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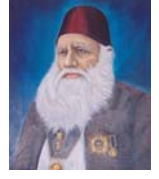


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Campus Activities

Anis Ansari to attend International Conference

Prof. Anis Ahmad Ansari of the Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College at Aligarh Muslim University was invited as an expert in a Workshop on Curriculum Review of Unani Tib Course started in University of western cap Johannesburg (South Africa) from 3rd May to 9th May 2010.

In addition to the workshop there will be an interaction visit with Deans and senior faculties of the Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine, University of Kwa Zulu Natal (UKZN) and Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT), Johannesburg (S.A.) as these Universities may also start the Unani Tib courses from 2011.

Super Specialty Building Inaugurated

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis today inaugurated Super Specialty building of the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Extension of Dental College Building for Post Graduate Courses.

In his welcome address, Prof. S.H. Hashmi, Principal, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Dental College said that the college, which was born in 1995 with two rooms in J.N. Medical College, has now grown to size we have today. Prof. Hashmi said that this span of 15 years is full of progress and developments. He pointed out that the Vice



Chancellor; Prof. PK Abdul Azis has always been very kind in nurturing and nourishing this College with his vision, positive approach and support and bringing back the glory of AMU.

He said that many faculty members received national and international fellowships for their academic excellence and published research papers in reputed national and international journals.

AMU Registrar, Prof. VK Abdul Jaleel said that this is the only building which was sanctioned under XI Plan and has been completed in time. This is due to hard work of building department and appreciated the efforts of University Engineering, Mr. Firoz Ahmed.

In his presidential address, Professor PK Abdul Azis said that this is a joyous occasion for the students and staff of JN Medical College and Dental College that three construction projects were complete. He said that the University has provided toilets for girls in each department of study. He said that 250 computers with high-speed internet connectivity were provided to each hall of residence and the department of studies for the use of students.

Prof. Azis explained that technology driven security system was essential to provide the security environment to students and faculty members. He said that the University respects the fundamental rights of the individuals.

On this occasion, Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Ashraf Malik, principal, J.N. Medical College and Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Controller of Exams also addressed the function.

Vice Chancellor also inaugurated Periodontic, Orthodontic and Dental Surgery Labs.

Camp on World Asthma Day

The Department of Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a camp on World Asthma Day.

More than 200 patients were registered and about 50 new cases of Asthma were diagnosed in the camp. Dr Rakesh Bhargava, Chairman, Department of TB and Chest Diseases said that the patients of asthma who do not take their treatment regularly are at the great risk of asthma attacks which often requires admission to hospital and can even be life threatening.

The most effective asthma treatment – inhalation therapy, is available in India at a price as low as Rs. 4 to Rs. 6 per day, which means that a year’s supply of medicine is less than the cost of 1 night’s stay at the hospital. However, Prof. (Dr.) Zuber Ahmad stated that the lack of awareness on asthma in India prevents it from being diagnosed in the early stages and of the 30 million asthmatics in the country, most are unaware, undiagnosed or are being sub-optimally treated for asthma.

Dr. DK Pandey said that Asthma is a chronic respiratory disorder of the lungs in which there is inflammation (swelling) of the airways in our lungs. Dr Mohammad Shameem said that it has been found that adherence to asthma medication regime is very poor and tends to falter every after few months in both children and adults.



Commenting on the current scenario of asthma in India, Dr. Bhargava said, “Asthma is a chronic disease which requires long-term treatment. Many patients once they feel better stop treatment after some weeks. This can be dangerous since stopping treatment can lead to reactivation of the disease and precipitate an asthma attack.

Dr. Zuber Ahmad said, “It is important to diagnose asthma at an early stage as it helps preserve the condition of the lungs. Asthma usually manifests itself through symptoms like coughing, tightness in the chest, and wheezing but it is important to consider asthma as a diagnosis particularly if these symptoms are recurrent and consult a doctor at the earliest”.

All the faculty member of the department including Senior Residents, Junior Residents, Research Assistants, and Senior Research Fellows actively participated in the camp.

Visitor Approves Two New Centres

Addressing a meeting of Chairmen of Departments of Studies and Principals of Colleges, AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis informed that the President of India, in her capacity as the Visitor of Aligarh Muslim University, has approved the University’s proposal regarding establishment of its two Centres at Murshidabad and Malappuram in terms of Sub-section (2) of Section 12 of the University Act.

Prof. Azis said that this is a moment of great jubilation and a historic moment that the University has received the seal of approval of the Visitor to set up special AMU Centre. While thanking the Central Government and the Finance Minister Pranab Mukherji for his help and intervention in establishing these centres Prof. Azis said that it was the happiest day of his life. He said that the Union Government has already sanctioned Rs. 25 Crores for Murshidabad and 10 Crores for Malappuram centres and now the Visitor’s approval has chartered a new course in the direction of education particularly of minorities in India.

