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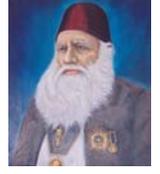


Dr. Shakeel Samdani presenting memento to Pro-Vice Chancellor Brigadier (Retd.) Syed Ahmad Ali at a symposium on "Sir Syed's View of Residential Life of University" organized by Sir Syed Awareness Forum. Professor Zakia Siddiqui and Mr. I. P. Singh 'Josh', Additional District Judge, Aligarh are also seen in the picture.

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S. S. Hall Wins Hockey Championship

The Sir Syed Hall (North) Hockey team won the Inter-Hall Hockey Championship defeating MM Hall 7-1 at the University Hockey Ground.

Mohd. Owais, Mohd. Kaleem and Nagendra Singh scored two goals each while Tariq scored one goal for the SS Hall (North). Moid Ahmad was the only scorer for MM Hall.

AMU Pro Vice Chancellor, Brigadier (Retd.) S. Ahmad Ali distributed trophy and prizes to the winner and runner-up teams. Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary, Games Committee welcomed the guests and Dr. Mohd. Shoeb Zaheer conducted the programme.

Orientation Programme

The Disability Unit, Aligarh Muslim University, organized an Orientation Programme for Volunteers. The Orientation Programme consisted of a series of lectures delivered by scholars and experts on various relevant topics.

Highlighting the objective behind organizing this programme, the Coordinator of the Unit, Prof. Nabi Ahmad said that the people who are more blessed have a responsibility towards those who are marginalized and less blessed in terms of physical and mental potential. He said that educating people from physically challenged section of society is a noble job and physically endowed people should help them achieve their due share in public life, whether it is education or career building. He said the onus lie on the volunteers to help the disadvantaged section to get educated and adequately placed in life.

Prof. Ahmad said that the Disability Unit was engaged in providing better educational opportunities to the physically challenged people and facilitate a barrier free academic atmosphere to help them gain and become an asset for the society.

Delivering a lecture on “Helping Physically Challenged”, Prof. M. Idrees, Department of Chemical Engineering, highlighted the human side of the movement for empowering disabled with greater academic and professional acumen and help them stand in the society by their own. He said that there were more than 650 million people challenged with some kind of physical disability.

Prof. Mahmood S. Khan, Department of Psychology stressed on the role of volunteers in stress management among the physically challenged people. He said that disabled people are already under stress as they do not want to share their feelings out of embarrassment and fear of becoming a subject of fun making.

Prof. Khalid Azam of Department of Management emphasized on undertaking a placement drive for the disabled people and help them create a place for themselves in the public and private sector. He said the disabled people had all qualification to share public space with the owed people.

Dr. Z. M. Nomani, department of Law, Prof. Abdul Mateen, Chairman, Department of Sociology, Prof. P. K. Mathur and Dr. Nasim Ahmad Khan also addressed the volunteers. Saima Mazhar conducted the programme.

Annual Flower Show

The Department of Land and Garden, Aligarh Muslim University and the State Bank of India jointly organized the Annual Flower Show 2013 at Gulistan-e-Syed.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah along with Pro-Vice Chancellor, Brigadier (Retd.) Syed Ahmad Ali and Mrs. Sabiha Simi Shah inaugurated the Flower Show. Around 899 different varieties of flowers were put on exhibition.

The prize distribution ceremony was held at the Gulistan-e-Sir Syed. The University Running Cup went to Hind Agro Industries Private Limited, Gulistan-e-Syed, Botany Department, Rajeev Gandhi Diabetic Centre and JN Medical College Hospital, HP Bhaiyaji Running Cup to VC Lodge, Smt. Rekha Krishna Memorial Running Cup to University Circle, Dr. MK Gupta and Smt. Sudha Gupta Running Trophy to Mrs. Nadira Khan, Mr. M Habib Running Cup to Hind Agro Industries, Anand Chaturvedi Memorial Running Cup to VC Lodge, Mr. Zafar Alam Running Cup to Administrative Block, AMU, Syed Viqar Ahmad Running Cup to Dr. Anita Singhal, State Bank of India Running Cup to Dr. Anita Singhal and Prof. Suhail Ahmad Memorial Running Cup was given to Incharge, Botanical Garden.

Besides these, 189 prizes were also distributed under different categories. The prizes were given by Dr. Jamal A Khan, OSD Development, Prof. Wazahat Husain, Prof. BN Waris, Prof. Shahid A Siddiqui, Mr. Mukesh Kumar Saxena and others.

Prof. Arif Inam, Member Incharge, Land and Garden conducted the programme and Mr. K. A. K. Chauhan, convener of the show, proposed the vote of thanks.

Nation Building Through Higher Education

Renowned British educationist, Professor Elizabeth Grant, University College London pointed out that the students of Aligarh Muslim University reported a sense of privilege for the opportunity given to them to participate in nation building through higher education.

Prof. Grant's article "Inheriting the Earth: Competencies and Competition within the Internationalized Curriculum" incorporated in the book "International Students Negotiating Higher Education: Critical Perspectives" (London, Routledge, 2012) edited by Silvia Sovic and Margo Blythman, while analyzing the general perception towards AMU students and their aspirations for building a nice career through higher education, provided a deep study of the campus life in the University and highlighted the aspirations and dreams of the AMU students. She said that the AMU students felt an obligation to "make India a powerful nation".

Prof. Grant said that the AMU students were engaged in their studies with a great degree of responsibility towards nation and articulated their existence and growth completely in consonance with religion and nationalism. "Their personal and spiritual development, learning and the search for truth, which they explained to be a part and parcel of a Muslim's life, with a 'sense of being' were the factors driving them to participate in educational development", she added

Professor AR Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU said that Prof. Grant visited the University in February to read her paper at the International Conference on Higher Education organized by the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU and had a detailed discussion with a cross-section of the AMU students at the General Education Centre.

Thai Delegation at AMU

A high-level delegation of Thailand including the former Thai Foreign Minister and Former Secretary General, ASEAN, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan and the Ambassador of Thailand to India, Mr. Pissan Manawapat visited Aligarh Muslim University and met the Vice Chancellor Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah.

The delegation discussed the prospects of cooperation in the field of higher education and research with the Aligarh Muslim University. Mr. Pissan Manawapat said that Aligarh Muslim University was very popular in Thailand and held the place of 'next stop institution' for Thai students. He said every Muslim student in Thailand wished to get educated at the Aligarh Muslim University and several AMU Thai alumni held high positions in their country.

Mr. Manawapat emphasized the need for creating an Endowment Fund in the University with Thailand's financial assistance on the pattern of Islamic Development Bank for providing better academic and residential facilities to the Thai students and making special arrangement for English proficiency for them.

AMU Vice Chancellor Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah welcomed the thought of establishing a Special Endowment Fund for Thai students and suggested that the fund could be generated through investment in herbal plant sector. He said that the University had an age old Unani education system and Thailand could get benefited through initiating in this sphere also.

He urged Dr. Surin Pitsuwan and Mr. Manawapat to depute a highly qualified Chinese teacher for teaching the language to the University students as, he felt, the forthcoming era would see a tremendous growth in Chinese economic power.

The delegation also met the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Brigadier (Retd.) S. Ahmad Ali, who assured them that the residential problems of foreign students will be solved in near future on priority basis and University was committed to provide all possible facilities to the students.

Members of the delegation paid rich tributes to the founder of the University, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and visited historical buildings and places in the University campus including Maulana Azad Library. It also had an interactive meeting with the students belonging to Thailand and was impressed with the academic environs of



the University. A television team accompanied the delegation to make a film, which they said, will be telecast on Yateem TV in Thailand.

AMU PRO, Dr. Rahat Abrar took the delegation through the University and briefed them about the historical development of the institution.

Annual Hall Function

The Non-Resident Students Club (NRSC), Aligarh Muslim University organized a three-day Annual Hall Festival, "Seyraab '13". A number of literary, cultural and sports events were organized during the period including the innovative competitions such as Tug of War and debate on the topic, "Media is negatively affecting our society".

AMU Vice Chancellor, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, Chief Guest and the Guests of Honour, District Governor of Rotary Club, Mr. Mukund Hari Singhal and former Controller of Examination, Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi gave away prizes to the winners of different competitions.

NRSC students presented special performances of arts and culture while a group of Thai students demonstrated their caliber in Martial Arts. Students from Mauritius presented a folk song in Bhojpuri.



Mr. Ali beautifully rendered the famous composition of Allama Sir Mohammad Iqbal "Shikwa Jawab-e-Shikwa" in his melodious voice.

Earlier, The Provost of NRSC, Mr. Ajay Bisaria welcomed the guests. President of the Literary and Cultural Society, NRSC, Dr. Mahmood Ali elaborated on the achievements of students in various fields. The Cultural Secretary of the Club, Mr. Aarish Hasan Khan presented the Annual Hall Report highlighting the progress made by the NRSC during the year.

