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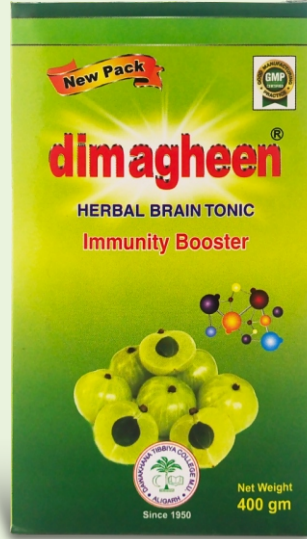
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## EVENTS AT IBN SINA ACADEMY (July – September 2023)

### **Independence Day Celebration**

Ibn Sina Academy in association with AMU School Support Group organised 77th Independence Day programme on 15.8.2023 under the head of mentorship programme.

The program was started with the recitation of verses from holy Quran. Welcome Address was given by Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman followed by the address of chief guest Dr. Manzar Jamal (Former Principal, STS High School). Following events were organised Drawing competition, Quiz competition, Debate competition. Prize were distributed. Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Misbahuddin Azhar. The program ended with National Anthem.

Earlier, the flag hoisting ceremony was kept at the roof top of Ibn Sina Academy. The president of the Academy Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, hoisted the flag and distributed sweets to children.

### **Welcome Ceremony in honour of Director General of CCRUM**

Chennai based scientist Dr. N. Zaheer Ahmed, Director General, Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India, New Delhi visited Ibn Sina Academy on 1.8.2023. He was warmly welcomed by the staff of the Ibn Sina Academy.

The Director General inspected the Academy with keen interest. He had a round of different sections of the library and galleries of the museum including the rich manuscript room. Appreciating the infrastructure and collection of the Academy, Dr. Ahmed desired to continue the good work. He said that CCRUM in its collaborative scheme is keenly interested to sign MoU in different areas in the field of research. "Ibn Sina Academy is a valuable centre of research in Unani medicine in India", he added.

Prof Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy welcomed the Director General and his accompanying scientists from the Council Headquarters Dr. Amanullah and Dr. Jamal

Akhtar with a bouquet and few publications of the Academy.

Prof. Abdul Latif, Dr. Syed Shoaib Ahmad, Dr. Syed Tasawwer Hussain, Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Dr. Sheereen Afza, Dr. Parvez Khan and Dr. Misbahuddin Azhar, were also present on the occasion.

*Earlier on the request of the Director General, Dr. N Zaheer Ahmed, the Library of Ibn Sina Academy provided the scanned hard copies of the 11 classical books not found in any other library. Unani Pharmacopoeia Committee recommended 98 classical books to PCIM & H for inclusion in the First Schedule of Drugs and Cosmetic Act 1940. Out of these 98 classical books, 87 books were covered from CCRUM while 11 books were arranged from the library of Ibn Sina Academy.*

### **Welcome Ceremony in honour of Er. Gulam Ali Khatana**

Er. Gulam Ali Khatana from Jammu and Kashmir was warmly welcomed at Ibn Sina Academy as Member of AMU Court on 23.09.2023. He is nominated by the President of India in capacity as Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha).

In his address, Er. Gulam Ali appreciated the efforts of Ibn Sina Academy and shown his deep interest for its growth and progress. Earlier, he was also awarded the "Ibn Sina Public Health Award" to recognize his contribution in the field of Tribal Health by the President of Ibn Sina Academy Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman.

In the function, Mr. Azeem Ahmad Khan (Under Secretary-I, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi), Mr. Johny Foster, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Dr. Raihan Akhtar Qasmi, Dr. Aftab Alam Najmi, Mr. Adil Khan, and many students from Jammu and Kashmir were present.

### **Releasing Ceremony of the quarterly magazine "Seema" Number 6**

A releasing ceremony of the quarterly Urdu magazine "Seema" Issue Number 6, edited by Prof. Saghir Afrاهيم was arranged at Ibn Sina

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Academy on 11 July 2023. Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, presided over the function, while Mr. Syed Basirul Hasan Wafa Naqvi, conducted the program. On the same occasion, Mr. Meher Ilahi and Mr. Syed Mohd Adil Faraz, also spoke.

### **Haj Pilgrims Honoured**

Few members of the nursing staff of JNMC Hospital, AMU, Aligarh belonging to Rajasthan state celebrated the successful return of their colleagues from the Hajj duty at Ibn Sina Academy on 26.8.2023.