Speaking on the new initiative, AMU Vice Chancellor said that with a view to make a beginning the University is planning to start five year integrated BALLB and MBA programmes in these special centres from the next academic session.

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis also thanked the West Bengal, Kerala and Bihar state governments for providing free land for the establishment of AMU’s Special Centres. Prof. Azis pointed out that “the University will hold Academic Council meeting and the meeting of the Court to get the necessary approval. A small committee of Deans is already assigned the task for framing and modification of rules and regulations”, he added.

Prof. Azis said that the University has conducted 260 general Selection Committees and selected four hundred thirty one faculty members including Principals during the last three years. He further stated that all the vacancies will be filled up by the General Selection Committee in 2010.

AMU Vice Chancellor explained that CCTV were installed to protect the property and lives of the University students and staff and as part of modern security management and pointed out that none of the cameras is disrupting

the privacy of any individual. He said that the Proctor, a senior faculty member, and his team of teachers will manage this technology driven security system.

Prof. Azis has also urged the chairmen to start making use of the allocated fund from the very beginning in a judicious manner and as per the rules. He has drawn the attention of the chairmen and principals regarding merged scheme funds available for 100% travel grant, publications, women facilities, facilities for differently abled and asked them to make optimum use for academic, research and infrastructure development.

Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Controller of Examinations has thanked the teachers and urged them to help in the smooth conduct of forthcoming examinations and admission tests also.

Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar has observed that the moment of file has substantially speeded up. The pension related matter was settled on the day one itself. The circle of the movement was brought to three days and the file is now zero pending in all normal cases. He also proposed a vote of thank.

Seminar on Sentinel Surveillance

Department of Community Medicine organized a seminar on Sentinel Surveillance Unit to discuss the achievements of SSU.

Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Coordinator, SSU and Chairman Deptt. of Community Medicine welcomed the guests and participants. Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean Faculty of Medicine congratulated the Department of Community Medicine and SSU for carrying out various activities for the prevention and control of blindness.

Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal & Chief Medical Superintendent, J.N. Medical College appreciated the efforts of SSU and asked to use the services of Central Record Section which has been computerized.

Prof. R.R. Sukul, Director Institute of Ophthalmology gave an overview of National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) and ensured for the better coordination between the two departments of SSU.

Prof. F. Azra Jilani, Incharge SSU discussed functions of SSU in the ophthalmology OPD and identified areas where further improvement can be done.

Prof. Zulfia Khan, former Coordinator SSU presented an overview of SSU since its inception in 2001. She suggested the measures to be taken to place the SSU at rank one in the country.

Prof. Najam Khaliq, Medical Superintendent presented vote of thanks. After the inaugural function, presentations on various topics related to blindness, refractive errors, glaucoma etc. were made by Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Prof. Zulfia Khan, Prof. F. Azra Jeelani, and Dr. Meena Zaidi. It was followed by detailed group discussion to reduce the burden of the blindness and other ocular morbidities in the community. It was emphasized that proper data entry will be done for onward transmission of correct data to the higher centres.

Condolence Meeting

A condolence meeting was held at the Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Aligarh Muslim University on the sad demise of Prof. Muslim Taj Ahmad, Principal, Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology in the Assembly Hall.

The staff and students of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology expressed deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of a very senior teacher of the Faculty and Principal of Z. H. College of Engineering & Technology, Professor M.T. Ahmad who left the finite world in the evening of Saturday, May 08, 2010. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

Professor Ahmed was born on 14th September 1945. He obtained his B.Sc. Engineering degree in 1967 from AMU, Aligarh and completed his M.Tech and PhD from IIT, Delhi in Electrical Engineering. He joined the Department of Electrical Engineering in 1967 and was later promoted as Professor. After serving the University for about 27 years he joined the University of Bahrain as Professor.

He was the Founder Chairman of the Electronics Engineering Department, and Coordinator of the BE (Evening) Courses. He was also serving as the Director of the Computer Centre. He took over as Principal in 2003 and remained so until his death. He worked vigorously for the up-gradation of the Engineering College to the level of IIT.

Prof. M. T. Ahmed was a popular teacher and was loved by his students. He was always ready to help anyone and was always surrounded by his colleagues and students. Professor Ahmed discharged his duties with devotion and dedication. He will be missed for a very long time.

The members of the teaching, technical and administrative staff shared the grief of the bereaved family and prayed to Almighty Allah for peace to the departed soul.

