Professor G. C. Narang receiving the honour and Professor P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor Presenting the Citation.

Degree is being presented to A.R. Rehman.

A view of the stage-His Excellency Gopal Ghandhi, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, A.R. Rehman and Professor Muhammad Irfan, Controller (From left to right).

Chancellor and the academic procession arriving at the Pandal.

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59th Annual Convocation at AMU

The Governor of West Bengal, Mr. Gopalkrishna Gandhi urged the Aligarh Muslim University to play an important role in ‘exploring the deprived sections of society including women who suffered from lack of education’.

Mr. Gandhi was addressing the 59th Annual Convocation of the Aligarh Muslim University. He observed that the common man and woman continue to face inflation with poverty, extravagance with squalor, corruption with defeat. The man on the street is constantly harassed whether it is a phone connection or a change of name in the electric meter bill or a birth certificate or a land – mutation or a driving license. Men in the authority delay and deny what is done. The common man and woman face cheats and conman posing as facilitators in their everyday existence, he noted.

While paying rich tribute to the University, Mr. Gandhi observed that the AMU has a golden history, it enjoyed a distinct educational status, its writings are deep, its language is high and its voice always was heard with attention.

Mr. Gopalkrishna Gandhi said that AMU has to its credit its amazing alumni who have influenced history. Its present and future generations have a clear and positive role to play. He hoped that AMU will enable, enrich and strengthen India and give to the world a unique lead that can save environment, including the endangered ice-cap that sustains both India and Pakistan.

Mr. Gandhi said that preservation of peace and harmony in our neighbourhood should be a priority. We should draw a clear distinction between the purveyors of hatred and violence inspired by and represented by the Taliban and the mass of the people of Pakistan who want amity and peace between the two countries.

Accepting the honorary degree, A.R. Rahman said that AMU is not only one of the oldest Universities of India, but also a major center of quality education. It is the quality education that matters in the present day world, he added.

Mr. Rahman disclosed that Indian tradition and philosophy have always given him direction in life and it is only with these values and the people who support him that he achieved success both nationally and internationally.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis said that Rahman’s music is a unique fusion of East and West and eloquently reflect the composite culture of India. Professor Azis mentioned that Rahman was a role model for young India and his success in blending music and technology is a remarkable feat that is
cutting across international barrier. He described Professor Gopichand Narang as an outstanding scholar, critic, writer and master of one of the most beautiful languages of the world.

Presenting the Annual Report, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis has appealed to the Muslim community to observe a ‘Decade of Education’ so that every Muslim should get educated and can participate in nation building activities in a meaningful manner.

He pointed out that AMU has a rare distinction and privilege of offering education to boys and girls starting from nursery to post doctoral research, its educational spectrum is vast as it offers 325 courses.

Professor Azis said that the University has made rapid progress and succeeded in providing Information and Communication Technology (ICT) facilities to all its staff and students with 24 hour internet connectivity and efforts are on the anvil to further expand ICT through wireless system and high speed cable in the near future.

Professor Azis has mentioned that as part of creating a global branding for the AMU, the University has undertaken a special drive to enlist the support of its alumni spread across the world for creating partnership with prestigious universities and research institutions.

For the first time in the history of the University admission test centers were setup at Bhopal, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Lucknow and Hyderabad to regain the national character of AMU.

Professor Gopichand Narang while delivering his acceptance speech described AMU as a shining chapter of the history of Urdu language and literature. To consider Urdu merely a language and limit it to the VIII schedule amount to gross injustice as Urdu is a way of life, a way of thinking and a way of living, he added.

Justice A.M. Ahmadi former Chief Justice of India, Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University, presided over the Convocation.

Controller of Examinations, Professor Mohammad Irfan announced the list of students who were awarded medals in various courses. Prachi Mehdi Datta, an MBBS student secured largest number of medals (14) and created history.

Professor V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar, AMU conducted the function.

Mr. Gopalkrishna Gandhi, A.R. Rahman, Professor Gopichand Narang, Justice A.M. Ahmadi and AMU Vice Chancellor paid a floral tribute at Sir Syed’s mazar and laid chadar soon after the Convocation was over.
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VICE-CHANCELLOR’S ADDRESS

Distinguished Chief Guest Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Hon’ble Chancellor Justice A. M. Ahmadi Saheb, Hon’ble Pro-Chancellor Nawab Rahmatullah Khan Sherwani Saheb, Prof. Gopichand Narang, the eminent laureate and Urdu scholar, Shri A. R. Rahman, the Oscar winner music maestro; Dr. Mahfooz Ahmed, Honorary Treasurer; Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar, Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Irfan, Controller of Examinations; Esteemed Members of the Court, Executive Council, Academic Council, Deans of Faculties, Chairmen of Departments, Principals of Colleges and Schools, distinguished teachers of Aligarh Muslim University, recipients of degrees, ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatulla-e-Wabarkatuhu! A very Good Morning to you all!

1. Introduction:

Ladies and gentlemen, it is a matter of great pleasure for me to extend to you a hearty and warm welcome on the occasion of the 59th Annual Convocation of the Aligarh Muslim University. The convocation provides an occasion to feel pride, to rejoice and to analyze the accomplishments of the University as one fraternity. This convocation is all the more special, because we have the privilege of having amongst us two icons whose lives and works are paradigms for the young and talented people, especially because, they could rise from humble beginnings and attain almost unassailable heights in their respective endeavors.

Professor Gopichand Narang is a well known scholar, critic, writer and master of one of the most beautiful languages of the world, Urdu.

Winner of two Oscar Awards, Mr. A. R. Rahman is not only a maestro of music, but also a genius of the ‘silence between the notes’. His fresh approach to music-composing, his great knowledge of the intricacies of music, and his mastery over various versions of this art, make him a perfect blend of talent and balance, revered by music lovers the world over. He has carved out a unique position for India in the world of music.

I also take this opportunity to express my deep sense of gratitude to our chief guest Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, the Governor of West Bengal for accepting our invitation to address the convocation. Besides being the descendent of our beloved father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, he has been an eminent author, an admired bureaucrat and a sincere statesman. Sir we feel honoured to have your benign presence here with us today.

Usually, universities honor their graduates by presenting them degrees in the convocations, but, by conferring degrees on stalwarts like Prof. Gopichand Narang and Shri A. R. Rahman, Aligarh Muslim University will add laurels to its own glory.

AMU is awarding 2575 Bachelors degrees, 1490 Masters degrees and 291 Ph.D. degrees and 1 D.Sc. Degree in this Convocation. It gives me pleasure to announce that compared to last year this represents a six percent increase in the Masters degree and a remarkable 90 percent increase in the number of Ph.D. Degrees awarded.
2. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan’s Legacy:

I express my reverential homage to Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, the Founder of Aligarh Muslim University. Sir Syed Ahmed Khan is remembered as a visionary social reformer who has left footprints on the sands of time in an eternal way. He realized the significance of education and modern knowledge and was of the opinion that acquiring modern education was the single most effective way of uplifting the socioeconomic condition of masses in general, and Muslims in particular. In 1877, Sir Syed founded the Mohammadan Anglo-Oriental College. His aim was to establish a University akin to the Oxford and the Cambridge universities adopting the British education system, but without compromising the traditional and religious values. He wanted this College to act as a bridge between the old and the new, the East and the West, the Orient and the Occident. He facilitated the availability of the western knowledge to fellow Indians in their own language by establishing a Scientific Society in 1863 that was aimed to nurture scientific temperament among the Muslims. In 1866, he initiated the Journal “The Aligarh Institute Gazette”, as an organ of the Scientific Society and created awareness in the minds of Muslims of India. Sir Syed remains to me an endless source of inspiration.

The university has instituted an international award “Sir Syed Ahmad Khan International Award” to honour scholars of international repute, for propagating scholarship, creativity, literary excellence and academic values as propagated by Sir Syed. The award carries a cash prize of Rupees 5.0 lakhs and is awarded every year on Sir Syed Day i.e. October 17. The first Sir Syed Ahmad Khan International Award-2008 was conferred on Mr. Mohd. Zakir Ali Khan, an eminent literary figure and educationist from Pakistan.

3. Tryst with Destiny:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I must put across gratitude and appreciation for the support and cooperation that you have extended to me and thereby enabling me to manage the university in tandem with its glorious past and sustain the university’s well-known academic zeal among the AMU fraternity even during adverse times. It was only due to my faith in the high morals laid down by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, that I have been able to overcome the adversities and strengthen the academic environs of the University. Because of the emotional and intellectual appreciation of the AMU fraternity, I have been able to initiate the much needed changes on the campus. I am very happy to share with you all, that our collective efforts have brought out heartening results and enhanced the academic output, both in quality and quantity.

In my two years of stay, people of Aligarh and AMU have shown their immense warmth, hospitality and goodwill towards me. I thank the citizens of Aligarh, staff and students of this great University for the splendid sense of maturity and wisdom they displayed, and partnering with me in the humble efforts of creating a “New Future” for AMU. Every moment of my stay is devoted to regain the glory of AMU.

I am confident that with the continuing support and cooperation of all the stake holders, this historic institution is destined to play more important roles in the academic world. Together, we are determined to scale new heights and take this institution to the pinnacles of excellence and glory. I thank almighty Allah (Subhanahu wata’ala) for the mercy and kindness that He had showered on me and the university.

4. University in a Nutshell:

The Aligarh Muslim University has the rare distinction and privilege of offering education to boys and girls starting from the nursery level. Currently AMU has 91 Departments of studies, grouped into 12 Faculties, four Colleges, two Polytechnics - one for boys and one for girls, and 13 Centers which together offer 325 undergraduate/postgraduate/diploma/certificate courses. Nearly 1500 highly qualified faculty and over 6,000 non-teaching staff are on the rolls of the university. The tradition of offering education to girl students in an exclusive girls’ only environment is a unique feature of the AMU. The Women’s College that has celebrated
its centenary in 2006 offers undergraduate programs in Arts, Social Sciences and Sciences. There are about 21,000 students on the rolls of the university representing 27 States of India and 19 foreign countries. There are over 300 foreign students from 19 countries in the world.

Aligarh Muslim University also manages eight senior secondary/secondary schools including three girls’ schools. AMU has an excellent tradition of taking care of the education of physically challenged. One hundred and eight physically challenged boys and girls were admitted to the various courses in the university during 2008-09 and the total number of such students currently enrolled in the university is 239. The Ahmadi School for Blind, one of the oldest institutions for the visually challenged students in the country has been recently equipped to provide the students improved techniques/strategies for learning, using computers and interactive software.

5. Finance and Account 2008-09:

Transparency and accountability were the motto of my administration. The university accounts have been managed fully following the Government of India guidelines. The Audit Report for 2007-08 received from C & AG of India gives the university a clean chit without any audit objections. The Finance and Accounts Department of the University has the distinction of being first among the Indian Universities in the implementation of VI Pay Commission, provisional payment of arrears and salaries to the teaching and non-teaching staff in record time. The University has introduced MAS to pensioners/family pensioners. It was a 2 decade-old demand of the pensioners and it would benefit about 3500 individuals. Due to maintenance of financial discipline in the University the UGC has provided 10% extra budget allocation for the year 2008-09 and the same was given to various departments/offices. The Finance wing has also launched a unique user friendly website providing the financial profile of every employee/teacher in the university. The defunct P.F. Committee was constituted by conducting the election for the same.

6. XI Plan Development Proposals:

Diligent planning and a good amount of home-work had enabled the University to present a strong case for XI Plan grants covering all the departments of studies. The XI Plan visiting team has recommended an unprecedented Rs. 184 Crore under the general development grant. Similarly, for the first time ever, UGC has sanctioned a total number of 124 teaching positions (11 Professors, 16 Readers and 82 Lecturers) for the University. AMU intends to build an exclusive Hall of residence for disabled students, an additional hall for girls to accommodate 1000 students. Construction of washrooms for girls and differently abled students will also be a top priority. The whole campus will also get a face lift. The University will start remedial coaching for SC, ST and minority students at undergraduate and post graduate level and all the ICT facilities will be made available in the campus. The University is braced to provide visiting Professorship in selected Departments and offer financial support for publication of outstanding research works.

7. Construction of new buildings:

The Building Committee and Purchase Committee have been re-constituted to ensure compliance to rules and procedures. Senior teachers are involved in these committees.

During the XI Plan, the University will witness the addition of new buildings. Under the Faculty of Life Sciences, Department of Zoology, Botany, Biochemistry, Wildlife Sciences and Museology will get an amount of Rs. 260 Lakhs for building and extension works. The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has been allocated Rs. 300 Lakhs for a composite building. The Faculty of Medicine will have new construction worth 455 Lakhs.
The Faculty of Unani Medicine will have a multi-storeyed building for five departments at a cost of Rs. 400 Lakhs. Rs. 300 Lakhs have been sanctioned by the UGC for establishing a state of the art Gymnasium and a Reading Room in Habib Hall. Maulana Azad Library will also witness a substantial expansion including a new building, for which an amount of Rs. 400 lakhs has been approved. Other major building construction includes a Girls’ Hostel and a hostel for differently abled students for which an amount of Rs. 800 lakhs and Rs. 600 lakhs have been allocated respectively. For all the construction projects, a massive amount of Rs. 5582.57 lakhs has been approved by the UGC under the XI Plan which is indeed the biggest amount the University has ever received.

In addition, the left over work of X Plan projects are also in advanced stages of completion. The construction of the Social Science Faculty building the Auditorium of J.N. Medical College, the building, for Centre of Diabetes & Endocrinology, the Engineering College Girl Students’ Hostel, restoration of Heritage Building, the building of the Urdu Academy are projects that would be completed within a few months.

8. Moving towards RTI Regime:

The University has made significant initiatives to make the administration RTI – friendly. The University had organized a two day Workshop during August 23-24, 2008 on the theme “Right to Information Regime: Issues and Challenges” to create awareness about RTI Act and to sensitize on the need for its total implementation by all the University staff, officers and teachers. Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, Chief Information Commissioner, New Delhi was the keynote speaker. The University has also taken proactive action to sensitize its core offices to the issue of transparency, and deputed its important officers to a technical Workshop on “Right to Information Act 2005” organized by the Institute of Socio-Economic Research and Action (ISERA) held at New Delhi. An Expert Committee has thoroughly examined all the dimensions of the RTI Act and suggested an action plan and an operation plan. It has also recommended operational procedures and identified common fields.

