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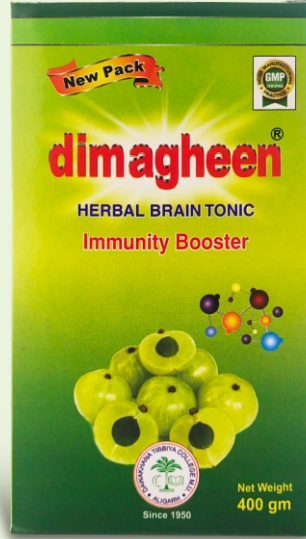
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### EVENTS AT IBN SINA ACADEMY

(January – March 2023)

#### **The Academy distressed at the loss of its Founder Secretary**

Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences deeply mourned the sad demise of its founder secretary, Prof. Shaikh Mohammad Razauallah Ansari. He was instrumental in establishing the Academy in 2000 and served it as 'Founder Secretary' till his last breath. Under his editorship, 88 issues of the Newsletter of Ibn Sina Academy (NISA) came into existence.

Prof. Ansari was born in Delhi on April 8, 1932 and did his B.Sc. (Honours) in 1953 and M.Sc. in Physics in 1955 from the Delhi University. He began his career as a Physics lecturer at Delhi College (now Zakir Hussain College) in 1956 and joined the Department of Physics at Aligarh Muslim University as a Reader in October 1969 and was promoted as Professor in January 1983.

Expressing a deep sense of grief on his demise, Founder President of Ibn Sina Academy, Prof Syed Zillur Rahman said, "I am deeply saddened by the demise of Prof. Ansari and extend my sincere condolences to his family, and wish peace for the departed soul. May Allah give strength to his family and loved ones to bear this loss." He said, Prof. Ansari was a hard worker and an expert in the field of history of exact sciences and astronomy. While working at Delhi College, he was awarded the Alexander Von Humboldt Research Fellowship to work at the Institute of Theoretical Physics in 1959. He later shifted to Eberhard Karl University at Tübingen (Germany), where he completed his D.Sc. (Dr. rer. nat.) in 1966 in Mathematical Physics. During his sojourn in Germany, he specialized in the history of exact science in India and Islamic countries. He researched during 1966-1969 as a research scholar / associate of German Council of Research in various capacities.

Prof. Ansari developed a keen interest in Astrophysics and developed a research group

focused on Solar Physics and Physics of Interstellar Matter after joining AMU. In recognition of his contributions to Astronomy and Astrophysics, he was elected Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society (London) in 1972 and subsequently became a member of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) in 1973. Besides joining IAU Commissions of his specialty, Ansari also joined IAU Commission 41 (History of Astronomy) in which he became so active that he was elected as its Vice-president for 1991–1994, and President for 1994–1997. Ansari was the first Indian/Asian President of Commission 41 since its inception.

He also served as member secretary, Indian Committee of International Union for History and Philosophy of Science (IUHPS), President, International Union for History and Philosophy (IUHPS) Commission for Science and Technology in Islamic Civilization, 1993–97, President, IUHPS-IAU Joint Inter-Union Commission for History of Astronomy, 1997–2001, President, IUHPS Commission for History of Ancient and Medieval Astronomy, 2001–2005; re-elected from 2005–2009, Elected Assessor, IUHPS Council for 1989–93; re-elected for 1994–97 and First Vice-President, Council of the International Union for History and Philosophy of Science

He was involved in the development of the History of Science, particularly in the History of Astronomy, and helped establish the Department of History of Science and Medicine at Hamdard Institute (Now Jamia Hamdard), New Delhi, during 1984–86. In the institute, he was assigned as the Editor (1985–2000) of 'Studies in History of Medicine and Science' (ISSN 0970-5562), Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi.

In his later career, he focused on studies in Medieval India (Persian Sources) and in Islamic countries. He was elected as president of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology and

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also worked as the founding President of the Commission for the History of Ancient and Medieval Astronomy. Prof. Ansari was also involved in a UNESCO project in Tehran (Iran) as an expert of Muslim contributions to sciences during Islamic Middle Ages. Another of his outstanding achievements is the completion of a critically edited Persian text of the Astronomical Tables of Maharaja Sawā'ī Jai Singh – the Zīj-i Muhammad Shāhī – a project sponsored by the Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi. He authored and edited a few books specially on topics like Zīj, Avempace, Qotb al-Din Shirazi.

Joint Secretary of the Academy, Prof. Abdul Latif, remembered him with sorrow and prayed for the departed soul. He said, “May God give strength and courage to the bereaved family”. Professor S. M. Razaullah Ansari died after a brief illness. He was admitted in the hospital after an acute attack of myocardial infarction and died on the night of 24 February 2023.

Hony. Treasurer, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman in his remarks further mentioned his association with other organizations: Board Members Affiliates, The Islamic Scientific Manuscripts Initiative (ISMI), Executive Member, Indian National Commission for History of Science, President, International Commission for Astronomy, Elected President, Commission for History of Ancient and Medieval Astronomy (CHAMA), Member, International Congress of History of Science, Member, Indian National Commission for History of Science, Member, International Academy of the History of Science, 1986, Member, Indian National Science Academy, Member, Commission of Islamic Sciences, Member, Indian Delegation to the 500th Anniversary Celebration of Nicolaus Copernicus, Torun, Poland, 1973.

