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Faiz International Seminar at AMU: Souvenir is being released by Ms. Salima Hashmi, daughter of Faiz. Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Professor Shaheryar, Professor A.K. Qasmi and Professor A.R. Fathi are also seen in the picture.

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Lecture on Kunjali Marakkars

The Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh organized a lecture by Professor Kunh Ali V. of the Calicut University. Prof. Kunh Ali V., a former student of the Department of History, AMU gave a talk on “Kunjali Marakkars – The Admirals of Calicut”.

The lecture was part of the series of extension lectures organized by the Centre for Advanced Study in Medieval History. Professor Kunh Ali V. was in Aligarh to conduct the Viva-Voce of a Ph.D. scholar.

New Office Bearers of AMU Students’ Union

Mr. Abu Affan Farooquee, student of BA-LLB (Final year), has been elected President of the Aligarh Muslim University Students’ Union. Mr. Syed Umer Ahmad Qadri, student of BA, has been elected Vice President and Mr. Aamir Qutub, B.Tech. (F), as Honorary Secretary of the Students’ Union. The results of the Students’ Union were declared by the Chief Election Officer, Prof. Mursaleen.

For the post of President, Vice President and Honorary Secretary seven candidates were in fray for each of the three posts. The polling was also held for ten cabinet members to the AMU Students’ Union. Mr. Shibanur Rahman, MA (P), a visually challenged candidate secured the highest votes and was declared as Senior Cabinet. Miss Maryam Zehra of BA (F) of the Women’s College got elected as a Cabinet member. Twenty six members were in fray for the Cabinet. Sultan Ahmad Khan, Saleem Mohammed Khan, Rizwan Ahmad, Jamal Akhtar, Mohd. Yasar Siddiqui, Masoom Raza, Mohamad Sarfaraz Rasmally and Haider Khan were also declared elected.

The election of the AMU Students’ Union was held as per the recommendations of the Lyngdoh Committee.

The Election of the eleven representatives of students to the University Court were also held and the Chief Election Officer has announced the results. Sixty four candidates, in all, contested the elections for the University Court. Mr. Shujauddin Khan from the Faculty of Theology and Agricultural Sciences, Mr. Nafees Ahmad from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Mohd. Saleem Khan, Faculty of Arts, Mr. Mohd. Junaid Ahmad, Faculty of Commerce, Mr. Ahmad Neyaz Khan, Faculty of Science, Mr. Mohammad Akram, Faculty of Life Science, Mr. Farhan Husain Zaidi, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Mr. Javed Akhtar, Faculty of Law, Mr. Nawalur Rehman Khan, Faculty of Unani Medicine, Mr. Nadir Waquar Ayubi, Faculty of Medicine and Mr. Syed Tabish Sultan, Faculty of Management Studies and Research were declared elected.

The whole process of election from filing of nominations to campaigning, voting, counting and result declaration was held in a festive and peaceful atmosphere.

Library Services get modernized

During the last couple of years Library services in AMU have been substantially modernized by the application of latest ICT Applications. These developments in the library services include- campus wide access to online catalogue, Digital Resource Centre with 2 lakh e-books / encyclopedias and many language learning software, online journals; Automatic Security Gate for books; CCTV and a show case displaying recent publications of academic community of the University.

As a sequel to that the library has recently received IP based online access to almost all important Internationally reputed Full Text Data Bases namely Web of Science, Science Direct, SciFinder Scholar, ERMED Consortia, J-Gate, BIOSIS and DELNET. It is worth noting that the University had been trying to get additional UGC funding to subscribe Science Direct for more than 5 years. Fortunately, access to Science Direct with 1000 online journals worth Rs. 2 crores; 908 Online Wiley Journals worth Rs.9 crores and ERMED with 2400 online journals in Health Sciences worth Rs. 7.5 crores, has been provided to the University.

Some other most prestigious and costliest research tools, namely, Science Citation Index (1961), Social Science Citation Index (1966) and Arts and Humanities Index, (1977), published from Institute for Scientific Information, Philadelphia, USA since 1961, that the University had since been aspiring for, have now been made accessible online in the form of Web of Science (with 10 yrs backup) worth Rs. 3.5 crores.
While the aforesaid Online Information Services have already been made accessible, Sci Finder scholar, a publication of American Chemical Society, Columbus, Ohio, USA that provides access to the world’s largest and most comprehensive collection of Chemistry and related scientific information, worth Rs. 20 lakhs (Single user) will be made available in February 2011.

Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice-Chancellor, while appreciating the efforts of Prof. Shabahat Husain, Librarian-in-charge, M.A. Library in modernizing the library services in AMU has sent a good will message to all the Deans of the Faculties, Chairmen of the Departments and other academic community of the University, exhorting them to make fullest use for these facilities to improve the published out put both in quantity and quality. He has assured his full support in the scholarly endeavor of AMU academic community.

**International Seminar on Faiz**

Inaugurating a three-day International Seminar on ‘Internalizing Faiz twenty first Century: Dimensions and Translation’, Professor Salima Hashmi, noted artist and daughter of legendary Urdu Poet, Faiz Ahmad Faiz said that the thoughts and life of Faiz are beacon of light for the cause of peace in today’s troubled times.

Prof. Salima Hashmi said that Faiz was the voice of the underprivileged and persecuted people not just of his own country Pakistan but the world over.

Delivering the keynote address Professor Anisur Rehman of Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi said that Faiz was a dissenter, but the most sophisticated of the sorts, he exuded anger but with control and culture, he opposed tyrannies of all kinds but in a manner that made one and all hear him patiently. Faiz exiles in Paris, London, Moscow and Beirut and his readings in Western literature helped him view his own individual and social predicament with great confidence and clarity, he added. Prof. Aneesur Rahman pointed out that Faiz appeals alike to the philanthropist and the philanderer the pious and profana, the music makers and the dreamers of dreams but Rashed, probably a great poet than both Faiz and Maraji appeals only to a select readership.

Noted Urdu poet and winner of Jnanpith Award, Prof. Shaharyar called upon the people of India and Pakistan to unravel and reaffirm the message of humanity which was the bedrock of the poetry of Faiz.

Noted Urdu Scholar from Pakistan, Jamal Naqvi called upon the people of India and Pakistan to join hands for the cause of peace and human brotherhood.

Earlier, Prof. A.R. Fatihi, Director of the Centre for Comparative Study of Indian Languages and Culture, AMU said that Faiz Ahmad Faiz remains one of the greatest unsolved enigma and mysteries of South Asian Literature. This becomes all the more complex because Faiz never seemed to have belonged fully to any one land – the boundaries of his literary, political and cultural like are fluid, flowing and overlapping. He mentioned that Faiz is one Pakistani whom Indian admirers have looked upon with great admiration and because of his wider identity encompassing all the admiring nations of South Asia and beyond.

In his Presidential remarks, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that Faiz believed in progressive ideology and modern poetry. He is one of those Urdu poets after Ghalib and Iqbal who has been most widely and lovingly translated.

On this occasion, noted Urdu critic, Prof. Abul Kalam Qasmi, Prof. Qazi Afzal Husain, Dean Faculty of Arts and grandson of legendary Urdu poet Faiz, Dr Ali M. Hashmi from Pakistan also expressed their views.

