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### 38<sup>th</sup> Guest Lecture Series

A guest lecture on the topic of "How to draft a winning grant proposal" was delivered by Dr. Misbahuddin Mohammad, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine & Sciences. This lecture number 38 was part of guest lecture series on interesting topics.

In his talk, Dr. Misbahuddin highlighted the key points of research proposal submission. He also emphasized how the project acceptance depends on a focused and valid research question, sound scientific methodology, reasonable budget, relevance to funder's priority domains, applicability of expected outcomes and an excellent management plan.

The audience consisted of research scholars and teachers from different faculties. To name a few, Dr. Abdul Latif, Dr. Tanzeelur Rahman, Dr. Anwar Shahzad, Dr. Abdul Aziz, Dr. Sumbul Rehman, Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan, Dr. Yasir Alvi, Dr. Tasawwer Husain, Dr. Shoeb Ahmad, Dr. Ankita Mishra, Mr. Shakil Akhtar, etc. Finally, the lecture was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman.

Dr. Misbahuddin also toured the Academy and got fascinated by the outstanding collection of books, manuscripts, souvenirs, and other items of utmost historical and cultural importance.

### 39<sup>th</sup> Guest Lecture Series

Dr. Abdul Majid, a noted neurophysician from Aurangabad/India, delivered the 39<sup>th</sup> Guest Lecture on "An art of understanding cognitive science" on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2016. He also shared his poems on stroke, depression, anxiety and psychosis. Large number of members from Medical College

and Tibbiya College attended this interesting lecture.

### Book Releasing Ceremonies

During the last quarter of the year, three books were released on different occasions at the Library Hall of Ibn Sina Academy. The list is as follows:

#### 1. Books on Flora and Fauna of Quran by Dr. M.I.H. Farooqi

Aligarh Muslim Vice Chancellor Lt. Col (Retd) Zamiruddin Shah released two books entitled, *Dictionary – Flora and Fauna of Quran and Animals mentioned in Holy Quran*, authored by Dr. M.I.H. Farooqi, retired Scientist of NBRI at a Function held at Ibn Sina Academy Auditorium on 23 July 2016. Speaking at the occasion Mr. Shah praised the contribution of Dr Farooqi for his Studies relating to Animals and Plants mentioned in the Holy Book. In his speech, Dr. Farooqi quoted several Quranic Verses and Prophetic Sayings which explain the duty of human beings for protecting and conserving the biodiversity on Earth. Quoting the Verse 38 of Surah 6 of Quran, Dr. Farooqi explained that Allah says that the Animals of Earth and Birds of Sky constitute communities just as the community of human beings.

A galaxy of prominent individuals including Guest of Honour, Pro Vice Chancellor of AMU, Brigd. Syed Ahmad Ali witnessed the programme by their presence.

After the releasing ceremony, *She'ri Nashist* was arranged, wherein Jamuna Prasad Rah, Afshan Malik, Prof. Maula Baksh, Wasif Farooqui, Khalid Faridi specifically recited their points.

#### 2. "Majmu' e Kalam Nuskha Haya Dard-e Dil" by Mr. Fateen Ashraf

"Majmu' e Kalam Nuskha Haya Dard-e Dil" by Mr. Fateen Ashraf was released on



29.9.2016 in presence of Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, Prof. Maula Baksh, Mr. Ilyas Naved Gunnori. Mr. Ashraf is an author and poet from Salala/Oman. The programme was conducted by Basirul Hasan Wafa Naqvi.

On this occasion, large number of local Urdu poets such as Jamuna Prasad Rahi, Prof. Maula Baksh, Mr. Ilyas Naved Gunnori, Kaleem Samar Badaunvi, Razi Amrohavi, Sabiha Sumbul, Abdul Mannan Sarmadi, Khalid Faridi, Fikr Parwi, Azhar Zaidi, Meraj Nishat and Nasir Shakeb participated in the *Mushaira*

### 3. "Bazgasht Ghalib" by Jamuna Prasad Rahi

Under the aegis of "Ghalib Study Centre", Ibn Sina Academy, the book by Jamuna Prasad Rahi was released. It is a second publication of the Academy related to Ghalib.

