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**EVENTS AT IBN SINA ACADEMY**  
**(January – March 2018)**

**Books Releasing Ceremony**

Ghalib Study Centre at Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh was abuzz once again on March 11, 2018 with the literary glitterati of AMU and Delhi. Occasion was the launch of Urdu novel, 'Gudkhet', a riveting reading that traces the harmonious social fabric of a bygone era in the backdrop of a village called Nasirabad, Rae Bareilly from the kingdom of Avadh of yore. The novel is third book penned by the author, M. Tahir, from Nasirabad only and currently living in Delhi. The first two books, 'Chhota Munh...' and 'Badi Baatein!' have already received rave reviews and adoration from Urdu lovers across the nation.

The neatly conducted and time-bound 2-hour programme began with the recitation of The Qur'an followed by a brief introduction of the author and his works by Alim Naqvi, renowned Urdu editor, Islamic thinker and author of almost a dozen books.

Literary experts including Prof. Shah Mohd Wasim, Prof. S. Zillur Rahman, Prof. K. Yusuf Amin, Prof. Saghir Afrahim, Prof. Tariq Chhatari and Prof. Maulabakhsh spoke and deliberated finer points of the novel which they found more relevant in the present time of chaos and discord in the society. It traces the social and harmonious fabric of India as rightly referred to 'ganga-Jamni Tehzib'.

The function was graced by Mohsin Dehlvi of Dehlvi Naturals and Dr. Nazish Ehtisham Azmi of Islahi Foundation, who specially came from Delhi; besides Urdu lovers of Aligarh.

**Blood Donation Camp**

Ibn Sina Academy organised 'Blood Donation Camp' in collaboration with Department of Pathology, JNMC, AMU,

Aligarh at Dayanatpur Primary School, Hathras on 6.2.2018. Nearly 54 young participants camped for NSS training donated blood for the JNMC Blood Bank. Prof. S. H. Arif, Prof. S. Ziaur Rahman, Dr. M. P. Singh, Mr. Suhel Abbas and Mr. S. H. Zahid Jamal, played significant role in organizing this event.

**Condolence Meeting**

On the sad demise of Mr. Khalid Nadeem Farooqui, a condolence meeting was arranged at Ibn Sina Academy on 24 February 2018. While presiding over the meeting, Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman said that "Khalid Nadeem was known to me for the last sixty years. He used to live near my house at Amir Nishan. With his death, we lost a famous Urdu classical poet".

**VISIT OF DIGNITARIES**

1. Delegates including foreigners, Intl. Conference on Jarahat, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh, 27.2.2018
2. Prof. Dr. Nil Sari, Department of Medical History and Ethics, Cerrahpara Medical School, Istanbul Turkey, 1.3.2018
3. Padma Shri S. Shakir Ali (Artist), Jaipur, 16.2.2018
4. Dr. M. Salim Khan, College of Medicine and Heritage Arts, Leicester, UK, 21.2.2018
5. Mr. Mohsin Delhvi, Delhvi Remedies, Delhi, 21.2.2018
6. Prof. Mina Nash (wife of Prof. Geoffrey P. Nash), Department of English, School of Culture, University of Sunderland, UK.
7. Shireen Hamza, PhD Student, History of Science, Harvard University, USA.
8. Dr. Mahmood Saparyan, Qum, Iran, 25.1.2018



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9. Delegates, Subject Refresher Course in Food and Technology, UGC-HRD Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 7.2.2018.
10. Delegates, Subject Refresher Course in Research Methodology (Arts and Social Science), UGC-HRD Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 17.3.2018.
11. Delegates, Orientation Programme, UGC-HRD Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 5.2.2018 and 13.3.2018.
12. Student Delegates, Super-20 (Second batch) of Classes IX & X, ABK High School, 29 January 2018 (Please see the following letter).

“Sir, we feel very happy to share with you that we have formed a group-Super-20 (Second batch) from students of Classes IX & X who possess an extra edge in terms of their intellect and academic performance. The selection is being done on the basis of written test comprising the questions from the area of Science and Humanities. We provide these group extra facilities so that they may excel in the competitive examinations of their standard and equip their career for the Indian Civil Services, Indian Judicial Services, Indian Defense Services etc. We would also like to share with you that Master Adnan Ahmad, the topper of XI Science Entrance Exam. 2017, AMU was one of the wizards of Super-20 of our first batch. Moreover, Rupesh Kumar Singh from our school was the topper of XI Arts Entrance Exam. 2017.

In this regard, we have planned visit to different places for this group to give them an exposure and *we want a schedule of visit to your esteemed academy between 27th Jan. 2018 to 30th Jan. 2018.* The visit of this group -43 students (Class IX-21, Class X-22)- will make them aware of the development of Science in Islamic era. We also want to share with you that our first batch of Super-20 made a visit to your academy on 29th Feb. 2016 and were elated to see such a great collections of books and antiques.