Prof. Ansari left behind his second wife Dr. Shaukat Nehal Ansari and four children Zia Nishat, Meh Jabin, Shamim Ansari, Nusrat Ansari and four grandchildren Kevin Behrens, Joshua Behrens, Amaan Ansari and Samir Ansari. The first wife of Prof. Ansari, Dr.

Annemarie Ansari, died only last year in Germany after a brief illness.

The family of Prof. Razaullah Ansari has decided to donate books and publications related to history of medicine and sciences be given to the library Ibn Sina Academy as per the last wishes. The Academy is grateful for this kind gesture!

### **Welcome Ceremony in Honour of Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya**

Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences arranged a formal welcome ceremony on 5.3.2023 in honour of Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya who took over the charge as the Director General of Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Sciences (CCRAS) at Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Prof. Acharya was greeted by the President, Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, and was presented with a beautiful bonsai of a ginseng plant. *The Academy also conferred its prestigious "Ibn Sina Public Health Award 2023" in recognition of his contribution in the field of Public Health and Ayurvedic Medicine.*

The ceremony was presided over by none other than Prof. K. C. Singhal (Ex-Chairman, Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh and Former Vice Chancellor, NIMS University, Jaipur), who knew Prof. Acharya since a long time. Prof. Singhal applauded the efforts of Prof. Acharya in initiating the concept of herbal pharmacovigilance in India when he was associated with the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda at Jamnagar (Gujarat). Prof. Singhal also appreciated the staff of Ibn Sina Academy, for honoring Prof. Acharya, in a dignified manner. Earlier, Dr. Gopalam Kasthuri (Ayurveda Consultant, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh) introduced the chief guest Prof. Acharya.

Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya took a round of the various museum galleries and library of the Academy. He was amazed to see the rare books and artefacts related to the history of medicine in general and Unani medicine in

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particular. He appreciated the way manuscripts are preserved in the Library and happily inaugurated the digitization program of Unani manuscripts undertaken by the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (A Unit of CCRAS), Hyderabad. Under the guidance of Dr. Ashfaque Ahmad, Mr. Sampath and Mr. Ramesh, were deputed by NIIMH for this task of digitization.

Dr. Mohammad Kamil (Director General, Lotus Holistic Health Institute, and Head of the Scientific Committee for Sheikh Zayed International TCAM Awards, Abu Dhabi, UAE), Dr. Ashfaque Ahmad (Research officer in Unani, NIIMH, Hyderabad), Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh and Hony. Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh), also spoke on this occasion. Dr. Pragya Subba compered the program while Dr. Anam Alam presented the vote of thanks.

The program was attended by many academicians and scholars including Dr. Mobasshir Khan (Managing Director, Relief Group of Hospitals & Foundation for Healthy Society, Lucknow), Prof. Abdul Latif (Former Chairman, Dept. of Ilmu Advia, AMU, Aligarh), Prof. Abdur Rahim K (Chairman, Dept. of Museology, AMU, Aligarh), Mr. S. H. Zahid Jamal (In-charge, Incubation and Start-up Centre, Ibn Sina Academy), Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan (Assistant Prof., Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh), Dr. Prajikta Adhao (Ayurveda Scholar), Dr. Abdullah (Assistant Manager, Dawakhana Tibbiya College, Aligarh) and a large number of resident doctors working in the Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh.

#### **Welcoming Mr. Saajan Lathif PN**

A formal welcome ceremony in honour of Mr. Saajan Lathif PN (CEO, Noha Alwosta Information and Technology, Riyadh, KSA) was arranged at Ibn Sina Academy on 17.3.2023. The program was chaired by Prof. Razaullah Khan (Ex-Chairman, Dept. of Civil Engineering, ZHCET, AMU, Aligarh & General Secretary, AIMEC, Aligarh) while Dr. Azeem Anwar Khan (Under Secretary,

Parliament, Govt. of India) graced the function as guest of honour. *Mr. Lathif was also conferred with "Ibn Sina Public Health Award" for his invaluable contribution to health outreach programs* by the President of Ibn Sina Academy, Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman.

#### **Hosting Dinners**

Ibn Sina Academy hosted three dinners in honour of its visiting guests and well-wishers. These were arranged during 1.1.2023, 31.1.2023 and 28.2.2023.

#### **Opening ceremony of the Aligarh Chapter of CSPS and Orientation Lecture**

The Centre for Studies of Plural Societies (CSPS) and Aligarh-based Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences, a centre of excellence, have agreed to cooperate in the field of research and higher education and have signed a memorandum of understanding on 20.1.2023 in Ibn Sina Academy's office in Aligarh. CSPS is an independent, non-profit, educational, and research training Centre to promote the culture of scientific social research. The CSPS aims to train young minds to respect or be open to diverse ideas, frameworks, approaches, and concepts while engaging with the knowledge or its production facilitating meaningful dialogue toward achieving an empowered citizenry.

The founder president of Ibn Sina Academy, Padma Shri Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, and the founder director of CSPS Dr. Omair Anas signed the MoU in Aligarh on 20th January in which they agreed to support research and higher education and provide support to researchers and scientists of all communities. Prof. Hakim S. Zillur Rahman has immensely contributed to the field of Unani medicine, and Indian and Central Asian culture and has preserved hundreds of rare manuscripts. He established the Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences in 2000 in Aligarh where he housed thousands of rare manuscripts, archives, artefacts, and reference books on a variety of subjects including medicine, history, culture, and religion, and has been supporting scholars and researchers.

