Dr. Ali Irani, Eminent physiotherapist at a workshop organized by the department of orthopedics, J.N.M.C.

Winner AMU Girls basketball team with the Principal Bilquis Naseem Waris and Professor Tariq Mansoor, Secretary University Games Committee.

Painting workshop at Fine Arts Department, AMU.

Vice-Chancellor Professor P.K. Abdul Aziz and other University functionaries offering ‘Fateh’ to mark the death anniversary of Sir Syed.

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Campus Activities

National Seminar on ‘Shah Waliullah’

A two-day national seminar on “Sources of Shah Waliullah” was organized by the Department of Islamic Studies. The inaugural session was held under the Chairmanship of Prof. Abdul Haq Ansari and the key-note address was delivered by Maulana Nurul Hasan Rashid Kandhlwi, Director of Mufti Ilahi Bakhsh Academy, Kandhla. Prof. C.P.S. Chauhan, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences and Prof. Sayeed Ehtisham Ahmad Nadwi graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. After recitation of the verses of Holy Quran by Qari Maulana Muhammad Sadiq, Prof. Zafarul Islam, Director of the seminar and Chairman of the Department welcomed the guests and introduced the academic works of the Department. Introducing the theme of the Seminar, Prof. Muhammad Yasin Mazhar Siddiqi, former Chairman of the Department observed that Shah Wahiullah’s academic work was multi-faceted and still its many aspects remain to be studied and evaluated. In his key-note address, Maulana Nurul Hasan Rashid highlighted the great value of source available in the form of writings of the close relatives of Shah Waliullah and stated that the study of his works proves that he had thoroughly studied the works of the earlier authors and compilers. The Chief Guest Prof. Chauhan highly appreciated the academic progress of the Department of Islamic Studies and observed the release of six new books of the staff members at a single time shows the atmosphere of study and research in this Department. Calling Shah Waliullah a doyen of a scholar, Prof. Sayeed Ehtisham Ahmad Nadwi stated that several of his works were worthy of being selected as theme for a separate seminar.

In his presidential remarks, Prof. Abdul Haq Ansari commented on Hujjatullah al-Baligha as repository of Islamic thought and pointed out that of the greatest contributions of Shah Waliullah was rational interpretation of Islamic beliefs and principles. In the three business sessions 30 papers were presented. Apart from the Department of Islamic Studies, Arabic, Theology, History, Philosophy, A.K. Tibbiya College & Women’s College, the contributors to the seminar included scholars and researchers from Idarah Tahqiq-wa-Tasnif-i-Islami (Aligarh), Darul Musannefin (Azamgarh), Nadwatul Ulama (Lucknow) Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Hyderabad) and Jamiat Shah Waliullah (Phulat, Muzaffarnagar). At the end of the Programme, Dr. Abdul Majid Khan, Proposed the Vote of Thanks.

International Symposium on Genetic Diversity

Environmental Mutagen Society of India (EMSI), affiliated to International Mutagen Society – organised an International Symposium on “Mutagens and Genetic Diversity for Health and Agriculture” from March 12-14, 2010 at Punjab University, Chandigarh. Miss Nazia Nazam and Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Lone, Research Scholars, working in Molecular Genotoxicity and Genomic Medicine Labs of Professor Waseem Ahmad Faridi – presented their research papers on “Evidence of apoptosis in some cell types due to Pentachlorophenol (PCP) in H. Fossilis” and “Environmental, maternal and cytogenetic analysis of hereditary disorder – Down’s Syndrome” respectively. The presentations were well received and generated constructive discussion and a lot of academic interest.

AMU Faculty attends National Conference

Dr. M. Athar Ansari, attended the 37th National Annual Conference of Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine held at Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi. This conference was
organized by Indian Association of Preventive and Social medicine. He presented his scientific paper entitled “An Epidemiological Study of Falciparum Malaria in Rural Areas of Aligarh”. In his paper, first he gave a brief introduction of Aligarh Muslim University, J.N. Medical College and Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC), Jawan of Department of Community Medicine followed by a detailed presentation on endemicity of malaria with special focus on falciparum malaria in the registered villages of RHTC. He also discussed various parameters of malaria measurement in the community.

Dr. Saira Mehnaz, Lecturer in the Department also attended the conference and presented her paper on “Utilization of Antenatal Services at Two Slums of Aligarh”.

Dr. M. Salman Shah, Senior Resident and Dr. Sakeena Mushfiq, Junior Resident also presented her paper entitled “Under Five Mortality in Rural Areas of Aligarh” and “Immunization status of Under Five Children in Two Underserved Areas of Aligarh” respectively.

Prof. Najam Khalique and Dr. Abdul Razzaque Siddiqui chaired the scientific sessions.

Academic Workshops for AMU Research Scholars

The AMU academic staff college organised 17 (Seventeen) workshops. Hundreds of AMU Research Scholars and some from the local Degree Colleges have benefited immensely from these innovative programmes which focus on sensitizing Research Scholars to the latest advancements in their respective fields of study, research methodology, research ethics and IT skills. These Workshops have gone a long way in equipping them better for undertaking quality research which will advance the frontiers of knowledge and will bring laurels to the Aligarh Muslim University.

National Science Day at the Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit

The Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit (IBU) organized the celebrations of National Science Day to commemorate Sir C.V. Raman’s Noble Prize winning discovery in the area of spectroscopy. The programme was sponsored by the Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India. Students of class IX and X from Ayesha Tarin Public School, Al-Barkaat Public School, S.T. High School, AMU City High School, ABK Union Boys High School, ABK Union Girls High School and AMU Girls High School participated in the celebrations. The celebrations began with a recitation from the holy Quran. Prof. M. Saleemuddin, Coordinator of the IBU welcomed the students and guests and spoke on the life and works of Sir C.V. Raman. He highlighted Raman’s education and training in India and the Nobel Prize winning work that also was carried out in Indian laboratories and published in an Indian journal. Simplicity, originality and ability to work with simple devices and equipments that was inherent in Raman’s personality were also described. The keynote address on “girls’ education, a cause for us all” was delivered by Professor Shireen Moosvi, Director, Centre of Women Studies. She emphasized the history of gender equity and emphasized the need and significance for equal opportunity for men and women in education and all spheres of life in modern societies.

Professor Iqbal Ali, Principal, University Polytechnic spoke on the urgent need for education of muslim girls in the country. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, J.N. Medical College who also emphasized on need of women’s education. The inaugural session came to an end with vote of thanks by Dr. A.U. Khan followed by Tarana and National Anthem by the students of Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit.

In the second session, Prof. M. Saleemuddin gave a talk on the origin of genders-mode of reproduction in all living beings. The afternoon session consisted of display of posters and models prepared by the students of various schools. The post graduate students of IBU also prepared several interesting models to project the current researches and discoveries in Biotechnology. A short speech competition for the school children on the topic “The challenge of gender equity” was also organized. Sixteen students from various local schools participated in the competition. Prizes were awarded to students who were adjudged best in the
short speech, poster/model presentations. The celebrations came to an end with the distribution of prizes and certificates to the participating students.

