and 3 D.Sc. and the faculty members have contributed more than 650 research papers in journals of national and international repute.

More than 250 delegates from all parts of the country participated in the three-day national convention.

Women’s Day in the Department of Community Medicine

Department of Community Medicine, J.N.M.C., organized some programmes on Women’s Day, from March 1-11, 2008, on the theme Being a Woman in India Today. Various events like essay writing, poetry writing, painting and collage contests were organized. This was followed by a quiz on women’s issues. Six teams qualified for the final event. Teams were named after prominent women of India viz. Indira Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Lata Mangeshkar, Begum Hazrat Mahal, Begum Sultan Jahan and Sarojini Naidu. This quiz was inaugurated by Professor Zulfia Khan. She stressed the need to highlight the issues related to women’s health. Dr. M. Athar Ansari discussed the role played by women in various fields, with special reference to Begum Hazrat Mahal and Begum Sultan Jahan. Dr. Najam Khalique highlighted the importance of Women’s Day. From March 2-10, 2008 group discussions in the community and reproductive health camps were organized at Rural and Urban Health Training Centres of the department. On March 13, 2008 a CME on Reproductive Health was organized by Dr. Suboohi Afzal, Dr. Saira Mehnaz and Dr. M. Salman Shah. Dr. A.R. Siddiqui, Dr. Iqbal M. Khan, Dr. Ali Amir, Mr. Salman Khalil and Dr. Anees Ahmad also participated in the programme.

Lecture on Recommendations of Sachar Committee

The ICDS, Faculty of Social Sciences, organised an extension lecture on Recommendations of Sachar Committee by Professor Mahfooz Ahmad, Honorary Treasurer, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and former faculty member in Economics, AMU and Delhi School of Economics on March 07, 2008.

Professor Ahmad spoke on the key features of the Sachar Committee Report and highlighted the relative deprivation of Indian Muslims vis-a-vis other socio-religious communities (SRCs) in various dimensions of development. He observed that Muslims constitute 13.5 per cent of the total Indian population but their main concerns are identity, security and equality. Literacy rates among Muslims are lower than most other SRCs (except for SCs/STs) and are not increasing fast enough to converge with literacy rates of other groups. Twenty-five percent of Muslim children in the 6 to 14 age group have either never been to school or have dropped out at some stage. This is both on account of poverty and the absence of primary schools in their vicinity. As compared to others, Muslim workers (especially
women) are concentrated more in self-employed (home-based) activities and their share in regular work, especially in the government, public sector and large private sector, is very low. Muslims in general and the entrepreneur in particular face the major problem of inadequate credit facilities as they are denied credit by banks and other financial institutions presumably because of high levels of poverty within the community and the fear of low recovery. Muslims have negligible participation in professional, technical and managerial works. The incidence of poverty among Muslims is higher than most other SRCs (except for SCs/STs). In 2004-2005, about 22.7% of India's population was poor. The SCs/STs together were the most poor with a head count ratio of 35 percent while Muslims stood second with 31 percent of the people living below the poverty line. Dr. Ahmad suggested several measures to improve the socio-economic condition of Muslims in India especially the schooling of Muslim children and the proper utilisation of the wakf properties source of income for various charitable activities including education, health and support to poor.

Professor M. Murtaza Khan, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and the Director of the ICDS, in his presidential remarks, complimented Professor Ahmad for drawing attention to a large number of issues and thanked him for his illuminating and thoughtful lecture. Professor Abdul Wahab, Joint Director, ICDS, welcomed the distinguished speaker, the chief guest and other guests and highlighted the contribution of the ICDS in studying the problems of the weaker sections particularly of Muslims in the country.