9. Residential Life made orderly:

With firm and imaginative management measures, the Halls of residences have been brought back to orderly functioning. A Central Allotment Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. M. Saleemuddin, former Pro-Vice-Chancellor has overseen this transformation in a remarkably resilient manner and all illegal occupants and outside criminals were flushed out.

The changes effected during 2008-09 have been remarkably effective. Major changes that were made in the residential life could be summed up as:

- Allotment was done strictly on merit by the Central Allotment Committee. All allotments were in an inclusive manner, wherein each room will have inmates from different states, nurturing the plurality and diversity of India. There is no waiting list in most of the Halls, and wherever there is, it is less than 75.
- All Halls were provided with computers with high speed internet connectivity.
- RO Aqua Guard machines were installed in all the Halls to ensure the supply of purified drinking water to students.
- Major renovation work has been undertaken in almost every hostel.
- Students’ Grievance Committees at each hall were set up to quickly redress the students’ problems.
- A hygiene committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Prof. Zulfia Khan of J.N. Medical College to regularly check the hygiene related issues including overhead water tanks and kitchen.

All these initiatives have borne fruits. Now the residential halls have turned into a hub of academic, cultural and literary activities. Hall Day Functions and other activities, all have been revived after
several years. The new initiatives by the University have provided the students an opportunity to hone up their skills and creativity while living in the peaceful hostel rooms. There is much to admire; nothing to crib about.

10. **GEC Activities Revived:**

(i) **Cultural Scene:**

The dawn of peace and tranquility in the campus has transformed the General Education Centre into a robust and vibrant creative cultural nucleus. The GEC has introduced a tremendous impetus in the literary, cultural, artistic and other related activities during 2008-09.

A large number of cultural events and programmes of International and national levels were organized in its throbbing complex. An unprecedented number of students actively involved, enjoyed and enriched their experiences. New feathers were added to the crown of the University by the students by winning awards in the national competitions and by organizing events in the University.

- The GEC invited several outstanding creative and cultural personalities and held interactive sessions with students to enlarge and enlighten their vision. Some of them were Mr. Nasiruddin Shah, Mr. Mahesh Bhatt, Mr. Farook Sheikh, Mr. Suhaib Tartari, Mr. Saleem Shah, Mr. Ajay Jhingran, Prof. Mohan Agase, Tom Alter, Mr. Azhar Usman (USA), Prof. Munibur Rahman (USA) and Mr. Intizar Husain (Pakistan), etc.
- University Drama Club has organized a number of Workshops including a three day workshop on concentration, voice modulation, physical exercises, body language and make up, for its new members.
- In February 2009, Mr. Saleem Shah, a theatre, film and TV artist conducted a three day Workshop. Nearly 250 students learned the art of acting and other aspects of stage, film and TV.

(ii) **Literary Scene:**

The University Literary Club organized and participated in a number of prestigious events during the Academic Session 2008-2009.

- Participated in 34th Kamalnayan Bajaj Intervarsity Elocution Competition (English) organized from January 9-10, 2008 at Shiksha Mandal, Wardha (Maharashtra) and won First Prize.
- Participated in X All India University Debate Competition (Hindi) organized by Hansraj College, University of Delhi, Delhi and won First and Second Prizes
- Participate in All India Debate Competition held by G. B. Pant Agriculture University, Pantnagar and bagged Best Team Prize.

(iii) **University Hobbies Workshop:**

University Hobbies Workshop is yet another centre of learning striving for the development of creative skills in students. Its achievements during the last two academic sessions have nonetheless been a matter of pride for the University:

- Organized an Exhibition cum Demonstration of 150 paintings on the theme of 1857 Revolt.
- The members of the University Hobbies Workshop have won the prestigious North Zone Prizes as Zonal Champion in Clay Modeling, second prize in Poster Making and subsequently won first prize at National Festival in Poster Making and second in Clay Modeling.

(iv) **University Film Club:**

Besides screening the best of nationally acclaimed socially relevant and award winning films it has organized the following special events for the education and enlightenment of the students:

- Organized a National Film festival of Short Films and Documentaries “Filmsaaz’08” from April 28-30, 2008 for the first time in the history of Aligarh Muslim University.
- Organized a three day Film Festival “Jharoka’08” illuminating the golden 70’s of Indian Cinema from December 18-20, 2008.
Organized second National Film Festival of Short Films and Documentaries “Filmsaaz’09” from February 26 to March 2, 2009 which received more than 100 national entries and was lauded as an important step taken by any University in the promotion of cinema.

11. Students’ Grievances Redressal Committees:

The university has set up Students Grievance, Redressal Committees soon after the Student’s Union was dissolved to have regular interaction with a cross section of students. In order to provide students a speedy redressal of their problems, the Vice Chancellor has constituted a three tier Students Grievance Redressal Committee. These Committees were constituted in each department involving the top ranking students in each class and senior teachers in the Departments.

The students’ grievance redressal mechanism which is in place since November 2007 has turned out to be a boon for students, as their genuine problems were taken up at the departmental level, faculty level, residential hall level, and finally, at the University level. The Vice-Chancellor himself has interacted with the University level committee seven times during the past year. The unique feature of the meetings conducted by the Vice Chancellor was that every student member present was individually called by name to air his views and grievances freely, and the University functionaries present in the meeting were directed to examine and redress the genuine problems identified by the students.

12. Focus on Research:

AMU is fully aware that India is well on its way to become a Global knowledge power, with all round growth in all sectors of economy and it can remain an active partner in the endeavor, only by acquiring cutting edge technologies, focusing on research and innovation. Faculty members from all faculties participated actively in advanced research. The current enrollment of research students in the university is 1439 (205 students are enrolled for M. Phil and 1234 in Ph.D.). In accordance with the National policy, remarkable encouragement is given to research, and an unprecedented number of 360 students were admitted to Ph.D./M.Phil. programme in the current academic session. During the session 2007-2008, 130 research projects sanctioned by various National and International funding agencies were operational. Currently The Departments of Botany, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Health, Electronics Engineering, Linguistics, Persian and Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, are recipients of Departmental Research Support (DRS-I). Department of Biochemistry of the Faculty of Life Sciences has DRS-II. Department of Urdu is having Department of Special Assistance – Stage III (DSA-III), while Department of History continues to remain a Center of Advanced Studies (CAS-III). Department of Urdu is receiving Assistance for Strengthening the Infrastructure of Humanities and Social Sciences (ASIHSS). The Departments of Zoology, Botany, Biochemistry (Faculty of Medicine), and Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit are also supported by DST, under its FIST program. Thus all round revival of research is taking place in AMU.

13. ICT facilities:

Information Communication Technology (ICT) is the driving force that has revolutionized both the work and the living culture. It accelerates the pace and leap of the progress. Therefore, the University administration has taken the enhancement of these its top priority. Realizing the significance of ICT in amplifying the quality of academic and research output, substantial funds were allotted for the expansion of bandwidth. As a result the internet speed in the campus increased from a mere 0.5 mbps in 2007 to a massive figure of 12 mbps and then to 20 mbps in December 2008. Efforts are in progress to further raise the speed to 54 mbps by July 2009.

The University has made rapid progress and succeeded in providing ICT facilities to all its staff and students. The University has installed 500 computers by providing 5 computers to each Department of studies, three to Dean Offices and three in Halls of residences, so that the students and staff can reap the benefit of
campus wide bandwidth expansion. The entire campus has now been brought under 24-hour internet connectivity and efforts are on the anvil to connect the satellite campuses well as through wireless system and high speed cable in the near future.

14. E-Governance:
A policy decision has been taken to introduce e-governance in all the major Departments and Centers of the University. The office of the Controller of Examinations and Admissions has already taken a major step and all the admission forms are now available on the net.

Maulana Azad Library (MAL) has introduced computerized services including provision of campus wide access to- Online catalogues, Online journals, and rich collection of digital resources including the collections on Sir Syed. A network of CCTV, and automatic security gate that prevent incidents of theft have been installed recently. The Library is undergoing metamorphosis from a conventional library to a Digital Library wherein rare book collection belonging to 17th to early 20th century are in the process of digitization with support from the Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communication, Govt. of India.

15. Academic Staff College:
The Academic Staff College of the University is third among 57 Academic Staff Colleges in the country during the X five year plan. Besides its regular orientation and refresher programmes, the college has been involved in the prestigious Micro-scholarship Access Programme for socially underprivileged 100 school children funded by American Centre, US Embassy, New Delhi, and training research scholars and teachers at AMU Departments of studies and schools through various workshops and discussions.

16. Upgradation of Z.H. College of Engineering and Technology:
AMU is continuing its efforts to upgrade the Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology to the level of IIT. MHRD has to make the final declaration on the matter.

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology has established a fully functional R & D Cell in the Dean’s Office providing MIT-AMU Open Courseware (1800 courses spanning question databank). The XI Plan expert committee approved a grant of Rs. 16.38 Crores for the Faculty, including new centres for Disaster Management (Civil Engineering), Islamic Architecture (Department of Architecture) and Renewable Energy (Electrical Engineering). Central facilities such as Computational Facility, Language Laboratory, Entrepreneurship Development Cell and Intellectual Property are also included in the grant. The NBA Expert Committee appointed by AICTE visited the college, interacted with the staff and students. The college got accreditation for five years for all its under graduate courses which itself is a feather on the cap of the Faculty. Four Smart Class rooms with LCD Projectors and screens were added to improve the quality of teaching at the college.

17. Upgradation of Medical College to A.I.I.M.S. Status:
I am proud to report that the effort that has been made to upgrade the Medical College has become successful. The Government of India has formally approved the upgradation of the J. N. Medical College to the level of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi in February 2009. The upgradation was sanctioned under the second phase of the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY). In addition to upgrading overall facilities in the college, the University envisages to establish a state-of-the-art Cardiology Center with the provisions of bypass surgery, angiography and angioplasty. The Financial support sanctioned is Rs.150 crores. The project is to be implemented during the XI Plan.
18. Recognitions and Awards:

The distinctive academic and research contribution of the AMU faculty has been acknowledged by a number of prestigious international organizations.

- Dr. Latif Zafar Jilani of Orthopedic Surgery has been made the member of Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburg.
- Professor Shireen Moosvi of History Department was elected Member, Executive Board, International Commission for Demographic History, Sweden.
- Dr. Nadeem Rezavi of History was Awarded Charles Wallace Fellowship for South Asian studies at London University.
- Professor A. R. Kidwai, Director, Academic Staff College was appointed visiting Professor in the University of Leicester and visiting Fellow, Commonwealth Policy Studies, London.
- Professor M. Saleemuddin, Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Bio-technology Unit has received an award for Promoting Indo-German Relations in Education by German Academic Exchange Service, Germany.
- Dr. M. Sanaullah Nadvi of Arabic Department received Best Paper Award in the International Conference on Narratology held at Suez Canal University, Egypt.
- The Council of Science and Technology, Uttar Pradesh (UPCST) has honoured Prof. Akhtar Haseeb with “Vigyan Gaurav Samman” for the significant contributions made in the field of plant protection. The award carries a cash amount of Rs.1,00,000/-.
- Dr. Mohd. Owais, Lecturer, Centre for Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit received the National Bio Science Award comprising a cash prize of Rs. One lakh and citation.
- Mr. Mohd. Rihan, Lecturer, Department of Electrical Engineering, Z.H. College of Engineering & Technology received the First Prize of Rs.10,000.00 for the best paper presentation in IV National Conference on Advancement in Technologies organized by GLA Institute of Technology and Management.
- Prof. Abul Kalam Qasmi, Department of Urdu received First Prize on the book “Ma-asir Tanqueed” from UP State Urdu Academy.
- Prof. S. K. Singh of the Department of Physics was appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna University, Garhwal.
- Prof. Faizan Mustafa was appointed Vice-Chancellor of National Law University, Orissa.

Besides these, a number of faculty members have received wide acclamation for their intellectual and scholarly works in reputed national and international forums. The AMU faculties have carved a distinct place in the area of research and knowledge generation. During the year under review, the faculty members published 70 books and 1098 research papers with a substantial number in international journals of repute. 135 new research projects funded both by National and International agencies were added in 2008. 178 University teachers participated in conferences/seminars/workshops outside India and 851 within the country. Forty four Departments of the University organized conferences.

The peaceful academic ambience has contributed in the academic accomplishment of students substantially. Five students of Aligarh Muslim University were selected in Civil service. In addition, two more students who have left the University after completing their graduation also qualified for the Civil Services. A remarkable number of 18 students were selected in judicial services and one student Mr. Nusrat Khan, has topped the Uttarakhand Judicial Services Examination. For the first time in the history of AMU, a record number of 44 students (27 boys + 17 girls) were selected in IIT/JEE. One student of Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit was selected for the Khorana Scholarship for short term training at University of Wisconsin, USA

The competitive zest is ever on the rise. An increasing number of AMU students have obtained NET/JRF, UGC-CSIR, ICMR and DBT scholarships. This year a large number of students have qualified NET/JRF.
The include students from the Departments of Chemistry (7), Interdisciplinary biotechnology Unit (6) Urdu (6) Education (5) and Statistics (5) History (4) Islamic Studies (3) Geography (3) Mathematics (3) Physics (2) Mass Communication (2) Law (2) Biochemistry (2).