**International Women’s Day – 2010**

Department of Community Medicine J.N. Medical College, AMU Aligarh organized International Women’s Day 2010 on 8th March. Programme was inaugurated by Professor Zulfia Khan. She stressed the need to highlight the issues related to women’s health. Dr. M. Athar Ansari, discussed the current status of women in India. Dr. Sakina Mushfiq, Junior resident presented some facts related to issues of women. She pointed out that 70% of the 1.2 billion people living in poverty are females, 50% of all living with HIV/AIDS in the world are females and in India 300 women die every day to child birth and pregnancy related causes. Female feticide has increased by 49.2% between 1999-2000. In her concluding remarks Dr. Suboohi Afzal, Lady Medical officer at Urban Health Training Centre gave some valuable suggestions to improve the reproductive health services to the under privileged population. Dr. Iqbal M. Khan, Dr. Anees Ahmad, Dr. Saira Mehnaz, all senior and junior residents and non teaching staff members also attended the programme.

**National Symposium on Sports Physiology-2010**

Department of Physiology, J.N. Medical College organized a National Symposium on “Sports Physiology Today and Tomorrow”. This was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis. Prof. A.K. Banerjee Vice Chancellor, Kalyani University, West Bengal was the Chief guest and delivered his keynote address on “Sports Physiology: Transformation from basic science to applied research in quest of human performance”. Dr. Ali Irani, President, Indian Association of Physiotherapists, a well known physiotherapist of Nanavati Hospital, Mumbai delivered his lecture on “Sports Physiology - Today & Tomorrow - the Brain Mapping”.

In the scientific session, two sessions were held. In the 1st session there was a panel discussion on “Psychological support in sports”. In this, Prof. M.L. Kamlesh of Patiala, Prof. Abu Qamar Siddiqi of AMU, Prof. Abrar Hasan of AMU and Prof. Shradhha Singh of CSSMU, Lucknow participated. The panelists concluded that the effect of psychological aspects like, mental fatigue, anxiety and sleep disturbances affect the performance of sportsmen. Little anxiety excels while more anxiety decreases the performance.

Guest speaker Prof. M.B. Jani of Vadodara stressed that the core component of performance is exercise, Prof. N.S. Verma of Lucknow spoke on effect of circadian rhythm, while Prof. Asha Gandhi of Delhi discussed about the respiratory status of marathon runners. Prof. Neena Srivastav of Lucknow spoke on effect of mental fatigue on sportsman while Dr. Jyoti Dwivedi of Dehradun stressed on mind & body connections to be the sole result of performance of sportsman. Prof. Jawoad Ali of AMU conducted the scientific sessions successfully while Prof. M.K.A. Sherwani actively participated.

A valedictory session was chaired by Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine. It was Co-chaired by Prof. M.B Jani and Organizing Secretary Prof. D. K. Agarwal told that very successful scientific session was held in which apart from two keynote addresses by Prof. A.K. Banerjee and Dr. Ali Irani and 5 lectures on different aspects of sports physiology were delivered by guest speakers. Apart from this, 23 scientific posters were presented out of which three were awarded.

The Dean, Prof. Abrar Hasan & Prof. M.B. Jani cheered the organizing team and congratulated Prof. D.K. Agarwal & his team for conducting the National Symposium successfully.

Prof. D.K. Agarwal told that the success of the symposium lies with the hard work and honest approaches of the joint secretaries Prof. Rajiv Gulati & Dr. Sangeeta Singal, Dr. Gular Navi Khan, Dr. Anuj
Bansal, & teaching and non-teaching staff members of Department of Physiology, the officials and other resource persons of the university who heartily supported the event.

**Paintings of AMU Artists at Lucknow**

Artists from AMU won all the appreciation for their paintings exhibited at the state lalit Kala Academy, Lucknow. The exhibition organised by ‘Art Family’ was a group show of paintings and sculpture that saw participation of various artists across the length and breadth of the country. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Mayor Dinesh Sharma.

In the exhibition that showcased the talent of almost 15 artists from the country, Aligarh made its mark with contributions from Prof. S.P. Verma, S.A. Jaffar, Pooja and M.S. Swabhimani. S.A. Jaffar, the founder member of the group and a teacher at Aligarh picked up Hindu Mythology in the form of contemporary work in his art. Prof. S.P. Verma’s painting based on nature reflected his experience and maturity. Pooja’s paintings were a manifestation of realization of truth through peace. Md. Shakir Swabhimani, another teacher from AMU, also used Indian mythology for his work. He used crow as a symbol in his paintings. He believes that Hindu mythology is full of images and thus, it is vibrant to a fertile imagination.

It may also be noted that earlier, Md. Shakir Swabhimani’s two paintings were selected for 1st State Paintings Exhibition 2009-10, held at Chikitushil, Kanpur.

**Lecture on Indoor Air Pollution**

The Department of Applied Chemistry, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University organized the first invited lecture on “Indoor Air Pollution: A Major Environmental and Health Challenge in India” by Dr. Ajay Taneja, Head of the Chemistry Department, Institute of Basic Sciences, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra.

The Chairman, Department of Applied Chemistry, Professor Ali Mohammad welcomed the guests, faculty members and students present.

The talk covered the different aspects on the reasons and prevention of illnesses and deaths, especially of children and women as a result of inhalation of toxic pollutants produced by incomplete combustion of biomass indoors. It was suggested that the combined efforts of public, administrators, politicians and media are required to fight with the life threatening hazard.

Professor S.M.A. Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology and Professor K.S. Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of Chemistry, were present in the lecture. Professor Kabiruddin, Professor Syed Ashfaq Nabi and Dr. Abdul Rauf from the Department of Chemistry and all the faculty members of the Department of Applied Chemistry were also present on the occasion. The lecture was also attended by a large number of students of B.Tech. The research scholars from the Departments of Chemistry and Applied Chemistry attended the lecture and participated in the interactive session following the lecture.

Professor A. A. Khan proposed the vote of thanks. He appreciated the efforts of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis for his initiative to start lecture series which would go a long way in improving the academic environment of the University.

**Naghma Visited AMU**

Popular film star Naghma today urged the students to come forward and work for the advancement of drama and theatre so that they may once again get their national reputation. Naghma was addressing the students of Aligarh Muslim University at the valedictory programme of “Ensemble-2010” organized by the University Drama Club, General Education Centre.

She said that on account of increased interest by the corporate sector in films, drama and theatre are facing lack of access and recognition and they have been restricted to streets and lanes only. Naghma said that a mass movement is needed to create general interest in this art. She urged the youth to come forward and work for
the cause of nation building and communal harmony. She also exhorted the students to closely monitor the
measures taken by the Government of India for the implementation of Sachar Committee recommendations.

Naghma said that she felt proud to be at AMU as her mother has been an alumnus of this great seat of
learning. She said that she has been working in Indian movies and she has also seen the Indian polity very
closely. “I am proud that we live in a young India and we should strive to take our country forward by doing
anything that we can”, she said.

Earlier, welcoming the guests the Coordinator of General Education Centre, Dr. Shakeel Samdani, said
that Naghma was active not only in films but she has also been socially and politically awakened & worked
for the promotion of communal harmony in the country. Dr. Samdani also presented an illustrious picture of
the activities of General Education Centre.

The acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala, Filmstar Naghma, Mr. Iqbal Parvez, Mr.
Pradeep Singh and Dr. Shakeel Samdani gave away prizes and certificates to the winner teams and
individuals. The Secretary, University Drama Club, Mr. Faraz Siddiqui and the organizing Secretary of
Ensemble-2010, Mr. Faizan Ahmad were also present on the occasion. The programme was conducted by
Sarfaraz Jawaid, Sanchit, Mukul and Syed Mohammad Naved.

