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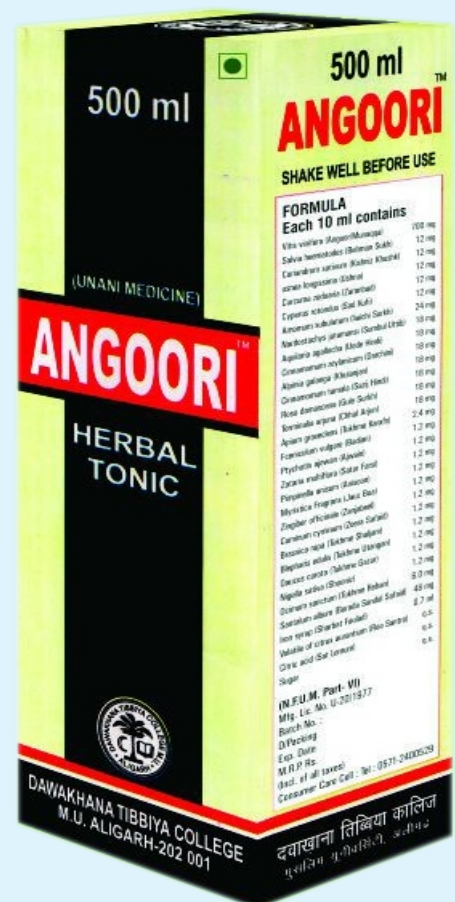
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**EVENTS AT IBN SINA ACADEMY**  
**(April – June 2021)**

**Brain Awareness Week 2021**

By the courtesy of the Asia Pacific Regional Committee of International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO-APRC), Brain Awareness Week (BAW) was celebrated with gaiety and enthusiasm to raise the awareness and understanding about the intricacies of brain and neuroscience at Ibn Sina Academy.

International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO) with partner members like Dana Foundation supports BAW projects across the region of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. IBRO Asia/Pacific Regional Committee (IBRO-APRC) also offers additional BAW grants to projects in the Asia Pacific Region. In the year 2021, through the Global Engagement Initiative, established with founding partners Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS), Society for Neuroscience (SfN), the Japan Neuroscience Society, the Australasian Neuroscience Society and the Dana Foundation, another 20 public outreach, advocacy and engagement activities also took place around the world.

IBRO-APRC selected Ibn Sina Academy with a grant award of 1250 Euro to organize BAW. The theme of the Academy's celebration was "Neuroscience through the Ages to Modern Times". During the three-day celebration from 7 to 9 June 2021, the Academy held an impressive inaugural program of the exhibition followed by children's presentations on the very first day. Earlier, children from various schools were invited to participate in a competition for painting, essay-writing and poetry on Brain and Neuroscience. Handsome cash awards were given to the winning students.

On the next day, i.e. on 8.6.2021, an exhibition of all publications on Neuroscience that are extant at Ibn Sina Academy was organised for the general public. This exhibition of publications and artifacts on neuroscience (Extant at Ibn Sina Academy) under the direction of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Prof. M.

Fakhrul Huda (Chairman, Department of Neurosurgery, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, A.M.U., Aligarh) in presence of Guests of Honour, Dr. Raman M. Sharma (Dept. of Neurosurgery, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, A.M.U., Aligarh) and Dr. Sanjeev Sharma (Consultant, SASMIT Neuro-Care & Trauma Centre, Vikram Colony, Aligarh). Dr. Ahmar Hasan (Resident, Department of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, A.M.U., Aligarh), made the list of all publications and presented the same through power point.

To cite an example, the Academy displayed few copies of the journals and books on brain and neuroscience such as the Newsletters and Annals of Neuroscience (Indian Academy of Neuroscience), Cerebral Palsy (Indian Family of Cerebral Palsy), Neurochemistry News & Journal of Neurochemistry (International Society of Neurochemistry), European Journal of Neurosciences (ESN), Neuromodulation (International Neuromodulation Society), IBRO News, Nature Neuroscience, Epilepsia, Epilepsy Currents, Brain Behavior and Evolution, Psychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences, Headache, Journal of Head & Face Pain, Indian Journal of Pain, Pain Practice, Psychological Science, Journal of the American Psychological Society, Current Directions in Psychological Science (American Psychological Society), Drug and Alcohol Dependence, Neurotoxicology Updates, Neuropsychopharmacology, Current Neuropharmacology, Neurotransmissions (Newsletter for the Neuroscientists), Psychophysiology (Society for Psychophysiological Research), The Mind Healer, Journal of Clinical Neurophysiology (American Clinical Neurophysiology Society), Neuro-Signals, Neurodegenerative Diseases, Developmental Neuroscience, etc. In addition, lots of abstract books of different symposiums, seminars and conferences on brain and neuroscience, WHO World Health Day Kit (2017 Theme: Ageing and Health) were also displayed.

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Special reference needs to be mentioned here that Ibn Sina Academy displayed two of its own publications on neuroscience and ageing very significantly. *Ain al-Hayat* (An Arabic Manuscript on Geriatrics written in 1532) by Mohammad bin Yousuf Al- Harwi (1542 A.D). There are four copies of this old manuscript reported in various libraries of the world. It is stated that this is the first text on ageing in the world. After collation of these four copies of the manuscript, Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sina Academy) edited and translated the manuscript in Urdu in 2007. In the edited book, one can find how the author 500 years back discussed all types of behavioral and lifestyle factors including diet, environment and housing conditions related to well-being of ageing. He also discussed what drugs could increase and decrease the ageing. This book in Urdu has now been translated into English and Bahasa and these translations were also displayed. Another book of Ibn Sina Academy which was displayed was “Self-rated memory of individuals associated with demographic profiles, lifestyle parameters, health status and medication use” by Syed Ziaur Rahman (2017).