19. New initiatives:

The UPCST has recently sanctioned a grant of 1.1 crore to the Department of Applied Physics for the establishment of a Center of Excellence in Material Science (Nano Materials). The Department is already establishing a sophisticated instrument laboratory for studies in Nanotechnology with the help of generous support of 2.75 crores from DST. The M.Tech. programme and a Advanced Postgraduate Diploma in Nanotechnology being offered by the department are attracting large number of students. The Department of Zoology has obtained projects from DST, BBT, ICAR, CSIR, etc and European Union with a total outlay of Rs. 2.62 crores. The University has introduced a number of innovative certificate and diploma courses such as P. G. Diploma in Biodiversity Management and Conservation, Diploma in Surgical Endoscopy Technique, Certificate in Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Science Application in Environmental Studies, Certificate Course in Biodiversity Management and Conservation and Certificate in Wildlife and Ecology Management. The Department of Biochemistry in the Faculty of life Sciences has introduced an industry oriented self-financed M.Sc.program in Enzyme and fermentation technology from 2008-2009 onwards. The Department of Linguistics has launched a new Postgraduate diploma in Language of Advertising, Media and Market from the current academic session. A Postgraduate Diploma in Mass Communication (Urdu), Certificate Course in Urdu (Electronic Media) and a Diploma Course in Urdu (Electronic Media) have also been introduced in the Faculty of Arts. The establishment of three new Surgery Departments, in the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College is on the card. New P.G. Programmes in Unani Medicine is also on the card. The impressive building of Prof. K.A. Nizami Center of Quranic studies, completed through private donations of over Rs. 2.5 crore has been furnished through a grant received from UGC under the XI five year plan. The University has plans to reorganize the Sir Syed Academy as a prestigious study centre to nurture the ideals of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and to disseminate the legacy of the Aligarh Movement.

20. School Reforms: A Revolutionary Step:

The University has taken a historic initiative to improve the standard of teaching in the Schools established and run by the University.

In response to a proposal submitted by the University, the Ministry of Human Resource Development has recently appointed a Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Vineet Joshi, I.A.S., Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education to study the proposal and suggest measures to improve the quality of teaching in the Schools. Mr. Joshi and team visited the schools and proposed an action plan for the improvement of academic standards of these schools in tune with the highest national standard set by the C.B.S.E.

The Committee has recommended the following:

(i) There is a need to allocate funds to provide a fresh lease of life to schools run by the Aligarh Muslim University. The situation in almost all the schools has been extremely grave since long, particularly, due to lack of able and permanent faculty. Many schools are forced to hire the services of part time teachers as there is no provision for the recruitment of new teachers for schools in the XI Plan.

(ii) Non availability of good teachers was seen to be greatly affecting the quality of teaching in the schools. 137 new teaching posts and 42 non-teaching posts are required to make AMU Schools on par with C.B.S.E.

(iii) A total financial grant of Rs. 85.40 Crores with a corpus fund of Rs.7.76 Crores during Phase-I has been recommended for setting up the Directorate of Schools and strengthening the AMU Schools professionally.
(iv) Hostel facilities should be provided by the University as per Navodaya Vidyalaya norms, and faculty recruitment be done on Kendriya Vidyalaya pattern. Sufficient fund should be provided to provide hostel accommodation to boys and girls.
(v) Teacher Pupil ratio should be 1:25 in the primary classes and 1:40 in post secondary classes.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development has promised to consider the proposal positively.

21. Integration of Madrasas with University education:

We have taken significant initiative to integrate Madrasa education with mainstream higher education programme of the University. An Equivalence Committee under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor is looking after the issue of recognition. It has so far accorded recognition to Forty Five Madarsas in the country, and granted equivalence to their degrees for purposes of admission to various courses in AMU. This is intended to bridge the gap between the AMU and Madrasas in India. Thousands of Madrasa educated boys and girls would be able to join the mainstream education in the country.

With an objective to increase the utility of the newly introduced Islamic Banking and Finance course, students from Madrasas are given fair share in admissions (twenty percent seats are reserved for students who have Madrasa education along with graduation degree). The University also intends to start PG Diploma in Islamic Insurance and two years Masters Course in Islamic Finance which hopefully will increase the possibility of use of Islamic concept of economic system.

22. International Partnerships:

As part of creating a global branding for the Aligarh Muslim University, the University has undertaken a special drive to enlist the support of its alumni around the world for creating partnerships with prestigious Universities and Research Institutions. At the invitation of the Federation of American Alumni Associations, the Vice-Chancellor had undertaken a fortnight long visit to America in August, 2008. The Vice-Chancellor had visited many academic institutions across North America seeking to collaborate for rejuvenating the academic programmes at AMU. AMU has signed Memorandum of Understandings with the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Youngstown University, Youngstown; University of Atlanta, Atlanta; University of Washington Law School and John Hopkins School of International Relations, Washington DC, and University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

The University would like to place on record its profound sense of appreciation for the services rendered by Dr. Masood Akhtar, Mr. Frank Islam, Mr. Hasan Kamal, Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, Prof. Siddiqi, Dr. Qamar Khan, Dr. Ali Rizvi and Dr. Fazal Khan with imagination and farsightedness. Under a Memorandum of Understanding signed with Dr. Masarrat Ali, President of the Federation of Aligarh Alumni Associations, USA, the entire literary work of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan is being digitized with the full cooperation of the Maulana Azad Library and the Sir Syed Academy of AMU. The University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with United States India Education Foundation in the area of English Teaching. The Foundation provided the services of Prof. John Miller of University of Colorado to strengthen the English Language Teaching Programme of AMU. Five scholars have been identified for Fulbright Scholarships under this programme. The University is working in close collaboration with the United Stated India Education to enable more teachers and scholars to avail its wide ranging scholarship programmes.

23. Technology driven Security:

The University was rocked by a series of murders during 2007 and the campus had witnessed violence, arson and looting in an unprecedented manner. Alarmed at the extremely disturbing scenario in the campus, the Executive Council at its meeting held on September 21, 2007 had resolved to establish a fool proof security system in the University. A technology driven security system is being put in
place in the campus. CCTV cameras will be installed at all sensitive locations. Proctorial staff will be provided with Walky talky, wireless sets etc. Trained personnel will be hired for training the university proctorial team. The entire security will be managed by University Proctor and his team.

Some of the important security measures undertaken by the university include:

- Construction and raising of its boundary walls and putting iron grills. This step has not only stopped the entry of illegal and antisocial elements but has also resulted in the safety of the University property from land grabbers and thieves and robbers. It has brought an aura of safety and security in the campus.
- Round the clock vigilance by the University security staff
- Proper manning of all the University gates
- Ban on the use of motorbikes inside the hostels
- Proper maintenance of cycle stands
- Entry of guests in the hostels after recording complete information in the register maintained at each entry point
- Issue of photo identity cards to all students and staff

The entire campus is witnessing the positive outcome of these measures. A few of the noticeable changes are:

- The University is running peacefully. No major criminal incident has been reported since then. No major theft was reported in the University campus.
- Moving on the University road is now safe. No murder or assault in the campus.
- The incidents of chain snatchings and road hold ups have been reduced to almost nil.
- The dignity and honour of the teaching staff and other university employees who were often manhandled and humiliated at the hands of ruffians in the garb of students has now been restored in tune with the old traditions of the university.
- The close circuit televisions have been installed in the Central Library which houses many precious collections to curb pilfering of books by irresponsible users and to maintain discipline in the Library. The CCTV is also a boon for the security of the invaluable collection of manuscripts.

24. Scholarships and Financial Assistance:

The University has appointed a Nodal Officer to enable students get maximum number of scholarships from various national and state agencies. The activity of the Nodal Officer has been very fruitful. During 2007-08 the U.P. Government has awarded scholarship to 4970 AMU students. 640 students received scholarship from the Central Government. Other scholarships distributed are: Donors-401, and University merit scholarship-369. 425 students were provided with financial assistance by the University.

25. AMU Special Centres across India:

The University has taken a decisive initiative to do its bit in the context of the Sachar Committee Report to address the deprivation suffered by the Muslims in the area of education. The University Court, The Executive Council and the Academic Council have approved the proposal at their meetings held on 2.12.2007, 17.1.2008 and 12.1.2009 respectively.

The University has identified the following places for establishing these centres:
1. Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)
2. Katihar (Bihar)
3. Murshidabad (West Bengal)
4. Malappuram (Kerala)
5. Pune (Maharashtra)
As authorized by the Government of India, the University has written letters to the concerned State Governments to give the university a minimum of 250-300 acres of contiguous land, free of cost.

The Government of West Bengal vide letter dated 12.2.2009 has informed the university that it has identified 355 acres of land in Murshidabad and has asked the university to send an Inspection Team. The Government of Kerala vide letter dated 27.1.2009 has informed its decision to acquire 400 acres of land to be given to AMU for its centre in Malappuram. No reply has been received from the other States.

The University would like to replicate the AMU Model in all its Centres. The Aligarh model consisting of Schools, Medical and Engineering Colleges, Schools for Law and Management and Departments of Advanced Study for Languages, Social Sciences and other disciplines will be established in all these Centers. The centers will be governed by the Court and the Executive Council of the University.

The idea 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. Such Centres are all the more deemed 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. The Aligarh University is preparing to respond to the needs of people living in different parts of the country.

26. Admission Test Centres across India:

To provide greater opportunity to candidates from across the country, AMU for the first time in its history, has provided examination centres for students to take the Admission Tests at four zones in the country, namely Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Kolkata (West Bengal), Pune (Maharashtra) and Kozhikode (Kerala). This initiative of the University to reach out to distant states has been widely appreciated and lauded by people. It is also designed to regain its national character. Admission Tests for M.B.B.S., B.D.S., B.Tech., Class XI, and Diploma in Engineering were held at these places, beside the centre in Aligarh.

27. World Summit of AMU Alumni-2008:

For the first time in its history, a World Summit of AMU Alumni was held in the AMU Campus during October 18 - 19, 2008. The Executive Council had earlier taken a decision to organize a Summit for creating a new partnership with its Alumni. The idea behind this historic meet was to provide a platform for a memorable reunion with thousands of AMU alumni spread all over the globe and to establish a permanent AMU Alumni Foundation as a perpetual facility for the old boys to maintain links with their alma mater, enabling them to participate in its continued growth and glory. The successful model of the Alumni Foundation working at the University of Wisconsin appeared as a strikingly fascinating example. The objectives also included a desire to utilize the talent, resources and goodwill of the old boys, and create a huge corpus fund for the modernization and expansion of the Aligarh Muslim University. As is known to everyone, the funding from the Government of India, although substantial, is not enough for developing infrastructure and modernizing the various laboratories and libraries available within the campus. Huge fund is needed for repositioning the University on a global standard. Aligs all over the world were beckoned back by the University in the World Alumni Summit 2008, held to coincide with the celebrations of the 191st Birth Anniversary of the great visionary, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. The event was attended by alumni from 20 countries and 19 Indian states.

The Summit was inaugurated on October 18, 2008 by Mr. M. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India. Mr. T. V. Rajeswar, Governor of Uttar Pradesh and Mr. Syed Sibtey Razi, Governor of Jharkhand were the Guests of Honour and Justice A. M. Ahmadi, the Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Mr. Jaiveer Singh,
Minister in the UP Cabinet, Mr. Kaukab Hameed, Secretary Old Boys’ Association, Aligarh and Mr. Masood Akhtar, Dr. Hasan Kamal and Prof. Musarrat Ali from USA also graced the occasion.

After exhaustive deliberations six resolutions were adopted. Prominent among them was to resolve to establish Alumni Foundation dedicated to the attainment of the highest academic excellence of AMU in terms of creation and modernization of laboratories, class rooms, hostels, as well as creation of chairs, institution of scholarships, assistance in travel grants, and construction of new hostels, ICT support, and provision for visiting faculty. Furtherance of Aligarh movement and spreading the message of Sir Syed in places and areas where it matters the most and any such facility or activity shall also be in the purview of the foundation.

28. Sports and Games:

The Games Committee has been very active during the year. Students of AMU have participated and won several laurels, at prestigious Regional, State and National level tournaments. Notable among these include the following:

- AMU Men’s cricket team defeated Delhi University Cricket team in the Final of North Zone Tournament.
- The Badminton team participated in the All India Intervarsity Tournament organized by Dibrugarh University (Assam) from 17th to 25th November 2008 and qualified as finalist for the All India Intervarsity Badminton Tournament. Aman Singh and Prabhat Kumar of AMU participated in the National Badminton tournament as members of UP team.
- Md. Arif Intazaar was selected Captain of the North Zone Vizzy Trophy team.
- Annual Riding Show was organized by the AMU Riding Club on 15th March 2009 in which many female participants and UP Police members also participated.
- Suhail Ahmad and Md. Hasan of AMU Member of Mountaining Club climbed ‘Chandrasheela’ peak in Uttarakhand.
- Imtiaz Ahmed, a member of the AMU cricket team represented UP in Ranji Trophy and finished as runner up.
- Ms. Suboohi Khan of AMU women’s cricket team was selected to represent UP Women’s team. She is the first girl to achieve this feat.
- The AMU Riding team participated in Delhi Horse Show in March 2009 along with five horses. Mr. Fuzail Ahmad secured Bronze medal (III Place) and Mr. Mohd. Anas Roshan secured 6th position in APRC individual Tent Pegging event, competing with professional riders of Army and Para Military teams.
- The AMU Roller skating team participated in XXXI All India Open Roller Skating Championship 2008 held at Mussoorie in October 2008 and secured 1st position in Junior Category & 2nd position in senior category. UP Roller Skating team consisting of nine students of AMU participated in the National Roller Skating Championship 2008 held at Voda Park Vishakhapatnam organized by the Roller Skating Federation of India in January 2008 and secured III position.

The Sports Authority of India has approved a proposal submitted by the Aligarh Muslim University for the laying of Astro-Turf for the Hockey Club of the University at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 crores. The Synthetic Astro-turf Surface, once commissioned, will hopefully provide necessary fillip and improve the standard of hockey at AMU. The University has submitted a proposal for the establishment of the Cricket Academy at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.6 Crores to the BCCI and Secretary of UP Cricket Association.