The G. B. Bhattacharya Trophy for winner team was presented to Mohammad Habib Hall while the
Shahnaz Hashmi Memorial Trophy for runners’ team was given to the team of S. S. Hall (North). The
Award for Best Actor was given to Mohammad Saad and the best actress award went to Shabnam. The prize
for Best Director went to Shamim Bari while Best Story talent to Mohammad Saad, Best Monoacting to
Mohammad Mateeb, Best Skit to S. S. North, Best Makeup to Mohammad Shamoon, Best Script Writer to
Sarfarazul Haque, Best set to Mohammad Habib Hall and Best Costume to Mohammad Faizan.

Workshop on Positive Work Culture & Motivation

Mohammad Habib Hall, Aligarh Muslim University organized a Workshop on “Positive Work Culture
& Motivation” for Dining Hall Staff members. Mr. Saad Hameed, Counselor, Coaching and Guidance
Center, AMU was the resource person of the Workshop. The Workshop aimed at team building, positive
attitude development, trust building, inter-personal skill development among the dining hall staff. The staff
members participated in a large number exhibiting great zeal and enthusiasm.

Dr. Javed Talib, Provost and Dr. Sartaj Tyagi, Warden-in-Charge, greeted the workers for their
enthusiastic participation. Dr. Talib thanked Mr. Noor Alam Khan, Senior Food, Mohd. Arif Raza, Irshad
Alam, Noorul Amin, Anis Ahmed, Kamil, Abdul Rahman and others for organizing the workshop.

Seminar on Role of Museum

Dr. S. M. Nair, Ex-Director of National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi said that protecting environment
is important for sustainable development.

Dr. Nair was delivering the keynote address at a two day national conference on the “Role of Museum in
Environmental Education and Interpretation” organized by the Department of Museology, Aligarh Muslim University,
Aligarh.

Dr. Nair said that India has a rich natural heritage with more than eighty thousand species of animals and 45 thousand species of plants. We have 63 National Parks, 593 Wildlife Sanctuaries and 14 Biosphere Reserves.

He pointed out that at present estimate 81 species of animals, 38 species of birds and 18 species of reptiles and amphibians are endangered in India. The tiger, lion, rhino, snowleopard, black buck, golden languard and a variety of birds are endangered today. Despite all this, India still has a rich diversity of animal life. Efforts are being made for their conservation.

While presiding over the inaugural session, Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala, acting Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, said that climate change is a major environmental issue these days. We should create an eco-friendly atmosphere to promote environmental awareness and conservation of nature and natural resources.
Prof. Khairoowala said that the union government is spending huge money to control Ganga pollution but Ganga is still polluted. He said that India is one of the oldest civilization and we have a very good wild life sanctuaries to protect the endangered animals.

Earlier welcoming the delegates from all parts of the country, Prof. Asif Ali Khan, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences at AMU said that the founder of this premier institution, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan established the Scientific Society with the aim to explore and collect the scientific and technological advancement in the field of science and to disseminate the knowledge to the Indian masses through demonstration. Sir Syed established a laboratory and a museum in the building of Scientific Society.

Dr. Usha Subramaniam, Ex-Director of Ministry of Environment and Forest and Prof. S. Asif Ali Naqvi, Chairman, Department of Museology at AMU also addressed the inaugural function.

Dr. Abdulraheem K. conducted the programme and Dr. Naz Rizvi proposed the vote of thanks.

**Film Festival at AMU**

The University Film Club of General Education Centre, Aligarh Muslim University organized the 3rd National Film Festival of Short Films and Documentaries, “Filmsaaz-10” at the Kennedy Auditorium.

The National Film Festival of Short Films and Documentaries is one of its own kind organized by the University Film Club of Aligarh Muslim University among all academic institutions in India. The Coordinator of the General Education Centre, Dr. Shakeel Samdani told Hindustan Times that it was extremely proud distinction of General Education Centre to organize such programme.

The distinguished film director Imtiyaz Ali (Love Aaj Kal and Jab We Met fame) was the Chief Guest. He delivered a guest lecture on Recent Trends in Bollywood. The acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala presided over the valedictory function. The District Magistrate of Aligarh Shri K. Rammohan Rao graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

The Secretary of University Film Club, Mr. M. Mukhlis Ahmad said that fifty three entries from local film makers and seventy six from national panorama were made.

**AMU Gets Lands at Malappuram**

The Aligarh Muslim University moved another milestone forward in its effort to establish a special centre at Malappuram. The Kerala Government has transferred 122 acres of land in a public meeting held at Mini-Civil Station, Perinthalmanna. Inaugurating the function the Minister of Local Self Government and Rural development Affairs of Kerala, Mr. Paloli Mohamed Kutty made a firm commitment to hand over the remaining 270 acres of the land to AMU by the end of May 2010.

While handing over the papers along with the map of the site through the AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P K. Abdul Azis the Kerala Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Mr. M. A. Baby said that coming of AMU is a great occasion as it not only fulfills the educational aspirations of the people of the region but also opens up immense opportunities for all kinds of education ranging from Nursery to PhD degree including the professional disciplines.

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis in his acceptance speech thanked the government and people of Kerala for the overwhelming and affectionate response which they had extended to AMU. He said that the Special Centre will carry forward the great legacy and vision of AMU. It would also nurture the ideals of modern education that the youth of the nation and this region could successfully use to face the challenges of globally competitive job market. Prof. Azis also added that irrespective of ideological diversity the major political dispensations of Kerala had converged today to celebrate the historic event.

The Union Minister of State for Railways, Mr. E. Ahmad speaking as the Chief Guest stressed the genesis of Malappuram Centre. He said that the Government of India has taken note of the severe educational deficit that is prevailing among the Muslims of India and has taken measures to redress the situation as pointed out in the Sachar Committee report.
Prof. Azis said that the AMU pledged to establish five special centres in different parts of the country including Malappuram district. He appreciated the efforts of the state government for providing the land for establishing the special centre on a fast track basis.

In his welcome speech Mr. V. Sasi Kumar, Member Legislative Assembly, Perinthalmanna said that the people of the region had great expectations from the prestigious Aligarh Muslim University and hoped that all the stake holders will support the efforts that will be made by AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis in building an education centre in this remote and backward area.

The visiting AMU team comprising of Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar, Prof. Ekram Husain, former Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Javed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Chairman, Department of Mass Communication and Media Advisor visited the site of the special centre and inspected the area. The visiting team noticed that the physical development like road, power lines and water availability promised at the site has not advanced as per the given time line. The team held a meeting with the concerned officials Mr. E. K. Gopalakrishnan, Special Deputy Director, Land Acquisition and Mr. P. V. Ramadas, Special Tehsildar, Land Acquisition and urged them to expedite the matter. The committee has also emphasized on providing a copy of 13 years record of the land acquired for transfer to AMU and discussed other details relating to physical development including the access road to the proposed AMU Special Centre site.

Women’s College Wins Basketball Tournament

Women’s College won V Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Memorial Women’s Basketball Regional Tournament played at Aligarh Muslim University.

Women’s College beat I. G. Hall by 25-10. The Chief Guest, Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary Games Committee, Aligarh Muslim University gave away the prizes to the winner and runner teams. Shweta Verma of Women’s College got the Best Player Award. Mrs. Razia Rizvi, organizer of the tournament welcomed the guests while Ms. Aziza Rizvi proposed the vote of thanks. Prof. Bilquis Naseem Waris, Principal, Women’s College was also present on the occasion.

