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A.M.U. Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis welcoming Mr. Tarique A. Kareem, High Commissioner of Bangladesh.

Union Minister Mr. Salman Khurshid inaugurating Moot Court building at faculty of Law. Also seen in the Picture Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Prof. Mohd. Shabbir, Prof. Mohd. Shabbir, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar and Prof. Iqbal Ali etc.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis presenting the portrait osf Sir Syed Ahmad Khan to Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, Chairman, National Minority commission. Also seen in the picture Prof. Shan Mohammad and Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Prof. Tariq Mansoor and Mr. Nafees Ahmad, President, AMU Riding Club with the winners of Annual Horse Show.

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Classes Commence at Malapuram Centre

With the commencement of MBA and BA-LLB classes at AMU Malapuram Centre, the initiative set in motion by Aligarh Muslim University was transformed into a reality. Speaking at the launching of classes ceremony held at the temporary AMU Centre complex at Perinthalmanna, Shri M.A. Baby, Minister of Higher Education, Kerala, said that the people of Kerala are extremely thankful for establishing a Centre of Excellence by AMU for the benefit of minorities and the people of Malabar region.

He observed that the dexterity and dedication displayed by AMU Vice Chancellor, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis is exemplary in the sense that the academic activity was being put in place in accordance with the promised time frame despite numerous hurdles he had to face in the process. He hoped that newly appointed faculty will carry forward the great task ahead of making a full-fledged centre of academic excellence.

AMU Vice Chancellor, professor P.K. Abdul Azis assured the gathering that the small step of starting management and law classes will certainly lead to the creation of an independent university of magnitude and repute by 2020.

He further added that the University has already developed a well designed plan and submitted to MHRD, a detailed project report to the tune of Rs. 500 crores each for creating two state-of-the-art centres at Murshidabad and Malapuram. Prof. Azis emphasized that the kind of facilities envisioned cannot be developed merely with the government funding and without the support of philanthropists. Historically speaking, AMU was able to build a grand edifice with the help of generous donations that were made by all irrespective of religion and social class, he added.

Mr. Sasi Kumar, MLA, Perinthalmanna said that the government is able to acquire the land for AMU Malapuram centre primarily because of the support of common people. The idea of AMU coming to Malapuram has raised the hopes and aspirations of the common man of the area and they were willing to see that the AMU Centre takes this shape.

True to its reputation, Aligarh Muslim University has delivered its promise as we are all witnessing the launch of the classes. He congratulated the AMU Vice Chancellor and all the functionaries for the academic initiative unfolded.

Advocate Malakath Soophi, former Education Minister of Kerala said that the Centre of Higher Education of AMU with the background of glorious Islamic cultural ethos was very much needed to this Muslim concentrated district of Malapuram. He hoped that the Centre will contribute meaningfully to the development and prosperity of the region.

Syed Bashir Ali Thangal and Haji P.A. Ibrahim, Members of AMU Court congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis and said that they have personally witnessed Prof. Azis’ difficulties. Despite the numerous hurdles he was able to transform the dream of Sir Syed by taking education to far off areas like Murshidabad and Malapuram.

While welcoming the gathering, AMU Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel, expressed confidence that the newly appointed Directors and their colleagues at both the Murshidabad and Malapuram centres will set a model by developing exemplary work culture and help the University to transform these Centres into autonomous Centres of Excellence. He appreciated the development work which is being carried under the guidance of Prof. H.S.A. Yahya, O.S.D., Malapuram Centre.

Prof. H.S.A. Yahya informed about the developmental activities going on in the Centre and said that with the help of various University functionaries, even at the nascent stage, the Malapuram Centre was able to arrange classroom facilities, state-of-the-art computer lab, library facilities, hostels for boys and girls and thanked the state government officials for expediting construction of roads for the new campus.

He urged the Vice Chancellor to introduce Urdu language academic programme as he has received demands from various quarters including recently held Urdu Conference at Perinthalmanna.
The Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmin Jalal Beg, Controller of Examinations, Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Ekram Husain, Media Advisor, Prof. N.A.K. Durrani, Dean, Faculty of law, Prof. M. Shabbir, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, Prof. Jawed Akhtar, Chairman, Department of Business Administration, Prof. Khalid Azam and Chairman, Department of Law, Prof. Iqbal Ali also participated in the programme.

Prof. Mohamed P., Director, Malappuram Centre proposed a vote of thanks.

Soon after the launching ceremony the MBA class was started with an orientation programme addressed by Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Prof. Ekram Husain, Prof. Jawed Akhtar and Prof. Khalid Azam.

The orientation programme for BA-LLB course was addressed by Prof. H.S.A. Yahya, Prof. M. Shabbir and Prof. Iqbal Ali.

Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Mrs. Yasmeen Jalal Beg and Prof. N.A.K. Durrani inspected the work in progress at the Malapuram site and issued the necessary directives for speeding up the work so that by the next June-July the classes are shifted to the allotted site of AMU Malapuram Centre.

**AMU Teachers present papers**

Dr. S.S.Z. Ashraf and Dr. P. Tripathi, Lecturers, Department of Applied Physics, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University presented papers at the International Conference on “Advances in Condensed and Nano materials” organized by the Department of Physics, Punjab University, Chandigarh.

**National Science Day Celebrated**

The Department of Physics, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, celebrated the National Science Day. Prof. Wasi Haider, Chairman, Department of Physics, welcomed the Dean, Faculty of Science, AMU Aligarh; the chief guest of the function Prof. Daksh Lohiya, Eminent Scientist, from University of Delhi, Delhi; the guests and the students present on the occasion.

Prof. Daksh Lohiya is a well known scientist in Physics, particularly in the field of Cosmology. Prof. Lohiya has been a student of one of the greatest scientists, Prof. Stephen Hawking. On this occasion, Prof. Lohiya delivered a talk on “A Search for a Viable Cosmology”. The talk was highly appreciated by the audience.

Prof. B.P. Singh, Convener of the National Science Day-2011 celebrations, gave a brief account of the programmes that were organised by the department. Various programmes that were organised included the debate competition; quiz competition and model and poster display. In all, more than 300 students participated in these events. Students from various schools also participated, particularly in model and poster display programmes. Participation of the students in a large number was quite encouraging and indicated the interest of students not only in science, but in the extra-curricular activities as well.

Apart from the above, as part of the NSD-2011 programmes, the research scholars of the department made oral presentation of their research work. Various physics experiments were on display for all the students and faculty members of different departments.

The department also arranged the screening of two films for the students. These were *The Origin of the Universe* on Stephen Hawking and *In Love with India* on Dr. Homi Jehangir Bhabha.

Prof. Abha Lakshmi Singh, Dean, Faculty of Science. AMU Aligarh, spoke in length on this occasion mentioning the importance of this day. She also released the *Physics Bulletin-2011*, in which the students as well as faculty members have contributed informative articles.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Wasi Haider, Chairman, Department of Physics, AMU Aligarh gave a detailed account of the achievements of the faculty members of the department and the grants received by the department during the last five years or so. He also presented the details of the National Seminar on Contemporary Trends in Nuclear Physics (NSCTNP), which was organised in the memory of Prof. Israr
Ahmad a leading scientist and the former Chairman, Department of Physics, AMU Aligarh. The proceedings of this national seminar were released by Prof. Daksh Lohiya, the Chief Guest.

The prizes to all the students, who were the winners of various competitions, were distributed by the Dean, Faculty of Science. Some awards were also given to the non teaching staff of the department for their hard work, sincerity and dedication towards their duties.

In the end, Prof. B.P. Singh thanked all those who contributed in many ways for the success of the programme.

AMU Student gets Award
Dr. Athar Abdul Mujeeb, Department of Pediatrics, J.N. Medical College, AMU Aligarh has participated in Oral / Poster presentation in the 20th Annual Conference of Pediatrics Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition held in post graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh. The title of the Poster presentation was “Prevalence of Celiac disease in known cases of type-1 diabetes”. He has been awarded First prize. This work was conducted and presented under the supervision of Dr. Seema Alam (Reader, Department of Pediatrics), Prof. Syed Manazir Ali (Co-supervisor & Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics) & Prof. Jamal Ahmad, Centre for Diabetes and Endocrinology, Faculty of Medicine, AMU, Aligarh.

Best Paper Award
Dr. Ahmar Shamim, Department of Pediatrics, J.N. Medical College, AMU has participated in XXII National Conference of the Indian Society of Pediatric Nephrology held in Kolkata and had presented a paper titled “Randomized Controlled Trial Comparing Isotonic and Hypotonic Intravenous Fluids for Maintenance of Fluid Therapy in Children”. His paper was awarded First prize. This work was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Kamran Afzal, Reader Department of Pediatrics and Prof. Syed Manazir Ali Co-supervisor & Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics J.N. Medical College, AMU Aligarh.

Research Scholar Attends National Conference
Idrees Ahmad Khan, a research student of Prof. Huzoor H. Khan has attended a National Conference on “Recent Trends in engineering & Mathematical Sciences” held at Applied College of Management and Engineering, Palwal (Haryana) and presented his paper titled “Degree of Approximation Functions” which was adjudged “The Best Paper Presentation”.

Workshop on Islamic Architecture
The Department of Architecture, under the aegis of ‘Centre of Islamic Architecture’, had organized a Workshop on “Legacy of Islamic Architecture and its impact on Contemporary World” sponsored by Aditya Birla Ultradech at Z.H. College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

Prof. Syed Abrar Hasan, officiating Vice -Chancellor, graced the occasion in the inaugural session. Sharing the dais with him were Prof. (Emeritus) Irfan Habib, Department of History, Prof. S.M.A. Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Prof. S.M. Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Architecture & Ekistics, Jamia Millia Islamia, Ar. Sanjeev Maheshwari, Chairman, Department of Architecture, Ar. Nawab Ahmad, Ex-Chairman, Department of Architecture, Ar. M. Farhan Fazli, Organizing Secretary, Department of Architecture.

Noted historian, Professor Emeritus, Irfan Habib delivered the Keynote address opening up realms of history of Islamic Architecture in India. In the first Technical session Prof. S.M. Akhtar threw light on Islamic Architecture and its impact on Contemporary World. Ar. Nisar Khan gave a brief presentation on the concept of ‘Hasht-Bihisht’ in Islamic Architecture.
Earlier, Ar. Sanjeev Maheshwari, Chairman of the Department of Architecture, welcomed the eminent personalities on and off the dais and participants from outside and within the University.

In the second Technical session, Dr. Nadeem Rezavi delivered an enlightening talk on the development of Islamic Architecture during Emperor Akbar’s Reign. Ar. Nawab Ahmad explained in detail the role of Islamic values, rational and reasoning in framing the development of Islamic Architecture to make the buildings functional, comfortable, economical, energy efficient and climate responsive.

The workshop had 150 delegates including faculty and students from Department of Architecture, Civil Engineering, History and University Polytechnic. The Workshop also received delegates from various other Universities and colleges including Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and Teerthankar Mahavir University, Moradabad.

Ar. Khan Amadur Rahman, Coordinator of this workshop proposed the vote of thanks.

International Cultural Meet

Inaugurating an International Cultural meet of the AMU Students’ Union, Lt. General (Retd.) Andi M. Ghalib, Ambassador of Republic of Indonesia said that Indonesia has a very close cultural link with India.

He said that India is a superpower and second largest democratic country while Indonesia is the fourth largest democratic country of the world. Mr. Ghalib said that Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru invited President Sukarno to India and this year Indonesian President was the Chief Guest of the Indian Republic Day function.

Ambassador Ghalib said that Indonesia is the largest Muslim populated country of the world and the Aligarh Muslim University is the biggest Muslim educational institution of the world. He said we are interested that more students of Indonesia come to study at AMU. He appreciated the efforts of AMU Students’ Union to hold International Cultural meet.

Dr. Maher Salam Adil Tarawneh, Counselor of Jordan Embassy said that AMU alumni played a vital role for the advancement of Jordan. He urged the University authorities to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jordanian universities.

Ms. Julliette Galonnier, a research scholar of France said that as a French lady, I have always received a warm welcome and the students were always ready to help me in my research on Aligarh Muslims. I really enjoyed because in France you don’t find such availability of people and such a solidarity.

She said that Aligarh had a long connection with France. As told by the AMU PRO, Dr. Rahat Abrar, the Aligarh Fort was rebuilt by French people. In 1791, the French arrived in Aligarh and under the supervision of General Perron, some French engineers built the fort.

She suggested that such type of interaction between western people and Muslims are very much needed in order to tackle all the stereotypes. France has 5% Muslim population and hoped that one day Sir Syed Day will also be celebrated in France.

Mr. Abu Affan Farooquee, President of AMU Students’ Union said that the purpose of this international meet is to provide a platform to foreign students to present their culture.

He said that the University has invited prominent personalities of the world and conferred upon them the honorary degrees and honorary life membership of the AMU Students’ Union.

Mr. Farooquee demanded a separate hostel for foreign students and urged the diplomats to resolve the visa problems of the foreign students.

Mr. Amir Qutub, Honorary Secretary of the AMU Students’ Union in his welcome address pointed out that AMU is a true secular institution in character and it never discriminates anyone on the basis of caste, creed, religion or race. AMU is truly an institution of international repute and provides education to foreign students also.

AMU Proctor and Foreign Students’ Advisor, Prof. M. Zubair Khan said that that AMU is a cradle of peace, coexistence, tolerance and universal brotherhood and enjoys an exalted position in India and abroad.

He said that AMU has more than three hundred students from twenty three countries including America, Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Malaysia, Palestine, Sudan, South Africa and Saudi Arabia etc. At the same time there are around one hundred NRI students.

AMU Foreign Students’ Advisor said that there is a pressing need to have a separate Hall of Residence for Foreign Students with all amenities of international standard as these students do not prefer hostel accommodation provided by the University.
Mr. Sarfaraz Rasmally, Cabinet Member of the AMU Students’ Union was the coordinator of the International Cultural Meet. The students of different countries presented their cultural programmes. Vote of thanks was proposed by Umar Qadri, Vice President of the Students’ Union.

Foreign students presented University Tarana and the National Anthem.

**AMU to get land at Kishanganj**

The Department of Human Resource Development, Government of Bihar has decided to provide 250 acres contiguous land for the establishment of AMU Centre at Kishanganj. AMU vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has thanked the Chief Minister of Bihar, Mr. Nitish Kumar for taking a proactive role in the land allotment for the proposed centre.

Prof. Azis has requested the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India to provide the token grant for the Kishanganj centre aswell.