Thanks. Looking forward to your response. Tabrez Alam, Coordinator, Super-20”

**MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES**

**Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman**, Founder President, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, was invited as

1. Guest of Honour, National Seminar organized by Khawaja Saheb Education Welfare Society, Gwalior (MP), 17 January, 2018.
2. Guest and released the book by Late Dr. M. Hashmi Kidwai, “The Life and Times of a Nationalist Muslim”, volume 2, 21 January 2018, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, AMU, Aligarh
3. Chief Guest, One day National Symposium on “Teaching and Research Methodology in Kulliyat”, 22 January 2018, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh.
4. Chief Guest, Award Ceremony Programme, Real Artisan Welfare Trust, 27 January 2018, Panchayat Bhavan, Moradabad.
5. Presided, All India Unani Chikitsa Sammelan (Unani Health Conference), Social, Educational Welfare Association (Sewa) Trust, 3 February 2018, Aligarh Exhibition, Aligarh.
6. Organized (as Hony. General Secretary), All India Muslim Educational Conference Meeting, 4 February 2018, Sultan Jahan Manzil, Shamshad Market, Aligarh.
7. Presided, CME Programme for Teachers of Kulliyat, Department of Kulliyat, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, 12 February 2018, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh (Chief Guest Prof. Tabassum Shahab Hon'ble Pro- Vice-Chancellor).
8. Guest of Honour, Inaugural Session, Reunion 76 “year of 1976 Batch, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, AMU, 15 February 2018.



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9. Presided, Seminar “Awadh Key Tibbi Shoara Aur Unki Adabi Khidmaat” (Unani Medicine poets of Awadh and their contribution in Literature), Abdul Ghaffar Welfare & Educational Society, 18 February 2018, Jawaharlal Nehru Yuva Kendra, Lucknow.
10. Chief Guest, Book Releasing Ceremony entitled, “Sir Syed Ahmad Khan”, authored by Dr. Razia Hamid, Bi-century celebration of Sir Syed, Aligarh Old Boy’s Association, Bhopal, 24 February, 2018.
11. Chief Guest, JCON-4, “International Conference of Unani Medicine: Re-visiting Ilmul Jaharat (surgery)”, 28 February 2018, A. K. Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh.
12. Guest Speaker, National Seminar on Prof. Abdul Qavi Dasnavi in Literature, Madhya Pradesh Urdu Academy, 4 March 2018, held at Institute Museum, Shayamla Hills, Bhopal.
13. Releasing ceremony of book “Munir Bhopali Hayat and shayeri” written by Sameena Masood under the aegis of Riyasati Museum Bhopal, 5 March, 2018.
14. Awarded, “Mili National Urdu Award”, Milli Educational Foundation, 6 March, 2018.
15. “Yes, I am Urdu”, preservation of this great heritage, All India Urdu Conference organized by Milli Educational Foundation, Moradabad in collaboration with the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language New Delhi on 18 March 2018 at Meritorious Children Academy Deputy Ganj, Moradabad.
16. All India Urdu Conference, Urdu Cultural Heritage Programme, 19 March, 2018, Moradabad Muslim Degree College, Moradabad
17. General Body Meeting, Duty Society, AMU, 24 March, 2018, Hotel Melrose Inn, Aligarh.
18. Attended, Annual Function Program, Nadwatul Ulema, Lucknow, 25 March, 2018
19. Awarded, historical memento by National Unani Doctors Welfare Association, Lucknow, 26 March, 2018. Prof. Rahman addressed the gathering and participated in the discussion on the topic, “Tibb-e Unani aur Uske Farogh ke Liye Hamari Koshishen”. Hakim Hassan Nagrami, Dr. Altafur Rahman, Dr. S. A. Muyeed Ahmad, Dr. Salman Khalid and Dr. S.S. Ashraf, also addressed and present in the function
20. Glimpses of Sir Ross Masood Day Celebration on 15th February, 2018. Sir Ross Masood was grandson of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan (Founder, A.M.U.) and former Vice-Chancellor, A.M.U. He was born on 15th February, 1889 A.D.

**Prof. S. M. Razaullah Ansari**, Secretary, Ibn Sina Academy, was invited to participate and to deliver his keynote address at the 4th Biruni International Conference on the Occasion of the Commemoration of the 968th Demise Anniversary of Abu Rayhan Muhammad Ibn Ahmad al-Biruni (973-1048). The Conference was organised by Abu Rayhan Biruni Foundation, Dhaka, in collaboration with Payame Noor University, Tehran (Islamic Republic of Iran), and was held at Dhaka University, Dhaka (Bangladesh) during April 19-21, 2018. In fact this conference belonged to a series of Conferences, for instance the 3rd Biruni International Interdisciplinary Conference on the Contribution of Muslim Scholars to Science, Philosophy, Religion and Literature was held in 2015 at Dhaka. To note is that the 4th Biruni International Conference is the first conference on i) Biruni as a Symbol of Scientific, Philosophical, Cultural and Social Thoughts, ii) Indo-Iranian Relations: Special Reference to History, Culture, Language, Literature and Architecture .