A.R. Kidwai Attends International Conference

Professor A. R. Kidwai, Director, UGC, Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University has been invited to present a paper at the International Conference on Post Colonialism and Islam at the University of Sunderland, UK.

The multidisciplinary conference will be relevant to specialists in postcolonial theory and cultural, historical, political, sociological, literary and religious studies who seek to problematise both the terms themselves and their juxtaposition.

During his stay in UK, Professor Kidwai will also make presentations at the University of Leicester, University College, London and Byron Centre, Nottingham.

Summer Training

Mr. Nafisul Hasan, Chief Chemist, ONGC, Dehradun while addressing the summer training programme organized at the Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University shared his views on oil exploration and the need of oil in the energy sector for the development of the country.

He dwelt on the difficult and most complicated process involved in extracting the oil from 5 to 10 kilometer down the surface of the earth. Mr. Hasan also participated in an interactive session with the students and answered several questions as to how the oil was explored and how the well was drilled, etc.

Mr. Hasan motivated the students through his PowerPoint presentation “A Roadmap to Progress” giving them the formula “act, participate and encourage” for the development of the society.
Workshop at Fine Arts

A Workshop, ‘Artist in Residency’ was organized by the Department of Fine Arts which ended with the exhibition of art creations of the students that they accomplished during the workshop. Prof. Jai Jharotia interacted with the participating students. While responding to the works on display he highlighted the various technical and aesthetic nuances of art. The students were delighted to receive his valuable advice about the use of color, line, texture and composition. About sixty paintings were put on display creating quite an impressive atmosphere blooming with creativity.

Prof. Jai Jharotia insisted that in order to safeguard the talent of budding artists the administrative bodies need to provide a proper infrastructure according to the requirements of the Fine Arts Studio activities. He also emphasized that there is no dearth of talent in the department but a talent goes waste if it is not shared with others for which an art gallery is indispensable for a Fine Arts institute.

Prof. Ainul Haq Khan, Dean Student’s Welfare inaugurated the exhibition and presided over the Valedictory function. Dr. Zeba Hasan, Chairman, Department of Fine Arts congratulated the organizers and volunteers for making the workshop a great success. She also emphasized the fact that in the recent past India has seen an amazing upsurge in the field of Fine Arts, which needs to be tapped for advancement of talents in this area. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Prof. Seema Javed, former -Chairman, Dept. of Fine Arts.

Zahida Zaidi Felicitated

On the eve of Women’s Day, the Creative Writers’ Society of the Women’s College, Aligarh Muslim University with the coordination of Dr. Atia Abid, felicitated Prof. Zahida Zaidi (alumnus, Retired Teacher and litterateur) on receiving the prestigious Bahadur Shah Zafar Award conferred on her by the Urdu Academy, Delhi.

The students of the Women’s College presented a shawl and bouquet to Prof. Zahida Zaidi at a function presided over by the Principal, Women’s College, Prof. Bilquis Nasim Waris. Prof. Zaidi recited some of her poetic renditions on the occasion. The members of the Creative Writers’ Society also presented short stories and poems in Urdu, Hindi and English.

The Creative Writers’ Society had organized a dialogue-writing competition on themes related to deprivation, child labour and water shortage. The response was over-whelming. Ms. Sabiha Laar judged the entries and spoke of the maturity and high standard exhibited by participants.

Environmental and Health Linked to Each-other

Prof. Rais Akhtar, Emeritus Scientist, Centre for Study of Regional Development, J.N.U., New Delhi, delivered a lecture on “El Nino, Climate Change and Human Health” at the Summer University programme organized by the Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University. He said people have also been aware of the process of disease diffusion across geographic regions for centuries. Prof. Akhtar spoke at length on the environment-health association with special focus on dimensions of medical geography.

El Nino (1998) severely affected the climate scenario in India with extreme heat waves and cold waves that claimed high mortality. Higher temperatures over the coming decades are expected to cause more smoggy days and heat waves contributing to a greater number of illnesses and deaths in the United States, according to international climate scientists.

India will also be greatly affected by climate change. The effect will be experienced in the reduction of the snow cap size in the Himalayas, retreat of glaciers that feed the rivers, an increased flooding of the snow-fed rivers initially and then partial drying up of the rivers, and formation of new lakes and flooded lakes at higher altitudes.
Prof. Akhtar said that there is a growing pressure from developed countries on the developing world to reduce greenhouse gas emission that finally resulted in the failure of Copenhagen Conference.

**Motivational Lecture at M.M. Hall**

The third lecture under the motivational lecture series was organized by the Career Counseling Cell of the Mohsinul Mulk Hall, Aligarh Muslim University.

Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director, Academic Staff College, AMU Aligarh and Mr. K. Rammohan Rao, IAS, District Magistrate, Aligarh exhorted the students to achieve their career objective by devoting themselves fully to studies.

Dr. Suhail Sabir, Provost extended a warm welcome to the distinguished guests.

Mr. Shahnawaz conducted the proceedings. Prof. Kidwai emphasized that through planned hard work they can achieve anything. He also gave invaluable tips to improve listening, writing, reading and speaking skills in English.

Mr. K. Rammohan Rao kept the audience spell bound as he divulged the details of his preparation methodology for Civil Service Examination and urged the students to sacrifice the short term pleasure to achieve the long term career goals. He vehemently asked them to always aim high and to put their best efforts to reach there.

Wardens of the hall Dr. Md. Younus AU Khan, Dr. Rizwanur Rehman Khan and Dr. Abdul Aziz Khan were also present on the occasion.

**Exhibition on Women’s Struggle**

To mark the International Women’s Day, the Center for Women’s Studies organized a three-day event of poster making and slogan writing competition at Arts Faculty and Women’s College, AMU Aligarh.

The Centre for Women’s Studies put up an exhibition, “Celebrating Women’s Movement” at Faculty of Arts. The exhibition carried panels documenting the women’s struggle and success stories through the times. One of the panels highlighted the songs and poems under the women movement. The exhibition has brought up the issues of protection of environment, gender friendly educational campus, greater role of women in leadership, gender just laws etc. Issues of women’s health, reproductive rights and female foeticide were also highlighted in the exhibition. The exhibition tried to create greater gender sensitivity in the campus. The visitors were encouraged to put up their comments on the exhibition on a spreadsheet.

The exhibition was further organized at the Women’s College as a joint endeavour of Centre for Women’s Studies and Women’s College. The Principal of Women’s College, Professor Bilquis Naseem Waris extended full cooperation and facilitated the exhibition on the sprawling lawns of Women’s College. The students participated in a large number in the event and registered their comments.

The events were organized also in conformity with Women’s Reservation Bill. The students of Women’s Studies Centre strongly expressed solidarity in support of the bill.

**AMU Faculty Gets Award**

Prof. S. S. Shah of Department of Civil Engineering, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded with the prestigious IGS-Prof. A.V. Shroff Biennial Award at Indian Geotechnical Conference-2009 held at RVR & JC College of Engineering, Guntur (A.P). Prof. Shah’s paper entitled “Stabilization of Heavy Metal Containing Waste Using Flyash and Cement” published in the Indian Geotechnical Journal was judged best paper on “Grouting Technology/Environmental Geotechnical Engineering”.