The news of the land allotment to AMU in Bihar was received with jubilation by the university community. It was felt that the allotment of land by the West Bengal, Kerala and Bihar governments vindicates the view that opening of these centres will bring the most deprived and excluded social segment to the mainstream educational fold.

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

**Health Camp**

AMU Students’ Union and the Department of Community Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University jointly organized a Health Camp in ABK Union High School. Inaugurating the camp, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and CMS, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College said that holding of this camp is a laudable step and the J.N. medical College will wholly support such camps in future. Prof. Najam Khalique, Superintendent of JNMC and Prof. Athar Ansari, Chairman, Department of Community Medicine were also present.

The Cabinet Incharge of the Health and Hygiene in AMU Students’ Union, Saleem Mohd. Khan said that the organization of this camp is a historic step where nearly 2000 poor children will be checked up.

Prof. Najam Khalique pointed out that in the camp organized by the AMU Students’ Union, children of the deprived section of society will get benefited who do not have access to the health facilities. Appreciating the initiative of the AMU Students’ Union, Dr. Athar Ansari assured the students’ Union for full cooperation.

President of AMU Students’ Union, Abu Affan Farooquee, Vice President, Omar Ahmad Qadri, Secretary, Amir Qutub, Cabinet Member, Mariyam Zehra and Yasir Siddiqui expressed their views on the occasion and appreciated the initiative.

**Computer Application Course**

The Centre for Promotion of Science, Aligarh Muslim University organized two courses of “Computer Application in Teaching” for teachers from Muslim Managed Educational Institutions and “Introductory Science Course” for teachers from Deeni Madaris. Addressing the valedictory programme, chief guest of the function, Professor A.R. Kidwai emphasized that inclusion of Science curricula in all the classes of Madaris, and improvement in Science teaching in all the Muslim Managed Schools is inevitable, which would leave a long lasting impact on the generations to come. Professor Kidwai also honored the participants with Certificates of Participation.

The Introductory Science Course was coordinated by Dr. G. G. H. A. Shadab, Department of Zoology, while Dr. Mohammad Tabish, Department of Biochemistry was the Course Coordinator of Computer Application in Teaching.

The “Introductory Science Course” was planned for the teachers of Deeni Madaris to familiarize them with Physical, Chemical and Biological Sciences and to make them realize the significance of science teaching in their institutions. The course was attended by ten participants including female teachers representing Deeni Madaris of Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
The participants were provided with the opportunity to learn MS Office, MS Excel, MS Power Point, Web Browsing, Multimedia Navigation etc. The resource persons made all efforts to help the teacher participants understand and learn the essential components of computer applications in classroom teaching, data maintenance and handling exam results. Ten delegates including teachers from 24 Parganas (West Bengal), Moradabad, Bijnor and Aligarh attended the course.

The participants appreciated the efforts of the Centre for motivating them either to introduce Science or to improve the methods of Science teaching in their institutions, as per modern day requirements.

Dr. M. Tabish thanked the guests, participants and resource persons of the courses.

**International Seminar on Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Semantics**

The Department of Linguistics at the Aligarh Muslim University today inaugurated a three-day international seminar on “Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Semantics”. Semantics is the core area of linguistics and concerned with the study of meaning.

Prof. Maro Lagaldo of Milano University, Italy said that India has a variety of languages. Invent of mass media, especially electronic media is using mixed language for the communication of Indian masses. She said that she is highly impressed by the Indian culture and the Aligarh Muslim University, a centre of intellectual activities.

Delivering the keynote address, Prof. Tista Bagchi, National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies at the University of Delhi, said that the antecedents of the study of quantification, negation and focus on a discourse effect, within the accepted versions of generative linguistics today, with a special reference to the semantic reconceptualization.

She suggested to build a modest case for further research on these interactions with reference to the conceptual intentional interface from semantic angles, given the richness to be found in languages of South Asia and also in one or more linguistic traditions.

On this occasion, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis released a profile of the Department of Linguistics and Abstract of the International Seminar.

In his welcome address, Prof. Imtiaz Hasnain, Chairman, Department of Linguistics, said that there has been an overwhelming response and delegates have come from within India and outside India. We have structured the seminar in such a way that there are seven plenary lectures and two parallel sessions.

Prof. K. S. Mustafa highlighted the theme of the seminar and said that semantics is defined as the study of meaning. Since time immemorial, meaning has been a subject of interest for philosophers and lexicons. However, as a branch of linguistics semantics is considered to be the youngest and the least evolved.

He said that we are interested in exploring the interface between the syntax and semantics vis a vis Indian languages and encourage the scholars to ponder over and write papers on these issues too, especially having Indian languages in view.

Prof. A. R. Fatihi proposed a vote of thanks and Dr. Masood A. Beg conducted the inaugural session.

**Annual Day Celebrations**

Senior Secondary School (Girls) of the Aligarh Muslim University organized its annual function. Addressing the function, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the girls of this school are very promising and hoped that the female would play an important role in the development of this great nation.

He said that the world has become more constructive and we should imbibe multi-skilled personality. He urged the Female Educational Association to come forward and galvanize the energy to create a corpus fund for the promotion of female education.
Prof. Azis said that the University has prepared a master plan for its schools to track their rejuvenation. He said that the AMU is one of the top ten institutions of the country busy in research activities to attain academic excellence.

He said that the two new centres of University will start functioning by the end of this month providing educational facilities to MBA an BALLB students at Murshidabad and Malappuram.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel graced the function as Guest of Honour.

Ms. Naghma Irfan, Principal, Senior Secondary School (Girls) said that the school is quite perky moving towards its goal and it has achieved 96.64% result in Class XII. Payal Gupta topped by securing 91.75% marks, Eram Nahid stood second with 89.7% marks and Neha Jaiswal secured third position with 88.7% marks.

She further said that the school has also been upfront in the area of competitive examinations as only 7 girls of this school succeeded in cracking MBBS last year while this year the number of successful students in MBBS entrance increased to 16 and one girl was admitted to BDS. Further, seven girls went through MBBS and five BDS in CPMT. Payal Gupta got selected in IIT this year in addition to other 25 who cleared B. Tech entrance and 6 in B. Arch. of AMU. Two students have made it for AIEEE and eleven succeeded in cracking B. Tech. of UPTU.

Prof. Suraiyya Husain, President of the Female Education Association presented Papa Mian Award to Ms. Ayesha Zainab Beg for the Best All Rounder of Class XII and M. J. Haider Memorial Award to Hira Ateeq.

AMU Vice Chancellor presented Bhattacharya Award to Zainab Javed, Nikhat Shahwar Husain Award to Areeba Khan and Nida Khan Memorial Award to Kahkashan. Ms. Nigar Qasim conducted the annual function and Mr. Tafzeel A. Khan proposed the vote of thank.

**Lecture on Socio-Political History of Urdu**

Dr. Tariq Rahman, Emeritus Professor of Socio-Linguistic History at the National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan said that that the people of India and Pakistan should not look upon each other with enmity but with togetherness and need for Hindi and Urdu to come closer.

Dr. Rahman was delivering the extension lecture on ‘Social and Political History of Urdu’ organized under University Extension Lecture at Aligarh Muslim University.

In his presidential address, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis encouraged the students to have a positive attitude towards their mother tongue. Prof. Azis strongly stressed upon the need for promoting Urdu medium schools.

Prof. S. Imtiaz Hasnain, Coordinator, University Extension Lectures welcomed the guests and introduced the speaker.

Later in the afternoon, the Department of Linguistics screened two documentaries, namely *Urdu hai jiska naam* and *Urdu in Modern India* in the Arts Faculty Lounge to mark the International Mothers’ Day. The documentaries are produced by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

**Child Survival Orientation Programme**

The valedictory function of 3<sup>rd</sup> batch of Training of Trainers (ToT) under the auspices of “Comprehensive Child Survival Programme” (CCSP) for Medical Officers of Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with UNICEF & National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was held at the Department of Paediatrics, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University.

Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, was the Chief Guest and Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principle and Chief Medical Superintendent of J.N. Medical College, was the Guest of Honour. Dr. Ram Malhotra, Joint Director, Health and Dr. O.P. Singh, Consultant, Zachcha Bachcha Shiksha Abhiyan (JBSA), UP distributed the certificates to the Medical and Deputy Medical Officers of different districts of

Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Prof. M. Ashraf Malik in their addresses appreciated the efforts of the Chairman, Department of Pediatric for organizing this training programme and assured their full cooperation in organizing the programme. Dr. Ram Malhotra and Dr. O.P. Singh also expressed serious concern over the infant mortality rate in Uttar Pradesh and hoped that the Medical Officer and Deputy Medical Officer will train the para-medical staff of their respective areas and bring down the mortality rate of infants in Uttar Pradesh.

Prof. S. Manazir Ali, Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, JNMC explained the importance of CCSP and discussed the grim situation of Uttar Pradesh in terms of infant and Child mortality rate.

Dr. Manazir said that about 105 lakh children die under age of five years every year in the world. This means more than 29000 every day, more than 1200 children every hour and more than 20 children under age of five years die every minute at a rate of one child dying every 3 second. In India 22 Lakh children die under age of five years every year in India.

Dr. Javvad Suri, Divisional Coordinator, Health and Nutrition (UNICEF Representative) expressed his gratitude and expressed thanks to the faculty members of Department of Pediatrics, trainees and trainers.

**USA Delegation Visits AMU**

A team of students of Public Health and Human Rights from different universities of United States of America visited Department of Community Medicine, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University. The students have come under university exchange programme of India-Health and Human Rights, SIT Study Abroad and World Learning of USA. The team will assess the different levels of health care delivery system in India.

Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Chairman of the Department welcomed the students and team members and presented a brief introduction of Department of Community Medicine and its role in the community for the advancement of Public Health especially in urban slums and marginalized population. Students visited different OPD of J. N. Medical College, which is a tertiary care health facility. They observed the functioning as well as resources available in the hospital.

Later, an interactive session was organized in the Committee Room of Dean’s Office. Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean Faculty of Medicine welcomed the students and replied to their queries regarding academic activities in the college. Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, JNMC thanked the students and team members for coming to J. N. Medical College Hospital for assessment of health care and discussed future plan of expansion of activities in the hospital like availability of smart card (Health Insurance) for below poverty line (BPL) patients.

The team also visited Z. A. Dental College and had a brief interactive session with Prof. S. H. Hashmi, Principal, Dental College. The visit to Dental College was organized by Dr. S. S. Ahmad, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Dr. Azim A. Khan Sherwani, Academic Director, World Learning, USA thanked the Dean, Principals and Chairman, Community Medicine for organizing the visit. The team will also visit Malkhan Singh District Hospital (Secondary Care Level) and Primary/Community Health Centre, Jawan, Rural/Urban Health Training Centres, and ROME Mobile Health Clinic of Department of Community Medicine.

**National Seminar on Current Trends in Environmental Sciences**

Inaugurating a National Symposium on ‘Current Trends in Biochemical, Biomedical and Environmental Sciences’ organized by the Department of Biochemistry, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that it is quite appropriate in the present day scenario where interdisciplinary research is the norm and
boundaries between various disciplines are getting blurred. Prof. Azis said that the Department of Biochemistry has produced distinguished scientists and entrepreneurs.

Prof. Azis pointed out that AMU has decided to establish central instrumentation facilities with modern equipment to boost more research activities. He urged that the University need Biomedical, Bio-engineering and Environmental Sciences departments and urged the faculty members to submit the proposal to the University Grants Commission. He hoped that the symposium will promote scientific exchange and also encourage more collaborative and inter-disciplinary research at AMU.

Prof. Qayyum Husain, Organizing Secretary of the Symposium in his welcome address said that the first batch of M.Sc. Bio Chemistry passed out in 1959. Since then more than 200 candidates have gone to developed countries on post-doctoral assignments. He said that the research activities of the department have been funded by national and international funding agencies.

Prof. Masood Ahmed, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences said that Biochemistry teaching has regained and affirmed the status of a foundation course on medical sciences. Health and disease of living organisms including human being as well as of ecosystems are empirically assessed by biochemical parameters. He said that the product of department has proved its worth in the developed world including USA, Canada, England, France and Germany and this department is considered as flagship department of this University.

Prof. Rajiv Bhatt of the Jawaharlal Nehru University said that AMU is a vibrant campus. He said that Bio Sciences will be leading the future.

Prof. Bilqees Bano, Chairperson of the Department of Biochemistry proposed a vote of thanks. Ms. Maria Salman conducted the inaugural session. A large number of delegates from all parts of the country participated in the deliberations.

**Ali Day Celebrated**

The Ali Society of the Aligarh Muslim University celebrated ‘Ali Day’ at the Kennedy Auditorium. Dr. Karim Najfi, Cultural Counsellor of Islamic Republic of Iran graced the function as the Chief Guest.

On this occasion, Maulana Kamaluddin Javed of Allahabad and Maulana Saud Alam Qasmi, former Dean, Faculty of Theology at AMU addressed the gathering and highlighted the contribution of Hazrat Ali.

Mr. Qambar Hasan, Secretary of the Ali Society said that this society has been functioning in the University for a long period and has been actively engaged in disseminating his teachings. These activities include Ali Day functions, essay writing competition, speech competition and publication of best activities in English and Urdu and various other activities like seminar, symposium, etc., related to the life and teaching of Hazrat Ali. He urged the university authorities to establish Hazrat Ali research centre at AMU.

Cultural Counsellor of Islamic Republic of Iran, Dr. Karim Najfi announced to provide five hundred books on Islam to Ali Society.

Professor S. Ali Mohammad Naqvi, Dean, Faculty of Theology proposed a vote of thanks, Mrs. Raza Sirasvi, Azeem Amrohvi, Munsif Jalalvi, Hafiz Idrees Aurandabadi recited their poems. Syed Nabeel Mehdi conducted the programme.

**Minority Status Decision Hailed**
The Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has greatly applauded the decision of the three-member bench of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions headed by the commission’s chairman, Justice M. S. Siddiqui, granting minority status to Jamia Millia Islamia.

Prof. Azis said that conferment of minority status on an institution founded by Muslims with a view to educate Muslims is a long pending demand and said that Jamia Millia Islamia rightfully deserved the minority status. It is a landmark judgment and benefits the case of AMU minority status pending in the Supreme Court of India, he added.

Javed Jameel gets Gold Medal

Dr. Javed Jameel, Department of Orthopaedics, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has won the prestigious President Gold Medal for best paper presentation and Dr. Yasir Siddiqui won Best Poster Award in “UPORTHOCON-2011” held at Gorakhpur recently.