Prof. Ansari intended to read his paper on the following topic: *History of Islamic and Modern Astronomy in Medieval India.*

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Unfortunately, due to his some private problem, he had to decline at the eleventh hour his attendance to the Conference, for which he feels very sad indeed. However, since Prof. Ansari is the only specialist on the above-mentioned theme presently in India, the abstract of his paper is being published in this issue, on pp. 11-12. Prof. Ansari acknowledges whole heartedly the very active and renowned scholar, Prof. Dr. A. M. M. Arif Billah, Founding Chairman, Abu Rayhan Biruni Foundation (Dhaka) and Chairman of the Conference Organising Committee for his active and friendly support.

**Prof. Abdul Latif**, Joint Secretary, Ibn Sina Academy, has been awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Award in Health and Medical Sciences" by Venus International Faculty Awards Committee (VIFA 2018) for his exceptional academic records, initiatives and developments in the field of Unani Medicine. This award will be presented to him during the 4th Contemporary Academic Meet-CAM 2018 on 7th July, 2018 at Radha Regent, Chennai.

Dr. Latif has also been invited as chief guest during the annual prize distribution ceremony of literary fest "CARAVAN" 18 of Sir Syed Hall (South).

**Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman**, Honorary Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy and Professor, Department of Pharmacology, AMU, Aligarh, visited many Departments of Pharmacology viz. Bankura Sammilani Medical College (Bankura, 2-5 January 2018), IGMC (Shimla, 8-10 January 2018), HIMSR (Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, 23-25 January 2018), SHKM-GMC (Nalhar, Nuh, 6-8 February 2018), Sharda University (G Noida, 6-9 March 2018), PGI (Rohtak, 15.2.2018), SIMS (Hapur, 2-4 April 2018).

Dr. Rahman has also been invited in the following events:

1. Guest Lecture on "Environmental

Pharmacology," Dept. of Pharmacology, Bankura Sammilani Medical College, Bankura (West Bengal), 4.1.2018

2. Resource person, Subject Refresher Course in Food and Biotechnology for Teachers in the Faculty of Science / Life Sciences / Medicine / Biology and Allied Sciences, (Topic: Efficacy and Safety of Nutraceuticals), UGC Human Resource Development Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 1.2.2018.
3. Guest Lecture, NSS Trainee Students, Bagel PG College, Hathras, 3.2.2018.
4. Guest Lecture on "Pv in Context with CAM, Pharmaceutical Regulatory Landscape: Its Key Role and Functions" (Industry-Academia Continuum, Pearl Celebrations), Dept. of Pharmaceutics, SPER, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, 13.2.2018.
5. Guest Lecture, Two-Days National Symposium on "Current Trends in Herbal Drug Discovery and Ethno pharmacology" (HES 2018), Vivekananda Education Society's College of Pharmacy, Mumbai, 23-24 February 2018 (Topic: Herbal Pharmacovigilance).
6. Guest speaker, National Seminar on Relevance of Medical Anthropology and Tribal Health Care Systems in the Globalizing World (REMATH), School of Studies in Anthropology, Pt Ravi Shankar University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 16-18 March 2018 (Jointly Organized by Society for Indian Medical Anthropology, Mysore).

Speaking on 'Pharmecovigilance in Ecology and Health', Prof Rahman discussed harmful effects of pharmaceuticals entering the environment through various routes. He pointed out, human health and ecology are more intimately related than ever and medical anthropologists have to play a big role. Prof Rahman also chaired a technical session on 'Mainstreaming Tribal Medicinal Heritage'. He submitted the report to

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the Director, Anthropological Survey of India (APSI) through Society for Indian Medical Anthropology (SIMA). Prof Vinay Kumar Srivastava (Director, APSI), Prof S K Pandey (Vice Chancellor, PRSU) and Prof P C Joshi (President, SIMA) were present on the occasion.

7. As coordinator, Aligs' Academic Enrichment Programme (AAEP), AMU, Aligarh, arranged many events (see under section: lectures / conferences held):

**LECTURES/CONFERENCES HELD**

**AAEP Lecture on Advances in Nuclear Medicine**

Dr. Sumbul Zaheer (Consultant, Department of Nuclear Medicine, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore) delivered a talk on "*Advances in Nuclear Medicine*" at the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU). She delineated the scope of therapy in nuclear medicine and how it is effective in certain cancer patients.

"Nuclear medicine is a specialized field involving the application of radioactive substances in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases," said Dr. Zaheer. She discussed how Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT) and Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scans are used to take images in nuclear medicine.

Prof. M Khalid (Chairperson, Department of Radiodiagnosis) welcomed the speaker and other guests, while Prof. S. Ziaur Rahman (Coordinator, AAEP) proposed the vote of thanks. Prof. M. Shoeb Zaheer, Prof. Khalid Sherwani, Prof Nayyar Asif, Prof Asadullah Khan, Dr. Anwar Shahzad, Prof Mohd Shoeb, Dr Daud S Farooqui, Dr Shagufta Wahab, Dr Mehtab Alam, Dr Saifullah Khalid and Dr. Shaista Siddiqui were present on the occasion.

