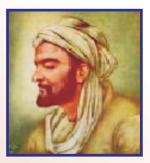
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# Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine & Sciences Aligarh, India



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#### EVENTS AT IBN SINA ACADEMY (October – December 2023)

#### **Remembering Prof. Athar Husain Siddiqi**

It is with profound sadness and heavy heart that we announce the passing away of Prof. Athar Husain Siddiqi, a distinguished academic and Vice President of Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences. He departed from this world on November 8th in Delhi, leaving a void that will be hard to fill.

Prof. Athar Husain Siddiqi was a luminary in the field of Zoology, having served as the Professor and Chairman of the Department of Zoology and as the Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences. His contributions to the field were vast and invaluable, inspiring countless students and colleagues with his knowledge, wisdom, and dedication to the pursuit of science and society.

In addition to his remarkable professional achievements, Prof. Siddiqi was a multifaceted individual with a passion for science and literature. He authored many books in both English and Urdu. His autobiography in Urdu, titled "Main Kya Meri Hayat Kya," which was published by Alfaz Educational Book House in Aligarh in 2003. His words, no doubt, offered a unique insight into his life's journey. As we bid farewell to a distinguished educator, a prolific writer, and a cherished member of Aligarh fraternity, we remember his contributions and the indelible mark he left on our hearts. We join together in offering our deepest condolences to his grieving family particularly his wife Prof. Zakia Siddigi (who has recently been elected as General Secretary of Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences), daughter Taab Siddiqi and son Sohail Siddiqi during this time of immeasurable grief. His wisdom and kindness will be missed, but his legacy will continue and live on in the hearts and minds of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The Academy has lost a sincere, dedicated and well-wisher, said, Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur

Rahman (President and Founder of Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences) May Allah reward him with the highest place in Jannah.

#### **Remembering Dr. Rashid Bhikha**

Ibn Sina Academy mourns the sad demise of Prof. Rashid Ahmed Hassen Bhikha (popularly known as Dr. Rashid Bhikha), former EC member of the Ibn Sina Academy in the initial days! Dr. Bhikha was pioneer to introduce Unani Tibb in South Africa and Founded 'Ibn Sina Institute of Tibb in 1997'. He did his PhD entitled "African Renaissance Health Education: Developing in an Integrative Programme of Unani-Tibb training for Health Care Professionals in Southern Africa." in 2004 from the University of Western Cape (South Africa) where he also played significant role in initiating training of Unani-Tibb and a separate museum on Unani. He was a regular visitor to India and presented many papers in Aligarh as a part of MoU between 'Ibn Sina Academy' and 'Ibn Sina Institute of Tibb'.

# Collaboration with Jamia Hamdard (New Delhi)

Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences (Aligarh) and Jamia Hamdard (New Delhi) signed memorandum of understanding to allow experts from both institutions to collaborate and share information on science and medicine particularly in the field of history of Unani and medieval medicine.

The MOU was signed in New Delhi, by Jamia Hamdard Registrar, Dr. M. A. Sikandar and Honorary Treasurer of Ibn Sina Academy Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman in the presence of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Afshar Alam, President of the Ibn Sina Academy Prof. (Hakim) Syed Zillur Rahman, Director IQAC Prof. S. Raisuddin, Dean Faculty of Unani medicine Prof. Asim Ali Khan, Dean Faculty of SPER Prof. Farhan Jalees, Head Dept of Pharmacology of SPER Prof. Abul Kalam Najmi, Head Dept. of Ilmul Advia Prof. M.

Aslam, Prof. M. Idris (Former Principal. AUTC, Karol Bagh, New Delhi), Prof. Surender Singh (AIIMS, New Delhi), Prof. K. M. Yusuf Amin (Aligarh) and Mr. Adil Khan (PRO, Ibn Sina Academy). The agreement will provide a framework of cooperation between the Jamia Hamdard and Ibn Sina Academy to further their goals, specifically with regards to health promotion particularly through Unani medicine. Both will exclusively conduct seminars/workshops/talk in collaboration in an academic year. Both the institutions shall keep each other informed of potential opportunities and share all information that may be relevant to secure additional opportunities for one another.

Prof. Afshar Alam, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard, said: "The memorandum of understanding signed with the IAMMS is a watershed moment that will benefit scholars of each institution. Through our agreement with IAMMS, experts from both organizations will be able to work collaboratively to exchange information on emerging areas of research and scientific positions reinforce that will ultimately benefit not only scholars, but society as a whole. "Both organisation's commitment to health and well-being of society at large fits perfectly with our mission. I want to thank Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman and his team at IAMMS for their efforts leading up to this historic agreement and for their commitment to promote Unani medicine.".

Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman said partnering with Jamia Hamdard reflected the honour of Ibn Sina Academy, which is primarily working on to promote public awareness of the contributions undertaken by scientists in the field of medicine and sciences during medieval times, to preserve medical manuscripts and published books concerning history of Unani Medicine & Sciences.

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy) briefed that the Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India gave accreditation to the academy in 2004 and promoted it as 'Centre of Excellence' in 2008. The Academy is now a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit organization with multiple aims and objectives.

#### Internship Orientation Program by Centre for Studies of Plural Societies Aligarh Chapter

CSPS Aligarh Chapter organised an orientation program for the new batch of interns on 29.11.2023 at Ibn Sina Academy. Beginning with an introduction to CSPS and an overview of the internship program, the event was followed by a talk on "Social Science Research and Interdisciplinarity" delivered by Dr Irfanullah Faroogi, Assistant Professor of Sociology, South Asian University, New Delhi. The session was chaired by Dr Shivangini Tandon, Assistant Professor at the Centre for Women's Studies, Aligarh Muslim University.

Dr Irfanullah Farooqi pointed out that disciplines play a vital role in shaping one's thinking, but. at the same time, "disciplinisation" limits a person's worldview. Human creativity lies beyond the boundaries created by disciplines. Dr Farooqi mentioned Donald T. Campbell's paper, "Ethnocentrism of Disciplines and the Fish-Scale Model of Omniscience", where Campbell discusses how disciplines become restricted and selfcentered. Explaining the need to counter this limitation, he highlighted Pierre Bourdieu's idea of epistemic reflexivity. This idea means that an academic should be constantly aware of the inflexibility within their own discipline. The chair, Dr Shivangini Tandon mentioned how incorporating interdisciplinarity has affected a relatively new academic discipline like women's studies, i.e., incorporating other disciplines like human rights, sociology, and literature with gender. As a result, only a few papers remain dealing with the core theories of women's studies. She mentioned that it is important for a discipline to move beyond its limitations and engage in creative conversation with others for a wholesome scholarly pursuit. Interdisciplinarity provides novel ways to engage with conventional theories and the

methodological framework of one's own discipline.

In the welcome address, Dr Javed Wani, Senior Asst. Professor at Ambedkar University Delhi, explained how CSPS aims to provide a safe space for students to engage with scholars, understand concepts vital to the discourse of social sciences and humanities, and sharpen their academic skills.

Mr. Parvez Alam, Asst. Professor at Aligarh Muslim University underlined the overview of the internship program and mentioned the learning and networking opportunities, training in methodologies, knowledge production dynamics, intellectual dialogues, career guidance, and mentorship that will be offered to the students.

While introducing CSPS, Kashif Ahmad Khan stated that the centre aims to train young minds to be open to diverse ideas, frameworks, approaches, and concepts while engaging with the knowledge or its production. The centre believes that meaningful dialogue is the key to an empowered citizenry and offers training and support in a nuanced, analytical approach to scientific research on issues in a pluralistic society like India.

The program was concluded with the awarding of the "Certificate of Internship" to the first batch of research interns. Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Professor of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU & Founding Trustee of the Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences), expressed his gratitude to the speakers.

#### **Breast Cancer Awareness Camp**

Breast Cancer Awareness Camp under the aegis of AligsCare (www.aligscare.org/) was organised by Dr. Mohsin Raza and his team on 30.12.2023. Dr. Samina Salim the CEO of the AligsCare was significantly present during the session. Lots of female members were present in the post-session workshop.

Dr. Samina Salim, Associate Professor of Pharmacology at Department of Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Houston College of Pharmacy, Houston, TX (USA) has been instrumental in providing financial assistance to cancer patients, facing hardship during chemotherapy at JNMC under her NGO, which she founded by the name of "AligsCare".

#### Two-days Quranic Studies Workshop

Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine & Sciences, Aligarh organized two-days' workshop on Quranic Studies during 27<sup>th</sup>-28th November, 2023.

Mr. Saqib Ghafoor Parekh (grandson of Padma Bhushan awardee late Maulana Abdul Karim Parekh) and Dr. Kamran A Khan, well known Oncologist from Mumbai with their team of males and females teachers delivered their experience and novices of the Quranic course.

Mr. Saqib Parekh, informed that for the last 25 years, such classes are being held at Nagpur, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, and many other places of India as well as in abroad. Now, the spectrum has increased manifold after online classes to learn word to word meaning of Holy Quran in Urdu, English and Hindi. It is just 200 hours course designed in a simple and easy way to understand what Allah commands us to do and not to do.