Dr. Jameel won this Gold Medal Award on his paper “JESS in comminuted fractures of proximal tibia” while Dr. Siddiqui for his paper “Role of JESS fixator in proximal tibial fractures associated with severe soft tissue injury”. Dr. Jameel and Dr. Yasir are senior residents in the Department of Orthopaedics. JR-III Dr. Meraj Akhtar won best poster award in IOACON 2011 at Jaipur and Dr. Javed Jameel won Dr. D.K. Gupta Gold Medal for best paper presentation in CEZCON 2010 at Jaipur. The Orthopaedics Department has given excellent academic performances at national level conferences in past.

AMU Teachers attend International Conference

Dr. Mohd. Masroor Akhtar Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Botany and Dr. Moinuddin, Associate Professor, Botany Section, Women’s College, Aligarh Muslim University attended an International Conference “Havana Redox 2011” in Havana, Cuba.

The theme of the conference was to look for antioxidative strategies to overcome the cancer, cardiovascular diseases and ageing problems in human beings. Dr. Mohd. Masroor Akhtar Khan presented his paper on forty common Indian vegetables, displaying their contents of phytonutrients and antioxidative activities. As per his findings, the highest antioxidant activity was present in the fresh vegetables. Boiling the vegetables reduce their antioxidative activity significantly. Microwaving further decreases the antioxidative activity of the vegetables. However, unlike other vegetables, tomato showed a reverse trend, showing progressive increase in its antioxidative activity by boiling and microwaving the samples.

Dr. Moinuddin presented his research paper on the antioxidants and active constituents present in carrot, tomato and some of the medicinal plants. His research indicated that in plants most of the active constituents and antioxidants like beta carotene of carrot and tomato, lycopene and vitamin C contents of tomato, curcumin content of turmeric (Haldi) and alkaloids of ‘Sadabahar’ could be increased by the application of plant growth promoters (PGRs). He showed that combined application of PGRs and potassium further increased the lycopene content in tomato and gel content in ‘Gheegawar’.

Fifty-three foreign delegates, belonging to more than 20 countries attended the conference.

Johnny Foster Sings Faiz’s Ghazals

Popular ghazal singer and music teacher, Aligarh Muslim University, Mr. Johny Foster, presented ghazals and poetry of Faiz Ahamd Faiz at a Seminar organized as part of Faiz’s centennial birth anniversary celebrations by the Social Department, Delhi University.

Foster rendered self composed music of several ghazals and poems of Faiz including Guloon Men Rang Bhare, Chashme Mae Goon Zara Idhar Karde, Kab Yaad Me Tere Saath, Tere Gham Ko Jan ki, Ham Ke Thahre Ajnabi, etc. Besides, on the demand of audience, he rendered ghazals of Aligarian poets prior to musical performance.

Dr. Manoj K. Jha presented memento to Foster and Dr. Farrukh Faheem introduced him to the audience. Padamshri Prof. G. C. Narang, Dr. S. Bhatt, Shri Ajay Chaudhary, Prof. S.M. Sajid, PVC Delhi University, Shri Urmiles, Registrar, Delhi University addressed the gathering. The presentation of ghazals was received with warm applause from jam packed audience.

On great demand of these ghazals with new musical tunes, Foster will soon cut an album based on selected poems of Faiz Ahmad Faiz.

Seminar on Seerah Literature
Inaugurating a two-day national seminar on “Biography of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in modern Arabic Literature”, Dr. Ibrahim Mohd. Al-Batshan, Cultural Attaché of the Saudi Arabia Embassy said that the biography of the Prophet of Islam has always been a fascinating topic for writers across the globe.

He said that centuries of Islam represented a period of collection and classification of the available material on his life. He said that Ibne Ishaq and Ibne Hashsham were the two Arabic biographers who had done the marvelous job.

In his presidential address, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the life of the Prophet of Islam is an open book and everything is documented. He urged every Muslim to follow the Sunnah of Prophet.

Prof. Azis mentioned that the founder of this institution, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan established this institution on the pattern of Cambridge and Oxford and the medium of instruction was English to conquer the world. He said that the Department of Arabic has produced great scholars and continued the legacy.

In his introductory remarks, Dr. M. Faizan Beg, Convener of the Seminar pointed out that after the advent of Western colonial powers to different parts of the Arab and Muslim world since late nineteenth century onwards, there emerged a group of western writers who, motivated by their ingrained prejudice and partisan desire to belittle the personality of the Prophet, subjected his life and work to malicious carping criticism.

He said that the world has yet to understand the greatest reality about Muhammad (pbuh) that is his being the true and the last Prophet of God for all humanity.

Prof. M. A. Alvi, Chairman, Department of Arabic, said that the department has been a great seat of Arabic learning and research since its inception. He said that all the faculty members are playing an active role in promoting the Arabic language and literature by participating in more than 15 international and 35 national seminars and by producing and publishing more than forty books and 300 research papers. In all, more than 150 Indian and foreign scholars completed their PhD and M. Phil theses.

Prof. Alvi said that the Department of Arabic at AMU is the only department in the whole country to get the prestigious status of Centre of Advanced Studies.

On this occasion, four books and Arabic journals were released by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.

Prof. S. Kafeel Ahmad Qasmi, Coordinator of the Conference said that a large number of delegates from all parts of the country participated in the two-day deliberations. Prof. M. S. Usmani proposed the vote of thanks.

National Conference on Population Resource

Inaugurating a National Conference on “Population Resource and Environment” organized by the Department of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University, renowned geographer and Professor Emeritus, Department of Geography, Punjab University, Chandigarh, Prof. Gopal Krishna, said that the population of the world at present is around 700 crore which is increasing annually at the rate of 1.2 percent although our national resources are limited and their unmindful use would exhaust these resources forever. He said that although modern technology is a great source to overcome problems and open new vistas for the development, yet it sheds negative impact on the environmental and ecological balance.

Prof. Krishna said that increasing carbon mono-oxide in the atmosphere is creating havoc of global warming and climatic imbalance that cause heavy raining, floods and melting of glacier posing a danger to the earth. He emphasized the need to take rational steps to minimize the negative environmental impacts with the help of eco-management strategies. He said that geographers and researchers can play vital role in this direction.

Guest of Honour and President of National Association of Geographers, Prof. Mohd. Hashim Qureshi said that the natural resources and environment are a great bounty of nature for the mankind. People are using
it for their need but due to excessive greed, these resources are misused and they have come to the verge of extinction. Prof. Hashim said that human population is an asset for any country and it should not be taken as liability.

Prof. Abha Laxmi Singh, Dean, Faculty of Science, in her address said that there is a close relation between use of resources and environmental balance, but rapid urbanization can create enormous stress on resources and cities are exploding with population. She said that by 2030 about 617 crore of world population is expected to live in urban areas causing a huge claim on earth’s natural resources. She said that our cities are also contributing to the degradation through solid and liquid waste.

Earlier, Chairman, Department of Geography, Prof. Farasat Ali Siddiqui welcomed the guests and presented introductory remarks. He said that the increasing globalization has affected population dynamics in several ways since World War II. The economic growth stimulated by globalization has improved standard of living with associated health benefits but in some places it has brought negative health consequences related to urban sprawl and dangerous levels of air pollution. He said that challenge before us is how to practice sustainable development with improved living standard without foreclosing the opportunities for future generation to meet their needs.

Prof. Abdul Munir conducted the programme and Prof. Hifzur Rehman presented vote of thanks. A large number of teachers and students were present in the programme.

All India Sir Syed Memorial Debate

The Aligarh Muslim University Students’ Union organized “All India Sir Syed Memorial Debate” at the Kennedy Auditorium. Addressing the programme, Chief Guest, Chairman of All India Congress Committee Minority Cell, Mr. Imran Kidwai said that AMU Students’ Union has an illuminating past and the students of Aligarh Muslim University have played a distinctive role on national and international levels. Mr. Kidwai said that he owes everything to AMU Students’ Union for whatever he happens to be today.

He said that debate competitions serve as a great platform to develop students’ skills and personality and it is high time for the Muslim youth to carve an identity on national scenario, as it is essential to get a share in the national politics. He emphasized that insisting on Muslim identity is the prerequisite for achieving success in this field.

The Member of National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, Mr. Umar Peerzada said that AMU Students’ Union has produced great personalities who created history by setting a standard in politics and creating a distinctive lineage for the forthcoming generations of nation builders.

The same Union Hall responsible for producing literateurs like Rasheed Ahmad Siddiqui and Maulana Shibli Nomani was able to nourish and develop great freedom fighters and nation builders like Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar, Maulana Shaukat Ali and Maulana Hasrat Mohani.

Addressing the programme the Honorary Secretary of Students’ Union, Aamir Qutub said that although we do not need any political opportunity, the political scenario certainly calls for our participation.

Dr. Muhibul Haq of Department of Political Science, Union President, Abu Affan Farooquee, Vice President, Syed Umar Qadri, Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine Prof. Tajuddin also addressed the programme.

Workshop on Smoking Cessation

The Department of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a workshop on “Smoking Cessation”. While inaugurating the function, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis stressed the need to make the University campus a Smoking Free Zone. He said that the teachers and students should participate in the programme in large numbers and with great zeal.

Dr. M. Shameem, Organizing Secretary, said that smoking is the most wide spread addiction. He said that at present, tobacco use causes death of 3.5 to 4 million people globally, which is expected to increase to about 10 million during 2020s. Developing countries would be the worst affected as 7 million of these deaths would be
occurring in these areas, mainly due to increasing trends of tobacco use.

He said that both the smoking and the nonsmoking forms of tobacco are common in India. Amongst women, smoking is common in the North Eastern states, Jammu & Kashmir and Bihar, while other parts of India has prevalence rate of about 4 percent or less.

Prof. Rakesh Bhargava, Chairman, Department of TB and Chest, said that many hazardous substances have been identified in tobacco, but it has not been possible to identify all the components, which result into cancers or other diseases. Nicotine, tar, HCN, volatile aldehydes, nitrosamines are some of the identified hazardous substances found in tobacco smoke. He said that the most effective preventive measure for control of tobacco related diseases is to avoid tobacco use.

Prof. Zuber Ahmad said that tobacco related diseases include coronary artery disease, chronic obstructive lung diseases and cancers of oral cavity, pharynx, larynx, lungs and oesophagus.

Prof Vijayan, Director and Prof. Rajkumar, Head, Department of Pulmonary Medicine, Patel Chest Institute also expressed their views on how to set up Smoking Cessation Clinic. Prof. Suryakant delivered lecture on pharmacotherapy in smoking cessation.

Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal and CMS, JNMC said that parents should take the responsibility in stopping their children from smoking. He urged the halls of residence to take measures to stop smoking in their premises.

Prof. M. H. Beg, Officiating Dean, Faculty of Medicine also expressed his views.

Dr. Tazeen conducted the programme, Dr. Noor, Dr. Jamal, Dr. Ummul, Dr. Nafees, Dr. Prakhar, Dr. Mukul, Dr. Alok also participated in the programme.

‘Colours of My Rainbow’ Released

How could children playing and searching food on a mound of rubbish be persuaded to join a school? This is eloquently answered in a deeply affecting chronicle of educational activities of Mrs. Salma Ansari wife of Vice President of India, titled “Colours of My Rainbow” released by Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University at Kennedy Hall.

The Book written by Himani Verma gives a vivid account of an enthralling journey of hope through education undertaken by a distinguished AMU alumna, Salma Ansari, wife of Hon’ble Vice President of India.

Releasing the book, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis lauded the efforts of Mrs. Salma Ansari who has been striving for spreading education among the most deprived section of the society. He said that Mrs. Salma Ansari has been strengthening the legacy of Sir Syed with a strong sense of devotion. She made it a point to visit the stinky narrow lanes and by lanes of Aligarh slum to persuade the deprived inhabitants to send their children to the school which she had set up especially for the downtrodden and by dint of untiring efforts she got success and her school has enkindled a new hope in the marginalized people. Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the education is the panacea for all ills and Mrs. Salma Ansari and her associates have successfully driven the point home.

Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Salma Ansari who has a life long association with AMU, said that she joined AMU riding club and she found horse riding much more than a recreational activity. Horse took her to the places where abject poverty, deprivation and denial was the order and the lanes resembled horror movies that neither had a formal beginning nor an end. “I instantly decided to devote my life for the educational uplift of the marginalized section”, added Mrs. Ansari.

Himani Verma, the author of the book “Colours of My Rainbow”, said that her close association with Mrs. Salma Ansari prompted her to record her untiring efforts for ushering in a better world for those who lack opportunity and hence lead a life of complete deprivation. The author said that she was greatly moved by the real life tales of the students who get free education at Al-Noor School.
Mr. Khwaja Shahid, President, Old Boys’ Association, Delhi asked the students to emulate Mr. Khwaja Shahid, President, Old Boys’ Association, Delhi asked the students to emulate the missionary zeal of Mrs. Salma Ansari who has undertaken a task of empowering people who needed the most.

Highlighting the salient features of the book, Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Media Advisor said that the book gives a lucid account of Mrs. Salma Ansari’s worth admiring activities. The author has fashioned strong narrative with a forceful message. Dr. Shakeel Samdani conducted the programme.

Earlier, a documentary made on Al-Noor Charity schools titled, “Ek Jumbish Khamosh Si”, directed by Mustajab Malick was also screened.

**Sword of Emperor Aurangzeb recovered in Library**

A meeting of the Library Committee of Maulana Azad Library was held in the Cultural Hall of Maulana Azad Library to discuss various issues pertaining to the smooth functioning of Maulana Azad Library. The meeting was presided over by the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.

Prof. Azis said that the Maulana Azad Library, with its mammoth collection of 13.5 lakh print and 2 lakh e-books is regarded as the second largest university library of Asia. The library is particularly known for its oriental collection including 16 thousands manuscripts, a large number of which belongs to rarest of the rare category.

He said that a fragment of Holy Quran written in ‘Khat-e-Kufi’ on parchment is claimed to be inscribed by Hazrat Ali (the 4th Caliph of Islam), 1400 years ago. Several royal decrees of Mughal Emperors namely Babar, Akbar, Shahjahan, Shah Alam, Aurangzeb etc and translation of Sanskrit works as Mahapuran, Bhagwad Geeta, Mahabharta and Leelawati in Persian by Abul Faiz Faizi, a scholar of eminence in the court of Mughal Emperor Akbar form the core of this all important national asset, available in the Central Library of A.M.U.

Earlier, in his introductory remarks, the Librarian, Prof. Shabahat Husain informed that the library has undergone major changes during the last three years to keep pace with the latest developments in Information and Communication Technology (ICT). This includes CCTV, Automated security gate, a digital resource centre, campus wide online catalogue and almost all internationally available online full text databases like Web of Science, Sci-Finder, Science Direct etc.