Prof. Salima Hashmi released a book on Rasheed Jahan, one of the founder of the Progressive Writers Movement in India. The book is edited by Seema Saghir and published by Female Education Association, Aligarh.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Adul Azis released the first issue of the Journal of Comparative Languages and Culture.

Dr. Samina Khan conducted the programme. This three-day International Seminar was held in association with National Council for Promotion of Urdu Languages, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore and Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi.

**Lecture on Global Warming**

The Department of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University organized an extension lecture on “Global Warming and Climate Change: A Review of the Report – Climate Process, Operating View, Evidences and Recent Development” delivered by Prof. Rafique Ahmad, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences,
University of Wisconsin, USA. He said that global temperature change has been an issue for long back but in present scenario this issue has emerged as havoc for developing world by the developed countries to drive political and economic motives. He said that some scientists believe that the prediction of climatic changes are too pessimistic and unrealistic because computer predictions are based on present day data.

He further added that temperature rises when greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide, water vapour methane and nitrous oxide trap heat and light from the sun in the earth atmosphere and affect the human, animals and plants.

Prof. Farasat Ali Siddiqui, Chairman and Coordinator, DRS-II, Department of Geography, said that according to the US Global change research programme global warming is unequivocal and in the last 5 decades is primarily because of human induced emission of heat trapping gasses like coal, oil and gas along with clearing forests, agricultural practices and other activities.

He said that the department is planning to start applied geography programme under the DRS scheme so that such issues should be investigated more deeply and intelligently for developing awareness not only among the educated but also laymen to make them understand the severity of the global warming and its effects.

The session was presided over by Prof. Mrs. Abha Lakshmi Singh, Dean Faculty of Science and conducted by Prof Abdul Munir. A large number of delegates, faculty members and the research scholars of the department attended the lecture.

**Faisal Siddiqui gets Award**

Dr. Mohammad Faisal Siddiqui, Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University has been conferred upon Junior Scientist of Year Award 2010 by the National Environmental Science Academy, New Delhi for his outstanding contribution in the field of genetics.

Dr. Siddiqui did his work on genetic toxicology, reproductive toxicology, neurotoxicology, molecular genetics and on some biochemical aspects. During research he has done several experiments and standardized the techniques. Presently he is engaged to evaluate the possible antimutagenic or ameliorative action of Camellia sinensis leaves aqueous extract on behavior and molecular biology of rats by some chemical compounds.

Dr. Siddiqui attended various national and international symposia, conferences, workshops and published 20 abstracts in these seminars. He has also published four research articles in reputed national and international journals, and one of his international paper was featured as a highlighted article on Science Direct website. He was also awarded with Senior Research Fellowship by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Young Scientist project by the Council of Science and Technology, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow. He is life member of National Environmental Science Academy (NESA), Environmental Mutagen Society of India (EMSI) and Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN).

**Women’s College wins Volley Ball Tournament**

Women’s College ‘A’ team has won the 5th Aala Bi Memorial Women’s Open Regional Volley Ball Tournament being played at Women’s College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.


Prof. Bilquis Naseem Waris, Principal, Women’s College gave away the prizes and trophy to the winner team while Dr. Nikhat Taj, Provost, Abdullah Hall distributed prizes to the runner-up team. Miss
Nida Anjum was declared woman of the tournament.

**Marathon Race**

The Hiking and Mountaineering Club of University Games Committee, Aligarh Muslim University organized National Integration Marathon Race as part of the Republic Day Celebrations 2011. Professor P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University flagged off the Marathon.

Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary, University Games Committee and Dr. Shadab Khursheed, President, Hiking and Mountaineering Club along with prominent faculty members were also present on this occasion.

Around 500 students and staff members of AMU including students from schools of Aligarh district along with girl students took part in the Marathon Race. The race started at 10 am from football ground and passed through Shamshad Market, Tasveer Mahal, State Bank of India Tiraha, Centre Point, Maris Road, Lal Diggi Road, University Circle, Bab-e-Syed, VC’s Lodge and finished at University Football Ground covering around 10 kilometers of distance.

At the prize distribution ceremony the Chief Guest, Mr. Man Singh Chauhan, SP (City), Prof. M. Zubair Khan, Proctor, AMU, Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary, University Games Committee, Mr. Shafiur Rahman, former player and founder of the club and Ms. Amina Malik, Principal, Girls High School gave away the prizes to winners of the marathon race.

In the male category, Vinod Kumar of S.S. Durga College, Hathras won the first prize. The second prize was given to Pushp Kumar of S.S.D. Inter College, Iglas while the third prize went to Dharmendra Kumar of S.D.S. College, Iglas.

In the female category, Nisha of Shivdan Singh College won the first prize while Keerti Singh Jadon of District Athletics Association got second and Rashmi Chaudhary of Dhruv Singh Inter College bagged the third prize.

The programme was jointly conducted by Dr. Shadab Khursheed and Mr. Mazharul Qamar, President of District Olympic Association.

**Technical Fest at Engineering College**

A two-day technical fest was organized by the Mechanical Engineering Department of Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University for the first time under the umbrella of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). The Students’ Chapter of ASME was also inaugurated at the college during the fest titled “Renaissance”.

The programme was presided over by Dr. Hamid Ali, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology. Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Controller Examinations, Aligarh Muslim University was the Chief Guest. The Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Ekram Hussain and Dr. Hamid Ali Khan enlightened the audience and congratulated the students on successful inauguration of the Students’ Chapter of ASME in the college. The Chairman, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Tariq S. Jilani and the Advisor, Students’ Chapter, Dr. Adnan Hafiz also shared a few words of wisdom with the students. Mr. Salim Anwar, Student Advisor for the Chapter, proposed the vote of thanks and Dr. Abid Ali Khan, Reader, Department of Mechanical Engineering declared the fest open.

The fest began with an illuminating lecture by Prof. A. A. Nizami, Department of Mechanical Engineering urging the students to groom their personality in such a manner that they are able to meet the demands of the ever-changing global technological picture.
The fest proceeded with the preliminary round of general Quiz, ‘Crack it Out’ participated by a number of students from various branches. It was followed by a poster presentation competition. The preliminary round of another competition, Stratagem was held to bring forth the production management and team coordination skills of the students. The day ended with the first part of an exciting workshop on Human Powered Vehicles (HPVs), which was the main feature of the fest. It aimed at familiarizing the students with alternative modes of transport in the present age of energy crisis. It acquainted the students with various aspects of design and modelling of the HPVs.

‘Urdu is a Cultural Language of AMU’: Shahryar Speaks in Republic Day Celebration

Eminent Urdu poet and Jnanpeeth Award winner, Prof. A. M. K. Shahryar, while addressing a public meeting at Aligarh Muslim University, said that there is no dearth of skills in the University and AMU students are much disciplined. He said that Urdu is a cultural language of the University but English is an official language of the University.

Prof. Shahryar was addressing the public meeting organized by the University in the evening of 26th January 2011 as part of Republic Day celebrations to felicitate its students, research scholars and teachers who have done outstanding work in their respective field.

Prof. Shahryar further said that wearing of cap is a tradition of AMU Students’ Union and it cannot be generalized in Mushairas and other functions held in University or Aligarh Exhibition.

About 117 students, teachers and research scholars were felicitated on this occasion for bringing laurels to the University. AMU alumna and outstanding shooter Ms. Annu Raj Singh was also felicitated at the programme for winning Gold Medal at the Common Wealth Games recently held in New Delhi.