Interactive Session

A counseling programme and interactive session for the physically challenged students of the university was organized at Mohsinul Mulk Hall, Aligarh Muslim University.

Provost of the Hall, Prof. Mohd. Ashraf said that the initiative was taken by the students and authorities last year and the hall management was committed to continue the noble work.

Chief Guest, Prof. Nabi Ahmad, Coordinator, Disability Unit, AMU, in his address presented glimpses of activities undertaken by AMU Disability Unit for the uplift of physically challenged learners. In his hour-long interaction with them, he stressed the need of sensitizing people towards the problems of physically challenged persons. Prof. Nabi Ahmad exhorted the specially abled students to prove their usefulness to the society and stand by their fellow students when they fell ill or were in distress. Replying to a question, he assured all possible help to physically and visually challenged students.

Dr. Mohib-ul-Haque, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science in his address termed the differently abled people as the largest minority in the world. He cited various regulations including UN conventions and other laws for the welfare and protection of special people's right and highlighted the plight of differently abled people in India.

Amit Kumar and Noor Alam, the physically challenged participants underlined the issues and problems and demanded construction of ramps in all major buildings of the university and providing lift facility in Arts Faculty. They also demanded construction of especially designed toilets for physically challenged students in faculties and hostels of the university.

Mr. Ghufuran Ahmad, Warden in Charge, Coaching and Guidance Cell welcomed the guests. He advised the special students not to feel let down as the nature has infused other capabilities in them to achieve their desired goals in life. Mr. Ghufuran substantiated his point by citing numerous examples of special people who achieved amazing heights in their career with devotion.

India is a Cultural Super Power

“America is a super military power in the world but India is the cultural super power as it leads the world in multiculturalism and provides a large Diaspora to several countries, meaningfully contributing to their education sector”, contended Ambassador J. C. Sharma, an expert in foreign affairs, while delivering keynote address at the National Seminar on “Diaspora and Multiculturalism in West Asia: Patterns, Issues and Policies”, organized by the Department of West Asian Studies, Aligarh Muslim University.

Mr. Sharma, however, lamented that although ten thousand Indian teaching community served a large number of educationists to the world, its own institutions of higher learning suffered drastically on account of lack of good teachers and researchers.

Highlighting his experience as an ambassador, Mr. Sharma said that the internal security conditions had great impact on the diaspora the world over and sometimes it affected the safety and security of other citizens. He said that during the military action in Golden Temple in 1984, he escaped an attack on his life by two Khalistani extremists who intruded in the Indian Embassy in Canada with swords in their hands. He also narrated the example of Fiji where a large number of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) live and where he had similar experience during his stay there.

The foreign affairs expert said that no separatist movement in India could succeed until it gained support from a group of NRIs. He said that the Khalistani movement in India or the LTTE movement in Sri Lanka were largely supported by NRIs. Mr. Sharma said that the Jews had a strong hold on American economy and politics and they compulsorily sent their children to Israel even if it was for a ‘once in the lifetime’ opportunity.

Ambassador Sharma said that AMU is a large family and its alumni are working all over the globe. He said that they had a large network among them and celebrate the Founder’s Day throughout the world on large scale. He said that he had been close to two prominent alumni of this great institution, one Shri Hamid Ansari, who is presently the Vice President of India and Mr. Ishrat Aziz. He said that he was a batch mate of Mr. Nasim Ahmad, former Vice Chancellor of this University. He said that the Aligarh Muslim University is a unique institution whose alumni are spread all over the globe. He said that the Alumni of this great seat of learning should send their children to their alma mater for even a short period of time to instill in them a sense of belongingness.

He said that the Chinese diaspora in Thailand has contributed a lot in the economic reform and growth of their country and China has become the largest producing country in the world. He said that a large number of Indians, especially Keralites are residing in Saudi Arabia and other gulf countries but they never got the status of a permanent citizen there. However, they are contributing meaningfully to the economic growth of the country in general and their region in particular through heavy influx of foreign exchange.

Earlier, the Convener of the Seminar, Dr. Fazal Mahmood welcomed and introduced the Chief Guest to the audience. The Chairman of the Department, Prof. Shamir Hasan also addressed on this occasion. Prof. Mohammad Gulrez conducted the inaugural session and Prof. Nazim Ali proposed the vote of thanks.

Scientific Breakthrough

The Aligarh Muslim University researchers have discovered a huge cluster of Corundum in Conglomerate rock worth Crores of rupees in Madhya Pradesh.

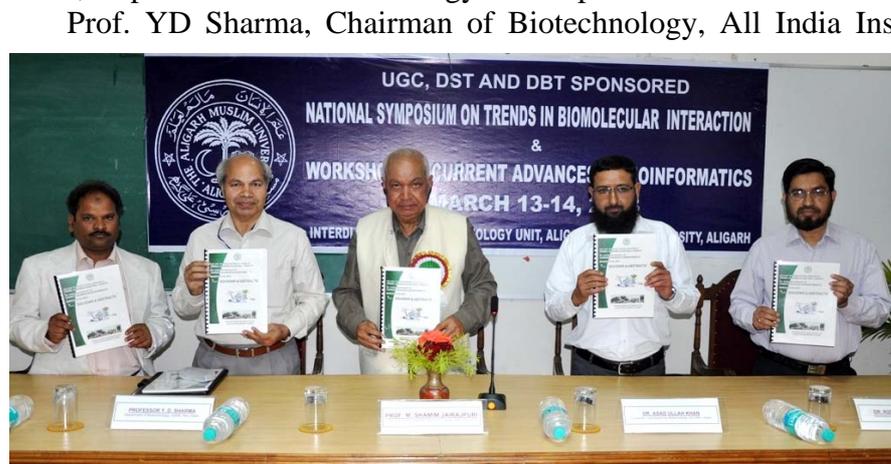
Mr. Kh. Burhamuddin, Research Scholar along with his supervisor, Dr. F.N. Siddiqui, Associate Professor, Department of Geology, Aligarh Muslim University found out a huge cluster of Corundum in Conglomerate Rock of Mansar formation of Sausar group (about 1525 m.y.) while doing field work in Bharweli Mines, Balaghat District in Madhya Pradesh. The beautiful crystals of Corundum (Neelam), precious varieties of gems, are almond sized and deep violet in colour.

Dr. Siddiquie informed the mine authorities about the finding. The whole area was later cordoned off by security personnel.

Mr. Burhamuddin presented a research paper “Emerging issues and challenges in Petrology and Environment Geology” regarding the discovery at the National Seminar held at the Department of Geology, AMU.

National Symposium

The Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, Aligarh Muslim University organized a two-day National Symposium on “Trends in Biomolecular Interaction and Bioinformatics”. A workshop on “Current Advances in Bioinformatics” will also be organized on this occasion. The symposium and the workshop was sponsored by UGC, Department of Biotechnology and Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.



Prof. YD Sharma, Chairman of Biotechnology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, delivered a lecture on the “Cold War between Man and Malaria”. He highlighted the problems and issues pertaining to the control of Malaria in the country. He said that he was working on a vaccine for Malaria, which might be used to control the major menace. Prof. Sharma said that it was difficult to control Malaria because the parasite develops a chemical resistance very fast. He said that there was no effective vaccine available for controlling the

epidemic. He urged the medical scientists to invent drugs and vaccines for different epidemics including Malaria according to the indigenous needs and native environmental conditions. He also said that the government should adopt a drug policy according to its local conditions and therapeutic needs.

Earlier, inaugurating the programme, Professor Shamim Jairajpuri, Former Vice Chancellor of Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, highlighted the journey from Chemistry to Biotechnology. He mentioned the pioneering personalities who worked hard for the establishment of the Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit. He appreciated the Unit for its exemplary progress.

Dr. Asad U Khan, Coordinator and Convener of the Symposium, welcomed the guests and highlighted the achievements of Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit. Dr. Khan said that the Unit has received a grant of about 5 crores during last five years on the basis of its performance and commendable work. Dr. Rizwan Khan proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Hina Yunus conducted the inaugural session.

Vice-Chancellor’s Letter to Students

My dear students,

1. I am writing to all my students regarding law and order on the AMU campus. I expect support from all those who value Sir Syed’s teachings that this university is for spread of education, primarily for the “millat”.
2. Unfortunately there has been spread of “Katta” culture and unlawful and unauthorized “Goondas” staying in the halls. I warn all students not to allow such elements to stay with them.
3. I allowed elections, as per my commitment, to the AMU Students’ Union with the expectations that AMU Students’ Union leaders would abide by their charter of duties. There have been serious breaches of discipline, since the office bearers assumed office. Will AMU students accept abuses being hurled by student leaders? There have been demands for relief in short fall of attendance. I will not compromise on this issue.
4. I had also promised central procurement of food items. You will be happy to know that “Kendriya Bhandar” has agreed to open an out let from where we will be able to procure food items at controlled rates. This should put a check on extra charges in dining halls.
5. So far I have treated indiscipline in a fatherly way hoping students would correct their ways. If they do not, they should know that fathers also know how to exercise authority.