Prof. Husain said that the library is now working to connect the entire 100 departmental libraries as well as the libraries of Murshidabad and Mallapuram Centre with Maulana Azad Library under a network, named as ‘AMULIBNET’. Besides technological changes, the ongoing process of reorganization of manuscripts division has revealed some hidden treasure in the form of some museum pieces, that include a sword of Emperor Aurangzeb on which a couplet in old Persian is engraved in gold indicating that the same was presented to Aurangzeb. Another piece is a Pen Stand made of Sapphire gifted by the King Nadirshah of Afganistan to the then Vice-Chancellor of AMU in 1933. Such pieces along with 350 recently discovered manuscripts and an equal number of sale deeds (1602 AD - 1800 AD) were put on display. Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor appreciated the technological changes brought about in the library and also the efforts made to retrieve such museum pieces and manuscripts.

The meeting was attended by the Registrar Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Controller of Exams Prof. Pervez Mustajab, OSD Development Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, Prof. Ahtesham Nizami, Chairman, Department of Physics Prof. Wasi Haider, Prof. Saud Alam Qasmi, Principal and CMS, J. N. Medical College, Prof. Ashraf Malik, Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. Abha Laxmi Singh etc.

**Book on Muslim Female Education Released**

The Centre of Adult and Continuing Education, Aligarh Muslim University with the collaboration of renowned Hindi literary magazine “Vartaman Sahitya”, organized a programme on “Various Aspects of Female Education” to mark the centenary celebration of International Women’s Day. On this occasion, the book “Muslim Female Education: From Veils to Moon” by AMU Public Relations Officer, Dr. Rahat Abrar was released.
Commenting on the book, eminent Hindi critic and former Head, Department of Hindi, Prof. Pradeep Saxena said that the book written on a serious subject in easy language does not only seek to make an entry in the elite class but it also satisfies the quest for knowledge on the issue among common people. Prof. Saxena said that the colonial mentality and ideology is the biggest hindrance in social development, which does not allow history to be analyzed rationally. The movement initiated by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan sought to free education from the colonial dogmas along with the promotion of modern education, he observed.

Prof. Saxena said that Dr. Rahat Abrar has written a very informative book on the Muslim female education citing the history of Aligarh Movement that witnessed the contributions of numerous Muslim women of high order.

While presiding over the programme, former Principal of AMU Women’s College and former Director of Women’s Study Centre, Prof. Zakia A. Siddiqui said that the killing of female child before or after death is still prevalent in our society. The dowry devil is rampant causing destruction of a number of families and female education in India is still a toddler. There is an urgent need of another Sheikh Abdullah who could revive female education movement in order to bring complete awakening in the society, she observed.

The editor, Vartaman Sahitya, Dr. Namita Singh said that women need to be self-dependent economically in order to be empowered and get rid of the chauvinistic clutches of male dominant social order.

The Director, Adult and Continuing Education, Dr. Mah Seema Masood highlighted the features of informal mode of education and urged the people to adopt a positive outlook to be optimistic in their efforts.

The Chief Guest and MLC, Mr. Vivek Bansal observed that discrimination against women is an international phenomenon, yet India presents the brightest side of the picture that the President of Indian republic and Lok Sabha speaker are women and it has had a woman prime minister too. Mr. Bansal said that women have to be educated for all round development of the country.

Eminent social worker and educationist, Mr. Harnarayan Singh said that a national survey should be made to find out how women’s social status is largely determined by their economic condition.

Conducting the programme, Mr. Ajay Bisaria said that different social organizations could lead a national movement for female education. He also recited the famous couplet of great poet Majaz. On this occasion, Salma Kanwal recited a poem dedicated to women.

The vote of thank was proposed by Dr. Rajiv Lochan Shukl.

Bangladesh High Commissioner visits AMU

Mr. Tarique A. Kareem, High Commissioner of Bangladesh, visited Aligarh Muslim University and discussed various issues relating to establishment of academic and research relationships between AMU and the universities of Bangladesh.

Mr. Tarique has evinced great interest in building strong synergy with the AMU Murshidabad Centre because of its location advantage and linguistic and cultural affinity with Bangladesh.

The High Commissioner said that Bangladesh’s agricultural universities have made remarkable advancement in agricultural research. This technology could be of immense benefit to the farmers of India, he added.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis assured of all possible help in promoting mutually beneficial initiatives between AMU and the academic institutions of Bangladesh. Prof. Azis invited the visiting dignitary to deliver lectures in the area of conflict resolution and international affairs.

Mr. Karim visited Maulana Azad Library and was impressed by the invaluable treasure of manuscripts and the volume of books stock managed by Maulana Azad Library. He said that the AMU must make special efforts to preserve the manuscript treasure which is a great heritage of the community.

Prof. Shabahat Husain, Librarian, briefed about the progress the Library has made in the direction of acquiring digital books and added that the Maulana Azad Library has in its possession 2 Lakh digital books
and over 13 Lakh conventional books. He said that the process of setting up a digital resource centre has been initiated. Describing the University Library as one of the biggest libraries of Asia he said that five thousand students visit the library every day.

Prof. N.A.K. Durrani, Media Advisor, who had accompanied the Bangladesh High Commissioner, in his interaction observed that the Aligarh model of education, which offers education from Nursery to post-doctoral level encompassing almost all modern subjects is a unique example of holistic approach to promoting knowledge along with the character building. Those who study in AMU are more likely to nurture personality traits of success in life, he observed.

“AMU and Jamia are born with the minority character”; Salman Khurshid

“Aligarh Muslim University and Jamia Millia Islamia were born with the minority character and all the government can do is to recognize, respect and acknowledge it”, said Union Minister of Water Resource and Minority Affairs, Shri Salman Khurshid while delivering Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture 2010-2011 on the theme “Constitution as an Instrument of Change” at the Kennedy Auditorium at Aligarh Muslim University. The lecture was organized by Dr. Ambedkar Chair of Legal Studies and Research, Department of Law, Aligarh Muslim University on the initiative of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

Shri Khurshid said that there would not be any need of secularism if there was no minority in India. Making a special reference to Ayodhya verdict, he observed that religious sentiments can be a context and not the basis of any Supreme Court Judgment.

Earlier, while delivering presidential remarks, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that entire nation is a witness to the great history of law education at the Aligarh Muslim University. He said that AMU has opened two more law schools in West Bengal and Kerala and very soon it would become the largest contributor to the legal education in India.

Dean, Faculty of Law and Incharge, Dr. Ambedkar Chair of Legal Studies and Research, Prof. Mohammad Shabbir welcomed the guest and presented a detailed report of the numerous academic and research initiatives that it has started to promote the great legacy of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. He said Dr. Ambedkar Chair was setup in the Faculty of Law in 1991 as part of centenary celebrations of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar to study and conduct research in allocated areas especially human rights, social justice, gender justice, women and law, development of SC, ST, minorities and weaker section of the society.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel highlighted the outstanding work Dr. Ambedkar undertook in the direction of upliftment of deprived social class and the invaluable contribution he made in building a grand constitutional edifice of India.

Prof. Iqbal Ali Khan, Chairman, Department of Law spoke on the great work carried forward in the area of human right by Dr. Ambedkar Chair.

Senior teacher, Prof. Saleem Akhtar thanked the guests. A large number of faculty and students of Department of Law attended the programme. The chief guest, Shri Salman Khurshid also inaugurated the Moot Court building.

Seminar on Sources of Medieval India

A National Seminar on “Sources of Medieval India”, organized by the Centre of Advanced Study in History, Aligarh Muslim University was inaugurated by Prof. Harbans Mukhia of JNU, New Delhi. The event was presided over by Nawab Ibne Saeed Khan of Chhattari.

While presenting the Keynote address, Prof. Mukhia underlined the changing and widening aspects of history writing. He also emphasized that with these changes, the economic reductionism of Marxist history writing is increasingly appearing to be intellectually incapable of taking into account all these
unfolding aspects of history writing. He familiarized the audience with a new field of history known as “History of Everyday Life”.

He insisted that interpretation of the sources, as well as perceptions about history, keep changing with the times. He advised the historians to get benefitted with various new approaches of history writing emerging from France and elsewhere.

Earlier, Chairman, Department of History and Coordinator, Prof. B. L. Bhadani welcomed the guests. Prof. Shahabuddin Iraqi, Convener of the Seminar, introduced the theme and Prof. C. P. S. Chauhan, Dean, Faculty of Social Science proposed the vote of thanks

**Workshop on Contemporary Art**

A four-day workshop on ‘Traditional and Contemporary Art of India’ was organized by the Fine Arts Section of Women’s College, Aligarh Muslim University in collaboration with the State Lalit Kala Akademi, Lucknow, UP.

While presenting the presidential remarks, AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis hoped that the workshop would establish congenial relationship between art and the art lovers and it would help students and working artists to understand the delicacies of the art.

Women’s College Principal, Prof. Bilquis Naseem Waris said that the nature of art is changing globally owing to the changing lifestyle of the people.

Dr. Madhurani, Coordinator of the Workshop said that emphasizing on the untapped potential of common man, the workshop underlines the significance and vitality of art in everyday life. The workshop strives to visualize and translate an urban space as seen around us because of the daily shift in the means of expression such as digital, traditional or mixed media of art.

Dr. Madhurani said that the difference between contemporary and traditional art in India continues to be contested and debated in the art circle while the artists of India are making their presence felt at international level. The concept of contemporary in India is no longer guided by only the metro cities but a strong voice is also emerging from the smaller cities.

Imroz, a veteran artist and art critic, exhibited his art work and demonstrated various techniques of painting. Professor Zahoor Zargar, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Jamia Milia spoke on variety of art practices.

Ms. Meenakshi Bharti, Reader, Kanodia Degree College, Jaipur displayed some of her exhibits and gave demonstration also. Dr. Ambalika Jacob, Reader in Punjabi University, Patiala expressed her opinion on how a thought process can be put on a canvas. Dr. Ajay Jaitley, Chairman, Department of Visual Arts, Allahabad University demonstrated how in a few seconds he could create marvels on canvas. Mr. Mandeep Sharma, a renowned miniaturist demonstrated miniature technique.

Participants from all over India attended the workshop. Dr. Ishwar Chand Gupta, Reader, D. S. College, Aligarh and a recipient of IFACS award was also among the participants. Dr. Neelam Seth, Dr. Hemlata, Dr. Sunita Gupta, Mr. Jaffer, Ms. Daljeet Kaur, Dr. Sadana Singh and Dr. Rekha Kakkar also attended the Workshop.

**Amenities worth 1.30 Crores provided to Halls: VC**

Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University said that the University has provided amenities in various Halls of residence worth Rs. 1.3 crores. The Vice-Chancellor was addressing the Abdullah Hall Annual Function.

Prof. Azis said that the Information Communication Technology (ICT) has been revolutionized. He said that the Ministry of Communication has allotted rupees 8 Crores to AMU to provide Wi-Fi connectivity in the campus. Prof. Azis further mentioned that we are planning digital classrooms and all the departmental and college libraries will also be digitalized. Prof. Azis said that the Government of India is providing 150 crores funding for the two AMU Centres in Malappuram and Murshidabad.

While presenting the annual report, Dr. Nikhat Taj, Provost of Abdullah Hall said that today’s programme underlines the culmination of hall activities for the session 2010-11. The highpoint of all activities organized by the resident girls was the Hall Week – RESA. She said that the best of our achievements this year is the construction and completion of the new reading room with a capacity for 240 students that has recently become functional. Furthermore, twenty-five computers have been set up with the internet facility.
Prof. Nikhat Taj urged the Vice Chancellor to provide a 63 KVA generator, which would be connected to the Reading Room, Kitchen and Dispensary as well as operate the tube-well. She further said that in keeping with the need of the time and increasing demand of girls, a proposal has been drawn to provide the hall with the facility of Gym.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis presented trophies to New Hostel and The Upper House for their best performance in all activities.

Earlier, Sadia Amber, Senior Hall of Abdullah Hall welcomed the dignitaries. Nishat Anjum, Senior Literary Secretary, Zainab Khan, Senior Sports Secretary and Iram Rehman, Senior Proctorial Monitor presented the report of their activities.

Dr. Ghazala Naheed, Deputy Provost proposed a vote of thank. The residents of Abdullah Hall also presented cultural programme on this occasion.

Women’s Day at Department of Community Medicine

The Department of Community Medicine, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a programme to mark the International Women’s Day 2011. While inaugurating the programme, Professor Zulfia Khan stressed the need to highlight the issues related to women health especially in urban slums. Prof. Khan highlighted various activities carried out in this field through the UNICEF clinic of the department.

Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Chairman, Department of Community Medicine, pointed out that 70% of the 1.2 billion people living in poverty are female, 50% of all living with HIV/AIDS in the world are females and in India 300 women die every day due to childbirth and pregnancy related causes. He stressed to take appropriate measures to prevent the declining sex ratio in the country.

Dr. Nafis Faizi, presented historical background of International Women’s Day. Dr. Ahmad Nadeem Aslami discussed the theme of 2011 “Equal access to education, training and science and technology: Pathway to decent work for women”. Dr. Malik Shahnawaz highlighted the current status of maternal health in India and Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Urfi threw light on the current status and crimes against women in the country. Dr. Ashib Parvez identified social issues related to women. Policies and legal issues related to women were discussed by Dr. Shishir Kumar.

In his concluding remarks Dr. Iqbal Mohd Khan gave some valuable suggestions to improve the reproductive health services to the underprivileged population. Dr. A. R. Siddiqui, Dr. Iqbal M. Khan, Dr. Anees Ahmad, Dr. Saira Mehnaz, Dr. Arshiya Masood, Dr. M. Salamn Shah and all senior and junior residents and non teaching staff members were present in the programme.

Three-day National Symposium on Biomolecular Drug Targets

A three-day National Symposium on Biomolecular Drug Targets and Workshop on Current Trends in Bioinformatics was organized by Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, Aligarh Muslim University which was sponsored by UGC, DBT, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. The officiating Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. Abrar Hasan presided over the function. Prof. Hasan said that technology is important to design the new drug molecules to combat infection.

The Chief Guest, Prof. Rajendra Prasad from JNU, New Delhi presented the keynote address and discussed several important issues of drug resistance. He observed that it was high time to design new inhibitors and drug molecules.

Guest of honor, Prof. Akhtar Mahmood from Punjab University talked on the relevance of Bioinformatics and advances in the research to understand the problems to design new potential drug molecules.