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CSPS, since 2021, has been actively engaged in intellectual projects and has provided support to young researchers and scholars of social sciences and humanities. As Aligarh has been on the world map for its contribution to higher education and scientific research, the CSPS Aligarh Chapter seeks a productive engagement with researchers, scholars, and students of higher studies in Aligarh, particularly of Aligarh Muslim University.

Dr. Omair Anas, Director (Research), CSPS, and Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Professor of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University and Trustee of Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences introduced the objectives of the partnership.

Dr. Javed Wani, Assistant Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, New Delhi, and Head (Honorary) of Research and Publication at CSPS, gave a lecture on “Planning Research Education and Career in Social Sciences and Humanities” in which he highlighted the importance of research organisations like CSPS and Ibn Sina Academy in promoting research and higher education in the country. As India strives to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), more highlighted since India assumed G20 Presidency, Dr. Wani underlined that the role of CSPS has an important role to play. Dr. Wani also noted that the CSPS is also actively contributing to SDGs and is becoming part of G20 deliberations.

### **Internship Program in collaboration with the Centre for Studies of Plural Societies, New Delhi.**

This First Internship Program in Aligarh was launched by the Centre for Studies of Plural Societies (CSPS) in collaboration with Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences on 20th January 2023 under the name ‘CSPS Aligarh Chapter.’ With this Internship program, CSPS intended to reach out to the students of social sciences and humanities studying in Universities and Colleges in Aligarh. It was an excellent opportunity for

those students who wanted to pursue their career in academics.

As a part of the CSPS Aligarh Chapter, Dr. Javed Iqbal Wani, Assistant Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi, conducted a workshop on ‘Outline of Making an Academic Argument’ on 18 March 2023 at Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences.

### **Visit of delegates on World Unani Day**

World Unani Day was celebrated by the Department of Kulliyat, AMU, Aligarh. This day is celebrated across the world by the Unani medical fraternity on the birthday of legendary Unani physician of India Hakim Muhammad Ajmal Khan.

On this occasion, Department of Kulliyat, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, organized two events; one a plantation drive and another a visit to Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Sciences to observe the rare belongings of Hakim Ajmal Khan and his family known as ‘Sharifi Family’, preserved over there.

On 10.2.2023, the teachers as well as P.G. scholars visited Ibn Sina Academy, where an exhibition was galleried containing the rare belongings of Hakim Ajmal Khan and his family. The scholars were not only benefited by seeing rare collections on the celebrated personality but also enriched by an outstanding commentary on the life and achievements of Hakim Ajmal Khan delivered by present legend of Unani medicine and the founder of the Ibn Sina Academy Padma Shri Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman. The scholars took interest and noted many references to go through and make them familiar with the footprints of Hakim Ajmal Khan to follow and build Unani medicine more influential.

### **Beginning of the Incubation and Assistance Centre at Ibn Sina Academy**

Incubation and Assistance Centre for Coaching in Start-Up Projects & Creative Arts at Ibn Sina Academy is created with a purpose to develop interest in young minds to hone their skills and innovative ideas into practical

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business start-ups. The Centre provides assistance through expert mentors, facilities for new start-ups to succeed in different fields like creative fine arts, building designing, economics and accountancy. It is a unique combination of business establishment processes with infrastructure and people, designed to care for new and small businesses by helping them to survive and grow through the difficult and vulnerable early stages of development. The Incubation and Assistance Centre also help students in establishing their own business by providing them coaching, management and training. Students would find opportunity from one platform to enhance their knowledge and skill with a positive attitude to approach business challenges.

Some common services provided by the “Incubation and Assistance Centre” are Workspace, Consultancy, Coaching Classes, Mentoring Assistance, Accounting / Financial Management Access, Comprehensive Business Training Programs, Comprehensive Creative Fine Arts, Training Programs and Building Designing.

By Syed Hasan Zahid Jamal, Coordinator

### Releasing Ceremony of Izhar-e Khayal

A releasing ceremony of *Izhar-e Khayal* by Jigmet Norbu Khayal Ladakhi, was arranged on 18.2.2023. Khayal Ladakhi is an Urdu poet from Leh, Ladakh (Union Territory of India). The academy received him with love for his contribution on Urdu poetry and arranged a formal function. Dr. Aftab Alam Najmi, Department of Urdu, was the sole man in arranging his trip to Aligarh. Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman felicitated him with floral gifts.

### Seventh Publication on Azizi Family of Unani Physicians

Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman under the Project on Works and Achievements of the Azizi Family of Unani Physicians brought out his 7th book, entitled, *Mujarrabat wa Mamoolat Shifaul Mulk*. It's a great tribute of Prof. Rahman on his revered teacher to publish the seventh book through Ibn Sina Academy,

remarked by Dr. Ather Farouqi, Secretary, Anjuman Urdu Tarraqi Urdu (Hind).