Participants felt honoured to have their guidance for the learning of the techniques. In addition to Mr. Saqib Parekh and Dr. Kamran A Khan, the other resource persons were Mr. Mubeen Rahman (Mumbai), Mr. Mushtaq Mohammad (Chennai), Ms. Shabana Usman Darvesh (Mumbai) and Mrs. Razia Abdul Latif Motiwala (Mumbai)

Prof. Zafar Ahsan and Dr. Abdul Moiz Shams chaired the session. The program was organised under the guidance of Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sina Academy) and Mr. Syed Zahid Jamal (In-charge, Protocol, Ibn Sina Academy).

Large number of students, teachers and other dignitaries including Mrs. Umama, Mr. Rafique Ahmad and Mr. Syed M Mubashir from Quranic Study Centre of AMU also attended the workshop.

#### In honour of Dr. Ashraf A. Khan

Dr. Ashraf A. Khan, who is a renowned research scientist working as Microbiologist at the Division of Microbiology, National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR), FDA, USA, visited Ibn Sina Academy on 25.12.2023, on the invitation of the core team of AMU School Support Group for Education (SSGE). He interacted the core team members over the cup of tea followed by lunch.

#### Get-together of Minto Circle High School Passed-out Batch 1987

Aligarh-based Minto Circle High School Passed-out batch 1987 arranged a get-together with classmates Suhail Ahmad (Noida/India) on 17.11.2023 and Engineer Naved Shafiq (New Zealand) on 26.11.2023. It was a family reunion and reminiscent of the past relations.

#### Mahfil-e Sha'ir

*Mahfil-e Sha'ir*, a gathering of Urdu poets, was arranged by the organization 'Inset' in collaboration with Ibn Sina Academy on 26.10.2023. The chief guest of the "*Mahfil*' was Dr. Wala Jamal Al Aseeli from Syria. Many prominent poets presented their '*Kalam*' of Urdu poetry including Prof. Siraj Ajmali, Prof. Mehtab Haider Naqvi, Mr. Alam Khursheed, Dr. Moid Rasheedi, Dr. Sarfraz Khalid, Mrs. Nazim Maria Muzzafar, Dr. Waheedul Haq, Mr. Azhar Nawaz, Ms. Gul-e Zar Ata, Mr. Saif Irfan, Ms. Viqas Chaudhuri, Mr. Zuhaib Azmi, Mr. Aali Suboor and Mr. Areeb Usmani.

The program was conducted by Dr. Aftab Alam Najmi, Coordinator, Ghalib Study Centre of Ibn Sina Academy.

#### Assistance to Govt. Tibbi College, Patna

The principal of Govt. Tibbi College & Hospital, Patna, Prof. Tawheed Kibria, sent a PG Scholar of the Dept. of Kulliyat, Dr. Wasim Firoz, to gather information and

literature pertaining to the *Humma Wabaiya*. The research scholar was interested in collection of data for his research topic entitled "Validation of the concept of *Humma Wabaiya* in Unani Medicine.

# Special cancellation to commemorate the last visit of Gandhi Ji's visit to Aligarh

A special cancellation to commemorate the last visit of Father of Nation, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi's visit to Aligarh was issued from the post office of Gandhi Eye Hospital. The post was delivered by the lady mail carrier. All these information was sealed in the special envelope. The same special envelope was gifted to Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman for the museum of Ibn Sina Academy by Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Aligarh Division during the Aligarh Philatelic Exhibition (ALPEX-23') at Nurture International School, Aligarh.

#### **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

- 1. Educational tour of children studying under Rozef Aligarh Foundation, 3.10.2023
- 2. Educational Tour as a part of Induction Programme, BUMS First Prof (Batch 2023), AKTC, AMU, Aligarh, under the guidance of Dr. Saba Zaidi (Assistant Professor, Department of Tashreeh wa Munafeul Aza), 25.11.2023
- Engineer Naved Shafiq, Vice President & Business Head, HCLTech, New Zealand 26.11.2023
- 4. Educational Tour, 60 students from Classes VI to X, AMU City Girls High School, 30.11.2023. The tour was accompanied by teachers comprises of Ms. Farzana Nazeer, Ms. Samar Zahid, Ms. Sahar Naqvi, Dr. Samia Hamid and Ms. Ruhi Sultan to ensure discipline and adherence to the scheduled time.

"Our students enjoyed a lot during their visit to Ibn Sina Academy. It was really very informative & joyful. Thanks for providing opportunity to visit Academy",

Dr. Md. Almagir, Principal, AMU City Girls School, Aligarh

5. Prof. Sumita Tanwar, Former Head, Dept. of Pharmacology, Sardar Patel Medical College, Bikaner (Rajasthan), 29.12.2023

#### **MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES**

# *Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy,* has been invited in the following events:

1. Honoured on the Foundation Day of The Indian National Congress (INC) by Sir Syed Vichar Manch, Aligarh on 28.12.2023.

2. Guest of Honour, 197th birth anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, Kanpur and Unnao Chapter of Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys Association, 17.10.2023 (See Report on page 11)

3. Guest of Honour, AMP Educators Meet, Lajpat Bhawan, Kanpur, 17.10.2023 (See Report on page 10)

4. Attended, Special Meeting of the AMU Court, 6.11.2023, to consider the panel of five names recommended by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 30.10.2023 for appointment of the Vice Chancellor of AMU.