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### VISIT OF DIGNITARIES

1. Delegates, Orientation Programme (143), UGC Human Resource Development Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 8.09.16
2. Delegates, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 20.09.16.
3. Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan (IPS and Former IG of Rajasthan), Mr. Ashfaq Hussain (District Magistrate, Dausa, Rajasthan), Ms. Farha Hussain (IRS), 5.9.2016
4. Mr. Faisal Aftab, IAS (Additional Commissioner, Aligarh), 17.9.2016. He wrote, "A place where magnificent and

unprecedented collection of different fields. Very impressive and informative things are collected at one place..... A treasure for the posterity indeed"

5. Taleya Bilgrami and Tooba Bilgrami. They wrote, "Thank you very much for providing us an opportunity to get an exposure for such a wonderful gateway of knowledge on cultural, educational and scientific contribution of great legends to the society. Your lucid explanations and sequential display on your very well organised treasure of collections was very enlightening and motivating! We have no words to praise you of your dedicated life for the cause of ummah! It was an absolute pleasure. We pray for your long and healthy life so that your mission is successfully accomplished. We look forward to get benefited from you regularly! Jazakallah!, Talib-e-dua"

6. Hamza Shireen. She wrote, Dear Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman Saheb, Thank you for allowing me to view the library of the Ibn Sina Academy last weekend. It is truly astounding, and it is an invaluable resource to historians of medicine. I have every intention of returning in the coming years, when I have defined a dissertation project. It was a great honor and pleasure to meet you, even briefly. My sincere apologies for the inconvenience I caused you due to my miscommunication about my accommodation in Aligarh. I wonder if it is possible for me to order some of your books, while I am in Lucknow. I am here until August 13. Particularly, I would like a copy of Ay'na-e Tarikh-e Tibb, if possible, but also your book on Ibn Sina's Canon and its commentators. Please let me know if this will be possible. My sincere gratitude and best wishes"

### MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

**Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman**, Founder President, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, has been awarded with "Aligarh Ratan". The award was given in the field



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of education by Gautam Lal Memorial Trust, 3.8.2016.

On the eve 114<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Pandit Mohan Lal Gautam, Pandit Mohan Lal Gautam Memorial Society felicitated few prominent citizens of Aligarh including Padma Shri Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman by awarding "Aligarh Ratan". Mr. Alok Sharma (IPS), Additional Police Commissioner, PTS, Meerut was the chief guest and presented these awards. Famous family of Gautam was the hosts including Mrs. Sheela Gautam (Former MP), Mr. Krishna Kumar Gautam, Mr. Ashok Gautam and Mr. Rahul Gautam.

He has also been invited to participate as follows:

1. Attended the meeting regarding Annual Performance Review (2015-16) of TKDL Project Staff of Unani Stream on 14.7.2016 at CSIR-Traditional Knowledge Digital Library Unit, New Delhi.
2. Attended the first Advisory Committee Meeting of the CSIR – Traditional Knowledge Digital Library unit on Monday 19th September 2016 at Science Centre, K.K. Birla Lane, New Delhi. Director General CSIR presided over the meeting. Dr. Rakesh Tewari, Chief Scientist TKDL unit briefed about the work done by the unit. All members of the Committee attended the meeting including Dr. R. R. Hirwari, Head of CSIR.
3. Attended the Meeting of the Majlis Amla of Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu (Hind) New Delhi on August 3, 2016. Prof. Sadiqur Rahman, President of the Anjuman presided over the meeting.
4. Attended the Meeting of Unani Pharmacopoeia Committee (UPC) on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in the Board Room, Vice Chancellor's Office, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi.
5. Attended the adjourned special meeting of the University Court and

the special meeting of the Court on 10.9.2016

6. Presided over the Executive Committee Meeting of the All India Muslim Education Conference, Aligarh, on August 28, 2016. He is elected as member of Executive Committee of All India Muslim Educational Conference again for five years with effect from 29.08.2016.

***Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy, is also invited to attend few functions in Hyderabad. Following is the detail:***

**National Convention for Unani Medicine**

All India Unani Tibbi Conference, Telangana Unit organized a one day State Unani convention on 20th August 2016 at Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine, Eragudda, Hyderabad.

Dr. Mohammed Aslam Parvaiz, Vice Chancellor Maulana Azad Urdu University, urged Muslims to read Quran, Seera of Prophet (pbuh) and History of Islam. Through this we can make our thinking positive. Quran, which is Book of Allah, is the complete shifa, he said. He further said, Unani system of medicine is one of the oldest systems of medicine. He was addressing the National Convention for Unani Medicine organised by All India Unani Tibbi Conference Telangana branch, at Erragadda, Hyderabad.

Padma Shri Prof. Hakeem Syed Zillur Rahman President Ibn Sina Academy and Court member of Aligarh Muslim University presided over the Convention. A large number of students, doctors, Unani physicians were present on the occasion. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman also delivered Hakeem Abdul Hameed Memorial lecture on the contribution of Hakeem Abdul Hameed, founder of Hamdard University, New Delhi.



Mir Yousuf Ali, Additional Director of Unani Unit, Telangana, Dr. Mohammed Khalid Siddiqui, Secretary General All India Unani Tibbi Conference, New Delhi. Dr. Syed Asad Pasha, Chairman Organising Committee, Hakeem Syed Ghousuddin, Dr. Khaja Baderuddin Siddiqui, Dr. K. P. Ansari, Organising Secretary, Dr. and Hakeem Abul Hasan Ashraf, Dr. Rahman Khan and others also addressed on the occasion.

