Vice Chancellor Professor P. K. Abdul Azis is addressing the students after hoisting the flag.

Mr. E. Ahmad, Minister of state for external affairs, Vice Chancellor Professor P. K. Abdul Azis and others in the Republic Day Meeting.

Inaugural function of CME organized by the Department of anaesthesiology, J. N. Medical College, AMU.

Vice Chancellor Professor P. K. Abdul Azis Presents Memento to the visiting Iranian Ambassador Syed Mahdi Nabizada.

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From the Vice Chancellor’s Desk

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 and owing 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. For 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 note that 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 to create a “New Future” for AMU. Every moment of my stay is devoted to regain the glory of AMU.

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.

Enforcement of rule of law and strict discipline, frequent consultations and extensive involvement of senior faculty and sustained efforts to promote excellence in academic and research activities has led to the emergence of an environment of all round rejuvenation. The year 2007-2008 witnessed an unparalleled growth in high quality research; about 350 students submitted their PhDs and 248 students were awarded degrees. The faculty members published 70 books and 1098 research articles in reputed journals. Not only did the University teachers get 135 new research projects, but also did they participate in 178 seminars/workshops abroad and 851 conferences outside Aligarh.

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 with 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.

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.

Professor P.K.Abdul Azis
Vice Chancellor
Campus Activities

J.N. Medical College to be upgraded soon: VC

“Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU will soon be upgraded to the level of Indian Institute of Medical Sciences and a proposal of Rs. 130 crore has been submitted” said Professor P K Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, AMU Aligarh while inaugurating the Continuing Medical Education Workshop on Sepsis organized by the Department of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care, Aligarh Muslim University in collaboration with Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine.

Professor Azis made a strong plea for nurturing medical students in critical care management. There is a need for redefining the role of teacher and teachers are supposed to lean heavily on user friendly information technology, he added.

Turning attention to the theme of the workshop, Professor Azis said that Sepsis is one of the most frequent causes of death in intensive care patients worldwide.

Professor M Ashraf Malik, Principal, Medical College said that a separate Critical Care Unit will be set-up at Emergency Ward within six months. It will be the first of its kind in UP Medical Colleges.

Professor B K Rao, Chairman, Board of Directors of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital appreciated the efforts of AMU to set-up critical Care Unit. It will certainly reduce the burden of super speciality hospital and it will also be cost effective.

Professor S Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine said that role of Anaesthesiology has become more important.

Explaining the theme of the Workshop, Dr. S Moied Ahmad, organizing Secretary of the Conference said that Continuing Medical Education (CME) is an integral part of any academic meet and is the backbone of every scientific program. Imparting knowledge is ongoing process and so is learning. He said the concepts in anaesthesia and critical care are changing very fast and the gateway for learning newer concepts is CME. With this view in mind, we chose ‘Sepsis’ one of the most burning and relevant topics in today’s critical care practice where we have many controversies and few concrete answers. The CME on Sepsis and the workshop on Mechanical Ventilation and Arterial Blood Gas Analysis were organized with the intention to update the knowledge of the resident doctors and provide a forum for exchange of knowledge between the experienced fraternity and the trainee, he added. Dr. Preeti Gahlot, Junior Resident conducted the programme.
Vice Chancellor inaugurates National Seminar on Gynaecology

Professor P K Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University while addressing the inaugural session of the National Seminar on gynaecology entitled ‘Women’s Medicon-2008’ said that the basic medical facilities are not available to women and children in different parts of the country even after 60 years of independence and we should give a serious thinking to it. Professor Azis said that women’s role has been pivotal in the society from very beginning but serious initiatives were never taken to upgrade their health level due to which many women die during the delivery cases. Vice Chancellor said that anaemia is the biggest reason for poor health among women. Professor Azis urged the doctors and administrative staff and students to work for creating a harmonious environment and promote a work culture in the college.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Mohammad Khalid, Director, CCRUM, Ministry of Health and Family Planning, Govt. of India said that the slogan of ‘women’s empowerment’ has become merely a slogan for political reasons while the women need to be empowered more on health front. Dr. Khalid said that Tibbiya College of Aligarh Muslim University should take initiative in this regard and this university should be developed as a nodal centre for the purpose.

Highlighting the role of CCRUM, Dr. Khalid said that it is carrying research on 18 different diseases and it has already got 27 Unani medicines patented by the Government of India.

Professor Qamar Akhtar Kazmi, Chairman, Department of Amraz-e-Niswan and Qabalat said that gender discrimination is conscious and subconscious result of the over domination of men in almost every sphere of life by its custom, laws and procedures leading to marginalization of women, which made them vulnerable to health hazards. Professor Kazmi further said that though India has 16% of world population, it accounts for over 20% of the world’s maternal deaths. This is largely attributed to son preference, discrimination against the girl child. These lead to lower female literacy, female foeticide and higher fertility rate. In our country one lakh maternal deaths occur every year with a woman dying every 5 minutes due to child birth complications. Maternal mortality rate varies from state to state being higher in Rajasthan and lowest in Tamil Nadu. Most maternal deaths occur due to poor living conditions of women of the remote areas of country. These deaths occur mostly due to Haemorrhage,
Anaemia, PIH, Puerperal Sepsis and unsafe abortion. Professor Kazmi said that Government of India has taken steps to reduce the maternal mortality rate and positive results are apparent but still there is much to be done on this front. The women in rural areas usually receive less care than those in urban areas, majority of whom do not receive health care death pregnancy because they think it unnecessary.

Professor Kazmi further elaborated that studies have shown that about 50-90% of all pregnant women suffer from anaemia. Severe anaemia accounts for 20% of all maternal deaths in India. It also increases chances of death from Post Partum Hemorrhage. Malnutrition is also another serious health problem among women. Professor Kazmi said that the use of medical technology to determine the foetal sex is on the rise in the country and over 90% of foetuses that are aborted are female. This is alarming and policy makers, programme managers, health professionals and human right workers should come forward to resolve the crisis.

The inaugural session of the National Seminar was also addressed by Deputy Advisor in Unani Medicine, Dr. Saud Ali Khan and Chairman of Department of Kulliyat, Professor Anees Ahmad Ansari. The organizing Secretary of “Medicon-2008” Dr. S Amina Naz proposed the vote of thanks. Programme was conducted by Dr. Abida Zameer.

**Vice Chancellor felicitates successful students**

Prof. P K Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University hosted a felicitation programme at his residence to congratulate the students of department of law who have been selected in UP and Uttarakhand PCS (J). Twenty students of Law Faculty have been selected in UP PCS (J) while three have been selected in Uttarakhand PCS (J).

The Dean, Faculty of Law Prof. Iqbal Ali Khan said that for the first time in the history of University the students have been selected in PCS (J) in such a large number. The credit for such tremendous success of students also goes to the Vice Chancellor who has worked hard to create an academic environment in the University despite all odds. This is in fact the result of his good governance.

The former Dean of Law Faculty, Prof. Saleem Akhtar said that the introduction of a consolidated course has in fact given a boost to the faculty. Praising the role of young teachers he requested Vice Chancellor to provide the Faculty with all necessary support for its upliftment.

Prof. M Shabbir said that the University has a long history of such successes and the students of this University have secured positions in Judicial Examinations several times in the past. He further requested Vice Chancellor to facilitate coaching and guidance for the students preparing for the judicial services to attain better results and maximum selection. He said that the Vice Chancellor has laid a healthy trait by extending felicitation to the selected students.
Vice Chancellor Prof. P K Abdul Azis expressing pleasure on the selection of students said “it is a great day for us”. He said that the law department is one of the oldest departments of this University and its history has been exemplary since its inception.

Prof. Azis said that the students of Washington Law School enjoy every kind of facilities and he dreams of providing such facilities in Aligarh Muslim University also. He said that we should make efforts to bring in the support of AMU Alumni for the additional resources. We should also make endeavours to materialize Memorandum of Understanding with other prestigious law institutes of the world.

Prof. Azis suggested that a separate website of Law Faculty should be opened as the internet is the first window for any institution to share information about its achievements with the world. He urged the students to work hard as this is the only key to success.

The felicitation programme was attended by several teachers and administrative officers of the University along with the selected students Rohit Agrawal, Ankur Sharma, Ritish Sachdeva, Anil Kumar Singh, Kumari Yasmin Akbar, Kumari Madhu Gupta, Mayur Jain and Sumit Premi who gave credit for their success to their teachers.

Workshop on “Neonatal Advance Life Support”

Department of Paediatrics, J N Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a Workshop on “Neonatal Advance Life Support”. Former Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Professor M Saleemuddin while inaugurating the Workshop highlighted the significance of the Workshop and applauded the efforts of the Department of Paediatrics. He stressed the need to abreast the maximum knowledge and benefits through the researches and developments coming up in the field of medical science. Professor Saleemuddin told that Neonatal Mortality rate has reduced significantly by providing the life support to the new born.

Guest of Honour, Chief Medical Superintendent and Principal, JNMC, Professor Ashraf Malik highlighted the overviews and objectives of the Neonatal Advance Life Support Workshop in detail. Prof. Malik said that it is pertinent to provide neonatal and Paediatric training to the doctors and nursing staff. Eminent Paediatrician and Course Coordinator, Department of Paediatrics, Dr. S Manazir Ali told that this second training programme was organized in order to improve the revaccination skills of Paediatrics and Casualty Medical Officer. Lectures on preparation physiology, initial steps of Resuscitation, endotrachal intubation bags mask ventilation, chest compression and medical and ethical issues were delivered by Professor M M Afridi, Dr. Pankaj Garg and Dr. Amit, certified trainers by American Academy of Paediatrics and American Heart Association. Dr. Ali told that 42 Paediatrics Consultants and Casualty Medical Officers of JNMC, AMU and Eras Medical College, Lucknow were enrolled.

The knowledge and skills of the participants at the end of the course were evaluated by post test questionnaire. The result was an amazing 98%. At the end of the programme certificates were distributed by Prof. Azra Ahmad, President, National Neonatology Forum, Uttar Pradesh.

The vote of thanks was given by Dr. S Manazir Ali, Course Coordinator.

AMU Decides to open-up Marks details

Aligarh Muslim University has decided to provide the obtained marks and rank in the competitive tests to the information seekers. Further, a carbon copy of OMR sheet will be provided to the candidates along with the question booklet and the key of the
questions will be uploaded as soon as the result of the competitive test is declared. This was decided in the meeting of admission committee held here today under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.

The University will implement the decision in the admission test to various courses including Medical, Engineering and Management.

According to Controller of Admissions, Prof. Mohammad Irfan, the University will start a new P. G. Course in Islamic Banking in the Business Management Faculty from the next academic session.

The University will also open two new Centres. It will now conduct the admission tests at its Lucknow and Hyderabad Centres while the test at the Pune Centre is called off.