**Group Counselling at Disability Unit, Department of Education**

Group counselling was organized by the Disability Unit of AMU at Department of Education on March 7, 2008. Educationists and Psychiatrists addressed the students and advised them to adopt positive mental attitudes and come forward with their constructive abilities without any complex. Speaking on the occasion Professor Nabi Ahmad, Coordinator, Disability Unit, said that there is no short cut to success, it can only be obtained through hard work. Professor Nabi added that self assessment, overcoming weaknesses and devotion to education will greatly help the physically challenged students. Professor Nabi commented that three percent reservation for such students has enhanced job availability and students should work hard to avail this opportunity. He announced that the Vice Chancellor has assured that Ahmadi School for the Blind would be provided with all necessary facilities for its overall development. Professor Mahmood S. Khan, Chairman, Department of Psychology said that physically challenged students should not consider themselves inferior to others. Professor Khan emphasized the need of counseling at the school level so that students may choose careers of their own interest. Professor Khan added that physically challenged students are doing well in almost every profession but teaching optimises their abilities. Professor M. Saud Alam Qasmi, Dean, Faculty of Theology focused on determination, ambition and passion as the basic elements of success and challenge. Dr. P.K. Mathur, Reader, Department of Sociology, who himself is visually challenged, explained that impaired vision has never been an impediment in his life. Professor (Retd.) Najamul Haque, Department of Education, drew attention to the fact that no one and nothing is ‘complete’ and being challenged in any way should not be a matter of inferiority complex. Dr. Mohammad Khalid Azam, placement officer considered that three percent reservation in jobs is just a beginning and many more facilities are in the offing. The programme was attended by Mr. Faisal Nafees, Principal, S.T.S. High School and a large number of students.
Women Hold Up Half the Sky

The Centre for Women’s Studies organized a series of events on Women’s Day. The Prize Distribution was held on March 10, 2008 in the Faculty of Arts Lounge. Speaking on the occasion Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis said that educated women must consider it their responsibility to uplift weaker women. As a special mission, they must spread awareness about women’s rights. He appreciated the fact that women’s education is almost a century old at AMU. He said that Islam gives importance to women. However, the position of women still needs improvement. Students of Women’s Studies should spread awareness about polio, education, rights and empowerment.

Professor Shireen Moosvi, Director, Centre for Women’s Studies, spoke about the different activities of the Centre. An awareness camp was organized by the Centre at Nagla Qila. Essay Writing, Painting, Slogan Writing, Oration, Group Discussion etc. were held involving students from the University Schools as well as other schools at Aligarh. A series of skits inverting patriarchal fairy tales, entitled ‘Fiery Fairy Tales’ were performed in the Women’s College Auditorium. The Vice Chancellor distributed the certificates and inaugurated the poster exhibition. Dean, Faculty of Arts, Professor A.K. Qasmi and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Professor Murtaza Khan were present on the occasion. The programme was compered by Professor Farhat Hasan.

Surgery Update 2008

The three-day workshop Surgery Update 2008 was inaugurated on March 10, 2008 by the AMU Vice Chancellor, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis at the J.N.M.C. Professor Tariq Mansoor, Organizing Secretary enlightened the audience about the activities of the Department. He said that three new Department, viz., Neuro-Surgery, Cardiothoracic and Paediatric Surgery are to be established soon. Professor Amanullah Khan, Chairman, Organizing Committee, said that such Workshops and CMEs are a regular feature at JNMC. Professor Usha Singhal, Principal, Medical College exhorted women to opt for a career in Surgery in variation to the traditional preference for Obstetric and Gynaecology or Paediatrics. She highlighted this point as an acknowledgement of Women’s Day. Professor Abu Qamar Siddiqui, Dean, Faculty of Medicine welcomed the delegates.

Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis stressed the need to develop and modernize various surgical techniques and to provide services to all including the poor and downtrodden people who cannot afford expensive treatment.

Surgical orations and talks were delivered by Professor Arvind Kumar of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi on Tuberculosis of Neck Glands; Professor Kamal Kant, King George Medical College, Lucknow on Diabetic Foot Problems; Professor V.S. Tewari, Kanpur Medical College on Cancer of Prostate Gland; Professor Rajiv Sinha, Jhansi on Use of Electrical Devices in Surgery; Professor A.K. Khanna, IMS, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on Fast Track Surgery and Professor R.S. Chana, J.N.M.C. on Neo-natal Intestinal Obstruction besides other surgeons of repute. The deliberations mainly focused on recent trends in the diagnosis and management of the various surgical disorders including some of the congenital abnormalities.
Live operations using laparoscopic technique were demonstrated to the audience on March 9, 2008. Eminent speakers on the last day included Professor T.K. Chatopadhyay, Head, Department of G.I. Surgery, AIIMS, New Delhi spoke on *Cancer of the Gall Bladder* and Professor Anup Wahal, Chief of G.I. Surgery at K.G.M.C., Lucknow spoke on *Bariatric Surgery*. A two-hour workshop on *Safe G.I. Anastomosis With the Help of Staplers* was conducted by Professor Ashok Kumar, SGPGI, Lucknow. The CME concluded with a valedictory ceremony.