5. Presided, Inaugural Session of the Two-Day Seminar On Nawab Habibur Rahman Sherwani, Conference Hall, Department of Arabic, 4.11.2023 (See Report on page 11)

6. Presided, Extension Lecture on Islam in United State of America, Dept. of Shia Theology, AMU, Aligarh, 19.10.2023 (See Report on page 11)

6. Presided, Executive Committee Meeting, All India Muslim Educational Conference, Sultan Jahan Manzil, Aligarh, 17.12.2023 (See Report on page 11)

8. Visited Bhopal, 19-22 December 2023. He was honoured by members of Anjuman Tarraqi Urdu Hind (MP Chapter). Dr. Razia Hamid (President) and Mr. Kaleem Akhtar (Secretary) were also present.

9. Visited Solan (Himachal Pradesh), 4-5 December 2023.

Reached Shoolini University, which is locate at Bajhool village of Shimla district via our own car with Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy) and Mr. Mohd Adil (PRO, Ibn Sina Academy). On way to Solan, we visited Karn Lake in Karnal, Chandigarh, Fatehgarh Sahib, Sirhind and took halt at many other places for tea and lunch break.

Karnal after the name of Karn, a tragic hero in the epic of Mahabharata. During Mahabharata, it is said that he jumped Karna Lake to save himself. Likewise, many historical events took place in Karnal like the Battle of Karnal between Nader Shah and the Mughal Empire.

In Chandigarh, we visited few of our friends home. Sirhind is another historical district famous since Prithvi Raj Chauhan, medieval era and Mughal empire. Battle of Sirhind was fought between Humayun and Sikandar Shah Suri. This city was a home of sufi saint Ahmad Sirhindi, popularly known as Mujadid Alif Sani and Gurudwara Fatehgarh Sahib, sacred pilgrimage site of Sikhism. Fatehgarh Sahib is named after Fateh Singh, the 7-year-old son of Guru Gobind Singh.

Syed Zillur Rahman (Travelogue to Shimla)

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Hony. Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy, has been invited as a lead speaker for a special session on Eco-Pharmacovigilance during the 22nd annual meeting of the International Society of Pharmacovigilance (ISoP) in Bali, Indonesia. He discussed the impact of therapeutic and non-therapeutic medicines on the environment and shared several case reports of the aftereffects of medicines on flora and fauna. Expressing concern over the drinking water being polluted by conventional medicines, he stated that the highest cumulative active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) concentration was observed in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and South America. In a study, 1052 sampling sites were monitored for 61 APIs along 258 rivers in 104 countries of all continents, representing the pharmaceutical fingerprint of 471.4 million people and showed the presence of contaminants in surface water that poses threat to both environment and human health. The most frequently detected APIs were carbamazepine, metformin, and caffeine (a compound also arising from lifestyle use), which were detected at over half of the sites monitored,

with the presence of pharmaceuticals in food and drinking water sources, he added.

Dr. Rahman, who is the General Secretary of the Society for Pharmacovigilance, India (SoPI), is also presently representing India for the Special Interest Group (SIG) of Eco-Pharmacovigilance as well as Herbal and TM.

"Started my association with ISoP in 2002 from Amsterdam, then ISoP at Prague (Czech Republic) in 2015, became a part of LOC\_ISoP in Agra 2016 and now a guest lecture during ISoP 2023 at Bali. First time, I discussed the impact of therapeutic medicines on environment during the International Workshop on Adverse Drug Reactions & Fifth Annual Conference of Society of Pharmacovigilance (India) at Ahmedabad in 2005 and then during the 39th Annual Conference of Indian Pharmacological Society (IPS) in 2006 at Jaipur (India) where I guest presented lecture, entitled. а Pharmacoenvironmentology – A Component Pharmacovigilance. of The term, "Pharmacoenvironmentology" for the study of therapeutic drugs and its impact on environment was coined by me. Later, an editorial "Environmental Pharmacology - A New Discipline" was written by me for the Indian J Pharmacol 2006; 38 (4): 1-2. Since it was a burning topic in the discipline of pharmacovigilance, I also organised a special symposium on 'Role of Environment in Pharmacovigilance', during the 7th Annual Conference of Society of Pharmacovigilance, India (SoPI) at Jaipur on 25.11.2007. Now this discipline is better known as Ecopharmacovigilance (EcoPv) internationally and discussed in a special session during ISoP 2023".