Earlier, Prof. M. Saleemuddin highlighted the achievements of the department and faculty members. He appreciated the efforts of all faculty members, non-teaching and technical staff.

The program was conducted by Dr. Asad Ullah Khan, Organizing Secretary of the symposium. The Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Hina Yonus.

Professor Kidwai’s book released
At a graceful function in the Faculty of Theology, Aligarh Muslim University, Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai’s book “Selections from the Holy Quran for AMU Events and Programmes” was released by the Chief Guest, OSD, Development, Prof. Akhtar Haseeb and the Court Member Nawab Ibne Saeed Khan of Chhatari.

The book has been published by the Faculty of Theology, Aligarh Muslim University offering relevant Quranic passages to be recited at the University programmes, making the meaning and the message of the Quran accessible to the audience as it carries background note and English and Urdu translation of the passages, and enabling the readers to reflect on the numerous merits of the Quran.

Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, Nawab Ibne Saeed Khan of Chhatari, Dean, Faculty of Theology, Prof. Ali Mohammad Naqavi, Prof. Saud Alam Qasmi, Dr. Abdul Khalique and Dr. Mufti Zahid Ali Khan expressed their views on the utility and importance of the book and termed it a distinctive addition to the academic and cultural heritage of Aligarh Muslim University.

Prof. Kidwai said that the work is likely to go a long way in making the readers aware of their relationship with their Creator and Lord. Professor Kidwai, a professor at the Department of English, is the Director, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU and Visiting Professor, Department Prof. Kidwai said that the work is likely to go a long way in making the readers aware of their relationship with their Creator and Lord. Professor Kidwai, a professor at the Department of English, is the Director, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU and Visiting Professor, Department of English, University of Leicester, UK. Dr. Tauqeer Alam Falahi conducted the programme.

**Department of Radiotherapy observes International Women’s Day**

To mark the International Women’s Day, Department of Radiotherapy, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a cancer awareness programme “Winner’s Meet” to introduce cancer survivors to the general public and share their experiences.

Prof. Shahid Ali Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of Radiotherapy, while highlighting the objective of the programme, said that women are the important part of our society and can play a significant role in cancer awareness and change the thinking of people towards cancer. Women can change the society by maintaining the proper hygiene in their home, educating the family members to avoid use of tobacco & alcohol and by promoting healthy nutrition, he observed.

Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, appreciated the programme and stressed on the need for such type of awareness programmes. Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, JNMCH said that women have a crucial role in the society, so every awareness programme should include the women as they can play a vital role in fight against cancer.

Dr. Snehlata Jain and Dr. Beena Agrawal from Chaitanya Mahila Jagrukta Sangthan, participated in the programme and expressed their views. Dr. Snehlata Jain encouraged the women not to hesitate to discuss their health issues and if they find any lump in their breast or any abnormal bleeding they should immediately contact the doctors.

Several other cancer surviving patients shared their experience with the public. One common message from all of them was to avoid tobacco and alcohol, maintain hygiene and proper nutrition and early diagnosis and treatment. On this occasion a token gift was presented to all the cancer survivors.

**Film Festival**

A three-day national film festival ‘Filmsaaz-11’ was inaugurated at the Kennedy Auditorium, Aligarh Muslim University. Noted film producer and director Faruq Masudi, freelance producer and director, Subroto Sen Gupta and prominent old boy and director Fakhruz Zaman Khan inaugurated the film festival.
Dr. Shakeel Samdani, Coordinator, General Education Centre said that around 30 short films and documentaries have been received from the local participants and sixty entries of national participants, after short listing, will be screened in the festival.

The Convener, University Film Club, Mr. Adil Siddiqui said that around 40 local and 60 national entries have been received for the film festival and still more entries are expected. The movies are based on various major social issues. Mr. Siddiqui said that the students of Aligarh Muslim University are extremely enthusiastic about this event.

The judges of the film festival were Mr. Farrukh Masudi, Managing Director of Hoo Productions, Freelance Film Maker, Subroto and eminent Director, Farrukh Zaman. The chief guest of the event was Mr. Sudhir Mishra, Director of movies like ‘Chameli’, ‘Hazaron Khwahishen Aesi’ and recent release, ‘Ye Saali Zindagi’.

**Training Programme**

The Department of Civil Engineering of the Aligarh Muslim University organized a three-day training programme on “Design and Construction of Flexible and Rigid Pavements” for engineers of rural engineering service, Government of Uttar Pradesh for the first time.

Inaugurating the three-day training programme, Officiating Vice Chancellor, Prof. S. Abrar Hasan said that this type of training will be very useful to engineers associated with the rural engineering service for improving their skills.

In his welcome address Prof. Razaullah Khan, Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering said that the present training programme has been planned to focus on the design and construction of rural roads and disseminate knowledge to the RES engineers. Besides the routine lectures by experts, extensive laboratory classes such as soil mechanics laboratory, Highway engineering laboratory, concrete and structural engineering laboratory have been planned.

He hoped that the integrated approach of classroom teaching along with laboratory practical will help the participants in enhancing their capabilities.

Dr. Malik Shoeb Ahmad, Coordinator of the training programme, said that earlier this training was organized in IITs but for the first time UP Government has decided to conduct this training programme at AMU. He said that two batches of 30 engineers are participating in this programme.

He said that the rural roads are the basic infrastructure required for the development of rural areas. These roads have been planned and constructed under various Rural Development Programmes of the Government of India, such as Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY) focussing directly on the rural connectivity.

On this occasion, Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, J. N. Medical College, Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, also addressed the inaugural function. Dr. Fareed Mehdi proposed the vote of thanks.

**AMU wins T20 Tournament**

The host Aligarh Muslim University won the under 19 and Sir Syed Memorial T20 Cricket Tournament played here at Wellingdon Cricket Pavilion.

In under-19 cricket tournament, AMU defeated Hamza Cricket Academy by 3 wickets. After winning the toss and deciding to field first, Hamza Cricket Academy scored 104 runs for 7 wkts in 20 overs. Yash Rana 29, Ketan Singh 23 and Imran Alam scored 17 runs. Aijaz Ahmad of AMU took 4 wickets while Amit and Gabrnder took 1 wicket each. In reply, AMU Under-19 team scored 105 runs for 7 wkts in 19.3 overs. Manish Rawat 37, Aijaz 16 runs and Rahul scored 14 runs.

Man of the Match award was given to Aijaz Ahmad of AMU. Best Batsman and best bowler awards were bagged by Yash Rana and Ahmad Ali Kirman of Hamaza Cricket Academy while best all rounder award was received by Aijaz Ahmad of AMU.
In the final of Sir Syed Memorial T-20 Open District Cricket Tournament AMU defeated Jadon Riders by 29 runs. AMU won the toss and decided to bat first and scored 104 runs in 20 overs. Imran Saleem 28, Areeb 16 and Iran Shahid scored 15 runs. Vipin took 4 wickets while Adnan Shamshad bagged 2 wickets. Jadon Riders could score only 77 runs in 17.3 overs. Adnan Shamshad 25 and Yasir Kaleem scored 11 runs. Meraj Ahmad took 4 and Mohd. Fazil 2 wickets. Man of the match and best bowler award was given to Meraj Ahmad and Mohd. Mansoor of AMU while Best Batsman and Best All Rounder award went to Yasir Kaleem and Vipin Kumar of Jadon Riders.

In the under-19 group the winner team received a cash prize of Rs 15000 while the runner up got Rs 10000. In T20 Sir Syed Memorial Open District Cricket Tournament the winner team received a cash prize of Rs 10000 and the runner up got Rs 7000.

Mr. Vivek Bansal, MLC, was the Chief Guest at the prize distribution ceremony. Guests of honour Prof. Absar Mustafa Khan, former Secretary, University Games Committee and Prof. Rakesh Bhargav, Chairman Department of T.B. & Chest, J.N. Medical College, AMU gave away the prizes to the winner and runner up teams.

**Talat Ahmad Felicitated**

A felicitation function was organized by the Department of Geology, Aligarh Muslim University to honour Prof. Talat Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Geology, University of Delhi, who has been recently awarded Fellowship of National Academy (FNA).

Prof. Ahmad delivered a lecture on the evolution of the mighty Himalayas. He said that the place where the Himalayas are presently situated was once occupied by an ocean, known as Tethys and due to tectonic movements, the ocean was closed, and Himalaya Mountains were formed. He also contended that the Himalays were not formed in one stage rather its origin took place in many stages.

Earlier, Chairman of the Department, Dr. Shadab Khurshid welcomed the dignitaries and presented mementos to the guests. The student of M.Sc., Ms. Sameera Kidwai was felicitated with a memento for achieving merit in B.Sc. (Final). Mr. Parvez Akhtar, Mr. Mohd. Zuhair Siddiquie, Mr. Gyanendra Kumar Singh, Mr. Badre Alam and Mr. Dheeraj Raghuvanshi were also felicitated on account of their success in qualifying competitions of Geological Survey of India, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Indian Institute of Technology.

Another distinguished guest, Prof. Salil Agrawal, Department of Geology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, expressed his views and appreciated the contributions of AMU Geology Department in the field of Geology. Prof. Mahshar Raza, Coordinator, DRS-I Programme presented a report highlighting the work done by faculty members. He also expressed thanks to the members of UGC visiting committee.

Dr. M.E.A. Mondal, Sr. Lecturer, Department of Geology conducted the programme and proposed the vote of thanks. The faculty members including Dr. L.A.K. Rao, Dr. Shahid Farooq, Dr. Abu Talib, Dr. Syed Ahmad Ali, Dr. F.N. Siddiquie, Dr. S.H. Alvi, Dr. S.A. Rashid, Dr. C.D.P. Singh, Prof. Noman Ghani (Retired) and Prof. K.K. Ghauri were also present in the programme. The lecture was attended by a large number of faculty members, research scholars and students of the department.

**Classes Start at Murshidabad**

“Launching of classes at the AMU Murshidabad Centre is a historical step in the direction of expansion of Sir Syed’s dream and the great legacy of AMU to spread secular and modern education in the most backward region of the nation”, said Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University.

Speaking at the commencement of BALLB and MBA classes ceremony held at Jangipura, Murshidabad today, Prof. Azis said that the AMU Centre will help in regaining the past glory and cultural legacy of Murshidabad, while providing modern education to the backward Muslim and other communities of this region, bringing into the fold, a great uneducated mass of the people into the mainstream education and thus contributing to the development of the nation.

The Centre will carry forward the great legacy and cultural ethos of AMU which is knitted as part of its cultural ethos. The efforts are being made to replicate Aligarh sensibilities into the system and the difference is that academic excellence is going to be the dominating objective of all its functioning.

Prof. Azis further stated that the University has embarked upon a detailed project amounting to rupees thirteen hundred crores and submitted it for the consideration of Expenditure Finance
Committee of the Government of India and was confident of its approval which is a necessary step for any project exceeding Rs. 150 crores. The grant of Rs. 50 crores in the current budget and Rs. 25 crores in the last budget for the Murshidabad Centre of AMU will be utilized for the construction of the compound wall around its 280 acres sprawling campus and for constructing buildings for its management and law school to be equipped with all modern facilities.

The University has developed a vision plan to introduce all modern courses including Medical, Paramedical and Engineering streams, Women’s College and Women’s Polytechnic. He said that by 2020 the Centre will be nurtured to become a fully autonomous institute with the potential to become a University.

The Vice Chancellor called upon the newly appointed faculty to emulate the example of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the great founder of the Aligarh Muslim University and with a great sense of dedication nurture the students to excel in life and to become extremely good citizen of this great nation.

Recalling the unstinted support the University was able to receive for the new educational initiative set in motion with the establishment of the two centres, he said that the initiative and support of Hon’ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee was primarily instrumental in setting up the AMU Murshidabad Centre. Prof. Azis further observed that the Hon’ble Union Finance Minister, Shri Pranab Mukherjee’s visionary move making an allocation of Rs. 50 crores in the current budget and his personal intervention at numerous critical junctures is responsible for the land transfer.

Welcoming the gathering AMU Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel said that the University has already put in place a well defined framework for converting the AMU Murshidabad Centre into an advance state-of-the-art academic institution of excellence. He felt that the newly enrolled students of MBA and BALLB courses and the newly appointed staff and other stakeholder will get ample opportunity to rejoice as partners in the progress of Murshidabad Centre.

While appreciating the dynamic leadership of Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis in nurturing the Centre with vision and missionary zeal, he said that the leading newspaper Malyalam Manorama, recently in its editorial, has acknowledged the initiative and the magnificent role Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has played in establishing AMU Centre at Murshidabad and Malappuram.

Prof. Mohd. Gulrez, OSD Murshidabad Centre, while presenting a brief report praised the Vice Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Azis for establishing AMU Centre in one of the educationally most deprived regions of the country and informed the gathering that within a short period of 22 days the building, classrooms, office space and hostels for both boys and girls were renovated. He said that 60 students are admitted in MBA class and 13 in BALLB. He was hopeful that in the next academic session all the seats will be filled up. He further added that efforts are being made to convert classrooms into smart classrooms in near future.

The temporary AMU Centre building is suitably located with a secured boundary wall and a single entry gate to the building. He said that power backup facility is being made. The computer lab with Wi-Fi facility and seminar library will also become functional in a couple of days, he added.

Mr. Wiqar Ahmad Khan, Secretary, West Bengal AMU Old Boys Association urged the students to imbibe in them the glorious tradition of AMU of which every old boy is proud of. He said that AMU is not only an institution to acquire education but also a cradle of golden upbringing and value based cultural ethos. He urged the students to make best use of their time in developing their personalities along with acquiring degrees.

Mr. Shiraz Ahmad, Assistant Professor, AMU Murshidabad Centre proposed a vote of thank.

Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmin Jalal Beg, Controller of Examinations, Prof. Pervez Mustajab, OSD (Development), Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, Media Advisor, Prof. N.A.K. Durani, Chairman, Department of Business Administration, Prof. Khalid Azam and Chairman, Department of Law, Prof. Iqbal Ali were also present and interacted with the students and faculty members.

Media Creates doubts about Muslims

Group Editor of Urdu daily Rashtriya Sahara Dr. Aziz Burney said that history has overlooked many truths which demands documentation honestly and that must be brought before the masses too. He was addressing a symposium ‘Meezan’ organized by the Literary Club of the General Education Centre.