The university is also actively promoting sports/games activity by expanding the roller-skating ring renovating the swimming pool and by constructing the Clay Courts at Lawn Tennis court.
29. **National Seminar on Minority Education in India: Issues, Access and Equity:**

A two-day National Seminar on “Minority Education in India: Issues of Access, Equity and Inclusion” was organized by the Centre for Promotion of Educational and Cultural Advancement of Muslims of India to take new initiatives to address the vital issue of the educational backwardness of Muslims. About one hundred and fifty delegates from all parts of the country representing 80 Muslim NGOs and educational institutions participated in the deliberations. A galaxy of high profile Muslim leaders and luminaries graced the inaugural session of the seminar. The mission statement approved by the Conference is reproduced below:

**Mission Statement of the Seminar approved on March 8, 2009:**

- “This Seminar calls upon the Muslim Community to focus their energy to convert itself into a totally literate and skilled community with a sizeable portion pursuing higher and professional education to launch itself into the leadership position. The Community should raise itself as a population brimming with self-confidence, character and value-orientation and should be endowed with a vision of National Welfare and development in order to integrate itself with the National Mainstream”.
- “This Seminar calls upon the governments in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Assam wherein live over 55% of India’s Muslims to emulate the policies and schemes from States, such as Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala, to expand the scope of proactive policies to make it inclusive and enable all communities to access higher education (including professional education) in order to ensure equitable share in investments being made in this sector to quicken the pace of economy”.
- “It is desirable to enact a National Legislation on the meaning and implications of Article 30(i) of the Constitution. Such an act should specify the meaning of the terms “minority”, “establishment”, “administration” etc. and provide specific clarification on “minority status”, “the right to appoint Principal and Teachers”, “Admission of Students”, “Institutions of their Choice” etc. This will remove the present need for frequent litigation on every issue related to minority rights”.
- “Based on the latest JPC report on Awkaf, this Seminar calls upon the Muslim Community to launch “A Waqf Movement” thereby getting all Wakf Properties free from encroachment by individuals, NGOs, State Governments & Central Government. The Wakf Properties should be developed in such a fashion as to yield ample financial resources for launching the massive educational projects across the country”.
- “This Seminar calls upon the Muslim Ummah to divert the major portion of their charities towards the development of modern education among Muslims”.
- “This Seminar calls upon the Community leaders to be vigilant about the monitoring of various government schemes more particularly the allocation for minority concentrated districts (MCDs)”.
- “This Seminar appreciates various positive actions taken by the Government towards the Educational development of the Muslims across the Country. This Seminar also welcomes the recommendation of the Knowledge Commission and the initiative shown by the Central Government to eliminate the deficiency of opportunities at the first instance”.

Education should be the principal agenda before the Indian Muslims and I would appeal to the community to observe a “Decade of Education” so that every Muslim can participate in nation building activities in a meaningful manner. AMU would work zealously to create confidence and aspiration in the minds of this marginalized segment of the society.

30. **A New Mission – Need of the Hour:**

Ladies and gentlemen: The dream of transforming the Aligarh Muslim University to a modern world class facility is to be taken up with great vigour and devotion. I thank the teachers, students and non-teaching staff of the University for giving me their affection and trust in the last 2 years. We have been able to create a ‘hope’ that AMU is recovering its lost glory. Relentless effort is needed from
everyone. My focus will be not only on maintaining the academic glory of the University but also to strengthen it by modernizing and expanding its confines with generous cooperation from all concerned. The new generation of students who come to the University expects a new deal. We have positively responded to their needs in many ways. More needs to be done. We are on a sound growth track. Let us together carry it forward.

Ladies and Gentlemen, at this great moment I seek your blessings and undaunted support. Let us all resolve to give our best to this great seat of learning. Let us pledge to work tirelessly so that the light of knowledge illumined by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and his compatriots may shine endlessly with brighter hues.

_May blessings of Allah Subhanahu Tala be with us._

Assalamu Alaikum

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**CITATION**

To confer the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) on Prof. Gopi Chand Narang

It is a moment of exhilaration for us to honour a renowned exponent of Urdu literature, Prof. Gopi Chand Narang who blazed a new trail in literary theories and Indian poetics and has brought many laurels to the nation. Gifted with sharp critical acumen and brilliance, Prof. Narang has won wide acclaim at national and international levels.

Prof. Narang was honoured with the Awards of Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan in 1990 and 2004 respectively for his outstanding contribution to Urdu literature. Prof. Narang also received Sahitya Akademi Award for his seminal works on literary theory and Indian poetics in 1993. He served as President of the Sahitya Academy, India’s National Academy of letters, from 2003 to 2007. As a versatile genius, his writings transcend boundaries and have been a perennial source of enrichment for the human mind and soul.

Mr. Chancellor, Sir, I have great pleasure in presenting to you Prof. Gopi Chand Narang, the renowned Urdu writer, theorist and critic who has been regarded over the years as an authority on Urdu literature. An accomplished litterateur, Prof. Narang has won international recognition for his outstanding contribution to the field of Urdu literature. The awards, fellowships and distinctions conferred upon Prof. Gopi Chand Narang are too numerous to mention. Only a select few are: Prof. Narang was awarded Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship for Residency at Bellagio Study Centre, Italy in summer 1997. He was Visiting Professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA during 1963-65 and 1968-70 and Visiting Professor, Department of East European and Oriental Studies, University of Oslo, Norway in 1997. He received Mazzini Gold Medal from the Government of Italy in 2005, and Amir Khusrau Award (AKSA-Chicago) in 1987. Prof. Narang delivered a series of lectures on different aspects of Indian literature and culture at several Universities across the world. He was Fellow of Royal Asiatic Society, London, UK during 1963-1972. Prof. Narang’s book on Readings in Literary Urdu Prose published by the University of Wisconsin Press is used at many Universities in UK, USA, Germany, Norway, Japan and
Turkey as teaching material. His services to language and literature is acknowledged in the Dictionary of International Biography, Cambridge, UK. In 1977, he was awarded the National Gold Medal of Pakistan for his illuminating work on Allama Iqbal. Prof. Narang’s impeccable achievement in the field of literature makes him India’s Cultural and Literary Ambassador.

Prof. Narang always raised his voice against parochialism, religious fanaticism and social injustice. He has firmly maintained all along that Urdu has been the conduit language of inter-faith harmony and has served as a bridge between Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims for centuries. He considers Urdu as one of the finest products of our composite literature. He laments that the politicization of Urdu, especially the Urdu card played by politicians has thwarted its growth.

Professor Narang has published more than 60 widely acclaimed books covering amazingly broad literary ground in Hindi, Urdu and English. From literary criticism to poetics, his flexible pen slides from one topic to another with equal grace and felicity, inexhaustible in its intellectual nuances and subtleties.

In recognition of Prof. Narang’s outstanding contribution to the advancement of learning and scholarship in general, his meritorious service to the cause of Urdu in particular, and literature in general, and to scientific research as an instrument of human dignity, May I request you Mr. Chancellor, Sir, to confer upon Prof. Gopi Chand Narang the Degree of Literature, Honoris Causa, of the Aligarh Muslim University.

**CITATION**

To confer the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) on Mr. A. R. Rahman

Mr. Allah Rakha Rahman is a person of exceptional creative dexterity and passionate ecstasy. His exclusive genre of rhythm radiates the cultural and aesthetic sensibility of both the Western and Indian music, laced with the distinct sense of eastern spiritualism which is commonly identified as a unique fusion of musical vibrancy. Mr. Rahman is widely acclaimed as a symbol of our composite culture, steering the nation to new heights, as every Indian feels proud of this exceptionally gifted man in the field of music, who has endeared himself to millions across the globe with his musical eloquence.

The genre articulated by Mr. Rahman in his illustrious career judiciously blends popular music with traditional music. With his exceptional grasp over musical psychology, Mr. Rahman loves to explore all aspects of music and fine arts applying different methods of presentation with awe-inspiring dexterity. He has mesmerized music lovers across the world in general and the Indian masses in particular.

Mr. Chancellor, Sir, I have great pleasure in presenting before you Mr. A. R. Rahman, the great exponent of music, director, singer and programmer. Born on 6th January 1966 in Chennai, Mr. Rahman rose to fame with his luminous music composition for the Tamil film, ‘Roja’, which won him the National Award for the Best Music Director in 1992. His association with Ilaiyaranja troupe in his childhood enabled him to master the ideal combination of music and technology. He composed music jingles for advertisement and Indian Television channels in the initial stage of his career. This maestro of music earned the Scholarship of Trinity College of Music, London where he graduated with a Degree in Modern Classic Music.

Mr. A. R. Rahman is a pioneer in introducing a different kind of music in Indian films that has a creative blend of classical, folk, jazz, reggae, soft rock and other genres that are popular the world over. For his awe-inspiring creative brilliance Mr. Rahman is often referred to as the Mozart of Madras and John Williams of Indian Cinema by his fans in India and abroad. Several Tamil commentators have phrased the ‘Music Storm, as a nickname for him. An accomplished exponent of Carnatic and Western Classical music, Mr. Rahman experimented with the fusion of traditional instruments with new electronic sound technology, which underscores his constant and consistent quest for excellence. Mr. Rahman is one of the most innovative music composers with a unique style and immense success. Today, ‘Jai Ho’ is on the lips of the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the urban
and the rural Indian, cutting across all the barriers and boundaries, worldwide. Notwithstanding his worldwide fame in the prime of his youth, Mr. Rahman maintains enviable simplicity, austerity and humility completely in consonance with the Indian ethos. Mr. Rahman is a role model for the young men and women and will continue to be so for the years to come.

Mr. Rahman has been recipient of Mauritius National Award and Malaysian Award in 1995. Apart from winning several prestigious Film Fare Awards at regional and national levels, he bagged the National Film Award four times. For his outstanding contribution in the field of music, the Government of India honoured him by bestowing upon him Padma Shri in 2000. In 2009, Mr. Rahman won the Critic’s Choice Award for the Best Film Music for his score and Best Original Song for the Oscars. The Time Magazine has mentioned Mr. Rahman as one of the “World’s 100 most Influential People” in 2009.

Aligarh Muslim University has been committed all along to the promotion of artistic creativity and idealism through education, providing ambience conducive to its students to sharpen their potential creativity. In recognition of the substantial contribution to the field of Music, Mr. Chancellor, Sir, I request you to confer upon Mr. A. R. Rahman, the Degree of Doctorate of Literature, Honoris Causa, of the Aligarh Muslim University.

Culture as a survival kit

SHAFEY KIDWAI

The post modern world has knocked down many popular beliefs: Man is no longer identified as a talking creature or a social animal. He is now predominantly perceived as a cultural being. With the gradual withering of many emancipator ideologies the falling-off of meta narratives and apartment failure of modernism on all counts, including propagation of liberal values and the enlightenment project culture has emerged as the most vibrant trans-individual mental structure. It draws its sustenance from local aspirations and cultural ethos that provide the beleaguered modern man with a much needed survival kit.

Culture as a survival kit strives to decipher the miasma of the all pervasive concept of globalization. Culture has given birth to the concept of glocalization (global plus local) that is vigorously pursued by literature and fine arts. The rise and popularity of various indigenous forms bears eloquent testimony to the fact.

In post modern society, neither consumerism nor mass media, especially visual and interactive media, provides people with a cultural identity. Hence, literature is considered as the most reliable and identifiable sign of collective and individual sensibility. Literary criticism now zeroes in on cultural traces and signs that constitute a piece of art. In line with the new canon of appraisal of literature, Professor Gopi Chand Narang, a prominent theorist and literary critic and former president of the Sahitya Akademi, has helped Urdu Criticism, which is prone to an avoidance of theory, get away with the study of rhetorical devices and syntactic structure that produce literariness.

His recent book “Poetics of Fiction: Formation and criticism”, carrying the fruits of a focused critical acumen and a deep understanding of what constitutes cultural space, proffers a perceptive discussion on how fiction readjusts innate human impulses. A close and perceptive textual study of prominent fiction writers such as Manto, Rajendra Singh Bedi, Intizar Husain, Balwant Singh, Krishan Chander, Gulzar, Anjum Usmani, Sajid Rasheed and Jabir Husain makes it clear that ideology, philosophy, history, aesthetics, and linguistics constitute the cultural space from which a piece of literature draw its breath. For Narang, cultural conventions invest the text with true-to-life depiction that enthralls the reader, cutting across the time and space barrier.

Contrary to the widely accepted concept of originality of the writer, Narang points out that the writer’s mind is firmly rooted in history and culture, and whatever he produce draws heavily from previous texts. He cogently delineates that culture is not an oppressive theological and monocromatic concept, but subsumes different and divergent point of view, attitudes and ideological aspirations. In other words, a cultural system gives birth to a text, and the text produces various tissues of culture that fire human imagination.

The author also deconstructs several well-known short stories of Prem Chand, Manto and Bedi. As a self-collapsing entity, the text hardly sticks to a centre and subverts many popular beliefs. Referring to Prem
Chand’s popular short story “The Shroud”, Narang asserts that the title of the story turns attention to binary apposition that surfaces in almost all human experience. ‘The Shroud’ does not refer to that which covers the body of the protagonist Budhiya, but calls attention to the fact that her womb that provides nourishment to the offspring became the shroud of her unborn child.

Gulzar, Narang conveniently demonstrates how local or petit establishes itself against the dominant discourse. Dr. Maula Baksh in his highly incisive and perceptive book, “Modern Literary Theory And Gopi Chand Narang” has pointed out that Narang puts a premium on theory, to put the kibosh upon dogma.

According to Narang, literature is always identified by nativity. Professor Narang has written three unique books: “Urdu Ghazal and Indian Mind and Culture”, “Urdu Masnavvis” – derived from Indian stories and Indian Freedom Struggle – and “Urdu Poetry” break new ground in cultural studies. Baksh rightly asserts that we need culture as we cannot survive without it, and Narang’s writings, thanks to his keen critical insight and profound scholarship, make it quite clear. The publication of his latest book coincides with the conferment of an honorary doctorate upon Professor Narang by Aligarh Muslim University.

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The man of the moment

SHAFEY KIDWAI

As he becomes an honorary doctor, A.R. Rahman shares his prescription for success.

‘Jai Ho’ will only turn into a reality when slums get a facelift.

Doctor of MELODY! A.R. Rahman in the academic robe at Aligarh Muslim University.