Presiding over the public meeting, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that it is a recognition of the spirit of enterprise, diligence, dedication and hard work displayed by the AMU scholars and students successfully translating into outstanding achievements. The main aim of the Merit Evening is to promote excellence in AMU Campus.

The Merit Evening Award was launched in 2008 to speed up the process of academic rejuvenation exercise. The University in the last four years has honoured about 300 students, research scholars, teachers and other staff members for bringing laurels to the University.

Prof. Azis said that the Sachar Committee has testified that Muslims are backward in every walk of life and we should work for bringing change in this scenario. He said that we ought to bring change in our attitude as well.

The Aligarh Muslim University Students’ Union President (Elect) Mr. Abu Affan Farooquee also addressed the gathering. He said that the Constitution of India has given a unique identity to the AMU and we will fight for retaining its minority status. He said that a movement will be launched to ensure proper place for Urdu in the University.

Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. S. Abrar Hasan and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. C.P.S. Chauhan also addressed on this occasion. AMU Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel welcomed the guests and DSW, Prof. Ainul Haq Khan proposed the vote of thanks. Media Advisor and Chairman, Department of Mass Communication, Prof. N.A.K. Durrani conducted the programme.
Earlier in the morning, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis unfurled the national flag at the Victoria Gate, watched the parade by NCC students and took salute. Prof. Azis also visited University Health service and distributed fruits among the ailing students.

Addressing the gathering on this occasion AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that education is the only key to success and students should make it a basis for their career and nation building. He said that Aligarh Muslim University is in an expansion mode and two centres have been started. He said that the Murshidabad and Mallappuram Centres would be the replica of AMU in every respect. He urged the students to adopt a ‘respect for all’ principle and ensure peaceful condition in the campus as it is the only prerequisite for all academic successes.

Conduction the programme, AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel said that it is a matter of pride for the University community that the President of India has honoured former Chancellor of the University, Prof. A. R. Kidwai with Padma Vibhushan and AMU alumni, Prof. Mansoor Hasan and Dr. Reyaz Punjabi with Padma Shree.

The National Service Scheme organized Prabhat Pheri early morning.

New Union takes Over

The Installation function of office bearers of newly elected Aligarh Muslim University Students’ Union (AMUSU) was held in the Kennedy Auditorium. The programme was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, who is also the Patron of the Students’ Union. A heightened level of delight was evident among the student community and the programme was a grand success with thunderous applauses made after and in between every speech delivered by the office bearers as well as other candidates who contested the Chairs.

The newly elected President, Mr. Abu Affan Farooque, Vice President, Syed Umar Ahmad Qadri and Honorary Secretary, Mr. Amir Qutub thanked the students for electing them and promised that they would work for the development and progress of the University while following the golden traditions of AMU Students’ Union.

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Paying rich tributes to the founder of the University, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the President of AMUSU, Mr. Abu Affan Farooque said that the University came into existence after great hardships faced by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and it is our responsibility to preserve its honour. He said that the Students’ Union would not allow anyone to damage the prestige and the glorious image of the University.

He urged the students to keep up with the rules and regulations of the institution. He said that nobody would be allowed to go against the rules. He vowed that the Students’ Union will protest if anyone takes the law in his or her hand.

Mr. Farooque said that the democratic rights of the students will be restored and efforts will be made at all levels to restore the minority status of the University. He said that the Union will take the issue to the Parliament for a specific law to restore the minority status, if needed.

The newly elected President demanded that Wi-Fi services be made available to the students, admission form fees be reduced to make it more affordable, an emergency service be started at Tibbiya College Hospital, girl students be provided buses for easy conveyance and girls be given representation in Women’s Cell. He also urged the University administration to establish a Central Placement Cell for providing better employment avenues to the students and the timely payment of scholarships to the research scholars.

The Vice President of the Union, Mr. Syed Umar Ahmad Qadri assured the students of representing their sentiments and carrying forward their wills and wishes. He said that we should respect the great sacrifices of the students who carried an agitation and sat on Dharna for restoration of the AMU Students’ Union and thank them for their great job. He said that we are sorry for the incident of setting of Vice Chancellor’s Lodge afire in 2007.
and demand an enquiry into the case. He said that the tendency of hall shifting should be changed and the girl students should be provided with better medical facilities.

Addressing the students, the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Amir Qutub said that AMU students cast their vote for electing their representatives upholding the democratic values instead of voting for regionalism, casteism or religion. He said that in the age of globalization, the students should work for the development of their hidden skills. Classrooms should be equipped with modern facilities and should be transformed into ‘Smart Classrooms’ and labs should be well equipped. Mr. Qadri reiterated that we do not hate anybody but the adverse policies should be changed.

Addressing the Installation Ceremony, the Patron of the AMU Students’ Union and Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis assured that the issues raised by the students leaders will be solved with the cooperation of the Students’ Union. He said that University is already working as a saviour of the students’ interests and efforts have been started to established a Central Placement Cell and it would be materialized soon. Prof. Azis said that Information Communication Technology has been given a new boost in the campus and the students will be provided with the Wi-Fi facility free of cost in next few weeks.

The Vice Chancellor said that AMU is one of the most prestigious universities of India and new centres are being established in different parts of the country for its expansion and development in order to create an educational revolution among Muslims. While congratulating the newly elected Office Bearers of the Students’ Union, Prof. Azis hoped that they would work for taking forward the prestige of the institution. He said that the University is like a family and preserving its existence and working for its development is our responsibility. He said that University administration is committed to the welfare of the students and it would cooperate fully with the Students’ Union.

Dr. Shariq Aqeel highlighted the grand history of AMUSU while conducting the programme and welcomed the office bearers of the Students’ Union. The newly elected student representatives to AMU Court were also present in the programme.

American Centre Training Programme for AMU Students

The American Centre, New Delhi has recently sanctioned an ambitious Training Programme under the Memorandum of Understanding between Aligarh Muslim University and American Centre initiated by the Vice Chancellor, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis. Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College said that the two years long Training Programme meant for 200 AMU Senior Secondary School students, focused on improving their spoken and written English skills through innovative and creative methodology. These skills will be groomed by a team of teachers selected by the American Centre. The training programme will commence in March 2011.

In 2007 and 2009 the American Centre sanctioned similar training programmes for 100 and 200 underprivileged AMU school students respectively. Both these programmes have been successfully carried out. In view of the tremendous success of the earlier programmes and in recognition of the benefits accruing to the students, the American Centre has granted the fresh programme for Senior Secondary students. A number of teachers from the Department of English, Senior Secondary and Secondary Schools of AMU are part of the training team, which is, in turn, equipped with better skills, including visits to the US by the American Centre. Professor Kidwai has expressed his gratification over this new Programme, which will enhance the communication skills of AMU students.
**VC Inspects Construction Projects**

The AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis along with CPWD and University officials visited the under construction Engineering Girls’ Hostel and University Canteen and directed the officials to complete the remaining unfinished work in the two buildings including the furniture by the end of February 2011 so that the facilities were made available to the students at the earliest.

Earlier, a meeting of the Building Committee was held under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Azis at the Committee Room. The Committee considered various estimates of XI Plan and gave its approval. The Vice Chancellor has set a deadline and directed the university officials to complete all pending XI Plan work by December 2011.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, OSD (Development) Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Ekram Huusain, MIC Electricity, Prof. Anwaruddin Anwar, Chairman, Sub-Committee of Building Committee, Deputy Finance Officer (Budget), Executive Engineer, CPWD, Shri Rakesh Vij, Chairman, Department of Electrical Engineering and University Engineer, Building Department were present in the meeting.