Meanwhile, a condolence meeting held in the Conference Room of the Computer Centre, Aligarh Muslim University expressed its deep shock on the sad demise of Prof. Ahmed and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family. The staff members of the Computer Centre expressed their heart-felt grief on the passing away of Prof. M. T. Ahmad, Director of the Centre. Prof. Ahmed had a long association with Computer Centre from 1988 to 1994, and served the Centre in same capacity from 2004 till his death. Implementation of Campus Wide Networking in the university is one of his great & valuable contributions to the University. He was greatly loved and respected by the staff of Computer Centre. He shall also be remembered for his high values, generous nature and consistent efforts for the development of Computer Centre and its services to the University community.

Live Workshop on Laparoscopy

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized one day live workshop on laparoscopic procedures.

Dr. Hafizur Rahman, a pioneer in gynaecological laparoscopy in India was the resource person at the workshop. He performed more than half a dozen laparoscopic surgery. Dr. Hafizur Rahman is the Director of Sunrise Keyhole Laparoscopy Foundation, Kochi (Kerala). He has trained more than 2000 budding gynaecologist in the field of laparoscopy. He has done more than 25000 gynaecological procedures laparoscopically. He was accompanied by Dr. Nikhita Terehan.

During the workshop different gynaecological procedures like total laparoscopic hysterectomy, oophorectomy, hysterovsopy, pelvic dissection were shown.

In the inaugural function, the Chairperson of the organizing committee, Prof. Noor Afshan Sabzposh, Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology welcomed the guets and thanked to Dr. Hafizur Rahman, Dr. Afzal Anees and departmental colleague for his support in organizing the workshop.

Dr. Hafizur Rahman said that no gynaecologist can survive without laparoscopic surgery. He assured that Sunrise Care Foundation may come to Aligarh to train the doctors accordingly.

Professor Mehdi Hasan, Professor of Anatomy and former Dean and Principal of JNMC was the Chief Guest. Prof. Saleemuddin, Director, Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit was the guest of honour.

Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine also spoke while Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, JNMCH presented vote of thanks. The programme was conducted by Dr. Zehra Mohsin and Dr. Nasreen Noor jointly.

Earlier Prof. Imam Bano, Prof. Seema Hakeem, Dr. Tamkeen Rabbani and Dr. Prabha Lohchab welcomed the dignitaries.



CME on Blood Component

Blood Bank of Dept of Pathology and Medical Education Unit, JN Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University conducted a CME on Blood Component Preparation: Its Usage and Related Transfusion Reactions.

The CME was followed by lectures delivered by Dr. S. H. Arif who highlighted the setting up of ideal blood and component and various methods for preparation of blood component in his lecture. He also demonstrated various types of machines used in preparation and storage of blood components. The role of NACO was also

appreciated for helping the blood banks by supplying blood bags, kits and machines for setting component lab worth crores of rupees.

Earlier, Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean Faculty of Medicine delivered welcomed address. Dr. Arif also highlighted the role of Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, JNMC in providing patronage and support in renovating the Blood Bank with the financial help from NACO, JNMCH, University and the Dept of pathology due to which it could get the license for manufacturing the components. It was also emphasized that components are the need of hour and every big blood banks are supplying only components and use of whole blood is discontinued.

Dr. Smiriti Prasad delivered a lecture on the Platelet and PRBC preparation their indication and contraindication. She emphasized that PRBC is superior than whole blood and importance of platelet transfusion. She also emphasized that shelf life of PRBC is increased by one week by adding additive solution which cannot be added to the whole blood.

Dr. Jaseem Hassan emphasize the use of FFP and cryoprecipitate, its storage and shelf life and advantage of leukoreduction.



Hepatitis ‘Termite Infestation of Liver’

“Chronic Hepatitis is like termite infestation of liver”, said Dr. M. R. Ajmal, In charge of Gastro Enterology Clinic, Department of Medicine, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University. Dr. Ajmal was speaking at a programme organized to observe the World Hepatitis Day that falls on 19th May every year. The programme was organized to increase public awareness regarding Hepatitis-B and Hepatitis-C virus infection.



Prof. Ajmal said that Hepatitis-B virus infection is most serious health problem affecting more than 2 billion people worldwide with mortality of 0.5 - 1.2 million every year. He said that although effective vaccines against Hepatitis-B is available since 1982 there are still more than 350 million chronic carriers of which 75% reside in Asia-Pacific region. India contributes nearly 10% carriers to the world. Nearly one million HBV infections are added to Hepatitis-B pool in India yearly contributing to its rapid expansion.