It was also decided in the meeting that admission to Diploma in Engineering courses will be completed through a single test conducted by the University. The University has also slightly increased the Admission Test fees.

**AMU to establish five campuses**

The Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Mr. M A A Fatmi said that the Government of India has approved the proposal of the Aligarh Muslim University to establish five special campuses of the AMU in Muslim dominated backward areas.

These special campuses will be established at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, Murshidabad in West Bengal, Malapuram in Kerala, Pune in Maharashtra and Katihar in Bihar.

Mr. Fatmi said that the Government of India would provide two thousand crores for the establishment of these Centers and the State Governments would provide land for these new campuses.

Mr. Fatmi laid the foundation stone of the Engineering Girls Hostel with a cost of Rs. 2.37 crores. He also laid the foundation stone of a reading room and Gymnasium at Mohammad Habib Hall.

Mr. Fatmi is an alumnus of this institution and he did his engineering at Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology.

Mr. Fatmi, Minister of State for MHRD also attended the meeting of the development proposal of primary, secondary and senior secondary schools of the Aligarh Muslim University. These schools are the backbone of the university system.

The university administration has taken some important steps to improve the quality of teaching and training of these schools. This University is now planning to upgrade these schools to bring them at par with the CBSE pattern of school.

Mr. Vineet Joshi, Chairman of the CBSE also suggested that the University should include counselling to the students and special arrangements be made for teacher’s training.
While welcoming the Minister and senior officials of the MHRD, AMU Vice Chancellor, Professor P. K. Abdul Azis said that AMU has eight public schools and two self-financing schools with a student population of nearly 10300. These AMU schools are the feeder institutions of the University. The present University administration has given top priority to enhance the academic standard of these schools. A detailed proposal has been prepared to upgrade these institutions.

The University Registrar, Professor V. K. Abdul Jaleel and Controller of Examinations, Professor Mohd. Irfan also participated in the deliberations. Mrs. Naghma Irfan, Principal, Senior Secondary School (Girls) presented the Power Point development proposal of the University.

**Seminar on “Resource Development and Environmental Change” organized in AMU**

Eminent Scientist and alumnus of Aligarh Muslim University, Dr. Zuhoor Qasim has urged the people to work for the preservation of animal kingdom, jungle and mineral resources for the sustainable fulfillment of the needs of the people. He also insisted on initiating another ‘Chipko’ movement for the preservation of trees. Dr. Zuhoor Qasim was addressing the inaugural session of the International Seminar on “Resource Development and Environmental Change: Emerging Issues and Challenges” organized by the Department of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University.

Dr. Qasim said that we are in great need of energy along with food, cloth and shelter. The target of growing more and more food grains would not be accomplished until we are equipped with the necessary energy resources. He said that India needs to pay special attention to the social environment of the country in addition to the human, chemical and biological environment for the elimination of inequality and lessening the differences between the haves and haven’ts from society. He reiterated that the poverty is the biggest issue of today’s India and we can win a control on it only by developing and preserving our resources.

Reminiscing his student days at Aligarh Muslim University, Dr. Qasim said that whatever he is today is the result of this institution and its composite cultural heritage. Dr. Qasim also unveiled the souvenir of the Department of Geography.

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis in his presidential address said that man has caused great damage to nature just for his vested interests, while every religion bears a clear message for the preservation of nature and
just use of natural resources. He said that the environment of the earth is changing fast, and it is the need of the hour that we work out ways for the preservation of the environment for our coming generations. Dr. Azis said that though the government is making serious efforts in this direction, the onus lies on the political leaders, administrative officers and local public and private bodies to create an awareness among the people for the preservation of environment and natural resources.

Prof. Azis expressed concern that the people are compelled to live on footpaths even after sixty years of independence. He urged the people to make endeavours so that shelters are provided and an equal share of national resources is guaranteed to all. Prof. Azis also unveiled the Journal of the Department of Geography ‘Geographer’ on this occasion.

The Convener of the Conference and Chairman of the Department of Geography, Prof. Abdul Muneer said that the population of the country should be looked upon as its valuable resource. However the rising demand coupled with the over consumption of resources has led to several problems such as resource depletion, environmental degradation, accumulation of resources in the hands of few and social tensions. Prof. Muneer further said that a nation’s natural resources often determine its wealth in the world economic system and its diplomatic, military and political influence. If the unchecked exploitation of natural resources continues unabatedly it would not be possible to maintain the progress of man and the level of his living standard. Prof. Muneer said that the conservation of resources can be better expressed by the four Rs – Reduce, Recycle, Reuse and Rethink.

The Organizing Secretary of the International Conference, Prof. Farasat Ali Siddiqui said that the theme of the conference is of utmost significance for various disciplines of knowledge. He said that the theme of the conference has evoked a wide response from other faculties and departments as well and 292 abstracts have been received so far to be presented in the conference. The conference is scheduled into 16 technical sessions. Prof. Siddiqui expressed hope that the interdisciplinary approaches in deliberations during the three day conference will expose the opportunity to develop vision that will lead us to achieve the goals of the conference.

Prof. Salahuddin Qureshi conducted the programme and Prof. Hifzur Rahman initiated the vote of thanks.

Political Advisor from US Visits AMU

“Indian democracy is more resilient than the killers of innocent people in Mumbai. USA and India have a shared interest in fighting terrorism,” said Mr. Ted Osius, Minister Counselor and Political Advisor, US Embassy in India while explaining the policies and priorities of newly elected President of USA at a function organized by the Department of Mass Communication, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

Delineating the new priorities of Barack Obama, Mr. Ted Osius said that the new administration has made it clear that it will strive for ushering in a new era of people by using diplomacy, development and defense. USA is fully determined to end violent extremism. Mr. Obama sought a new way forward to the Muslim world based on mutual interest and mutual respect.

“India is a global power and USA wants a strong strategic relationship with India”, he concluded.
In his presidential remarks Prof. Murtaza Khan, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences said that the new administration will restore confidence of the people as the previous regime badly damaged the prestige of the USA. USA must realize that no nation is superior and no one is inferior. He also made a strong plea for starting exchange of scholars between India and USA.

Earlier, welcoming the guest Professor N. A. K. Durrani said that the new President has considerably raised hopes of common man as Obama has adopted a positive policy towards South Asian countries.

Dr. M. Shafey Kidwai, Chairman, Department of Mass Communication said that Mr. Osius’s visit would impact the miasma of misgivings about USA.

Mr. Osius’s speech was followed by a lively debate in which Professor M. Gulrez, Dr. Abdul Matin, Mr. Muquim and a number of students participated.

**Prof. M. Shamim Jairajpuri conferred Lifetime Achievement Award**

Prof. M. Shamim Jairajpuri, Department of Zoology, AMU has been conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award in Zoology by the Governor of Meghalaya, Shri Moosaharry at the ‘National Congress of Zoology’ held in Guwahati, Assam. This is for the first time that anyone has been awarded the ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ by the Zoological Society of India. The Governor, Mr. Moosaharry also presented Prof. Jairajpuri, the eminent Indian Zoologist, with a Gold Medal along with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Prof. Jairajpuri has earlier received the ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ in Parasitology from the Indian Society for Parasitology in 2007 and the Lifetime Achievement in recognition of his research in Nematology from the ‘Nematological Society of India’. They had also conferred on him the Honorary Fellowship of Society in 2006.

**Ibne Sina Award to Afshan**

To felicitate eminent entrepreneur and public health activst of USA Mrs. Afshan N. Hashmi, a felicitation programme was organized by Indian Medical Association (Aligarh Branch) and Ibne Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine & Sciences. The AIDS Cell of
the Academy announced the name of Dr. Afshan N Hashmi for the second prestigious Ibne Sina Public Health Award.

Dr. Hashmi the President of USA based Global Regulatory and Business Solutions, has received her education from Aligarh Muslim University and advanced training from Johns Hopkins University (USA) and University of Maryland (USA). Later she worked in different organizations in the US as a public health scientist and launched her own company, which within a short period has reached a noticeable level on the competitive horizon. This award was constituted in the year 2007 to be awarded on World AIDS Day to professionals playing leadership roles in the field of public health.

The award 2008 was presented to Dr. Hashmi in a function organized on the occasion of World AIDS Day in the Library Hall of Ibne Sina Academy. The AIDS Cell of the Ibne Sina Academy in collaboration with Indian Medical Association, Aligarh Branch, hosted academic symposium & public health awareness programs to mark the World AIDS Day -2008. Dr. V. K. Jain, a renowned paediatrician, as chief guest inaugurated the exhibition on thematic posters (AIDS) and display of publications and CDs on HIV/AIDS, while Dr. Ashok Kumar (Ashok Pathology Clinic), Dr. Ajay Mittal (Mittal Diagnostic Lab), Dr. Rajeev Varshney (Amrit Nursing Home) and Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Honorary Consultant, AIDS Cell, Ibne Sina Academy) spoke on various aspects of HIV/AIDS under the chair of Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibne Sina Academy) and Dr. Atul Singhal (President,IMA, Aligarh Branch).

Prof. H. S. Khan (Nodal Officer, ART Centre, Aligarh), Prof. Jameela Majid Siddiqui, Dr. Snehlata Jain, Dr. Naveen Jain, Dr. Fakhre Alam, Dr. Md. Tauheed Ahmad, Dr. Yogesh Khunte, Dr. Md. Iftakhar, Mr. S. H. Zahid Jamal, Mr. Nafees Ahmad, also attended the programme.

Dr. M. AJMAL becomes member of AGA

Dr. M. R. Ajmal, Professor in the Department of Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh has been elected member of American Gastroenterology Association at the recent meeting of the AGA Governing Board. He is the first Physician of Aligarh who carved out association with AGA.

Dr. Ajmal is an active Life Member of Indian Society of Gastroenterology and Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy of India. He has done clinical research work on various Gastrointestinal diseases prevalent in Aligarh region. The presentation of his good quality research work at Asia Pacific Digestive Week 2008 and various annual conferences of ISG and INASL has been appreciated very well.

AMU FACULTY IN NATIONAL BODY

Dr. G S Hashmi, Lecturer, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Z A Dental College, AMU Aligarh, has been elected unopposed as a member of Executive Committee of prestigious Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India (AOMSI), in its 33rd Annual Conference held at Lucknow. Dr. Hashmi is the first AMU faculty who has been elected in Executive Committee of AOMSI.

Dr. Sarwar Hashmi also presented his research paper
entitled ‘New Remedy in Neuralgia – An eight years experience’. In his paper Dr. Hashmi has discussed new treatment of Neuralgia. He dealt on new Biochemic Medicine – Magnesia Phosphorica and its role in Neuralgia patient. Dr. Sarwar Hashmi also has 19 research publications in various indexed journals to his credit.