LT. GEN. (RETD.) ZAMEER UDDIN SHAH

International Conference on Diabetes

The Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Diabetes and Endocrinology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized an International Conference on “Recent Advances in Diabetes and Endocrinology” in collaboration with Apollo Centre for Obesity, Diabetes and Endocrinology, New Delhi.

Presenting the keynote address at the inaugural session of the Conference, Dr. Seyed E. Hasnain, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, IIT, Delhi, former Vice Chancellor of University of Hyderabad and Member, Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India, said that it always gave him pleasure to visit the Aligarh Muslim University. He said that he extended all his cooperation to Prof. Jamal Ahmad in establishing this Centre with modern diagnostic facilities. He assured that he will lend support to any plan that the centre undertakes in future to get funding from the Central Government.

Prof. Hasnain said that the diabetic disorder has developed into a complex syndrome involving all the vital organs of the body and its management and treatment required an inclusive and comprehensive strategy. He said it should not be treated as an isolated disease.

In his presidential address, AMU Vice Chancellor, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah said that diabetes was basically a life-style disease and could be managed even without any medication if people led a disciplined life and undertook physical exercise on a routine basis. He said he would pay more attention on the development of the facilities at J. N. Medical College so that the people of Western UP could be benefited. He said that the JNMC is likely to get a ‘quantum jump’ of grant from the government equivalent to that the Delhi Medical Colleges were getting. Gen. Shah said that he was going to pay more emphasis on the University schools for their upgradation up to the level of Kendriya Vidyalayas with a massive grant support by the Government of India.

He hoped that the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Diabetes and Endocrinology proves to be a boon to thousands of patients of diabetes in and around Aligarh.

Dr. SK Wangnoo, Senior Consultant at Apollo, New Delhi and organizing chairman of the conference said it was a matter of great pleasure for him to be at AMU for the first time. He expressed happiness on the organization of the International Conference on Diabetes with the collaboration of a corporate hospital like Apollo.

Earlier, Prof. Jamal Ahmad, Director of the Centre expressed satisfaction that he could be able to translate his dream into reality by establishing this centre. He rendered deep sense of gratitude to his teacher and mentor, Dr. R. J. Dash, former Chairman at PGI Chandigarh who gave him inspiration to conceive the idea of this project.

Prof, M. H. Beg, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, AMU hoped this conference would provide an opportunity to have discussion on recent developments in the field of metabolic disorders.

Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and CMS, JN Medical College congratulated the organizing committee for holding an International Conference in collaboration with Apollo Centre for Obesity, Diabetes and Endocrinology and hoped that the delegates would enjoy the scientific deliberations.

Prof. Iqbal Pervez, highlighting the activities of the Centre, said that the centre was established with merely a seven crore grant sanctioned by the MHRD. He hoped that soon the Centre will develop into a full-fledged state-of-the-art research centre where all kinds of diagnostic and therapeutic facilities will be available under one roof.

He said that more than 55 prominent diabetes experts and endocrinologists including Dr. SM Sadikot, Dr. Warren Lee (Singapore), Dr. Maria Ritta Taskinen (Helsinki, Finland), Dr. Med Gerald Klose (Bremen, Germany), Dr. Paul O’Hare (UK), Dr. Sarita Bajaj, AIIMS, New Delhi, Dr. AH Zargar, (Srinagar), Dr. Sushil Jindal (Bhopal) and Dr. Sanjay Bhadana (PGI Chandigarh) will deliver lecture in the conference.

On this occasion, senior teachers and internationally renowned Endocrinologists, Prof. RJ Dash and Prof. JK Agrawal were felicitated for their significant contribution in developing research in Endocrinology in India.

Dr. Akanksha conducted the programme.



Extension lecture on Budget

Noted expert on public finance and former Director of Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi, Prof. Pulin B. Nayak said that education and health care are the challenging areas where union Government has failed to provide basic facilities to its citizens in the Union Budget 2013-14. He was delivering an extension lecture on “Union Budget 2013-14 and Development Prospects for the Indian Economy” organized by the Interdisciplinary Centre of Development Studies (ICDS) at the Aligarh Muslim University.

Prof. Nayak said that public expenditure on health in this country was one of the lowest in the world i.e. 1.3 percent of the GDP and forty percent children of 0-5 years were suffering from malnutrition.

He said that the Union budget had no serious commitment for education and the expansion of private universities was not serving the cause of education. He said that the development process was going the wrong way and Mr. Chidambaram had tried to put up the things in a hurried way.

Prof. Nayak said that no serious efforts were made to provide relief to poor farmers in general. He observed that the budget is not a populist budget though the elections are round the corner. He however termed it as sober and a well-thought budget.

Underlining the background of India’s economic growth, Prof. Nayak said that the growth rate picked up in 1980s and reached its peak during 2004-06. Later, India’s growth rate was also affected by global economic crisis in 2007-08.

Earlier, Prof. Abdul Wahab, Chairman, Department of Economics welcomed the guest speaker. He said that the ICDS was established to conduct surveys and researches on socio-economic conditions of Muslims of India.

Prof. Shabahat Husain, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences presided over the extension lecture.

International Women’s Day

The Ladies’ Club, Aligarh Muslim University organized a get together to celebrate the International Women’s Day. The Vice Chancellor, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah released a tri-lingual multi-cultural Magazine of the Club. Addressing the members, he appreciated the efforts of the Club in its contribution to the society. Quoting Tennyson, he stressed on the need for adopting discipline and punctuality in life. He also tried to relate it with success. He assured cooperation in the noble activities of the Club. The Vice Chancellor urged the women to come forward for community development.

AMU Vice Chancellor’s wife and Patron of the Club, Mrs. Sabiha Simi Shah thanked him for sparing time for the Club and congratulated the members on the release of the Magazine. She urged them to uphold the spirit of the Women’s Day.



The President of the Club Mrs. Jamila Majid Siddiqui welcomed the guests and presented an account of the Club and its activities. She said that the Club came into existence about 40 years ago with six members while today it has 95 members. She said the Club also managed the Ismat Literacy and Handicraft Center, which is a charitable school for poor girls run by the volunteers of the Club.

Literary Secretary and Editor of the Magazine Ms. Sabiha Naz Lari highlighted the vision and mission behind publishing a magazine. She said that the cover design of the Magazine was inspired by Virginia Woolf’s book titled ‘A Room of One’s Own’, which encourages creativity in women. She said that the magazine aimed at carving a space for women to express themselves in good literary taste. She thanked her editorial team comprising Professor Najma Mahmood, Dr. Seemin Hasan, Ms. Asif Izhar Ali, Ms. Samina Khan, Ms. Rashda Shamshad and Dr. Faiza Abbasi for their cooperation in timely publication of the Magazine.

Dr. Samina Khan, Cultural Secretary presented the annual report of the Club. She said that the club organized several programmes during the year.

Eminent women writers and guests including Dr. Anjuman Ara, Ms. Shahnaz Kanwal, Dr. Seema Sagheer, Dr. Zoya Zaidi, Dr. Samina Khan and Dr. Samin Rafeeq were also present on the occasion. Joint Secretary and Assistant Editor, Dr. Faiza Abbasi conducted the programme.

National Conference on Nanotechnology

The Department of Applied Physics of Zakir Husain College of Engineering & Technology, Aligarh Muslim University organised the third successive annual National Conference of the series titled “Aligarh Nano-III’ in the cutting edge area of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology. The ‘Aligarh Nano III’ was supported by the DST (PURSE)/UGC-DRS (SAP-I)/CST (UP)/DST programmes granted to the Department.

Presenting the keynote address, Prof. Seyed E. Hasnain, Director, Kusuma School of Biological Sciences, IIT Delhi, outlined the essence and scope of Nanotechnology particularly in the area of medicine, genetics and biology beautifully. He said that the ‘Nanotechnology would immortalise man by 2040’

AMU Vice Chancellor, Lt. Gen (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, while delivering presidential address, pointed out that we should not and cannot afford to miss the Nanotechnology revolution as we had missed the Industrial revolution. He said that he would lend full support to Nanotechnology programme at AMU and would like to see it grow by leaps and bounds.



The guests of honour, Prof. R.K. Kotnala, NPL, New Delhi and Prof. Mushahid Hussain, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, in their remarks, congratulated the organising committee for holding the third conference of the series in succession.

Dr. Shakeel Khan, Co-Convener of the conference, said that 15 invited talks were delivered in the two-day conference by the experts belonging to the high profile universities and institutes such as IIT Kanpur, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, CEERI Pilani, BITS Pilani, SINP Kolkatta, BBA University Lucknow, Delhi University, NPL New Delhi, IIC Hyderabad and HP University Shimla.