### Donation of books and journals on Pharmacology

It is with great pride to share that Dr. Alok Dhawan, Director, Centre of BioMedical Research (CBMR), Lucknow, has donated his father Dr. BN Dhawan's hundreds of rich books and periodicals on Pharmacology to the library of Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences. With this addition, the academy has now a matchless collection of best books on Pharmacology in India. The Academy is grateful to Dr. Dhawan's family!

### DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

1. Dr. Anup Katyal (Adjunct Associate Professor, Saint Louis University, Department of Critical Care, Neurocritical Care, Mercy Hospital, St. Louis, USA ) and Ms. Shamim Ansari, St. Louis, USA, 1.1.2023
2. Dr. Kohkan Shamsi and Dr. Tazeen Beg, Office Bearers of Aligarh Medical Alumni Association of North America, New York, 31.1.2023
3. Jigmet Norbu Khayal Ladakhi, Ladakh, Union Territory of India, 18.2.2023 (see page 7)
4. Dr. Murtaza Bohra, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Index Medical College Hospital & Research, Indore, 21.2.2023
5. Ms. Jabin Ansari, Bochum, Germany, 28.2.2023
6. Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya, Director General CCRAS, Govt. of India, 5.3.2023 (see page 4-5)
7. Mr. Saajan Lathif PN, CEO, Noha Alwosta Information and Technology, Riyadh, KSA, 17.3.2023 (see page 5)
8. Mr. Zia Nishat, Mr. Peter and Ms. Nusrat Ansari, Germany, 19.3.2023
9. Dr. Ashfaque Ahmad, NIIMH Hyderabad. Following were his remarks:

**Remarks by Dr. Ashfaque Ahmad:** “I visited Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine, Aligarh, to search for a manuscript. There are a lot of valuable and important manuscripts on

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Unani Medicine preserved there. Many of these manuscripts have been edited and translated into various languages. This Academy was founded by the illustrious figure of Unani Medicine, Padmashri Professor Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman in 2000 AD. At 85 he is much more active, energetic, and engaged in various activities. The secret of his health is in eating less. He says that nobody dies because of less eating but a person could die due to overeating. He has authored over 60 books on different subjects. Right now, he is busy compiling a book on his teacher Shifaul Mulk Hakim Abdul Latif (d. 1970 AD), based on the tried and tested prescriptions and medical experiments of Shifaul Mulk Hakim Abdul Latif. It exhibits a profound love and affection of a student toward his Guru. I was fortunate enough to have a knowledgeable and informative discussion with a respected sir on my visit. During the conversation, many lessons for the wisdom and etiquette of life could be learned from him. The way today's generation is demeaning their teachers is very alarming. It is like spitting into the sky. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman is a treasure of knowledge, especially in the history of medicine. We have learnt a lot as his students during my M.D. studies in AMU Aligarh. He devoted his vast house worth million where Ibn Sina Academy is built for the welfare of the society and country. It is a rare gesture of philanthropy in today's greedy culture where all sources are adopted to accumulate wealth; he is spending his money for the day-to-day maintenance of the academy. There is no permanent source to run the academy. The academy provides a comfortable reading room free of cost while paid guest room facilities are also available for the outsider visitors. I wish for the healthy life of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, and progress of the academy for the benefit of the country. Details of the Academy can be tracked from website: [www.ibnsinaacademy.org](http://www.ibnsinaacademy.org)

### MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

*Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy*, was felicitated at a formal function arranged by the Department of Urdu, Bareilly College, Bareilly (4.2.2023).

He attended the following events during the last quarter of the year.

1. Chief Guest, Awards Ceremony for Academic Excellence, Global Welfare Foundation (Founded by Qari Sirajuddin), Bhadas, Nuh, Haryana, 2.1.2023
2. Chief Guest, Sultan Jahan Public School, Aligarh, Republic Day Celebration, 26.1.2023.
3. Invited Speaker, Books Releasing Ceremony, Sir Syed Academy, AMU, Aligarh, 27.1.2023 (Detail on page 11-12)
4. Keynote Speaker, International Seminar on "Life and Works of Late Prof. Abul Hasan Siddiqi" organized by Duty Society at Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, 19.2.2023 (Report on page 10-11)
5. Invited, Rajasthan Tibbiya College, Jaipur, 25.2.2023
6. Chief Guest, One-day National Seminar on Future Prospects of Unani Medicine, University College of Unani, Tonk (Rajasthan), 26.2.2023
7. Presided Inaugural Ceremony, 2nd World Unani Congress, under the aegis of World Unani Foundation at Jamia Millia Islamia, 4.3.2023 (Detail on page 12-13)
8. Presided Valedictory Session, Two-days International Seminar on Quranic Contribution in Indian subcontinent in 20th Century, Organised by Dept. of Sunni Theology, AMU, Aligarh, 5.3.2023
9. Presided, Executive Committee Meeting of All India Muslim Educational Conference, Aligarh, 5.3.2023
10. Attended, Annual Meeting of Majlis-e Intezamia, Nadwatul Ulema, Lucknow, 12.3.2023
11. Presided, Reception Function organised by National Unani Doctors Welfare Association (NUDWA) in honour of Prof. Abbas Mahdi, Vice Chancellor, Era University, Lucknow, 13.3.2023
12. Invited Speaker, International conference on Sir Syed as forerunner of modern Seerah-writing, Sir Syed Academy, AMU, Aligarh, 21.3.2023 (See detail on page 12)
13. Elected, Member of AMU Court, All India Muslim Educational Conference Category, 2023-2026
14. Elected, Member of Majlis-e Intezamia, Nadwatul Ulema, Lucknow, successively the third time, April 2023 to March 2028



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*Prof. Abdul Latif, Joint Secretary, Ibn Sina Academy*, was awarded 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by All India Unani Tibbi Congress on 12.2.2023 (World Unani Day) at Constitutional Club, New Delhi, and Bharat Ratan Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Samman Patra Award by U.P. Journalist Association on 23.2.2023 at Kohinoor Manch, Aligarh Krishi Exhibition.

*Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Hony. Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy*, was awarded *Mewat Ratna* during a glittering 'Awards Ceremony for Academic Excellence 2022' organised by the Global Welfare Foundation (Started by Qari Sirajuddin Reyazi in 1999), Bhadas, Nuh, Haryana, 2.1.2023.

Prof. Rahman as a Member of the Research and Development Committee (RDC) of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Integral University, Lucknow, attended the two-day RDC meeting during 21-22 March 2023. He was also invited to chair a session during the 2nd World Unani Congress, under the aegis of World Unani Foundation at Jamia Millia Islamia on 4.3.2023 (See detail on page 12-13) and to participate at the National Conference on CRISPR/CAS9, which was organised by the Sun Pharma Science Foundation at the Headquarters of National Academy of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, on 18.3.2023. Earlier, on the previous night of 17.3.2023, an Advisory Meeting of the Sun Pharma Science Foundation Research Award Committee was held at India International Centre, New Delhi. He was a resource person for the National Workshop-cum-Hands on Training on Pharmacovigilance Industry Practices, Convention Center, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi on 16.2.2023.

Dr. Rahman visited following places for academic purpose.

1. Gujarat Cancer Society (GCS) Medical College of Ahmedabad (Gujarat) from 5 to 9 January 2023
2. Govt. Medical College of Dungarpur (Rajasthan) from 23 to 25 January 2023
3. Maharaja Suhel Dev Medical College and Mahrishi Balark Hospitals (MSDMCH) of

Bhraich (Uttar Pradesh) from 27 to 29 January 2023

4. Bhagat Phool Singh (BPS) Govt. Medical College for Women of Khanpur Kalan (Haryana) from 2 to 4 February 2023 and
5. Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewati Government Medical College (SHKM-GMC) of Nalhar, Nuh (Haryana) from 7 to 9 February 2023.

### DOCUMENTATION

#### **National seminar on Classical Unani Research Methodology**

The Department of Ilmul Advia, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a one-day national seminar on "Classical Unani Research Methodology and Adoption of Modern Research Techniques" under the UGC DRS-II (SAP-II) programme.

In his presidential remarks, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Mohammad Gulrez congratulated the department and the organizers for holding the seminar. He discussed the importance of the Unani method of treatment and highlighted its usefulness in many chronic and complex diseases. He said the Unani method of treatment is gaining popularity in developed countries and it will become as popular as the allopathic medicine in next few decades.

The chief guest, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed Qasmi, Advisor (Unani), Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India, stated that in current scenario, Unani system is getting wide popularity and effectively helping in the management of certain ailments. The drugs can be further explored by adopting molecular technologies, identifying their bio-markers and then they can be adopted in holistic approach of Unani line of treatment. He highlighted the significance of patenting Unani drugs and also mentioned the inclined interest of the government towards traditional medicine

The guest of honour, Prof. Abdul Wadood (Director, NIUM, Bengaluru) acknowledged the department's services in the field of medical research, especially experimental, physiological and comparative research and

standardization of Unani medicines. He hoped that the discussion in the seminar will help in the development of Unani medicines for the general benefit of humanity.

Professor Rais Ahmed, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, AMU, urged the researches to initiate interdisciplinary research in the field of Unani medicine. He discussed the efficacy of Unani medicine and its interaction with modern medicine. The Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine, Prof. Shagufta Aleem underscored the achievements of the faculty. In his opening remarks, Prof. Badruddoja Khan, Principal, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, explained in detail the distinctions and individual characteristics of the Department of Ilmul Advia.

Earlier, welcoming the guests, the organizing secretary and Chairman of the department, Dr. Abdul Rauf highlighted the developmental work in the department. He discussed the achievements of the faculty members on completion of 50 years of establishment of the department and urged them to work hard to take the department to new heights. Dr. Nazish Siddiqui conducted the opening ceremony and Dr. Sumbul Rehman extended the vote of thanks.

Six scientific sessions were held in which 50 research papers, commentaries, critical articles and lectures were presented during the seminar. Similarly, in the poster presentation for PG students, around 60 participants presented their posters. Prizes were given to motivate these students. On the other hand, thirteen guest speakers including Prof. Abdul Wadud (Director, NIUM, Bangalore), Prof. Nafees Bano (Govt. HSZH College, Bhopal), Prof. Mohd. Aslam (Head, Department of Ilmul Advia, Jamia Hamdard), Prof. K.M.Y. Amin, Prof. Abdul Latif, Prof. Asad Ullah Khan, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Prof. Muhammad Anwar, Prof. Ashhar Qadeer, Dr. Muhammad Mohsin, Dr. Riaz Ahmad and Dr. Hifzur Rahman Siddique presented talk on diverse topics.