**Call for Setting up Sports School**

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the National Seminar on Scientific Support in Sports organized by the Department of Physical Health and Sports Education, Aligarh Muslim University, said that behind the golden glow that enveloped the country and its image at the 19th Commonwealth Games, organized by our nation, lies the untold story of the invisible scientific support in sports for various facets of training methodologies and rehabilitation. The credit goes to the recent development in applied sciences especially Sports Psychology and Biomechanics. Prof. Azis expressed happiness over the fact that the Department of Physical Health and Sports Education is unique and first of its kind in India that has been offered the prestigious project of UGC SAP, DRS-I Programme in the field of Physical Education and Sports Sciences.

Prof. Azis urged the Olympian, Mr. Zafar Iqbal to accept to become the brand ambassador of AMU and suggested the Department of Physical and Sports Education to submit a proposal for the establishment of a Sports School.

Prof. Azis said that in line with the development of sports and recreation industry in India, the faculty is all prepared to play its vital role in meeting the demands of sports especially in scientific areas.

The Chief Guest and Olympian, Mr. Zafar Iqbal said that he was confident that the National Seminar would bring many minds together and will be able to develop a new model of diagnostic test which would be beneficial to our sports persons to enhance their performance without drugs. He said that the centre must be equipped with modern devices and equipments to assess the fitness level of our young sports persons for taking corrective measures at grassroots level to be able to match the fitness level of International Competitors.

Guest of Honour and Olympian, Mr. Syed Shahid Hakeem, Consultant-cum-Advisor (Sports), Jamia Millia Islamia said that scientific support in sports is of immense importance for the improvement in the standard of sports persons of the country who, in the Commonwealth and Asian Games have given us a hope that the country has started progressing in the field of sports too.

Prof. N. S. Man, Punjab University, Chandigarh said that to develop sports we need laboratories to advance the knowledge for research. Prof. Man said that this department is one of the best departments of AMU and has become a great centre of excellence. He urged the students to take part in sports activities at grassroots level.

Prof. Jaowad Ali, Coordinator, UGC-Special Assistance Programme (DRS-I) said that in recent
times sports performance is truly considered a by-product of total personality of an individual. The scientific and technological advancements have tremendously contributed not merely to the human health and vitality but also changed the very nature of competitive sports which has now become an industry wherein only excellence matters. He said that the department is also planning to start e-learning system in physical health education.

The Organizing Secretary of the seminar, Dr. Zamirullah Khan said that from the modest beginning in 1989, the Department has now grown into a fully research integrated unit of the University. Sports have a notable educational potential above all in the realm of youth and, because of this, it is of great importance not only in the use of free time, but also in the formation of the person.

Earlier, Chairman, Department of Physical Health and Sports Education, Prof. Ikram Husain expressed thanks to the University Grants Commission and said that the interactive seminar would showcase our leading educational and research programs, as well as our world renowned faculty.

While conducting the programme, Dr. Syed Tariq Murtaza said that perfect syncretism between science and sports have been proved from the recent empirical studies and sports performance at the global plane.

**Fine Hair Style Exudes Confidence**

Mr. Habib Ahmed, the famous cosmetologist, Habib Hair Academy New Delhi said that the Western world has given a new direction to the cosmetology and the profession is taking a new shape of small scale industry in India. He said that the total look of a person depends on the hairstyle and everybody is concerned how he can look better disregarding his colour.

Mr. Habib Ahmed was speaking at the one day workshop on “Hair Care - A step to Glow and Groom” organized by the Career Planning Centre, Aligarh Muslim University. He appreciated the role of Career Planning Centre in providing training of such vocational courses and highlighted the latest knowledge and technologies available for hair care and also demonstrated the latest hair styles to the students.

Mrs. Rafat Mukhtar, Senior Counselor of Career Planning Centre said that fine looking hair gives self-assurance and confidence in a person. The personality of the person affects his surroundings and is affected itself by the environment as well. In our daily life hair is exposed to different environmental conditions like dust, sunshine etc, she said.

Mrs. Mukhtar said that throughout the ages people have been very conscious about their looks, as they cannot afford their crowning beauty to hinder their personality. It surely makes it important how to take good care of hair if one understands hair and its structure, its characteristic and the condition.

The Guest of Honor, Prof. Billquis Nasim Waris, Principal, Women’s College and Ms. Alka Bansal, invited as a special guest, also expressed their views and highlighted the importance of cosmetology.

Dr. Sabra Khatoon, Director, Career Planning Centre proposed the vote of thank. Dr. Jameela Khatoon, Counselor conducted the programme. More than 150 students and the teachers of Career Planning Centre and Women’s College participated in the workshop.

**Condolence Meeting**

A condolence meeting was held in the Faculty of Engineering & Technology on the tragic death of Mr. Nishant Singh Rawat, S/o Mr. Dhirendra Singh Rawat, a student of II-year B.Tech (Electrical).

Presiding over the meeting the Dean, Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi, said that Nishant Rawat had a bright academic career and a promising future and it is very sad that a young light has been blown out at a tender age in such a way. The Principal, ZHCET, Prof. Ekram Husain while expressing his condolences informed that a counseling and guidance cell shall be constituted very shortly in the College.

Prof. Arif Suhail, Prof. M. Muzammil, Prof. Mohibullah, Chairman, Department of Electrical Engineering and Prof. M. Qasim Rafiq, Chairman, Department of Computer Engineering, Mr. Aamir Q’utub, Hony. Secretary, AMUSU, Mr. Farhan Hussain Zaidi, Member, AMU Court and others spoke in the meeting. While expressing condolences for the bereaved family, Mr. Aamir Qutub said that it is the duty of every student to help their fellow students who need support.

The meeting concluded with the resolution of condolence presented by the Dean of the Faculty. A two minutes silence was observed in the memory of the departed soul.
Workshop on Social Mobilization

The Department of Community Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University organized a workshop on social mobilization under the Project “Polio Eradication Programme - A Collaborative Effort of AMU with UNICEF”.

Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Chairman, Department of Community Medicine welcomed the guests and medical interns. He also presented the current status of Polio Eradication carried out in UP and Aligarh. He said that India is on the verge of eradication of polio since we had no polio case in UP in 2010.

Dr. Zulfia Khan, Coordinator of the Project discussed the activities carried out in urban slums of Aligarh under the project.

Dr. Anisur Rehman Siddiqui, Polio Programme Manager, UNICEF (Uttar Pradesh) emphasized the need of social mobilization in polio eradication and role of Department of Community Medicine in under developed areas of Aligarh.

Dr. Sakeena Mushfiq presented the 30 cluster survey carried out in these areas to find out the current status of immunization in the children.

Dr. Sharad Yadav, Sub Regional Coordinator, Mr. Shafique Ahmad, District Under Served Coordinator, UNICEF, Mr. Umar Azad, Coordinator Rotary International, Dr. Anees Ahmad, Dr. Saira Mehnaz and Interns posted in the Department of Community Medicine attended the workshop.

There was an interactive session with the interns to address their queries about rumours prevailing in the community.