**Media Centre**

Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, in his address to students at Sir Syed Hall on March 14, 2008 said that the Aligarh Muslim University will soon setup a Media Centre for making its Community Radio and Community Television Network functional.

The University has recently set-up a three camera studio at the Department of Mass Communication where students get hands-on training in TV and radio production. In order to provide the Department with a state-of-the-art Radio Production infrastructure, the University will establish a Media Centre at the cost of Rs. One crore. The Vice Chancellor has asked the Department of Mass Communication to work on a detail proposal.

**Bioinformatics Workshop in the Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit**

A two-day workshop on the theme *In Silico Molecular Modeling and Drug Design* was organized by interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit from March 18-19, 2008. The workshop was sponsored by Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, New Delhi. The objective of the workshop was to train young faculty members and Ph.D. students in the upcoming area of Bioinformatics with special reference to drug design.

The workshop was inaugurated by Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, AMU who highlighted the significance of Bioinformatics in the current scenario with special reference to Pharma industries. He also appreciated the efforts of faculty and other members of the IBU in research and training of M.Sc. students. Professor M Saleemuddin, Coordinator, IBU welcomed the participants and all those present in the session and gave a brief account of activities and accomplishments of this Unit. The keynote address was delivered by Professor DN Rao of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. The focus of his talk was development of peptide vaccine against plague, which continues to remain one of the deadliest of infections.

The second session of the day comprised four lectures. The first speaker was Dr. N. Subba Rao of Bioinformatics Centre, JNU, New Delhi, who deliberated on the structure based drug design. This was followed by the talk of Dr. Soma Marla, Coordinator, Bioinformatics centre, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture on the use of Bioinformatics tools for Phylogenetic analysis. The third talk of this session was given by Dr. Asad U. Khan, Lecturer, IBU, AMU, on the theme *In Silico Approaches in Drug Design*. The last speaker of the session, Dr. M Tabish, Reader, Department of Biochemistry, AMU, discussed alternative gene splicing through bioinformatics tools and gave practical online demonstrations.

Six lectures were delivered on second day of workshop. Dr. R.K. Sharma, Deputy Director, Bioinformatics Centre, Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, provided comprehensive information on various softwares used in drug design. Dr. Gaurinath, Assistant Professor, JNU, gave a talk on Crystal structure of proteins.

During the second session, two young entrepreneurs Mr. Pankaj Sharma, CEO, Lead Invent Technology Private Limited, IIT, New Delhi and Mr. Parveen Agarwal, CTO from the same company, presented information on two major softwares developed by Professor Jayram of IIT Delhi for design of the lead molecules for designing drug. Dr. Naveen Kalra, Director, Tata Chemicals Limited, Aligarh spoke on Agri-informatics.
The session concluded with the remarks of the Coordinator, IBU, who also thanked the participants for their serious participation and members of the IBU for their efforts in organizing the workshop. He also thanked the DBT for the financial support.

**Revival of Scientific Society**

The Aligarh Muslim University has decided to revive the Scientific Society established by the Founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. The decision for revival of the Scientific Society was taken at a consultative meeting of Deans of Faculties under the Chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis.

Professor Azis said that a Committee would shortly be formed to draft the rules and regulations of the Society. All the journals published by various departments of studies will be brought under this Society.

The Scientific Society was established by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in 1864 and served as a focal point of the Aligarh Movement. The Scientific Society was the base of Sir Syed’s educational movement and rendered remarkable service in liberating the mind of the people from conservatism and inertia. The Scientific Society will now cater to contemporary challenges.

**Successful Treatment of Low Back Ache and Sciatica**

The Pain Unit of the Department of Anesthesiology, J.N.M.C. hospital is successfully performing ozone discectomy for patients with low back ache and sciatica. The procedure is done percutaneously without undergoing any surgical intervention. The ozone gas is formed with the help of a machine known as ‘medical ozone generator’. This machine has been recently installed in Pain Clinic.