**AAEP Lecture on Social Media Analytics and Intelligence with Looking Glass**

Associate Professor Hasan Davulcu (School of Computing Informatics and Decision Systems Engineering, Arizona State University, USA) delivered a lecture on "*Social Media Analytics and Intelligence with Looking Glass*" at Assembly Hall of Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology (ZHCET).

Dr. Hasan under the aegis of the 'Centre for the Religion and Conflict' of ASU discussed new analytics for measuring and countering radical extremists through Looking Glass, which is culturally sensitive multi-lingual online social movements monitor which rely on machine learning to locate and trace online communities, their influencers, ideologies and sentiments.

He also demonstrated the tool and its underlying methodology, along several case studies from Indonesia, Latvia and United Kingdom. He further explained that "*Looking Glass*" is designed to overcome language barriers and cultural biases while identifying tagging, and analyzing vast amounts of text. It can also read natural multi-lingual ideological messages, discover emerging dynamics and connect the dots and Looking Glass uses viral cascades as sensors to identify in real-time. He also narrated, segregation of information, coming out of particular groups and how it is diffusing and spreading into which other groups including type of emotion with what effect, when and where.

Ms. Poonam Venkatesh, Regional Enrolment Advisor at ASU (came along with Dr. Hasan), discussed the various avenues to study at university. She encouraged several queries from the students and provided solutions, which were very well received and evoked much interest among the audience



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Prof. Mohammad Sufiyan Beg, Principal, ZHCET, while introducing the speakers said that these lectures will surely benefit students and faculty Members of Computer Engineering, Computer Science and Social Sciences. Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Coordinator, AAEP, while paying vote of thanks, praised and mentioned the contribution of the convener M. Sufiyan Beg and Prof. Yasmin Saikia, who is an alumna of AMU and working presently working with ASU.

The visit of the ASU team was culminated in a meeting with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Tariq Mansoor, the Registrar, Prof. Javaid Akhtar and some other key functionaries of the University. A university tour was also arranged for the visiting team.

### **AAEP Update in Oncologic Pathology Including Molecular Diagnosis in the Treatment of Cancer**

Department of Pathology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) in collaboration with the Aligs' Academic Enrichment Programme (AAEP) and Aligarh Medical Alumni Association of North America (AMAANA) organised 'Update in Oncologic Pathology Including Molecular Diagnosis in the Treatment of Cancer', an international symposium on oncologic pathology on January 25, 2018.

As detecting cancer before it asserts is one of the priorities of medical research, the Department of Pathology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) in collaboration with Aligs Academic Enrichment Programme (AAEP) and Aligarh Medical Alumni Association of North America (AMAANA) organised an international symposium of oncologic pathology with 'Cancer Detection' as its theme.

While attending the inaugural function of the symposium on, 'Update in Oncologic Pathology including Application of

Molecular Diagnosis in the Treatment of Cancer' as the chief-guest, AMU Vice Chancellor, Professor Tariq Mansoor said, "that this programme deals with the essential element in improving the quality of health and medical care for patients. He assured the Department of Pathology with all the support for their work". "The Department of Pathology is a basic department used by various other departments of the medical college and we need to strengthen it", said the Vice Chancellor pointing out that "we also need to extend this programme between the US based alumni and JNMC to other departments in the university". Thanking AMAANA for continuous contributions to alma mater, Prof Mansoor said, "AMAANA had earlier contributed Rs 60 lakhs for the construction of the JNMC auditorium". Prof Ashraf Khan (Department of Pathology, University of Massachusetts, USA and chief-adviser of the symposium has a special role in arranging the funds," pointed the Vice Chancellor.

Prof. Ashraf Khan, who was present as the guest-of honour said, "that the field of pathology is growing fast with increased application of molecular diagnosis. New technology and innovation have given new meaning to medical education and how we train the next generation of physicians"; Prof Khan added further that deliberations in these areas are very important for continuing medical education".

Prof. Khan was one of the speakers of the scientific programme with Dr Shakeel Akhtar (Specialist Anatomic Pathologist, NMC Hospital, Dubai, UAE) and Dr Andaleeb Abrari (Associate Director, Histopathology, Max Healthcare Institute Limited, New Delhi) as other speakers.

Prof. S. C. Sharma (Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Principal, JNMC) emphasized, that cancer awareness had become a world-wide mission and prompt diagnosis is the epitome of better

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prognosis. I congratulate the Department of Pathology for bringing afore the best possible faculty to update us with the latest evidence based knowledge about cancerous lesions, he added.

Prof. S. H. Arif (Organising President) said, that he is thankful to all the faculty members and delegates for taking out time from their busy schedule. The JNMC is equipped with cancer diagnosis facilities and we need to work on haemato-oncology and molecular genetics.

Prof. Kiran Alam (Organising Chairperson) said, "molecular diagnostics is the backbone of tumour diagnosis and it is hoped that through this symposium a deep understanding on molecular aspects of common tumours will be developed".