2. As resource person, he covered the topic, "how to prepare an outstanding Journal Club presentation, during the Orientation Program for PG students (Unani), Faculty of Unani Medicine, AMU, Aligarh, 28.12.2023.

3. As Organising Secretary, he organised International Conference on Alternatives to Animal Experiments & 6th Annual Meeting of the Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments (SAAE-I AC6) at Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, 20-21 November 2023 (Details on page 12-13)

4. Invited as guest to attend Pharma Ratan Conclave and to take part in the discussion on Drug Regulation, Licensing, Marketing and Supply chain, Pharma Ratna Universe 2023, Crowne Plaza, Rohini, New Delhi, 17.12.2023. Congratulations to those friends and colleagues who received awards in various categories.

5. Visited AIIMS, Bhopal as an External Examiner for MD (Pharmacology) during 20-21 December 2023

6. Meeting with Mr. Zafar Sareshwala along with Dr. Raihan Akhtar Qasmi (Dept. of Sunni Theology, AMU, Aligarh) on 18.10.2023. Mr. Zafar Sareshwala is a prominent Indian business owner of Parsoli Corporation and former Chancellor of Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad.

7. Jury Panel Meeting to select young scientists for Sun Pharma Science Foundation Awards at the Sun Pharma Hqts, Gurugram on 13.12.2023.

8. Guest of Honour, Sir Syed Day Celebrations 2023, AMU Girls' City High School, Qazi Pada, Aligarh. The chief guest was Mr. Mohd Parwez Alam, IAAS (Director, Office of Director General of Audit, Finance and Communication, Govt. of India, New Delhi). The other guest of honour was Prof. Abid Ali Khan (Deputy Director, Directorate of School Education, AMU, Aligarh). Dr. Md Alamgir (Principal) welcomed all the guests, while other teachers and students presented various programs followed by Sir Syed Day Dinner.

7. Visited Shoolini University, Solan as an External Examiner for PhD viva voce (Biotechnology) during 4-5 December 2023. In the university, Dr. Rahman met almost all authorities including Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Head,

Biotechnology. After returning back to Aligarh, he wrote the following email to Prof. P. K. Khosla (Chancellor and Founder of Shoolini University)

"Dear Prof. P. K. Khosla

Greetings! This is just to acknowledge with thanks for the precious time that you gave me, when I visited your university last month on 4th of December 2023. It was a memorable and lovely meeting with you and other staff members. Today, I also finished reading your interesting biography, 'Trysts with Karma'. You're such a pious and noble soul, a true follower of Sri Paramhansa Yogananda. You introduced your revered guru Sri Paramhansa Yogananda in a separate chapter, made me quite full of admiration. Your whole biography, how you excel in your professional life and the energy you derive from the Kriya Yoga, is amazing. Likewise, your family background, especially how they conquered the Chittor Fort for Emperor Akbar, was quite a brave step. You've mentioned all ups and downs of your life and your experience with COVID 19 pandemic, in a very befitting manner. May you live happier and longer. Your life is very precious for further growth of the University. I was so impressed after returning from your university that I also updated my Facebook page with a few pictures taken with you."

"Shoolini University in Himachal Pradesh has consistently been ranked among India's top 100 universities (NIRF) and has become one of India's highest generators of patents and innovation, and matches the world's best universities in research output. A not-for-profit multi-disciplinary private university, Shoolini has a unique research and innovation-led model. Today, I had an opportunity to evaluate a PhD candidate Ms Bhawna Kashyap from the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Biotechnology. She has done extensive pharmacological work on novel delivery systems of Eugenol. I would like to congratulate the founder Chancellor, Prof. Prem Kumar Khosla (such a noble soul, who honoured me and gifted me his signed autograph, "Trysts with Karma"), Vice

Chancellor, Prof. Atul, Dean Academic Affairs, Dr Narinder Verma, Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Biotechnology Dr. Saurabh Kulshrestha and Head of the Biotechnology Dr. Azhar Khan and Head of Pharmacy Dr. Deepak Kapoor. Enjoy a few pictures with teachers and students as well as a beautiful campus! One can see the university's location in the hilly area...giving the best opportunity to students and teachers. With warm regards, S. Ziaur Rahman"

# **Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman as Spotlight of the Nation by NPT**

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, has been chosen as "Spotlight of the Nation" with a citation in Clinical Pharmacology by the National Association of Pharmacology and Therapeutics (NPT).

This honour has been introduced by NPT to highlight the profile of a renowned national pharmacologist with significant contribution to the related speciality, and to motivate the young generation of doctors to choose Pharmacology and Therapeutics as a career and use their skills for the advancement of the speciality at national and international level.