Dr. Jilani gets Membership of Royal College of Surgeons

Dr. Latif Zafar Jilani, lecturer, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College was awarded Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, UK (RCSEd). He was conferred with the membership by the president of the Royal College, Mr. John D. Orr, at the Diploma Ceremony of the college held at the historic Surgeon’s Hall in Edinburgh. The prestigious RCSEd Membership was bestowed on him following the successful completion of the requisite Intercollegiate MRCS Examination.

Ninety two new members and fellows from all over the world were inducted into the world-renowned Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh at the Conferring Ceremony. Speaking at the ceremony, the president of the college Mr. John D. Orr said “Our new members are joining a famous and venerable institution, which has been educating and training surgeons for over 500 years since 1505.” The ceremony was attended by more than 90 diplomats and guests apart from many top medical professionals, including many RCSEd Fellows.

Dr. Jilani obtained his MBBS and MS Orthopaedics degrees from JNMC. Before joining the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery as a Lecturer, he worked at Armed Forces Hospital, Oman, Warrington Hospital Cheshire and Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester (UK).

Professor Rakesh Bhargava elected for ACCP Fellowship

Professor Rakesh Bhargava, Chairman, Department of T.B. and Respiratory Diseases, JNMC, AMU has been elected for the prestigious Fellowship in the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP). The honour has been conferred on Dr. Bhargava in recognition of his significant achievements and professional career. The honour will be conferred on Dr. Bhargava in the annual conference of ACCP in November 2009.

Dr. Bhargava has presented a series of research papers on his subject in various conferences held by European Respiratory Society in Stockholm and Germany. So far, 66 research papers of Dr. Bhargava have been published in the national and international journals.

Dr. Bhargava has been member of various organizations of repute including Indian Chest Society, National College of Chest Physicians, Indian College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and Indian College of Bronchology. Dr. Rakesh Bhargava has also completed an important project of UGC on the “Effect of Smoking and Pollution in Aligarh Lock Industry”.

Dr. Abdul Qaiyyum awarded Johnson & Johnson Fellowship

Dr. Abdul Qaiyyum Khan, lecturer, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, JNMC, AMU has been awarded the prestigious Johnson & Johnson Fellowship by the Indian Orthopaedic Association. Prof. S. C. Goel, President of Indian Orthopaedic Association
awarded the certificate of completion of fellowship at the inaugural function of the 53rd Annual Conference of Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOACON-2008) at Bangalore.

This is the most prestigious Inland Fellowship of Indian Orthopaedic Association given every year to two young orthopaedic surgeons from teaching stream on the basis of their academic achievements.

Prof. M. K. A. Sherwani, Chairman, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery was the first orthopaedic surgeon of this University to receive this prestigious fellowship. During the period of fellowship Dr. Khan visited various centres of orthopaedic excellence in Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Patna, Varanasi and New Delhi and gained knowledge of attitudes and philosophy of work including academic and orthopaedic skills. Dr. Khan is presently concentrating on the orthopaedic oncology and the team of Prof. M. K. A. Sherwani and Dr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan has successfully performed the first megaprosthetic knee and hip replacement in Uttar Pradesh for bone tumors. Since then a number of bone tumor patients have been benefited from different parts of the country from the megaprosthetic replacement surgery.

**Dr. A. R. Jha delivers lecture on Nanotechnology**

Dr. A. R. Jha, Senior Consultant from Los Angeles, California, USA today delivered a lecture on Nanotechnology, MEMI and Solar Energy in the Assembly Hall of Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology at the Aligarh Muslim University.

Dr. A. R. Jha is a very distinguished Senior Old Boy who has earned respect and recognition from California to China.

In his presidential remarks, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that Dr. Jha has agreed to join his alma mater as a Visiting Professor in 2010 and share his knowledge with staff and students of the Engineering Faculty.

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis also informed that the Council of Science and Technology has sanctioned the establishment of Centre of Excellence in Material Science (Nanotechnology) with an initial grant of Rupees One Crore and Ten Lakhs from this year. He also appreciated the efforts of Prof. Alim Husain Naqvi and his team.

Earlier while welcoming the guest speaker, Professor Ahtisham Ahmad Nizami, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology said that Dr. A. R. Jha received his B. Sc. Engineering (Electrical) degree from Aligarh Muslim University in 1954, MS (Electrical), MS (Mechanical) and PhD from prestigious universities in USA. He also said that Dr. Jha has authored eight books and has published more than 75 technical papers.

He said that Dr. Jha has worked for US companies such as General Electronics Company and other institutions for more than 30 years. He has extensive and comprehensive research, development and design experience in the fields of radars, high power lasers, electronic warfare system, microwave and MM-Wave antennas for various applications, Nanotechnology based sensors and devices, photonic devices and other electronic components for commercial, military and space applications.
Dr. Parveen Farooqui conducted the function.

**Stress increases Heart attack risk**

“In the last few years, cases of heart attacks among people in their late 20s have increased significantly. Change in lifestyle, increased smoking and stress is to blame for this disturbing trend but the genetic disposition of Indians, who are at a risk of suffering premature heart attacks, adds to the problem”, said Dr. Viveka Kumar, Senior Consultant, Max Heart Hospital, New Delhi. He further enlightened the etiopathology and therapeutic aspects of heart related diseases.

While presiding over the function, Prof. MU Rabbani, Director, Cardiology Centre, JN Medical College, AMU, Aligarh, informed that the risk of heart disease is higher among Indians than white Americans, Chinese and Japanese, and as a community, Indians are more prone to heart diseases at a younger age. He threw light on the medical advantages of stent (a small device that consists of expandable wire mesh tube is inserted into a diseased artery). Stenting helps in reducing the risk of narrowing the artery further thereby maintaining blood flow. This procedure is usually performed if a patient is suffering from arteriosclerosis (a type of cardiac ailment). With the rise in cardiac ailments, stent has assumed greater importance as a life-saving device.

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Lecturer, Department of Pharmacology, in the opening remarks welcomed all the guests including speakers, teachers and students. Dr. Atul Singhal, President, Indian Medical Association (Aligarh Branch) delivered the key note address. He talked mainly on modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors of cardiac diseases, while Dr. Shariq Aqeel, Medical Officer, University Health Service, AMU, Aligarh, conveyed the background of the CME program.

Dr. Shahid Malik of Regima Health Care Center, while conducting the program, enlightened with various facts and epidemiological data related to heart problems. In the end, Dr. Mohd Shahid, Lecturer, Department of Microbiology and Officiating Secretary of AMU Teaching Staff Association, presented the vote of thanks. Large number of teachers and students attended the program.

**Salad Decoration Competition**

The Career Planning Centre, Women’s College, AMU organized Salad Decoration Competition in which the students of Women’s College and Career Planning Centre participated enthusiastically to show their creative talent. Dr. Sabra Khatoon, Director, Career Planning Centre presided over the function and distributed prizes to the winners. Dr. Ghazala Naheed, Dr. Nazura Usmani and Ms. Renu Maheshwari were the judges.

The first prize and special prize were bagged by Bibi Shabneeze Oozeear of BA who presented three different concepts i.e., (i) Pearl of Indian Ocean, (ii) Island of Cauliflower and eggs and (iii) Yoghurt Tropical Salad.

The second prize was awarded to Ms. Rafia Begum of BA (I) who used the concept of sea and fish.

The third prize went to Ms. Ghazala Hafeez of BA (I) who harped on the concept of birthday. There were two special prizes – one was for Amna Khan and other was for Bindu Sharma of Career Planning Centre (Interior Decoration). They used the concept of field and mandir, respectively.

One special prize from the judges was given to Ms. Sualeha Khalil of BA (I) who presented the idea of marriage.
AMU Wins North Zone Cricket Intervarsity

Host team Aligarh Muslim University won the final of North Zone Intervarsity Cricket Tournament played here. AMU team was declared winner of the tournament on the basis of its lead of 36 runs over the team of Delhi University in first inning.

Aligarh Muslim University team scored a total of 260 runs in 85 overs in second inning and put a score of 296 runs before Delhi University for victory. Mohammad Fazil scored 102, Danish Ahmad 45. Sparsh Jain of Delhi University bowled out 8 wickets giving 65 runs. Lokesh Sharma took two wickets.

In reply Delhi University could score 127 runs in 25 overs at the loss of 7 wickets at the end of match. Rahul Yadav scored 47 and Chadrapal Saini 14 runs. Meraj Ahmad and Imtiyaz Ahmad took 3 wickets each giving 35 and 46 runs respectively.

The Score:
1st Inning: AMU scored 190 runs in 83.5 overs. Delhi University scored 154 runs in 25.4 overs.  

Mr. Rajiv Shukla, BCCI Vice President and the Chief Guest of the function gave away prizes to the winner and runner teams. Man of the Match award was given to Asif Intizar, Best Batsman Mohammad Fazil, Best Bowler Mohammad Mansoor, Best All Rounder Imtiyaz Ahmad of AMU while the Best Fielder and Best Wicket Keeper prizes were given to Puneet Mehra and Rahul Yadav of Delhi University respectively.

Anis Ansari delivers lecture

Professor Anis Ansari delivered the Hakim Ajmal Khan Memorial Lecture at Edward Said Hall, Khaybane Ajmal Complex, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

A two days National Seminar on “Naturopathy, Yoga & Unani Medicine for Promotion of Health” was organized to highlight the medical systems based on the concept of positive health (the maintenance of health by the non-medicinal methods & measures) like Yogic Sciences, Naturopathy and health promotive part of the Unani Medicine (Hifzan-e-Sehat & Ilaj-bit-Tadbeer). They have immense value in promotion of health for all.

This National Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. S. M. Thakur, Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi presided over by Ch. Bijender Singh, Member of Parliament (Aligarh). Dr. S. A. Pasha, Deputy Advisor (Unani), Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi also addressed the function.

The National Seminar was largely attended by the faculty members, delegates from National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore; Government Nizamia Tibbiya College, Hyderabad and from other Unani Colleges of India.

The Valedictory Session was presided over and addressed by Prof. P.K. Abdul Aziz, Vice Chancellor, AMU; Prof. Milind Parle, G. J. Science & Technology University, Hisar (Haryana); Dr. S. A. Pasha, Deputy Advisor (Unani), Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi and Dr. Saud Ali Khan, Principal, A. K. Tibbiya College, AMU.
The vote of thanks was extended by Prof. Khalid Zaman Khan, Department of Kulliyat, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

**Professor Ajmal presents a paper**

Prof. M.R. Ajmal, Department of Medicine, J. N. Medical College presented his paper in the 8th Asia Pacific Digestive Week (APDW) at New Delhi. It was organized for the first time in India. APDW is an annual scientific meeting of the Asia Pacific Association of Gastroenterology in association with APSDE, APASL and ISDS. About 1500 delegates from Asia Pacific region including 250 invited international faculties attended this largest academic gastroenterology event in India.

His research paper entitled “The Psychological profile and gender characteristics of Irritable Bowel Syndrome Patients” was well appreciated by the delegates.