Dr. M. Mohsin Khan, AMU and Dr. Indranil Das from Orsay, France delivered lecture on “AMU’s participation at LHC, CERN” and “Discovery of QGP” respectively.

The conference also included poster and oral presentations in which the budding researchers were provided opportunity to present their work. The best oral presentation award was bagged by Miss AnamAkhtar of the Department of Biotechnology, University of Sheffield (UK) and three Best Poster awards were won by Mr. P. Magesan of Department of Chemistry, Anna University, Mr. Irshad Bhat of Applied Physics Department, AMU and Miss Shabistana Nisar of Department of Plant Protection, AMU respectively.

Dr. Shakeel Khan, Chairman, Department of Applied Physics informed that Nanoformulations (Nano-insecticides and fungicides) were being developed in the Centre for Nanomaterials, AMU. The preliminary data of these Nanoformulations had revealed that they had future potential applications in intensive agriculture farming and might replace or minimize the use of the synthetic/chemical pesticides.

Dr. M. Mohsin Khan and Dr. M. Wasi Khan, Organizing Secretaries, worked hard to make the conference a grand success.

David Lelyveld Visits Aligarh

Professor David Lelyveld, formerly of the William Paterson University, New Jersey, USA, the well-known author of “Aligarh’s First Generation”, delivered this year’s Professor M. Athar Ali Memorial lecture on “Current Approach to Indian History in US Academe” under the auspices of the Aligarh Historians society at the faculty of Social Sciences, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

He dwelt in his lecture on the state of studies on Indian History in US Academic. Professor Lelyveld pointed out that before World War II; Indian studies were pursued only sporadically in the US. As after World War II American political interests expanded much funding from the state and private foundations was provided to US Universities to develop South Asian and Indian studies. He said that there were important writings produced in the period until their quality and motives came under question after Edward Said’s work “Orientalism” in 1979. Now as with R. Indens’ work on “Imagining India”, studies tended to be concentrated on the nature of



previous studies on Indian history. Since 1990's the ranks of US historians on India have been filled by Indian émigrés, and this has much changed the nature of US historical writing on South Asia.

Professor Irfan Habib and Professor Shireen Moosvi, President and Secretary of the Aligarh Historians Society also spoke at the function.

New Study Centres of Distance Education Centre

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University has approved the establishment of two Study Centres of the Distance Education Centre of AMU.

The Vice Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Director, Centre for Distance Education and on the basis of inspection report by the visiting team (UP), approved the establishment of these centres at the X-C-Lent Campus, Hartinder Nagar, Kanpur and Markazutharbivathil Islamiyya, Karthala, Malappuram (Kerala).

The Director of the Centre, Dr. Nafees A. Ansari said that the above approval is without any financial commitment on the part of the University. He further clarified that the study centres have to abide by the rules and regulations of the Centre. He said that the Distance Education Centres' auxiliary bodies are playing important role in spreading the educational benefits to the marginalized section of the society. He said that with this, 33 centres have been established in 12 states so far while about 130 requests for establishing such centres in the remaining states are pending final report of the visiting team.

Dr. Ansari said that in order to maintain the standard of teaching, approval to the new centres is given after a minute inspection of infrastructure and other essential criteria of the applicant institutions as per the norms of the University.

Dr. Ansari said that the examination of various courses of the Centre have been brought to schedule and the centre is committed to conduct the 2012-13 in time and as per the schedule.

The Centre for Distance Education has recently conducted several training programmes for the non-teaching staff of the University and students. He said that the centre is organizing a Workshop for teachers and resource persons who are involved in creating lesson plans and preparing study material for various courses.

Best Paper Award

Ayesha Khan, Research Scholar of Aligarh Muslim University got best research paper presentation Award. A combined paper entitled "A Study of Self Efficacy and Emotional Intelligence on Adjustment of Adolescents" by research scholar Ayesha Khan, Dr Shah Alam, associate professor, and research scholar Mehruunisha Khatoon, Department of Psychology A.M.U. Aligarh has been adjudged 'Best paper presentation Award in 7th international conference organized by Society of Management and Behavioral Science held at Noida. More than 70 participants from all over the world participated and presented their papers in the conference.

Inter-Hostel Basketball Championship

The B-Block of Ross Masood Hall, a residential hall of the Aligarh Muslim University, won the finals of Inter-hostel Basketball Championship played at the Ross Masood Hall. The B-Block defeated A-Block 17-11 on the Basketball Court of Sir Ross Masood Hall.

The Captain of B-Block was Shahbaz Khan and of A Block was Sharique Naseem. Mohammad Muneebul Haque (8 baskets) was awarded the Man of the Match award.

The Hall basketball team captain, Mr. Lokesh Kumar acted as the referee along with Mr. Md. Asad. Hall Provost, Dr. SM Jawed Akhter and wardens, Mr. Ahmed Ashfaq and Dr. Imtiyaz Ahmed Khan, Senior Hall, Mr. Ariz Zubair, Editor Hall Magazine, Mr. Ahmed Osama Jafri and a large number of spectators enjoyed the match.

AMU Faculty Delivers Lecture

Dr Tariq Islam, Department of Philosophy, Aligarh Muslim University has been invited to deliver a lecture on the different approaches and methodologies to Philosophy to be held at a workshop at the Panjab University for teachers. The two-day "Philosophy Teacher's Meet (North-West Zone)" is being sponsored by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi.

The objective of the workshop is to focus on the methods and different approaches that could enhance philosophical deliberations. The workshop will attempt to strengthen the foundations of the discipline of philosophy, which would prepare teachers to bring out the relevance of philosophy taught and imparted to the

students at graduate and postgraduate levels. The teachers of philosophy have been invited to the workshop to ponder over different workings and methodologies to enhance and establish relevance of philosophy.

Dr. Tariq Islam will also deliver a lecture and interact with the invited teachers of Philosophy from the North and West Zone.

Job Fair organized

The Training and Placement Office (General), Aligarh Muslim University organized a Job Fair for the general students of the university.

The job fair was organized with the objective to provide the University students with employment opportunity with reputed national and multinational companies at a single platform. It was also aimed at developing an interface between the corporate world and the AMU.

Ten companies from Delhi and NCR participated in the job Fair and interviewed the students from different courses, especially non technical courses who displayed a great amount of enthusiasm towards the fair. A large number of students gathered at the venue and participated in the scrutiny and selection processes. The visiting companies conducted a written test, Group Discussions and interviews of the candidates of undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The Pro-Vice Chancellor, Brig. (Retd.) S. Ahmad Ali welcomed the companies and highlighted the cultural background of the University. He also elaborated on the academic dexterity and interpersonal skills of the university students. He presented mementos to representatives of the various companies. Dr. Imran Saleem, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce spoke about the relevance of university-industry partnership.

M. Saad Hameed, Training and Placement Officer (General), while conducting the inaugural programme, emphasized the importance of such events and termed it a beginning. He said that more events will be organized to ensure large number of placements of AMU students and strengthen the corporate-University relationship. Mr. Hameed said that a mega job fair will be organized very soon in the university. He said that a total of 120 students were selected in the Job Fair, giving a tremendous boost to the placement of non technical graduates of the University.

Symposium on Sir Syed's view of residential life

Sir Syed Awareness Forum (SAF) organized a Symposium on 'Sir Syed's View of Residential Life of University' cum Certificate Distribution Ceremony.

Speaking at the function, Brigadier (Rtd.) Syed Ahmad Ali, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, AMU said that it is through values a man can built his character and can distinguish between good and bad. Since 70's & 80s the erosion of values started and it is continued till date. He said that the whole life of Sir Syed was an example of 'values. In his whole life time he nurtured and preserved the human values and his life is a living example of this.

Brig Ali said that the charter of objectives on which the Forum is working is very important from the view of preserving the composite culture of our country. He said that the spirit of tolerance will strengthen the social fabric of India and Sir Syed was an ardent advocate of this philosophy.

Expressing his happiness about the activities of forum, Brig Ali said that he is happy to know that the forum is entering tenth year of its formation and through out it has tried to create awareness about the vision and mission of Sir Syed. He asked the members of the forum to revive the age old traditions of A.M.U. by wearing Sherwani and learning the 'Tarana' by heart. He also expressed his happiness that AMU has got 9th rank among Indian higher educational institutes by the prestigious Times Magazine, UK and called upon the Aligarians to work hard and put AMU on first rank.

Delivering the keynote address Prof. Saud Alam Qasmi, Dean Faculty of Theology, AMU & Member AIMPLB said that in India, there are two Taj Mahals, one is there at Agra & the other being at Aligarh, the former was built by Shahjahan in Memory of his beloved life and later was built by Sir Syed to eradicate the



educational backwardness of the community, one is the symbol of past & the other one is the insignia of our future.