Former Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Waseem Ahmed participated in the valedictory programme as the chief guest, while Prof. Salma Ahmed, Member Incharge, Dawakhana Tibbiya College and Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Prof. Abdul Latif, former Chairman, Department of Pharmacology graced the programme as guests of honour. Dr. Sumbul Rahman conducted the concluding programme and Dr. Shamshad Alam, extended the vote of thanks.

### **International Seminar on “Life and Works of Late Prof. Abul Hasan Siddiqi”**

Duty Society was founded at Aligarh Muslim University by Sahibzada Aftab Ahmad Khan in 1889 with the objective of supporting poor and needy students to get higher education. Maulana Tufail Ahmad, Mr. Bahadur Ali, Mr. Abdullah Khan and Mr. Mazharul Haq and Prof. Thomas Walker Arnold were also instrumental in establishing the Duty Society. Duty Society provides education loan, free boarding and coaching. Prof. Abul Hasan Siddiqi joined Duty Society as Keeper in 1985 since then he worked enormously for the development of society and his efforts culminated in the present form of Duty Society which is a continuous source of encouragement, guidance and financial support for upliftment of poor students.

To mark the extraordinary contributions of Prof. Abul Hasan Siddiqi to Duty Society, an International Seminar on “Life and Works of Late Prof. Abul Hasan Siddiqi” was organized at the Convention Centre, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi on 19.2.2023. His Excellency Shri Arif Mohammad Khan, Governor of Kerala was the Chief Guest and Mr. Hammad Ahmed, Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard and President of Duty Society, Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Afshar Alam, Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard and Vice-President of Duty Society also graced the function. Mr. Khwaja M. Shahid, Former Pro Vice-Chancellor of MANU was the Keynote Speaker, Present Keeper of Duty Society Prof. Irshad Mehmood presented the vote of thanks. The inaugural session was compared by Prof. F. S. Sheerani former Dean Faculty of Unani Medicine,

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Aligarh Muslim University. In the inaugural address Prof. M. Afshar Alam enlightened the life and works of Abul Hasan Siddiqi in the field of Mathematics, Physics and Applied Research and shared his personal experiences of Aligarh days and functioning the duty society. Mr. Arif Mohammad Khan in his speech presented the importance of Duty Society and focused on the duties of citizens in a larger perspective. He said that now a days people generally fight for their rights and neglect the duties, if we focus on duties, we can develop a healthy society and prosperous country. He also enlightened the Quranic teachings of equality, humanity and importance of education. Mr. Khwaja Shahid in his keynote address explained the history of Duty Society and contributions of the illustrious personality of Abul Hasan Siddiqi. He remembered the dream of Abul Hasan Siddiqi to develop a Virtual University which is now being realized by the Govt. of India. Prof. Irshad Mehmood thanked the delegates who came from all across India and abroad and to the Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard for his support to organize this Seminar at Jamia Hamdard.

In the technical session, Padma Shri Prof. S. Zillur Rahman, Prof. M. Kaleemullah Ahmad, Dr. Nazar Abbas, Dr. R.C. Singh of Sharda University and Mrs. Azra Siddiqui shared their experiences of Duty Society and presented the achievements of Abul Hasan Siddiqi. Other dignitaries who participated were Prof. Syed Asim Zafar, Prof. Nafees Ansari, Dr. Arman Rasool Faridi, Mr. Khalid Masood, Prof. Hafiz Ilyas, Prof. Razaullah Khan, Mrs. Heena Parveen, Dr. Mohammad Shahid, Mr. Mazhar Siddiqui, Mr. Shaukat Mufti, Dr. Sarfraz Ahsan, Prof. Mohammad Akram, Er. Azhar Hussain, Prof. Farhan J. Ahmed, Md. Tauhid Alam and Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman.

### Releasing of Five Books Published By Sir Syed Academy

Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University released five monographs / books on 27.1.2023 published by the Sir Syed Academy, AMU in a function held at the Academy. The books released included 'Sir

Sultan Muhammad Shah, Aga Khan III' (English), 'Sir Ross Masood' (English), 'Maulvi Zakaullah' (Urdu), 'Sir Syed's Legacy of Pluralism and Composite Culture' (English) and 'Jahan-i- Aligarh'.

Expressing his views Professor Tariq Mansoor said that the young generation should be aware of the sacrifices and services of the torchbearers of the Aligarh Movements and Sir Syed and his colleagues. "These books are very important which not only have documentary value but will also be very helpful in making the youth aware of the Aligarh movement", he said. Congratulating the authors and editors the Vice Chancellor said that his support to the academic research and publishing activities of the Sir Syed Academy will continue. Professor Mansoor further said preservation of ancient documents and manuscripts and their digitization is necessary so that people can benefit from them.

Earlier, Professor Ali Mohammad Naqvi, Director, Sir Syed Academy welcomed the esteemed guests and described the activities of the Academy in brief. He said "in the last five years, the Academy has published about fifty books including books by GFI Graham, SK Bhatnagar and Christian W Troll. "Apart from this, primary sources related to the Aligarh movement such as old Academic Calendars have also been published, including 25 monographs on the leaders of Aligarh Movement and companions of Sir Syed", he pointed out.