Disc herniation is one of the most common causes of back pain in India. When injected, ozone dissolves in the disc water, this results in net decrease in the disc volume and pressure. It also reduces the production of pain causing substances which result from damaged or injured tissue and released chemicals that oppose inflammation. Besides, it has an anti-inflammatory action due to inhibitions of formation of inflammation producing substances. This leads to decompression and decreased inflammation of nerve roots. This technique of ozone discectomy is safer, cheaper, and easier than treatments currently in use. Dr. Hammad Usmani, Lecturer, Department of Anaesthesiology, has learnt this technique from Dr. G P Dureja who is presently the Director, Delhi Pain Management Centre and former Incharge, Pain Clinic, AIIMS, New Delhi. In India about 35 per cent people suffer from chronic back pain.

So far, ten patients with low back ache and sciatica have been treated with this technique. Out of these eight patients had significant relief. At present, the Pain Clinic is focusing on low back pain, but the therapy has several other applications i.e., cervical spondylitis, myofascial pain and osteoarthritis, according to Dr. Hammad.

**UGC Grant for Upgradation of ZHCET**

The University Grants Commission has sanctioned an additional grant of Rs. Seven crores to the Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, at the Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh for the upgradation of the College to the level of an IIT.

Professor M.T. Ahmad, Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, said that the Ministry of Human Resource Development has identified AMU’s Engineering College as one of the seven institutions to be upgraded to the level of IIT. These institutions were identified by S K Joshi’s Expert Committee, based on stringent benchmarks for parameters, research quality, staff qualifications, physical infrastructure, long term stability, etc.

A vision document was submitted by the ZHCET to the MHRD in July 2005. A fresh Expert Committee under the leadership of Professor Anand Krishnan was constituted by the Ministry.

The Z H College of Engineering and Technology has already submitted its comprehensive proposal to the UGC/MHRD for XI Plan period of the tune of Rs. 633 crores. Subsequently, essential financial
requirements of Rs. 147 crores were also communicated for the first year of XI Plan proposed for 2007-2008.

AMU Vice Chancellor Professor P K Abdul Azis said that the University has been requesting the UGC and the Ministry for subsequent release of funds. It is hoped that as soon as the regular funding from MHRD/UGC on the basis of XI Plan proposal is received, the project will be commenced.

**VC’s Felicitations for JNMC Students**

Vice Chancellor Professor P K Abdul Azis felicitated the students of the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College who brought home the National Trophy and the Best College Award from Elixir-08, the Annual Festival of the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Thirty-six medical students of the JNMC participated in all the socio-cultural and sports events and won 76 prizes. Students of ten Medical Colleges of the country participated in the event.

In the theatrical events, AMU students won the first prize in drama and mime competitions. In the musical events, AMU students won second prize in solo and duet and third prize in instrumental music. In the literary events, they bagged the first prize in English debate and second prize in Hindi debate. In the sports competition, AMU students were the winners in Cricket and Volleyball and runners-up in Football.

Team Leader, Dr. Shahzad Ahmad, President, College Society, JNMC elaborated the achievements of their fellow students and thanked the Vice Chancellor for honoring them. University Registrar Professor V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Professor Usha Singhal, Dr. Mujahid Baig, elected member of the Executive Council and the P.R.O., Dr. Rahat Abrar were also present in the felicitation ceremony organized at the Vice Chancellor's Lodge.

**Congratulations, ZHCET!**

Students of Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, brought laurels to Aligarh Muslim University in a number of events of *Spardha 08*, an all India sports festival organized by the Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

Syed Munawarul Haque Askari, table tennis captain put up a splendid show in the individual table tennis tournament and secured the second position amongst TT players from Engineering Colleges all over India.

Kashif Anwar, Majaaz Mohsin and Hussain bagged the gold medal for carom whereas the football team received a silver. Ali Asghar was the top scorer with three goals to his credit. The cricket team made it to the quarter final. ZHCET also participated in basketball, volleyball and lawn tennis. Altogether, three gold and seventeen silver medals were brought home by ZHCET.

**Professor A R Kidwai invited as Visiting Fellow**

Professor Abdul Raheem Kidwai, Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University has been invited as Visiting Fellow to deliver a series of lectures at the Department of English, University of Hyderabad. The lecture series, covering the broad area of *English in India*, as part of the UGC-DRS, SAP Scheme, aims at broadening the mental horizon of and up-skilling post-graduate students and research scholars of the Department of English. Professor Kidwai, who has to his credit two doctorates in English from Aligarh and Leicester (UK) Universities, has also been Visiting Professor, Department of English, University of Leicester, UK and also a Commonwealth Fellow. His original contribution to the field of literary Orientalism is widely recognized.