Raleigh Literary Society Organises a Function

The English Department organized the inaugural function of Raleigh Literary Society. The function started with the recitation of few verses of the Holy Quran. Dr. Samina Khan, the teacher- in charge of the society, gave a warm welcome. The chief guest, Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director of Academic Staff College presented the inaugural address.

Prof. S.N. Zeba, Chairman, Department of English and President of the society, delivered the welcome address. She emphasized the fact that the society is basically a literary society. She encouraged the students to actively participate in various activities to be organized by the society.

Ms. Nazia Rahman, Vice President and Mr. Ahmar Alvi, Secretary convened the function. In 1885, Sir Walter Raleigh was appointed the first Professor of English at Mohammaden Anglo Oriental College. He was the first Chairman of the English Department.

Dr. Akbar Joseph the teacher-in-charge of the society introduced the members of the society. The society has a website of its own.

The society has planned to organize several activities in future such as seminars, paper reading sessions and self-composed poetry. Prof. Asif Shuja, Coordinator of the Society proposed the vote of thanks.

Two Books on Shaheryar

Two books critically evaluating the poetry of eminent Urdu poet Professor Shaheryar, who recently won the highest literary award of the country “Jnanpith”, were published.

Prominent Urdu critics and litterateurs of Urdu and Hindi such as Kamleshwar, Kedar Nath Singh, Gopichand Narang, K. P. Singh, Ale Ahmad Suroor, Khaleelur Rahman Ansari, Waheed Akhtar, Shamsur
Rehman Farooqui, Rahi Masoom Raza, Ateequllah, Asloob Ahmad Ansari, Wahab Ashrafi, Shafey Kidwai and Mujtaba Husain etc. turned their attention to the creative dexterity of Shaheryar in a book “Shaheryar” edited by Dr. Sarwarul Huda, Jamia Millia Islamia. The book also carries articles on his personality and a number of interviews of the poet are also included.

The second book “Shaheryar Ki Sheri Khidmat” is authored by Mr. Gulzar Ahmad Wani who has meticulously analyzed Shaheryar’s poetry. Shaheryar’s Ghazals and poems are discussed with an even-handed attention.

Six Students Get Prizes

Six students of the Department of Architecture, Z.H. College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University won the first and second prizes in the Annual Convention of National Association for Students of Architecture (NASA) held at Hubli, Karnataka.

Yousuf Junaid got the two individual first prizes in the Get Smart and Field of Dreams and another first prize in Toy Story shared by Dhaarna while one second prize won by him was shared by Sarah in Style Check. Nazish Abid got first prize in My Space event, Arshiya got second prize in Style Icon while Sara and Raghav shared second prize in Etched Out event. The AMU team comprised of thirteen students including Sana, Zoya, Nazish, Sarah, Dhaarna, Vaibhav, Tariq, Salman, Arshiya and Vidhu under the supervision of Ar. Farhan Fazli.

National Association for Students of Architecture (NASA) is the largest association of students in Asia. Every year, one of the member colleges, hosts the annual NASA convention. This year it was hosted by BVBCET, Hubli, Karnataka. The SAARC nations have also become an integral part of NASA, since 2007.

Prof. Sanjeev Maheshwari, Chairman, Department of Architecture, expressed happiness over the success the AMU students have achieved.

Open Hall Debate

An Open University Debate was held in MM Hall, Aligarh Muslim University. Students from each hall of residence participated and expressed their ideas for or against the topic, “India is Still at the Cross Roads of Development after 63 Years of Independence”.

Dr. Mohd. Shamim, Warden-in-charge, Literary & Cultural Society, MM Hall presided over the programme. Dr. Mohd. Ilyas, Dr. Bachhan Ali Khan and Mr. Mohd. Ayub Shabab of Sr. Secondary School (Boys) were the judges on this occasion.

Mr. Naiyer Rehman of NRSC was awarded the first prize, the winner of second prize was Asrarul Haq Jilani of M.M. Hall and third prize went to Ziaul Hasan, S. Z. Hall. Special prizes were also awarded to Nadir Vqar Ayubi, Hadi Hasan Hall, Atul Kumar, Mohd. Habib Hall, Ms. Sumbul Shahid, I.G. Hall and Husain Mahmood of V.M. Hall.

Prof. Shah Mohammad Waseem, former Dean Faculty of Commerce and renowned scholar was the Chief Guest of valedictory function. Prof. Wazahat Hussain former Chairman, Department of Botany and Prof. Mohd. Aleemuddin of Hindi Department were the guests of honour. The distinguished guests gave away prizes to the winners.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Shah Waseem exhorted the students to carry forward the mission and vision of Sir Syed. Prof. Waseem appreciated the topic of the debate and stressed the need of a foolproof planning for inclusive growth of the nation.

Prof. Wazahat Husain urged the students to take optimum benefit of the residential life of the university where all facilities are available to unfold their enormous abilities. Prof. Aleem, a former resident member of MM Hall, highlighted the significance of participating in debate and other literary events. He shared his experience as the member of Rajasthan Public Service Commission and said that those who participate in such literary endeavors performed better in interviews and selections committees.

In his welcome address Dr. Suhail Sabir, Provost, M.M. Hall expressed his deep sense of gratitude and pleasure for the benign presence of senior and affectionate teachers of the university as guests of the occasion. Dr. Suhail Sabir asserted that to hold this prestigious Republic Day Debate for second time in a row is indeed an honour for the residents of Mohsinul Mulk Hall.
Wardens of MM Hall Dr. Abdul Aziz, Mr. Ghufran Ahmad, Er. Rizwan-ur-Rehman and Dr. Mohd. Yunus Ali Khan attended the function. Residents of different hostels of MM Hall were present in large numbers, which included Senior Food Monitor Mohammed Maroof, newly elected Senior Cabinet, AMUSU, Shibanur Rehman, Cabinet members Mr. Rizwan Ahmad and Mr. Mohd. Yasir Siddiqui and all resident members of MM Hall. Dr. Mohd. Shamim proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Abuzar, a resident of Hali Hostel conducted the proceedings.

Margret Alva Visits Women’s College

Governor of Uttarakhand, Mrs. Margret Alva said that our formal education system has operated more for the rich than the poor, for the urban than the rural child, and for the boys than the girls, with the result that, even today, millions of girls representing the rural poor, the scheduled castes and tribes, the minorities and the urban slums, remain out of the educational umbrella.

She observed that the importance of education as a liberating tool to changing the lives of women has been long accepted and from the very beginning of the movement of the Women’s liberation, education has been identified as the major instrument.

Mrs. Alva was addressing the Founder’s Day programme at the Women’s College of the Aligarh Muslim University here today.

Paying rich homage to Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and his wife Waheed Jahan, she said both these great personalities have championed the cause of education for Muslim women in an era of difficult times. They founded a girls’ school in 1906 and established the Female Education Association for empowerment of women. The birth of Abdullah Girls’ School was indeed a rare achievement.

The Governor of Uttarakhand Mrs. Margret Alva pointed out that its an unfortunate and shameful reality of contemporary India that despite its improved economic showing, its gender indices on various parameters such as infant and maternal mortality, health, nutrition, education etc. remain the most abysmal, even in comparison with some of the poorest countries of the world.

Discussing the issue of minorities’ education, she said that the literacy percentage of Muslims is considerably lower than the national average and in the case of Muslim women it is even lower. She called upon the educated women whose mind has been freed, to whom enlightenment has come, to look at life from a new angle and with a new perspective. She urged the women to be always ready to pay the price, “but be catalyst for change and instruments of women’s liberation”.