It looks incredible. A creative juxtaposition of classical, pop and devotional music with passionate ecstasy becomes natty ‘third stream’. Soon, it turns donnish and puts philologists and academics into a trance that fetches its exponent a degree of doctor of literature (Honoris Causa) and a vernacular phrase ‘Jai Ho’ popularised by him finds its way in the standard English Dictionary. This is what the reigning king of Indian music A.R. Rahman has achieved recently. The Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has conferred D.Lit on him and he has become the youngest recipient of the highest academic award of the University.

The cultural icon of the new generation conversed freely with students and the media after the 59th Convocation of AMU. “I make it a point to set common man’s feeling to music, and music is the abode of the ultimate creator. ‘Jai Ho’ radiates the cultural, social and aesthetic sensibility of Indians and that is why it fetched me the Oscars. It is a testament of the developing India,” said Rahman.

He maintained that if the term ‘Jai Ho’ becomes the millionth word of English dictionary, it will be an unprecedented victory of Indians. Replying to a question related to the use of ‘Jai Ho’ by the ruling United Progressive Alliance during the recent elections, Rahman urged the Central Government to take immediate steps to mitigate the suffering of the common man. “‘Jai Ho’ will only turn into a reality when slums get a facelift and at least basic facilities are made available there,” he said, urging politicians to practice the politics of unity.

Dressed in a stylish black kurta and a pair of denims, Rahman heaped praise on the academic robe which he wore while receiving the honorary degree and requested the University to donate it to him, the Vice Chancellor K. Abdul Azis readily agreed. Regarding the restructuring of AMU’s Tarana, (the university anthem), he said he will consider giving it a retouch.

Endless quest

For Rahman the quest is endless and he urged young people to cooperate with him in building a strong and harmonious India and world. “Indian music lies in my heart and I make frequent use of classical, Tamil,
Hindi, Punjabi and Sufi music that defies categorisation. Neither is it Northern nor Southern, essentially it is Indian,” he pointed out. In reply to a question about his plans or what were his dreams after Oscar, Rahman said that he has set up “a music school in Chennai which is imparting hands-on training to music lovers. The school gets the recognition world over, it is my cherished desire.”

On the popularity of remix, he pointed out that every piece of art — that includes music too — refers to previous renderings. “That is the main reason of remixing the old numbers. It provides the young generation an opportunity to acquaint themselves with old songs and old music.” He urged people to make it point to sit alone for sometime for self-introspection. “It is essential to keep one’s creative sensibility alive.” Going down memory lane, Rahman said his father exemplified loyalty and endurance, and bequeathed his life-long love of music to him. “While my mother endowed me the ambition in me and gave me the courage to believe in my own ability, to make my dreams happen, my wife gives me the energy and encouragement that I need to be creative and to remain forever imaginative to think success.” The songs from Naushad’s “Mughal-e-Azam” are his all-time favourite and he admires Michael Jackson and Vishal-Shekhar. Somebody, who gave the national song “Vande Matram” a youthful appeal, Rahman refuted the perception that the song has communal overtones. “For me ‘Vande Matram’ symbolises Hindu, Muslim, Sikh and Christian unity. Art can never be communal. Indian tradition and philosophy have always given me direction in life and it is only with these values, motivation and the people’s support that success has been realised, nationally and now internationally.”

Rahman said that he wanted to use his success for the benefit of all. “I exactly aim at it. I choose to work for the service of man and for the sacred relationship between man and man and in music. I strive to find a transcendental language that all can understand that can bring all together.” Pious thoughts from a devout man!

(Curtsey - The Hindu)

Speech
By
Prof. Gopi Chand Narang

Honorable Chancellor Justice A. M. Ahmadi, Chief Guest
Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. P. K.
Abdul Azis, Respected Deans, distinguished faculty and my
dear students!

I do not know how I should thank you all on this
memorable occasion. Aligarh Muslim University is not merely
an institution or a University; rather it is the shining chapter of
the history of Urdu language and literature and the candid
testament of the dreams of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. It is a great
honour for me to receive this award although you have already given this award to a number of renowned
personalities such as Iqbal, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Radha Krishnan, Homi Bhabha, Tarachand, Abdul
Haque, Professor Abdus Salam, Sarojini Naidu, Jigar Moradabadi, Abdul Majid Daryabadi, Rasheed Ahmad
Siddiqui and Ali Sardar Jafri. I hardly match them. I am a humble servant of the language which is undoubtedly a great language of not only India but also of the whole South Asian region. This is a great honour for me to serve this language and nothing would be I do not know how I should thank you all on this memorable occasion. Aligarh Muslim University is not merely an institution or a University; rather it is the shining chapter of the history of Urdu language and literature and the candid testament of the dreams of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. It is a great honour for me to receive this award although you have already given this award to a number of renowned personalities such as Iqbal, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Radha Krishnan, Homi Bhabha, Tarachand, Abdul Haque, Professor Abdus Salam, Sarojini Naidu, Jigar Moradabadi, Abdul Majid Daryabadi, Rasheed Ahmad Siddiqui and Ali Sardar Jafri. I hardly match them. I am a humble servant of the language which is undoubtedly a great language of not only India but also of the whole South Asian region. This is a great honour for me to serve this language and nothing would be parallel to the honour of serving this language. The honour the Aligarh Muslim University is bestowing on me is the greatest honour for me and I grope for the exact way to express my gratitude to the Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis and other functionaries of this University.

My relationship with Urdu is shrouded in a mystery. I was not born in Urdu speaking family but the love for Urdu engulfed me completely and it became a part of my self. If I bear any identity, it is Urdu. I often say that my literary journey resembles with the journey of love and love is the path of the self effacement. It means that one hardly takes anything from love but he gives only. To consider Urdu merely a language and limit it to the VIII schedule of the Indian Constitution amounts to gross injustice to Urdu. To me Urdu is not only a language but is a way of life, a way of thinking and a way of living. It bears truth of our more than one thousand years’ composite culture that has shaped our identity which is the distinctive feature of our being. Our cultural heritage draws its sustenance from Amir Khusro, Nanak and Nizamuddin and our literary heritage glitters with the exemplary works of Mir, Ghalib, Iqbal, Faiz, Firaq, Prem Chand and Qurratul Ain Haider. Let me say that if the Taj Mahal is supreme among all our buildings, similarly Urdu is most shining example of the languages of India. If any language can be called as the Taj Mahal of all languages considering the aesthetic beauty and sublimity, it is undoubtedly Urdu.

Urdu is the language of many faiths and plurality. Ideologically I denounce all kinds of exclusivity and dogma and owed it to the openness of Urdu. Ghalib said:

_Hai Paray Sarhad-e-Idrak se Apna Masjood_

_Qible ko Ahle Nazar Qibla Numा Kahte Hain_

Ghalib revolted against the tyranny of meaning and raised doubts over all prevalent concepts. Einstein said that the world is not what it appears. Similarly Gandhiji said that the game of the power is not what we see. Power does not lie in violence. After Gandhiji and Einstein the world is not as it used to be. Similarly it is not so as it has been before Marx. The literary concepts are also not the same as they were before Saussure, Husserl, Heidegger, Derrida and Foucault. Globalization must be on the terms of local and one’s own cultural ethos. The very openness of Urdu also demands the same though it may remain invisible. The tyranny of
meaning is a kind of social injustice. The whetstone is meant for sharpening, not cutting anything. The liberty of thought does not imply to support the tyranny of meaning but it is supposed to sharpen the process of thought, for it is the only way to true love for humanity and peace. If my life is to be recognized with anything it is this unending pursuit:

Raaz-e-Hayat Poochh Le Khizr-e-Khajista Gaam Se, Zinda Har Ek Cheez Hai  Koshish-e-Natamaam Se

Acceptance Speech
by
Mr. A. R. Rahman

Honorable Chancellor Justice A. M. Ahmadi, Chief Guest Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. P. K. Abdul Azis, Respected Deans, distinguished and my dear students!

Jahan Waale Is Dar Se Kamyab Ho Kar Nikalte Hain
Yeh Who Dar Hai Jahan Se Ilm ke Chashmein Ubalte Hain

Aligarh Muslim University is a renowned centre of learning; and Isincerely thank you for this honour.

I am humbled and appreciative to have honorary D. Lit. conferred upon me by a university that is not only one of the oldest universities in India, started by the eminent Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in 1875, but which also has, as a part of its scholarly community, some of the most prestigious members-A P J Abdul Kalam, Zakir Hussain, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Maulana Mohd. Ali Jauhar and Raja Rao, just to name a few. It is indeed an honour to be considered as a part of the community and to stand proudly alongside those who have been honoured by this great seat of learning before me.

In accepting this D. Lit., I pay tribute to the university that has been acclaimed both nationally and internationally as a champion of Equality and Diversity within academia-something that is especially close to my heart, has become an increasing focus in my own life over this past year; a long-time dream of mine was finally realized last August, when I opened my own school, KM Music Conservatory, a school of Western music and technology, where I hope to encourage students to share my vision of creating a multi-heritage and multicultural society; I set high standards for those interested in pursuing music as a viable and beneficial profession, and hope that this will also help to restore the confidence in the general public as to the value of music education and its related technology. With Aligarh Muslim University, I share a vision that embraces
diversity and acknowledge the benefits that each person can bring to the progressive development of our world.

Indian tradition and philosophy have always given me direction in life, and it is only with these values, motivations, and the people who support me that my success has been realized, both nationally, and now after the 2009 Oscar, Bafta and Golden Globe Awards, internationally. My father exemplified loyalty and endurance, and bequeathed me my life-long love of music; my mother endowed upon me ambition and gave me the courage to believe in my own ability; to make my dreams happen; and, finally, everyday, my wife gives me the energy and the encouragement that I need to be creative and to remain forever imaginative-to think “success”, and, further, to use that success for the benefit of all by creating opportunities for learning and for employment that transcendent language that all can understand that can bring all together–a language that awakens in each of us an awareness that all energy is spiritual energy, and that the fate of one is linked to the fate of all. Nelson Mandela once said:

“Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms”.

The quest is endless, and it is in this spirit that I urge young people to continue learning and to participate with me in building a strong, harmonious India and world. On this hopeful note, I would like to conclude and thank you once again for this honor, privilege, and wonderful opportunity.

**Orientation Workshop held at RHTC, Jawan.**

Keeping in mind the epidemics season of diarrhea diseases and malaria, an “Orientation Workshop for private and Traditional Health Practitioners of Rural Areas of Aligarh” was organized at Rural Health Training Center (RHTC), Jawan under Department of Community Medicine, J.N. Medical College. Prof. Zulfiqar Khan, Programme Coordinator welcomed the guests and participants. She discussed the aims and objectives of this orientation Workshop. Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal & Chief Medical Superintendent, J.N. Medical College appreciated the efforts of Department of Community Medicine for rendering health services to the poor people. Prof. Abu Qamar Siddiqui, Dean Faculty of Medicine has highlighted the importance of such type of training workshop in providing the health services to the community. Dr. S. Manazir Ali, Chairman Department of Pediatrics answered the queries of private practitioners regarding management of diarrhea, cholera and typhoid. Dr. Iqbal M. Khan, Organizing Secretary presented vote of thanks.

Prof. Abu Qamar Siddiqui, Dean Faculty of Medicine and Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal & Chief Medical Superintendent, J.N. Medical College also released a book entitled “Disaster Management- A Public Health Emergency”. This book has been written by Dr. M Athar Ansari, Reader in the Department of Community Medicine, J.N. Medical College. They congratulated the author for bringing out the book and hoped that in the current scenario, the book will provide a compact account of various aspects of Disaster Management to health professionals and students.

Dr. Abdul Razzaque Siddiqui, Dr. Suboohi Afzal, Dr. Aneas Ahmad, Dr. M. Salman Shah, Dr. S. Hasan Nawaz, Dr. Sakeena Mushfiq, Dr. Sumeet Dixit Discussed various aspects of prevention and control of these epidemic diseases. The interns posted at R.H.T.C. also organized a poster exhibition on these diseases. Mr. Salman Khalil and Dr. S. Ziaur Rahman also attended the workshop.
Special meeting of Executive council held

At the emergent special meeting the Executive Council of the Aligarh Muslim University today approved the draft representation by majority votes. Thirteen members supported the resolution and 8 members dissented.

Presided over by the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, the meeting was held to consider and approve the draft representation of the University in response to the notice served by the visitor under section 13 of the AMU Act 1920.

It was also decided to permit the members of the Executive Council to offer suggestion if any, before 4 p.m. on May 4, 2009 regarding the draft representation prepared by the University for onward transmission to the Visitor through the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.

Earlier AMU had received a notice from the Hon’ble Visitor expressing her desire to cause an inquiry to ascertain certain facts in regard to the situation prevalent in the University including certain allegations against the Vice Chancellor as also the counter allegation by some members of the Executive Council.

The Ministry has asked the University to make the representation in regard to its notice duly approved by Executive Council by 5th of May so that same could be forwarded to the Visitor.

The University representation includes factual position as per University records on each point raised in the petition. The representation indicates that there are no financial and administrative lapses whatsoever.

Toppers of SSSC-II examination, AMU

Miss Farah Azhar secured first position with 93% in senior Secondary School Certificate Part II (Class XII) Examination of the Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

Mr. Mohammad Luqman secured second position with 90.5% while Rishabh Kumar secured third position with 89.5% marks in class XII. The result of Senior Secondary School Certificate Part II has been declared today by the Controller of Examinations.

JNMCH inaugurates Neurophysiology lab

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University inaugurating the Neuro-physiology Lab in department of physiology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College said that the Department of Physiology has created another milestone by establishing the Neuro-physiology Lab. Prof. Azis said that this was a good beginning and it contributes to the development process initiated in the University in general and J N Medical College in particular. He admired the faculty to focus on their job and deliver their best disregarding the political upheavals in the University.

Prof. D. K. Agarwal, Chairman, Department of physiology appraised the audience about the Department. Prof. Agarwal said that the lab will be useful for the patients of Neuro-muscular disorders, lesions of spinal cords and nerves etc.