**New Initiatives**

A meeting of the Deans of Faculties under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis has launched a package of ‘New Initiatives’ under the XI Plan. Aligarh Muslim University proposes to revamp its M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes with a view to improving the quality of research in the University. The University will introduce a Common Entrance Test and interview for admitting students to this programme.

A committee was appointed consisting of Professor M. Murtaza Khan as convener and Professor M. Zubair Khan and Professor Abul Kalam Qasmi as members to prepare a detailed frame work for the common entrance test.
The University has also decided to review the P.G. semester system and examine the possibility of implementing a grading system for evaluation. A Committee with Professor Javed Musarrat as Convener and Professor A.A. Nizami, Professor Farman Husain, Professor Absar Mustafa Khan, Professor Badar Alam Iqbal as members was formed. This Committee will review the current semester system and suggest measures to improve and strengthen it.

The meeting has also decided to organize an All India Workshop for revising the syllabi of various courses in consultation with experts from eminent national institutions and also representatives of business and industrial houses. Professor V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar and Professor Muhammad Irfan, Controller of Examinations also attended the meeting.

**Award for Dr. Mohammad Owais**

Dr. Mohammad Owais, Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, AMU has been honored with the National Bio Sciences Award for Career Development. The award acknowledges outstanding contributions of Young Scientists, below 45 years of age, in basic and applied research in the areas of Bio Sciences and Biotechnology, Bio Chemical and Environmental Sciences.

Dr. Owais received a cash prize of Rs. One lakh and a trophy along with a citation and a project research grant of Rs. Nine lakhs for three years. The award was presented by Union Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Mr. Kapil Sibal at a ceremony at New Delhi.

Dr. Mohammad Owais has done pioneering work in development of nano-particles based delivery systems such as virosomes of gene packing, liposomes and micro spheres of vaccine development, gene therapy vectors and dmg delivery systems. He has developed liposome based antigen delivery vehicles, which can elicit strong immune response against model anti genes in animals.

**Students Exchange Programme**

Ms. Nuzhat Ahsan (M.Sc. I Year, Biotechnology) and Ms. Taran Khanam (M.Sc. I Year, Biotechnology) of the Aligarh Muslim University have been selected under the Khurana Exchange Programme in Life Sciences to carry out research for 10 to 12 weeks at one of the top US Universities, University of Wisconsin (UW), Madison starting in May 2008. The University of Wisconsin has recently launched an exchange programme between the UW and several leading Institutions in India.

A US delegation visited several institutions in India in January 2008. They called on the AMU Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis on January 8, 2008 and met several faculty members. During the meeting, Dr. Masood Akhtar, an AMU alumnus pledged his financial support for this programme on the condition that the AMU students would be selected by the US expert committee.

Nominations from six different Departments were submitted to the US Committee in February 2008. A rigorous selection criteria was followed by each Department under the supervision of Professor M Saleemuddin. Dr. Mohammad Masroor Akhtar Khan, Reader, Department of Botany coordinated the procedure. Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis congratulated the two students on their achievement. He also thanked Dr. Akhtar for his generous financial support.

**Relief for Pensioners**

In order to provide some relief to the pensioners, Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, has evolved a new procedure which will be of great help to the pensioners specially those who are either too old or sick to come personally for the purpose. Now, the pension can be collected from the respective banks and the pensioners will have to go to the bank only twice a year to fulfill some formalities. Pensioners Welfare Association has expressed its gratitude to Vice Chancellor for this step.
Seerat Exhibition

The acting Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Professor Mohammad Zubair inaugurated the Seerat Exhibition of books on Seerat, Quraniyat and specimens of Quranic Calligraphy at Maulana Azad Library on the occasion of Meelad-un-Nabi, the birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) on March 21, 2008.

Rare manuscripts of the Holy Quran were displayed. Attention was riveted on a fifteen hundred year old version written on parchment in Kufi Script and believed to have been transcribed by Hazrat Ali (RA), the fourth Caliph of Islam. Exhibits included a cotton waist coat of a Mughal ruler on which the entire Quran is inscribed as well as several illuminated and decorated manuscripts.