Prof. Ajmal exhorted that chronic Hepatitis may be asymptomatic; therefore a high level of suspicion is required to detect the disease early. The high risk group cases like health workers, relatives of chronic hepatitis patients, persons with unsafe, multiple sex partners, kidney disease patients on dialysis, persons getting frequent blood transfusion must be screened for hepatitis infection. Extra precaution should be taken at the time of Nose/Ear piercing, Tattooing and at barber’s shop. Effective vaccination against Hepatitis A & B is available at affordable cost. He said that treatment for chronic Hepatitis B & C is suitably available in injectable and oral forms.

The banners and posters at important places were used for mass awareness. The handbills and booklets were also distributed at J.N. Medical College Hospital OPDs. Prof. Ajmal said that screening camps for Hepatitis-B/Hepatitis-C virus infection are also planned to make the awareness programme more effective. Anyone who wish to seek more information may contact Dr. M. R. Ajmal, G.E. Clinic, OPD-22 on any Saturday at J. N. Medical College Hospital.

HCL at AMU

The prestigious IT Company, HCL (NOIDA) visited the Aligarh Muslim University for campus recruitment and interviewed the final year students of BCA, B.Sc. (IT) in the Dept of Computer Science on Thursday.

Mr. M. Saad Hameed, Career Counselor, Aligarh Muslim University said that the students were happy to see HCL in their department for the first time. They participated in the recruitment process with great zeal and hope. However, the result of the recruitment is awaited. Mr. Hameed said that HCL has promised to visit AMU again in near future.

AMU Team Visits Kishanganj

The Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) team led by the Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis received an enthusiastic welcome at Bagdogra airport as thousands of people came to receive the AMU team and taken them in a convoy of over 150 vehicles from Bagdogra airport to Kishanganj, almost one hundred kilometers.

The AMU team was on a visit to Kishanganj to inspect 250 acres of land identified by Bihar government for establishing Special Centre of AMU under the provision 12(2) of AMU Act.

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis made a detailed inspection of the site and discussed the various aspects relating to the transfer of land with the Collector of Kishanganj, Mr. Feraque Ahmad and other district officials. The AMU team also had an interaction with the local people who lived in the vicinity of the proposed land.

The visiting team was accompanied by Member Parliament of Kishanganj, Maulana Asrarul Haque Qasmi, the Collector of Kishanganj district, Mr. Feraque Ahmad, the MLA of Kishanganj, Mr. Akhtarul Imaan, MLA of Purnea district, Mr. Jaleel Rahman, another MLA of the area Mr. Gopal Agrawal and a team of district officials.



The Vice Chancellor has expressed satisfaction about the location of the site but has suggested to the district officials that the land should be contiguous and in one piece instead of being scattered in three pieces. The Vice Chancellor has further stated that the management and administration, security related issues, maintenance of discipline, building of common facilities and easier access to both students and staff necessitate having the Centre in one place.

The Collector and other officials present expressed confidence that the suggestion of the Vice The Collector and other officials present expressed confidence that the suggestion of the Vice Chancellor could be managed by finding out appropriate solution.

The common people of the area as well as the elites of the district urged the Vice Chancellor to bring the AMU Centre to Kishanganj at any cost. A delegation comprising intellectuals of the Kishanganj district also met the AMU team and urged the Vice Chancellor to see that their dream of having a modern educational institution with a glorious past is translated into reality.

The Kishanganj Public Reception Committee organized a banquet in honour of the Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis at Madrasa Anjuman-e-Islamia. The programme was attended by a large number of people of the area.

Addressing the gathering, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Azis said that the enthusiasm, love and affection showed by the people of Kishanganj touched the heart of AMU visiting team and the University is set to establish the state-of-the-art centre at a place which is one of the most backward districts of the country so that not only the Muslims but also the people of surrounding regions get an access to quality education.

Tracing the genesis of Aligarh Muslim University's efforts in the direction of educational uplift, he said that the alarming situation raised by Sachar Committee and the suggestions made in the Fatmi Committee have drawn AMU's attention on taking the historical initiative of establishing five special centres across the country including Kishanganj so that the minorities who are the most excluded social class get access to education.

Prof. Saud Alam Qasmi, Dean, Faculty of Theology, AMU said that the initiative is going to benefit all the people irrespective of caste, creed and religion. He said that the Aligarh Muslim University is a citadel of secularism. On the one hand, it is having the Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology and on the other, it has the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College. There is a Begum Sultan Jahan hostel and the Sarojini Naidu Hall for girls at the same time. Saheb Singh Verma, former Chief Minister of Delhi, Bheem Singh, President of

Panthers' Party and a host of other non-Muslims are its proud alumni. Like the sun, AMU spreads its light among every one without any discrimination.