Prof. Qasmi said that the students should know that how they have to talk and behave. Their conduct should be adorable. He urged the members of the forum that the motto of their lives should be 'Qurbani' (Sacrifice) and not the 'Biryani' (luxuries). At the same time he requested the Pro-Vice Chancellor to take concrete steps in ensuring that the forum is allowed to conduct similar programs in various halls of residences, so that the students can be made aware about Sir Syed's teachings.

President of the Forum, Dr. Shakeel Samdani said that it has been 10 years, when the Forum was established and since then it is creating new Milestones one after another, the credit of organizing a program on the life of Sir Syed for the very first time at Aligarh exhibition also goes to the forum. He said that Sir Syed always gave preference to 'Tahzeeb' over taleem (education), he said that without education a person can survive but without culture nothing will be left. Dr. Samdani said that the forum is fully committed to its charter of objectives and will leave no stone unturned in accomplishing them.

He appreciated the efforts of the Pro-Vice Chancellor in ensuring transparency in the university's administrative matters.

Dr. Samdani added that the forum will always stand behind the University administration for the cause of University in Particular and 'Millat' in general.

Prof. Asmar Beg, Director, Residential Coaching Academy, AMU said that we should try to promote our culture and should preserve it, as through this only our uniqueness can be maintained. He also emphasized on adding 'values' to our culture.

Delivering the presidential address Prof. Zakia Siddiqui, Former Principal, Women's College, AMU said that it is a Matter of great satisfaction that the Forum under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Shakeel Samdani has organized such a wonderful program. She congratulated Dr. Samdani for organizing program on the life of Sir Syed for the first time in the history of Aligarh exhibition. She prayed to the Almighty for the success of Dr. Samdani's noble endeavours and requested every body to support him in carrying out the mission of Sir Syed. She also urged Dr. Samdani that the forum should distribute some booklets containing information on Sir Syed, Sheikh Abdullah and Begum Sultan Jahan, the First Chancellor of AMU to the Students when they take their admissions from the next session which was duly endorsed by Dr. Samdani.

Dr. Javed Akhtar, Director Finance, ACN Group of Institutions said that he will bear all the expenses in the Publication of the booklets proposed by Prof. Zakia, provided the Forum should take up this task. He also congratulated Dr. Shakeel Samdani for having organized such a successful program.

IP Singh 'Josh', Additional District Judge, Aligarh, Prof. Zakaria Siddiqui, Former Dean, F/o Law, AMU, Prof. NAK Durrani, Ex- Media Advisor, AMU, Prof. Humayun Murad, Ex-Proctor & Controller, AMU, Dr. Abdur Raheem K, Chairman, Department of Museology, AMU distributed the certificate to the participants.

Earlier, welcoming the guests, Secretary of the Forum, Mansoor Ilah said that the seed sown by Dr. Shakeel Samdani way back in 2004 has now become a fruitful tree and the promises that he and his team made will strive for nothing less than best for the accomplishment of the charter of objectives of the forum and assured the Pro-Vice Chancellor that the forum will always be supporting the University Administration for the cause of community.

Programme Incharge Dr. Jarrar Rizvi Proposed the vote of thanks. Sara Samdani and Sumaiya recited hamd & naat respectively. The program was alternatively conducted by Fawaz Shaheen, Anam Rais, Zubeda, Nazish Fatima, Gulnaz, Sameera Khan.

Amir Khusro remembered

Bazm-e-Aftab, a student body of literary and cultural activities of Aftab Hall, Aligarh Muslim University organized a literary evening "Adab Ki Ek Sham, Hazrat Amir Khusro Ke Naam". Dr. Razi Amrohvi was the Chief guest of the programme. Mr. Shah Alam Amrohvi, an eminent poet inaugurated the poetic evening.

Dr. Zoheb Hasan of Delhi University highlighted the literary and cultural contributions of Amir Khusro. He congratulated the organizers of the event and emphasized the need for conducting such programmes on a regular basis.

Guest of Honour, Dr. Tamkeen Hussain said that the Urdu language and literature and the Aligarh Muslim University shared a glorious past. He said that it was our responsibility to preserve the glory of the language. Special Guest Dr. Rafiuddin said that the language was a symbol of our vernacular teaching.

In his presidential remarks, AMU Students' Union President, Mr. Shahzad Alam said that the tradition of Mushaira held a high place in Urdu poetry and Urdu language has always been considered a very sweet and

acceptable to all. He appealed to the Vice Chancellor to take measures for the promotion of this language in the University. He also emphasized the need to introduce Urdu in every course at undergraduate level.

Mohd. Nasiruddin “Saifi”, Amir Mahmood “Kamli”, Afzal Sidharthnagri, Hamid Iqbal Kalkatvi and others extended cooperation in making the programme a success.

Sadat Suhail conducted the Mushaira and Imtiyaz Ahmad proposed the vote of thanks.

Call for Correcting Misconceptions

“Muslims should use the various medium of arts and literature for correcting misconceptions regarding the community, which are often created by their distorted portrayal in films and other mass media”, said the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah while delivering presidential address at the annual function of the Raleigh Literary Society, Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University.

General Shah urged the students to participate in literary activities and use the literature to bridge the gap between different communities and classes in society. He said that he was working on a major plan to give boost to literary and cultural activities in the realm of the University and provide adequate infrastructure for maximum participation of students in these activities. He said there was no reason that world-class litterateurs could not be produced in the University.

Earlier, Dr. Samina Khan, the Teacher In-Charge of the Society welcomed the guests. Presenting an introduction to the Society, the President of the Society, Prof. Asif Shuja said that the Raleigh Literary Society was the oldest literary society in Aligarh Muslim University.

Shehnoor Shan, Secretary presented the annual report. Riad Azam presented a self-composed poem while Sumaiya Naaz presented the enactment of a scene from “Merchant of Venice”.

The Raleigh Literary Society organized several literary competitions to mark its annual function. The Vice Chancellor gave away prizes to the winners of various literary and cultural events held on this occasion including Essay Writing Competition, Creative Writing Competition, Panel Discussion, Literary Quiz, Extempore and Enactment of Shakespeare. Prof. S.N. Zeba, Coordinator of Raleigh Literary Society was present on the occasion.

Dr. Akbar Joseph A. Syed, Teacher In-Charge proposed the vote of thanks.

AMU Faculty Gets Bio-Science Award

Dr. Asad Ullah Khan, Associate Professor and Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded with the prestigious “National Bioscience Award for Career Development” by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India for the year 2012.

The award carries a cash prize of Rupees One Lakh and a trophy along with a citation and a project research grant of Rupees Nine Lakh. The award is given to recognize outstanding contributions of young scientists below 45 years of age in basic and applied research. The award is considered equivalent to the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize given by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research of India.

Dr. Khan has been given this award for his contribution to understand the major problem of Drug resistance in infectious diseases. He has discovered several molecules which could be used as future medicine. Dr. Khan has received several awards earlier like Alembic award, DBT-CREST award, AMI-Young Scientist award etc. Recently he has been invited as a Member of French Public Scientific Organization CNRS and INSERM to Review International Research Grants. He has visited different states in USA, Italy, France and UK as visiting Research Fellow and invited speaker. He has published over 100 research articles in the Journals of International repute along with two books in his field.



AMU Student Gets 2nd Rank in GATE

Amit Chawla, a student of Department of Electronics, Aligarh Muslim University has secured second rank in the prestigious GATE-2013.

Professor M. Salim Beg, Chairman, Department of Electronics Engineering said that two final year students of the department have brought laurels to the University by securing ranks in GATE. He said that Amit Chauhan has succeeded in securing second position in All India Ranking while Hamidah Sultan has secured 48th position in the national level examination.

Prof. Beg said that the success is impressive in view of the fact that nearly 10 lakh candidates appeared in the exam. He said that several students of the department have recorded success in the prestigious examination.

Prof. Beg said that the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) is an all India examination that tests the comprehensive understanding of various undergraduate subjects in Engineering and Technology. GATE is conducted jointly by the Indian Institute of Science and seven IITs (IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Guwahati, IIT Kanpur, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Madras and IIT Roorkee) on behalf of the National Coordination Board, GATE, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India. The GATE results are used for admissions to various post-graduate programmes as well as by Public sector units for employment screening purposes.

UPSC Chairman Visits AMU

Prof. D. P. Agrawal, Chairman, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) said that the world class universities have launched a massive programme to resolve the needs of society. He urged the University authorities to adopt a new approach for preparing students to render service to the society.

Prof. Agrawal, an alumnus of the Aligarh Muslim University was delivering the keynote address at the two-day national seminar on “Need and Quality of Education of Muslims in India” organized by Centre for Promotion of Educational and Cultural Advancement of Muslims of India (CEPECAMI)”.

He pointed out that most of the Indian Muslims lived in cities and most of them traditionally belonged to skilled community. He urged the government to design high level skill programmes so that the agrarian society becomes an industrious society. He said that no society could grow without vocational education.