### **Dinners Hosted**

Ibn Sina Academy hosted formal annual dinner in honour of its visiting guests and well-wishers on 16.8.2023.

### **Books and Bags Distribution Functions**

Under the AMU School Support Group for Education, which is a project of Aligarh Education Endowment Fund (USA) and Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences (India), a program to distribute books and bags as a part of its scholarship program was arranged at Ibn Sina Academy.

Three separate functions to distribute the books and bags were organised. The first function was held on 9.7.2023 in which Prof. Shamim Us Sahar Ansari (English Professor at St. Louis community college, St. Louis, USA) the Chief Guest and Ms. Nazli Khan (Dubai, UAE). In the second function, Prof. Suhail Sabir was invited as Chief Guest and Dr. Vikas Mehrotra as Guest of Honour on 16.7.2023. The last and third function of the session was held on 21.7.2023, wherein Dr. Murad Ahmad Khan, AMU-EC Member and Assistant Professor, Department of Foreign Languages, Faculty of International Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, attended the program as chief guest.

The core team of the AMU School Support Group for Education selected 200 plus students for the scholarship program after rigorous interviews from 27.5.2023 to 01.06.2023.

### **First Mentorship Program for Academic Guidance**

One of the objectives of the 'AMU School Support Group for Education' under the aegis of Ibn Sina Academy is counselling and mentoring of selected students. The first mentorship

program based on academic guidance was arranged on 20.7.2023 for girl students of 2-4 grades such as how to study, study habits, focus and concentration, moral and spiritual personality development, motivational talks, family psycho emotional health enhancement, and was taken by Dr. Rehana Ahmad (Clinical Psychologist).

Engineer Hasan Siddiqui from Canberra, Australia, took online mentoring session for AMU School Students on 3.9.2023.

### **ASSET Python Basics and Advance Course Completion Certificate Distribution**

On 30.7.2023, *Ibn Sina Academy and Aligarh Students' Support Group for Education (SSGE)* has conferred "ASSET Python Basics Course Completion Certificate" to 26 students, belonging to different schools. On this occasion, Prof. Haris M. Khan (Principal and CMS, JN Medical College and Hospital, AMU, Aligarh) was the chief guest and Prof. Arshad H. Khan (Former Chairman, Dept. of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh) was the guest of honour. The event was presided by Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman. The introduction of the ASSET was given by Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman and the detailed activities being given through SSGE was presented by Dr. Misbahuddin Azhar. A large number of guests and parents of the students attended the program.

Subsequently, the Advance Python Training Course Certificates were distributed on 17.9.2023. Prof. Nadeem Khalil, University Engineer from the Dept. of Civil Engineering, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, AMU, Aligarh, was the chief guest. On the same occasion, Mohammed Abdul Sattar Khan (Co-founder & Executive Director, ASSET) and Dr. Shams Iqbal from USA also addressed through online mode.

*American Society of Science, Engineering and Technology (ASSET)* is an international scientific organization, which was established in 2020. Since then, ASSET has been bringing all science loving individuals such as physicians, scientists, clinicians, engineers, technologists together to share their knowledge. ASSET provides a great opportunity to postdoctoral fellow, graduates, undergraduates, and high school students to

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share a scientific platform along with well-established and senior scientists, under one domain of interest, from all the corners of the world.

*ASSET* welcomes all scientific individuals with great enthusiasm, zeal, and open arms to present their idea, work, research, submit abstracts/papers. Anybody can simply participate to keep himself/herself up to date and to increase scientific knowledge. *ASSET* is going to organize a HYBRID (virtual/in-person) conference in December 2023 to disseminate latest scientific and technological advancements in a same manner and extent to local, national as well as international participants.

Most importantly, *ASSET*'s vision is to “*Bud Future Scientists*”. With this mission, *ASSET* has been out there to search, discover and identify students with extraordinary talents and to bud them into prospective young scientists. *ASSET* has taken this initiative by excitingly organizing monthly quizzes (with prize rewards and rosette ribbons), computer language courses (e.g., *ASSET* Python Course), conferences and other scientific activities for the students.