While welcoming the AMU team, the Member of Parliament from Kishanganj, Maulana Asrarul Haque Qasmi said that the coming of AMU to Kishanganj is like a dream turning into reality. Presenting the statistics, he said that hardly 31% people of the region are literate and the literacy among Muslims is at 24%. Maulana Qasmi hoped that by the establishment of AMU Centre the situation is likely to change as access to education is going to become easier for all.

The Collector of the district, Mr. Feraque Ahmad, SP Dr. Chaurasiya Chandra Shekhar Azad, MLA Mr. Akhtarul Imaan, the members of the visiting team Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal of Zakir Husain College 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 also spoke on the occasion.

Prof. M. Haneef Alam, Convener, Reception Committee proposed a vote of thanks.

Toppers Felicitated

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today felicitated the toppers of Class XII and Class X annual examinations and presented certificates of merit and mementos at his lodge.

He said that the University has decided to adopt CBSE pattern to provide better access to the school students maintained by the University. He said that the University has decided to establish a Directorate of the University Schools.

Prof. Azis said that now AMU is on resurgent track. He congratulated the students, teachers and parents.

AMU Registrar and Manager of Schools Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel said that for the first time University has arranged such a function to invite toppers at school level. He said that 50% school students enrolled in the schools are the backbone of the University system. Prof. Jaleel said that this year pass percentage in schools has substantially improved.

The Controller of Exams, Prof. Pervez Mustajab said that the third rank holder of Class XII, Mr. Vibhor Aggarwal has secured first position in B. Tech admission test of the University.

On this occasion, Mrs. Nagma Irfan, Principal, Senior Secondary School (Girls), Mr. Faisal Nafees, Principal, S. T. S. High School and all the rank holders of Class X and XII also addressed the function.

Prof. Ainul Haq Khan, DSW proposed a vote of thanks.

“Towards a New Horizon” released

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis released a report on the major initiatives as on December 2009, ‘Towards a New Horizon’.



Vice Chancellor presented the first copy to Prof. Parvez Qamar Rizvi, senior most Dean of the University.

On this occasion, Registrar Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Controller of Exams, Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Finance Officer, Ms. Yasmin Jalal Baig, all deans of the faculties and principals of colleges also graced the occasion. Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Media Advisor and PRO, Dr. Rahat Abrar were also present.

The book presents a tinsel picture of the come-back drive covering period from June 2007 to December 2009. It enumerates in a nutshell the achievements and successes that has materialized on the campus on account of most positive and productive administrative measures initiated by Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.

Hammad Shadab Gets Fellowship

Dr. G. G. Hammad Ahmad Shadab, Senior Lecturer in the Section of Genetics, Department of Zoology, AMU, Aligarh has been conferred with Fellowship of Academy of Science for Animal Welfare in recognition of his outstanding contribution for advancement of Science and Welfare.



Dr. Shadab is an elected Member of the Academic Council, AMU, Aligarh and nominated Member of the Academic Council, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya.

New Centres to Become Functional

Unfolding an elaborated action plan, Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that Murshidabad and Malappuram Special Centres of AMU will become functional with MBA and BALLB academic programmes from the next academic session. The University is preparing a holistic plan and submitting a detailed project report to the MHRD for allocation of funds.

While briefing the proceedings of the National Consultation on Vision and Mission for the Special Centres of AMU held at India International Centre today, Prof. Azis said that setting up of five Centres across the nation will transform the fate of excluded minority from development deficit to a life of dignified existence.

Prof. Azis said that the Concept Plan presented by AMU Alumni Advisory Committee was adopted in principle and it was decided to form a Coordination Committee to regularly monitor the development and progress of the Special Centres at Murshidabad, Malappuram and Kishanganj so that the building of a massive academic and research infra structure is completed at the target time line.

The Concept Plan includes both the short and long-term strategies with emphasis on state-of-the-art digital ambience and management.

The Concept Plan has suggested appointment of a Consultant to look after the developmental work and coordinate with all the stakeholders. It also suggested appointment of a Coordinator at each AMU Centre to expedite the land acquisition process and to look after the dedicated development initiatives.

The Plan also provided fruitful interaction with alumni and other stakeholders at all stages of development of these centres.

Prof. Azis pointed out that keeping in view the suggestion of Sachar and Fatmi Committees, the school education also received its due attention in the overall scheme of the Special Centres. High priority would be given to women's education and a sub-committee of experts and activists to promote women's education would be constituted, he added.