*Commenting on 'Sir Ross Masood' (English translation by Asad bin Sadat), Professor Hakeem Syed Zillur Rahman said that Sir Ross Masood, grandson of Sir Syed was a genius and had a magnetic personality. "He lived only for 47 years but did great things. He patronized knowledge and literature. Allama Iqbal was his close friend. During the Vice-Chancellorship of the University Sir Ross Masood did significant works in the University. He also served as the President of 'Anjuman Taraqqi-i-Urdu-i-Hind' for twelve years", added Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman.*

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Commenting on the English monograph 'Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah, Aga Khan III' (by Dr. Sadaf Farid), Prof. Naima Khatoun (Principal, Women's College) said that Sir Aga Khan immensely contributed to the upgradation of MAO College to Aligarh Muslim University. "He collected Rs. thirty lakhs within two years demanded by the government for establishing Aligarh Muslim University", Prof Naima pointed out.

Commenting on 'Maulvi Zakaullah' (Urdu monograph by Dr. Abbas Raza), Prof. Shafey Kidwai pointed out that "Maulvi Zakaullah was a prolific writer, who also served the Aligarh Movement and wrote on it. He was a teacher of mathematics and Arabic and Persian. A book on him was long overdue".

Commenting on 'Sir Syed's Legacy of Pluralism and Composite Culture' (Edited by Dr. Rahat Abrar and Shah Noor Shan), Professor AR Kidwai said: "the preservation and promotion of Sir Syed's tradition of pluralism is the need of the day. Interfaith dialogue and adhering to the practices of composite culture is the legacy of Sir Syed. He had social interactions with all the communities, and adopted a civilized approach in dealing with differences", Prof Kidwai said. Dr. Mohammad Shahid (Deputy Director, Sir Syed Academy) briefly introduced the books and described various milestones achieved during the establishment of the Aligarh Muslim University. He also talked about the publishing activities of Sir Syed Academy. He also proposed the vote of thanks.

Deans of various Faculties, heads of the Departments, current and former teachers and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

### **International Conference on Sir Syed as Forerunner of Modern Seerah-writing**

Renowned scholars and experts delineated the unique features of "Al Khutbat Al Ahmadiya" a book penned by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in 1870 as an academic response to Scottish Orientalist Sir William Muir, and described Sir Syed as forerunner of modern Seerah-writing, in an international conference

organized on 21.3.2023 by the Sir Syed Academy, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

AMU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Tariq Mansoor presided over the conference, which was addressed by distinguished scholars of Islamic history and Seerah writing, including Prof. Craig Considine, Professor of Islamic Studies, Rice University, USA; Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh; Prof. Akhtarul Wasey, Chairman, Khusrow Foundation, and Professor Emeritus, JMI, New Delhi; Prof. Reza Shakeri, Chief Representative, Al-Mustafa University, Iran; Prof. Aquil Ahmad, Director, NCPUL, New Delhi; Prof. AR Kidwai, Honorary Director, KA Nizami Center for Quranic Studies, AMU; Prof. Touqueer Alam, Dean, Faculty of Theology; Prof. Ali Mohammad Naqvi, Director, Sir Syed Academy; and Dr. Mohammad Shahid, Deputy Director, Sir Syed Academy.

### **2nd World Unani Congress**

The 2nd World Unani Congress was held during 4-6 March 2023 at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi with an intention to promote Unani globally. The theme of the Congress was selected based on medical tourism through traditional medicine- "Heal by Unani, Heal in India".

India is preparing to become a cultural, medical and wellness tourism destination. The country is well positioned to benefit from the expected rise in demand for wellness retreats after the pandemic. The new Ayush visa system announced by Govt. of India, introduced for Heal in India would create a concept of wellness that encompasses healing through not only just medicine. It gives a holistic approach of different foods and yogic practices to heal the body and mind as appropriate food prepares one for a preventive care through healthy lifestyle.

As mentioned above, marketing Unani as part of 'Heal in India' has brought a new definition to vacationing in India itself. Medical treatment combined with leisure activities, fun and fitness. As India is becoming one of the

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most important hubs for medical tourism, Unani cannot be far away from this initiative.

3-day Ayush Sehat Mela, Free Ayush Clinics, Panel Discussions, Scientific Lectures, Oral Presentations, Poster Presentations, etc. were held during the 2nd World Unani Congress.

Hakim Mohsin Dehlvi, Convenor of the Congress deserve special mention for this special and successful congress. Dr. Ajeet Saran (Ex Ayush Secretary Govt. of India) was the chief guest, while Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, Islamic University of Science & Technology, Kashmir, Prof. Mohammad Kamil, Director Lotus holistic Center Abu Dhabi UAE and Trustee, International Unani Forum, graced the inaugural function, which was presided over by Padma Sri Prof. Zillur Rahman.

Members from WUF Bangladesh Chapter including Dr. Benazir Qureshi, President World Unani Foundation (WUF) UAE Chapter, Dr Younis Munshi, Technical Advisor WUF, and Prof. M,U.Z.N Farzana, life member WUF from Sri Lanka, were significantly present. EUDA (Emirates Unani Dr's Association) was declared the Associate member of World Unani Foundation.