Prof. Shah said that about 3,881 million litres of effluents are being generated by different industries in India. The wastewater generated in Aligarh by lock industries, specially electroplating industries is around 250 million litres per day. The present study was carried out with an aim to stabilize and precipitate electroplating waste sludge using Portland cement and flyash as binder of solidification. In this study, a modest but environment friendly method has been proposed to solidify the waste to a solid having structural integrity with prior destruction of cyanide and reduction of Cr (VI) to Cr (III) by effective precipitation.
He said that the proposed technique is very effective in stabilizing these two waste using 8% cement. Around 30 - 45% waste and 50 - 70% flyash have been utilized and a compressive strength of 43.4 N/mm² was obtained. The Toxicity Characteristics Leaching Procedure (TCLP) also suggests that the technique is very useful in immobilizing the heavy metals and proper disposal of waste and flyash.

**Binayak Sen Delivers IG Khan Memorial Lecture**

Dr. Binayak Sen, renowned human rights worker and Chhattisgarh based public health professional, delivered the IG Khan Memorial lecture in Kennedy Auditorium to a rapt audience of students and faculty members. Citing data and facts from his work on tribal and poor workers in Chhattisgarh, Dr. Sen presented the grim reality of the state of the nation’s dispossessed. He pointed out that almost 33 percent of the country’s population lived in a state of famine.

He further added that survival of the marginalized depended on access to common resources of forests, land and rivers. By cutting off their access to these resources and handing them over to private corporations and international financial capital, the government was pushing the tribals further to the edge.

Eminent Gandhian activist Mr. Himanshu Kumar highlighted the situation in Bastar area of Madhya Pradesh. He pointed out that the Salwa Judum militia was an instrument used to clear *adivasis* off from their land, which is rich in minerals and resources. He pointed out that the clash Eminent Gandhian activist Mr. Himanshu Kumar highlighted the situation in Bastar area of Madhya Pradesh. He pointed out that the Salwa Judum militia was an instrument used to clear *adivasis* off from their land, which is rich in minerals and resources. He pointed out that the clash between the elite and the dispossessed was a fight between those who benefit from the power structure and those who are at the receiving end.

The lecture was followed by an interactive session and panel discussion by noted journalists Praful Bidwai and Jawed Naqvi. Responding to students’ queries, Mr. Bidwai said that while things had changed over the time in certain areas, there was an urgent need to keep informed about protests and movements seeking to build a just and democratic society.

The day-long events concluded with an open air programme of music and poetry for peace at the IGNOU center.

The event was organized by the I. G. Khan Memorial Trust working for the welfare of the underprivileged, particularly for the health and education of rickshaw pullers and their families.

**Entrance test for aspirants of Civil Services**

The Residential Coaching Academy of the Aligarh Muslim University conducted a General Entrance Test for the aspirants of Civil/PCS (J) Services 2011 (Prelims). The test was notified in every department and Halls of the residence.

The Director, Residential Coaching Academy, Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala said that the total number of applicants were 240 and 216 students appeared in the test. He said that the Coaching Academy has received an overwhelming response from the aspirants.

Prof. Khairoowala said that the test was meant for the regular students of AMU only. The next test expected to be organized in November 2010 shall be held on national level for the aspirants of Civil/PCS (J) Services-2011 as a full time regular course for Minorities/SCs/STs & Women.

**Ross Masood Memorial lecture**

Sir Ross Masood Hall, organized its first Sir Ross Masood Memorial Lecture. The Provost of the Hall Prof. Nawab Ali Khan presided the chair and welcomed the dignitaries. The eminent scholar and Former Dean Faculty of Unani Medicine and President Ibsina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences, Padamshri Prof. Hakeem Sayed Zill-ur-Rahman, presented the keynote address. In his speech, he highlighted the valuable aspects of Sir Ross Masood’s life. He focused on the unknown facts regarding the life of Sir Ross Masood. He also mentioned that Sir Ross Masood was the first person in India who tried to introduce the Urdu medium of education in the form of Osmania University, Hyderabad. Sir Ross Masood also visited Japan to see the Academic Atmosphere in Japan to revive the academic situation of India.

Dr. Ahsanullah Khan, the resident warden proposed the vote of thanks.
Workshop on Physiotherapy Management

A workshop on Physiotherapy management on sports injuries was organized by the Department of Orthopaedics, Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. M.K.A Sherwani, Chairman invited Dr. Ali Irani, former official Physiotherapist of Indian Cricket team and presently President of Indian Association of Physiotherapists. Dr. Ali Irani felt impressed by the grandeur of the University Campus and resolved to pay visit to Aligarh Muslim University every year.

Dr. Ali Irani delivered a Lecture on ‘Physiotherapy in India’ and demonstrated various physiotherapy techniques on the patients’ of shoulder, spine and cervical injuries. Dr. Irani appealed to the Vice Chancellor that Aligarh Muslim University should start Degree and Post Graduate courses in Physiotherapy. He promised to be a guide to the Ph.D. students of physiotherapy in AMU.

He said that Physiotherapy meant physiotherapeutic system of medicine where Physical agents like heat, cold, light, water, electricity and exercises including mobilization and manipulations are used as treatment modalities.

Physiotherapy today has no boundaries as it is extensively used in Women’s health Antenatal, Neonatal and Postnatal Care, Paediatric Polio and Cerebral Palsy and other congenital disorders including orthopaedic problems as knee cervical, spondilitis and frozen shoulder.

Emphasis on Film Making as Career

Addressing the valedictory programme of the first “Sir Ross Masood Film Festival” organized by Sir Ross Masood Hall, Aligarh Muslim University, the Chairman, Department of Mass Communication and Media Advisor, Prof. N. A. K. Durrani said that film making and its promotion was a difficult job earlier but now after the dawn of information technology it has become easier to produce and promote the films hence creating a lot of career avenues in the area of film making. He urged the students to come forward and participate in this area to make it a career.

Earlier, welcoming the guests, the Provost of Sir Ross Masood Hall, Prof. Nawab Ali Khan said that developing interest of the students in various areas of film making is not the responsibility of the University Film Club but it is the duty of each establishment of the University to help students explore their skills and excel in the field of their interest.

About 20 short films were shown during the Festival. On 2nd day of the festival Ad Shows, Slide Shows and Music Videos were shown.

Dr. Mohd. Yamin, Mr. Asif Ali Syed and Mr. Adnan Hafeez judged the films. Mr. Tanweer Alam conducted the programme. The students of the Hall expressed gratefulness to the AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel and the Chairman of Department of Commerce for providing LCD Projector and Film Screen.

AMU signs MoU with UK and Indian Universities

Aligarh Muslim University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with BSRC-UK today under their Combating infectious diseases of Livestock for International Development (CIDLID) programme supporting the International Collaborative Research Project on liver fluke vaccine development to address the Indian as well as global fasciolosis problem, which is also assuming zoonotic dimension.

Dr. Gerry Brennan, Director, Imaging Facility, Queen’s University of Belfast, UK and also Visiting Professor at Alagappa University, Tamil Nadu, visited AMU to get the contract signed. Prof. VK Abdul Jaleel, Registrar, AMU signed the MoU on behalf of Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. M. Saleemuddin, Coordinator of Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, Prof. Asif Ali Khan, Dean, faculty of Life Sciences,
Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Controller of Exams, Prof. SMA Abidi, Principal Investigator, Prof. Wajihullah and Dr. M. Khalid Saifullah were present on the occasion.