Master Syed Faiz Rahman (Student of VI Standard, Our Lady of Fatima School, Aligarh) prepared a collage of original postcards and postal stamps on neuroscience extant at Ibn Sina Academy. It was well appreciated by all and played a significant role in popularising the concept of BAW.

On the third day i.e. on 9.6.2021, a webinar through Google-meet was arranged on the subject “Brain Safety: Exploring Medicinal Plants in Morphine Addiction”. The resource persons and topics of presentation were as follows: Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Aligarh, India): Exploring the aqueous and ethanolic extracts of *Myristica fragrans* & *Delphinium denudatum* in animal model of morphine addiction; Dr. Imran Zaheer (Shaqra, Saudi Arabia): Exploring the various extracts of *Myristica fragrans* & *Delphinium denudatum* in animal model of morphine addiction; Dr. Ankita Mishra (Mumbai, India): Exploring the various fractions of *Myristica fragrans* in

animal model of morphine addiction and Dr. Ahmad Zee Fahem (Aligarh, India): Exploring phytochemicals of *Myristica fragrans* & *Delphinium denudatum* in animal model of morphine addiction.

The academy is thankful to the IBRO-APRC for selecting Ibn Sina Academy with a grant award of 1250 Euro to organize BAW. The grant was released to Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Hony. Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy) who is a member of IBRO and other neuroscience societies.

### **Book Releasing Ceremony**

An impressive book releasing function was organized at Ibn Sina Academy on 12.4.2021.

Dr. Ata Khurshid, who is a noted Urdu author and writer, compiled and published, *Majmoo-e-Nasr Sir Syed* in five volumes. This book is based on collection of articles, lectures and letters of Sir Syed and published by Aligarh Heritage.

Volume 1 and 2 of the same has been released in a small but impressive function in the presence of Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, Prof. Mohamed Quamrul Hooda Faridi, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman and Dr. Rahat Abrar.

Both Dr. Ata Khurshid and Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman threw light on the importance of the book.

### **Earth Day Celebrated**

On the occasion of Earth Day on April 22, 2021, The Wings of Desire (An Aligarh based NGO), arranged thematic talks at Ibn Sina Academy by many eminent teachers of the AMU along with various competitions on poetry, speech and poster making. Mr. Sameer Sherwani (President) and Mr. Azim Khan (Secretary) were the main organisers of the event.

This initiative by "The Wings of Desire" on “Earth Day” after arranging expert talk on environment and earth, was worth appreciable, said the patron of the WoD, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman. RJ Kalpana of Big FM Radio was

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honoured with the title of "Earth Ambassador".

**Media trials against Muslims in India: counter and legal remedies; importance and challenges**

This programme was organized by few AMU students as a part of series at Ibn Sina Academy. The last event, which was held on 6.4.2021, had lectures by Prof. Ali Amir (Former President, AMUSU and former Chairperson, Dept. of Community Medicine, JNMCH and National President, Parcham Party of India) and Prof. Badar Ahmad (Dept. of Law, AMU, Aligarh). The background of the event was in reprisal of the controversies raised by biased media houses from sometime over different issues like AMU, JMI, Tablighi Jamaat, etc. Indeed, just to defame a targeted community as a whole. The programme was the need of hour that one should understand and retaliate in legal manner.

**CONDOLENCE MEETINGS**

**Ibn Sina Academy has lost many members, well-wishers and office bearers in the second wave of COVID19, which started showing its peak death rate from the mid of April 2021. We are sorry not to cover the condolence meetings of each of the deceased persons like Prof. Farhatullah Khan, Prof. Humayun Murad, Prof. Jamshed Siddiqui, Prof. K. K. Sharma, etc. due to the limitation of NISA pages. We pray for all the departed souls and extend our deepest sense of sympathies to their family members.**

**Syed Zillur Rahman**  
**Chief Editor**

**Condolence on the demise of Engineer Khalid Faridi (Incharge, Ghalib Study Centre, Ibn Sina Academy)**

Staff and members of Ibn Sina Academy bid a tearful adieu to Engineer Khalid Faridi, who passed away due to post-covid complications.

He was very dynamic and sincere well-wisher of Ibn Sina Academy, said Hakim Syed Zillur

Rahman. He was so closed to the welfare and activities of Ibn Sina Academy, that the void can't be fulfilled. His demise has left us deeply saddened, said Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman. Extending condolences to the bereaved family of the deceased, he said, "I pray for their comfort and strength during this difficult time".

"Staff of Ibn Sina Academy will cherish all the memories of him forever. It is hard to believe that he is not with us anymore. I extend deep sympathies to his family members", said Prof Abdul Latif, Joint Secretary.

Expressing shock, Prof Syed Ziaur Rahman (Hony. Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy), said, "It is with profound sadness to hear that Engineer Khalid Faridi has passed away. He was a hard-working man, who introduced the Academy's Ghalib Study Centre, among the Urdu poets not only in India but abroad. He arranged several literary activities under the aegis of Ghalib Study Centre".

Zahra Hashemi (Curator) tweeted, that Khalid Faridi was a lovely human being with a beautiful heart, his pleasant voice always ringing in my ears. Alas! His smiling happy face always giving positive vibes especially when he talked to my kids. May God give him highest place in Jannah.