The convention threw light on filling up vacant posts in Unani hospitals, issues relating to compounders, Unani Pharmacy, etc.

#### **Unani Tibbi Conference, Hyderabad**

In a separate programme, Unani Tibbi Conference, Hyderabad Unit, organized a function in honour of Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman. Hakim Ghulam Mahiuddin delivered welcome speech. Dr. Hakim Ghausuddin presented a lecture. Dr. Kaleemullah established 2 Centres of Cupping and Neuro Unani Treatment in the name of Luqman Clinic, Unani for Research and Development of Information Product.

#### **Function in Honour of Padma Shri Dr. Mujtaba Husain**

Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman was invited as Chief Guest for the function organized in honour of renowned Urdu writer Padma Shri Dr. Mujtaba Husain for his services in Urdu literature at Abul Kalam Azad Orientation Research, Hyderabad on 20.08.2016. Prof. Ashraf Rafee presided over the function, Dr. Syed Mustafa Kamal presented vote of thanks. The Institute presented 37 publications to Prof. Rahman. On the same occasion, few more scholars also presented books to Prof. Rahman

#### **Prof. Rahman visited the office of Siasat Urdu daily Newspaper.**

Prof. Rahman was invited to visit the office of 'Siasat Urdu' daily Newspaper. He was

received by Mr. Zahid Ali Khan, Chief Editor and Hakim Ghosuddin.

In addition to above formal programmes in Hyderabad, Prof. Rahman also attended the first death anniversary of his friend, Dr. Ghulam Yazdani Khan on August 19, 2016.

#### **Hakeem Ahmed Ashraf Memorial Awards function**

Hakeem Ahmed Ashraf Memorial Awards function was held at Ahmed Ashraf Memorial Unani Hospital, Jalpalli, Pahadishareef Road of Telangana, Hyderabad and Dr. Syed Asad Pasha, Chairman of All India Unani Tibbi Conference, Telangana Unit was the guests of Honour. Padma Shri Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, President of Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, Dr. Mohammed Khalid Siddiqui, former Director of Indian Council of Unani Medicine, New Delhi, Dr. Meer Yousuf Ali, and other noted Unani practitioners were given 'Hakeem Ahmed Ashraf Memorial Awards'.

Source: <http://www.siasat.com/news/hakeem-ahmed-ashraf-memorial-awards-function-today-2-1004478/>

#### **AMU Court Election**

***Maulana Badruddin Ajmal, Patron, Ibn Sina Academy and Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, Founder President, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, have been elected to AMU Court on 31.7.2016***

***Prof. Rahman has also been appointed as member of the committee constituted for the purpose to identify the doctors of JN Medical College, Dr. Z. A. Dental College, A. K. Tibbiya College, University Health Service and Medical Attendance Scheme for violating the service conditions by indulging in private practice and to frame relevant rules.***



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**On being elected as court member, many well-wishers sent good wishes and felicitation notes to Prof. Rahman. Following are some of the letters received:**

1. Respected Zillur Rahman, Please accept my hearties congratulations on being elected member of the Aligarh Muslim University Court. Your victory has given me immense pleasure and is a testament of your hard work and dedication that you have put in for the betterment of the society and the nation.

When we proposed your name, we were aware that you are eminently suited to guide the University in these trying times. Your commitment and dedication to the society has helped you to achieve such a huge acceptability from people with diverse shades. I am sanguine that with your support the University will attain the highest pinnacle of distinction and glory which will make it the finest educational institution, not only in the country but also across the world.

We also look forward to your suggestions which will enable us to further refine and improve aspects concerning academic and general administration. Towards this end, we invite you to kindly visit your University at the first opportunity.

I once again take this opportunity to congratulate you on your well-deserved success and with you the very best as you take your place as an esteemed member of the hallowed University court. With warmest regards, yours sincerely, Brig Syed Ahmad Ali (Retd), Pro Vice-Chancellor, AMU.

2. Janab Mohtaram Hakim Zillur Rahman, Assalamualaikum, It gives me immense pleasure for congratulating you on your being elected to the Aligarh Muslim University Court. I am quite confident that this august body of the University will benefit greatly from your presence and be enriched by your achievements and experience in life; your guidance will most

certainly be of good assistance. Yours sincerely, Ibne Said Khan, Pro-Chancellor, AMU.

3. Respected Sir, It gives me immense pleasure to extend my hearty congratulation on your selection as Member of the University Court, AMU, Aligarh. I hope that the A.M.U. will strive for the betterment under your able leadership and rich administrative experience. Waiting for your reply and mobile number. With you all the best, with kind regards, Yours sincerely, Kausar Zuberi, Ex-Section Officer, (Admin.), Retired, A.M.U., H.No.4/863, street No.12, New friends Colony, Near Ambedkar Park, Aligarh.