Speaking on the status of Muslims, Dr. Aziz said that the role of the Muslims during the freedom struggle could not be highlighted properly as a result they are in poor conditions presently. He said
that their images of being orthodox has resulted in treating them with doubts. Citing the Gujarat genocide he said that the nation should not have double laws and all citizen must be treated equally. He expressed more concern over the interference. Speaking on the status of Muslims, Dr. Aziz said that the role of the Muslims during the freedom struggle could not be highlighted properly as a result they are in poor conditions presently. He said that their images of being orthodox has resulted in treating them with doubts. Citing the Gujarat genocide he said that the nation should not have double laws and all citizen must be treated equally. He expressed more concern over the interference of the government in the name of modernization of madrasas. Dr. Burney pointed out that America is installing its puppet regimes in the name of democracy in Arab World.

Presiding over the Seminar, AMU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that the points raised are factual and demand deep analysis.

Head Editor of Channel One, Yusuf Ansari said that the media has spread an image of orthodoxy about any bearded Muslim and consequently all Muslims have come under shadows. He pointed out that not only Muslims but their festivals and cultures are also being targeted. He said that one of the important reasons is the communication gap. Muslims must establish communication with others. He called upon the students to become self brand instead of copying the brand of others.

Director of UGC Academic Staff College Prof. A.R. Kidwai said that historians have enlarged the orthodox image of Muslims which was depicted in the English literature in 13th century and a negative thinking has overlapped Muslims. He said that even writers like Shakespeare were not untouched by that trend. He said that for better relations, better communication is desirable.

Coordinator, GEC, Dr. Shakeel Samdani said that Muslims have golden history but lack of will to take lessons from failures is the main reason behind their downfall. He cited examples of Tipu Sultan and Mughal King Aurangzeb and appealed to the Vice Chancellor to establish a Chair in the History Department on the name of Tipu Sultan. He informed that on birth anniversary of Tipu Sultan on 4th March a grand programme will be held.

Secretary of University Literary Club, Shad Ahmad Khan said that the Club is holding for the first time such a grand symposium which is being attended by more than five hundred AMU students. He said that nearly 120 students from outside are also taking part in the Symposium. He said that the aim is to provide a platform for students to express their opinion.

The Symposium was conducted by Fouzia Faridi and Dr. Kalimullah proposed a vote of thanks.

**Centenary Celebration of Chemistry Department**

Inaugurating a two-day International Conference on ‘Chemistry: Frontiers and Challenges’ as a mark of Centenary Celebrations of the Department of Chemistry, Aligarh Muslim University, noted scientist and former Governor, Professor A.R. Kidwai said that Chemistry contributes immensely to the welfare of mankind and urged the scientists to accept the new applications and new knowledge for the betterment of the society.

Prof. Kidwai also appreciated the holding of such an important conference in a year which has been declared by the United Nations as the ‘International year of Chemistry’. He said that the Department of chemistry at AMU was established in 1911 and Prof. Duniliife was the first head...
and had placed the Department in the history of education in India.

In his presidential address, officiating Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Abrar Hasan said that Chemistry with its romantic beginning has fascinated scholars other than scientists also. Alchemy refers to medieval scholars for an elixir or Kimia (in Persian) capable of turning copper and other brass metals into gold.

Prof. Zafar Ahmad Siddiqui, Organizing Secretary of the Conference said that a century ago Prince of Wales Chemical Laboratory was established under the leadership of Prof. H.B. Dunilife. He said that the theme of the Conference was chosen to showcase the interactions between the various disciplines of Chemistry with main focus on interdisciplinary opportunities at the interface of Chemistry.

Professor Syed Ashfaq Nabi, Chairman, Department of Chemistry said that the purpose of organizing this international conference is to provide an opportunity, especially for young researchers, to interact with eminent scientists from important universities of the globe.

Prof. Sourav Pal, Director of National Chemical Laboratory, Pune said in his keynote address that chemistry is integrated with several sciences and chemistry has a great contribution in computational sciences. He further said that chemistry is providing career opportunities to students.

Prof. Abha Laxmi Singh, Dean, Faculty of Science, hoped that the participants from different parts of the globe will find their stay in Aligarh exciting and they will contribute to the new frontiers and challenges in chemistry. On this occasion, Prof. A.R. Kidwai also released a souvenir.

Dr. Suhail Sabir conducted the inaugural ceremony and Prof. Mohd. Shakir proposed the vote of thanks.

More than five hundred delegates from India and abroad participated in the two-day deliberations including prominent Alumni from USA, UK and Gulf countries.

**Medicine and Contribution of Muslim Women**

Dr Ghazala Mehdi, Professor, Department of Pathology, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University delivered a lecture on ‘Contribution of Muslim Women in the field of Medicine’ at the inaugural function of a two-day Seminar, organized by the Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi in collaboration with the National Commission for Women and Muslim Women’s Forum on “The Muslim Women and their Contribution in Society”.

Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, Chairperson of National Commission for Minorities graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Mrs. Zohra Chatterji, Member, National Commission for Women was the Guest of Honour.

Dr. Syeda Syedain, Chairman, Planning Commission of India delivered the keynote address. The theme of the Seminar dealt with the different facets and roles of Muslim women in society. Speakers from across the country participated in the Seminar resulting in an intense and constructive deliberations on the topic.

**Regional Painting Workshop**

The Lucknow Regional Centre of National Lalit Kala Akademi in collaboration with the Department of Fine Arts, Aligarh Muslim University organized a Regional Painting Workshop at AMU, which was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis. AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel presided over the programme as Guest of Honor. The workshop was followed by an Art Exhibition showcasing the art work of participating artists created during the six day workshop.

In her welcome speech, Dr. Zeba Hasan, Chairperson, Dept of Fine Arts, emphasized the need and relevance of such initiatives for the development of skills in students. She said there was a great need of proper infrastructure to create a true ambience of Fine Arts Study.

The exhibition also included a section of students’ work to create an opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas and experiences between the guest artists and the students of the Department. A huge gathering of students and art lovers were present at the occasion.

Prof. Zeba said that the artists of national repute like Shri Bala Datt Pandey from Ranikhet, Almora, Shri Ram Sewak Shakya from Lucknow, Mr. Anil Kumar Sinha from Bihar, Mr. Rajendra Kumar from Kanpur, Mr. Laxyapal Singh Rathore from Ajmer, Dr. Rupam Mishra from Kanpur, Miss Krupa S. Makhi from
Vadodara, Mr. Mahesh Singh from Malakali, Sikar, Ms. Aditi Pandey from Vadodara and Mr. Ashwani Kumar Sharma from Agra participated in the workshop.

**Sir Syed’s Role Lauded**

Former Advocate General of U.P., S.M.A. Kazmi said that origin of Minority Rights lies with Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and the Aligarh Movement. He pointed out that Sir Syed was the first person who awakened Muslims through education for their rights. Mr. Kazmi said that Sir Syed placed the example of secularism by establishing MAO College. He urged students to acquire excellence in their fields because it is the first condition of success. He said that the time has come when we must concentrate on education and development. He was delivering Chief Guest address on ‘Minority Rights in India’ held by Club for Short Evening Courses of General Education Centre, AMU, Aligarh. Mr. Kazmi said that we should think in terms of the Community and work hard to get success. He lauded the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor in promoting education among most deprived class of people in remote areas of nation such as Murshidabad and Mallapuram.

Earlier, Coordinator of GEC, Dr. Shakeel Samdani welcomed guests and other participants. He said that there is wide gap between constitutional minority rights and practices by administration. He said that for the sake of the nation the gap should be filled up. He demanded that the Central Government should bring legislation to amend AMU Act and declare AMU as a Minority Institution.

Inaugurating the symposium AMU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that I am proud to be citizen of this country because our constitution gives us equal rights and Article 29 and 30 provide us opportunity to establish and administer our educational institutions. He pointed out that by educating ourselves we can share the fruits of progress and development. He cited the example of Kerala where the rate of literacy is 100 percent. He said that it is my dream that all educationally backward areas of the country may acquire 100 percent literacy. He said that AMU Centre at Murshidabad and Mallapuram have become functional. Prof. Azis announced that in future AMU centres will be established outside the country. Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis congratulated the organizers for organizing a symposium on minorities on the death anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan.

Presiding over the symposium former Dean of Law Faculty, Prof. M. Zakaria Siddiqui pointed out that the word ‘minority’ comes from sociology where as word ‘rights’ belong to law stream. He said that constitution framers had the responsibility to combine both the society and the law. He said that it means welfare of society with justice. He appreciated the efforts of Vice-Chancellor in establishing AMU centres and appealed that all people should extend their cooperation to it.

In his keynote address Dr. Mohibul Haque of Political Science department discussed group Minority Rights in national and international perspective and said that in democracy, group identity is very important. He said that Article 29 and 30 were incorporated in constitution to save the group identity. He said that it is very unfortunate that the word ‘minority’ has not been defined yet which has resulted in the confusion among judiciary.

Dr. Waseem Ali and Dr. Nafees Ahmad of Law department also expressed their views. Students of the Law Faculty Baharul Islam and Ghulam Akhtar also presented their Papers, which were widely appreciated. In the end, resolution was passed to declare AMU as minority institution through legislation and reports of Sachar Committee and Rangnath Mishra Committee to be implemented. The symposium was conducted by the Secretary of the Club, Mansoor Ilahi. Organizing Secretary Faisal Abbasi and his team worked hard to make symposium a grand success.

**Wajahat Habibullah Delivers Extension Lecture**

“The nation as a whole is faced with dramatic change. Governance itself finds transition accelerated both in concept and form. From a means to perpetuate imperial rule, the governance developed into a means of
seeking equitable economic growth”, observed Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, Chairman of National Minority Commission at Kennedy Hall.

Delivering Sir Syed Memorial Lecture on “India’s Democracy: What it means for the Minorities”, Mr. Habibullah pointed out that collusion instead of coordination is now increasingly marked between politicians, business houses and bureaucrats. The shocking exposures in the past year have triggered an impression that bureaucrats are on sale and casteist and communal prejudices now seem no longer a matter of shame.

He said that the Indian Constitution and the Indian democracy were the best safeguard for the rights of the minorities. The 73rd and 74th amendments have brought a new era of greater public participation in governance. Ruling on the masses is no longer the objective of good governance characterized by transparency, accountability and participation of all the citizens.

While emphasizing the need for greater accountability, Mr. Habibullah said that Panchayats are central to India’s quest to eliminate poverty including the ambitious NREGA Project. Calling upon the minorities to actively participate in the process of democracy and emphasizing the significance of RTI Act 2005, he said that democracy requires an informed citizenry and transparency of information, which are vital to its functioning and also to contain corruption as well as to hold Governments and instrumentalities accountable to the people. Freedom of access to information is increasingly regarded as the signature of democracy, he added.

The practice of democracy has only strengthened India’s nationhood. It can only be a weakness if it is perceived as an instrument of dominance by one group over another, even if the dominant group is the majority leading to what is termed ‘majoritarianism’. Mr. Habibullah considered national security as synonymous with the security of the people of the country including the minorities.

Mr. Wajahat Habibullah said that the National Minority Commission has taken up the cases of Muslim youths falsely imprisoned in Malegaon and Mecca Masjid terror attack. The Commission will facilitate their early release and rehabilitation.

Mr. Habibullah said that good governance is the means adopted to deliver services to government’s clientele in a manner acceptable to the clientele as efficient and to the provider as cost effective.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis urged the citizens particularly minority communities to make optimum use of the handi tool of RTI to ask whether the funds allotted for development have gone in the districts with minority concentration. They should demand clean water, clean water bodies and clean healthcare. He said that across the country the areas largely inhabited by Muslims suffer for want of roads, hospitals, schools and for all kinds of development deficit.

The National Minority Commission should play a proactive role and visit places and force the administration at different levels to spend the money earmarked for minority development schemes in an honest and transparent way. Prof. Azis noted that there is inertia even among educated intellectual Aligarh Muslims. They live with miserably deficient civic facilities in their city and Mohallas without any complaint.

Praising the strong democratic ethos, Prof. Azis said that the country is going to become more integrated because of the grassroot democracy. Referring to AMU Centres at Murshidabad and Malappuram, he said that education is the only answer to end poverty and deprivation.

The AMU legacy and the vision and mission of its legendary founder should be carried forward by opening many more such centres of learning across the nation, as a means to truly empower the excluded and marginalized Muslim minority.

Describing what has come to be called as “Saffron Terrorism” as more dangerous to the country, Prof. Azis said that terrorism of any kind should never be allowed to nurture, but at the same time innocent citizens should be protected at all cost from being falsely implicated in terror acts. The community is deeply pained and hurt when Muslims are branded as terrorist without any basis.
In his welcome address, Prof. Shan Mohammad, Director, Sir Syed Academy, enumerated the history and functioning of Sir Syed Academy and presented a profile of the distinguished services rendered by the Chief Guest, Mr. Wajahat Habibullah including the slew of initiatives that have placed the true instrument of power into the hands of the common citizens as CIC, empowerment of grassroots through Panchayats and his productive Kashmir engagements.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel proposed the vote of thank and Dr. Shariq Aqeel conducted the programme. On this occasion, four books were released by the Sir Syed Academy namely, Complete Collection of Lectures and Speeches of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, Shanasan-e-Sir Syed by Sajid Naeem, Sir Syed Aur Fan-e-Tameer by Ifitkhar Alam Khan and Tuaam Ahl-e-Kitab by Abdullah Khan.

**Workshop on Student Assessment**

A Workshop was organized by Medical Education Unit, Faculty of Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University on “Student Assessment”. The Programme was organized as a part of faculty development. The basic aim of the workshop was to update the faculty members on different assessment methods which are reliable and valid. The workshop started with lectures by different speakers followed by exercise of framing various types of questions to set a paper.

On the first day, Prof. S.F. Hashmi, Department of ENT delivered the lecture on Assessment of students. Dr. S.H. Arif, Department of Pathology delivered the lecture on different types of assessment and Prof. Mobarak Hussain, Department of Physiology spoke on Essay type and short answer type questions. On the second day, Prof. Seema Hakim, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology delivered lecture on objective type questions while Prof. Mohd. Habib Raza, Department of Surgery spoke on Test and Item Analysis. Group task by participants was done in four groups. Each group made assessment papers on different methods like Structured Essay Type Question, Short Essay Type Question, Modified Essay Type Questions and Objective Type Questions.

Feedback was given by Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine & Office Incharge, Medical Education Unit, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal, JNMC, Prof. Seema Hakim, Coordinator & Members of Medical Education Unit, Prof. Mohd. Habib Raza, Department of Surgery, Prof. S.F. Hashmi, Department of ENT, Prof. Mobarak Hossain, Department of Physiology, Dr. Sayeedul Hasan Arif, Department of Pathology. Feedback was also given by participants.