In his presidential address, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis announced that AMU will establish two Women Colleges and Women Polytechnics, one each at Murshidabad in West Bengal and Malappuram in Kerala from the next academic session to provide education to the women as a deliberate strategy to empower them. He said that the BALLB and MBA courses will start in all the above AMU Centres by the end of this month.

Prof. Azis said that the genesis of AMU Women’s College is 106 years old and it has produced generations of millions of graduates who are occupying important places in all walks of life.

Earlier, the Principal of the AMU Women’s College, Prof. Bilquis Naseem Waris welcomed the guests while briefly highlighting recent achievements of its staff and students, said that Shaikh Abdullah responded to all new thoughts and ideas relating to the education of women and built a system of education that truly brought enlightenment and empowerment to women of this sub-continent.

Recalling the notable change the Womens’ College is witnessing, she said one of our old girl Annu Raj Singh won Gold Medal in pistol shooting in the Commonwealth Games and Ms. Maryam Zehra was elected as a cabinet to the new AMU Students’ Union.
The guest of honour, Prof. Najma Zaheer Baquer, Professor Emeritus, School of Life Sciences, JNU, New Delhi also addressed the Founder’s Day. She said that she was able to get a renewed confidence and the new grooming that she received from Women’s College that led to success in her later life.

On this occasion, Women’s College conferred Papa Mian Award on Sana Amir. Several awards and certificates were also presented to brilliant girls by the Governor of Uttarakhand, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Zakia Siddiqui and Prof. Bilquis Naseem Waris.

Two books authored by Dr. Atia Abid and Prof. Mahlaqa Choudhary were released by Mrs. Margret Alva.

**International Conference on Integrative Medicine**

Inaugurating a three-day International Conference on Integrative Medicine and 1st SAARC Conference on Unani Medicine at AMU, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Mr. S. Gandhiselvan urged the delegates to apply their minds as to how Unani System and the products used therein could be made acceptable internationally while taking stock of the present scenario of research in these systems.

Mr. S. Gandhiselvan appealed that international cooperation in the area of Indian systems of medicine should be encouraged and great priority should be attached to gathering evidence for these systems.

He pointed out that the Government of India has been making concerted efforts to integrate these systems into the national health care structure. Today India is the world leader in these medical systems with the widest network of educational, research, healthcare and pharmaceutical institutions of these medicines.

Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare pointed out that the recent years have witnessed growing global interest in the potential of Indian medicines. The use of plant-based drugs has increased manifold to not only the developing countries but also the developed nations like Germany, Australia, UK, Holland and the United States of America.

Prof. G.N. Qazi, Vice Chancellor, Hamdard University, New Delhi said that the traditional medicine practice should be allowed in India because the majority population in India is still dependent on traditional medicine like Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy. It is the duty of Unani Physicians to introduce Unani system of medicine in the world.

Prof. S. Shakir Jamil, Director General, Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) explained that the integrative medicine refers to combinations of conventional and alternative medical treatments which have some scientific proof of efficacy as well as a historical and cultural perspective. He said that Unani Medicine has a rich historical and cultural perspective in India and it is in this country that Unani Medicine has been developed to greater heights during the past one thousand years.

Prof. (Hm.) Syed Khalifatullah, Vice President, Central Council for Indian Medicine (CCIM) urged the physicians to take the modern methodology to develop the Unani Medicine as it can be standardized with modern technique.

Prof. Tajuddin, Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine said that Practitioners of conventional medicine generally tend to ignore complementary and alternative medicine in spite of the fact that the percent age of people who use some form of such medicaments worldwide is greater than 80 percent.

Prof. Saadul Hasan Afaq, Organizing Secretary of the Conference said that although Natural Health Product (NHP) is used for centuries in almost all the parts of the globe, there is a renewed interest in many new arrays for exploration and regulation related development both as pharmaceutical and nutritional products.

Prof. Saud Ali Khan, Principal, A.K. Tibbiya College proposed the vote of thanks and Dr. F.S. Sheerani conducted the programme.
Disaster Management Awareness Camp

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis inaugurated a Disaster Management Awareness Camp at Aligarh Exhibition. The camp was organized by the Centre for Disaster Management Studies, Department of Civil Engineering.

On this occasion, Prof. Azis mentioned that India is the least prepared country in disaster management. He suggested that NCC and NSS student volunteers be trained for this noble cause. Prof. Azis urged the Civil Engineering Department to start a regular diploma course in Disaster Management.

Earlier, Prof. V.P. Mittal, Convener of the Centre for Disaster Management Studies at AMU in his welcome address said that this is a great occasion when we all have gathered here for the inauguration of the awareness camp on Disaster Management.

Disasters like cyclones, earthquakes, floods, fire are natural phenomena against which the people should guard themselves. He said that under XI Plan, MHRD and UGC has sanctioned a disaster management centre to the Civil Engineering Department. He said this camp is organized for the benefit of common people through pamphlets, posters, models and such other designs to protect themselves against natural disaster by adopting these techniques.

On this occasion, Prof. Razaullah Khan, Chairman, Department of Civil engineering, Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi, Dean Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Prof. Ekram Husain, principal of the College also addressed the gathering. Vice Chancellor also released a pamphlet in English, Hindi and Urdu for awareness of the common people. Dr. M. Mansoor Alam conducted the programme.

World Cancer Day

On the occasion of World Cancer Day, a Cancer Awareness Programme was organized by Department of Radiotherapy at J.N. Medical College Hospital OPD Complex, Aligarh Muslim University.

The programme was jointly inaugurated by Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal & CMS and Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine.

Welcoming the guests, Prof. S. A. Siddiqui, Chairman of the department highlighted the incidence, causative factors, prevention and management of various cancers and said that most of the cancers are easily preventable. He said that there are about 25 lakh cancer patients in the country and Cancer is the second deadliest killer responsible for 6 lakh deaths every year. Ten lakh new cases are detected annually and it is estimated that by 2015 the number will cross 15 lakh. In India about 70% cases of cancer are diagnosed in an advanced stage.

He said that relatively younger population is largely affected. Tobacco related cancers are frequent (40% in men & 25% in women) and Cervix is the leading cancer in women across the country. He further added that the silver lining about these cancers is that they are preventable if we change our life style and secondly they can be cured if detected early.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and CMS, JNMC, congratulated the department for taking initiative and said that such type of awareness camp should be organized frequently for the public as well as for the staff and that he would extend his full co-operation to the initiative. Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine appreciated the steps taken by the department and impressed that most of the cancers are treatable if detected early. He said that more emphasis should be given for early detection.
A drama was also organized by the staff of the department to demonstrate the ill-effects of tobacco and other factors. The students of school of nursing also participated in the programme by their display of posters on various types of cancer and their causative agents.

The department also distributed pamphlets regarding the message about detection, prevention and management of cancer.

**Lecture on Harappan Culture**

The Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University organized the first Prof. R.C. Gaur Memorial Lecture in the Faculty of Arts Lounge. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Vasant Shinde of Deccan College, Pune on “Harappan Culture: New Discoveries and Perspectives”. Prof. Shinde narrated the significance of excavated sites like Mehargarh, Gunweriwala, Rakhigarhi, Lothal and Dholavira and highlighted the innovative spirits of the Harappans which was far ahead than any other civilization in India. Because of the interconnections with the Mesopotamian and Egyptian civilizations, the Harappans introduced certain new methods and techniques in the field of architecture, art and commerce. The Great bath of Mohenjodaro is the first ever known evidence of swimming pool. The first evidence of dockyard has been traced out at Lothal and the first ever known furrowed field for the cultivation of crops has been found at Kalibangan.