4. The AMU community has reposed faith in you by electing you as a member to the highest decision making body of the University, the AMU Court. We are proud that a person of your standing and reputation will be a representative of AMU. We have full faith in your sagacity and dedication to the values AMU stands for and we look forward to your gracing the AMU Court meeting planned in mid-September 2016. With best wishes and regards, Yours Sincerely, Zameer Shah (Vice Chancellor, AMU)

5. Hon'ble Prof. (Hakim) Zillur Rahman, It gives me immense pleasure to know that you have been elected Member of AMU Court. Kindly accept my heartiest congratulation. I am sure that the University will progress under your able and dynamic guidance. With regards, yours sincerely, Prof. S. A. Azmi, Chairperson, Dept. of Psychiatry, JN Medical College, AMU, Aligarh.

**Librarian's Day observed at Department of Library & Information Science, AMU, Aligarh on 16.08.2016.**

The Department of Library and Information Science, AMU organised a program on National Librarian's Day on the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. S. R.



Ranganathan (father of Library Science in India). The program was attended by the faculty members, research scholars and the students of the Department.

Padma Shri Professor Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences, attended the function as the Chief Guest while Prof Shabahat Husain, Chairman, Department of Library and Information Science and President of Indian Library Association presided over the Programme. Prof Naushad Ali, P. M. coordinated the function.

The Chief Guest, Prof. Zillur Rehman said that libraries and museums are nerve centers of culture. He added that it is imperative to preserve and conserve cultural assets of our society.

While congratulating the Chairman of the Department for organising the programme, Prof. Rahman stressed upon celebrating the birth anniversary of Padmashri Prof. S. Bashiruddin, Ex-University Librarian, M A Library, AMU too.

He further said that the very essence of human existence on earth is about doing good for the society and the preservation of culture and language is one of the most important aspects to work for upholding the distinctiveness of our civilization.

While providing a picturesque representation of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's life changing lessons and his contributions to the field of library science, Prof. Shabahat Husain dwelled upon the philosophical basis of libraries and librarianship. Stating that there are three categories of human beings, namely the followers, the leaders, and the pattern makers, Prof. Husain said that Dr. S. R. Ranganathan was a Pattern Maker.

Prof. Husain also mentioned the contributions of Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman

and expressed that there are a lot of similarities between Dr. S. R. Ranganathan and the Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, in serving the society and living a saintly life for the knowledge and an urge for giving back to the society.

Prof. Naushad Ali welcomed the chief guest, president of the function and the audience and gave a comprehensive stance of the life sketch of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. He made a mention that the National Librarian's Day is not only celebrated to recognise the services of libraries and library science leaders, but at the same time conveys to us the message of hard working, dedication, commitment to the duties and a sense of responsibility.

Prof. Ali expressed that the day should be remembered by refreshing and rejuvenating ourselves for the newer skills and techniques to serve more effectively to the society.

Dr. M. Masoom Raza, Ms. Sofia Alvera and Mr. Mohd Rahimullah were the representative speakers from the faculty members, research scholars and the students respectively.

**Prof. S. M. R. Ansari**, Secretary, Ibn Sina Academy, has been invited to the Ninth International Conference on Oriental Astronomy (ICOA-9), to be held at the Institute of Science Education and Research at Pune. ICOA-9 is scheduled for November 14-18, 2016. Noteworthy is that this is the first time that ICOA is being held in India.

Actually, ICOA is a Conference series which have been held in East Asian countries since 1993, in which year the First ICOA was organized by Prof. Il-Seong Nha, the originator of its idea and a well-known historian of Korean Astronomy. It was held in Seoul (Korea).

Prof. Ansari has been the only Indian Historian of Astronomy who attended



several of these conferences, viz., ICOA-3 (1998) in Fukuoka (Japan), ICOA-5 (2006) in Chiangmai (Thailand), and ICOA-7 (2018) in Mitaka (Japan). In fact, he was invited to ICOA-8 (2014) in Hefei (China), which he could not attend due to his sudden ill health. At Pune, Prof. Ansari intends to present his paper on "K.D. Naegamvala, the First Astrophysicist of India".

Ansari has been quite actively engaged in these conferences as a Member of Executive of ICOA since 1998. He cherished the dream of holding this Conference in India also. Thanks to Prof. M. N. Vahia (TIFR, Mumbai), who could be motivated to organize ICOA-9 in Pune in this year.

**Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman**, Honorary treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy, has been nominated as Member Local Organising Committee of the 16th Annual Conference of International Society of Pharmacovigilance (ISoP-2016) (<http://isop2016agra.org/>). The meeting will be held in association with the 16th Annual Conference of the Society of Pharmacovigilance (India) at Hotel ITC Mughal, Agra during 16-19 October 2016.