**Condolence on the demise of Dr. Mohammad Furqan Sambhali**

Staff and members of Ibn Sina Academy remembered Dr Mohammad Furqan Sambhali, Assistant Professor, Urdu Section, Women's College, Aligarh Muslim University, who passed away due to post-covid complications.

He was very young, dynamic and sincere well-wisher of Ibn Sina Academy, said Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman. He was very passionate and dedicated teacher. His demise has left us deeply saddened, said Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman. Extending condolences to the bereaved family of the deceased, he said, "I pray for their comfort and strength during this difficult time".

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Expressing shock, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Hony. Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy), said, "It is with profound sadness to hear that Dr Mohammad Furqan has passed away. He was a hard-working colleague, who influenced other teachers and whose loss to the community is generally more immense".

Dr. Mohammad Furqan started working as a Guest Teacher at Women's College in 2015. He was promoted to the position of Assistant Professor in 2019. He had also worked as a lecturer at the SBH Azad Girls Degree College in Sambhal, UP. Dr Mohammad Furqan was an adept researcher and an Urdu writer, who produced significant works. He published papers in peer-reviewed journals, authored Urdu books and regularly contributed opinion pieces and editorials to major vernacular newspapers. He was presently working on the addresses given by Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, and has taken all the manuscripts in this regard from the Academy.

**Condolence on the demise of Prof. Maula Bakhsh Ansari**

Extending condolences on the sad demise of Prof. Maula Bakhsh Ansari, Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman said, "Prof Bakhsh was a noted Urdu critic and a senior faculty member at the Department of Urdu, Aligarh Muslim University. He was a sincere teacher, who loved the subject and sharing knowledge with his students. His demise is a big loss to the University"

"Under Prof Maula Bakhsh's tutelage, students thrived and through his leadership as a senior faculty member, younger teachers made great educational and professional strides — each enriched by his unique style of teaching and leadership," said Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy.

Prof. Maula Bakhsh was a stylistic known for bilingual criticism with prose, criticism and literary theory and Quest for finding the base of Eastern Poetics as his thrust areas. He taught the undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD students and authored four books. He edited chapters of over 26 books, published

numerous papers in peer-reviewed journals, wrote pre-text and introductions of books by eminent authors and translated Hindi and English books into Urdu.

Prof. Maula Bakhsh was working on six projects of yet-to-be-published books on stylistics, Critical studies and cultural Studies among other topics. He used to regularly appear as an expert in literary programs at Ibn Sina Academy.

**Condolence on the demise of Dr. Abidullah Ghazi**

A distinguished alumnus of AMU, author, educator, poet and renowned scholar, passed away after a brief illness in Chicago, USA. He was 85-years-old.

"Dr. Ghazi, a prominent alumnus, enriched cerebral legacy of Aligarh Movement. He was among a bunch of highly motivated, adventurous persons who broke barriers and went on to distinguish themselves in their chosen fields," said Professor Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman. Extending condolences to the bereaved family of the deceased, Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman said, "I shared a warm personal rapport with Dr. Ghazi. The AMU fraternity will always carry Dr. Ghazi's memory in hearts'.

Dr. Ghazi was the author and editor of over 150 text and support books on Islamic syllabus designed with his wife Dr. Tasneema Ghazi especially for Muslim children living in Western countries or studying in English-medium schools. He was among the 500 most influential Muslims of the world selected by the Jordanian Royal Academy.

Besides, his M A (Political Science), Dr. Ghazi also completed a B.Th. from AMU. He went on to do an M A in Economics from the London School of Economics and later wrote thesis on the revivalist views of Raja Ram Mohan Roy for his Ph.D. at the Ivy League, Harvard University. Dr. Ghazi also published, *Zikr-e-Saman Izaraan*, an anthology of Urdu poems.

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He was the son of Maulana Hamidul Ansari Ghazi, a freedom fighter and a renowned Urdu journalist. Dr. Ghazi's grandfather, Maulana Muhammad Miyan played a big role in Reshmi Rumaal Tahreek (The Silk Letter Movement), the first independence movement after the 1857 debacle.

**Prof. Dr. Shamim Hanafi is no more!**

The executive committee of Ibn Sina Academy has expressed grief over the death of renowned Urdu scholar and critic Prof. Dr. Shamim Hanafi on May 6, 2021, from Covid-19 in New Delhi. He was 83.

“Hanafi was one of the most respected literary critics, playwrights, poets and intellectuals of the sub-continent,” Academy’s President Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman said. “His death is a huge loss for the Urdu language, literature and poetry. Hanafi’s life was spent in Sultanpur before he shifted to Allahabad for his education. Here, he came into contact with Firaq Gorakhpuri, Dr. Aijaz Hussain, Prof. Ehtisham Hussain and Prof. S C Deb, who left a profound impression on him.

He completed his D.Phil. from Allahabad University in 1966. He was the first student of D. Litt at Aligarh Muslim University, which he completed in 1976. He served as a faculty member at AMU for seven years before joining Jamia Millia Islamia. He remained connected to the institution in the capacity of Professor Emeritus.

Hanafi was a proponent of the modern movement in Urdu literature. His books on modernism include *Jadidiyat ki Falsafiana Asaas* and *Nai She’ri Rawayat*. His other books on criticism include *Ghazal ka Manzarnama*, *Kahani ke Paanch Rang*, *Firaq, Shair wa Shakhs*, *Dayar-e Shab ka Musafir*, *Iqbal ka Harf-e Tamanna*, *Ghalib ki Takhleeqi Haissiyat*, *Tareekh*, *Tehzeeb aur Takhleeqi Tajreba*, *Urdu Culture aur Taqseem ki Riwayat*, *Khayal ki Musaafat* and *Qari se Mukalma*. He wrote plays, translated books, and wrote four books for children, which he admitted to enjoying immensely. His poetry collection *Aakhiri Pehar ki Dastak* was

published by Rekhta in 2015. He also maintained a keen interest in painting, pottery and the performing arts. In recognition of his services to Urdu language and literature, he was honoured with many awards including the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Award, Delhi’s Urdu Academy Award and Ghalib Award.