**AMU Faculties attended Congregation of Nobel Prize Winners**

Dr. Shakir Ali and Dr. Vakeel Ahmad Khan, Lecturers, Department of Mathematics, AMU, Aligarh participated in the first Science Conclave: *A Congregation of Nobel Prize Winners* held from December 15-21, 2008 at Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad. About 1200 delegates from all over India and abroad participated. The galaxy of scientist of international repute enhanced the knowledge through exchange of ideas and presentations.


**Seven AMU Boys in Vizzy Cricket Team**

Seven members of Cricket Club AMU have been selected for the Vizzy Trophy Cricket team. The Vizzy Trophy tournament will be organized by Osmania University, Hyderabad under the patronage of BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India).

Mr. M. Asif Intezar, Captain, AMU Cricket Club, has been appointed captain of the North Zone team for the Vizzy Trophy Tournament and Mr. Faisal Sherwani, Coach Cricket Club AMU has been selected Coach for the Vizzy Trophy team. The team also consists of four players from Delhi University who were the Runner’s up in North Zone, two each from GNDU, Amritsar and RML, Avadh University, Faizabad, who were the semifinalist and one from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

The Team is:

M. Asif Intezar (Captain), A.M.U. Aligarh; Mohd Fazil, A.M.U. Aligarh, Imtiyaz Ahmad, A.M.U. Aligarh; Shubham Binda Srivastava, A.M.U. Aligarh; Meraj Ahmad, A.M.U. Aligarh; Mohd Mansoor, A.M.U. Aligarh, Danish Ahmad, A.M.U. Aligarh; Rahul Yadav, Delhi University, Delhi; Chander Paul Saini, Delhi University, Delhi; Sparsh Jain, Delhi University, Delhi; Ajmer Singh, Delhi University, Delhi; Navdeep Singh, GNDU, Amritsar; Avinesh Sharma GNDU, Amritsar; Samar Qadri, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; Chander Shankar RML Avadh University, Faizabad; Manvinder, RML Avadh University, Faizabad.
A.M.U faculty gets Outstanding Scientist Award in Biopesticides

Dr. Mujeebur Rahman Khan, Reader, Department of Plant Protection, Aligarh Muslim University was honored for his research on molecular characterization and evaluation for efficacy of indigenous strains/isolates of various natural biocontrol agents against plant diseases caused by fungi and nematodes, and for developing their biopesticides at a National Conference on Ecofriendly Approaches in Sustainable Agriculture and Horticulture held at the Amity University, Lucknow. He was conferred with the Outstanding Scientist Award in Biopesticides, and was presented with a memento-citation, certificate and a shawl in the inaugural function of the conference. His researches have revealed that *Aspergillus niger*, *pochonia chlamydosporia*, *Trichoderma virens* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* can successfully control root-knot, root-rot and wilt diseases of vegetable, pulse and ornamental crops. The DNA study of these isolates/strains has also ascertained disease suppressing potential of the biocontrol agents. Dr. Khan has invented a new and low cost biotechnology to produce biopesticides that involve mass production of the bioagents on sawdust-soil-molasses mixture and immobilization on a flyash-based carrier. The invented formulation is about 10 times less expensive than the contemporaries available in the market. Patents on the invented technology and products have been filed in USA (granted US 2006/0292124 A1) and India (1621/Del/2005). Filed trials of these biopesticides in different districts under a DBT program have shown that seed treatment with 2 g biopesticide/ kg seeds significantly controlled wilt, damping-off, root-knot and wilt disease complex leading to yield enhancement of 3-5 q and 2-3 q and 6-8 q/ha in pulses. These biopesticides have also proved growth promoter and can be used as biofertilizers.

Dr. Khan obtained Ph.D. in Plant Nematology in 1988 and thereafter worked as a post Doc. at the North Carolina State University and the California Department of Food and Agriculture, U.S.A. in 1988 and 1989 respectively. He has worked in the commonwealth Institute of Parasitology, U.K.

Hiking Captain Completes Course

The Captain of Hiking & Mountaineering Club, Games Committee A.M.U., Aligarh, Suhail Ahmad has completed his MOI (Method of Instruction) course from NIM (Nehru Institute of Mountaineering) Uttarkashi, Utrakhand.

During the tenure of 21 days Suhail learned various method of instructions, new technique of climbing and successfully climbed 18,000ft peak in Northern Himalaya.

The MOI is the highest degree of Mountaineering and he is the second student of the Aligarh Muslim University who successfully completed this course.

After completion of the course Suhail Ahmad now roars to climb the Mount Everest which is 29,610 ft.. The Vice Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Prof. Tariq Mansoor Secretary Games Committee and Dr. Shadab Khursheed President of the Club appreciated his efforts.
Dr. Shakir Ali gets Best Research Paper Presentation Award

Dr. Shakir Ali, Lecturer, Department of Mathematics, AMU, Aligarh has been awarded “Best Research Paper Presentation Award” in Algebra for the year 2008 in the 74th Annual Conference of Indian Mathematical Society (IMS). The award consists of cash prize and citation. The paper entitled “On Jordan Triple \((\alpha, \beta)\) - Derivations in Banach*-Algebras” was judged the best research paper in Algebra. The work presented by Dr. Ali was highly appreciated by the galaxy of renowned mathematicians present at the meeting.

Dr. Ali received this award from Professor A.K. Agarwal, an outstanding Mathematician and President of the Indian Mathematical Society (IMS). The conference was hosted by the Department of Mathematics, University of Allahabad, Allahabad from December 27-30-2008 and supported by National Board for Higher Mathematics (NBHM), CSIR, DST, UGC, INSA etc. About 400 researchers working in various areas of Mathematics from all over India and abroad participated in this meeting.

Dr Zuber Ahmad gets US fellowship

Dr Zuber Ahmad, Chairman, department of TB& Respiratory Diseases, J.N. Medical College, AMU received fellowship of Chest College of Physicians, USA in a convocation ceremony held in Philadelphia. This fellowship has been awarded to him for his skill, expertise and his contribution in the field of chest medicine.

Dr Zuber Ahmad also presented a research paper in the conference ‘CHEST 2008’ held in Philadelphia, USA. He conducted his research work in his department on ‘smoker and non smoker asthmatics’. His research topic was “To analyze relative and additional bronchodilator responses of Salbutamol and Ipratropium in smoker and non smoker asthmatics”. This study was the first of its kind. In his study he found that Ipratropium, a bronchial asthma drug, had little or no effect in non smoker asthmatics while in smoker asthmatics it is quite effective and should be given to them along with another drug salbutamol for better control of asthma.

Gulfishan attends conference

Dr. Gulfishan Khan, Reader, Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History attended the XX Conference of the International Association of Historians of Asia (IAHA) organized by Jawaharl Nehru University; Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata; Asia Project India International Centre New Delhi; Project on International Migration & Diaspora Studies (MOIA).

Her two papers “Shaikh Muhammad Abdullah (1874-1965) and Muslim Female Education Movement” were presented in the panel on Emergence of Knowledge Societies and Educational History. The founder of the Women’s College (AMU) should be highlighted at the national level, and the translations of his Major writings from Urdu into English could be a worthwhile initiative in this direction. Her other research article on the Western perceptions of the Fourteenth century Sufi Poet Hafiz of Shiraz entitled “Khwajah Shams-al-Din Mohammad Hafiz Shiraz: Turn of the Eighteenth Century British Images” presented on the panel on the Literature and Art in Asian History was also well
received. Participants in the conference included delegates from Asia, Europe, and U. S. A.

**Athar Ansari attends International Conference**

Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Reader, Department of Community Medicine Attended the International conference on “Health and the Changing World” at Rama Garden Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. This Conference was organized by Ministry of Public Health, Thailand and Edith Cowen University, Australia. It was inaugurated by Her Royal Highness Princess of Thailand Soamsawali. Dr. M. Athar Ansari also presented a paper “An Epidemiological Study of Malaria in Rural Areas of Aligarh, India”. In his paper, first he gave a brief introduction of Aligarh Muslim University, J. N. Medical College and Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC), Jawan of Department of Community Medicine followed by a detailed presentation on endemicity of Malaria in the registered village of RHTC.

**Community Medicine gets Gold Medal**

The Department of community medicine got the prestigious international gold medal by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) for its work on Promotion of Breast Feeding in Aligarh District.

This award was given by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA), which is a global network of individuals and organizations based on the Innocenti Declarations, the Ten Links for Nurturing the Future and the WHO/UNICEF Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding. It is concerned with the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding worldwide.

A special marathon for World Breastfeeding Week event organizers from all over the world was announced for the year 2008. For this event Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals were given to the organizations for their efforts put in the event.

The Award winning team which helped to carry out the various activities of the breastfeeding week in the community includes:

Professor Zulfia Khan (Organizing secretary); Dr. Najam Khalique (Organizing Chairman); Dr. Iqbal Mohammad Khan (co-organizing secretary); Dr. Ansari; Dr. Suboohi Afzal; Dr. Uzma Eram; Dr. Anees Ahmad; Dr. M Salman Shah; Dr. Anjum Fatima Khan; Dr. M. Asif Khan and Dr. S. Hasan Nawaz Zaidi. The paramedical staff who deserve special commendations includes Mrs. Doris David, Mrs. Zakia Sultan and Mr. Wasimullah Khan.

**“Teachers should spread Sir Syed’s message of National Integration”**

The valedictory session of three courses organized under the auspices of UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh was held at the UGC Academic Staff College. Professor Hakim Zillur Rahman former Dean, faculty of Unani Medicine and Chairman, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh chaired the session. Professor S. Iqbal Ali, Principal, University Polytechnic, Mr. S. Maheshwari, Chairman, Department
of Computer Science, Mr. Suhel Mustajab Course Coordinators of these courses were also present on the occasion. University/College lecturers from all parts of the country were enrolled in these courses: Computer Application-40, Winter School (Morning)-43 and Winter School (Evening)-34. Many AMU lecturers also attended the Winter School as part of the Career Advancement Scheme. Winter Schools had the components of both the Orientation Programme and subject Refresher Course in Computer Application. The course participants benefited much, especially from Computer Lab at the Department of Computer Science. Dr. Pankaj Pant, Senior Lecturer in Geology, Govt. PG. College, Rishikesh (Uttarakhand), Course Participant in Computer Application, spoke highly of the academic ambiance on the AMU campus. In his observations Dr. N. Jainendra Kumar Singh of D. M. College of Science, Imphal (Manipur) lauded the composite culture flourishing at the AMU. He described the course as a model training which he had attended for the first time in his 30 years long teaching career. Professor A. R. Kidwai, Director UGC Academic Staff College urged the Course Participants to transmit the knowledge and skills gained by them at the UGC Academic Staff College to the students and institutions. He expressed the hope that the Course Participants would play the role of the cultural ambassadors of AMU in strengthening the cause of both academic excellence and national integration. In his presidential remarks Professor Zillur Rahman introduced to the course participants the glorious tradition of teacher-taught relationship and scholarship at the AMU. He underscored the need for better skills and aptitude for original work for teachers. Mr. Maheshwari, Chairman Department of Computer Science gave away prizes for the competition on National Integration organized by the UGC Academic Staff College while Professor Zillur Rahman distributed UGC certificates to the course participants.