Prof. Padmaja Udaykumar, President, NPT and Head, Department of Pharmacology, Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore (Karnataka) felicitated Prof. Rahman. "On behalf of the entire pharmacology community of the country, we congratulate Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman for being chosen as Spotlight of the nation in Pharmacology / Clinical Pharmacology / Therapeutics", she said. The chosen profile is displayed on the official website of the association.

#### FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE

International Conference on Safety of Medicines &21st Annual Conference of Society of Pharmacovigilance, India (SoPICON 2024) – 10-11 February 2024 "Dear Delegates, As you are aware that the Society of Pharmacovigilance India (SoPI)

holds annual conferences on varied topics of Pharmacovigilance. Last year, we were able to organise the annual conference and general body meeting of the Society at AIIMS Rishikesh during May 10-11, 2023. This year, we have decided to hold the 21st annual meeting from 10-11 February 2024 at Aligarh. The scientific events would include two prestigious orations, guest lectures, free presentations, papers. poster auiz competition for students and exhibition of national and international literature related to the discipline of Pharmacovigilance. The orations and guest lectures will be delivered by eminent invited speakers.

In this regard, those who are interested in delivering oral presentations, please send the abstract in the prescribed format after duly registered as a delegate so that the same could be included in the final scientific program as earliest.

Young research scholars will have an opportunity to meet, interact and discuss issues that have never been given the opportunities before with leading experts including the Director, WHO Centre for International Drug monitoring (UMC, Sweden). Hope to see all of you at Aligarh, India". Dr. Sandeep Agarwal, President, SoPI

#### **Scientific Sessions Highlights**

- 1. KC Singhal Oration by Dr. Peter Hjelmström, Director UMC, Sweden
- 2. John Autian Oration by Dr. Joan D'souza, International Pv Consultant & Chair, ISoP\_SIG for Ecopharmacovigilance
- 3. Artificial Intelligence in Pv
- 4. Safety of Paediatrics and Geriatric Medicine
- 5. Safety of AYUSH/Traditional Medicine
- 6. Safety of Vaccines
- 7. Medication Errors/ Antibiotic Resistance

Please send the abstract structured with introduction, objective, material and methods, results/observation, conclusion in not more than 250 words. Abstracts must include names of the authors and their affiliation. Name of the presenting author may be underlined.

Registration is mandatory for oral/poster presentation. The last date for the abstract submission is 25 January 2024.

Member Registration fee: INR 2500/-Non-Member Registration fee: INR 3000/-The details of the scientific sessions, poster size and list of hotels may be found on the website: www.sopi.net.in. The last date for registration is 25 January 2024.

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#### AMP Educators Meet by AMP National Talent Search (NTS), Kanpur

Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) has been working for more than 15 years in domains of Education the Support, Employment Assistance Economic and Empowerment for the Community of the Nation. With the intention of increasing the Students' General Awareness and Competitive Spirit, AMP launched a National Level Competition, the AMP National Talent Search (NTS) in November 2020. Under NTS, AMP arranged the AMP Educators Meet at Laipat Bhawan, Kanpur on 17.10.2023. The program was started with an introduction of the Educators Meet and Guests by Mr. Ashfaq. AMP Kanpur achievements was shared by Mr. Rizwan. Guests including Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, Dr. Abdul Qadeer, Dr. Saudul Hassan and Dr. Mohd Qasim Ansari, delivered motivational speeches for the student participants. The program ended with question and answer (Q&A) session and launch of NTS poster.

#### Sir Syed Day 2023 Celebration by the Kanpur and Unnao Chapter of Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys Association The Kanpur and Unnao Chapter of Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys Association celebrated the 197th birth anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan on October 17, 2023.

Mr. Dinesh Chandra Shukla, gave the introduction of the function followed by speeches of guests including Dr. Abdul Qadeer, Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, Prof Faizan Mustafa. The program ended with AMU Tarana and National Anthem. During the function, a souvenir was also released under the courtesy of AMU Alumni Kanpur and Unnao Chapter.

# Extension Lecture on Islam in United State of America

Dept. of Shia Theology, AMU, Aligarh, arranged an Extension Lecture on Islam in United State of America on 19.10.2023. The extension lecture was delivered by chief guest, Dr. Aftab Hussain (Urology Specialist, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, USA and Chairman, Muslim Foundation Inc, New Jersey). Before the extension lecture, the welcome address was given by Prof. Syed Tayyab Raza Naqvi (Chairman Dept. of Shia Theology), and inaugural address was given by Prof. Taugeer Alam (Dean, Faculty of Theology). Prof. Mohammad Habibullah (Chairman, Dept. of Sunni Theology) and Prof. M. Saud Alam Qasmi (Former Dean, Faculty of Theology) also addressed in the event. Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman finally gave the presidential remarks. Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Raza Abbas.