**Condolence meeting in memory of Nawab Ibne Saeed Khan of Chhatari**

Nonagenarian Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) Pro Chancellor and the oldest living alumnus of AMU, Nawab Ibne Saeed Khan of Chhatari passed away on 1.6.2021 at his Aligarh residence. He was 98-years old. He was laid to rest at his native Chhatari in Bulandshahar.

Extending condolences to the bereaved family of the deceased and AMU fraternity, Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman said, “Nawab Ibne Saeed Khan Sahab will always be remembered for his corporate life in Aligarh. He was a celebrity and had immense contribution to the society in general”. “I offer my heartfelt and deepest condolences to Nawab Sahab’s family and AMU community and pray for the comfort for his loved ones at this difficult time. “Personally, we will miss Nawab Sahib for his active role in the affairs of Muslim Educational Conference, as he was elected president of the Conference, added Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (Secretary, All India Muslim Educational Conference)

Nawab Ibne Saeed Khan played various roles in AMU such as the AMU Court member, Executive Council member and Honorary Treasurer. He was declared as the AMU Pro Chancellor for a second consecutive term in 2018.

He is survived by his sons Mr. Javed Saeed and Mr. Humayun Saeed, a daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**Demise of Mr. Ahmad Umar Farooq**

Mourning the sad demise of Mr. Ahmad Umar Farooq, the Secretary of All India Muslim Educational Conference, Hakim Syed Zillur



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Rahman, recollected the contributions and association with him since a long time.

Prof. Rahman stated that Mr. Ahmad Umar Farooq had a long-standing contribution in the corporate life of AMU and All India Muslim Educational Conference. He was an AMU Court Member since 1992 almost for the past two decades as a representative from AMU Donors and All India Muslim Educational Conference. He was also a Member of the Executive Committee of All India Muslim Educational Conference.

Mr. Ahmad Umar Farooq has left an imprint on us, he is gone from our sight, but will always remain in our hearts”, said Mr. Asad Yar Khan (Joint Secretary of All India Muslim Educational Conference). He further stated that he belonged to the respected and popular family of Aligarh whose contribution in both the city and AMU is immense. Words cannot express how saddened is the fraternity of All India Muslim Educational Conference after this loss.

Mr. Ahmad Umar Farooq was a distinguished alumnus of AMU and completed BSc (Civil Engineering). He spent a lifetime doing much to help the less fortunate. He was 75-years-old. The deceased is survived by wife and two daughters.

**Condolence meeting in memory of Hakim Abul Hasan Ashraf**

Dr. Abul Hasan Ashraf was closely associated not only with me but also was a sincere well-wisher of Ibn Sina Academy, said Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman. He once printed “Syed Zillur Rahman and Ibn Sina Academy” special issue. He was the chief promoter and honorary director Awami Dawakhana Group of Unani hospitals. He was the member of AIUTC and the joint secretary of Andhra Pradesh branch. He initiated awarding Unani physicians and well-wishers through his organization and himself was awarded by many other organisations for his remarkable services in the promotion and development of Unani medicine on national and international level.

**Condolence meeting in memory of Prof. Ghufran Ahmad**

Senior faculty member of the Faculty of Unani Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Prof. Ghufran Ahmad passed away in a hospital at Lucknow. He was the Chairman of the Department of Ilmul Advia.

“Prof Ghufran will always be remembered for his outstanding personality, caring nature for the students, and above all as a dedicated teacher. With his demise, the University community has lost a great academic, whose contributions were immense in Unani Medicine”, said Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman

Prof. Abdul Latif (Joint Secretary, Ibn Sina Academy) counted his achievements and briefed that, “Prof. Ghufran was a member of the Pharmacopeia Committee (Ministry of AYUSH), Indian Pharmacological Society, Committee constituted to start the Faculty of Unani Medicine at the Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Institutional Ethics Committee, NIUM Bangalore, Animal Ethics Committee, AMU Aligarh, Chairman Animal Ethics Committee, Committee for Inclusion of Ayurveda and Unani in International Classification of Diseases (ICD-II) for Traditional Medicine (Ministry of AYUSH), Task Force CSIR-TKDL (New Delhi) and Drafting Committee of a WHO publication on Unani medicine terminology. Prof Ghufran was a faculty member at AMU since 1997.”

Dr. Abdur Rauf (EC Member of Ibn Sina Academy) remembered him and stated that “Prof. Ghufran successfully completed Government sponsored projects, published papers in peer-reviewed journals, authored books and wrote and edited book chapters”.

**Condolence meeting in memory of Prof. Mohd Yunus Siddiqui’s demise**

Senior faculty member of AMU and Chairman, Department of Moalejat, Faculty of Unani Medicine, Prof Mohd Yunus Siddiqui passed away at a Delhi Hospital where he was admitted after getting injured in an accident. He was 61-years-old.



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Extending condolences, Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman said, “We are deeply saddened by the news of Prof Yunus Siddiqui’s demise. He has contributed a lot to the Faculty of Unani Medicine and the University. He will be greatly missed”.