Dr Rahman, who is also the National Secretary of Society of Pharmacovigilance India (SoPI), informed that the upcoming ISoP meeting will be held for the first time in India in collaboration and jointly in association with 16th annual meeting of SoPI during 17-19 October 2016 at ITC Mughal Hotel, Agra. He also informed that the former Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, Prof. K. C. Singhal, is the Chairman of LOC and Co-Chairman of the Scientific Committee.

Around 100 foreign participants and a few hundred Indian delegates are expected to attend this joint meeting which will also host a day-long pre-conference workshop on October 16, 2016. Large number of country representatives of WHO

Collaborating Centre for International Drug Monitoring (WHO-UMC), delegates from various pharmaceutical companies, institutions and associations have already submitted abstracts of their research papers and confirmed their participation either in the conference or workshop.

During ISoP Meeting, **Dr. Abdul Latif, Joint Secretary, Ibn Sina Academy**, will present his paper on Pharmacovigilance with special reference to Unani Medicine.

**Dr. Abdul Latif**, Honorary Joint Secretary, Ibn Sina Academy and **Dr. S. Ziaur Rahman**, Honorary treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy, have been appointed as Professors in the Department of Ilmul Advia, A. K. Tibbiya College and Department of Pharmacology, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, respectively.

#### **AMU Alumni Meet 2016**

Being a member of AMU Alumni Affairs Committee, Dr. Rahman has also been given a responsibility to edit the souvenir to be released during AMU Alumni Meet 2016 on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016. He is also the Chairman, Souvenir and Publicity Committee. Dr. Abdul Latif is nominated as Member of the same Committee.

#### **FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE**

##### **One day Seminar on History of Unani Medicine, New Delhi, October 14, 2016.**

According to Prof. Balasubramanian, an eminent historian of science, the seminar will professionally be organized and of the highest order at INSA during October 14, 2016. It will cover important aspects of Unani medicine, updated - incorporating all advances that have been made in recent times, not repetitive in themes and subjects but spread over the entire spectrum of this field, and aimed at a broad-spectrum audience who are not experts in the area. The seminar will focus on the following specialties: (a) History



and development of Unani medicine, (b) Basic principles of the system, (c) pharmacology, (d) Medicines offered and their details, (e) physiology and anatomy of the individual as considerations for medication, (f) Social and preventive medicine, and most importantly, (g) comparison of Unani system with Ayurveda, Siddha, Homeopathy, Oriental, and Modern systems of medicine- the commonalities, uniqueness, sources of medication, extracts, potions, lotions and tonics, etc. Invited speakers are Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, Director, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh (Topic: Perspective of the seminar & Origin and Historical Evaluation of Unani Medicine), Dr. Ashhar Qadeer, Jamia Hamdard University, Delhi (Topic: Basic Principles of Unani Medicine), Dr. Abdul Latif, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (Topic: Unānī Pharmacology ('Ilmul Advia) and its Importance in Unānī System of Medicine), Dr. Asim Ali Khan, Zamia Hamdrad University, Delhi (Topic: Basic Principles of Unani Treatment), Dr. Ghazala Mulla, Z. V. M. Unani Medical College and Hospital, Pune (Topic: Physiology and Anatomy of the Patient as Considerations for Medication?), Dr. Safdar Ashraf, A K Tibbia College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (Topic: Unani / Greek Aspects of Social and Preventive Medicine), Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad, National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage, Hyderabad (Topic: Comparison of Unani with other Systems of Medicine). Each of them will be given no more than 30 minutes, and have 5 minutes of discussion after each talk. Professor, D. Balasubramanian, Chairman, Research Council for History of Science, INSA, and Professor Kankan Bhattacharyya, Vice-President, INSA, will give their special remarks.

Indian Journal of History of Science has not had an issue devoted to this important area of Unani medicine. After successful completion of the seminar, INSA will publish a special issue of Unani Medicine. For more information, please contact:

Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman,  
President, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh.

### **International Conference on Unani Medicine**

National Institute of Unani Medicine, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India, is a premier institute imparting post graduate education in eight disciplines and research fellowship in two disciplines.

NIUM intends to organize a three-day International Conference on Unani Medicine from 25-27 October, 2016. The theme of the conference is "Unani Medicine from Tradition to Evidence Based Medicine". The conference will be held to disseminate the knowledge of various branches of the system, to explore possibilities for integration of knowledge of Unani medicine with the present available tools and techniques for evidence generation, assessment of objectives and empirical approach to the curriculum development and acquaint the Unani medicine personnel with global trends in developing Unani medicine on rational basis. The conference will also attempt to accumulate inputs for developing methods for evaluating philosophical and logical principles underlying the fundamentals of Unani medicine.