#### Executive Committee Meeting of the All-India Muslim Educational Conference

An Executive Committee Meeting of the All-India Muslim Educational Conference was held under the chair of Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman on 17.12.2023 at Sultan Jahan Manzil, Shamshad Market, Aligarh.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Zakia Ather Siddiqi (Vice President, AIMEC), Mr.

Asad Yar Khan (EC Member), Mr. Noorul Karim Khan (EC Member), Mr. Mohd Ahmad Shewan (EC Member), Mr. Javed Saeed Khan (EC Member), Mr. Naseem Waris (EC Member), Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Khan (EC Member) and Prof. Razaullah Khan (Secretary, AIMEC).

#### Two-Day Seminar On Nawab Habibur Rahman Sherwani

National Seminar on the Life and Work of Nawab Sadar Yar Jung Maulana Habibur Rahman Sherwani was organised by the Department of Arabic, AMU in collaboration of Habib Manzil under the guidance of Prof. Mohd. Sanaullah (Chairman) during November 4-5, 2023.

The inauguration function took place on November 4 in the conference hall of the department, followed by various scientific sessions. During the inaugural function, the welcome address was given by Prof. Mohd. Sanaullah. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Mohd Iqbal Husain Nadvi (EFLU, Hyderabad), followed by other guest speakers including Prof. M. N, Khan (Former Head, Dept. of Arabic, Delhi University), Dr. Madihur Rahman Sherwani (Descendent of Habib Manzil, Marris Road, Aligarh), Prof. Arif Nazir (Dean, Faculty of Arts, AMU, Aligarh). The function was presided over by Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sina Academy). The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Abdul Jabbar (Convener of the Conference).

#### Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

A pledge taking ceremony on "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" marking the birth Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, who also became the first Home Minister of independent India, was observed with great enthusiasm at Dept. of Pharmacology on 31.10.2023 at 10.30 am in the Demonstration Room of the Department of Pharmacology.

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman Dept of Pharmacology, briefed that every year 31 October is celebrated as National Unity Day to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh

Bhai Patel, who hails from Karamsad, Gujarat. Dr. Rahman further stated that when he visited Karamsad, he witnessed Sardar Patel and Vithalbhai Patel Memorial at Anand. His contribution to the unity of India is incredible and every year, we celebrate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Jayanti as National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) on this date.

The teachers, students and staff zealously took the pledge of national unity and integrity. The pledge was administered by Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan, Assistant Professor, and was attended by all the teaching, non-teaching staff as well as resident doctors of the Department including Prof. Farhan Ahmad Khan, Dr. Jameel Ahmad and Dr. Bushra Hasan Khan.

#### World Sight Day 2023

World Sight Day was celebrated by Aligarh IMA Aligarh on 8th October 2023, focusing on theme, "Importance of eye care in the workplace". Dr. Gayatri Ahuja and Dr. Atika Javed Siddiqui were the distinguished speakers. Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman and Dr. Neha Singh Tyagi (Clinical Secretaries) conducted the proceedings. Dr. Rajeev Kr. Varshney presided over the function while Dr. Anoop Kumar conducted the program of the IMA meeting

#### International Conference on Alternatives to Animal Experimentation & 6th Annual Meeting of the Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments – India

The two-day International Annual Conference on "Alternatives to Animal Experiments" and the 6th Annual Meeting of the Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments-India (SAAE-India), organized in collaboration with the Department of Pharmacology, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University today began at the J.N. Medical College Auditorium, with the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof Mohammad Gulrez as the chief Guest.

In his address, Prof. Gulrez stressed the need for simulation exercises of animal experiments in-vitro and ex-vivo, while pointing out that the study of the pre-clinics 1 testing does not exactly match the same way in the next step clinical testing.

In his presidential remarks, Prof. Y.K. Gupta, President, SAAE-I and President, AIIMS, Jammu, highlighted the significance of the topic of the conference in Biomedical research. He said that the aim of the society is not to put on hold all the experiments on animals, but it puts premium on the rationalization of its use.

He acknowledged the role played by the Aligarh Muslim University as the epicentre of knowledge and cultural exchange.

Prof. M.A. Akbarsha, the General Secretary, explained the concept of alternative subjects for experiments like in-vitro technology, 3Dcell culture, organ on a chip model, organoids, microphysiological system and how animal data today cannot be relied to perform clinical testing in humans.

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rehman, Chairman, Department of Pharmacology and the Organizing Secretary, stressed the need to sit together and discuss the idea to promote adoption of alternatives to animal experiments, 4R movement in India and the need for collaboration among universities to bring about newer alternative methods and their validation by the appropriate agency.

The Dean, Faculty of Medicine Prof. Veena Maheshwari also praised the idea and appreciated the objectives of the society for betterment of quality of research upkeeping the safety of animal lives.