Prof. Abu Qamar Siddiqui, Dean, faculty of Medicine and Chief Guest while praising the efforts of the Chairman of the Department, Prof. D. K. Agarwal said that under his leadership the Department of physiology has seen a tremendous developmental spurt as two major events have been organized in a short span of two months. He said that the department has earlier organized the inaugural function of the preview of new medical journals, “The Global Journal of Applied Physiology and Allied Sciences”. The first issue of the journal is scheduled to come out on October 17, 2009. Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, J. N. Medical College and Chief Medical Superintendent initiating the vote of thanks urged the faculty and staff of the Medical College to work hard and contribute their best in order to realize the goal of academic rejuvenation of the University as envisaged by the Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.
A number of faculty members including Prof. M. U. Rabbani, Prof. Abrar Hasan, Prof. Shamim Jahan Rizvi, Prof. Khalid Sherwani, Prof. Shahid Siddiqui, Prof. Haroon S. Khan, Prof. Kamlesh and faculty members from other departments were present on the occasion.

**JNMCH selected for project trial**

The Department of Community Medicine, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has been given a project for conducting clinical trial entitled “Evaluation of Immunogenicity and Safety of Rabies Vaccine in Human (Cell Culture) I.P.” by Bio-Med (P). Ltd., Ghaziabad.

Three medical colleges in India have been selected for this project trial. In this trial, healthy volunteers will be identified and will be given rabies vaccine followed by serological testing of blood samples to ascertain the immunogenicity and safety of the under trial vaccine. If the vaccine is found effective in the trial, it will be made available in the market.

Dr. Zulfia Khan is the Principal Investigator and Dr. Najam Khalique, Chairman, Department of Community Medicine is the Co-investigator in the project. Dr. Abdul Razzaque Siddiqui, Senior Lecturer and Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Reader are also included in the project as Project Supervisors.

**JNMC observes World Hepatitis Day**

India is observing the World Hepatitis Day for the first time. At a function held at the Department of Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Prof. Ajmal said that there are about 350 million cases of chronic hepatitis in the world and the annual death rate on account of this disease has crossed the one million figure. Prof. Ajmal said that a chain of awareness programmes is organized throughout the world and participating in the drive, Jawaharlal Nehru medical College has also initiated an awareness programme by distributing T-shirts with a slogan printed on it “Am I Number 12” an indicative towards the fact that every 12th person in the world is suffering from Hepatitis B or C.

Prof. Ajmal said that Jaundice caused by benign infection of Hepatitis virus A or E is self-limiting but the jaundice or Hepatitis caused by Hepatitis B or C requires special attention. The acute infection causes hepatitis upto 90% in new born, 35-45% in infants and 5% in adult.

Prof. Ajmal said that the disease can be prevented and is curable. He said that a proper Hepatitis B vaccination and regular screening of blood and blood products are the basic preventive measures. However, by observing aseptic conditions during surgery, delivery of babies and pathological investigations and at the barbers’ shop or at the time of ear and nose piercing, the chances of Hepatitis B or C can be minimized. Prof. Ajmal said that the dreadful disease is fully curable and the medicines are available in the market for every economic group.

**AMU holds B. Tech/ B. Arch entrance test at new centres**

The Combined Admission Test for admission to B.Tech./B.Arch for the Aligarh Muslim University was conducted in a peaceful manner at 27 centers here today at AMU. More than twelve thousand five hundred candidates appeared for engineering entrance test.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Controller of Exams, Professor Mohd. Irfan and the University Registrar, Professor V.K. Abdul Jaleel visited most of the test Centers. Elaborate security arrangements were made outside the campus to conduct the Test.

AMU had also deputed a large number of retired Professors as observers. The University authorities also provided the accommodation to the outside candidates and their parents at the University premises. Special help camps were also organized by the National Service Scheme (NSS) of the University at Railway Station and other important places to provide proper guidance to the candidates. The civil administration also provided all assistance to conduct the test in a transparent manner.
For the first time in its history, Aligarh Muslim University today conducted its entrance test at Lucknow and Hyderabad. Admission tests were also conducted at Bhopal, Kolkata and Kozhikode.

**Lifetime achievement award for Prof. Athar Siddiqui**

The Helminthological Society of India, Lucknow awarded Dr. B.S. Chouhan Gold Medal to Professor Athar Siddiqui, former Chairman, Department of Zoology and Dean, Faculty of Life Science, Aligarh Muslim University for his lifetime achievement in the field of Helminthology.

Professor Siddiqui has contributed to the field of Helminthology not only in India but also abroad at University of Ife, Nigeria (1965-68), Purdue University, USA (1956-57) and University of Al-Fateh (1978-80), Libya.

Professor Siddiqui has attended and chaired several international conferences including 1st Commonwealth Helminthological Conference and International Congress of Parasitology.

His research work has been cited in more than 37 books and monographs. Professor Athar Siddiqui has authored a monograph on trematode parasites, one book and has published more than 90 research papers.

**UGC Academic Staff College gets new books**

Regional English Language Office, American Centre, US Embassy, New Delhi has donated a large number of highly valuable books on English Language teaching to the Aligarh Muslim University. In its recent communication to Professor A. R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, Mr. Richard A. Boyum, Director RELO has stated, “It has been a pleasure working with your organization for the past four years. To strengthen this partnership we are sending you a set of books for the professional development of your staff”.

Under the dynamic leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Professor P. K. Abdul Azis the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh has signed Memorandum of Understanding with American Centre. As part of this agreement, American Centre has sponsored the Access English Language Proficiency Programme for 100 socially underprivileged School students of AMU. This programme has been underway for the last two years. The acquisition of these valuable books will strengthen study programmes at Department of English and UGC Academic Staff College of the University.

**AMU-MBBS/ BDS entrance test held at new centres**

For the first time in its history, Aligarh Muslim University today held its entrance test for the admission to MBBS/BDS at Lucknow and Hyderabad besides Kolkata, Bhopal, Kozhikode and Aligarh.

More than twenty one thousand candidates appeared for this prestigious course in all the centers. The admission test was conducted in a peaceful manner at thirteen test centers at Aligarh, where over nine thousand candidates appeared.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Controller of Exams, Professor Mohammad Irfan and the University Registrar, Professor V.K. Abdul Jaleel visited most of the test centers. Elaborate security arrangements were made outside the campus to conduct the test.

The University authorities also provided the accommodation facilities to the candidates and their parents for stay at the University premises. Special help camps were also organized by the NSS of the University at Railway Station and other important places to provide guidance to the candidates.

Retired Professors and senior most serving Professors of the University were deputed as observer to various test centers. Some prominent were Professor Irfan Habib, Professor Emeritus and noted historian and Emeritus Professor Farhatullah Khan, historian Professor Sheerin Mousavi, eminent scientist, Professor Wazahat Husain and Professor Abu Qamar Siddiqui, Dean, Faculty of Medicine.
AMUTA election results declared

Professor Mukhtar Ahmad of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Mr. Jamshed Siddiqui of the Department of Computer Science were declared elected as president and Hony. Secretary of the AMU Teacher’s Association respectively.

The results were declared by Professor Naeem Ahmad Khan, Chief Election Officer. Dr. S. Noorul Hasan of the University Polytechnic was declared elected as joint Secretary. Three members of the Executive Committee were also elected unopposed. These are Mr. Iqbal Ahamad (Ilmul Advia). Mohd Asif (Univesity Polytechnic)and Mr. Waseem Raja of the Department of History.

Dr. Kalimuddin Ahmad gets DAAD Scholarship, Germany

Dr. Kalimuddin Ahmad, Reader, Department of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University has been sanctioned the prestigious DAAD Scholarship of Germany to carry out resource project at the Institute of Technical and Business Mathematics, Kaiserslautern, Germany for two months from May 16 to July 15, 2009. The Institute of Technical and Business Mathematics, Kaiserslautern is considered one of the best institutes of the world carrying researches in the field of mathematics where scholars work for resolving the practical problems faced by the industrial houses the world over.

DAAD, as called German Academic excahnge Service in English, provides Scholarship/ fellowship to academicians under the scientific exchange programme. Dr. Kalimuddin is hopeful of getting an opportunity to work with the best people in the field of mathematical research which will consequently help in introducing new domain of research for the students of research at home.

Dr. Kalimuddin Ahmad has been teaching at the Department of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University for last thirteen years and he has received several prestigious awards and fellowship during his career. He is also a fellow of DAAD.

Dr. Khan bags IEI Young Engineering Award 2009-2010

Dr. Abid Ali Khan, Lecturer, Department of Mechanical Engineering, AMU has been awarded with “IEI Young Engineering Award 2009-2010” in production Engineering Disipline by The Dr. Abid Ali Khan, Lecturer, Department of Mechanical Engineering, AMU has been awarded with “IEI Young Engineering Award 2009-2010” in production Engineering Disipline by The Institution of Engineers, Trichur. Dr. Khan received the award in the 24th National Convention of Production Engineers held at Trichur.

Dr. Abid Ali has received European Union Scholarship besides getting through the GATT examination. He has represented this department in several conference and more than thirty three research papers have been published in journals of high repute.

World Breastfeeding Day

The Department of Community Medicine celebrated the World Breastfeeding Week-from 1st August to 7th August, 2009.

A week long programme was conducted at all the Centres of the Department viz. Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC), Jawan and Urban Health Training Centre (UHTC) & Health Clinics. Activities during the week included Focused Group Discussions with pregnant and lactating mothers from the registered families, exhibition of posters, health education and awareness activities, quiz programme, art competition etc.
The main objective of the programme was to sensitize mothers and their family members about the importance and advantages of breastfeeding to the baby as well as mothers. Emphasis was given on giving colostrums and exclusive breastfeeding.

Prof. Zulfia Khan, Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Dr. Iqbal M. Khan and Dr. Suboohi Afzal organized these events at RHTC and UHTC respectively. Dr. M. Salamn Shah, Dr. M. Asif Khan and Dr. Sakeena Mushfiq also helped organize the colourful events at two centres.

The postgraduate students, interns, undergraduate students, medico-social workers and registered families from UHTC and RHTC participated in the programme.

UGC Academic Staff College, AMU organizes Refresher Course in Computer Application

Eminent English scholar, former Chairman, Department of English and Professor Emeritus Prof. F.U. Khan has urged the teachers to walk in a sustained manner for their professional development and for academic excellence on the campus. Prof. F.U. Khan was addressing the concluding session of the Subject Refresher Course in Computer Application organized by the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University.

Teachers from 57 Universities and colleges from all over the country attended the 19 day course which commenced on May 11, 2009. The Refresher Course was jointly coordinated by Prof. Maheshwari, Chairman and Dr. Suhail Mustajab, Department of Computer Science.

Dr. A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College while speaking on the occasion appealed to the participants to take up the ideas of social justice, communal harmony and peaceful co-existence. Dr. Farrukh Jamal, Department of Biochemistry, R.M.L. Avadh University, Faizabad and Dr. Archana Verma, Department of Business Administration, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi also expressed their views on the occasion.

Prof. Maheshwari gave away prizes to the participants of essay writing competition on National Integration and Prof. F.U. Khan distributed certificates of participation to the teachers.

British Universities invite Prof. A. R. Kidwai

Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College has been invited by the British Universities namely, University College, University of London, Byron Centre, University of Nottingham and Department of English, University of Leicester for academic pursuits.

During his stay in the UK this summer (June-July 2009) Professor Kidwai will interact with the faculty in these institutions in order to explore avenues of collaboration and advance research in the fields of Higher Education, innovative teaching, professionalization of teachers and internationalization of Higher Education and English Literary Studies. Byron Centre, University of Nottingham has expressed interest in Professor Kidwai’s latest forthcoming reference book “Companion to Literary Orientalism” which charts out the main contours of Literary Orientalism in the history of English Literature. This compendium, to be published in June 2009 by Viva Books, New Delhi, familiarizes readers with the genesis, evolution and current status of Literary Orientalism and identifies the thrust areas of recent studies. It stands out as a major contribution to Marginal/Minority study and the discourse on representation and cross-cultural interaction. Professor Kidwai is a Visiting Professor at the Department of English, University of Leicester, UK. He has to his credit several books and papers in the areas of his special interest.
US Calling

Danish Akhtar, a student of AMU City High School has been selected for academic trip to the US in July-August 2009 as part of the US Embassy Access Programme.

Danish 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. Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College has complimented Danish on this accomplishment and expressed his hope that such academic exchange programmes will contribute to academic excellence on the AMU campus.

Dr. Abdul Malik joins International Collaborative Research Project

Dr. Abdul Malik, Chairman, Department of Agricultural Microbiology, Aligarh Muslim University has been sanctioned a joint International Collaborative research project entitled “Molecular screening, isolation and characterization of conjugative plasmids from contaminated soils” with Dr. Elisabeth Grohmann, Technical University Berlin, Germany under DST-DAAD (Germany) Academic exchange programme. Under the above programme Prof. Malik visited Department of Umweltmikrobiologie, Technical University, Berlin, Germany and also delivered a lecture at Umweltmikrobiologie, TU-Berlin, Germany on Detection of conjugative plasmids and antibiotic resistance genes in contaminated soils of India and Germany and genotoxicity of wastewaters and soil.

Technical University, Berlin is considered as one of the best Universities in the world carrying research in various fields; Department of Environmental Microbiology and Department of Ecotoxicology of TU-Berlin are the best departments where scholar work on wastewater and contaminated soils for the Molecular detection of conjugative plasmids and antibiotic resistance genes and genotoxicity of waste and soil.

Dr. Malik has been teaching at the Department of Agricultural Microbiology, Aligarh Muslim University for last Fourteen years and he has received several prestigious awards and fellowships including BOYSCAST, Young Scientist project of DST twice during his career. He has received research grants from several funding agencies of Government of India such as DST, CSIR, UGC as Principal investigator.

1st Asian selected as Erasmus Mundus Scholar

Prof. Wasim Ahmad of the Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University has been selected as ERASMUS MUNDUS SCHOLAR to carry out research and teaching assignment with Erasmus Mundus Masters course “European Master of Science in Nematology” funded by European Union. The European Master of Science in Nematology is a very prestigious programme jointly organized by University of Gent, Belgium; Universitat Bielefeld, Germany; Universidad de Jaen, Spain and Universidade de Evora, Portugal. In additional to European faculty, during each Academic session one scholar is invited from outside Europe for a three months period to give lectures and supervise the dissertation work of the students. It is an honor for Prof. Ahmad and also to Aligarh Muslim University that he has been invited as an Erasmus Mundus Scholar for their 2009-2011 programme. He is the first Indian or rather the first Asian to have been selected for this prestigious assignment.