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### **Fourth Hamdard International Conference**

4th Hamdard International Conference on Unani Medicine-2017 with a theme "Unani Medicine: Past, Present and Future" under the aegis of International Association for Unani Medicine, Hamdard Foundation, Pakistan Association for Eastern Medicine and Faculty of Eastern Medicine, Hamdard University, Karachi, Pakistan,



will be organized from January 9-11, 2017.

Indian delegates can contact Prof. S. Zillur Rahman, Vice President, International Association for Unani Medicine, at Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh.

### DOCUMENTATION

#### **Online "Catalogue of Indian Astronomical Instruments"**

On the 50th anniversary of the day when I earned my PhD from Philipps University, Marburg, I wish to thank you for your appreciative responses to the online catalogue.

I have now added a new section B and a few more specimens to the section A. These two sections cover all the Indo-Persian astrolabes that are extant. The next sections will deal with Sanskrit astrolabes.

You may access the catalogue by visiting my homepage at [www.SRSarma.in](http://www.SRSarma.in) and then by clicking on "Catalogue of Indian Astronomical Instruments" in the menu. There you will get an option either to view it online or to download a pdf file. If you have already downloaded the pdf version of May, please replace it with the new version. Warm greetings,

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#### **Obituary of Prof. Akhlaqur Rahman Kidwai**

It's is very shocking to hear the sad demise of Prof. Akhlaqur Rahman Kidwai, exclaimed Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, President of Ibn Sina Academy. He remarked during the condolence meeting at Ibn Sina Academy, that "I had a very long association with Prof. Kidwai from my AMU days, and later with his other family members.

Dr. A.R. Kidwai breathed his last at the age of 96 in the Fortis Escort Hospital on 24 August 2016. Dr. Kidwai started his professional career as the Professor and head of Department of Chemistry and Dean of Faculty of Science at Aligarh Muslim University, India. Kidwai was offered to become the Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Government of India from 1974 to 1977. He was Governor of Bihar twice, from 1979 to 1985 and 1993 to 1998, and Governor of West Bengal from 1998 to 1999. He was Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, from 1983 to 1992 and has also been the director of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank.

Kidwai was a member of the Rajya Sabha from January 2000 to July 2004. He was the Governor of Haryana from 7 July 2004 to 27 July 2009. After Pratibha Patil's resignation as Governor of Rajasthan in June 2007, he was asked to take over that position as well, serving as Governor of the State until S. K. Singh took office on 6 September 2007. In addition to his political career, he has been a champion for promoting research and development and elevating the status of women by education and self-reliance. He continued to serve as the Chairman of Institute of Marketing and Management, New Delhi and President of Vocational Education Society for Women.

#### **Obituary of Paul Lunde (1943 – 2016)**

Paul Lunde, distinguished Arabist and beloved husband and father, died peacefully at his Cambridge home on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2016.

His funeral took place on August 23rd, 2016 at Chapel of St Edmund's College, Mount Pleasant, Cambridge.

Paul loved flowers, especially scented ones. Donations are welcome to the Paul Lunde Memorial Fund for the Study of Christian Arabic, which has been established in his memory. Donations can



be sent care of the Aradin Foundation, and should be marked for the "Paul Lunde Memorial Fund" at [www.aradin.org.uk/en\\_en/donations.ht](http://www.aradin.org.uk/en_en/donations.ht).

### **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Duty Society AMU - A Report**

Duty Society AMU Celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> year at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 where Mr. M. Hamid Ansari, Vice-President of India was the Chief Guest.

The Duty Society of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), which was founded a quarter of century before establishment of AMU, celebrated 125<sup>th</sup> year at a function on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. at Plenary Hall of Vigyan Bhawan,, New Delhi, where Hon'ble Vice-President of India, Mr. M Hamid Ansari was the Chief Guest.

The inaugural session was followed by a seminar on Educational Development of Weaker Sections in India. The Duty Society, a registered voluntary organization, had raised Rs. 30 lakh to establish AMU in 1920. This society has played very significant role in the development of this University whose alumni are spread all over the world and occupying good position. A good number of these alumni have benefited from the activities of the society in one way or the other.

Inviting Prof. Abul Hasan Siddiqi, Keeper of Duty Society to deliver welcome address the comparer, Prof. P. Manchanda said, he is a distinguished mathematician who has contributed a lot to the Duty Society since his election as its Keeper. His achievements are recorded in the article by Professor Mohd. Shafi former Pro-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Siddiqi welcomed all delegates from different parts of India and abroad, the Chancellor, Sharda University Mr. P.K. Gupta, and the Chief Guest, Vice-President of India. He

concluded his address by making a suggestion for future generation of the Duty Society which is summarized as: "The Society must focus on creating a nucleus for providing education and training of emerging technologies, creating job opportunities and prosperity for weaker sections of India".