A souvenir of the symposium was also released on the occasion. Prof. Kafil Akhtar and Dr. Roobina Khan were the joint-secretaries of the symposium; while Prof. Nazoora Khan, Prof. Veena Maheshwari, Prof. Syed Shamshad and Prof. S. A. Siddiqui were advisers. Prof. Mahboob Hasan (Organising Secretary), who was also the organising secretary of the programme proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Bushra Siddiqui conducted the programme.

### **National symposium on Teaching and Research Methodology in Kulliyat**

The Department of Kulliyat, Faculty of Unani Medicine, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College (AKTC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) today organised a national symposium on 'Teaching and Research Methodology in Kulliyat'.

Presiding over the function, AMU Vice Chancellor, Professor Tariq Mansoor said, "that AMU is organising programmes on teaching and research methodologies in departments of various faculties".

"Statistical analysis and data analysis is very important and we have a department

of statistics in the university, which can provide necessary help to various university departments and faculties". The Vice Chancellor added,

"there is an increasing demand for alternative streams of healing world over, which focuses on natural ways while avoiding intake of medicines. "AMU's Tibbiya College is one of the best in India and let us work together to provide the best of facilities to students and let us also come together to meet expectations of people interested in Unani medicine,"

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that Rs 20 crores have been sanctioned to the Tibbiya College for two new departments and Rs 20 lakhs were earlier sanctioned for the college's library. "Improvement is a continuous and a gradual process and there is a need to continue working as a team," said Professor Mansoor.

He urged teachers to write projects in new areas and to send them to the funding agencies. "These agencies are looking for projects in new areas," said the Vice Chancellor.

The chief-guest, Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (founder of Ibn Sina Academy) said, "there is a rich literature in Kulliyat related to Basic Sciences, Tareekh-e-Tib (History of Medicine & Resource Book Studies) and basic philosophies and fundamentals of Tib-e-Unani. This symposium will help students to develop understanding of using sources of information in better ways, proper planning of research projects, conducting researches efficiently and developing deeper research skills".

The Vice Chancellor and the chief-guest also released *Tareekh-e-Tibb'* and *Fundamentals of Physio Diagnosis in Kulliyat of Unani Medicine'*, books authored by Prof. Ashar Qadeer (Co-organising secretary of the

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programme) and Prof. Ferasat Ali respectively.

Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine, Prof Khalid Zaman Khan said, “it is imperative to link teaching and research we need to ensure that students learn about research process in the early periods of their higher learning. I am sure that this symposium will promote teaching and research methodology skills”.

While delivering the welcome address, Prof. Ferasat Ali (Chairman of the Department) said, “the Department of Kulliyat was established in 1985 as postgraduate department after separation from the erstwhile Department of Unani Tibb and Surgery. Since its inception, the department has carried out research in areas such as Mizaj (Temperaments), Akhlaat (Body fluid), Usoole Ilaj (Principles of Therapeutics), and in Applied Kulliyat among other fields”.

Prof. F. S Sheerani (Organising Secretary) conducted the programme, while Prof Ashhar Qadeer proposed the vote of thanks.

### **Avicenna Pharmacology Quiz**

Avicenna Pharmacology Quiz for undergraduates held in Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh on 4 March, 2018 at 4:00 pm at Pharmacology Seminar. Quiz competition is organized by Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman Department of Pharmacology. Shahbaz Zaidi and Sana Sultan got 1<sup>st</sup> prize of Rs 3500 and 2<sup>nd</sup> team won Rs2500 and 3<sup>rd</sup> team won Rs 1500.

Two MBBS (Third -year) students Sehba Zaidi and Sana Sultana bagged the first prize of the 'Avicenna Pharmacology Quiz' organised by the Department of Pharmacology, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) in which 25 teams of MBBS, BDS and BUMS students participated. The winners received a cash prize of Rs 3, 500 along with the certificates. Vaibhav Garg

and Vivek Kumar Pachauri (MBBS Third-year) secured the second position with a cash prize of Rs 2, 500, while Zeba Rafique and Sarah Irfan (MBBS Third-year) finished at the third spot with cash prize of Rs 1, 500. Teams of Mohammad Squib Alam/ Nagesh and Fatehullah Ansari/ Altamash Asfaque were the other finalists.

While congratulating the winners, Prof M Nasiruddin (Chairperson, Department of Pharmacology) appreciated the efforts of Prof. Ziaur Rahman (Department of Pharmacology) for successfully organising the event. Ziaur Rahman moderated the final round which had audio-visual questions on pharmacology.

Dr.Saif Khan (Department of Periodontics) and Dr. Dalia Rafat (Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology) were the judges. Dr. Tabindah Hesam maintained the scores of participants. Dr. M. Hanzalah and Dr. Siraj Ahmad were the quiz anchors. Resident doctors and staff of the Department of Pharmacology were present on the occasion.