Prof. Agrawal said that we are living in a global environment and our standard will be judged by our performances. He urged the University students to appear in the civil service examination in a large number. He appreciated the efforts of Hamdard Study Circle for preparing students for competitive examinations. He also urged the University to encourage students to appear in the civil service exams and provide them all necessary facilities.

Prof. Agrawal said that the Aligarh Muslim University is considered one of the most prestigious institutions in the country. He said it should channelize the services of its alumni and invite them as role model for the present students. He said that AMU should also adopt new model of education and identify new areas to cater better employment options to the lower and middle class communities.

In his presidential remarks, AMU Vice Chancellor, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah said that the security of the country is our responsibility. He said that the University was trying to provide quality education. He said that two students have been selected in NDA and hope more students will join the security services in future.

Gen. Shah said that some students are demanding concession in class attendance. They are not serious to their studies and wasting their time and money. He said that the University would remove such elements.

Welcoming the delegates, Prof. Shamim A. Ansari, Director, CEPECAMI, said that in view of its historical role, the AMU Act of 1981 empowered the University to promote the educational and cultural advancement of Muslims of India. He said no other University has been given this kind of power. He said that education plays a pivotal role in developing and shaping personality of the students, as well as improving quality of life by preparing them for the competitive world of professionalism.

Dr. Fazal Mahmood proposed the vote of thanks.



National Seminar on ‘Scope of Emerging Technologies in Unani Medicine’

A one day National Seminar on “Scope of Emerging Technologies in Unani Medicine” was organized by Department of Ilmul Advia under the auspices of DRS Programme of UGC in Faculty of Unani Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

The Inaugural function started with recitation of verses of Holy Quran, followed by the welcome address of



the Chairman, Organizing Committee (SETUM-2013) and Coordinator DRS-I Programme Dr. Abdul Latif explored the objectives of Seminar and Welcome the guests and delegates attending the Seminar. Prof. Naeem Ahmad Khan gave a brief introduction of the Department of Ilmul Advia. It was further followed by the address of Prof. Saud Ali Khan, Principal, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College and presidential address by Prof. A.B.Khan, Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine. The event was made memorable by felicitating the Guests of the Day, giving mementos to Chief Guests and Guest of Honour.

The day was made remarkable by giving a **life time achievement award** to Padma Shree Prof. H. S. Zillur Rahman, President Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh for his contribution to Unani Medicine. The event was graced by Chief Guest: Dr. G.N.Qazi, Vice Chancellor Jamia Hamdard (Hamdard University) New Delhi who talked about the exploration of phyto-constituents qualitatively and quantitatively of a large number of Unani drugs and their importance in the New Drug Discovery, whereas the Guest of Honour: Prof. K. C. Singhal, Vice Chancellor, NIMS University, Jaipur (Rajasthan) directed the Unani Physicians to develop a deep understanding of latest technologies and follow this in the light of the basic concepts of Unani Medicine specifically the theory of Mizaj. The other Guest of Honour: *Padma Shree* Prof. (Hkm.) Syed Zillur Rahman, President Ibne Sina Academy, Aligarh appraised the occasion and said that the Seminar will provide an ideal platform for interaction and dissemination of information between different speakers. It was added by vote of thanks by Prof. S. H. Afaq, Dy. Co-ordinator, DRS-I and the function ended at the enthusiastic tone of AMU Tarana and National Anthem.

In this one day event more than a dozen invited lectures, more than 70 papers were presented in Oral and Poster Sessions by the faculty members, researchers and PG scholars of different institutes of Unani Medicine and other branches of Science. In total around 130 delegates from different cities of India attended this interesting, informative and outstanding talks and the whole day event organized in six Scientific Sessions and two Poster Session in different Halls.

Eminent speakers delivered their valuable talks on different issues related to identification, adulteration, standardization, quality control, SOPs, cultivation, preservation of Medicinal plants, experimental and clinical pharmacology, drug development etc.

The organizers envisaged a conveted theme for the Seminar and invited the best available resource person of Medical Science and cognate science so as to discuss the issues related to emerging technologies and their application in Unani Medicine as: Prof. K.K.Sharma (D/o Pharmacology, Sharda University), Prof. M. Z. Abdin (F/o Science, Jamia Hamdard), Prof. Mansoor A. Siddiqui (D/o Botany), Dr. S. Z. Rahman (D/o Pharmacology), Prof. Naeem Ahmad Khan (D/o Ilmul Advia) Dr. Asad Ullah Khan (Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit), Prof. Syed Alim Husain Naqvi (D/o Applied Physics), Dr. Sayyada Khatoon (Pharmacognosy Division, NBRI, Lucknow), Dr. V.K. Singh (D/o AYUSH, New Delhi), Dr. Yasir Hasan Siddiqui (Section of Genetics, D/o Zoology), Dr. M. Masroor Akhtar Khan (D/o Botany), Dr. M. Shamim Khan (D/o Geology).

The Seminar ended with a Valedictory Session conducted by Prof. K. M. Y. Amin and expert opinion of Prof. K. K. Sharma, Prof. M. A. Jafri, Prof. M. Z. Abdin, Dr. Abdul Latif, Prof. S. H. Afaq, Prof. N. A. Khan and Dr. Ghufuran Ahmad who through light on all the deliberation collectively and about the application of emerging technologies in Unani Medicine. It was said that it was one of the rare opportunities to attend very interesting, informative and outstanding talks in all programme. Most of the lectures were very lucid and elaborate and portrayed the existing state of affairs in respect of the new technologies and given an insight in to the judicious use of emerging technologies in the field of Unani medicine. Some of the new technologies entails

enormous degree of technical complexities therefore we should use them cautiously but most of the emerging technologies can be used without any hesitation to improve the quality of drugs.

Vice-Chancellor's Letter

PARENTAL ADVICE

My dear Students,

1. Assalamualaikum. I must write to you all because of some disturbing developments on the campus. As your guardian it is my duty to guard your interests but also correct you when you go wrong.
2. I have had two aims in mind:-
 - (a) To ensure unhindered academic activity so that my students are equipped for a bright future. I will not order closure of AMU unless things go absolutely out of control.
 - (b) I will not permit police on the campus, unless life and property are threatened.
3. Unfortunately this resolve of mine has been tested by indiscipline of the office bearers of the Students' Union. There was an attempt to attack my car when I was leaving office on 23 March 2013.
4. **Attendance.** I had been cautioning you that I would not condone shortfall of attendance. This year I accepted 65% and exempted you from producing medical certificates which, I know, are fake in most cases. I am cautioning that from next academic year 75% physical attendance will be compulsory. The 25% attendance is to cater for medical requirements/social obligations. There will, again, be no requirement for (fake) medical certificates.
5. **Dharnas.** I have no objection to peaceful protests. Blocking of roads and locking up university gates will not be resorted to. Any students who attempt this illegal act will be punished.
6. **Behaviour in Kennedy Hall.** I have noticed that some cowards, taking advantage of the dark, shout and whistle. This behavior one observes in third rate cinema halls. AMU students belong to the best university of the country and should observe proper "Tehzeeb" and decorum in Kennedy Hall.
7. **Salutations.** When I arrived at AMU I noticed the absence of greeting of elders/seniors. It reflected very low morale and respect for teachers/elders. I myself greeted several students, first, and they gave me the excuse that they had not recognized me. I hope, by now, you can identify your Vice-Chancellor. Even if you don't respect him, remember, he is your grand father's age and is striving to do everything possible for your betterment.
8. I understand your problems of poor quality food and water, dirty toilets, over crowding in hostels and lack of internet connectivity. I assure you these problems will be corrected but will take some time. I request you to keep the so called student "Netas" in check, otherwise I will be compelled to resort to methods I don't like to use – after all you are my children and I have my duty towards you.

LT. GEN. (RETD.) ZAMEER UDDIN SHAH

Sir Syed's Death Anniversary

The Aligarh Muslim University observed the 115th 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 Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Brigadier (Retd.) S. Ahmad Ali, Registrar, Group Captain (Retd.) Shahrukh Shamshad and University Proctor, Dr. Khurshid A. Khan paid rich tributes to the founder by spreading floral chadar on his grave situated at the premises of the grand AMU Jama Masjid. Provost, Sir Syed Hall (South) Prof. Tajuddin, Provost, Sir Syed Hall (North), Prof. Mohd. Ashiq Ali, Director Sir Syed Academy Prof. Salahuddin Umri, Prof. Arif Inam, Prof. Mohibullah, Prof. Ahtisham A. Nizami, Dr. Rahat Abrar, former Finance Officer, Mr. S. Shafiq Ahmad and other University officials including students and faculty members participated in the proceedings with traditional solemnity.

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

Workshop on Process Modeling

The Department of Chemical Engineering, Aligarh Muslim University organized two-day National Workshop on Process Modeling and Simulation.