Professor PK Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, AMU stressed the need to create awareness among the farmers to take the preventive measures and technology to the farming community to improve the health and productivity of the livestock.

The collaborating partners include the Queen’s University of Belfast, UK, Aberystwyth University, UK, Tamil Nadu Veterinary Animal Sciences University, Chennai, India and Aligarh Muslim University, where Prof. SMA Abidi, Section of Parasitology, Department of Zoology, AMU, will act as Principal Investigator while Dr. M Khalid Saifullah of the same department will be the Co-Investigator.

The project is sanctioned for a period of three years. It will provide an excellent opportunity to AMU faculty members as well as research scholars and students to interact with world’s leading scientists in parasitology. The project is mainly aimed at identifying and to validate the new vaccine and drug targets using molecular biology tools to combat the liver fluke menace in livestock since the infection rate could go as high as 70-80 percent, as a result of which Indian farming community could incur huge economic losses.

**Health Camp**

The Pulmonology and ID Clinic of Department of Paediatrics, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a health camp to provide free consultation to the children of underprivileged class who are suffering from Tuberculosis. They were also given medicine free of cost.

Further, the graduate and post graduate students of Department of Paediatrics organized a march from Bab-e-Syed to the residence of District Magistrate, Aligarh to create an awakening among the children towards Tuberculosis. The medical students carried posters and banners. A memorandum was also given to the District Magistrate. The memorandum carried a report of all 250 patients of tuberculosis taken in medical treatment by the Department of Paediatrics in the last two years. The DOTS workers urged families to take their children to concerned paediatrics for the check up.

The District Magistrate had an interaction with Dr. Farzana K. Beg in this regard. Who had said that about 50 patients were provided consultation and free medicines in the camp. “The disease can easily be controlled if the diagnosis is made and medication is started earlier” she added. A booklet “How to Prevent Tuberculosis in Children” was also distributed on this occasion. All the post graduate students of Department of Paediatrics played an important role in making the camp a success. Senior Resident, Dr. Deewan Israr and Dr. Shad Abkari, PG student Dr. Shashikant, Dr. Bikram, Dr. Moiz, Dr. Nishil, Dr. Leena, Dr. Praveen, Dr. Satyaveer, Dr. Farhat, Dr. Saurabh, Dr. Kamlesh, Dr. Sudhir, Dr. Adnan, Dr. Mustafa, Dr. Athar, Dr. Ahmar, Dr. Kaifi, Dr. Asim, Dr. Subhash, Dr. Tariq, Dr. Aleem, Dr. Asad, Dr. Manish etc. played an important role.

The Chairman of the Department of Paediatrics, Dr. Manazir Ali, Dr. Azra Iraqi, Chairman of the Department of TB & Chest, Prof. Rakesh Bhargava, Dr. Zubair Ahmad, Dr. Shamim and Dr. Anjum Chughtai extended their cooperation in organizing the camp.

**Geology Students Excellled**

12 Students of Department of Geology, Aligarh Muslim University have brought laurels to their family and the University by qualifying the GATE examination held in February 2010.

Dr. Shadab Khurshid, Chairman, Department of Geology said that it was a great honour for the department and the University that such a good number of students has succeeded in qualifying the prestigious GATE examination this year. Dr. Khurshid said that Mr. Arif Mohammad (V M Hall), Mr. Danish Anwar (V M Hall), Ms. Tanvi Gupta (I G Hall), Mr. Apratim Kumar Rai (S Z Hall), Ms. Joohi Naz (I G Hall), Mr. Mohd. Yawar Ali Khan (S Z Hall), Ms. Shabana Anjum (I G Hall), Mr. Dinesh Kumar (M H Hall), Mr. Imran Khan (S S Hall North), Mr. Isif Iqbal (S Z Hall), Mr. Mohd. Alam (M H Hall) and Mr. Mohd. Haseen (S Z Hall) qualified the GATE examination held in February 2010.
**AMU to Mitigate Students Sufferings**

An important meeting of the provosts, wardens of various halls of residence and University functionaries was held today under the chairmanship of AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis to discuss the issue in detail and evolve a strategy to support students to tide their personal anxieties, dilemmas and worries in a successful manner. The recent incidents of suicide, consumption of pills by students and running away from Halls of residence have brought to the fore the issue of stress, frustration, anxiety and other psychological problems faced by the student community of AMU.

The University has instituted a Counselling Cell at the University level under the chairmanship of Professor Ashraf Malik, Principal, J. N. Medical College. Prof. Ainul Haq Khan, DSW will act as convener and all the provosts and Chairmen of Department of Psychology, Psychiatry and Theology will interact with the students regularly.

The University has also decided to hold a workshop of all Provosts and wardens of the hostels to sensitize them. Prof. Ashraf Malik, Prof. Zulfia Khan, Prof. Ali Mohd. Naqvi have made some suggestions to deal with the issue.

Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis urged that we should adopt a holistic approach and these issues be properly guided and pre-emptive measures be taken to resolve such issues.

**Sir Syed’s Death Anniversary**

The Aligarh Muslim University today observed the 112th 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. PK Abdul Azis paid a floral tribute to the founder’s grave. University Registrar, Prof. VK Abdul Jaleel and senior officials including students and faculty members were also present.

**Abdullah Hall Organizes Parwaaz**

Abdullah Hall for girls organized its Annual Hall Function ‘Parwaaz’. AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. PK Abdul Azis was the Chief Guest.

Presenting the annual report, Dr. (Mrs.) Nikhat Taj Ahmad, provost of the Abdullah Hall said that Prof. Azis is trying to further realize the dream of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan by expanding the AMU Campus in different parts of the country.

Dr. Nikhat said that the five days Hall week- ‘Parwaaz’ became an expression of the successful flight – the soaring heights that our girls can reach.

Dr. Nikhat Taj said that the construction work of new reading room is in full swing and is expected to become operational in the next academic session. Three computers have been set-up along with internet facilities.

The Vice Chancellor released the Hall Magazine and gave away the certificates and mementoes to the Hall Committee.

Senior Hall Monitor, Maria Khan welcomed the guests and the Hall function was conducted by Sana Farooqui. Iram Fatima Mumtaz proposed the vote of thanks.

AMU Registrar, Prof. VK Abdul Jaleel, Proctor, Prof. M. Zubair Khan, Dean Students’ Welfare, Prof. Ainul Haq Khan and Principal, Women’s College, Prof. Bilquis Nasim Waris also graced the function.

**Seminar on Instrumentation**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Professor PK Abdul Azis today inaugurated a two-day National Symposium on ‘Developments in Instrumentation and Control Engineering’ organized by the Department of Electrical Engineering.

While welcoming the delegates, Professor Mohibullah, Chairman, Department of Electrical Engineering saluted the vision of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.
Professor Mohibullah said that the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Professor PK Abdul Azis is a source of inspiration and encouragement and under his leadership the University is on the path of academic excellence and fast development in all activities.

Dr. Yusuf Uzzaman Khan, Chief Coordinator of the Symposium pointed out that rapid developments in processing and computing technologies have borne an impact on all areas of engineering and instrumentation and control engineering has also experienced some revolutionary changes.

Dr. Khan said that this Symposium is a blend of academicians and people from industry. He said that we have received overwhelming response from the participants. Apart from AMU, we have participants from about 15 colleges and 90 participants have registered software.