Tracing the genesis of the special centres, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that AMU had received representations from the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Chief Secretary of Government of Kerala and Bhopal based Gharib Nawaz Foundation for Education of Muslims suggesting to establish Regional Study Centre of Aligarh Muslim University in their respective regions. The backdrop of the alarming revelations of the shocking state of educational backwardness of minority community by Sachar Committee was another factor that paved way for the decision.

Explaining in detail, Prof. Azis said that West Bengal, Kerala, Bihar and the Central Government's willing support in promoting education among Muslim community and to bring them into the national mainstream by expanding the benefit of education to Muslims also provided focus on the issue and helped us formulate the policy to widen the AMU's campus network by establishing five Special Centres. The proposal is a powerful projection of an ambitious plan in the direction of academic and research programmes to be initiated by AMU to meet the challenging needs of the marginalized and excluded social classes, he added.

He clarified that the idea behind setting up special Centres is to provide easy access to modern education to the most educationally deprived social class so that the national goal of equity, access and inclusion of the excluded is accomplished. It is indeed a national duty bestowed upon AMU to promote education among the Muslims.

The Vice Chancellor said that the University has a glorious tradition of tolerance and enlightened positivity and successfully kept at bay all kinds of communal, narrow, parochial and fissiparous forces. The University has never allowed any unlawful engagement in its sprawling campus. It has a record of maintaining discipline of highest order and the envisaged five Centres will not be an exception as far as propriety and quality education is concerned.

The most encouraging dimension Prof. Azis felt was that the University was receiving extremely positive responses from all stakeholders. The Central Government, the MHRD and the UGC have already given clearance for establishing the five centres. The Government of West Bengal has identified 302 acres of Farakka Barrage land and recommended its transfer to Aligarh Muslim University. The Government of Kerala is acquiring about 392 acres of land on fast track basis in the Malappuram district. It has already handed over 122 acres of land to the University at a public function held at Perinthalmanna on March 6, 2010.

Prof. Azis said that the Government of Bihar has also approved 250 acres of land located in Kishanganj district for AMU Centre. The AMU team under the stewardship of the Vice Chancellor visited the Kishanganj's proposed site recently and received an overwhelming response from elites as well as common citizens alike. They are considering the initiative as a major event in the direction of social transformation in the region and urged the Vice Chancellor to establish the AMU Special Centre at any cost, he pointed out.

He said that the Union Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee has already allocated Rs. 25 Crore for Murshidabad and Malappuram centres each and the MHRD has released Rs. 35 Crores to AMU for land development and to meet basic requirements. The deck was cleared for starting two Special Centres of AMU in Murshidabad and Malappuram on May 5, 2010 when the university has received the approval of President of India in the capacity of Visitor for establishing the two centres under Section 12(2) of the University Act, he added.

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis further said that in order to develop an extremely efficient Concept Plan of global dimension he constituted an Advisory Committee of distinguished AMU Alumni from USA, Saudi Arabia, Oman and India. The 13-member committee was assigned the responsibility to initiate consultation with AMU alumni spread across the world and gather innovative ideas for creating the World Class Special Centres of excellence.

Athar Ansari Attends International Conference

Dr. M. Athar Ansari attended the 10th South East Asian Regional Scientific Meeting of International Epidemiological Association (SEARSM-IEA, 2010) at Colombo, Sri Lanka from 23-26 May, 2010.

This meeting was organized by the College of Community Physicians, Colombo, Sri Lanka. The theme of this meet was "Epidemiological Methods in Evidence Based Healthcare. The aim of organizing the regional conference was to facilitate communication amongst those engaged in research and teaching of epidemiology throughout the world and to encourage its use in all fields of health including social community and preventive medicine.

He has also presented a paper entitled "An Evaluation of Profile of Food Handlers and Kitchen Hygiene in Eating Establishments in Aligarh (India)". In his presentation, he gave an introduction of Aligarh Muslim University and Department of Community Medicine followed by a detailed presentation of data of food handlers and kitchen hygiene of eating establishments and methods of prevention of epidemics of food and water borne diseases.

He co-chaired a scientific session on non communicable diseases.

Camp on Cleft Lip

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Z. A. Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University is organizing a treatment camp for cleft lip, palate, and correction of nose deformities associated with cleft lip or secondary to cleft lip repair by a team of German experts. The treatment will be carried free of cost with free admission facilities. However, registration prior to treatment is mandatory. The patients who were operated elsewhere and still live with some residual deformities may also avail the benefits at the camp.

The registration of the patients will be done on 6th June (Sunday) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Dr. Z. A. Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. For further details please contact Dr. Fahmi on 9634981987 and Dr. Ahmed on 9997453187 or the chairman, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Z. A. Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University.