Dr. Abdul Latif (Joint Secretary, Ibn Sina Academy) stated that “Prof Yunus Siddiqui will be sorely missed by generations of students and teachers. It is a huge loss and my thoughts are with his family in this difficult time”. Prof. Yunus Siddiqui was working as a faculty member at AMU since 1992. Management of infectious and viral diseases in Unani Medicine was his thrust area.

### **AMU School Support Programme**

Ibn Sina Academy has taken a task to assist the AMU School Support Programme. This programme is basically meant to provide scholarship to needy students of AMU school. Principals of all AMU schools will be requested to provide the list of such students. For details, please refer the last issue of NISA (Vol 21, No. 2, 2021). Following is a list of school scholarships:

1. Master S. M. Tonki Scholarship for the students of Minto Circle (STS School).
2. Prof. Zakia Ather Siddiqi Scholarship for the students Girls Senior Secondary School.
3. Khwaja Halim Scholarship for AMU City Girls High School, Qazi Para
4. Raja Mahendra Pratap Scholarship for AMU City Boy’s High School
5. Dr. S. Mohsin Raza Scholarship for ABK Schools

### **MEMBERS’ ACTIVITIES**

**Prof. S. Zillur Rahman**, President, Ibn Sina Academy, was invited to attend the following events and programmes:

1. Resource Person, Transitional curriculum for fresh batch of 1st Prof. BUMS, Govt. Tibbi College & Hospital, Patna, 10.4.2021 (Topic: History, Philosophy and

concepts of ASU-Introduction by eminent person)

2. Participated as Honorary Treasurer, AMU Executive Committee Meeting on 22.3.2021 and 14.6.2021, AMU, Aligarh
3. Presided, International Webinar on Maulvi Syed Zainul Abedin: Life and Contributions, 14.6.2021. The programme was organized by AMU Old Boys Association of Lucknow. Atif Hanif, Dr. Rehan Akhtar Qasmi and Dr. Aftab Alam Najmi played key role in organizing this online seminar.
4. Released, “Discovering AMU Centenary Chapters Revealing 100+years of Legacy” authored by Atif Hanif

**Prof. Abdur Raheem K**, Chairman, Department of Museology, AMU has been elected as Secretary of International Council of Museums (ICOM), India Committee for three years. This is declared in the online General Body Meeting of ICOM India held on 29.5.2021. ICOM-Paris (Headquarters of ICOM) is a reputed body across the globe.

Prof. Raheem has 30 years of experience in the field of museology and was nominated as Advisor, Consultant, Expert of various institutions like National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi, NRLC Lucknow, BHU, MSU, AICTE, etc.

**Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman**, Honorary Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy, was invited to the following events

1. Organising secretary, Brain Awareness Week, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, 7-9 May 2021 (detail on page 1).
2. Guest Speaker, Transitional curriculum for BUMS 1st Prof, Govt. Tibbi College & Hospital, Patna, 9.4.2021 (Topic: An Introduction to Modern Medicine and other systems of Medicine)
3. Annual Meeting of Boston Society for Pharmacovigilance Physicians, Theme: "COVID-19 Vaccines and Post-Acute COVID-19 Syndrome". Dr. Jeroen Pollet (Baylor College of Medicine) delivered the lecture on “Immune responses and

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- expectations for Recombinant protein COVID-19 Vaccines” (Remote Meeting on Zoom), May 6, 2021
4. Coordinators Meeting (via digital/virtual platform), Medical Device Adverse Event Reporting during COVID-19 Pandemic, Medical Device Adverse Event Monitoring Centres (MDAEMC), IPC, Ghaziabad, May 11, 2021
  5. Panellist, “Mucormycosis – A post COVID Sequelae” (Online), Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India (UP Chapter) in collaboration with Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Ziauddin Ahmad Dental College, AMU and Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, SPPGIMDS, Lucknow, 29.5.2021 (For detail, see page: 11-12)
  6. International Webinar on Coexisted with Covid 19: Vaccines, Variants, Immune Health and Mental Health, Wellness Awareness Campaign, Shia P. G. College, Lucknow, 30.5.2021 (Online)
  7. Chief Guest, Online Webinar on Impact of COVID’19 on Voluntary Blood donation held by IMA MSN Aligarh - Aligarh Muslim University on 20.6.2021
  8. Three days Intensive Course on Introduction to Arabo-Islamic Manuscript Culture: 2021, Qatar National Library, Qatar (three days, with two sessions per day), 21 to 23 June 2021

**DOCUMENTATION**

**IV International Scientific-Practical Conference "Abu Ali Ibn Sino and Innovation in Modern Pharmaceuticals"**

Members of Ibn Sina Academy actively participated in the IV International Scientific-Practical Conference "Abu Ali Ibn Sino and Innovation in Modern Pharmaceuticals", on May 20, 2021. The conference was organized through hybrid mode (online and offline) by Ibn Sino Public Foundation and the Tashkent Pharmaceutical Institute in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

In the inaugural programme, Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sina

Academy), was honoured and awarded with International Ibn Sina Prize of the Ibn Sino Foundation.

Prof. Abdul Latif and Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman were invited to attend the conference. Dr. Latif spoke on Karabadin (Pharmacopeia), 5th Volume of Canon of Medicine, while Dr. Rahman spoke on Analysis of Cardiac Drugs described by Ibn Sina in the Contemporary Research.