The workshop discussed the concepts and nuances of simulation of important equipments used in chemical industries. It also provided opportunity to understand the modeling and control techniques of air pollution, Nanoparticles characterization, water and energy conservation in chemical industries with reference to glass and sugar Industry.

Prof. Bikash Mohanty, IIT Roorkee, who is also associated with the education mission of Govt. of India, delivered the keynote address. The other reputed experts who delivered lectures during the workshop included Prof. VK Srivastava, former Dean, Industrial R & D, Prof. BP Mani from IIT Delhi, Prof. BV Babu, Director, Institute of Engineering and Technology, JKL University, Jaipur and Dr Vineet Kumar from IIT Roorkee.

Earlier, Prof. Sattar Husain, Chairman of the Department welcomed the guests. The Chief Guest Prof. Hamid Ali, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology highlighted the importance of the subject. Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology also graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

A large number of students and teachers from different departments attended the workshop. Dr. Akhlaque Ahmad conducted the programme while Organizing Secretary Mr. Naseem A Khan proposed the vote of thanks.

T B Awareness

On the occasion of World TB Day, the Department of Pediatrics JN Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a weeklong programme to create awareness about the growing problem of tuberculosis in children as a part of "Stop TB" campaign. Dr Sagarwal, District TB Officer, Professor S Abrar Hasan, Professor Zubair Ahmad and other senior doctors were present at the inaugural function.

A free health checkup and drug distribution camp were organized at Ward No. 17 of the JN Medical College and Maulana Azad Nagar respectively. Pamphlets and handbills were distributed and a rally was organized at Maulana Azad Nagar for the general awareness of the public.

Dr. Farzana K Beig, Incharge, ID and Pulmonology Clinic, emphasized the need to prevent spread of TB from adults to children. She urged the patients to adhere to the full course of treatment for TB. She appreciated the role of health agencies in controlling tuberculosis in adults. She, however, lamented that TB in children has been somewhat neglected and there was urgent necessity to pay attention to this as children are the future of the country.

Dr Sana, Dr Shahzad, Dr Kashif, Dr Shivam, Dr Mahfooz, Dr Raza and Dr Munaf played important role in making the event a success.

AMU Faculty Receives Award

Dr. (Mrs.) Subuhi Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University has been nominated for Hindustan Times Women Award "Woman of Substance" for her significant contribution in mathematics and for promoting Mathematics among female students.

Dr. Subuhi is the first Indian lady Mathematician to receive the prestigious research fellowship of Italian National Agency for New technologies, Energy and Environment, Italy. She is the recipient of Senior Research Fellowship, CSIR, India and Bharata Ganita Parishad Prizes. She has supervised 7 PhD and 7 M. Phil. students. She was awarded Gold Medal for securing first rank in AMU both in B. Sc. and M. Sc.

Dr. Subuhi is associated with several academic societies and journals including Mathematical Review, American Mathematical Society, USA.

AMU Boys Excel in Visually Challenged Cricket Tournament

The UP Cricket Team for Visually Challenged comprising all eleven players from the Aligarh Muslim University won the All India Visually Challenged Cricket Tournament defeating Maharashtra by 5 wickets in the finals played at Karauli, Rajasthan.

Winning the Toss, Maharashtra Cricket Team decided to bat first and scored 208 runs in twenty overs. Waqas Hussain took three wicket while Syed Ghazi and Mohd. Imran took 2 wickets each. In reply, UP Team achieved the target in 12 overs for the loss of 5 wickets. Mohd. Faisal and Vikas Kumar scored 172 runs in the opener partnership with an individual contribution of 72 and 69 runs respectively.

The other members of the team were Hussain Ahmad (Captain), Vikas Kumar (Vice Captain), Mohd. Nasir, Mohd. Imran, Syed Ghazi, Saif Khan, Haider Khan, Mohd. Wali, Mohd. Yunus, Waqas Hussain, Mohd. Faisal, Ali Akbar, Tatheer Hussain and Qadeem Siddiqui.

All the team members, along with the Secretary, Games Committee, Prof. Tariq Mansoor and Manager of the team, Mr. Mohd. Shahab Khan met the Vice Chancellor, Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah in his office and apprised him of the great achievement. Gen. Shah assured the team members that University will provide all facilities to the visually challenged students so that they excel in all fields including cricket and other sports.

Ladies' Club Extends Financial Help

The Ladies' Club, Aligarh Muslim University extended financial assistance to the families of victims of the incident that left seven children dead including five sisters and about a dozen people injured who are receiving treatment at J. N. Medical College, AMU. The incident took place when a brick carrying truck overturned and fell over roadside huts at Nagla Patwari village near AMU campus, late on Tuesday last.

The President of the Ladies' Club, Begum Jameela Majid Siddiqui met the parents of the children who were killed in the accident and expressed solidarity with their family members. She also donated a considerable amount as a financial assistance for rehabilitation of the families.

Begum Siddiqui, while talking to people on the accident site, said it was a highly disturbing and painful experience for the concerned families and nothing could make up the loss. She urged all to come forward and help the people in distress. She stressed the need to work for the upliftment of society.

Emphasis on Global Outlook

The First Prof. Najmul Hasan Memorial Extension Lecture was organized by the Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Management Studies and Research, Aligarh Muslim University at the Conference Room of Administrative Block on "Challenges and Opportunities of Managing in the New Era".

The lecture was delivered by Mr. P. Dwarakanath, Director – Group, Human Capital, Max India Ltd. Mr. Dwarakanath has a rich and varied experience of over 40 years and is on the Board of several multi-national companies. Currently, he is President, National Human Resources Development Network (NHRDN) and has won several awards, including the 'Pathfinders Award' by the NHRDN, 'HR Professional of the year' by Mid-Day, London, the 'Career Achievement Award' by GSK International, US, and the "Chairman's Award" by Max India.

In his lecture, Mr. Dwarakanath focused on the need to have a global outlook and highlighted the challenges faced by the managers in present times. He elaborated on the importance of intangible assets in modern emerging economies. He observed that Indian youth has an edge over others in terms of their caliber and talent.

Mr. Dwarakanath appreciated the rich heritage of the Aligarh Muslim University and urged AMU students to work as an ambassador of this great seat of learning. He said that the institution's rich heritage held its students in high realm wherever they went. An interactive session followed the lecture.

In his presidential remarks, AMU Vice Chancellor, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, threw light on ways to effective leadership. Prof. M. Israrul Haque, Chairman, Department of Business Administration delivered the welcome address while Prof. Valeed A. Ansari, presented a life sketch of Late Prof Najmul Hasan. Prof. Khalid Azam, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Research proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was conducted by Dr. Feza Tabassum Azmi.

Minimum Attendance to Remain 75%

The Aligarh Muslim University has clarified that the minimum attendance was 75% but the students invariably were permitted to appear in examinations with 65% attendance on production of medical certificates.

These certificates were invariably false and students had to pay money to obtain them. To obviate this practice, the Vice Chancellor, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah directed that there was no requirement to produce (fake) medical certificates and that 65% attendance was mandatory and acceptable. No reduction of attendance has therefore been made.

The University has reiterated that from next academic session, only 75% attendance would be acceptable and no medical certificate would be required to be produced.

A section of media has reported that the Vice Chancellor has reduced the mandatory percentage of attendance from 75 to 65. This is factually incorrect.

Workshop on Minorities, Multiculturalism and Law

The Aligarh Muslim University organized a two-day National Workshop on "Minorities, Multiculturalism and Law" in collaboration with Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra (RLEK), Dehradun and NALSAR University, Hyderabad.

In the opening session Justice A. K. Patnaik, Judge, Supreme Court of India highlighted the multicultural heritage of India. Justice Madan B. Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of India emphasized upon the importance of law in ensuring the rights of the underprivileged in India.

Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, Chairman, National Minorities' Commission, said that India has always been multicultural and it is the only hope for the future of our nation. Prof. Moolchand Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Central University, Haryana, said that we need a change of mindset and only changes in law are not sufficient for creating a plural and vibrant society.

The Vice Chancellor of AMU, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah said that Aligarh Muslim University was the best example of multiculturalism in India, and we are trying to preserve our glorious traditions. The Pro-Vice Chancellor, Brigadier (Retd.) S. Ahmad Ali delved upon the diversity of India and its beautiful dimensions.

In the business sessions, there were several eminent speakers. Mr. Tapan Bose, Secretary General, SAFHR, Kathmandu, explained the various facets of multiculturalism. Prof. Kancha Ilaiah, the renowned Dalit intellectual, discussed the various problems of othering and appropriating difference in Indian society. Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice Chancellor, NALSAR, discussed the role of judiciary vis a vis issues of the marginalized sections.

Prof. Mohan Gopal, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies, New Delhi spoke about the evolution of the idea of multiculturalism in India and the role of judiciary in it. Justice S. B. Sinha, former Judge, Supreme Court of India talked about inter-group differences and the ways to reconcile them. Mr. Justice Goda Raghuram, Chairman, Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal, talked about the problems in determining minority identity and the ways to resolve it.