Dr. Nadeem Tarin, President of the Duty Society who is a well-known Philanthropist and a Civil Engineer based in Saudi Arabia, emphasized in his speech to expand the role of Duty Society. Under his dynamic leadership and guidance the Society may achieve the above mentioned academic goal, besides completion of his own pet project, construction of Riyadh Hall at AMU, Campus. Dr. Nadeem Tarin presented an updated version of the Duty Society Centenary volume to the Vice-President. It may be mentioned that the Centenary Function of the Society was organized at Vigyan Bhawan in 1989 and the Centenary Volume entitled, "Aligarh Muslim University Contributions and Achievements" was release on that occasion. It was a modest effort to record contribution and achievements of persons associated with AMU over time. The book presented to the Hon'ble Vice-President of India is the 2014 updated edition of the Centenary Volume. This book has been completed by a group of dedicated professors under the guidance of the Editorial Advisory Board chaired by the Vice-Chancellor AMU, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah.

Hon'ble Vice-President of India, Mr. Hamid Ansari delivered very interesting and useful speech based on facts, and figures from authentic sources, while inaugurating the seminar on "Educational Development of Weaker Sections in India", organized on the occasion of the Duty Society 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Function. Quoting from a speech by the Union Human Resource Minister in March 2014, he said that 6.064 million children in the country were out of school in 2014 and of



these, 76 percent belong to the Schedule Tribe, Schedule Cast and religious minorities.

Citing another report by a committee framing the new education policy set up by the Union Human Resource Development Ministry, Mr. Ansari said that while enrolment in elementary education was high, the quality and learning outcomes were poor. Data showed, he added, that Muslims form the smallest percentage among those who had completed matriculation. The Hon"ble Vice-President asserted that this sorry state of education in the country could not be improved without joint efforts of govt. and all segments of our nation. He congratulated the Duty Society for constantly working towards the improvement of the state of education in the country.

During his speech, he emphasized, that education is a fundamental pre-condition for democracy. Providing knowledge education is instrumental for any individual's personal and political development." The quality of education depends on elementary education. While equality of status and opportunity contribute to nation building and a humanitarian society, education is a fundamental precondition of political democracy.

Vice President Hamid Ansari said that in today's India, where the operative slogan is 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', educational progress starting with quality elementary, secondary and skills education is imperative if all segments of society have to remain together. He further said that the lofty ideals enshrined in our Constitution are realizable only through equality of status and opportunity which, in turn, are contingent on an educated citizen body. Mr. Ansari made it clear that despite the initiatives of successive governments, the corrective in its totality cannot come from the

government alone and has to be supported and supplemented by public and community initiatives. He lamented that lack of community level effort is particularly noticeable among Muslims. He concluded his speech by reciting a couplet by famous poet Mohd. Iqbal. The members of Duty Society feel proud that its first Keeper, Prof. T.W. Arnold, was a favourite teacher of Dr. Iqbal.

A dozen of eminent scholars participated in the seminar. Notable are Dr. Bhagiratha Prasad IAS (Retd.) member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and member advisory committee HRD, Ex. VC, Indore University, M.P, Dr. Talat Ahmad, VC, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi; Dr. Jaspal Singh, VC, Punjabi University, Patiala; Prof. D.P. Agrawal, Ex. Chairman, UPSC; Prof. N. K. Gupta, Ex. Vice President, Indian National Science Academy (INSA); Dr. S. Siraj Hasan, Ex. Director, Institute of Astro-physics, Bangalore; Prof. Majaz Moonis, Director, Stroke Services, Massachusetts, USA; Dr. Abdullah, Washington DC, USA; Dr. Ameer Ahmad, Dubai; Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, Founder President, Ibn Sina Academy; Mr. Zafar Sareswala, Industrialist; Prof. P. Manchanda, (Secretary ISIAM), HOD of the Department of Mathematics, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar [ Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Secretary, International Association of Medical Colleges. All persons mentioned above are expert in their own fields and all of them tried to relate his or her activities with the themes of the seminar. In the nutshell everyone agrees that something should be done for this category of people in our country. The general feeling is that Duty Society should appoint a committee to review the possible projects which can be adopted by the Society.

Lt. General (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University and Brig. (Retd.) Syed Ahmad Ali, Pro Vice Chancellor, AMU where present throughout the programme and made



valuable comments. The programme was concluded by melodious poetic presentations with light music of poetry by eminent poets associated with Aligarh Muslim University, Chancellor MANUU University, Mr. Zafar Saeswala was present in the programme till the last moment.