### **FORTHCOMING SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/MEETING**

#### **91st Annual Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine**

The American Association for the History of Medicine will hold its 91st annual meeting in Los Angeles, California, May 10-13, 2018 at the UCLA Meyer & Renee Luskin Conference Center. More details could be found at <http://www.histmed.org/meetings/los-angeles-2018>

#### **Calls for Participants: History and Philosophy of Science Winter [Northern Summer] School: History of Psychiatry, Past Trends, Future Directions**

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History of Psychiatry, Past Trends, Future Directions 13-17 August 2018, University of Sydney

We invite applications from graduate students and early-career researchers in the history and social studies of science and biomedicine, and related fields, for a five-day (southern-hemisphere) winter school focusing on scholarship in the history of psychiatry. This is an excellent opportunity for young scholars interested in some of the more exciting recent developments in the history, sociology, and anthropology of medicine, in particular those scholars seeking to integrate various approaches in the interdisciplinary analysis of psychiatry and its history.

The history of psychiatry has attracted sustained attention by historians of medicine over the past several decades. The attention to psychiatry was partly caused by broader public debates about the role of psychiatry in modern societies. During the 1970s, for example, critics such as Thomas Szasz condemned psychiatry as a pseudo-branch of medicine and as a tool of modern societies to force individuals to conform to arbitrary social standards or to forcibly confine them to mental hospitals which Erving Goffman characterised as total institutions akin to prisons and concentration camps. The historical/philosophical work of Michel Foucault contributed to these characterisations as well. These views greatly contributed to historical research on the history of psychiatry.

How relevant are the approaches to the history of psychiatry inspired by these critical views today? After deinstitutionalisation, there are hardly any mental hospitals left, the influence of psychoanalysis has greatly declined, and psychiatrists appear to focus more on psychopharmacology than on psychotherapy. During this winter school, we will evaluate past and current research

on the history of psychiatry, discuss promising new trends, and focus on topics that we expect will be relevant in the near future. Topics that will be discussed include: Modern Research on Insane Asylums and Mental Hospitals; Colonial and Post-Colonial Psychiatry; Diagnosing Populations: Psychiatric Epidemiology; Deinstitutionalisation and community psychiatry; Trauma: Experience, Explanations, and Treatments.

We are looking forward to discussing these issues and many others, according to the interests of participants. Through a mix of seminars, small group discussions, and case studies, graduate students and early-career researchers will become acquainted with the most interesting research in the history of psychiatry. The workshop faculty will illustrate their arguments with examples of their own recent and forthcoming research. We expect participants to shape these discussions and to contribute ideas and examples from their own studies. Additionally, there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy Sydney's harbor, beaches, food, and cultural activities.

The winter course will be taught by Mark Micale (University of Illinois), Hans Pols (University of Sydney), and several other local academics with interest in this area. We have planned this winter school before the conference of the Society for the Social Study of Science, which will take place from 29 August to 1 September. There will be many interesting smaller events in the week preceding that conference.

Applicants should send a CV and a brief description (maximum one page) of their research interests, and how they relate to the topic of the Winter School, to [hps.admin@sydney.edu.au](mailto:hps.admin@sydney.edu.au) (with a subject heading "Winter School Application"). Closing date is May 31, 2018. We will take care of accommodation expenses and meals for the period of the

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Winter School, but participants (or their institutions) will have to cover their own transport costs.

The Winter School is supported by the Sydney Centre for the Foundations of Science and the School of History and Philosophy of Science, and the International Research Collaboration Fund of the University of Sydney.

**Conferences: Conformity, Dialogue and Deviance in Health and Medicine Liverpool, 11-13 July 2018**

The programme for the biennial conference of the Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM), to be held from 11 to 13 July in Liverpool (with an exciting social programme on 14 July), is now available on the conference website: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/history/events/sshm/>

**Conference on Health and Healing in Legend and Tradition**

This two-day conference on Health and Healing in Legend and Tradition will be held on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd September 2018 as the thirteenth Legendary Weekend of the Folklore Society, at the Spa in Scarborough, Yorkshire YO11 2HD. If you're interested in shrew ashes, zanies, plague pits, smallpox goddesses or illness as metaphor we would like to hear from you. Anyone can contribute – folklorists, herbalists, pathologists, sociologists and faith-healers. Presentations, which should be 20 minutes long, can take the form of talks, performances, or film presentations. The conference fee is £25 for speakers, £50 for others attending. If you would like to attend or to present a paper or performance, please make contact before 1 June with: Jeremy Harte, Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF.

**Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (CSHM) 2018**

Call for Papers Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (CSHM) 2018 May 26-28, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

The CSHM will hold its annual meeting and conference on May 26-28 at the University of Regina, in conjunction with the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The Programme Committee calls for papers that address the theme of this year's Congress: "Gathering Diversities."

Scholars are invited to give papers related to diversity in the history of medicine, health and healing; or that address historical experiences of patient diversity and equity (gender, race, sexuality, ability). Proposals on topics unrelated to the Congress theme are also welcome.

Please submit an abstract and one-page CV for consideration by 20 November 2017 by e-mail to Elylt Jones, [esyllt.jones@umanitoba.ca](mailto:esyllt.jones@umanitoba.ca).