He said that Dholavira in Cutch is a site of distinct nature as being divided in three parts named as castle, middle town and lower town, unlike the other Harappan cities, divided only in two parts i.e. citadel complex and lower town. As the site was located in the dry zone of Cutch the Harappans applied new techniques by making underground tanks and wells for depositing the water of rain. The site has also exhibited the building structures made of blocks of stones unlike the other Harappan sites, where the structures are found of mud and burnt bricks. The commode system of latrines, which is usually considered a western innovative style was originally a contribution of Harappans as noticed at Dholavira.

Prof. Shinde also highlighted the reasons for the decline of Harappan culture. The drying up of Ghaggar-Hakra valleys leading to the environmental degradation and the decline of foreign trade are dealt with as the more reasonable factors of decline than the older views of sudden Aryan encroachment and floods.

Earlier, Prof. B.L. Bhadani, Chairman of CAS, Department of History while welcoming Prof. Shinde, said that Prof. R.C. Gaur’s contribution in the field of Archaeology is unforgettable. Besides being the founder of Archaeological section of the Department of History, he is specifically credited for the excavations of Atranjikhera and Lal Qila. The significance of Archaeological findings in context with Ancient History and Culture was marked out by Prof. C.P.S. Chauhan, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences and the vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Tariq Ahmed of the Department of History.

**Emphasis on Palliative Care**

“Head and neck cancer is still the biggest challenge in India and Palliative Care can play an important role to reduce the difficulties of a cancer patient”, said Dr. Mhoira E.F. Leng, Director, Cairdeas International, United Kingdom while addressing the inaugural function of Symposium on Cancer Pain and Palliative Care organized by Department of Anesthesiology, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University.

Dr. Leng highlighted the need of cancer pain management and palliative care in every field of medical specialties. She said that Palliative Care is working in a significant way in Kerala and appreciated the J.N. Medical College efforts in this direction considering it one of the leaders in Palliative Care.

Earlier, Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, in his welcome remarks said that the Symposium would bring some relief to those patients who are suffering from the cancer pain and praised the Department of Anesthesiology for regularly organizing patient care activities.
Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and CMS, J.N. Medical College said that pain is a problem of all specialties and hoped that the J. N. Medical College will be able to establish a new centre of pain soon.

Dr. Hammad Usmani, Programme Coordinator, said that the aim of this Symposium is to develop a framework where all palliative care services could be provided under one roof. This system of palliative care is well established in Kerala as people serve selflessly and donate money regularly. Even a few rupees aid may help cancer patients so that they do not die alone and in pain.

Dr. Shivani Agrawal, Junior Resident II said that two-third of the patients suffering from cancer experience pain and majority of them are denied pain medications due to various reasons, the most important of which is opioephobia, i.e., the fear of opioids among doctors, nurses and family members.

Prof. S. Bano, Organizing Chairman, proposed the vote of thanks.

Students Participate in Training Programme
Manvi Agarwal, Mohd. Azam Khan and Richa Maheshwari, students of M.Sc. Statistics (Final), Aligarh Muslim University participated in a one-week Training Programme on “Official Statistics” for the Post Graduate students of various Universities organized by National Academy of Statistical Administration (NASA), Noida under the aegis of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.

Prof. I.A. Khan, Chairman, Department of Statistics and Operation Research, Aligarh Muslim University said that the goal of this training is to provide global exposure to students to the world of statistics through an interaction with the students of other universities. He further said that the trainees will be benefited by interacting with the ISS scholars, exposure to the working custom and culture of other ministries and their confidence level will rise.

Research Scholars attend International Conference
Mr. Javed Ali and Mr. Mohd. Firoz Ali, Research Scholars, Department of Computer Science, Aligarh Muslim University participated in the International Conference on Advances in Mathematical and Computational Methods (AMCM-2011) organized by Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayan, Tirupathi and presented a paper on Performance Analysis of Parallel Computing Tools.

Both the research scholars described the different tools that can analyze the performance of computing. This job is highly important for scientists and researchers.

New MIC
The Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has appointed Prof. B. H. Khan, Department of Electrical Engineering as Member-in-Charge, Central Automobile Workshop vice Mr. Mujib Ullah Zubari, Reader, Department of Electrical Engineering for a period of one year or till further orders, with immediate effect.

Abida Malik Gets Award
Prof. Abida Malik, Department of Microbiology, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has been conferred upon the Dr. U.C. Chaturvedi Oration Award at the 7th Conference of Microbiologist, UPMICROCON 2011 held at SGPGI, Lucknow. She was honored for her scientific contribution in various fields of Microbiology during 38 years of her career. Prof. Malik has published more than 120 papers in reputed national and international journals and delivered 74 scientific talks in India and abroad. She has guided 21 MD and 5 PhD candidates.

Prof. Malik delivered the U.C. Chaturvedi Oration Lecture on the emerging problem of fungal infection in patients suffering from Bronchogenic Carcinoma (lung cancer). She observed that the cases of lung cancer are on the rise and they are more prone to get infection with Aspergillus. She studied 59 cases of lung cancer and
found that there is frequent association between lung cancer and super imposed fungal infection (aspergillosis). This significant finding is quite alarming and if timely treated with antifungal drugs there is improved outcome. She emphasized the role of ELISA and PCR for early detection of Aspergillosis in cases of Carcinoma of lung and suggested early screening of lung cancer patients for this fungal infection. Very little work has been done in the world over this problem, she said.

Prof. Abida Malik was awarded with a citation, shawl and a gold medal by the Director of Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University. The conference was attended by more than 150 microbiologists from India and abroad.

Ahmar Shamim Gets First Prize

Dr. Ahmar Shamim, JR-III (MD Pediatrics) Department of Pediatrics, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded First Prize on his paper “Randomized Controlled Trial Comparing Isotonic and Hypotonic Intravenous Fluids for Maintenance Fluid Therapy in Children” at the XXII National Conference of the Indian Society of Pediatric Nephrology held at Kolkata.

Dr. Shamim did this work under supervision of Dr. Kamran Afzal, Reader, Department of Pediatrics and Prof. Syed Manazir Ali, Co-supervisor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, J.N. Medical College.

New Directors

On the recommendation of General Selection Committee and on behalf of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University has approved the appointment of Dr. Mohamed P. as Director, AMU Centre at Malappuram, Kerala initially for a period of one year on temporary basis with effect from the date of his joining duties.

Dr. Mohammad Yasin, Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal has been appointed as Director, AMU Centre at Murshidabad, West Bengal initially for a period of one year on deputation basis with effect from the date of his joining duties.

New Provost

Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has appointed Mr. Habib Ahmad, Post-Graduate Teacher (Economics), Senior Secondary School for Boys as Provost, Allama Iqbal Hall for a period of two years with immediate effect. Mr. Ahmad will take the charge from Mr. Syed Tanveer Nabi.

Earlier, Prof. Azis relieved Mr. Syed Tanveer Nabi, Principal, AMU City High School of his duties as Provost, Allama Iqbal Hall.

First Visually Challenged Girl gets Ph.D.