The Workshop was attended by Prof. R. Sharma, Prof. Noor Afshan Sabzposh, Prof. Imam Bano, Dr. Shaheen, Dr. Zehra Mohsin, Dr. Nasreen Noor and Dr. Shazia Parveen of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Prof. M.K. Jindal, Department of Pedodontics, Dr. Shaukat Arif Hanif and Dr. Sadiya Saeed, Department of Forensic Medicine, Dr. Shagufta Moin, Department of Biochemistry, Dr. Sangeeta Singhal, Dr. S. Aijaz Abbas Rizvi and Dr. Gulnar Navi Khan of the Department of Physiology, Dr. Mohammad Naseeruddin, Department of Pharmacology, Dr. Shamimul Hasan, Department of Oral Medicine, Dr. Kiran Alam and Dr. Saif Khan of the Department of Pathology, Dr. Saif Khan and Dr. Mohd. Shadab, Senior Residents of the Department of Physiology.

**Mass Communication Students organise Peace March**

“Sir Syed was aware of the potent power of mass media and effectively used all the then existing communication modes for promoting his vision and mission”, said Prof. N.A.K. Durrani, Chairman, Department of Mass Communication here today.

Speaking at the “Peace meeting” organized by the students of Journalism and Mass Communication to mark the 113th Death Anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, Prof. Durrani said that establishment of AMU Centres at Murshidabad and Malappuram is the biggest step in the right direction and in line with Sir Syed’s vision. The key to development is education and Sir Syed has shown us the way by bringing the deprived minority community into the process of development through education.

He urged the students to participate in this golden opportunity and become an active partner in extricating the community mired in misery. The enlightened initiative of AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis is carrying forward the legacy of Sir Syed and spreading education across the nation. His efforts in setting up AMU centres at Murshidabad, Malappuram, Kishanganj, Bhopal and Maharashtra need to be appreciated and further strengthened. The students should come forward and extend full support so that the vision and dream of Sir Syed is translated into reality, he added.
Dr. Mufti Zahid A. Khan, Nazim-e-Deeniyat and senior faculty member of Department of Theology said that Sir Syed’s efforts have contributed to nation building. His mission has benefitted the community and the people of the country at large. He concluded the programme with Dua for global peace and amity and happiness and development of the country.

The programme began with the Qirat by Maulana Abdul Hamid followed by a brief introduction of the services rendered by the great reformer, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan by the convener of the programme, Mariyam Mateen, a student of journalism.

Hassan Khalid, student of Mass Communication made a passionate plea for world peace. Pointing out the flaws he urged the United Nations to be impartial in its dealings with all the countries of the world and not to be swayed by the dictates of the superpowers only. Mr. Saifu Hadi gave an insight to the message of peace that the religion Islam is based on. He highlighted the significance of gratitude and thankfulness to those who do us good in our lives.

A two-minute silence was observed by the gathering to pay homage to the soul of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the man who changed a million lives. The programme was attended by a large number of students. Ms. Shikha Singh, a student of Journalism conducted the programme.

Annual Function of S. N. Hall

The Annual Function of Sarojini Naidu Hall, Aligarh Muslim University was organized with the concluding ceremony of the hall week “SEEMAAAB 2011”.

The provost of the hall, Dr. (Mrs.) Subuhi Khan welcomed the Chief Guest, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor and guests of honour, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar, Prof. Ainul Haq Khan, Dean, Students’ Welfare and other distinguished guests.

Senior Hall Monitor, Sana Khurshid presented the annual Hall Report cascading the achievements of Medical and Engineering students which was followed by the report of achievements of the Research Scholars by the Senior Proctorial Monitor, Naushaba Sami through the Power Point presentation.

The report of events held during Hall Week “Seemab 2011” was presented by Nuzhat Parveen. Ms. Maham Malik kept the audience involved in the programme with her situational jokes and literary inputs. Cultural Secretary Ms. Rabab Khursheed, Literary Secretary Ms. Musfira Jilani and the Sports Secretary, Ms. Saman Naylor presented the reports of their societies. Senior Food Monitor, Ms. Farhat Parveen took active part in organizing the programme.

The residents of the hall presented a number of cultural programs like ghazals and puppet show on this occasion. Prizes were given away to the winners by the Chief Guest and the Guests of Honour.

Baby Show

Department of Paediatrics, J.N. Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized the annual Baby Show. The participating babies were judged under various age groups such as from 0 to 6 months, 6 months to one ear and one year to three years.

In the age group from 0 to 6 months, Mohammad Talha was judged first while Baby Meena Khan and Afia Khan were selected for second and third prizes respectively. Mohammad Umar and M. Akbar were given the consolation prizes.

Manha Zafar, Aman Ahmad Iraqi and Fatima Nashrah were given first, second and third prizes respectively under the age group of 6 months to one year, while Simra and Sajid were selected for consolation prizes. Similarly, M. Hannan, Faiza and Amish were given the first, second and third prizes in the age group of one year to three years and Mohammad Ayan and Ayesha were given the consolation prizes.

Former Principal of Women’s College, Prof. Zakia Athar Siddiqui was the chief guest while officiating Vice Chancellor, Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Chairman, Department of Physiology, Prof. D.K. Agrawal and former Chairman of Department of Paediatrics, Prof. Azra A. Iraqi gave away the prizes to the winners.

Earlier, while welcoming the guests, Chairman, Department of Paediatrics, Prof. S. Manazir Ali said that the objective behind organizing the Baby Show is to create awareness about the issues related to maternal and child health care, child growth and immunization.

The programme was conducted by Dr. Sana.

Sir Syed’s death Anniversary

The Aligarh Muslim University today observed the 113th death anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the founder of this University.
The University organized Quran Khwani in the University Mosque after morning prayer and the Vice Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis and Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel paid their tributes to the founder by spreading floral chadar on his grave situated at the premises of grand AMU Jama Masjid. University Proctor, Prof. Mujahid Beg, Nazim-e-Diniyat, Dr. Mufli Zahid Ali Khan, Provost, Sir Syed Hall (North), Prof. A.R. Fatih, Provost, Sir Syed Hall (South), Prof. Anis A. Ansari, Member-in-Charge, Land and Garden, Prof. Mohd. Anees, Medical Superintendent, Prof. Najam Khalique, Dr. Naiyyar Asif and other University officials including students and faculty members participated with the traditional solemnity.

Sir Syed’s death Anniversary is a somber occasion when the University community observes the event as a day of introspection and resolves to carry forward the vision and mission of the AMU founder and to champion the cause of spreading education far and wide particularly among the marginalized Muslims. Sir Syed died at the age of 81 years in the year 1898 at Aligarh.

M. M. Hall organises ‘Abshaar’

The annual literary and cultural festival ‘Abshaar-2011’ was organized by the residential Mohsinul Mulk Hall, Aligarh Muslim University. National Secretary of J.D. (U), Mr. Irshad Ahmad, an AMU alumnus and Member of AMU Court was the Chief Guest. Mr. Vivek Bansal, MLC and Dr. Najmul Hoda Khan, Chief Medical Officer, Medical Attendance Scheme, Aligarh Muslim University graced the occasion as Guest of Honour.

Mr. Irshad Ahmad in his speech asked the students to enhance the prestige of AMU by spreading the message of Sir Syed based on peace, tranquility and meaningful education to all. Mr. Vivek Bansal expressed happiness on being a part of the colourful evening. The great attraction of the evening was the 64 yrs old Mr. Mohd Azad who mesmerized the audience with his melodious voice.

Earlier, while inaugurating the programme, the doyen of Urdu Poetry and Jnanpeeth Awardee, Prof. A. M. K. Shaharyar exhorted the students to do something which may bring joy and happiness to the people. Prof. Shaharyar expressed satisfaction over his own services for bringing joy and happiness in the lives of common people. He appreciated the efforts of provost Dr. Suhail Sabir to create a conducive environment in M.M. Hall for all round development of resident members.

Dr. M. Shamim, President of Literary and Cultural Society, M.M. Hall, proposed the vote of thanks.

Wardens of the hall, Er. Rizwan-ur-Rehman, Dr. Abdul Aziz Khan, Dr. Mohd. Yunus Ali Khan, and Mr. Ghufran Ahmad were present in the function. A large number of students including Senior Hall Monitor, Ahmar Aquile and Senior Food Monitor Mohd. Maroof attended the programe. Mr. Waheed conducted the proceedings.

The esteemed guests gave away the prizes to the winners of various events. The judges were Mr. Rafat Saeed, Mr. Saad Hameed and Mirza Farrukh Beg. The First Prize in debate was bagged by Malik Fahad-ul-Haq of Allama Iqbal Hall while the second and third prizes went to Masoodul Hasan of M.M. Hall and Ziaul Hasan of Sir Ziauddin Hall respectively.

In Bait Bazi, Farough Azam Khan and Mohd. Adil, Afsana Maqsood and Shaista Akram and Abdul Hameed and Md. Murshad Nomani won the first, second and third prizes respectively. In Quiz competition, Ziaur Rehman and Mohd. Arif Khan, Zubair Masood Farooqui and Osama Masood Farooqui, Farhan Haider and Tabish Zaidi got the first, second and third prizes respectively.

In Two Minutes Wonder event, Sohaib Asim in Dance, Sajid Khan in Food Scarcity and Shahid in Shair-o-Shairy bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively.

Annual Horse Show

In an amazing show of skills and ability in horse riding, various students and local police personnel participated in the 122nd Annual Horse Show “EQUESTRIA-2K11” at the Athletics Ground, Aligarh Muslim University.

In Musical Ride, Amir Ayaz Khan, Mohd. Umair Khan Sherwani and Zainus Salikin got the first, second and third prizes respectively. In Musical Chair, Umar
Khan, Mohd. Akram and Saeed Ali Rizvi were given the first, second and third prizes respectively. In Tent Pegging Individual Round, Amir Ayaz Khan, Faizan Ilahi and S.I. Ram Kumar bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively. In Ladies Hacks, Nida Qadri, Nudra Qadri and Mehar Jahan received the first, second and third prizes respectively. In Ball Picking Mohd. Akram was declared number one. In Campa Race Gunjan Chauhan and Mehar Jahan were declared first and second. In Show Jumping Amir Ayaz Khan first and Constable Krishan Pal Singh second. In Carrot Cutting Salman Haider won the first prize. In Pole Banding Umair Khan first and Mohd. Hasan Raza second. In the Team Tent Pegging AMU (Green) won the first prize while Team Tent Pegging (UP) got the second. In Fancy Dress Mohd. Naushad in Daku dress, Tabassum Khan in Razia Sultan dress and Mohd. Faraz in Bazigaar dress got the first, second and third prizes respectively.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis gave away the prizes to the winners. Dr. Nafees Ahmad II, President Riding Club welcomed the guests and Captain, Riding Club, Mohd. Anas Roshan proposed the vote of thanks. On the occasion, Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary, Games Committee, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar, Prof. Parvez Mustajab, Controller, Ms. Yasmeen Jalal Beg, Finance Officer, Prof. Mohd. Zubair Khan, Proctor and Mr. Abu Affan Farooquee graced the event. Section Commander, Asim Rizvi and Summaiyya Naaz conducted the programme. Captain Saireen and Captain Irfanur Rahman were the judges of the show.

**T.B. Day Celebrated**

As part of the World T.B. Day celebrations, a free health camp was organized at Maulana Azad Nagar, Aligarh by the Pulmonology and Infectious Disease Clinic, Department of Pediatrics, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University. 167 patients including adults and children were provided medical consultation and medicine free of cost.

Dr. Farzana K. Beig, Consultant Incharge of Pulmonology and Infectious Disease Clinic pointed out that one infectious adult with T.B can affect 15 persons on an average and younger children and infants are always on the high risk.

The resident doctors, undergraduates and senior residents staged a march to the the locality covering a distance of about 2 km with a banner “TB Elimination – Together We Can!”. The aim was to create a dialogue with the passerby to disseminate knowledge regarding TB and victimization of children by this disease. About 40 undergraduate, postgraduate and senior residents interacted with the people of the locality and explained to them various aspects of the disease.

The programme was conducted by Dr. Sana.

**Shahid Siddiqui gets Medal**

Prof. Shahid Ali Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of Radiotherapy, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University delivered the prestigious B. N. Lal Oration on Breast Cancer at the recently concluded U.P. Chapter Convention of the Association of Radiation Oncologists of India at Gorakhpur. Professor Siddiqui was awarded with a medal and citation. The Oration was constituted in memory of late Prof. B. N. Lal, Principal and Head of Department of Radiology, CSMMU. Professor Lal worked tirelessly for the development of Oncology as a whole and Radiation oncology in particular.

The oration is delivered by the eminent personalities and contributors in the field of Radiation Oncology. The citation was presented by Prof. S. Hukku, National President of Association of Radiation Oncologists of India and Chief Radiation Oncologist of B. L. Kapoor Hospital, New Delhi.

**Harsh Mander Visits AMU**

“The incidents of communal violence in India including Gujarat riots and ethnic violence in Pakistan suggest that a peaceful environment is not possible even in a homogenous state unless the people seek to maintain brotherhood and social affinity among different communities”, said Harsh Mander, Member, NAC and Director of Centre for Equity Studies while delivering the inaugural speech at the three-day International Conference on “Open and Distance Learning for Social Justice” organized by the Centre of Distance Education, Aligarh Muslim University. He said that both Gandhi and Maulana Azad...
Harsh Mander said that the people who gave way to communalism were far from their respective religions. V.D. Savarkar, who established Hindu Mahasabha, claimed himself an atheist. He cited several examples from Gujarat, where a Hindu farmer gave shelter to 110 Muslims. He said that peace can only be maintained when we would think for everybody who is marginalized and under privileged with a social responsibility.

Jawed Abidi, Founder, National Disability Network and the Guest of Honour said that the government should think about those who are under privileged, socially backward and far from education. He said that only 2% of the physically challenged people get education in our country.

Shri Nesar Ahmad, Vice President, Institute of Company Secretaries of India was also present in the programme.

Dr. Rizwan Khan, Director, Centre for Distance Education and convener of the program said that the conference is focused on issues and challenges facing those who are uneducated on account of being socially backward and under privileged. Dr. Khan also thanked the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis for helping in the organization of such a wonderful conference. Dr. Ehtesham proposed a vote of thank.

Seminar on Maternal and Child Health

Addressing the National Seminar on Maternal and Child Health, organized by the Department of Qabalat-wa-Amraz-e-Niswan, A.K. Tibbiya College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad, Director, Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine, Hyderabad said that each year millions of women, newborns, and children die from preventable causes, while the interventions that could save their lives are often not available to those who need it most.