**Panel discussion on ‘Mucormycosis: A post-Covid Sequelae’**

“Steroids are not new for medical fraternity, they have been used for many years for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, but we have never seen a case of Mucormycosis. It may be because of thrombosis, over treated Covid patients, self-treated Covid patients, or patients treated by unqualified staff giving multiple drugs”, said AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Tariq Mansoor. He was delivering the presidential address of the online international panel discussion on ‘Mucormycosis - a post Covid Sequelae’ organised by the Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India, UP Chapter (UPAOMSI) in collaboration with the Department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Z A Dental College (ZADC), AMU. Prof Mansoor added: “There is a need for further research and study to come down to the exact cause of black fungus. The Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College of AMU is also a centre for Mucormycosis and we are treating a number of cases. Doctors at JNMC are ready for challenges that lie ahead and we are trying to procure in high quantity, Amphotericin B, the primary medicine for Mucormycosis management”. He also stressed the need for Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the management of black fungus.

Adept experts from across the globe further discussed how the potentially serious condition of Mucormycosis causes blurred or double vision, chest pain and breathing difficulties and its treatment methods.

Prof. Mohammad Shahid (Department of Microbiology, College of Medicine, Arabian

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Gulf University, Kingdom of Bahrain) delineated the routes of black fungus and its clinical types. He also elaborated on the microbiological and histopathological laboratory tests. Prof. Mohammad Shamim (Department of Pulmonary Medicine, JNMC) discussed why there is a sudden increase in Mucormycosis cases and how diabetic people on longer steroid courses and patients on increasing flow of oxygen through contaminated water in humidifiers are at a high risk. Prof. Vijay Kumar Girhe (Department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, ZADC) talked about the clinical signs and symptoms of patients with different types of Mucormycosis depending upon the site of involvement.

Prof. Aditya Mishra (Department of Radiodiagnosis, Rama Medical College and Hospital, Kanpur) advised the use of contrast MRI of paranasal sinus and base skull to determine the level of soft tissue invasion and contrast CT for bony involvement. Dr. Ashish Chandra (Department of Otorhinolaryngology, RML, Lucknow) discussed nasal endoscopy as a diagnostic tool to visualise the skull base and medial wall of orbit.

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Department of Pharmacology, JNMC) delineated medical management with use of systemic antifungals. He covered the Pharmacology of Drugs Effective in Mucormycosis.

Prof. Himanshu Reddy (Department of Medicine, King George Medical University, Lucknow) elaborated the pharmacological aspects of Amphotericin B. Dr. Ashish Agarwal (ENT Surgeon, RML, Lucknow) spoke on the role of retro bulbar Amphotericin B for non-thrombosis cases. Prof. Mohammad Kaif (Department of Neurosurgery, RML, Lucknow) discussed the 8-16% intracranial extension.

Prof. Sandeep Sahu (Department of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care, SGPGI, Lucknow) spoke about various ways of intubations and possible complications in post Covid Mucormycosis. Prof. Naresh Kr Sharma

(Head, Department of OMFS, BHU) emphasised the need for SOPs and multi-disciplinary teams of ENT surgeons, maxillofacial surgeons, ophthalmic surgeons, medicine experts, pulmonary medicine experts, anaesthetists and neurosurgeons for the better care management of post Covid black fungus.

Prof. R. K. Tewari (Principal, ZADC) delivered the welcome address, Prof. Gaurav Singh (President, UPAOMSI) welcomed the participants and panelists and Prof. G. S. Hashmi (Hony Secretary, UPAOMSI) extended the vote of thanks. Dr. Tabishur Rahman moderated the panel discussion.

**Dawakhana products get new logo**

A new logo with an up-to-date visual identity will feature on the packaging of the Dawakhana Tibbiya College, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) products as an abbreviated word mark, 'DTC'. This new trademark sign was selected by Dr. Hamida Tariq (Renowned pediatrician) from among 105 entries received in the Logo Design Competition organised by the Dawakhana Tibbiya College. Department of Architecture student, Saiq Anwar was given the second prize with a cash of Rs 5, 000.

"Recently, there has been an increase in the demand of nature based products and Unani Medicine across the globe. We have set our eyes on bolstering the development of our Unani products. The new logo will differentiate the Dawakhana products from others, and foster a fresh brand loyalty," said Prof Salma Ahmad, Member-in-Charge, Dawakhana Tibbiya College. She added that the new logo will now be printed on all Dawakhana products. Prof Salma was speaking during the prize distribution ceremony, which also had Mr. Taufiq Ahmed (Officiating General Manager, Dawakhana Tibbiya College).

**My Journey to Bikaner**

**By Syed Ziaur Rahman**

I was invited as an external examiner by the Rajasthan University of Health Sciences at

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Sardar Patel Medical College, Bikaner. Since it was my first visit to the city Bikaner, so I stayed there from 15 to 21 April 2021.

Obviously, my main attraction was to meet and greet the faculty members of the Sardar Patel Medical College. Prof. Sumita Tanwar, Head of the Department of Pharmacology, introduced me with almost all the dignitaries of the college.

I visited Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute of Bikaner, where I had an opportunity to meet the Director Dr. Nitin Goyal. Dr. Goyal has very kindly attended and showed both the digital and original manuscripts particularly in medicine subject.

Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute (RORI), which is an organisation established by Government of Rajasthan to promote Rajasthani culture and heritage and to accumulate and maintain the old Rajasthani folk art work and folk literature. Though, the main institute is based in Jodhpur and was established in 1954 under guidance of Muni Jinvijayaji, a member of the Royal Asiatic Society. Dr. Rajendra Prasad laid foundation stone in 1955 and it opened on 14 September 1958. The other institutes are located in additional main cities of Rajasthan.