A function was organized at Kennedy Auditorium to celebrate the birth anniversary of the Holy Prophet of Islam, Hazrat Mohammad Mustafa (PBUH). On this occasion, Maulana Syed Mazhar Ali of Lucknow, Mufti Abdul Rauf of Muradabad, Professor Saud Alam Qasmi, Chairman, Department of Sunni Theology and the Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor Mohammad Zubair spoke about the teachings and the life of the Prophet (PBUH).

Professor Mohammad Zubair released a book Contemporary Relevance of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) – Exemplary Model by Dr. Saud Alam Qasmi. The book contains a foreword written by the author himself and eleven chapters dealing with pertinent issues like service to mankind, education and morality in the light of exemplary conduct of the Holy Prophet, immigration to Ethiopia: a model for Muslim minority, Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and preservation of environment, Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and global peace.

The chapter dealing with global peace is very relevant in present scenario. The chapter delves deep into the teachings and practices of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) for peace and brotherhood. The author has tried to argue that terrorism and Islam cannot go together. Islam discourages terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. He asserts as the Muslims pay due respect and regard to the Prophets of all revealed religions, and expect the Christians and the Jews to reciprocate in the same manner.

Recent Advances in Biochemistry and Allied Sciences

The Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Life Sciences, organized a National Symposium on Recent Advances in Biochemistry and Allied Sciences under the auspices of UGC-DRS Programme of this Department on March 25, 2008. A welcome address was delivered by the Co-ordinator, DRS-Programme and Organizing Secretary, Professor Masood Ahmad. Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences. Professor Absar Mustafa Khan spoke on the major concerns of the symposium.

The inaugural address was delivered by Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis. This was followed by the key-note address by the Scientist Emeritus of CDRI, Lucknow, Professor B.S. Srivastava on Search of Drug and Vaccine Targets of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis by Molecular Approaches. The vote of thanks was delivered by the Chairman of the Department, Professor S.M. Hadi.

The scientific sessions were addressed by renowned scientists of India including Professor Akhtar Mahmood, Punjab University, Chandigarh; Dr. Davendra Parmar, ITRC, Lucknow; Professor Dwivedi of Lucknow University, Lucknow and Professor Abbas A. Mehdi, K.G. Medical College, Lucknow. A Poster presentation by scientists was organized. A souvenir was released on the occasion.

Activities at ASC: 4 Courses Commenced

Under the auspices of UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, four courses commenced on March 27, 2008. University and College lecturers from all parts of the country thronged to the AMU for participating in the following Academic Staff College courses – (i) SRC in Life Sciences and Molecular Biology: This innovative course has been launched for the first time. Professor Bilquess Bano and Professor Naheed Bano, Department of Biochemistry are the course coordinators (ii) SRC in Chemistry: As in the past, this course has drawn participants from distant states as well. Professor Khuwaja Salahueddin is the Course Coordinator. (iii) SRC in Geography: Since its inception SRC in Geography has been a regular feature of the Academic Staff College course schedule.
Professor Abdul Muneer, Chairman, Department of Geography has consented to be the Course Coordinator. (iv) 103rd Orientation Programme: This is highly popular Academic Staff College course. Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, Academic Staff College has been overseeing the course. Eminent Resource Persons within AMU and from outside are scheduled to deliver lectures. Eminent Resource Persons include Professor John Jacob Kattayam, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, University of Kerala, Professor Abdul Kareem, former member, UGC Advisory Committee, Hubli, Karnataka, Emeritus Professor Irfan Habib and Emeritus Professor Farhat Ullah Khan.

Death Anniversary of Sir Syed
To observe the death anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the founder of the Aligarh Muslim University on March 27, 2008 a Quran Khwani was organized in the Mosque after Fajr prayers. The Vice Chancellor, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis laid a floral Chadar on the Founder’s grave. Senior University officials and a large number of teachers and students were also present. The Vice Chancellor released a commemorative volume edited by Mr. Jaseem Mohammad, Research Scholar, Department of Modern Indian Languages. A number of teachers and students attended the function.