A.M.U. Boys represent U. P.

Two members of A.M.U. Badminton Team have been selected in the Uttar Pradesh team for the National Badminton Championship. The A.M.U. team also won the state Championship Defeating Lucknow in the final, the A.M.U. team had this year reached the final of the North Zone Intervarsity held at Jalandhar (Punjab) and qualified for the All India Intervarsity Championship held at Dibrugarh (Assam). This is a major achievement for the Gymkhana Club of the Games Committee, A.M.U. as this is the first time ever that A.M.U. Badminton Team has performed so well in Intervarsity as well as State Level tournaments.

West Asian Studies department organizes ‘Extra Mural lecture’

Department of West Asian Studies, Aligarh Muslim University organized an “Extra Mural” lecture on “The International Politics of the Middle East: Regional Exceptionalism or International Design”. While speaking on the occasion Prof. Dietrich Jung, Head of Religion, Social Conflict and Middle East Programme, Danish Institute of International Studies, University of Hamburg, Germany highlighted the issue of exceptionalism and its international dimensions particularly relevant to West Asian State systems. He said that exceptionalism is continuing in the region inspite of the presence of a number of democrats and reformers in the Middle East as well as human rights organizations and civic groups standing to provide a check on abuses of power and trying to promote political reform.
Prof. Jung argued that the recent history of conflicts and warfare in the Middle East has increased the saliency of exclusionary norms because of angry perceptions of injustice and the like. He further stated that there are number of political and economic factors that have sustained authoritarian control in the Middle East. In this regard the role of the state has been especially problematic. Broadly speaking the Middle Eastern states have domination over the economy, manipulated socio cultural diversity to fragment the opposition, used repression to stifle dissent and promoted different ideological formulas to rationalize non democratic regimes. He emphasized that the exclusionary politics may be successful in the short run, given the rapid changes in the socio economic profile of the Middle East, it is unlikely to last forever.

Luke Anthony Patey of Danish Institute for International studies who presented his lecture on “Sudanese Oil Companies and Investment in the region”, said that oil companies like ONGC (India) are competing in great ways with other international oil companies in the region and if protected well can make their presence felt in a more professional way as compared to their competitors.

The lecture was followed by interactive session. Prof. Salahuddin Qureshi, Prof. Shah Mohd. Waseem, Dr. Zafar Mahfooz Nomani, Prof. S. Shamir Hasan, Dr. Javed Iqbal, Dr. Mohd. Azhar and research scholars participated and expressed their views.

Prof. Mohd. Gulrez, in his concluding remark, emphasized that political scientists have long been interested in determining the conditions for democracy and understanding absence of democracy in Middle East. He emphasized that for better understanding, it would be helpful to differentiate between Middle East exceptionalism that shape both the ways, that Middle East citizen look at the world and the ways that the world looks at them.

**AMU to start Islamic Banking and Finance course**

The Aligarh Muslim University will start a new course in Islamic Banking and Finance to meet the increasing demand of trained personnel in Islamic Finance from the next academic session. This was decided by the Academic Council as there is a worldwide interest in Islamic Banking and facilitating its teaching at University level is the need of the hour. Aligarh Muslim University is the first university to introduce such a course in India.

The Academic Council also approved several major changes in the admission and other rules and regulations pertaining to the research programmes. The meeting prescribed for a University level combined test for admission to M. Phil. and PhD. courses instead of departmental tests. The NET and JRF qualified candidates would be exempted. Every research scholar will have to attend department every day. The Academic Council, however, prescribed a 30 day leave in a year for all the research scholars. The attendance of every research scholar would be sent by the department to the office of Dean of the concerned Faculty.

In order to put premium on academic excellence and providing the students with more opportunities to interact with the teachers the working hours of all the departments and colleges of Aligarh Muslim University have been increased from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm. This was resolved in the meeting of Academic Council held in the Administrative Block of the University on January 5.

Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, presiding over the meeting of Academic Council, said that the working hours on Fridays will, however, remain the same from
8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The change in the working hours of the University departments is made in line with the guidelines of University Grants Commission that stipulates that all the teachers remain present in the Department for at least 40 hours in a week. Prof. Azis said that with the implementation of the decision, the teachers will get ample time to interact with the students and also upgrade their teaching.

Addressing the meeting, Vice Chancellor expressed satisfaction on the fundamental changes witnessed in the campus for the last several months. He said that the research scholars of the University have created a record by submitting 375 PhD theses this year. He said that the admissions were made smoothly this year which facilitated peaceful teaching during the current academic session. Prof. Azis thanked all for their cooperation in the great achievement.

The Academic Council has also redesignated the posts of Director, Assistant Director and Project Officer of the Adult and Continuing Education Centre of AMU as per the UGC directives. These posts shall now be redesignated to the Professor, Reader and Lecturer respectively.

Dr. Md. Tauheed awarded fellowship of ‘International Union against Cancer’

Dr. Md. Tauheed has been awarded the fellowship of ‘International Union against Cancer (UICC)’, Geneva. Dr. Ahmad has done dedicated work in the field of tobacco control and cancer control and is presently working towards his MD in Community Medicine at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh.

As a part of the fellowship Dr. Ahmad will visit Australia to share his experiences in this area. He will also undertake a review of Cancer-control advocacy undertaken by New South Wales province of Australia.

Faculty & research scholars attend 8th Indian Fisheries Forum

Prof. Asif A. Khan, Dr. Mukhtar A. Khan, Dr. (Mrs.) Saltanat Parveen and Dr. M. Afzal Khan along with their Research Scholars of fisheries section, Department of Zoology, AMU participated in the 8th Indian Fisheries Forum “Eat Fish for Health & Conserve for Livelihood” held at Kolkata.

The Forum served as a platform to discuss in depth all the issues related to national and regional fisheries including Aquaculture, encompassing nutritional security, sharing and use of new knowledge and technologies, economics, market trade and investment reforms, sustainable management of natural resources particularly the fast degrading water quality, impact of climate change and loss in biodiversity. An International Symposium on “Water, Fish and Environment” was also held to further strengthen the mutual learning, sharing and possible networking for common good.

All the Research Scholars presented their research findings either orally or through posters. One of the research scholars, Ms. Maryam was awarded “Best Poster Presentation Award” on her research work entitled “Biodiversity of periphytic community in a freshwater body of Aligarh”. In addition, many researchers from 25 countries participated in this International Forum and presented their research findings.
Move for 5 Centres Across the Country hailed by AMU Academic Council

The Aligarh Muslim University will establish 5 centres across the country at Murshidabad (West Bengal), Katihar (Bihar), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Pune (Maharashtra) and Mallappuram (Kerala). This was decided by the Academic Council in its meeting held here today.

The Academic Council also appreciated the support being extended to the University by the Ministry of Human Resource Development for realizing this goal during the XI Plan. The AMU Vice-Chancellor, Professor P K Abdul Azis informed the Academic Council that the University had contacted the concerned State Governments for getting 250-300 acres of land free of cost so that the University would be able to appoint a Consultant to prepare Detailed Project Report and Feasibility Report for establishing these special centers. It was clarified in the Academic Council that all these centers will be managed by the Executive Council and the University Court.

The Academic Council also resolved that these 5 centers should be modern, state-of-the-art, digitally managed campuses offering relevant and employment oriented courses for the people of the respective regions. The Vice-Chancellor informed the house that a Rs. 2000 crore proposal for establishing these centres during the XI Plan is pending with the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Academic Council has authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee of the Academic Council to study the academic aspects of establishing these 5 centres.

The Academic Council of the Aligarh Muslim University also approved the proposal for the re-employment of Professors and Principals as per UGC guidelines. The Council has also resolved in principle to adopt grading system and semester system for all its courses within the framework of the statutory agencies regulating Medical, Engineering and other programmes in the University. The Academic Council has authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee to study the matter in-depth. The Academic Council has directed that the views of students also be heard before finalizing the recommendations by the Committee.

AMU Professor conferred “Academic Excellence Award-2008”

Prof. Rashid M. Khan of Department of Anaesthesiology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh has been conferred upon the prestigious “Academic Excellence Award-2008” by the Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists, Bhopal. The Award was conferred during the recently concluded 56th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists at Jodhpur (Rajasthan). The award carries a certificate, a medal and a cheque of Rupees Five Thousand.

The award is conferred every year to the anaesthesiologists who have rendered outstanding work in the field of anaesthesiology and critical care and have professional achievements during the last ten years.

Prof. Khan also coordinated the day long pre-conference ‘National Airway Workshop’ and delivered the CME Guest Lecture on “Newer Supraglottic Airway Devices: A Review” in this conference.

Prof. Rashid M. Khan has fifty three research papers published in national and international journals out of which 28 papers are published in UK, USA and Canada alone. He has also delivered 49 guest lectures in national and regional conferences and has coordinated 5 National Difficult Airway Management Workshops at Pune,
Bhubaneswar, Udaipur, Jodhpur and Bhopal. Prof. Khan has the credit to author the lone book on ‘Airway Management’ which has seen 3 sell out editions. Prof. Khan is presently working as Senior Specialist in National Trauma Centre, Muscat (Sultanate of Oman).

Implementation of RTI report submitted to AMU VC

A nine member committee headed by Prof. M. Shabbir submitted its report to the AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis for executing the plan of action for the implementation of RTI Act in the Aligarh Muslim University.

To accomplish the implementation of the Section 4 of RTI Act-2005 in totality in the University, the Vice Chancellor had constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. M. Shabbir, Department of Law, AMU with the three specific terms of reference and asked the committee to submit its report within three months’ time. The first terms of reference were to “prepare a plan of action for the implementation of Section 4 of RTI Act in true spirit and executing the same.”

After seven sittings of the committee and taking feedback from all the heads of the offices of the University, it has completed the task of first terms of reference and has submitted its report to the Vice Chancellor. The committee has recommended that the mode of publication of information as per Section 4 of the RTI Act, is i.e., Internet and University Website will be redesigned for this purpose. The Committee has also made classification of the documents/records/policies and reposed responsibility to provide the information for regular updating so that the mandate of transparency of RTI Act is achieved.

The committee has also recommended the creation of a University Website Cell under the direct control of the Registrar for the regular updating of information as per Section 4 of the RTI Act. The *suo motu* disclosure of minutes of the meetings of University authorities shall be made available at all meetings which will be held after April 1, 2009. The minutes of the past meetings shall be provided on demands, subject to the availability. The committee has identified the various fields to develop the website as far the RTI Act is concerned. The action plan recommended by the committee, when executed, will start a new chapter of administrative transparency in AMU administration.