Prof. MT Ahmad, Principal of Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology and Prof. SMA Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering also addressed the inaugural ceremony.

Prof. Mukhtar Ahmad proposed the vote of thanks and Mr. Mohd. Rihan, Coordinator of the Symposium conducted the programme.

Seminar on Condensed Matter Physics

A One day National Seminar on Frontiers of Condensed Matter Physics was organized by the Department of Physics, Aligarh Muslim University under UGC-SAP (DRS-I) programme. The Vice Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis inaugurated the seminar.

The Inaugural lecture was delivered by Prof. Pushan Ayub of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai on Condensed Matter Physics at the Nanometer Scale. In his lecture Prof. Ayub clarified how important properties of materials were modified in the nanometer regime. He also discussed the quantum size effects, surface and interface effects and size induced modifications in the lattice symmetry.

Dr. Pankaj Poddar from NCL, Pune aired his views on Multiferroic materials. Prof. S. S. Islam from Jamia Millia Islamia elaborated the making of a truly integrated microchip using silicon. Dr. Zakir Hossain from IIT, Kanpur presented results of his research work on Interplay between superconductivity and magnetism in famous superconductors. Dr. M. A. Shaz from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi expressed his views on the charge density wave transitions in some rare earth based compounds using X-ray diffraction and electrical conductivity experiments.

The concluding lecture was given by Dr. Marc Brecht from University of Berlin, Germany. He talked about the low temperature single molecule fluorescence experiments on photo-systems from different organisms.

More than hundred faculty members, research scholars and post graduate students participated in the seminar including about seventy participants hailing from various research institutes.

AMU Alumnus offers 12 Crores for construction of Management Complex

Mr. Ameer Ahmad, an MBA pass out of 1978 batch of the Aligarh Muslim University and Managing Director, Agnice International and Partners LLC, Sultanate of Oman today offered the construction of new Management Complex with a cost of Rs. 12 Crores at AMU. The foundation stone of the proposed complex will be laid down in May 2010 by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has appreciated the gesture shown by Mr. Ameer Ahmad. Prof. Azis said that such initiative will pave the way for further development in the University. Mr. Ameer Ahmad has promised to personally donate Rupees One Crore depositing Rs. Twenty Five Lakh with the University as an initial amount. The rest of the amount will be generated by Mr. Ameer Ahmad with other alumni from all over the world.
The proposed plan provides that the new complex will be ready by July 2012. The University will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Mr. Ameer Ahmad to this effect in near future. The MoU will be routed through the Board of Studies of the Management Department.

The proposed building will be equipped with ultra modern state-of-the-art facilities. The Management Department has also planned to offer training to AMU staff and industry personnel from outside. Earlier, Mr. Nadeem Tareen, an engineering graduate had donated an impressive amount required for the construction of a Hall of residence for boys in 1993, which was later named after him.

**Young Scientist Award**

Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Lecturer at Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University has been conferred upon the Young Scientist Award by the Council of Science and Technology, Uttar Pradesh. The award carries a certificate, memento, shawl and a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/- as the token of appreciation for the contributions of Dr. Riaz Ahmad in the area of Biochemical and Molecular Genetics.

Dr. Riaz Ahmad was conferred with this award at the Vigyan Samaroh at Sir C.V. Raman Auditorium in Lucknow. The award was presented to him by Mr. Abdul Mannan, Honorable Minister of State for Science and Technology, Uttar Pradesh.

Dr. Ahmad is also a recipient of prestigious Dr. D. S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship from UGC, Young Scientist Project of DST and Scientist of the Year Award-2009 given by the National Environmental Science Academy. Dr. Ahmad has a number of research papers to his name published in various scientific journals of national and international repute.

**Prof Kabiruddin gets Vigyan Gaurav Samman**

Prof. Kabiruddin, Professor in the Department of Chemistry, Aligarh Muslim University has been conferred with the prestigious “Vigyan Gaurav Samman” (2008-2009) by the Council of Science and Technology, Government of U.P. The Vigyan Gaurav Samman, highest award in the field of Science and Technology, was given for his outstanding contributions to scientific research and learning.

The award was presented by the Minister of Science and Technology, Government of UP at an impressive function “Vigyan Samaroh” held at Lucknow. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000/-, a memento and a citation. Prof. Kabir-ud-Din has authored more than 250 research papers, supervised 26 Ph.Ds., 09 M.Phil., attended about 100 national/international conferences and is a member of several scientific societies. He has completed a number of research projects sponsored by UGC-DAE, CSIR and UP CST. He is also the recipient of Suresh C. Ameta Medal of the Indian Chemical Society.

**Collaboration between American Universities and AMU**

The AMU team led by the Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis met the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), USA delegation at New Delhi and shared wide range discussion on collaboration between American Universities and the Aligarh Muslim University.

The CIC consisted of America’s top research universities including University of Wisconsin, Purdue University, Pennsylvania University, Ohio University, University of Chicago, University of Illinois, Michigan State University and University of Minnesota.

The discussion included facilitating more number of Master and doctoral students to work in these Universities for short term periods, provision for work for teachers in one to two years in the American Universities.

On the other hand, the American counterparts expressed interest in sending American students for learning Persian, Urdu, Hindi, Arabic and other Indian languages. They also showed interest in Indian history and culture and the Unani system of medicine.
Another idea discussed was the scope of participants of these Universities in the academic activities of special centres AMU plans to establish in West Bengal and Kerala.

The idea of community colleges was also discussed that would encompass the job oriented senior secondary and undergraduate programmes.

The seven-member CIC delegation included Prof. Tenneth Shatire, Director, India Initiatives (Wisconsin University), Prof. Aseem Ansari, University of Wisconsin, Wolfgang Schiloer, University of Illinois. AMU team included Prof. M. Saleemuddin, Prof. Javed Akhtar and the Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.

Name of the Book: Cementing Ethics with Modernism: An Appraisal of Sir Sayyid’s writings. Author: Shafey Kidwai, Pages 320, Price Rs.750/=, Publisher: Gyan Publishing House 23 Main Ansari Road, New Delhi-110002, Email: books@giyanbooks.com.

Prof. Shafey Kidwai is a scholar from Aligarh. Apart from his long association with the Aligarh Muslim University as a Prof. of Mass Communications, he has earned a name as a distinguished scholar as well as a literary critic.

At the moment I have with me two books written by him, one is a collection of Urdu articles devoted to the study of modern Urdu fiction.

It has been published under the title Fiction Mutaleat: Pas shakhsiyati tanazur. I may talk about it on some future occasion. At the moment his other book, a scholarly work devoted to the study of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan as exponent of modernity in 19th century-India, has in particular attracted my attention.

Here Prof. Kidwai is particularly concerned with his role as an explorer of the possibilities of modernity for Indian Muslims. As pointed out by him ‘Sir Syed worked assiduously for the cultivation of a approach to deal with the ever-changing social realities’. And that ‘he vouched for the spirit of enquiry by deploiring traditionalism and obscurantism’.

This work has been published by Giyan Publishing House, Delhi under the title Cementing Ethics with Modernism.
According to him, with this purpose in view, Sir Syed indulged in journalism and eventually brought out two journals, Aligarh Institute Gazette and Tahzibul Akhlaq, which ‘proved to be avanti-courier of modernism in the 19th century and exercised an emphatic influence on the fast emerging middle class of India’.

So giving us an overview of the newly emerged journalism in India, Kidwai eventually concentrates on these two journals which were in fact the ventures of the Scientific Society, a brainchild of Sir Syed.