Convergys Corporation Selects Five AMU Students
A campus recruitment was arranged in Coaching and Guidance Centre. The process of selection was in three stages. A pre-placement presentation was given by Mr. Ajay Dubey, representing Vision Unlimited, the official recruiters of Convergys in the Conference Room of Administrative Block. Two hundred and fifty students attended this session. The first round of screening was carried out by Vision Unlimited. The short listed students were then interviewed by Mr. Sonu Kumar, HR Manager (Recruitments) of Convergys Corporation. The Campus Recruitment was organized with active cooperation of Dr. Atif Iqbal, Placement Officer, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, AMU. Convergys Corporation, a Global leader in BPO Industry selected five AMU students namely:
1. Mr. Irfan Khan, Master of Journalism and Mass Communication
2. Ms. Saba Iram, B.Sc. (Industrial Chemistry)
3. Ms. Samra Fatima, M.Sc. (Bio Chemistry)
4. Ms. Naseeba Aisha Ali, M.A. (English)
5. Mr. Amir Ali, B.A. (Communicative English)

Sports
- **Inter-Hall and Open District Tennis Tournament:** V.M. Hall defeated N.R.S.C. in the veteran’s single tournament. Faiz Habib was declared winner by defeating Ishtiaq Ali.
- **Inter Hall Cricket Tournament:** NRSC defeated Habib Hall and were declared champions for the fifteenth consecutive year.
- **Inaugural Matches, Inter-Hall Football Tournament:** V.M. Hall defeated Senior Secondary School (Boys) 1-0; S.S. Hall (South) defeated Allama Iqbal Hall 2-0 and S.S. Hall (North) defeated Sulaiman Hall 2-1.
- **Inter-Hall and Open District Badminton and Table Tennis Tournaments:** NRSC was declared winner.
Publications of Institute of Persian Research

1. **Subh-e-Sadiq**: A monograph on the period of Shahjahan edited and compiled by Professor Amir Hasan Abidi, Professor Emeritus, Delhi University. Under the scheme of Scholars in Residence he was invited by the Institute of Persian Research and completed the above work during his stay at Aligarh Muslim University.

2. **Haft Ahkam**: A sufistic treatise, edited and compiled by Professor Hz. Mohammad Tahir Ali, former Head of Persian Arabic and Islamic Studies, Vishwabharti, Santiniketan. Professor Tahir Ali, invited as Scholar in Residence by the Institute of Persian Research, carried out the research work during his stay at Aligarh Muslim University.


4. **Humanism and Universal Brotherhood in Persian Literature Volume 2: (English, Urdu, Persian)**, edited, Professor Azarmi Dukht Safavi.

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**New Books @ Maulana Azad Library**

- Arora, S.C.  
  *Course in Power Plant Engineering: (M.K.S. and S.I. Units)*

- Bhattacharyya, Gargi  
  *Traffic; the Illicit Movement of People and Things*

- Bhosle, Rahul K.  
  *India – Security Scope, 2006: The New Great Game*

- Chattopadhyay, D.  
  *Electricity and Magnetism: With Electromagnetic Theory and Special Theory of Relativity*

- Keith Crome, James Williams, (ed.)  
  *Leotard Reader and Guide*

- Dhingra, I.C.  
  *Introductory Macro – Economics: for Class XII*

- John W, Fox, Nada Mourtada-Sabbah, Mohammad al., (ed.)  
  *Globalization and the Gulf*

- Paul R. Gamble, (ed.)  
  *Marketing Revolution: The Radical New Approach to Transforming the Business, the Brand and the Bottom Line*

- Goldstein, Lyle J.  
  *Preventive Attack and Weapons of Mass Destruction: A Comparative Historical Analysis*

- Goulding, Anne.  
  *Public Libraries in the 21st Century: Defining Services and Debating the Future*
International Congregations

1. Second DGS International Conference on *Globalization, Technology and Economic Transformation*, Bhopal, March 7-9, 2008: Dr. Sayeed Ahmad Khan, Department of Geography, presented his paper entitled *Impact of Economic Liberalization on Indian Urban Pattern and Structure*.

2. International Seminar on *LUCC and Agro-Biodiversity*, Lucknow, March 7-8, 2008:
   Professor Abdul Munir, Department of Geography, participated as a resource person and chaired the session.
   Dr. Nizamuddin Khan and Dr. Shahab Fazal, Department of Geography, participated.