Women’s Engineering College to be established in AMU

Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said today that a separate Women’s Engineering College will be established in the University to facilitate the students of Women’s Polytechnic to upgrade their educational qualification with Bachelor of Engineering course. Prof. Azis was addressing the gathering of students of Women’s Polytechnic on the occasion of inauguration of ‘Smart Classroom’.

Prof. Azis said that the Bachelors in Engineering (BE) at the Women’s Engineering College will be a full time course. He further said that a number of other professional and short term courses will also be included in the academic programme of the said college. He said that the goal of women empowerment can be achieved only by making them educated. For this, it is essential to provide them with the maximum opportunities.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Azis said that the Women’s Polytechnic’s initiative to get the ‘Smart Classroom’ is a revolutionary step and other departments of the University should also make effort to get their classrooms turned into Smart Classrooms.
Prof. Azis said that the University administration is making serious efforts to get the information technology facilities available to the whole campus. Efforts are being made to facilitate five computers to all the departments and three computers to all Dean Offices and residential halls in order to help the students get acquainted and updated with the recent developments in their academic fields.

Principal, Women’s Polytechnic, Prof. Shamim Ahmad said that from the coming month Women’s Polytechnic is starting several short term courses like MS Office, Internet Surfing, Tally, Mobile Repairing and Home Appliances’ Repairing for the girls and women of poor families in order to equip them with the necessary skill to support their families.

Prof. Shamim said that the Women’s Polytechnic has prepared the ‘Smart Classroom’ out of its own resources. The classroom consists of the Document Camera, Laptop, Audio System and Internet. He said that with the help of these tools students will be able to derive more and better information about their subjects.

Dean, Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Ahtisham A. Rizvi said that it is essential to provide the modern educational facilities in today’s world of information technology and the students should try their best to get benefited from them.

Mrs. Salma Shaheen welcomed the guests and Dr. Sheeba Manzoor offered the vote of thanks.

**JDO pledge to improve patient services at JNMCH**

A review meeting of JDO’s executive was held in JDO Mess Complex recently in which the JDO pledged to do everything possible to improve patient services at J N Medical College Hospital.

On this occasion, Dr. Diwan Israr Khan, President, JDO lauded the efforts of Principal & CMS, Prof. M Ashraf Malik & Medical Superintendent Dr. Najam Khalique and said that there has been a definite improvement in the hospital services under their supervision. Hailing the leadership of AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P K Abdul Azis he said that we at AMU are fortunate to have such a dynamic and visionary Vice Chancellor. Reading the annual report of the JDO, Dr. Arshad Anjum, Secretary, JDO described the role of JDO in providing relief to flood hit areas of Bihar. A team of 20 Doctors led by Dr. Mushir Ahmad went to the worst affected areas and rendered their services for 10 days. JDO also organized a number of lectures, workshops, immunization and child care camps and played important role in the polio immunization drive.

To provide a better environment, ACs have been installed in the JDO Mess and Internet facility has been made available. The JDO demanded the Vice Chancellor to provide the JDO with computers with internet access to facilitate the research and patient related consultation with other international experts.

On this occasion Vice President, JDO, Dr. Kaleem Khan, Joint Secretary Dr. Kamran Ali, Treasurer Dr. Lalit Kumar and other executive members were also present.

**JNMC lecturer invited to deliver guest lecture**

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Lecturer, Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, was invited to deliver a guest lecture, entitled “Communications in Pharmacovigilance” during the 9th Annual Conference of Society of Pharmacovigilance, India (SoPI), Kolkata, January 10-11, 2009. He has also been elected as member, executive committee of the society.
West Asian Studies Department of AMU organizes a discussion on “Israel - Gaza”

The Department of West Asian Studies of Aligarh Muslim University organized a discussion on “Israel’s Gaza Offensive and Palestinian Resistance”. The Chairman, Department of West Asian Studies, Professor Mohammad Gulrez in his opening remarks, while highlighting the historical and cultural links between India and the Arab World, said that India’s support to the Arab causes predates our own independence. Professor Gulrez said that as early as 1920s Indian National Congress had espoused the cause of Arab unity and the rights of the Palestinian people. The Government of India even today reiterates our firm support for the just and respectable rights of the Palestinians, including the establishment of an independent state of Palestine. He further reiterated that we the academics in the centre support this policy and condemn all acts of genocide carried out by Israel.

Prof. Shamir Hasan gave the genesis of the state of Israel and emphasized on how it came into being through European Expansionist policy in the lands of Palestinians. He further reiterated that the question of the Israeli settlements in the occupied territories poses the foremost threat to peace in the region which is carried out through the Israeli expansionist settlement policy. Dr. Javed Iqbal in his presentation emphasized that there is political angle to this excessive military use at the moment by Israeli for political gains as the parliamentary elections are due in February in Israel. Prof. Nazim Ali and Dr. Mohammad Azher were of the view that international community, by upholding the International humanitarian laws and human rights should condemn Israel for their acts of Genocide on innocent people. They further claimed that this attack has brought many economic miseries to the Palestinians also. Dr. Fazan Mehmood gave a geographical dimension to the problem. He highlighted how systematically Israeli Government is trying to malign the image of democratically elected Government of Hamas in Palestine.

Prof. Shah Mohammad Waseem, Prof. Mehmoodul Haq, Dr. Arif Rizvi, Prof. Ali Mohammad, Prof. Salahuddin Qureshi, Dr. Wasem Raja and Dr. Hafeez Uddin Ahmad also expressed their views. The other participants included students from Arab region, Thailand and India. They hoped that the new Government of Barack Obama in USA will find some solution to the plight of Palestinians for a peaceful world.

Prof. Mohammad Gulrez thanked the participants and hoped to organize such programmes in future also in line with academic activities of the centre.

ZHCET Research Scholar gets ‘Young Scientist Award’

Ms. Leena Paquiza, a research scholar in the Department of Applied Chemistry, Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded the Young Scientist Award for the best oral presentation of paper in Analytical and Environment Chemistry in the 27th Annual Conference of the Indian Council of Chemists held at Gurukul Kangri Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar. Ms. Leena Paquiza is a research scholar under the supervision of Dr. Asif Ali Khan in the Department of Applied Chemistry of ZHCET at AMU.

AMU Lecturer wins Best Book Award

Dr. Shah Alam, Lecturer in the Department of Psychology, AMU, Aligarh has been awarded the Best Book Award 2008 by Governing Council of Pondicherry Psychology Association, Pondicherry for his book entitled “Basics of Guidance and Counseling” published by Global Vision Publishing House, New Delhi. The award was instituted by
Prof. B. Vishwanathan of Annamalai University of Tamil Nadu. The award was presented to Dr. Shah Alam by Justice David Annaswami at the inaugural session of the National Conference on School Psychology organized by Pondicherry Psychology Association, Pondicherry in collaboration with Indian Academy of Applied Psychology, Madras Psychology Society and Pavanthar Teachers’ Training Institute, Pondicherry. The award consisted of a memento, a shawl, cash prize and a certificate.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shah Alam said, “There is an urgent need to remove the established misconceptions and misunderstandings regarding the scientific concept of guidance and counseling in the field of psychology. The book is of utmost importance for all including professionals, students and non professionals, who have a zest for acquiring knowledge and using it for providing healthy care to their children”. He also said that the book will help people in understanding various problems of children such as addiction, low self confidence, family problems, school level problems etc.

**Republic Day Celebrations at A.M.U.**

Mr. E. Ahamed, Minister of State for External Affairs said that no nation can aspire to greatness if a large section of its population is excluded from the benefits of national achievement and progress. The challenge before the Muslim community is to ensure that the fruits of development are shared in equal measure by all communities, particularly those excluded and deprived.

Mr. E. Ahamed was addressing a public meeting on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations at Aligarh Muslim University to felicitate students and staff who have brought laurels to AMU. He urged the University community to play their role in reiteration of India’s commitment to our core national values of secularism, democracy and pluralism and stressed that active participation of Muslims is required to meet this challenge and for the progress of the country and the government also has its own responsibilities.

Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr. Ahamed said that it is quite unfortunate that some people want to link terrorism with the Muslim community and they want to make Muslims a suspected community. It is unjust and uncalled for.

He pointed out that Islam is against any violence or killing of innocent persons. Therefore, terrorism is against the tenets of Islam and terrorists have no religion except the idea of killing innocents in the name of religion. Every Muslim vehemently condemns such acts.

Paying tribute to Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, founder of this premier seat of higher learning, Mr. Ahamed said that Sir Syed was a champion of communal amity and religious harmony. His memorable words describing India as a beautiful bride and Hindus and Muslims as its two beautiful eyes will always be remembered.

Mr. Ahamed maintained that
Aligarh has a prominent place in history and has been home to generations of Muslim intelligentsia, whose contributions to the field of education, culture and art will be ever remembered.

He pointed out that since its inception AMU has made an invaluable contribution to India’s freedom struggle and therefore inspite of tremendous pull and pressure from various quarters, this institution has played a significant role in the task of nation building.

While welcoming the decision of Academic Council and the University authorities to open five special Centres of AMU, Mr. Ahamed hoped that this will replicate the AMU model and would be the richest tribute the nation can pay to Sir Syed Ahmad Khan for the outstanding services he has rendered to spread education among Indians.

In his presidential address, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that AMU is celebrating Republic Day as a mark of recognizing the talent of students and teachers for their outstanding contribution in their respective field. He said that we are felicitating one student who had a remarkable achievement of 100% attendance in the classroom and hoped that next year more and more students will fall under this category.

He said that 2008 was declared as academic rejuvenation year and this year our target is to provide a better environment for pursuit of excellence.

On this occasion Prof. Iqtidarul Hasan Zaidi, Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine, Prof. Ahtisham A. Nizami, Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Dr. P.V. Jagan Mohan, Commissioner, Aligarh Division, Mr. Zameerullah Khan, MLA also addressed the University community. University Registrar Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel welcomed the dignitaries and Prof. Abu Qamar Siddiqui, Dean Students’ Welfare proposed a vote of thanks.

About eighty eminent teachers, research scholars and students were presented with mementoes in recognition of their outstanding contribution to academic, corporate and engineering, and technology.
co-curricular life of the University community during 2008. Mr. Shahpar Nazeer Khan, Research Scholar was presented a certificate of honour as the most active research scholar for his outstanding contributions towards research activities, while Dr. Owais Muhammad, Lecturer, Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit was awarded the ‘Most Active Teacher’. Prof. S. Alim Husain Naqvi was felicitated for securing the largest grant for Nanotechnology. Prof. Jamal Ahmad, Director, Centre for Diabetes and Endocrinology was honored for his selection as a fellow of prestigious Royal College of Physicians (FRCP), London.