*ASSET* is thankful to Professor Syed Zillur Rahman (President, *Ibn Sina Academy*), Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman and Engineer Rizwan Ullah Khan (President, *Aligarh Students' Support Group for Education*) and proud to have formed an association with *Ibn Sina Academy* as well as *Aligarh Students' Support Group for Education* in Aligarh, India.

*ASSET* is also providing Nano, Micro and Macro Pilot Grants for Elementary, Middle, and High School Students, respectively. These pilot grants (tiny/small projects) are kindly sponsored by Mr. Abu Mohammed (*Hibban and Zainab Charity Foundation, Michigan, USA*) that are funded to encourage students to try and convert their theoretical/innovative ideas into practicality. For Elementary, Middle, and High School Students (as Kid/Young Scientists), *ASSET* has committee members like that we have for senior scientists. Mohammed Azam Khan is a 10-year-old boy, studying in 6th grade at Arbor Park Middle School, Oak Forest, IL, USA. He is currently a Middle School Committee Member of the *ASSET*. At the age of 10, he has achieved

many milestones, which a regular kid cannot think of it. He is a full-stack web developer, who has been coding for 6 years that was started when he was 4 years old while doing networking. Furthermore, He used to make networks, program routers, and make vulnerable networks to demonstrate how hackers read network traffic. After doing networking for a year, he switched over to Python. When he started Python, he learned the basics like data types, and data structures. Doing that he slowly transitioned into data analysis, then data science, and then JavaScript. In JavaScript, he learned the basics of React JS like Babel, JSX (JavaScript Extensible Markup Language), and routing. While learning routing, he stumbled upon Next.js. He switched over to Next.js because it had faster routing. And then, he switched over to game development for a while, and after that he did Solidity and Web3. In conclusion, he did a lot of programming with different languages and applied to variety of projects. He has not only been teaching these languages to his aged kids but also to adult scientists in the USA as well as on international level. Apart from the Information Technological world, he is also undertaking a course of memorization of the Holy Quran. In addition to Mohammed Azam Khan, *ASSET* has also identified a few more young talents; Arsh Faisal of Clark Middle School, Lexington, and Azim Faisal, Soha Shaikh and Mir Yusuf Ali of Bowman (Lexington), Luther Conant (Acton) and Woburn (Woburn) Elementary Schools, respectively, in MA, USA. These students are demonstrating their extraordinary talents under the patronage of Khuteja Begum, Mohammed Faiz Khan, Abdul Gaffar Khan, and Maryam Khan, as Kid/Young Scientists Program Directors and Co-founders of *ASSET*. *ASSET* is headed by Professor Rafat Siddiqui (President), Mohammed Abdul Sattar Khan (Co-founder & Executive Director).

### **Six Glorious Years of ‘Usmania Helping Hands Society’ Celebrated**

It was a remarkable and significant milestone for Usmania Helping Hands Society that celebrated its 6th Annual Day on 26.9.2023 at Ibn Sina Academy. It was an event brimming with inspiration and unity, said, Ms. Sadiya Usman, Secretary of the Society.

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Esteemed guests, Prof. Abdur Raheem K, Chairman Dept. of Museology, AMU, Aligarh, added intellectual fervour to the celebration. Dr. Samina, Principal of ABK High School, AMU, graced as a special guest.

Highlighting the event, the NGO recognized and honoured more than 100 interns and volunteers of the society, for their unwavering dedication. They received certificates as tokens of appreciation.

In a pivotal moment, Farman Rashid took on the Coordinator role, Adil Mobin stepped in as Convener, and Afzal Khan assumed the position of PRO among the passionate volunteer team. With over 200 attendees, the NGO shared stories of impact and celebrated the commitment of its incredible volunteers.

The NGO also awarded winners of various competitions, adding a touch of friendly competition to the festivities. A heartfelt thanks to the Patron, Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, was paid whose support had been invaluable to the journey of the NGO.

### **Seminar on challenges faced by women in the society and its solution**

A national seminar on the theme “*Muaashare mein khawateen ko darpesh challenges aur unka hal*” was organised at Ibn Sina Academy on 26.9.2023 under the aegis of Anjuman Taalibaat-e Qadeem, Jamiatul Falah, Azamgarh.