First visually challenged research scholar, Ms. Rahila Khatoon has been conferred upon the doctorate in Urdu at the Aligarh Muslim University.

Ms. Rahila Khatoon was awarded Ph.D. on “Literary Contributions of Ahmad Jamal Pasha” under the supervisaion of Prof. Mohammad Amin. The Chairman, Department of Urdu, Prof. Mohammad Zahid and other faculty members appreciated the efforts of the visually challenged research scholar.

National Conference on “Power, Instrumentation, Energy and Control” at AMU

Inaugurating a two-day national conference on “Power, Instrumentation, Energy and Control”, Mr. Sohail Akhtar, Director in Ministry of New and Renewable Energy said that the Government of India is taking serious steps to produce solar and wind energy as a substitute and to preserve the environment.

He said India is also planning to produce more bio-fuel and electro vehicles to save the petrol for other purposes. He said that 35% petrol were used for transportation. Prof. Sohail Akhtar pointed out that Ministry of Renewable Energy is involved in producing alternative sources of fuel for the development of this great nation. Earlier, Prof. Mohibullah, Chairman, Department of Electrical Engineering in his welcome address said that this department is among the oldest engineering departments in the country. It was established way back in 1935 and
since then it has been providing quality education. The department has a strong research base and it has been organizing various seminars, symposiums and refresher courses.

He hoped that the deliberations of the two-day Conference will be a step forward in meeting out the challenges of power crisis and pollution control in this country across the globe.

Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. S. M. A. Rizvi said that the Electrical Energy forms the backbone of the structure of modern society. However, at present the Indian energy sector is faced with myriad challenges which need to be addressed by the intelligentsia.

Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology said that the Department of Electrical Engineering is playing a significant role in the enhancement of knowledge in view of the changed world scenario.

Prof. Mukhtar Ahmad, Chairman of the Conference highlighting the aim of the conference said that it would provide a forum to network, to share and discuss new researches and developments in emerging technological areas.

He said that the Conference has received more than hundred papers from various academic institutions spread all over the country.

Mr. Mohd. Rehan, Organizing Secretary of the Conference said that the Department of Electrical Engineering has been sanctioned Rs. 1.13 crore under the FIST scheme of DST for strengthening the Power, Electronics, Drivers and Instrumentation laboratories.

**Medical College Gets Blankets**

The Shafiq Ahmad Ansari Memorial Trust, Najibabad, Bijnor (UP) has donated 100 woolen blankets to the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital, Aligarh Muslim University.

Mr. Shahzad Ahmad Ansari, Vice President of the trust donated the blankets in furtherance of the objectives of the Trust on request of Prof. (Dr.) Najam Khalique, Medical Superintendent, J.N. Medical College and Provost of the Hadi Hasan Hall, AMU. Mr. Shahzad Ahmad Ansari, an Engineer working with the Govt. of Delhi and an alumnus of the Aligarh Muslim University, expressed his commitment to make such donations in future as well and continue his association with the J.N. Medical College for the benefit of the poor patients of Aligarh Division.

The Shafiq Ahmad Ansari Memorial Trust, established in 2001 in memory of Mr. Shafiq Ahmad Ansari, who was a great philanthropist and a social activist, has been working for the emancipation of poor since its inception. Its objectives include the spread of the vision of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan to impart modern education to Muslims and provide health facilities to the needy.

Prof. (Dr.) Najam Khalique thanked the Shafiq Ahmad Ansari Memorial Trust for its benevolence and hoped that other such organizations would come forward to extend their cooperation in serving the poor and needy.

**Course on Multimedia Signal Processing**

Addressing the valedictory programme of the short-term course on “Multimedia Signal Processing” jointly organized by the Department of Electronics Engineering and UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jalil, AMU Registrar, said that organizing such course on emerging technologies gives opportunities to the young
faculty and research scholars to explore several new research problems. He urged that such courses should be organized regularly in the university. Prof. Jaleel also gave away the certificates to the participants.

Earlier, Prof. Muzaffar A. Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of Electronics Engineering in his welcome address said that the department is rated as one of the best departments of the university in terms of teaching quality, research outputs, research funding and placement of students. The department has been organizing various seminars, symposia and refresher courses regularly.

Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. S.M.A. Rizvi said that the Multimedia signal processing is an interdisciplinary area that would have wider impact on the society in future.

Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Z.H. College of Engineering and Technology said that the Department of Electronics Engineering is playing a significant role in the enhancement of knowledge since its inception in 1988. Prof. Husain praised the department in achieving excellence in a span of about two decades time.

Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director UGC Academic Staff College, AMU emphasized the need of such courses and congratulated the participants for successfully completing the one-week short-term course.

Prof. Ekram Khan, Department of Electronics Engineering and Coordinator of the course said that the course has received overwhelming response from the research scholars and young faculty members and 39 participants successfully completed the course. During the course, a total of 16 lecture sessions and two laboratory sessions were organized. Most of the resource persons were active researchers in their areas of expertise.

The participants expressed satisfaction over the technical coverage and organization of this course.

Dr. Athar Ali Moinuddin proposed the vote of thanks while Dr. Omar Farooq conducted the program.

**Best Paper Award**

Ms. Kainat Rizvi, Research Scholar, Department of Psychology, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded with the best paper presentation award in the 44th National and 15th International Conference of Indian Academy of Applied Psychology (IAAP) held at University of Mysore, Karnataka.
Obituary

The Aligarh Muslim University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has expressed deep sorrow on the sad demise of retired judge of Supreme Court of India and AMU Alumnus Justice Sagheer Ahmad.

The Academic Council of Aligarh Muslim University today has also passed a condolence resolution at its meeting expressing profound sense of grief on demise of Justice Ahmad. The Academic Council has appreciated the services rendered by Justice Ahmad as a member of AMU Court and the Executive Council.

Born in 1935, Justice Ahmad completed his graduation in science from Aligarh Muslim University. He had been Chief Justice at the Jammu & Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh High Courts and was a Judge at the Supreme Court of India.

Justice Ahmad had also held membership of Aligarh Muslim University Court and Executive Council. He was a great legal expert and his services as the member of AMU Executive Council were duly appreciated. He was a great luminary and a source of pride for his alma mater.

MY SECULAR APPROACH

“You have referred in your address to my services in the Legislative Council when I had the honour of being a member of the Council. I cannot help saying, and I fully believe, that a man like me did not deserve the membership of the Legislative Council of India because of the great responsibility which it carried. I was myself aware of the difficulties that stood in my way; nevertheless it was my earnest and sincere desire that I should faithfully serve my country and my nation. By the word nation I mean both Hindus and Muslims. That is the way in which I define the word nation. In my opinion it matters not whatever be their religious belief, because we cannot see any thing of it; but what we see is that all of us, whether Hindus or Muslims, live on one soil, are governed by one and the same ruler, have the same sources of our benefits, and equally share the hardship of a famine. These are the various reasons why I designate both the nationalities that inhabit India by the term “Hindu” – that is, the nation which lives in India. I feel very much gratified that you attach so much value to my insignificant services; and now in the end, I pray to God that He may grant progress of learning to our nation as defined above, which may spread light among our people and in our country. May He also crown you Association’s efforts with success, and may He also help you in all your undertaking and endeavours”.

(Speech at Lahore in reply to the address presented by the Indian Association, February 3, 1884. ‘lectures, p. 203’).

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