Abstract must not exceed 350 words. We encourage proposals for organised panels of three (3) related papers; in this case, please submit a panel proposal of less than 350 words in addition to an abstract and one-page CV from each presenter. The Committee will notify applicants of its decision by December 15, 2017. Those who accept an invitation to present at the meeting agree to provide French and English versions of the accepted abstract for inclusion in the bilingual Program Book.

**BOOKS RELEASED**

**Autobiography: "Dr Hashim Kidwai: Life and Times of a Nationalist Muslim"**

Paying rich tributes to Dr. M. Hashim Kidwai, former member, Rajya Sabha and former faculty member of Department of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University, several senior teachers of the University remembered him as a man of

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“great commitment” and “consistent opinion”. A large number of former and serving teachers of AMU gathered at the UGC Human Resource Development Centre to attend the releasing ceremony of Dr. Kidwai’s autobiography, “Life and Times of a Nationalist Muslim”, published by Brown Books, which was hosted by Prof. Abdur Raheem Kidwai and Prof. M. Shafey Kidwai on January 21, 2018.

Nawab Ibn Saeed Khan of Chhatari, Pro-Chancellor, AMU, presided over the function in the presence of Prof. Masoodul Hasan, Prof. Shaan Mohammad, Prof. Hakeem Syed Zillur Rahman and Prof. Saleem Kidwai.

Addressing on the occasion, Prof. Masoodul Hasan said, “Autobiographies are documentation of memories and events that facilitate readers to get acquainted with the historical developments of a particular era. This biography allows people to get a glimpse into the events that have taken place in AMU and on the political arena during his period, Prof. Hasan further said, “Dr. Kidwai was an unassuming person and commanded great love and respect from his students”, Kidwai was a prolific writer and used to write letters to newspapers on a vast array of issues of public interest “.

Elaborating on Dr. Kidwai’s academic acumen as a naturally trained teacher, Prof. Shan Mohammad said, “whenever he went to him for a solution on a pedagogic issue, he gave him a mantra only to emerge successful. He was a dedicated teacher and wrote a number of books of political science in Urdu to facilitate easy comprehension of political theories”. Prof. Shan Mohammad highlighted also the administrative qualities of Dr. Kidwai saying that during his about 20 years’ association with him; he found him an early riser who punctually visited the hall of residence to keep a meticulous surveillance of food preparation in the hall where he was a provost.

In his observations, Prof. Hakeem Syed Zillur Rahman said, “Dr. Kidwai lived in an era when the Aligarh Muslim University was passing through a transformation following the tumultuous phase of post 1947 period. Dr. Zakir Hussain, who took the reins of the University to bring it on a nationalist course, was very particular about students’ counseling. He appointed Dr. Kidwai as a warden of the Amin Hostel, which had then seen the most disturbing time, to infuse in students a sense of national pride and commitment”. Prof. Rahman said further, “Dr. Kidwai had a great sense of humour while on the other hand he was highly consistent in his opinions and seldom changed his stance on an issue”. He pointed out also, that Dr. Kidwai’s journalistic works were also of great value and would add to his achievements, if his letters to newspapers and other articles were brought out in a collection form.

Dr. Kidwai’s son, Prof. Saleem Kidwai proposed a vote of thanks while Haris Mansoor conducted the programme.

**Arrivals of New Books by Members of IAMMS**

1. Revised and Second Edition of **Ross Masud** by Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, (Publication of Anjuman Tarraqi Urdu Hind, New Delhi, 2018)
2. **Hakim Ahsanullah Khan** by Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (Publication of Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, 2018). The book based on biography is the first attempt, comprehensively provided lots of references and proof that Ahsanullah Khan remained loyal till the last moment to his emperor, Bahadur Shah Zafar)
3. **Culture persane et médecine ayurvédique an Asie du Sud, By Prof. Fabrizio Speziale**  
This book (published by E. J. Brill (Leiden - Boston, in 2018) looks at the interactions between Āyurveda and Persian medical culture in South Asia.



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It presents, for the first time, a study of the translation movement of Ayurvedic sources into Persian, which took place from the 14th century onwards. The image of Ayurvedic culture emerging from Persian texts provides a new insight into the history of Āyurveda under Muslim political hegemony in South Asia. Persian treatises apply new categories to the analysis of translated materials and transform the way Ayurvedic knowledge is presented. At the same time, Fabrizio Speziale's book deals with the symmetric phenomenon of Persianization of the Hindu physicians who, through the learning of Persian language, appropriated medical knowledge of Muslim culture.

**DOCUMENTATIONS**

**Abstract of the Paper for the Fourth Biruni International Conference, held at Dhaka University, Bangladesh, during April 19-21, 2018**

**History of Islamic and Modern Astronomy in Medieval India**  
**S. M. Razaullah Ansari**

The History of Astronomy in Medieval India (hereafter HAMI) during the reigns by Indian Sultans and Mughal Emperors has been closely linked to Islamic astronomy (IA), and was actually transmitted by the Central Asian scholars who visited the subcontinent, and were patronised by rulers and nobles during 13th –18th centuries. The following modes of transmission of primary sources of Islamic astronomy (IA) will be briefly discussed first:

- 1) The role of Indian *madrasas* or scholars' houses through which instructions in ('*Ulūm-i 'Aqlīyah*) and IA were imparted to Indian pupils.
- 2) Presented is a selected list of extant classical texts of IA and the translations of Arabic texts into Indo-Persian, commentaries and glosses by Indian scholars.