JNMCH Carries Successful trial of radiofrequency machine

The doctors at Pain Clinic OPD of the Department of Anaesthesiology, J. N. Medical College Hospital carried out the successful trial of radiofrequency lesioning of facet joints for patients suffering from back pain. This trial was made by the radiofrequency machine brought by Mr. Naveen from the Advanced Neurostimulation System (ANS), New Delhi. The radiofrequency system is the most advanced system for the management of different painful conditions. This is a totally non pharmacological system where the patient is managed with minimum or no drugs. This technique proved to be the most reliable and safe for
patients suffering from low back pain since the patient require minimum amount of medication for pain relief after radiofrequency application. Hence this technique is cost effective for the patients as well.

On this occasion Principal and Chief medical superintendent J. N. Medical College Hospital, Prof. Ashraf Mallik congratulated the Chairman, Department of Anaesthesiology Prof. M. M. H. Siddiqi, Prof. S. Bano, Consultant in Pain Clinic Dr. Hammad Usmani and all faculty members of the Department for their efforts and expressed his whole hearted support to procure the machine at the earliest for the benefit of patients.

The one day trail was conducted by Dr. Hammad Usmani and his team in Pain Clinic, J. N. Medical College Hospital on seven patients suffering from intractable back pain.

Three students of Islamic studies qualify NET

Three students of Department of Islamic Studies have qualified the National Eligibility Test conducted by University Grants Commission. Zubair Zafar Khan and Asia Yusuf are pursuing research in the Department of Islamic Studies under the supervision of Dr. Mohammad Ismail and Prof. Zafarul Islam respectively while Farheen Tahir is a student of M.Phil. enrolled under Dr. Rais Fatima.

Research Scholar in Chemistry gets Commonwealth Split-site Scholarship

Mr. Shams Qamar Usmani, a Research Scholar in the Department of Chemistry, Aligarh Muslim University, has been awarded with the prestigious Commonwealth Split-site Scholarship for one year tenable in Britain. Mr. Usmani shall work under the supervision of Dr. Kirk T. Semple, Lancaster Environmental Centre, Lancaster University, UK.

This is for the first time that such a prestigious scholarship has been awarded to a research scholar enrolled in the Department of Chemistry. Mr. Usmani is pursuing his PhD in Chemistry under the supervision of Dr. Suhail Sabir.

Five Malaysian students receive training in AMU

Five graduate students of School of Science and Technology, University of Malyasia, Sabah, to receive industrial training for two months at the Department of Chemistry, Aligarh Muslim University under the supervision of Dr. Suhail Sabir. They will also be working at the Environmental Lab of Department of Civil Engineering, University Polytechnic and Department of Agricultural Microbiology Laboratory. The Vice Chancellor has allowed their stay at the University and receive the training.

This is for the first time that students from outside the country have come to the University to receive such training at the Department of Chemistry.

Dr. Asad U. Khan delivers Lecture at WSEAS Conference, UK

Dr. Asad U. Khan of Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, Aligarh Muslim University has been invited to deliver Plenary Lecture on “In Silico Approaches in Drug Design” in the WSEAS Conference being held at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.

Dr. Asad U. Khan said that the aim of this study is to give a hypothesis for designing a drug against most infectious diseases of human being. He said, “Drug designing is time taking and costly process. It is a multistep process where a single mistake in any step could result in a loss of huge amount of money and time”.

Dr. Asad U. Khan is a molecular biologist. Dr. Khan has received the prestigious BOYSCAST Fellowship from the Government of India to work as visiting scientist at the University of Napoli, Italy. He has also been awarded with Young Scientist Award conferred by the Association of Microbiologist of India. Dr. Asad has 55 research papers to his credit and is a member to several international associations.
AMU Court elects two new members

Noted Islamic scholar Maulana Abdul Wahab Khilji, Maulana Ataur Rahman Qasmi and Chaudhary Mateen were elected as the member of the Aligarh Muslim University Court in the meeting of the Court held yesterday.

Former Chief Justice of India and Chancellor of AMU, Justice Ahmadi presided over the meeting. The Court passed the annual accounts of the University and the audit report of the Principal Accountant General.

Addressing the Court members Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the University has set e-Governance in motion and Digital Resource Centre was also established. The University has made its admission tests fully transparent by providing answer booklets and OMR sheet. Answers are uploaded on the University website before the result is declared.

Professor Azis said that the University is fully geared up for taking up the challenges of the globalized world. Special emphasis is laid on high quality research and many new research projects were awarded to the University.

Institution of an International Award after Sir Syed’s name carrying a cash prize of Rs. Five Lakh is another major step that placed AMU in high pedestal.

Prof. Azis said that AMU has taken a historic decision to regain its national status by establishing five special centres in backward areas populated by minority community. Another major step was conducting admission tests outside Aligarh in Kolkata, Kozhikode, Bhopal, Lucknow and Hyderabad so that students of different region especially Muslims get an opportunity to study in AMU.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis pointed out that the University is working actively on a project to raise its international status.

All the twelve items in the agenda were discussed and approved by the University Court in a very peaceful manner.

The meeting was attended by 97 members, namely, Mr. M. Shafi Qureshi, Chairman, National Commission for Minorities, Members of Parliament Mr. Moinul Hasan, Mr. Rashid Alvi, Ms. Kusum Rai, Mr. Adeeb Ahmad, former Members of Parliament Mr. Syed Shahabuddin, Mr. Waseem Ahmad, former minister Dr. Meraajuddin Ahmad, eminent lawyer Mr. Zafaryab Jilani, Mr. Khwaja Mohammad Shahid, noted Islamic scholar Maulana Wali Rahmani, former Vice Chancellor, Lucknow University Prof. R. P. Singh, eminent academician Prof. Imtiaz Ahmad, prominent social workers Mr. Beeran Sahab V.K., Mr. P. A. Inamdar, Mr. Yusuf Bhai Qureshi, Hafiz Rasheed Ahmad Chaudhary and Mr. A. R. Sherwani apart from the deans of University faculties, principals of University colleges, provosts of five residential halls and other elected members.

International Conference at Istanbul

Dr. Nadeem A. Ansari, Department of Biochemistry, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University attended the 3rd International Conference on Molecular Medicine at Istanbul, Turkey and presented a research paper on a novel diagnostic biomarker for diabetes mellitus. Dr. Ansari’s visit was supported by DST and the Indian National Science Academy.

Dr. Ansari’s paper aimed at the identification of glucose modified lysine-rich protein (Amadori IgG) in type 2 diabetes patients with complications of heart, eyes and kidney. Dr. Ansari said that modified protein might serve as a diagnostic biomarker for the disease and could help in the development of a targeted drug for the disease therapy.

Dr. Ansari has the honour of the publication of his research paper on diagnostic biomarkers for diabetes mellitus (both type 1 & 2) in an American journal “Human Immunology”. He has also presented his papers at five national and international conferences.

Dr. Nadeem A. Ansari has recently submitted his PhD under the supervision of Dr. Moinuddin, Department of Biochemistry, J. N. Medical College.
Community Medicine Gets new projects

A project of clinical trial entitled “Evolution of Immunogenecity and Safety of Rabies Vaccine Human (Cell Culture) I. P.” Manufactured By Bio-Med (P). Ltd. Ghaziabad has been sanctioned to the Department of Community Medicine, J.N. Medical College, A.M.U., Aligarh.

Only three medical colleges in India have been selected for this clinical trial. In this trial, healthy volunteers will be identified. They will be given rabies vaccine followed by serological testing of blood samples to ascertain the immunogenecity and safety of the under trial vaccine. If the vaccine is found effective in the trial, it will be made available in the market.

Dr. Zulfia Khan, Professor and Dr. Najam Khalique, Reader and Chairman of the Department have been the principal and Co- Investigators respectively. Other team member are two project supervisors, Dr. Abdul Razzaque Siddiqui, Senior Lecturer and Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Reader in the Department.

New Provosts Appointed

The Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University has appointed following Provosts of the Halls of residence, for a period of two years or till further orders, whichever is earlier, with immediate effect.

Prof. Mohammad Shabbir (Department of Law) – Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Hall, Dr. Najam Khalique (Reader, Department of Community Medicien) – Hadi Hasan Hall, Dr. Meraj Ahmad (Department of Hindi) – Aftab Hall, Dr. Sohail Sabir (Department of Chemistry) – Mohsinul Mulk Hall, Prof. Anis Ahmad Ansari (Department of Kulliyat) – Sir Syed Hall (South), Prof. Ashok Mittal (Department of Economics) – NRSC, Prof. Syeda Nuzhat Zeba (Department of English) – Indira Gandhi Hall, Prof. A. R. Faithi (Department of Linguistics) – Sir Syed Hall (North), Prof. Sattar Husain (Department of Chemical Engineering) – Sir Sulaiman Hall, Prof. Mohammad Arif (Department of Civil Engineering) – Nadeem Tarin Hall, Dr. Khalid Bin Yusuf Khan (Reader, Department of Sanskrit) – Viqarul Mulk Hall, Dr. Mohammad Abid (Reader, Department of Political Science) – Mohd. Habib Hall, Dr. Farzana K. Beg (Reader, Department of Paediatrics) – Sarojni Naidu Hall, Dr. Ikram Hussain (Reader, Department of Physical Health and Sports Education) – Sir Ziaudding Hall and Dr. Nawab Ali Khan (Reader, Department of Commerce) – Ross Masood Hall.

AMU Faculty attends International Congress

Dr. Gulfishan Khan attended the XXIII International Congress of History of Science and Technology, (27 July- 02 August 2009) held under the aegis of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science/Division of History of Science and Technology (IUPHS/DHST) held at the University of Technology and Economics, (Budapesti Muszaki es Gazdasagtudomanyi Egytem) at Budapest, Hungary. She presented her research-article, entitled “Perceptions of Western Techno-scientific progress: Karim Khan Mushtaq Jhajjari- a visitor to Britain 1840-41,” a tribute to the blessed memories of late Professor M.A. Alavi, and Dr. I. G. Khan, historians of science at the department of History, in the “Regular Session T04- South Asia and India.” In her paper she focused upon the scientific and technological discourses of Karim Khan, an Indo-Islamic educated elite from Jhajjar, (Haryana), as embodied in his Urdu travelogue and a Persian Universal history. She argued that medieval India had a well-established scientific and technological tradition of its own. Significant scientific developments and inventions occurred in the medieval period too. Similarly Karim Khan’s perceptions of the British techno-scientific progress such as the railways, telegraphs, scientific Observatories and Museums of the mid-nineteenth century Britain also reveal a high degree of interest in the new knowledge as emanated from the West what is termed as the “colonial science.” A study of Karim Khan’s works shows that the traditional elite like Karim Khan, a significant section of the Indian society, were sincerely engaged in the task of production of knowledge, and refashioning of scientific discourse. But the same social group, the traditional intelligentsia who would have
acted as the harbingers of social change and scientific modernity were also face to face with the increasing marginalization unleashed by the administrative and financial policies of the new regime. This historical dilemma in turn explains the backwardness and later on the foreign character of science and technology in India like the other Asian societies, of course, Japan being an exception. A number of other symposia also focused on the Asian perception and response to the Western sciences and technology, and science and technology in the Islamic societies. Other scientific sessions were concerned with the broader issues such as the science and society, science and arts, science, technology and culture, and the gender discourse in science and technology. A number of symposia and regular sessions covered topics like natural and exact sciences and social sciences during the classical age and in the modern period. The Congress was a large and truly international event with 1400 delegates attending from 60 different countries.

The Aligarh Muslim University, in this important academic event, was represented by Dr. Mrs. Gulfishan Khan. She is also a member of the Commission on History of Science & Technology in Islamic Societies (UNESCO).

Her visit was sponsored by the Indian National Science Academy (New Delhi).

**Programme on Dental Education**

Department of Pedodontics, Dr. Z.A. Dental College, A.M.U., Aligarh organized a Continuing Dental Education Programme on Management of Traumatized Immature permanent teeth. Professor Mousumi Goswami Professor and Head, Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry, Kothiwal Dental College and Hospital, Moradabad, participated as the Guest speaker.

**Canadian Fellowship to AMU Faculty**

Dr. Shahab Fazal, Reader, Department of Geography has been awarded prestigious Canadian Government – 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. 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 – Young Scientist Project etc. He was also a member of Indo – German Joint Research Team working for DST – DAAD Research Project. Currently he is working on Major Research Project by ICSSR.

**AMU Faculty on Editorial Board**

Dr. Nawab Ali Khan, Dept. of commerce has been appointed the Assistant Editor of ‘Asia – Pacific Journal of Social Science’ and Member of Editorial Advisory Board of ‘Envision’ – An Internal Journal of Commerce and Management.
**Ajmal Khan Remembered**

Faculty of Unani Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, celebrated the 83rd anniversary of establishment of Majlis Tehqiqat-e-Ilmi (Research Committee) for development of Unani Medicine by Masih-ul-Mulk Hkm. Ajmal Khan.

Prof. Tajuddin, Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine, welcomed the chief guest Prof. S. Z. Rehman, and said that this is a humble tribute to Masih-ul-Mulk Ajmal Khan who strove for development of Unani Medicine all along his life.

Prof. Anis Ahmad Ansari, Chairman, Department of Kulliyat highlighted the vision of Masih-ul-Mulk Hkm. Ajmal Khan, through powerpoint presentation and mentionied the objectives of the Research Committee, the names of experts on Research Committee and its consequential benefits in the development of Unani Medicine.

The formation of Research Committee by Masih-ul-Mulk Hkm. Ajmal Khan was a forward step and a milestone not only for Unani but for all the Indian Systems of Medicine and even for entire Traditional Medicines of the world. No Vaidya or Hakim earlier to Masih-ul-Mulk Hkm. Ajmal Khan thought about the Chemical Research on Medicinal Plants he added.