There were some speakers from AMU also including Dr. Asim Siddiqui, Dr. Aftab Alam, Dr. Sajidul Islam, Dr. Akbar Syed and Dr. Abdul Waheed. Prof. Asmer Beg was the Coordinator of the Workshop.



‘An Incredible Story’

We often see differently abled people, but how often do we stop to give a second thought to their lifestyles, their day –to- day routine, their means of enjoyment, their behavior with others, and so on. We simply show sympathy towards them. Does anyone of us think that they are much better than us? I suppose no. This is what a visually challenged student Mohd. Nasir proves.

Born and brought up in Saharanpur (U.P., India), Nasir got enrolled in Ahmadi School for the Blind in Aligarh Muslim University. Ahmadi School served as a platform from



where he started his journey of achievements and is still on the path of conquering in life.

He worked hard and not only got good grades in his classes but took active participation in all the co-curricular activities like Braille reading, debates, cricket tournaments, skating, etc. He served as the captain of cricket team of the blind for Aligarh Muslim University, won Man of the Match trophies.



Besides, he is a lover of music, a poet, a person who loves singing, dancing, skating, travelling all around the country, a cricket blaster, an optimistic person with a good sense of humor who leads his life like any other normal person around him. He is a jolly man who loves to help others and makes them happy. Nasir did his graduation (English), his Masters (History) and is pursuing B.Ed from AMU. Soon he will be a teacher. He is full of potential, a source of inspiration for our coming generations and the best thing is that he himself will teach students how to face the difficult situations in life and still move on.

To follow the footsteps of Nasir is not an easy task especially when you cannot see. But, Nasir is never complaining nor regretting about his blindness. He never thinks his blindness to be his weakness.

(Insha Tabish)



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Ph.D.

S. No.	Candidate	Supervisor	Topic of Research	Department
Faculty of Social Sciences				
1.	Mr. Musheer Ahmad Khan	Dr. Sudharma Haridasan	“IPR in India and USA: its Impact on Library Services.”	Library & Information Science
2.	Mr. Hilal Ahmad Malla	Dr. Mehtab Alam Ansari	“Usage and Effectiveness of different Software Packages in the Libraries of Kashmir University, IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur: A Comparative Study”	Library & Information Science
3.	Ms. Shirin Rais	Prof. Abdul Wahab	“Economic Reforms and its Impact on External Sector in India”	Economics
4.	Ms. Alifa Aisha Rahmat	Dr. Nafeesa Ahmad Ansari	“Public Policy in India: Role of Bureaucracy”	Political Science
5.	Ms. Anjali Rani	Dr. Anisa M. Durrani	“A Study of Nutritional Status and Other related Maternal Factors on Pregnancy Outcome”	Home Science
6.	Mr. Md. Izhar Alam	Prof. Ashok Mittal	“An Analysis of Capital Inflow into India since 1991”	Economics
7.	Ms. Shagufta Parveen	Dr. Preeti Sayeed	“Philosophy and Feminism: A Renegotiation with Special Reference to Luce Lrigaray and Julia Kristeva.”	Philosophy
8.	Ms. Kainat Rizvi	Dr. Shah Alam	“Influence of Occupational Stress and Human Resource Practices on Organizational Commitment and Psychological Well-Being.”	Philosophy
9.	Ms. Farhat Parveen	Dr. Mohd. Parwez	“Poverty and Health in Colonial India (1808-1914)”	History
10.	Ms. Hameeda Shaheen	Dr. (Mrs.) Musaddiq Jahan	“Role of Stress, Optimism and Social Support in Suicidal Ideation among Adolescents”	Psychology
Faculty of Science				
1.	Mr. Waseem Ahmad	Dr. Jawaid Iqbal	“Studies on Photochemistry of Photosensitizing Drugs”	Chemistry
2.	Mr. Waddhaah Mohammed	Prof. Sartaj Tabassum	“Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Metal Complexes and their Interaction with Therapeutic Biotargets”	Chemistry
3.	Mr. Prashant Kumar	Prof. Zafar Ahmad Siddiqui	“Synthesis, Spectroscopic Characterization and Biological Studies Of Mixed Ligand Complexes of Metal Ions”	Chemistry
Faculty of Arts				
1.	Ms. Someya Khatoon	Dr. Usman Ghani	“A Critical Edition of the Diwan-e-Gazaliyat of Ali Naqi Kumrah with Introduction and Notes.”	Persian
2.	Mr. Kapil Kumar	Prof. P. K. Saxena	“Harisankar Parsai Ka Vyangya Sahitya: Samajik - Rajneetik Sandarabh.”	Hindi
3.	Mr. Md. Shariq	Prof. A. R. Fatihi	“A Socio-Historical study of Technical Terms Used in Brass Industry of Moradabad.”	Linguistics

4.	Ms. Shamim Fatima	Dr. Samina A. A. Surti	“A Comparative Study of the Application of Theta Theory in Urdu and English Languages”.	Linguistics
5.	Ms. Deepti Kumari	Prof. S. P. Sharma	“Critical Study of the Prepositions and Particales used in the Rupakas of the Great Poet Bhavabhuti”	Sanskrit
6.	Mr. Md. Sahidul Islam	Dr. M. Asim Siddiqui	“Representation of Political Islam in Recent Fiction with Particular Reference to John Updike’s <i>Terrorist</i> , Pamuk’s <i>Snow</i> , Hanif Kureishi’s <i>The Black Album</i> and Khaled Hosseini’s <i>the Kite Runner</i> ”	English
7.	Ms. Ruchika Singh	Prof. S. N. Zeba	“Treatment of Christianity and Paganism, Myth and Folklore in the Plays of John Millington Synge”	English
8.	Ms. Fauzia Khanam	Dr. Mohd. Ali Jauhar	“Maulana Abdul Majid Dariyabadi Ki Adabi Khidmat”	Urdu
9.	Mr. Mokarram Ali	Prof. Maria Bilquis	“Contribution of the Aligarh Muslim University Towards the Development of Persian Literature after Independence (From 1950 AD to 2000 AD)”	Persian

Faculty of Agricultural Science

1.	Mr. Khan Tufail Ahmad	Prof. Shamim Ahmad	“Food Supply Chain Management for Backward Linkages Policy Implication and Legal Framework in India”.	Agriculture Economics & Business Management
2.	Mr. Shujauddin Khan	Dr. Saghir Ahmad Ansari	“India’s Trade Relations with China since 1995; Problems and Prospects”	Agriculture Economics & Business Management

Faculty of Engg. & Technology

1.	Ms. Uzma Aisha	Prof. Mohd. Mobin	“Kinetics of Degradation of Pesticides in Organized Media”	Applied Chemistry
2.	Mr. Ayazul Hasan	Dr. (Mrs.) Alveera Mehdi	“Some Characterizations of QTAG-Modules”.	Applied Chemistry
3.	Mr. Aboutaleb Ghadami Jadval Ghadam	Prof. Mohammad Idrees	Synthesis of Ordinary Composites and Nanocomposites of Nylon-66 and their Physical, Mechanical and Rheological Characterization”	Chemical Engineering

Faculty of Life Sciences

1.	Ms. Shalini Singh	Prof. Mukhtar A. Khan	“Attachment of Biomolecules on Porous Silicon for Biosensor Application”	Zoology
2.	Mr. Mohammad Ilyas	Dr. (Mrs.) Hina Parwez	“Ecological Studies on Soil Insects of some selected sites of Aligarh”.	Zoology

Faculty of Management Studies & Research

1.	Mr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta	Mr. Asif Ali Syed	“Evaluation of Training of Electrical Section Employees of India railways”	Business Administration
2.	Mr. Shahid Mushtaq	Dr. (Mrs.) Feza Tabassum Azmi	“Role of Internal and External Agents in Management of Human Resources: An Empirical Study of Selected Companies in India”	Business Administration



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M. Phil.

S. No.	Candidate	Supervisor	Topic of Research	Department
Faculty of Life Sciences				
1.	Ms. Fiza Khan	Dr. Khowaja Jamal	“Comparative assessment of some conventionally used insecticides and Bio-pesticides on Postembryonic Development of some Agriculturally Important insect Pests”	Zoology
2.	Mr. Prince Tarique	Dr. Shahid Bin Zeya	“Systematic Studies on the Genera of Indian Mymaridac (Hymenoptera: Chalcidoidea)”	Zoology
3.	Mr. Rashid Saleem	Dr. Riaz Ahmad	“Effect of Ultrasonication on Polypeptid Profiles of Skeletal Muscle Proteins of Gallus gallus”	Zoology
4.	Ms. Syeda Uzma Usman	Dr. Shahid Bin Zeya	“Taronomic Studies on Some Genera of Indian Encyrtidae (Hymenoptera: Chalcidoidea), Parasitods of Mealybugs (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)”	Zoology

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