The seminar held deliberations on various challenges faced by Muslim women in India. Participants shared their experiences in combating these challenges and sorted out solutions for the same. The function was presided over by Mrs. Umama Salma (Coordinator, Jamaat-e Islami Hind, Aligarh Unit). The chief guest of the event was Mrs Bazgha Tabassum (Member Muslim Personal Law Board, India), while the guest of honour was Prof. Nighat Yasmeen (Women's College, A.M.U., Aligarh).

The convener of the program was Mrs Ghazala Tahseen while the Organising Secretary was Mrs. Saleha Falahi.

### **Visit of the Delegation from Al Jamea-tus-Saifiyah, Mumbai**

Few faculty members and year 11 students of Al Jamea-tus-Saifiyah, Mumbai, visited Aligarh on 11.9.2023. They had a round of the AMU campus including Maulana Azad Library, Syedna Taher Saifuddin High School, Department of Theology and Sir Syed House. The tour was guided and assisted by Dr. Raihan Akhtar Qasmi (Dept. of Sunni Theology) and Dr. Munira T. (Dept. of English).

In addition to AMU, the delegation also visited Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences. Students particularly viewed the incredible collection of books, artefacts and museum galleries. They also interacted with the Academy's President, Professor Syed Zillur Rahman (Padma Shri awardee) and his son Professor Syed Ziaur Rahman. The artefacts collection included a rare picture of the 51st Dai, then Chancellor of AMU, His Holiness Syedna Taher Saifuddin with other dignitaries during his visit to Aligarh.

Al Jamea-tus-Saifiyah is a world class Arabic academy under the patronage of the head of the Dawoodi Bohra community, His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin.

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### **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

1. Dr. N. Zaheer Ahmed, Director General, Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 1.8.2023 (Details on page 3)
2. Dr. M. Y. Khan (Advocate Supreme Court) and Prof. Nuzhat Pervin (Dept. of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 11.8.2023)
3. Prof. Abdul Khaliq, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM), Dharan, Saudi Arabia, 25.8.2023
4. Prof. Abdul Aleem, DSW, AMU, Aligarh, 26.8.2023
5. Dr. Ghazali Hilal, Unani Physician, Samastipur, Bihar, 28.8.2023

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6. Thirty-members delegation comprising of faculty members and students of Al Jameatus-Saifiyah, Mumbai, 11.9.2023 (Detail on page 6)
7. Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, former member of the Rajya Sabha and chief editor of the Nai Duniya, an Urdu weekly published from New Delhi, 17.9.2023. He presented few books to the Library of Ibn Sina Academy.
8. Salman Raghob Sambhali, Social activist and Chairman Group of Schools, Sambhal, 17.9.2023
9. Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Jammu, 23.09.2023 (Detail on page 3)
6. Attended Sir Syed Memorial Lecture by Padma Bhushan Mr. Shyam Saran, Sir Syed Academy, AMU, Aligarh, 15.7.2023.
7. Presided, Function in Honour of Vice Chancellor, AMU Prof. Mohammad Gulrez, All India Muslim Educational Conference (AIMEC), AMU, Aligarh, 26.7.2023  
The purpose of the program was to discuss the need and to make aware about the Educational Conference of AMU to the new generation. The office bearers of the AIMEC including Prof. Razaullah Khan (Secretary), Captain Asadyar Khan, Mr. Khurseed Ahmad, participated the meeting.
8. Presided, United India Meet 2023, Indian Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi, 13.8.2023.

**MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES**

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

1. Invited by the Director, Central Council for Research in Ayurveda System (CCRAS), Govt. of India, for the comments on *Tibb-e-Ghiyasia* (A Manuscript on Medicine) to be translated from Persian to English. In his reply, Prof. Rahman mentioned that this is an important book on Unani medicine in Persian, which has been written by Hakim Shamsuddin ibn Nuruddin ibn Ayn al-Mulk Shirazi. This manuscript should come in common languages like Hindi and English. I appreciate CCRAS for taking up such an important task of translation from Persian into English for the posterity of the coming generation. CCRAS has earlier done similar work based on translation after editing and collating manuscripts.
2. Invited to preside seminar on Khalid Mehmood, Saronj (Madhya Pradesh), 10.7.2023. In his absence, Dr. Saifi Saronji read his presidential address.
3. Released, "*Seema*" Issue Number 6, edited by Prof. Saghir Afraheim, 11.7.2023 (Detail on page 3-4)
4. Meeting, Governing Body, Anjuman Tarraqi Urdu (Hind), Urdu Ghar, New Delhi, 12.7.2023
5. Presided, Dr Narjis Fatima's "*Muntakhab Mazaameen*" Book Releasing Ceremony, Faculty of Social Science Auditorium, Muslim University, Aligarh, 15.7.2023 (Detail on page 11-12)
9. Presided, An Evening of thanks and forgiveness, Dept. of Tahafuzzi wa Samaji Tib, AK Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh, 23.8.2023 (Details on page 11-12)
10. Chief Guest, Coaching and Guidance Centre of the Duty Society Felicitation Ceremony, Palm Tree Hotel, 27.8.2023.  
Selected Student were honoured. Mr. Hammad Ahmad, President Hamdard Foundation, Dr. Afshar Alam, Vice Chancellor of Hamdard University, Prof. Irshad Mahmood (Keeper, Duty Society), Prof. Zakia Siddiqi, were also present.
11. Chaired, First Scientific Session, India's G-20 Summit 2023: Opportunities & Challenges, AMU, Aligarh, 2.9.2023 (Details on page 12-13)
12. Presided, Saiyid Hamid Memorial Lecture on unravelling Saiyid Hamid, organised by Saiyid Hamid Foundation (New Delhi) at AK

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- Tibbiya College Auditorium, Aligarh, 9.9.2023. Dr. Masood Ahmad (Secretary, Sayid Hamid Foundation) welcomed the participants. Dr. S. Farooq (Himalaya Drug Company, Dehradun) was the chief guest while Prof. Javed Massarat (Vice Chancellor, Integral University, Lucknow) was the guest of honour. Prof. Mohammad Mohibul Haque (Dept. of Political Science), Prof. Badrudduja Khan (Principal AKTC), Prof. Ubaidullah Khan (Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine) threw light on the services of Saiyid Hamid.
13. Laid Foundation Stone, Sir Syed Bachon Ka Ghar (Orphanage) along with Dr. S. Farooq (CEO, Himalaya Drugs, Dehradun), Prof. Javed Massarat (Vice Chancellor, Integral University, Lucknow) and Dr. Masood Ahmad (Secretary, Social Educational Welfare Association, Aligarh), Sherpur, Anoopshahar, 12.9.2023.
  14. Presided, Sixth annual year celebration of Usmania Helping Hands Society, 26.9.2023 (Detail on page 5-6)
- Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Hony. Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy, has been invited and honoured in the following events:***
1. Chairman, Practical Viva Voce Exam for MD (Pharmacology), Govt. Medical College, Surat, 4-5 July 2023
  2. Participated, Two-days National Training Programme on Materiovigilance: Changing Landscape of Materiovigilance – Opportunities & Challenges for Health Care Professionals, MDMC NIPER, Hajipur, 6th & 7th July (Hybrid Mode)
  3. Presided, First Scientific Session, two-day National Conference on Vaccine and Safety Concerns (Vaccicon-2023), Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, 10.7.2023
  4. Member, Interview Panel for various posts of faculties in Pharmacology at Madhya Pradesh Public Health Services Corporation Ltd (MPPHSCL), Tilhan Sangh Bhavan, Bhopal. The panel was presided by Additional Commissioner, Dept. of Education, Satpura Bhawan, 15.7.2023
  5. Invited, Meeting on "Implementation of MvPI Program in Tamil Nadu" with Directorates of Health Departments, Govt of Tamil Nadu with valuable support of NHM Tamil Nadu on 18.7.2023 via digital/virtual platform.
  6. Organised WHO Program on "Covid-19 vaccination and carry forward its learnings to strengthen routine immunization (RI), vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs) and adverse event following immunization (AEFI) surveillance" on 25.7.2023 (Detail on page 15)
  7. Visited, AIIMS Gorakhpur and BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur, 4-5 August 2023
  8. Resource person, Short-term Course on Quality in Research 2023-24, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, CALEM, AMU, Aligarh, 7.8.2023
  9. Appointed as Chairman, Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, with effect from 8.8.2023 for three years
  10. Organised, Indo-Saudi Pharma Symposium on Research Avenues, 9.8.2023 (Detail on page 13)
  11. Organised, Anti-ragging Day, Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, 12.8.2023 (Detail on page 14)
  12. Member Interview Panel (Professor), Directorate of Medical Education (DME), Sagar, MP, 16.8.2023
  13. Appointed by the Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) as an external subject expert for reviewing the ICMR-PG thesis proposals in Pharmacology, received by the ICMR for financial support for the session 2023-2024 (17.8.2023)  
The ICMR provides financial assistance of Rs 50,000/- to 100 selected candidates of less than 45 years of age every year, pursuing postgraduate courses in medical and dental streams (MD / MS / DM / MCh / MDS). The award of financial assistance is decided by the national-level support committee consisting of members of different disciplines from various medical colleges. The duration of the fellowship is three and half years from the date of issue of the award letter. Earlier, NMC and ICMR, MoHFW has constituted another committee for MD/MS thesis topic identification and Dr. Rahman is one of the members. A list of thesis topics based on thrust areas and in line with Govt of India priorities, is being prepared, which will soon be uploaded on the NMC website.
  14. Invited as expert, MD/MS thesis topic identification exercise for prospective