Dr. Mushtaq said that according to the statistics available more than 60 million women deliver at home without skilled care, about 530000 women die of pregnancy related complications, with 68000 deaths result from unsafe abortion. He added that about 4 million babies die within the first month of life and nearly all (99 percent) maternal, newborn and child deaths occur in low and middle income countries.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that the health services in India have scaled new heights, the area of maternal and childcare needs to be given increased importance as a large chunk of population of India live in remote villages and towns where public health awareness is still negligible among the common masses. He said that a lot has to be done on the part of the government. The people with enlightened vision and education should come forward to educate the families, women and common people in order to spread awareness and sensitize them regarding the maternal and child health, Prof. Azis added.

Prof. Qamar A. Kazmi, Chairman, Department of Qabalat-wa-Amraz-e-Niswan and Chairman, organizing Committee said that healthy children need healthy mothers and the health of mother depends on several factors, such as status of women in society, their economic conditions, absence of gender discrimination against them, adequate nutrition, health facilities and maternal and child health facilities at priority basis.

Prof. Kazmi said that the motherhood for many women is associated with suffering from ill health and death due to inadequate access to health care and sexual health services. A majority of these deaths and disabilities are preventable by providing them sufficient health care facilities during pregnancy labour and post natal period. She further said that female foeticide is an extreme manifestation of violence against female. It is prevalent not only in educationally and financially backward society but also amongst educated and well-off strata of society.

Prof. Shagufta Aleem, Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine said that it is a well established fact that the health of women and children is an asset for the nation. It is in the national interest to have healthy children.
because children are more capable to learn and in the longer term they are more likely to become healthy adults who will contribute as a productive citizen and workforce to continued progress of society.

Prof. Anis Ahmad Ansari, Ex-Advisor, Department of Ayush, Ministry of Health Welfare, Government of India and Dr. Saud Ali Khan, principal, A.K. Tibiyya College also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Subooli Mustafa proposed vote of thanks and Ms. Saman Ansari conducted the programme.

New Proctor Appointed

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, in exercise of the powers vested in him under Section 19(3) of the AMU Act, has approved the appointment of Professor Mujahid Beg, Department of Medicine, J.N. Medical College as Proctor in addition to his own duties for a period of two years. Professor Mujahid Beg may organize the proctorial system to effectively serve the cause of the University.

The Vice Chancellor has greatly appreciated the services rendered by Professor Mohd. Zubair Khan, the outgoing Proctor and the spirit of teamwork that he has displayed was remarkable. The Vice Chancellor has requested all to cooperate with the new Proctor and give him the best of support.

Polio Eradication Programme

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has assured full cooperation to the Polio Eradication Programme at a review meeting held in the Selection Committee Room, Central Administrative Block, Aligarh Muslim University.

Prof. Zulfia Khan, Coordinator, Polio Eradication Programme presented the annual report and highlighted the achievements of AMU. She said that no case of polio was reported in Aligarh during the last one year. She emphasized the need to pay more attention on routine immunization.

The Chief Field officer of UNICEF, Ms. Adele Khudrar assured full support to the project in principle. She also suggested that the faculty members of the Medicine Department should write articles on routine immunization and publish the same in papers to seek cooperation of alumni of the University. An appeal may also be issued by the Vice Chancellor for physical presence of AMU community.

The meeting was attended by Mrs. Yasmeen Jalal Beg, Finance Officer, Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, J.N. Medical College, Prof. S. H. Hashmi, Principal, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Dental College, Prof. Mufti Zahid Ali Khan, Nazim, Sunni Diniyat, Prof. Abdul Mateen, Chairman, Department of Sociology and Social Works, Prof. V. K. Parashar, Coordinator, NSS, Prof. Tabassum Shahab, Mr. Salman Khaleel, Dr. S.P. Singh, Deputy CMO, Aligarh District, Ms. Adel Khudr, Chief Field Officer, UNICEF, Dr. Anisur Rehan Siddiqui, programme Officer, UNICEF, Mr. Nizamuddin, UNICEF, Mr. Shafique Ahmad, UNICEF, Dr. R. Kulshreshtha, DMO, District Hospital and Mr. Sharad Yadav, UNICEF, Aligarh.

Kamran gets Fulbright Scholarship

Mr. Mohd Kamran Ahsan, Research Scholar, Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded Fulbright language teaching assistantship at the University of Yale, New Haven, CT, USA. The 9-month long assistantship commences in September 2011.

The UGC Academic Staff College had organized counseling sessions for the applicants of this assistantship, with Mr. Taj Muhammad and Mr. T.R. Gautam, former awardees of the assistantship as resource persons. Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College has congratulated Mr. Ahsan on attaining this distinction. Mr. Ahsan is in the final stage of his doctoral degree programme under the supervision of Dr. Seemin Hasan, Department of English, AMU.

Saira Mehnaz gets Best Paper Award

Dr. Saira Mehnaz, working as Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Medicine, J.N. Medical College, AMU, Aligarh has been awarded The P.L. Sharma Best Paper Award in the 38th National Annual Conference of Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine held at MKCG Medical College, Berhampur, Orissa. The title of her paper was “Comparing existing maternal health practices in two urban slums of Aligarh”. After screening of the all research papers submitted for the award, 12 papers were shortlisted by the panel of experts to select the best paper. She carried out the study in pregnant and lactating women of two underserved areas of Nabi Nagar and Mahfooz Nagar of Aligarh.
The theme of the IAPSM conference was Global Partnership for Health Development.

**Dr. Saeed Ahmad Attends British Council Meet**

Dr. S.S. Ahmed, Chairman, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Z.A. Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University participated in the discussions on “Connecting UK Alumni: First national Meeting” with the aim of internationalizing the Higher education. The programme was organized by the British Council, New Delhi at Hyderabad.

Dr. Ahmad’s widely appreciated lecture highlighted how the commonwealth scholars have strengthened, deepened and widened the UK-India relationship and how the exposures of the UK alumni in UK institutes have contributed to the advanced training and extension of knowledge in the area of specialization of alumni.

Dr. Ahmed appreciated the help and guidance given by professors and consultants to learn the new surgical techniques of Maxillofacial Surgery. He endorsed that Commonwealth Scholarship at UK has indirectly contributed better training in Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and development of international relation among the experts of various disciplines abroad. The meeting concluded with stress on the need to convene such meeting annually to help provide an interactive platform to share the ideas and building of intellectual capital.

**Obituary**

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis and the Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel have expressed deep sorrow and grief on the sad demise of Prof. K. M. Bahaudeen, former Pro-Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University and distinguished educationist, who breathed his last at a hospital of Thiruvananthapura, Kerala. Prof. Bahaudeen had served as PVC of AMU during 1981-84.

He obtained Civil Engineering degree from Aligarh Muslim University and later took his masters from Manchester University, U.K. During 1984-87. Prof. Bahaudeen was Executive Director of the National Education Planning and Administration and served as the principal of the Regional Engineering College (now NIT), Calicut for a long period.

Prof. Bhahudeen (82) is survived by his wife and four children.

Prof. Azis said that Prof. Bahaudeen’s demise is a great loss to the education world and a personal loss to the Aligarh Muslim University. He prayed Allah for an abode for him in heavens and patience for his family members.

**Corrigendum**

The title page and page 14 of the last issue of the Gazette (Feb. 2011) carried photographs of Ms. Margret Alva, Governor of Uttarakhand releasing the book of Dr. Atia Abid but the captions inadvertently mentioned the name of Ms. Salima Hashmi. We deeply regret the mistake and apologize to Dr. Atia Abid.

Editor

**Sir Syed as a Public Intellectual**

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Sayyid Ahmad Khan (1817-1898) is acclaimed by his admirers as an educationist, social reformer, champion of women’s rights, rationalist, a pioneer in many fields, and a visionary. His detractors, however, brand him as a British stooge, polemicist, anti-democratic and anti-nationalist. In such a scenario, the need for an objective, balanced, yet not uncritical, assessment of Sayyid Khan’s thought and legacy becomes essential.
In 1857, when the armed uprising against the British, considered as India’s First War of Independence, swept across North India, Sayyid Ahmad Khan was forty years old and worked as a judicial official at Bijnor. He remained loyal to the British, and was later commended for saving the lives of British officials. He even had to face the brunt of the freedom fighters’ wrath who burnt down, as an act of retribution, his property in Delhi, worth thirty thousand rupees, a huge amount in 1857.

The events of 1857 were a traumatic experience for all Indians. The period was emotionally, psychologically and intellectually charged, especially for those in the employ of the British. Every Indian had to contend with the dilemma whether to join the uprising or remain loyal to the British. The sense of divided loyalties towards the British rulers on one side and freedom and one’s nation on the other must have caused much anguish, ambivalence and introspection in the minds of Indians.

With the dethroning of the titular Mughal ruler Bahadur Shah Zafar in 1857, the Mughal rule officially came to an end. The process of Muslim disempowerment in India was, however, encroaching apace, and this had rankled in the Muslim psyche. The stories of Muslim glory in India was, however, encroaching apace, and this had rankled in the Muslim psyche. The stories of Muslim glory in India was, however, encroaching apace, and this had rankled in the Muslim psyche. The stories of Muslim glory in India was, however, encroaching apace, and this had rankled in the Muslim psyche. The stories of Muslim glory in India was, however, encroaching apace, and this had rankled in the Muslim psyche. The stories of Muslim glory in India was, however, encroaching apace, and this had rankled in the Muslim psyche. The stories of Muslim glory in India was, however, encroaching apace, and this had rankled in the Muslim psyche. The stories of Muslim glory in India was, however, encroaching apace, and this had rankled in the Muslim psyche. The stories of Muslim glory in India was, however, encroaching apace, and this had rankled in the Muslim psyche. The stories of Muslim glory in India was, however, encroaching apace, and this had rankled in the Muslim psyche. The stories of Muslim glory in India was, however, encroaching apace, and this had rankled in the Muslim psyche.

The events of 1857, ending in the defeat and devastation of Indians, made every thinking Indian ponder over the state of the nation and Sayyid Ahmad Khan was no exception. The latter reflected on the fate of his own community and felt that it was being ruthlessly and unjustly targeted from all sides. Even though Sayyid Ahmad Khan never received any Western education, he was pragmatic enough to see its necessity and benefits. He was convinced that Muslims needed modern education. The task was an uphill, but as things turned out he found himself spearheading a movement whose avowed intent was the economic, social, and intellectual upliftment of the Muslims in India. At an early age, Sayyid Ahmad Khan had worked with two newspapers, Sayyidul Akhbar (Delhi) and Zabdatul Akhbar (Agra). Armed with that experience, and understanding very well the role newspapers and periodicals, initially introduced by the British in India, could play, he launched the periodical *The Loyal Mohammadans of India*, whose purpose was to dispel the impression that the Muslim community was disloyal and untrustworthy. As lack of scientific knowledge was considered one of the reasons of Muslims’ backwardness, he founded the Aligarh Scientific Society, which started publishing *The Aligarh Institute Gazette*, another periodical exclusively devoted to publishing articles on Science.

After a visit to England, he decided to found the periodical *Tahdhibul Akhlaq*, in order to deal exclusively with social issues. While *The Aligarh Institute Gazette* was meant to deal with scientific issues, *Tahdhibul Akhlaq*, as the name suggests, was aiming to bring about social reform in the Muslim community. Sayyid Ahmad Khan’s periodical soon carved out a public space in the later half of the nineteenth century for debate on public issues and religious matters.

Sayyid Ahmad Khan was a prolific contributor to the periodicals he founded. His copious body of journalistic contributions is covered and analyzed in his latest book titled “Cementing Ethics with Modernism: An Appraisal of Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan’s Writings”. The author Shafey Kidwai has examined chronologically Sayyid Ahmad Khan’s journalistic writings published in *The Aligarh Institute gazette* and
As Sayyid Ahmad Khan had taken on the role of public intellectual, he engaged with all the issues that were of concern to his contemporaries in general, and to Muslims in particular. The author gives a comprehensive account of his ideas on various subjects, not hesitating to reveal the many contradictions in his writings. He has neither brushed inconvenient facts under the carpet, nor presented them selectively. As a result, he succeeds in maintaining an impartial inquiry throughout. Thus, though Sayyid Ahmad Khan founded the Aligarh Scientific Society in the best tradition of the Victorian amateur scientists, and promoted scientific methodology assiduously, the author also points out that in his essay *Qawle Matin dar Ibtal-e-Harkat-e-Zamin* (1848), Sayyid Ahmad Khan wrote against the established and incontrovertible scientific fact of the earth’s rotation in an unscientific and untenable manner. Yet he wholeheartedly supported the vaccination against the smallpox, even tabling a Bill on 30 Sept 1879 in the legislative council to make it compulsory in the North Western Province.

Many other intriguing acts by Sayyid Ahmad Khan are revealed in the book. Even though he believed in freedom of speech, and throughout his life accepted freedom of the press as an inalienable human right, he supported the Vernacular Press Act, which was meant to muzzle the press in the politically charged post-1857 situation. Sayyid Khan published *The Loyal Mohammedans of India* to absolve the Muslims of the charge of disloyalty, and to affirm their loyalty to the British. Yet when the British stigmatized Muslims, he was the first to condemn them in unequivocal terms.

The author also examines in detail Sayyid Ahmad Khan’s controversial action of opposing democracy, and concedes it to be an aberration in an otherwise forward looking and modern outlook. In looking into the reasons for Sayyid Ahmad Khan’s reservations about democracy, he hints at the possible influence on him of J.S. Mill’s concept of ‘tyranny of the majority’.

It seems that Sayyid Ahmad Khan’s opposition to democracy, support of the Vernacular Press Act, silence about freedom, and opposition of the Congress are acts inconsistent with his other progressive and modern ideas. But one must not forget that Sayyid Ahmad Khan was also historically situated, and it would be too demanding to expect radical views in every sphere of opinion. His enduring legacy remains the Aligarh Muslim University, and the author has clearly brought out his broad outlook and non-conformist ideas as they took shape in his journalistic writings.

The book is replete with valuable information not only about Sayyid Ahmad Khan but also about the political, social, intellectual and cultural transformations that were overtaking India at that time. The author succeeds in showing how Sayyid Ahmad Khan’s journalistic writings document the public debates that touched all aspects of issues that were to shape future India. As a result, his book serves the dual purpose of asserting the contribution to nation-making of one of India’s most illustrious sons, and of illuminating the history of India as it was being enacted and shaped in the nineteenth century.

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