Dr. Masarrat Ali Khan, President of Federation of Aligarh Alumni Associations (USA) and Mr. Hasan Kamal were also felicitated for their significant contribution to their alma mater.

All India Sir Syed Memorial Debate organized in AMU

Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore has won the Sir Syed Memorial Debate Trophy in All India Sir Syed Memorial Debate Competition 2009, organized by the University Literary Club of Aligarh Muslim University.

The debate was organized in English, Urdu and Hindi. The first prize for debate in English went to Mr. Naved Trambu and Ms. Tasleem Ara Wani of University of Kashmir, while the second prize was won by Mr. Aditya Tiwari and Ms. Ruchil Pant of G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar. The third prize went to Ms. Uzma and Syed Ahmar Raza of Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi. The special prize of Best Speaker was bagged by Mr. Syed Alihur M. Kamoopnuri of Aligarh Muslim University.

In Urdu debate, the first prize went to Mr. Md. Mukarram Shaheen and Mr. Md. Firdous Uskari of T. M. Bhagalpur University, Bihar while the second prize was won by Mr. Ziaullah Anwar and Mr. Abdul Basit Hamidi of Patna University, Patna. The third prize was won by Ms. Nadra Bano and Mr. Shahzad Akhtar Anasari of Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore. The special prize for Best Speaker was also bagged by Shahzad Akhtar Ansari of Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore.

In Hindi debate the first prize went to Ms. Haribala Paliwal and Ms. Ananya Mishra of Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore while the second prize was won by Mr. Amit Tripathi and Mr. Amrendra Kumar Mishra of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya University, Gorakhpur. The third prize went to Mr. Himanshu Singh and Mr. Mayank Agrawal of Dayal Bagh Educational Institute, Agra. The special prize of Best Speaker in this category was bagged by Mr. Yasir Imam of Aligarh Muslim University.

The prize distribution ceremony was held at Kennedy Hall. Eminent poet and lyricist Prof. Shaharyar was the chief guest while Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, AMU presided over the function. Prof. Abul Kalam Qasmi, Coordinator, General Education Centre, AMU welcomed the guests and Dr. Siraj Ajmali, President of Literary Club proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Shaad Ahmad Khan conducted the programme The Secretary of University Literary Club, Ms. Maria Salman presented the annual report of
the University Literary Club. Teams from 22 Universities from all over the country participated in the debate competition.

**Dr. Beg gets fellowship**

The Prestigious fellowship of Indian College of Physician by the Council of Indian College of Physician was conferred on Dr. Mujahid Beg at convocation held at India Info Centre, National Capital Region, Noida during the 64th Annual Conference of Association of Physician was attended by the Dean, Faculty of Indian College of Physician, Dr. A K Das and the Chairman of Indian College of Physician Dr. A K Agarwal. The Director General of Health Services, Government of India, Dr Rakesh Shrivastava was the Chief Guest.

Dr. Beg also chaired scientific sessions on “Clinical Study of Chronic Calcific Pancreatitis”, “PEG: Indian Experience”, “Cilnical study of Biliary Ascariasis in Adults”, “Bed Side Detection of Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis in Chronic Ascites with leucocyte Esterase Reagent strips”, “Portal Hypertensive Gastropathy its interrelated factors”, “Endoscopic Liagation compared with Sclerotherapy for Treatment of bleeding Esophageal Varices in Decompensated Cirrhotics: A New Delhi Experience”.

He also presented two papers “Bacterial isolates from diabetic foot and their sensitivity to antimicrobial agents” and “High Dose IV Artesunate in Complicated Falciparum Malaria”. The paper entitled “High Dose IV Artesunate in Complicated Falciparum Malaria” was adjudged the Best Paper.

**Call for strengthening cultural relation**

The Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran, Syed Mahdi Nabizadah said that the growth and continuation of the age-old relations of Iran with the Indian sub-continent reached the peak of the written history so that it became the foundation of all cultural ties between the two ancient and civilized nations.

He was addressing the inaugural function of the three-day International Seminar on “Indo-Iranian Heritage: Importance and Relevance of Persian Language and Literature”, organized by the Institute of Persian Research, Aligarh Muslim University.

Mr. Nabizada pointed out that the Persian poem and literature, introduced to many nations the values of the knowledge and spirituality and rejoiced the thinkers who during many centuries has been beloved of the kings and the great personalities and had been trained by the learned persons and writers to such an extent that no language other than Persian could garner such a large number of poets and men of letters familiar to the secrets of the sweetness of Persian.

He said that there had been age old strong commercial and cultural ties between the people living in the Shush region of southern Iran and the Sindh valley as the items found
from the remains of Mohanjodaro, Takshila and Harappa are similar to those found from the Iranian Plateau, Tigris and Euphrates Valley.

The Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran mentioned that most of the remains of the Iranian culture and civilization in the Indian sub-continent pertains to the Persian and they are well preserved in the high number of books on history, vocabulary, persian, grammar, a variety of sciences and mystic walks.

Inaugurating the Seminar, Mr. Ali Akbar Ashari, Cultural Advisor to the Iranian President said that after the Iran revolution, his country has progressed tremendously in the field of education. He said more than five percent peoples of Iran are getting higher education and fifty thousand books published yearly and more than two thousand libraries were established to provide better knowledge.

Delivering the keynote address Dr. Moosa Raza, Chairman, Southern India, Educational Trust, Chennai said that the very purpose of the existence of a nation is not merely to prosper materially but to safeguard all the stands of culture that go to make it what it is.

Persian language and literature has been one of those strong currents like yeast in bread flour that permeates what we call Indian culture. He said that when a culture dies, a nation dies, a country dies. For a nation’s identity is its culture, its language, its art, its architecture and its philosophy of life.

In his presidential remarks, the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis assured the delegates to provide all types of support and partnership. He said that the Department of Persian of Aligarh Muslim University is doing excellent work in the field of teaching and research.

Prof. Azarmi Dukht Safavi, Director, Institute of Persian Research highlighted the objectives of the Seminar and said a large number of delegates from all parts of India and abroad are participating in the three day deliberations.

She hoped that a common heritage between Iran and India would be strengthened further through implementing suitable programmes in the Universities and the scientific and research centres all over the Indian Subcontinent.

Prof. Mahdi Mohaghegh, Director, Cultural Heritage Foundation, Iran and Mr. Karim Najafi Barzigar, Cultural Counselor, Iran also addressed. Professor Mohd. Asif Naim Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of Persian proposed a vote of thanks.
Obituary

Professor Iffat Ara
Women’s College, AMU

Dr. sakina Hasan, former Reader, Department of English, A.M.U. with her sea-green eyes that shone like emerald, had deep love and affection for those who knew her worth. She never failed to respond to those who hovered around her as a figure of veneration. She bloomed with variegated colours, her exceptional aesthetic sense was evident from her style of dressing up. She was such a rare combination of the East and West that one could never forget the impact of her personality.

She was a gifted teacher, a scholar and a good conversationalist. She could converse with deep involvement and let no one feel uneasy in her presence. She would gleam like the bright Phoebus and move like a gale coming from the sea, would smile like a galaxy of stars, would shower her generosity upon all, would be merciful like the rain that blesseth all, would argue like a zealous and wise judge, would manage affairs with ease and efficiency, would chasten her own existence and inspired all with her valued presence.

She struggled bravely with the dreadful phantom of disease that gnawed form within and left her frail and motionless. She had never known despair and sorrow, for her life was like a garland with pearls. The bliss of domestic life, passionate love of children, deep attachment to friends and associates never let her retire into solitude or made her a recluse.

She was well-attuned to a harmonious way of life that she had known since the beginning of her life. As she belonged to a famous and well-to-do family her response to things was normal and natural. She was receptive to a way of life that absorbed everything. Hence her broad outlook on life made her resemble a rainbow that after rainfall not only adorns the areil blue sky but with its many colours widens the horizon and opens the doors of perception. May she live in abiding peace. Amen.
Book Review


Bibliographic researches have a poor history in India, but this scholarly and comprehensive work has set a new benchmark worth striving for. True, the author had the privilege and advantage of tapping the resources of the British libraries, but this does not in any way diminish the role of the sterling inputs of his personal learning and brow sweating labour. He has convincingly vindicated his credentials as the worthy inheritor of the scholarly legacy of his illustrious maternal grandfather, Abdul Majid Daryabadi (d. 1977), who contributed commentaries on the Quran in both English and Urdu.

I feel particularly impressed by Kidwai’s imaginative planning and format of the work. The four-step introductions on the translators’ biography, mind-set and publication history, prefacing each English translation, give valuable insights and information not readily available elsewhere. The bibliography of reviews on each translation provides an additional advantage to its serious reader. The selected bibliography of related studies, given at the end, is an extra bonus to the scholars, and the identification of some holding libraries, often overlooked in conventional bibliographies, makes his compilation a cut apart from other similar works. His comments on each item under the sub-heading “mindset” are remarkably objective – a rare phenomenon in a scholarly field riddled with internecine polemics. Its exhaustive Index is also a real boon to the user because of the plethora of information contained in the work.

Much to my regret, I admit my ignorance about Kidwai’s numerous reviews of English translations of the Quran. I wish either he had published this bibliography earlier, or I should have been younger in years to be able to make a more substantial and lasting use of it. The publication is remarkably free from printing error. However the entry on page 467 about E.H. Palmer needs to be checked. I think pp. 358-369 should be listed against the name of George Sale and omitted at p. 467 and it should be replaced by pp. 258-269.

In sum, it is excellent bibliography. The author is to be congratulated on such a solid work. May Allah reward him well for this noble and significant contribution to the Quran Studies.

Submission Guidelines and Policy

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International Congregations

1. **4th Asia – Pacific Conference on Few – Body Problems in physics – 2008: Depok, Indonesia, 19th to 23rd August, 2008:** Dr. Mohd. Shoeb, Reader, Dept. of Physics presented his paper entitled “6AZ° he and ‘AAZ° He Hypenuclei in α Cluster Model”.

2. **Hamdard International Integrative Medicine Conference – 2008, Faculty of Eastern Medicine, Hamdard university, Karachi, Pakistan, 23rd to 25th November, 2008:** Dr. Asadullah Khan, Lecturer, Inter disciplinary Biotecnology Unit presented his paper entitled “Emerging trends of Multi – Drug Resistance in Bacteria: A Journey from Community Acquired to NOSO comial Infection”.


4. **Research of ALICE Experiment at European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), Geneva, Switzerland, 14th November to 20th December, 2008:** Mr. Mohd. Danish Azmi, Senior Research Fellow, Dept. of Physics took part.

5. **Thailand, Public Health Conference, Bangkok, Athar Ansari, Reder, Dept. of Community Medicine, J.N.M.C. attended.