- 3) Sanskrit texts which are translation/adaptation of Arabic-Persian astronomical texts. These translations of IA were sponsored by Sawa'i Jai Singh (d. 1743).

Although many commentaries were actually written by Indian astronomers in Indo-Persian which were used in Madrasas as part of syllabi of rational sciences, yet astronomers at Mughal courts had keen interest in practical astronomy. They compiled astronomical tables (the *Zīj*, pl. *Zījāt*), finally resulting in founding the Lahore school of astrolabe makers. Some efforts to establish observatories during Medieval India are also noteworthy. Further developments of Islamic cum modern astronomy in Medieval India were carried out by those Indians who came into contact with learned European scientists and engineers. They were Abū Ṭālib Landanī, Mīr Muḥammad Ḥusain Landanī and the poet and historian Ratan Singh Zakhmī. Their Indo-Persian writings concerning modern astronomy will be dealt briefly. Traced briefly is the foundation of Delhi College in 1825–57 with the specialisations of European knowledge and mentioned is the translation of Newton's *Principia* from Latin into Arabic by Tafaḍḍul Ḥusain Khān of Lucknow, a former student of Delhi College. Finally it can be stated that Indian *indigenous renaissance* could not be promoted further, when the medium of instructions in schools and colleges was replaced by English after 1857.

The paper attempts to elucidate the above-mentioned points using available primary and secondary sources.

**Keywords:** Islamic/ modern astronomy, Indian Astrolabe makers, madrasas, Abu Talib, Mir Muhammad Husain, Ratan Singh, Newton's *Principia*.

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### Annual Events at Ibn Sina Academy

Ibn Sina Academy hosts two annual events very regularly. These events are Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture and Prof. Nasim Ansari Oration on World Health Day.

**A. Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture** is hosted by the courtesy of National Council for Promotion of Urdu Languages, Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Following is the Series of Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture:

- First Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2006) by Saiyid Hamid (Delhi)
- Second Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2007) by Syed Mushirul Hasan (Delhi)
- Third Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2008) by Syed Shahid Mehdi (Delhi)
- Fourth Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2009) by Irfan Habib (Aligarh)
- Fifth Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2010) by Sadiqur Rahman Kidwai (Delhi)
- Sixth Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2011) by Dr. Ahmad Abdul Hai (Patna)
- Seventh Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2012) by Moosa Raza (Villupuram, Tamil Nadu)
- Eight Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2013) by Muhammad Zakaria Virk (Ontario, Canada)
- Ninth Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2015) by Dr. (Maulana) Kalbe Sadiq (Lucknow)
- Tenth Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2016) by Dr. Ather Farouqui (Delhi)
- Eleventh Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture (2017) by Dr. Naresh (Panchkula, Haryana)

**B. Prof. M. Nasim Ansari Oration** is held every year on World Health Day (7th April) by the partial courtesy of SEARO, WHO, New Delhi and Mr. Salim Ansari (Bangalore). Following is the list of Prof. M. Nasim Ansari Oration:

- First Lecture (2007) by Dr. Md. Tauheed Ahmad (Aligarh)
- Second Lecture (2008) by Dr. M. Habib Raza (Aligarh)
- Third Lecture (2009) by Dr. D. P. Singh Toor (Delhi)
- Fourth Lecture (2010) by Dr. Syed Badrul Hasan (Aligarh / Bhopal)
- Fifth Lecture (2011) by Prof. M. Hanif Beg (Aligarh)
- Sixth Lecture (2012) by Dr. Syed Badrul Hasan (Aligarh / Bhopal)
- Seventh Lecture (2013) by Prof. Arshad Hafeez Khan (Aligarh)
- Eighth Lecture (2014) by Prof. Saeeduzzafar Chaghtai (Aligarh)
- Ninth Lecture (2015) by Prof. Mohd Zaheer (Aligarh)
- Tenth Lecture (2016) by Prof. Dipti Tripathi (Former Director, National Mission for Manuscripts, Delhi)
- Eleventh Lecture (2017) by Dr. Vandana Roy (Professor Director and Head, Department of Pharmacology, Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi)
- Twelfth Lecture (2018) by Prof. O. P. Kalra (Vice Chancellor, Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak)

“The knowledge of anything, since all things have causes, is not acquired or complete unless it is known by its causes. Therefore in medicine we ought to know the causes of sickness and health. And because health and sickness and their causes are sometimes manifest, and sometimes hidden and not to be comprehended except by the study of symptoms, we must also study the symptoms of health and disease. Now it is established in the sciences that no knowledge is acquired save through the study of its causes and beginnings, if it has had causes and beginnings; nor completed except by knowledge of its accidents and accompanying essentials. Of these causes there are four kinds: material, efficient, formal, and final.