**Inventing My Days: Being Born a Muslim: A review**

It gives me an immense pleasure in writing a review for Professor Abdul Latif's second part of his book entitled "Inventing My Days: Being Born a Muslim". This book is a unique Autobiography by the author who has handled sensitive issues in a very challenging manner. The author is a well-known figure of Aligarh Muslim University. Starting his early higher education to retiring as a professor in the field of Unani Medicine, has created numerous academic innovations in his career that brought accolades to him in the field of Unani Healthcare. The present autobiography reflects his perception about the real understanding of religious harmony among the diversified cultures of communities in general and of the academicians in Aligarh Muslim University particular.

This book is a treat for peace loving people who love inculcating a conducive and harmonious personality among the coming generations. I am extremely happy that this biography has come out in black and white. The readers will be apprised of the magical feelings of the author in a meticulously arranged chapters highlighting the relevance and significance of religion and friendship together amalgamating a world of peace and affection among all.

The entire book is arranged in a sequence of seven chapters. Chapters one to five, are essentially arranged in an authentic manner explaining the author's personal experiences being a Muslim and the salient features of Islam. Furthermore, the best part of the book enunciates how Islam stands at par with other religions of India teaching good things in common like fasting, praying, pilgrimage, social services, charity works and maintain an overall brotherhood as a unified India.

In the sixth chapter, the author introduces a galaxy of his personal friends belonging to different academic and social activity fields. The diversified field and nature of his friends in itself testifies for the ulterior character of the author's friendly and social approach for creating and maintaining a homeostasis of unity in diversity. The seventh chapter describes some eminent personalities of Gonda. This shows the author's intimate bond with his place of origin. This lays emphasis to the fact that one should never forget his/her native place no matter how influential or eminent one becomes in his/her life's journey. This autobiography is a source of inspiration to all for going through their own religious teachings in a true sense which teaches to lead a harmonious life together and befriend people from diversified field to paint a rainbow of harmony on the canvas of national integration.

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### **Bhagat Phool Singh: Sir Syed of Haryana**

By Syed Ziaur Rahman

Bhagat Phool Singh (1885-1942) was a Jat Patwari (revenue collector) who turned a social reformer under the transforming influence of Arya Samaj and the idealism of freedom fighters of that times, particularly Mahatma Gandhi. During the 1930s, when even the existing institutions were struggling for survival, Bhagat Phool Singh dared to establish a new one against all financial and cultural odds at Khanpur Kalan, a small tehsil of Sonapat, Haryana.

Bhagat Phool Singh (BPS) soon turned as a saint/priest in the eyes of all inhabitants of Sonapat. He even tried to return the revenue that he collected from poor farmers. In return, he was offered quite an impressive land of 500 acres to start an inspiring Gurukul for girls in 1936. In addition, he fought for the cause of poor downtrodden people of Haryana. Many national leaders at that time were impressed for his works and contribution. Gandhi ji once showed interest to meet him and invited him at his Delhi's residence to understand the problems of the people of Haryana.

After his death, his equally dynamic daughter Subhashini Devi, inherited the responsibility of running the Gurukul amid fierce constraints, financial as well as social. She helped the Gurukul grow into a number of professional colleges for women. She not only took control of Gurukul but worked vigorously in expanding the Gurukul in terms of its various constituent institutions like BPS Memorial Girls' College (1967), BPS College of Education (1968), MSM Ayurvedic College (1973), BPS Mahila Polytechnic (1984), TIG Bhainswal Kalan (1999) and PSD Girls' Law College (2003).

Subhashini Devi died in March, 2003, leaving the management of the Gurukul in the hands of the Mahasabha. Finally, in November 2006, the Mahasabha Gurukul Vidyapeeth, Kanya Gurukul was turned into a residential university. In fact, the State Government under the leadership of Bhupinder Singh Hooda,

Chief Minister of Haryana took cognizance and upgraded the erstwhile Gurukul to the status of a University exclusively for women in August 2006 and christened it as Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV), which happens to be the first State Women University of North India providing education from kindergarten to doctorate level. Since then, BPSMV has undergone a complete transformation; 75 years old Gurukul started with only three girls, grew in size, stature and reputation with time has turned into a modern university with approximately 7000 girls on its rolls studying in various programmes, making the Gurukul a full-fledged State University.

In 2008, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the Chief Minister of Haryana, announced another plan for establishing a women's medical college as Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi, under BPSMV at Khanpur Kalan. However, the foundation stone was laid down after 5 years in 2013 on the International Women's Day by Mrs. Sonia Gandhi (President of All India Congress Committee). The associated hospital of this college already became operational in 2011 with 100 beds and a team of 21 doctors. Presently, Bhagat Phool Singh Government Medical College for Women (BPS GMC) undertakes the education and training of students in MBBS courses. The college is recognized by National Medical Commission and is affiliated with the Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences (Rohtak, Haryana).

Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya has now become quite vibrant with multiple courses including the Centre for Society-University Interface and Research (CSUIR) which offers innovative programmes like Integrated Energy Resource Management, Micro Finance Practices, and Folk Medicine etc. It has the UGC Area Study Centre for Indic-Asian Studies. It has established state of the art Language Labs and Staff Training and Research Institute for Teaching of English, above all other credits. Bhagat Phool Singh was truly a champion of women's education in Haryana.



## CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN UNANI MEDICINE

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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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