Prof. Hm. S.Z. Rehman, Chief Guest, enumerated the efforts of Masih-ul-Mulk Hkm. Ajmal Khan and also recalled the services which he rendered for M.A.O. College, Aligarh, Jamia Millia Islamia, Navadatul Ulmea, Lucknow and freedom struggle too.

Prof. S.H. Afaq presided over the function.

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**Iqbal: Poetry of Vision**

Asloob Ahmad Ansari

The variety of changing critical perspectives on Iqbal’s poetry reflects its range and significance. Iqbal attracted the Urdu-reading public mainly at a time when the political scene in India and the Muslim and Asian world was seething with discontent. The aftermath of World War I (1914-18) had unleashed forces of anarchy and disruption.

During his stay in Europe, Iqbal had seen the hollow façade of the concept of nationalism then in vogue. It was characterized by parochialism and belligerency and served as a camouflage for political adventures.

Iqbal was engaged in analyzing the attitude and responses of the Western people to these cross-currents of thought and their inherent dangers. This turmoil in European politics and the widening imperialistic tentacles in Asia elicited an angry protest from Iqbal. And this resulted in the rhetorical poetry of Bang-e-dara which is marked by a heightened emotionality and a resonance of its own. It won immediate recognition and approval.
When the hostilities ended, totalitarian States emerged in Europe. Their ideology struck at the roots of human dignity and individual freedom. Iqbal reacted strongly against this phenomenon and started groping towards a just social and economic order.

Thus when a new era of social and economic justice was heralded by the October 1917, Russian Revolution, it was hailed by him with exuberance and eager expectancy. But even the Communist State based on Marxist ideology, which made such claims about its global character and insisted on extra territorial loyalties, could not altogether deny its regional basis. It looked as though these world movements, with differing ideological superstructures, were on the way to some political groupism. Iqbal accepted neither the thesis of dialectical materialism nor the exclusion of God from his cosmology. He responded fervently to the unfolding of the new order and championed the cause of the victims of the bourgeois capitalist economy without committing himself to Marxism as a sound and coherent philosophy of life.

The important point here is not Iqbal’s critique of the Marxist ideology or his denunciation of the Western type of democracy and the inhuman machinery of the totalitarian State but his earnestness and anxiety for the exploited. Iqbal came to realize that, in spite of his genuine admiration for the Communist State he should anchor his faith on to a more realistic and comprehensive value-system. He found universalism in the social and economic doctrines of Islam which he considered truly equalitarian in intention and emphasis. It may be reiterated, therefore, that Iqbal’s was not an advocacy of any kind of sectarianism but of an approach to life that was in consonance with and satisfied the basic needs of mankind.

Iqbal’s Urdu poetry, composed in the early decades of this century, represents only one facet of his poetic output. His greater and more significant poetry (Pyam-e-Mushriq, Bal-e-jibreel, Zaboor-e-Ajm, Javed Namah and Zarbe-Kaleem) was a poetry of affirmation, acceptance and assimilation. But Iqbal’s faith is also sometimes exposed to bouts of skepticism and is tempered because of that. His conception of God, for instance was the product of a prolonged search for God’s identity in the midst of the chaos of the phenomena. It had to be acquired through a hard and persistent struggle. It was conceived, in the beginning, more or less like an indenifiable unity manifesting itself in the multitudinosness of the physical world-the source and fountain-head of all the lovely forms of nature. Later on, Iqbal came to think of God as the ‘Eternal Will’ that could be visualized as an extension of the individual will. Still later, he came to believe in some kind of anthropomorphic or personalized deity and entertained the possibility that the Absolute Ego had fragmented itself into finite monads. But the Finite Ego is not absorbed into the Absolute Ego. On the contrary, he tries to absorb him into his own self. Iqbal also indulged in the speculation that perhaps God was as much in search of man, as man was in search of the Deity, and thus the two were bound firmly by a sort of mutuality.

Iqbal’s conception of man is not as a static entity but as a dynamic self—a centre around which is organized the whole potential of psychic energies and desires, the latter being no more than concrete forms of consciousness. It is, therefore, not the essence but the particularity of human beings (their existential self) that most absorbs Iqbal’s attention as a poet. The self according to Iqbal, though finite, is also boundless (Javed se in ‘Zarbe-Kaleem’) and consciousness of the personal identity has to be integrated with the positional consciousness as it has also to be integrated with the consciousness of the infinite Ego. And Iqbal insistently points out in ‘Javed Namah’ that the bearing of this kind of witness is part of the Divine pattern.

Iqbal’s conception of the ideal man, as ‘Marde-Momin’, has been the source of endless delusion. Like the ‘Adam Kadmon’ of the Khabbalistic persuasion, the perfect man of ‘jilly’ or the superman as conceived by
Neitzch or Shaw, Marde-Momin (far from being an equitable for a Muslim, strictly speaking) is an adumbration of the arenetypal man. He is the prototype of the perfected being, and it is this typological rather than sectarian significance of ‘Marde-Momin’ that has been consistently and perhaps mischievously, slurred over. He is an embodiment of those values that occupy a central place in Iqbal’s vision of things – one who is concerned with the possible rather than phenomenology or the world of the miraculous (Cf. ‘Sufi se’ in ‘Zarb-e-Kaleem’). He is, therefore, not only one who has firm faith in his own potentialities, whose Ego seeks to approximate to the infinite Ego, but also one who is energetic and forward looking. He is also the most chastened and crystallized medium of love or ishq that help him unlock the heart of the mystery of Existence.

Iqbal at his best, compares favorably with Dante and Eliot both of whom he shares a cosmic vision and a variety of moral and metaphysical concerns. The poetry of each one of them is the product of the discipline of meditation, and one might add that problems of human consciousness and of human destiny – forming the core of this poetry – are envisioned within a religious framework of values. Dante provides us with sensuous symbolic forms – tenuous and evocative for articulating his sense both of the mundane and the metaphysical realities.

Iqbal, no less than Eliot, enjoys the distinction (in his deeply philosophical poems and lyric especially in ‘Pyam-e-Mashriq’ and ‘Bel-e-Jibreel’ of building up highly satisfying linguistic constructs for his basic impulsion and insights. It is through these that the requisite degree of assent is danced in the reader for these in sights which form the bedrock of his poetry. In other words the assent is not superimposed but grows upon reader as a result of complete self identification Pyam-e-Mashriq, in ‘Javed Namah’ and the moving elegiac poem on Sir Ross Masood are cases in point.

There is also an element of uncanniness in some of his significant poems like ‘Tanhai in Pyame Mashriq, Judai and Lala-e-Sehra in Bal-e-Jibreel, and the troubled, complex lyrics in the latter collection and in Zaboor-e-Ajm’ which is both unique and unanalyzable. They reflect a concern with transcendence and evoke a primordial silence in the face of which speech becomes meaningless. This is the poetry of vision in which Reality is apprehended and intuited with the subtle responsiveness of the soul.

Iqbal’s basic intuitions are forward looking and help him in the ordering of experience. This poetry ultimately leads on to epiphanies that defy any reduction to merely logical or quasi-scientific terms. Like a Dante or a Lang land or an Eliot, Iqbal’s poetry also tends to break out of the shell of its doctrinal content and insists upon being interpreted on the basis of a fundamental ontology.

EDUCATION OF MUSLIMS

(Sir Syed Ahmad Khan)

“The Muslims must find out why they do not gain the same advantage as other people from the education which is provided by the British Government. The reasons which have so far been put forward for this can in no way be considered correct. The Government must also play its
part in inquiring into the real cause. It is, therefore, suggested that Muslims should be encouraged to write essays on the subject and prizes should be awarded for the best efforts. It is hoped that both the English and Muslims will make donations for this purpose. When the necessary sum has been raised a committee will be formed from among the contributors and named The Committee of the Supporters of the Advancement of Muslims Education.”


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### International Congregations


2. International Conference on ‘Recent trends in Mathematics and its Applications (ICRTMA-09)’, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 30.03.2009-31.03.2009. Dr. Nadeem-ur-Rehman, Lecturer, Dept. of Mathematics presented his paper entitled “On n-Commuting and n-Skew-Commuting Maps with Generalized Derivations I rings”.

4. 4th International congress/ Workshop of association of Minimal Access surgeons of India, Mumbai, 21.05.2009-24.05.2009. Dr. Mohammad Aslam, Reader, Dept. of Surgery attended.


**National Congregations**


4. National Conference on ‘Tourism in India-Challenges Ahead’ Business School, University of Jammu, Jammu. 06.03.2009-07.03.2009. Dr. Nafees A. Khan, Reader, Dept. of Commerce presented his paper entitled “Strengthening and Managing the heritage in Madhya Pradesh: A Case Study of Shivpuri”.


8. National Conference, Post-Graduate Dept. of Hindi, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, 17.03.2009-18.03.2009. Dr. Shgufta Niyaz, Lecturer in Hindi, Women’s College presented her paper entitled “Role of Media in Development of Hindi”.


17. Symposium on ‘Functional Biology: Comparative Aspects’, Dept. of Zoology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, 19.03.2009-21.03.2009. Dr. Md. Khalid Saifullah, Lecturer, Dept. of Zoology presented his paper entitled “Chemical Communication in Miracidia of Gastrothyax Crumenifer (Digenea: Tramatoda)”.

Shamim, Lecturer, Dept. of Commerce presented his paper entitled “Indian KPO Industry: Prospects and Challenges”.


20. IMPACT-2009, Dept. of Electronics Engineering, AMU, Aligarh, 14.03.2009-16.03.2009. Ms. Parveen bag, Lecturer, Dept. of Electronics Engineering, ZHCET presented her paper entitled “Tunable Four Phase Voltage Mode Quadrature Oscillator Using Two CMOS MOCCIIs”.


24. 25th Annual Meeting of the Polymer Processing Society (PPS-25), Goa, 01.03.2009-05.03.2009. Mr. Syed Javed Ahmad Rizvi, Lecturer, Dept. of Petroleum Studies presented his paper entitled “An Investigative Study on Effect of Processing Parameters on Microstructure for Microcellular Injection Molding”

25. National Workshop on ‘New Genlib (Open Source Library Software)’, University of Mysore, Mysore, 24.03.2009-26.03.2009. Dr. Sudharma Haridasan, Lecturer, Dept. of Library & Information Sciences attended the Workshop.

Superannuations

Teaching

Non – Teaching
2. 31.03.2009; Mr. Mohd. Tahir Husain, Assistant Finance Officer.
3. 28.02.2009; Mr. Mohd. zafaruddin, Section Officer (Admin). Sevice Book &Pension Section.
4. 28.02.2009; Mr. Wajid Husain, Semi-Professional Assistant, M.A. Library.
5. 31.01.2009; Mr. Syed Nusrat Ali, Section Officer (A/Cs), Records Section.
6. 31.01.2009; Mr. Athar Husain, Section Officer (A/Cs), Advance Section, Central Accounts Office.
7. 31.01.2009; Mr. Rahat Hasan, Section Officer, Academic Staff College.

Technical
1. 30.04.2009; Mrs. Gloriana Nasir Khan, Staff Nurse, JNMCH.
2. 31.12.2008; Mr. Auranagzeb, Micro-Analyst, Mechanical, Chemistry Department.
3. 28.02.2009; Mr. M. mateen Khan, Sub Station Operator, Electricity Department (Supply).
4. 28.02.2009; Mr. Abu Talib Naqvi, Lab Assistant (SLA), Pathology Department, JNMC.
5. 31.01.2009; Mr. Mohd Abdul Haleem Khan, Lift Operator, Institute of Ophthalmology.

Group IV
1. 30.06.2008; Mr. Shah Mohd, Cook, R.M. Hall.
2. 31.01.2009; Mr. Abdul Aziz IIIrd, Kitchen Attendant, Sulaiman Hall.
3. 31.01.2009; Mrs. Susheela, Ward Aya, University Health Service.
4. 31.01.2009; Mr. Nanak, Safaiwala, R.M. Hall.
5. 31.01.2009; Mr. Abdul Hameed, Day Watchman, University Polytechnic.
6. 28.02.2009; Mr. Mohammad Aqeel, Ward Assistant, JNMCH.
7. 31.03.2009; Mr. Naseeruddin, Common Room Attendant, S.S. Hall (North).
8. 30.04.2009; Mr. Moinuddin, Office Attendant, Vice-Chancellor’s Office.
9. 31.12.2008; Mrs. Gom Wati, Safaiwali, JNMCH.
10. 31.12.2008; Mr. Nepali, Mali, Lands & Gardens.
12. 31.12.2008; Mr. Ishrat Ali, Cook, JNMCH.
13. 31.12.2008; Mr. Udai Singh, Work Attendant, Building Department.
14. 31.12.2008; Mr. Jasrath, Safaiwala, JNMCH.
15. 31.12.2008; Mr. Naeb Ali, Cook, JNMCH.
16. 31.12.2008; Mr. Munshi Khan, Work Attendant, Building Department.

New Appointments

Prof. Pervez Mustajab Registrar of the University
Prof. Syed Abrar Hasan Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Mrs. Yasmin Jalal Beg Finance Officer
Prof. Pervez Mustajab Controller of Examinations
Prof. A. R. Fatihi Director, Centre for Comparative Study of
Dr. Mohammad Shakeel Ahmad Indian Languages and Culture
(Samdani)
Prof. Mohammad Shabbir Coordinator, General Education Centre
Prof. Murasaleen Member-in-Charge, AMU Legal Affairs
Prof. Pervez Mustajab Member-in-Charge, University Guest Houses

Member of the University Court
Prof. Absar Mustafa Khan Manager of all the Schools Maintained by the
(Chairman, Dept. of Zoology) University
(Chairperson, Dept. of Prosthodontics/ Dental Material)
Prof. S. M. Hadi
(Chairman, Dept. of Biochemistry)
Prof. (Mrs.) Arunima Lal
(Chairman, Dept. of Chemistry)

Members of the Executive Council
Prof. Ziauddin Khairuwala
(Dean, Faculty of Commerce)
Prof. Mohd. Zubair Khan
(Dean, Faculty of Science)

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