Prof. Haris M. Khan, Principal and CMS, J.N. Medical College informed that different departments of studies in the college now use expired or outdate human RBCs for research, thus saving animal lives.

Prof. Gopinath Packiriswamy, Head, Centre for Nanotechnololgy, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, IIT, Roorkee was honoured with the Dipti M Kapoor Endowment Award and Lifetime Achievement

award was given to Prof. Dr. K.C. Singhal, Former Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, J.N. Medical College, AMU.

Prof. Gulrez also released the souvenir of the conference, in presence of the editor, Dr Farhan Ahmad Khan and Co-editor Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan.

Two panel discussions were held, following the inaugural session and later the delegates were taken for a visit to Ibn Sina Academy and the museum of medieval sciences.

Dr. Vibhu Pandey and Dr Abhijit Shridhar conducted the programme while Dr. Jameel Ahmad extended a vote of thanks.

University Extension Lecture on "Drug Discovery for Cancer from Indian Traditional Medicines Adopting Reverse Pharmacology" by Prof. M. A. Akbarsha

Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, organised University Extension Aligarh, Lecture on "Drug Discovery for Cancer from Medicines Traditional Indian Adopting Reverse Pharmacology" by Prof. M. A. Akbarsha, Biomedical Scientist and Research Coordinator, National College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli and School Coordinator & Dean of Science (Retd), Founder, Mahatma Gandhi-Doerenkamp Center (MGDC), and Former Doerenkamp Chair, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, at LT-1, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh. He shared his research work on generating scientific proofs for efficacy and safety of Indian medicines and the discovery of few drug molecules from Indian medicines for cancer particularly scientific proofs for efficacy and safety of Rasa Genthi Mezhugu, a Siddha Medicine, for cancer. Likewise, he shared his experimental results using prostate cancer cell lines, lung cancer cell lines and breast cancer lines and how he identified Urushiols as the major active principle of the Siddha herbal medicine Semecarpus Lehyam as antitumor agents for treatment of breast cancer. Earlier, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, introduced the speaker and thanked Prof. Nisar Ahmad Khan. Coordinator, University

Extension Lectures, Department of Economics, while Dr. Jameel Ahmad welcomed him with the presentation of bouquet.

A large number of faculty members, senior residents and junior residents attended the lecture. Prof. Farhan Ahmad Khan, presented the certificate appreciation. The program was started with the Quranic qirat by Dr. Shemeer P (JR 2) while Dr. Irfan A. Khan, Assistant Professor, presented vote of thanks

#### Orientation programme for newly admitted MD Pharmacology Residents 2023 Batch

The Department of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College organized an orientation programme for MD Pharmacology Students admitted batch 2023 on 01<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

Professor Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Department of Pharmacology welcomed the newly admitted batch of 12 residents in the Dept. of Pharmacology. He showed that the Dept. is gaining satisfaction, popularity and first time all the seats are filled by the external candidates. After brief introduction of the importance of orientation program, he delved into the life and contributions made by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. He spoke in length how Sir Syed stressed on the importance of modern scientific education for all particularly for Muslims community.

Dr. Jameel Ahmad, Assistant Professor highlighted about the facilities available at Aligarh Muslim University. He emphasized the significant contributions made by eminent alumni of the university in nation development.

Dr. Bushra Hassan Khan, Assistant Professor, delineated the historical background of JNMC. She shared the contribution made by stalwarts of JNMC in the establishment of this prestigious medical college. She also shared the ranking status of the college for the last one decade.

Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan, Assistant Professor detailed about the historical background and facilities available for the residents in the department of Pharmacology. Further, he also explained the recent NMC guidelines and regulations for MD Pharmacology course.

Dr Shamema P, JR 2 conducted the programme while Dr. Ammar Hasan JR2 started the program with beautiful qirat. All teachers, senior and junior residents of batch 2022 and 2021 also participated.

#### Keeper Of The Lost Culture by Rana Siddiqui Zaman

Zillur Rahman, a professor, writer and Hakim, has established a museum-cum-library in Aligarh to preserve books and artefacts that tell the story of Delhi of yore....published in the following link: https://thepatriot.in/heritage/keeper-of-thelost-culture-

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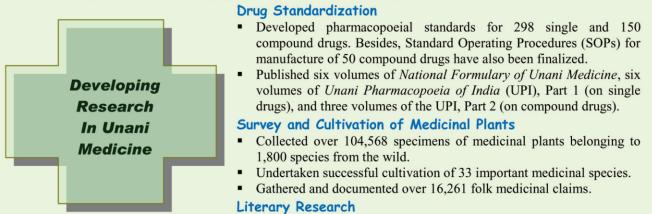
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