Vice Chancellor offers help



Addressing the newly -elected members of the Technical Staff association at Kennedy Hall, the Vice Chancellor Professor P.K.Abdul Azis said that the university fraternity is like a family and problems of each member of this family will be looked after well. The Vice Chancellor assured of every help to them from the university administration. The Registrar Professor V. K. Abdul Jaleel assured of early selection committees to the vacant posts. Present on the occasion were Mr. Musahib Ali, newly elected President of the Association and

other members of the newly elected union.



New Appointments

Professor Shan Mohammad
 Professor Anwaruddin Anwar
 Professor Akhtar Haseeb
 Professor Ahtisham A. Nizami

Professor Parvez Qamar Rizvi
 Dr. Yusufuzzaman Khan
 Dr. Nafees A.Khan
 Professor Ashraf Malik

Professor Azarmi Dukht Safavi
 Professor Sibghatullah Farooqi
 Professor Shabahat Husain
 Professor Shireen Moosvi

Director, Sir Syed Academy
 Member-in-Charge, Electricity
 Officer-on-Special Duty (Development)
 Director, 'Professor K.A. Nizami Centre for
 Quranic Studies'
 Chairman, Dept. of Plant Protection
 Member-in-Charge, Telephones
 Membe-in-Charge, Students' Stationery Mart
 To represent the Faculty of Medicin of AMU on
 the Medical Council of India
 Director, Institute of Persian Reasearch
 Dean, Faculty of Commerce
 Librarian-in-Charge, Maulana Azad Library
 Director, Centre for Women's Studies



Members of the Executive Council

Shri M.I. Shanavas
 (Member of Parliament-Lok Sabha)

Professor A.M. Pathan
 (Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka)

Professor Mohammed Ashraf Malik
 (Principal, J.N. Medical College)



Superannuations

Teaching

1. 31.01.1996; Mr. Abdul Sami Khan, PGT, S.T. High School.

Non – Teaching

1. 30.04.2010; Mr. Babu Lal Chandel, Section Officer (Admin.), Computer Center.
2. 31.01.2010; Mr. Vijay Singh, Assistant (Admin.), Physiology, J.N.M.C..
3. 30.06.1996; Mr. Mohd. Abdul Hafeez, Deputy Controller, Controller's Office.
4. 31.03.2010; Mr. Ijlal Husain Faridi, Personal Assistant, (Admin-NT), Registrar,s Office.
5. 31.03.2010; Mr. Mhd. Nazir, UDC (Admin.), Executive Section, Registrar's Office.
6. 31.01.2010; Mrs. Najma Begum, Senior Secondary School (Boys).
7. 31.12.2009; Mrs. Khursheed Muttaqui, Professional Assistant, Library & Book Bank, Z.H. College of Engg.

Technical

1. 31.12.2009; Mr. Mohd. Abid, Ward Assistant, Principal's Office, A.K. Tibiya College.
2. 28.02.2010; Mr. Aminuddin, Lab Assistant, Obst. & Gynaecology, J.N.M.C..
3. 31.07.1996; Mr. Saeed Ahmad, Cyto-Technology, Pathology, J.N.M.C..
4. 31.03.2010; Mr. Abdul Rasheed Khan, Lab Assistant, Ilmu Advia, A.K. Tibiya College.s
5. 28.02.2010; Mr. Mohd. Aslam, Lab Assistant, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
6. 31.03.2010; Mrs. Rajmani Jitendra Singh, Ward Sister, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
7. 01.01.2010; Mr. Mohd. Ahtisham, Pharmacist, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
8. 28.02.2010; Mr. Saleeq Ahmad, Lab Attendant, Electricity (Supply).
9. 28.02.2010; Mr. Prem Singh, Lab Attendant, University Polytechnic.
10. 31.12.2009; Mr. Abdul Rab, Ward Assistant, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
11. 30.04.1996; Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Assistant Binder, M.A. Library.
12. 30.04.2004; Mr. Haseenul Haq, S.L.A., TB & Chest Diseases, J.N. Medical College.
13. 31.07.2008; Mrs. Ameena Ahmad Ali, Staff Nurse, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
14. 31.12.2009; Mr. Mushtaq Ali Khan, Assistant Wireman, Electricity (W & M).
15. 31.12.2009; Mr. s. Ashfaq Ali, Auxiliary Nurse, University Health Service.
16. 31.01.2010; Mr. Shad Ali, Assistant (Admin.), Dean,s Office, F/o Arts.