It was founded on January 9, 1864 with the purpose of translating important works on arts science into Urdu. In line with this agenda it brought out the weekly Aligarh Institute Gazette. As it had been conceived as a bilingual journal, it also bore the Urdu name Akhbar Scientific Society.

While enumerating the subjects discussed in the pages of this journal, Prof Kidwai particularly refers to Sir Syed’s article titled ‘Female Education: A national necessity’. He has also quoted a passage from this article in which Sir Syed insists that ‘we must first begin with educating our women’. This may be taken as Kidwai’s rejoinder to those critics of Sir Syed who accuse him of gender bias.

Tahzibul Akhlaq began publication in 1870 and its first issue appeared on December 25. Although this periodical is generally regarded as an Urdu journal, it was in fact, as pointed out by Prof. Kidwai, an English-Urdu weekly and bore two names. Of these two names the English name one was The Mohammedan Social Reformer.

Of course, Tahzibul Akhlaq was primarily an Urdu journal but English articles on important issues were also accommodated in it. This journal was basically a view paper in which the topics ranged from manners and morals to such high-flown subjects as metaphysics and modern science.

Most of the articles were written by Sir Syed himself, the others who contributed articles to this journal were Maulvi Chiragh Ali, Munshi Zakaullah, his son Enayatullah, Mohsinul Mulk and Waheeduddin Saleem.

Maulvi Chiragh Ali in his article ‘Modern knowledge and Islam’ presented the thesis and provided concrete evidence for modern knowledge being compatible with the Islamic concept of knowledge as empirical research and verifiable proof was essentially in harmony with the teachings of Islam. He concluded by saying that if Muslims did not opt for it they would remain in oblivion.

This journal came into existence with the mission to uproot the inherent aversion to modern sciences among Muslims.

From the point of the view advocated in this journal, a growing acquaintance with the modern sciences was central to the educational, cultural, and intellectual regeneration of Indian Muslims.

With this purpose in mind Sir Syed wrote a number of articles, perhaps more than 10, while Munshi Zakaullah contributed 17 articles and his foreign-educated son Enayatullah wrote five articles.

While writing on religion Sir dismissed the Nizamia system of education saying that it no longer responded to the need of the hour.

Explaining Sir Syed’s discussions about jihad, Prof. Kidwai says, ‘for Sir Syed violence does not have the remotest connection with jihad. His perceptive and pertinent essay on the term has become more valid in this era of “Islamic terrorism”. He also made it clear that a sense of victimhood is the biggest obstacle to Muslims coming to terms with the modern world’.

While going through this book I felt that Sir Syed’s thinking, as expressed in his writings, has regained him a position of relevance in the times we are living in.

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National Congregations

1. Phacoemulsification Training Programme, ICAF Eye Hospital and Post Graduate Institute, Noida, 01.01.2010-31.01.2010: Dr. Syed Ali Raza Rizvi, Lecture Dept. of ophthalmology attended.

2. 53rd All India Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology-2010, Guwahati, Assam, 19.01.2010-22.01.2010: Prof. Rajyashri Sharma, Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, J.N. Medical College Attended as Speaker.

3. 44th Annual Convention & Symposium of the Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers, IARI, Pusa, New Delhi, 28.01.2010-30.01.2010: Dr. Saghir Ahmad, Lecturer, Dept. of Post Harvest Engineering & Technology presented his paper entitled “Sensory Quality, Instrumental Texture, Colour and Shelf Life of Semi Dry Buffalo Meat Fermented Sausage as Influence by Incorporation of Edible by Products”.

4. 18th ISOCON-2010, Coimbatore, 05.02.2010-07.02.2010: Prof. S.C. Sharma, Dept. of E.N.T., J.N. Medical College Attended.

5. Two Day National Seminar on ‘Arabic Literature in India’ Dept. of Arabic, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 16.02.2010-17.02.2010: Prof. Kafeel Ahmad Qasmi and Prof. Masud Anwar Alvi attended the seminar.


8. 16th National Space Science Symposium (NSSS-2010), Rajkot, 24.02.2010-27.02.2010: Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Ansari, Reader, Dept. of Physics presented his paper entitled “Kp Dependence of the Occurrence of Pe-4 Geomagnetic Pulsations at Very Low Latitudes in India”.


International Congregations

1. **International Conference on ‘Data Storage and Data Engineering (DSDE-2010), Bangalore, 09.02.2010-10.02.2010:** Dr. Mohammad Abdul Qadeer, Lecturer, Dept. of Computer Engineering, Z.H.C. E.T presented his paper entitled “Multimedia Distribution over IPTV and its Integration with IMS”.

2. **3rd International Conference on ‘Hydrology and Watershed Management’ with a Focal Theme on ‘Climate Change – Water, Food and Environmental Security’ Hyderabad, 03.02.2010-06.02.2010:** Dr. Javed Alam, Reader, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Z.H.C.E.T. presented his paper entitled “Neural Network Approach to the Flood Frequency Analysis for Indian Rivers”.

3. **International Conference on ‘Recent Advance in Mechanical Engineering’ (ICRAME-2010), NI University, Kumaracoil, Tamilnadu, 08.04.2010-09.04.2010:** Dr. M. Jamil Ahmad, Lecturer, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, Z.H.C.E.T. presented his paper entitled “Design and Economic Analysis of Stand-Alone PV System”.

4. **International Conference on ‘International Trade & Commerce’, Dept. of Commerce, Osmania University, Hydrabad, 05.03.2010-07.03.2010:** Dr. Yasser Mahfooz, Lecturer, Dept. of Business Administration attended.

5. **International Conference on ‘Interest Free Banking as a Means of Inclusive Finance in India’, Poona, Institute of Management Sciences & Entrepreneurship, Poona College Campus, Pune 19.03.2010-20.03.2010:** Dr. Mohd. Saeed Khan, Reader, Dept. of Economics presented his paper entitled “Problems and Prospects of Islamic banking: A Case Study of Takaful”.

6. **International Conference on ‘Global Warming, Climate Change vis-à-vis Management of Natural Resources in North East India’, Guwahti, 22.03.2010-23.03.2010:** Dr. Sohail Ayub, Reader, Dept. of Civil Engineering presented his paper entitled “Effects of Plastic Recycling on Global Warming”.

7. **International Conference on ‘Global Warming, Climate Change vis-à-vis Management of Natural Resources in North East India’, Guwahti, 22.03.2010-23.03.2010:** Professor S. Iqbal Ali, Principal, University Polytechnic presented his paper entitled “Effect of Industries on Global Warming” and delivered a lecture.

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9. **International Conference on ‘Advances in Free Radicals, Natural Products, Antioxidants and Radioprotectors in Health & Ninth Annual Meeting of the Society of Free Radical Research-India, held Hyderabad, 11.01.2010-13.01.2010:** Dr. Moinuddin, Lecturer, Dept. of Biochemistry, JNMC presented his paper entitled “Catechol estrogen-DNA Presents Better Epitopes for SLE Autoantibodies”.

10. **International Seminar on ‘Forest Management and Sustainable Development’, Centre for Studies in Environment and Sustainable Development (CSES), Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, 27.02.2010-28.02.2010:** Professor Syed Noman Ahmad, Dept. of Economics presented his paper entitled “Afforestation as a Tool of Sustainable Development and Environmental Balance in India”.


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