Keeping in view the concept of the progress of the Institute in collecting manuscripts from various sources, Government of Rajasthan supported the work by issuing a specific order to acquire manuscripts and miniature paintings from State Museums and libraries. As a result the Institute acquired manuscript-collections from the state libraries of Alwar, Tonk, Udaipur and Kota in 1962. Similarly by donations the Institute acquired a large number of manuscripts at Bikaner and Chittorgarh. The collection of the manuscripts thus acquired led to the foundation of branch repositories in these cities. Yet at the headquarters at Jodhpur and other repositories the process of collecting manuscripts through purchase and donation continued for decades together resulting in a large number of worth manuscripts amounting to 1.24 lakh. Later on,

branch repository at Tonk was reshaped by the Government as a Center for Arabic and Persian Studies while a new repository at Bharatpur came into existence with the donation of 5000 manuscripts by the local Pandits and others. Presently, RORIs are located in Jodhpur, Jaipur, Alwar, Kota, Bharatpur, Bikaner and Udaipur.

I wish I could visit the most historical palace, Junagarh Fort Museum. This fort was closed due to lockdown. The fort was built in 1478 by Rao Bika who established the city of Bikaner. But, I had an opportunity to visit other important places.

Lallgarh Palace has been converted into heritage hotel which was originally built for Sir Ganga Singh, Maharaja of Bikaner. Laxmi Niwas Palace is a part of Lallgarh Palace, and has also been converted into another hotel. Many VIP guests including Georges Clemenceau, Queen Mary, King George V, Lord Harding, Lord Irwin, Lord Curzon, stayed in these palaces. Maharaja Sadul Singh Museum is located on the same campus. I enjoyed its rich heritage and museum which is currently maintained by Princess Rajyashree Kumari.

Hotel Sagar is a perfect for business and leisure travelers. The hotel is situated inside the complex of one of the most beautiful palaces here, known as the Lallgarh Palace. Hotel Sagar, Bikaner is one of the best Hotels in Rajasthan. Hotel Sagar is a charming blend of Indian and European style of architecture. Apart from its comfortable rooms with all modern amenities, it also provides excellent cuisine and local delicacies. Prof. Sumita Tanwar hosted lunch where I enjoyed good food, good company, good place and good ambience which gave me the feeling like drug synergism.

I visited Govt. Bikaner Museum which is also known as Ganga Golden Jubilee Museum. Maharaja Sri Ganga Singh of Bikaner engaged Dr. Luigi Pio Tessitori, an Italian scholar, on 6th December 1915 for conducting the historical and bardic survey of the Bikaner

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region, paved the way for the establishment of Bikaner museum. The new institution was named Ganga Golden Jubilee Museum and Lord Linlithgow, the then Governor General of India, inaugurated it on 5th November 1937. In 1950, the museum was taken over by the Govt. of Rajasthan. This museum constitutes following galleries: Maharaja Ganga Singh section, Local arts and crafts section, Textiles and carpets section, historical section, armoury section, archaeological gallery and Dr. Tessitori section, Painting section, Jain Arts section, etc.

On the last day, I found time to visit Gajner, which is around 30 kilometers far from the main city Bikaner to see a shooting for a TV serial...Since all common shooting places in Mumbai, Goa were closed. Rajasthan had become a perfect Indian state as a site for filming movies and TV serials. The state has served as the backdrop for many Indian as well as foreign movies. This palace is also closed these days due to Covid19 for public...luckily got the VIP complimentary entry!

### **Remembering Dr. Mohammad Nasiruddin By Syed Ziaur Rahman**

Prof. Mohammad Nasiruddin (1966-2021) was born in a family of humble background at Bettiah, West Champaran (Bihar) on 30th December 1966. After basic education from his hometown, he came to Aligarh Muslim University (Aligarh) and completed his MBBS and MD (Pharmacology). During his MD course, he completed his thesis work on study of trace elements in vitiligo patients under the guidance of Prof. R. A. Khan and Prof. A. Kalam in 1999.

He was appointed Senior Resident on 12th February 1999 and remained on this position for few months as he soon joined as lecturer on 10th September 1999. He was promoted as Assistant Professor (Senior Scale) on 10th September 2003 and Associate Professor on 10th September 2008. He rose to the position of Professor on 21st July 2012 and became

Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology on 08.08.2017.

He was associated with various committees and organisations. He acted as Coordinator of ADR Monitoring Centre at JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, under the aegis of Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. He had been deputed as MCI assessor and served as expert of different Selection Committees and examinations of many universities. He was also very active in the affairs of the University and held many positions both at university and at college level. He was warden, Assistant Proctor and Deputy Medical Superintendent. During his teaching career, he guided many MD students, attended many conferences and published several papers in both national & international journals including a manual for pharmacy lab.

On a personal note, I was in touch with him since I joined the Dept. of Pharmacology as junior resident in 1997. It is said that a good person is always tested when you travel with him. So, I admit here that I travelled with him on several occasions. He was a wonderful accompany, jolly in nature and easy going man. The first visit that I made with him was in 1997 itself, when we were asked by the then Chairman to see-off one of the examiners Dr. Zubaida Jeelani to Noida (Residence of Dr. Usha Gupta). The second visit with him was at a time when we attended the Tridecennial Annual Conference of Indian Pharmacological Society at Govt. Medical College, Jammu during 14-16 November, 1997. Later we made several journeys together. The most and fruitful visit with him, when we took hard decision together during a very important selection committee of Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission (Solina, Srinagar) on September 2018.

He passed hard days before his demise as he was suspended from the services because of alleged complaint. He defended his case very confidently but nature could not give him a chance to defeat all the allegations made against him. I was defendant assistant in his

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enquiry committee so know each and every point of his case.