Group IV

1. 30.09.2009; Mr. S. Rasheed Ahmad, Hall Atendant, Sulaiman Hall.
2. 31.10.2009; Mr. Neksa, Mali, Lands and Gardens.
3. 31.12.2009; Mrs. Kallo Devi, Safaiwali, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
4. 31.03.2010; Mr. Mohd Ali, Kitchen Attendant, Aftab Hall.
5. 28.02.2010; Mr. Mohd. Tahir, Kitchen Attendant, Hadi Hasan Hall.
6. 31.07.2009; Mr. Mohan, Mali, J.N. Medical College Hospital.
7. 30.11.2009; Mr. Mohd Tahseen, Kitchen Attendant, V.M. Hall.
8. 31.01.2010; Mr. Mohd. Islam III, Security Guard, Proctor's Office.
9. 31.01.2010; Mr. Jan Mohammad, Kitchen Attendant, Mohd. Habib Hall.
10. 31.01.2010; Mr. Idrees Beg, Office Attendant, History.
11. 31.08.2009; Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, Daftari, Publications Division.
12. 31.01.2010; Mr. Abdul Rehman, Work Attendant, Building Department.



International Congregations

1. **28th International League of Islamic Literature, Jamboosar, District Bharuch (Gujrat), 22.01.2010-24.01.2010;** Dr. Ehsanullah Fahad, Lecturer in Women's College attended and presented his paper entitled "Maulana Mohammad Bin Yusuf Surti ki Ilmi-o-Dini Khidmaat".
2. **International Conference on 'Cultural, Literary and Linguistic Mutuality between Yemen and India', English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, 25.02.2010-27.02.2010;** Professor S. Kafeel Ahmad Qasmi, Department of Arabic attended.
3. **International Seminar on 'Aadhunik Hindi Katha Sahithya Mein Naari Sashktikaran-Dasha Aur Disha', Department of Hindi, University of Madras, Chennai, 12.02.2010-14.02.2010;** Professor Krishna Murry Mishra Mishra, Department of Hindi attended and Chaired as Special Invitee.
4. **International Conference on 'Emerging Trends in Engineering (ICETE-2010)', Jaysingpur, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra, 20.02.2010-21.02.2010;** Dr. Akhter H. Ansari, Reader, University Polytechnic attended and presented his paper entitled "Design and Development of Power Driven bending Machine".
5. **6th International Dyke Conference, Banaras Hindu University, Varansi , 04.02.2010-07.02.2010;** Dr. Shabber Habib Alvi, Lecturer, Department of "Geochemistry and Tectonic Significance of Newer Dolerites, Singhbhum-Orissa Craton Eastern India".
6. **31st IIG and International Conference on 'Environment, Agriculture and Food Security in India', Bangalore University, Bangalore, 19.02.2010-21.02.2010;** Dr. Nizamuddin Khan, Reader, Department of Geography attended and presented his paper entitled "Livestock Revolution I Ntropical Monsoon Countries of Asia: Some Issues and Challenges".
7. **International Conference on 'Advancement of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (ICOANN-2010), Karaikund (T.N.), 01.03.2010-03.03.2010;** Professor Faiz Mohammad, Department of Applied Chemistry, Z.H.C.E.T. attended and presented his paper entitled "Some Studies on the Composite of Polyaniline with Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles".
8. **14th International and 45th National Conference of the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology (IAAP) on 'Quality of Life and Globalization: Effective Self Care Interventions' Department of Psychology & Parapsychology, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, 18.02.2010-20.02.2010;** Dr. Shah Alam, Reader in Psychology, Women's College to attended and presented his paper entitled "Work Identification and Adjustment: A Comparative Study of Male and Female Police Personnel".
9. **International Conference on 'Emerging Trends in Engineering '(ICETE-2010), Jaisinghpur, Kolhapur (Maharashtra), 20.02.2010-21.02.2010;** Dr. Shamshad Ali, Lecturer, University Polytechnic attended and presented his paper "Design and Development of Double Acting Reciprocating Submersible Pump".
10. **International Conference on 'Digital Libraries (ICDL-2010) Shaping the Information Paradigm being, New Delhi, 23.02.2010-26.02.2010;** Dr. Naushad Ali P.M., Reader & Chairman, Department of Library & Information Science attended and presented his paper Distance Learners and e-Learning Open Courseware: A Case Study at IGNOU Study Centres, Aligarh Regional Centre".
11. **International Conference on 'Future Engineering Trends' (ICFET-2010), Reviewer Report, Chennai During 29.04,2010-30.04.2010;** Professor Muzaffer Ahmad Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of Electronics Engineering, Z.H.C.E.T attended and presented his paper entitled "Digitally Programmable MOSFET-C Multifunctional Biquadratic Filter Using DCBOTA".

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