Functionaries of the Duty Society thanked persons from different institutions such as AMU, JMI, Jamia Hamdard, Sharda University, Gautam Budha University, Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University, Punjabi University & Guru Nanak Dev University, who have extended valuable help to organize 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Function.

#### **Coaching Test Entrance Test Held**

991 students out of 1230 applicants recently appeared for the entrance-test for admissions in RCA coaching and guidance program of civil and judiciary services at four different centres of RCA building, Mathematics Department, Statistics Department and Physics Department. However, due to the on-going disturbances in Jammu and Kashmir, the test at the Srinagar Centre was postponed.

Professor Mohd. Kalimuddin Ahmad, Director RCA informed that for 100 seats of civil services and 60 seats for judicial services preparation, the results will be declared on September 20, 2016. He added that the admission formalities will be completed on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September for the commencement of classes from 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

The test was conducted under the guidance of RCA staff particularly Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Deputy Director RCA; Dr. Asif Khan, Assistant Director, RCA; Dr. Shoeb Ahmad, Assistant Professor, RCA and Dr. Arina Khan, Assistant Professor, RCA.

#### **Orientation Programme at RCA**

The Residential Coaching Academy, AMU, Aligarh organized an orientation programme for newly admitted students of Civil and Judicial Services on Monday (03-10-16) at 3:00 p.m. The programme was started with recitation of Holy Quran. The Director Prof. Md. Kalimuddin Ahmad introduced Guests of honour who earlier served as Directors of Coaching and Guidance Centre (CGC) and Residential Coaching Academy (RCA). He also welcomed the chief guest Prof. Habibur Rahman, Honorary Treasurer of the University and encouraged the students to inculcate the habit of reading an English newspaper daily and prepare their own notes on current issues of national and international importance.

Prof. Parvez Talib of Department of Business Management, in his speech quoted some successful stories from CGC. He discussed hurdles and hampers in the way of cracking Civil Services. He told the students to know something of everything for better performance in the examination. Prof. Sagheer Ahmad Ansari (IAS) of Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, encouraged students to follow four stages for preparation of Civil Services: Confidence, Determination, Systematic Preparation and Selection of Proper optional subject. Prof. Asmer Beg of Department of Political Science, quoted success story of a motivated girl from Bareilly who qualified Civil Services during his tenure as Director, RCA.

Prof. Habeebur Rahman, Founder Director of CGC, in his presidential remarks, discussed at length the attributes that an aspirant of Civil Services must have such as strong will, commitment, competitive psychology, competitive ability, selection of proper optional subject, study of syllabi with previous papers, time management and personality development.



Following the formal lectures, students asked some pertinent questions regarding preparation of civil and judicial services, which were answered with valuable suggestions by the panel of all former directors of CGC and RCA. The programme was conducted by Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Deputy Director of RCA, and vote of thanks was moved by Assistant Director Dr. Asif Khan.

#### **Interactive session on 'How to Qualify Civil Services'**

The Training and Placement Office (General), AMU and SOCH (Beyond the Imagination) recently organized an interactive session on 'How to Qualify Civil Services', which was attended by IPS Officer, Dr Hussain Mehdi Rehman as the Chief Guest.

While presiding over the function, Mr. Saad Hameed, Training and Placement Officer (General), AMU informed the gathering about Dr. Mehdi's career as an IPS officer and as senior resident with KGMC.

Recalling his student days in AMU, Dr. Mehdi said that he had attended Senior Secondary School in AMU. While sharing the necessary tips for qualifying UPSC exams, Dr. Mehdi said that the success depends on hard and smart work. He urged UPSC aspirants attending the gathering to be focused on their studies and to increase the number of hours spent on UPSC preparations.

During his address, Professor Syed Ziaur Rahman, Deputy Director, RCA, informed the students and dignitaries attending the programme about the functioning of RCA.

Mr. Saad Hameed, TPO General and Dr. Mohammad Saleem Khan moved the vote of thanks.

#### **AMU Alumni Affairs Committee Meeting held**

Professor Suhail Sabir, Chairman, AMU Alumni Affairs Office (AAO) and Executive Member of Ibn Sina Academy, briefed all members of various sub-committees on the on-going preparations of the AMU Alumni Meet 2016 on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. During the briefing, Prof. Sabir appealed all members to get officially registered in the Alumni List to get closer to the alma mater. He informed that the registration form could be downloaded from the Alumni Meet website: <http://www.amualumnimeet.com/>.

The core committee members Prof. Asfar Ali Khan, Prof. Sameena Khan, Prof. Suboohi Khan, Prof. Athar Ansari, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Dr. M Rihan Alvi, Prof F. S. Sheerani, Dr Shariq Aqeel, Er. Mohsin Khan, Dr. Ali Jafar Abedi, Dr. Abdul Aziz and Dr Jawid Ali were also present in the meeting.



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