I lost a good teacher, a good colleague and a good friend to whom I worked for almost 24 years. My last conversation with him was on 29th April 2021 as on the very next day, he got admitted to hospital. He succumbed to COVID 19 on 13th May 2021. Just a day before his death, his suspension was revoked by the university administration, which I hope would give a solace to his family, friends and colleagues. "Surely we belong to Allah and to Him shall we return"

**Loosing Dr. Wali Mohammad Momin!**

**By Syed Ziaur Rahman**

"It is with great sorrow that I inform you that my father Dr. Wali Mohammad Momin has passed away on 6th May 2021. His funeral ceremony was held on the eve of *Jummatul Wida*. It was so sudden we are still shock. He must be really dear to God that he died on this day with no suffering. May God give him highest place in *Jannah*. Please pray for his *maghfirat*." This was a message that I received from his daughter Ms. Samiya, when I did not hear from Dr. Momin for the last 3-4 days before his demise.

Dr. Momin was known to me for the last few years but I met him first time in Aligarh when he visited with his family members for the admission of his second daughter at MBBS course (2019 Batch). He came with his wife, two daughters and a son. He introduced me his family with a proud father that his elder daughter was already pursuing MBBS course from Hyderabad and now it was his ardent wish to get his another daughter admitted at JNMC, AMU, Aligarh. I congratulated the family and did whatever I could for them on the day of the admission. Afterwards, the whole family became so close to me that I also started consider them as part of my extension family friends. Dr. Momin was continuously in touch with me regarding his daughter's classes as all her classes since the admission was going on almost through online mode due to COVID 19.

Dr. Wali Mohammad Momin did graduation (MBBS) from Government Medical College, Nagpur and later served the same college as tutor for few years. In 1992, he joined once again on the same post 'tutor' at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Sawangi, Wardha. During tutorship, he completed his MD (Pharmacology) from the same college from 2006 to 2009. Since I was not introduced to him formally before 2019, so could not meet him when I visited his Department of Pharmacology during my participation at 2nd Annual MCH Community Forum- "Sewagram 2007", Solution Exchange, UNAIDS from 9-10 February 2007 at Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (MGIMS), Sewagram, Wardha.

After completing post graduation, he joined Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Adilabad, Andhra Pradesh (now part of Telangana) as Assistant Professor. He served this institute for nearly 4-5 years and then moved to Saudi Arabia for better option. After coming back from Saudi, he joined the Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS), Bilaspur, as Associate Professor. He was well placed and working in the area of clinical pharmacology. During COVID 19 pandemic, he was also assigned as incharge of the Corona Help Desk in CIMS. But then, he succumbed in Hyderabad due to corona virus complication.

Just three months back before his demise, he visited Aligarh in February 2021 and who knew it would have been our last meeting. "Surely we belong to Allah and to Him shall we return". We exchanged good ideas and discussed current affairs specially in relation to COVID 19. He also informed me that soon, he would join FHMC, Tundla as Professor and Head, and this would give us more opportunity to meet in Aligarh. I presented him few of my books and wished him good luck for his new assignment. I found him very cool, calm, sober and dedicated to both his family and subject. May God give him highest place hereafter and peace to the departed soul!



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The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India. It was established on 30 March 1978; however, it started functioning in January 1979. Since inception, the Council has been busy in researching various fundamental and applied aspects of Unani Medicine. Over the years, the CCRUM has emerged as the world-leader in the field of research in Unani Medicine.

#### THE NETWORK

The CCRUM has 23 research centers functioning in different parts of the country, besides its headquarters in New Delhi.

#### AREAS OF ACTIVITY

The Research Programme of the Council has four major components:

- Clinical Research
- Drug Standardization
- Literary Research
- Survey and Cultivation of Medicinal Plants

#### MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Some of the significant achievements of the Council are as follows:

##### Clinical Research

- Developed 27 Unani drugs, which are purely natural, standardized and without any side-effects, for successful treatment of vitiligo, sinusitis, infective hepatitis, eczema, filariasis, malaria, rheumatoid arthritis, bronchial asthma and some other common ailments.
- Obtained 15 patents on for developing certain novel therapeutic compositions and SCAR primers.

##### Drug Standardization

- Developed pharmacopoeial standards for 298 single and 150 compound drugs. Besides, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for manufacture of 50 compound drugs have also been finalized.
- Published six volumes of *National Formulary of Unani Medicine*, six volumes of *Unani Pharmacopoeia of India* (UPI), Part 1 (on single drugs), and three volumes of the UPI, Part 2 (on compound drugs).

##### Survey and Cultivation of Medicinal Plants

- Collected over 104,568 specimens of medicinal plants belonging to 1,800 species from the wild.
- Undertaken successful cultivation of 33 important medicinal species.
- Gathered and documented over 16,261 folk medicinal claims.

##### Literary Research

- Translated 56 volumes of 21 classical books/manuscripts from Arabic/Persian into Urdu and other languages.
- Prepared a database of 2,400 manuscripts of Unani Medicine.
- Reprinted over 70 rare classical books.
- Compiled Standard Unani Medical Terminology for 4,028 terms of Unani Medicine.
- Developed 'Standard Unani Treatment Guidelines for Common Diseases'.

##### Publications

- Produced over 2,000 research papers and brought out about 400 publications, besides regular publication of a quarterly bulletin *CCRUM Newsletter*, quarterly Urdu Journal *Jahan-e-Tib* and quarterly English Journal *Hippocratic Journal of Unani Medicine*.

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