6. **Seminar, Turkey, 14th to 17th October, 2008:** Dr. Arshi Khan, Reader, Dept. of Political Science presented his paper entitled “Contemporary World Politics & the Block Sea Region: Disturbing Shift from Regional Strategic Culture to European Enlargement”.

7. **10th Arab International Solar energy Conference & Exhibition, Kuwait, 10th to 13th November, 2008:** Mr. M. Jamil Ahmad, Lecturer, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, ZHCET presented his paper entitled “Modification of Ashrae Model to predict hourly solar radiation for composite climate of India”.

8. **“Cosmic Ray Rum” for ALICE Detector at European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), Geneva, Switzerland, 1st June to 2nd July 2008:** Dr. M. Mohsin Khan, guest faculty, Dept. of Physics took part.

9. **XXXIII International Buddhist Conference, Bodhgaya (Bihar), 8th to 9th December, 2008:** Professor Satya Dev Kaushik, Chairman, Department of Sanskrit Presented his paper entitled “Buddhism & Euthanasia in the Respect of Elders.”

10. **XX Conference of International Association of Historians of Asia (IAHA),JNU, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, Asia Project, India International centre, New Delhi, Project on International Migration & Diaspora Studies (MOIA), 14th to 17th November, 2008:** Dr. Gulfishan Khan, Reader, Center of Advanced Study, Dept. of History presented 2 paper, (1).Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah (1874-1965) and Muslim Female Education Movement

of Mechanical Engineering ZHCFT presented his paper entitled “Performance of Flexible system under alternative control strategies”.


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### National Congregations

1. **4th Annual conference on Indian pharmacological society & International conference on translations pharmacology, New Delhi, December 18-20,2008:** Dr. M. Nasiruddin, lecturer, Department of pharmacology, J.N. Medical College Presentedin paper entitled “A study of toxicity of unani formulation in Rats”.

2. **National Symosium on ‘Acoustics’, Vishakhpantnam, 23rd to 24th December 2008:** Dr. Omar Farooq, Reader, Dept. of Electronics Engineering, ZHCET presented his paper entitled – “Admissible Wavelet Packet Based Features for continuous Hindi speeds Recognition”.


4. **54th National conference on Association of physiologists and pharmacologists of Indian and pre-conference CME/workshops Dept of physiology, Kasturba Medical College, center for Basic Sciences, Mangalore Karnataka from 27th to 30th December,2008:** Professor D. K Agrawal, Chairman, Dept of Physiology, J.N. Medical College, presented his paper entitled “Study of pulmonary function tests in general & savage cleaners in and around AMU”.


7. **DAE Symposium on Nuclear Physics-2008l, Roorkee, 22nd -26th December,2008:** Dr. Mashood Anwar Suhail, Lecturer, Dept. of Applied Physics, ZHCET presented his paper entitled “Relativistic Analysis of Spin-Rotation function for p+40 Ca Elastic Scattering at 800 Mev.”
8. *5th National conference of Association of Physiologists and Pharmacologists of India (APPICON-2008) & pre-conference CME, Mangalore (Karnatake), 27th to 30th December 2008*: Dr. Rajiv Gulati, Reader, Dept. of Physiology, JNMC delivered a lecture on Cytokines in pre-Eclampsia.”


11. *XX National conference of Indian Academy of Oral Medicine & Radiology, Nellore (A.P.), 12th to 14th December, 2008*: Dr. Shishir Yadav, Reader & Chairman, Dept. of Oral Pathology & Radiology, Dr. Z. A. Dental College Chaired a Scientific session.

12. *Session on the social Literacy & Cultural sciences in Bahirbanga, New Delhi, 5th to 8th December 2008*: Dr. T. B. Chakraborty, Reader & Chairman, Department of Modern Indian Languages Chaired.


14. *National Symposium on ‘Acoustice’, Vishakhapatnam, 23rd to 24th December, 2008*: Dr. Omar Farooq, Reader, Dept. of Electronics Engineering, ZHCET presented his paper entitled Admissible wavelet packet Based Features for conditions hindi Speed Recognition”.

15. *Indo – US Faculty Development Programme and Annual Meeting 10th to 12th October, 2008*: Professor M.A.K. Sherwani, Chairman, Department of Orthopadic surgery, J.N.M.C. attended.


18. Mr. Mohammad Muzammil, Reader, Dept of Mechanical Engineering, ZHCET presented his paper entitled Effect of Noise and Illumination on Task Performance of Workers of Varying Age Groups in an Assembly Task.

19. Mr. Abid Ali Khan, Lecturer, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, ZHCET presented his paper entitled Effect of the position of support Handle in Hand Drill Machine.

20. *53rd All India Public Health Conference held at Kempegowada Institute of Medical Science, Bangalore, from January 9 – 11, 2009*: This conference was organized by All India Public Health Association. Dr. Nazish rasheed and Dr. Nimish Goel also presented papers “Inter – spouse communication and acceptance of family planning” and “Adolescent anthropometry: A comparison of
2 standards respectively. Both of them were awarded Best Paper Prize in oral paper presentation category.

21. Three- Days Orientation Training Programme (OTP) in Yoga to AYUSH/Medical Professionals, Maraji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi, 16th to 18th December, 2008: Dr. Rajiv Gulati, Reader, Dept. of Physiology, J.N.M.C. attended.

22. 18th DAE – BRNS High Energy Physics Symposium, “Multidimensional Erratic Fluctuations of Shower Particles Produced in the Collisions of $^{28}$Si – Em at 14.6A Ge V” Department of physics, Banaras hindu University, Varanasi, 14th to 18th December, 2008: Dr. Shafiq Ahmad, Reader, Department of Physics presented his paper entitled.

23. “LOW VOLTAGE CURRENT MODE OFC BASED AMPLIFIRES, INTERGRATOR AND DIFFERNTIATOR FOR PORTABLE APPLICATION” in the National Conference NSC – 2008, Roorkee, 17th to 19th December, 2008: Dr. Tahira Parveen, Reader, Department of Electronics Engineering, ZHCET presented his paper entitled.

24. National Conference on ‘Eco – Friendly Approaches in Sustainable Agriculture and Horticulture Production, Amity University, Lucknow, 28th to 30th November, 2008: Dr. Mujeebur Rahman Khan, Reader, Dept. of Plant Protection to attended.

25. 2nd National Working Group Meeting and Field Workshop on the Palaeoproteinzoic ArAVALI Super Group of GSITI under the aegis of International Geological Correlation Programme, Zawar, Rajasthan, 28th to 02nd December, 2008: Professor Mahshar Raza, Dept. of Geography to attended.

Superannuations

Teaching
1. 31.07.2006; Mr. Syed Munawwar Husain Zaidi, Acting Principal, S.T.S. High School.
2. 31.07.2008; Mrs. Rashida Sajid, Primary Teacher, AMU City Girls High School.

Non – Teaching
1. 31.08.2008; Mr. Nisar Ahmad, LDC (Admin.), Centre for Promotion of Science.
2. 31.07.2008; Mr. Mohd Arif, LDC (Admin.), Aftab Hall.
3. 30.09.2008; Mrs. Qaiser Jahan, Medical Social Worker, Department of Paediatrics, J.N. Medical College.

Technical
1. 31.12.2004; Mr. Saadat Ali Siddiqui, Senior Technical Assistant, Institute of Ophthalmology, JNMC.
2. 31.08.2008; Mr. Azizuddin Warsi, Engine Driver, University Polytechnic.
4. 30.06.2008; Mr. Mohd. Zafar Husain, Ward Assistant, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
5. 31.07.2008; Mr. Masood Akhtar, Senior Technical Assistant, General Education Centre.
6. 31.05.2008; Mrs. Krishna Swain Node, Ward Sister, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
7. 31.08.2008; Mr. Lateef, Ward Assistant, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
8. 31.05.2008; Mr. Silas Alfred Tuck, Ward Master, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
9. 31.07.2008; Mr. Gajadhar Prasad Gautam, Auxiliary Nurse, J.N. Medical College.
10. 30.06.2008; Mr. Nafis Ahmad, Technical Assistant, Department of Statistics & Opet. Research.
11. 31.08.2008; Mr. Afzal Ahmad Farooqui, Senior Technical Assistant, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
12. 31.07.2008; Mr. Mohd. Saddique, Senior Technical Assistant, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
13. 31.08.2008; Mr. Sardar Khan, Ward Assistant, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
14. 30.09.2008; Mr. Mohd. Hafeez Ahmad, Mechanical Engineer, Department of Physics.
15. 31.10.2008; Mrs. B.R. Jacob, Staff Nurse, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
16. 31.10.2008; Mr. Khilil Ahmad, Ward Assistant, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
17. 30.11.2008; Mr. Akbar, Technical Assistant, Workshop, Mechanical Engineering Department.
18. 30.06.2008; Mr. Irfan Ahmad Farooqui, Technical Assistant (Store) Workshop, Mechanical Engineering Department.
19. 30.11.2008; Mr. Izhar Husain, Technical Assistant, Mechanical Engineering Department.

**Group IV**

1. 30.06.2008; Mr. Shah Mohd, Cook, R.M. Hall.
3. 31.03.2008; Mr. Mohd Akhlaq, Kitchen Attendant, Mohd. Habib Hall.
4. 31.05.2008; Mr. Nasir Ahmad II, Kitchen Attendant, Sulaiman Hall.
5. 31.08.2008; Mr. Wasiuddin, Ward Assistant, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
6. 31.07.2008; Mr. Ranaq Husain, Security Guard, Proctor’s Office.
7. 31.05.2008; Mr Karan Singh, Cook, S.S. Hall (North).
8. 31.08.2008; Mr. Nanney, Kitchen Attendant, V.M. Hall.
9. 31.12.2007; Mr. Ghazi Husain, Security Guard, Proctor’s Office.
10. 29.02.2008; Mr. Mughisur Rehman, Cook, S.S. Hall (South).
11. 31.05.2008; Mr. Raj Mohd, Kitchen Attendant, Sulaiman Hall.
12. 01.01.2008; Mr. Mazdar Husain, Office Attendant, Budget Section, Central Accounts Office.
13. 30.11.2008; Mr. Nasiruddin, Cook, S.S. Hall (South).
New Appointments

Dr. S. M. Safdar Ashraf
Chairman, Dept. of Hifzan-e-Sehat-wa Samaji Tib

Prof. Rakesh Bhargava
Chairman, Dept. of T.B. & Respiratory Diseases

Prof. Prabhat Kumar
Chairman, Dept. of Elekctrical Engineering

Dr. Sattar Husain
Chairman, Dept. of Chemical Engineering

Prof. M. Khalid Anwar Sherwani
Chairman, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery

Prof. Haroon Subhan Khan
Chairman, Dept. of Medicine

Dr. Abdul Malik
Chairman, Dept. of Agricultural Microbiology

Prof. M. Ehtisham Zuberi
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