National Congregations


2. Twenty-Ninth National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI), Udaipur, Rajasthan, November 19-21, 2007:
   Professor Ali Mohammad, Department of Geography, delivered Professor Monis Raza Memorial Lecture on *Geopolitics of Uneven Economic Development and Prospects of Peace*.
   Professor Abdul Munir, Department of Geography, participated as resource person and presented his paper entitled *Regional Variation in Foodgrains Availability in Western Uttar Pradesh*, and also chaired a session.
   Professor Farasat Ali Siddiqui, Department of Geography, presented his paper entitled *Income Level and Fertility Status – A Case Study of Aligarh District, Uttar Pradesh* and chaired the session.
   Dr. Jabir Hasan Khan, Department of Geography, presented his paper entitled *Rural Female Work Participation and Levels of Economic Development in Uttar Pradesh*.
   Fatma Mehar Sultana, Department of Geography, presented her paper entitled *Identifying Zones of Privilege and Deprivation in Aligarh City – A Spatial Analysis*.
   Dr. Shafiqullah, Department of Geography, presented his paper entitled *Agricultural Development and Rural Employment in Uttar Pradesh*.
   The Research Scholars; Mohammad Mustaquim, Zeba Siddiqui, Rukhsana, Mohammad Ashraf, Salahuddin Mohammad, Farahdeeba, Arshi Azmi, Deepika Varshney, Ghazala Jamal, Ghazala Khursheed, Kapil Kaushik, Salman M.S., Abdul Bari Naik, Najmul Hussain, Yogendra Kumar, Menka Saini, Saba Owais presented their papers on different aspect of Geography.

3. Nineteenth Annual Conference of Physiology on Current Approach of Physciiology to Therapeutics and Rehabilitation, the Physiological Society of India and Manav Rachna Educational Institutions, Faridabad, December 6-8, 2007: Dr. D.K. Agarwal, Department of Physiology, JNMC, participated as chairperson and presented his paper entitled *Presentation of Scientific Work State of Art*.


New Appointments

I. Members of the Executive Council
Professor Ahtisham A. Nizami, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, in his capacity as next senior Dean by rotation, w.e.f. March 17, 2008.
Professor Shamim Jahan Rizvi, Officiating Principal, J.N. Medical College, in Category of the Principals.
Dr. Mujahid Beg, Reader, Department of Medicine – Professor/Reader category, w.e.f. March 05, 2008.
Dr. (Hafiz) M. Ilyas Khan, Reader, Department of Psychology – Professor/Reader category, w.e.f. March 05, 2008.

II. Chairperson
Faculty of Commerce
Department of Commerce: Professor Badar Alam Iqbal, w.e.f. April 01, 2008.

III. Member-in-Charge
Dawakhana Tibbiya College: Professor Javed Musarrat, Department of Agricultural Microbiology, w.e.f. April 04, 2008.

Superannuations

Teaching
1. 31.12.2007; Dr. Shahabuddin Siddiqui, PGT, S.T.S. High School.
2. 31.12.2007; Mrs. Asmat Sultana, Primary Teacher, AMU Girls High School.

Non-Teaching
1. 29.02.2008; Mr. Sadiq Masih, LDC (Admin.), Service Book and Pension Section, Registrar’s Office.

Technical
1. 31.10.2007; Mrs. Tasneem Arif, Case Worker, Department of Community Medicine, JNMC.
2. 30.11.2007; Mr. Abdul Mubin, Senior Lab Assistant, JNMC Hospital.
3. 29.02.2008; Mr. Gulsher Khan, Junior Lab. Assistant, Department of Botany.

Group IV
1. 31.07.2007; Mr. Fazluddin, Cook, University Health Service.
2. 31.07.2007; Mr. Banwari Lal, Mali, JNMC Hospital.
3. 31.12.2007; Mr. Musharraf Ali Khan, Lab Attendant, Department of Zoology.
4. 31.12.2007; Mr. Mohd. Sadiq, Gate Keeper, Sir Ziauddin Hall.
5. 31.01.2008; Mr. Mohd. Amin Khan, Gestetnor Operator, Department of Applied Mathematics, Z.H. College of Engineering and Technology.
6. 31.01.2008; Mr. Abrar Khan, Lab Attendant, Women’s Polytechnic.

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