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- medical postgraduate, DHR & ICMR, New Delhi, 18.8.2023
15. Delivered an invited guest lecture during the 1st Annual Conference of Academic Society of Pharmacologists of IGIMS (ASPICon2023) held from 17th to 19th August 2023 at Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Science (IGIMS), Patna. Prof. Harihar Dikshit, Prof. Lalit Mohan, Prof. Hitesh Mishra and Dr. Adil Shakur, from the Dept. of Pharmacology were the organising chairman, organising secretary, joint organising secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the ASPICon2023. Many eminent pharmacologists were invited to be in the part of the conference including Dr. Yogendra Kumar Gupta, Dr. Nihar Biswas, Dr. Ashutosh Biswas, Dr. Santanu K. Tripathi, Dr. Bikash Medhi, Dr. Mira Desai, Dr. Nirmala Rege, Dr. Dinesh Badyal, Dr. Shubhdeep, Dr. Debasish Hota, Dr. B. Dinesh Kumar, Dr. R. N. Sharma, Dr. Kumari Indu Sinha, Dr. Rani Indira Sinha, Dr. Keshav Kumar Sinha, Prof. Syed Mohammad Naser, Dr. Arshad Husain, Dr. Mehre Darakhshan Mehdi, etc. A total of 140 papers were presented in an oral and prized poster session and attended by more than 300 delegates physically from all over India. Four inaugural orations namely Prof. G. Achari, Prof. B. N. Pandey, Prof. R. A. Shakur and Dr. SNP Sinha, were delivered by eminent scientist
  16. Addressed Post-graduate students of Unani Medicine of the Govt. Tibbi College, Patna, on 19.8.2023. He was welcomed by the Principal Dr. Tawheed Kibria and other staff members including Dr. Md. Tanveer Alam, Dr. Md. Nezamuddin, Dr. Mohd Anas and Dr. Jamal Akhtar.
  17. Visited, Katihar Medical College, Al-Karim University, Katihar, 20-22 August 2023
  18. Resource person, Online Refresher Course in Environmental Studies, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, CALEM, AMU, Aligarh, 25.8.2023 (Batch 2) and 29.8.2023 (Batch 1)
  19. Organised, Interactive Session in collaboration with Sir Syed Foundation, Aligarh, under the Outreach Programme at Dept. of Pharmacology, 28.8.2023 (Detail of page 15)
  20. Visited, Integral University, Lucknow, 12-13 September 2023
  21. Attended, 25th Marriage Anniversary of Dr. Nidhi Ojha and Dr. Puneet followed by beautiful *Shaam-e Ghazal* by Dr. Radhika Chopra at The Claridges, APJ Abul Kalam Road, New Delhi, 16.9.2023
  22. Organised, Seventh Avicenna Pharmacology Quiz at JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, 17.9.2023.
  23. Organising Secretary, Pharmacovigilance Awareness Week, PvPI-AMC and MvPI-MDMC, under the guidance of IPC, Govt. of India at Aligarh, during 17.9.2023 to 23.9.2023 (Detail on page 16-18)
  24. Invited Lecture (Online) on 'Materiovigilance Programme of India (MvPI)', Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, in collaboration with Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI), J&K branch, as a part of National Pharmacovigilance Week 2023, 18.9.2023 (Detail on page 16)
  25. Visited Jagmeet Memorial College of Pharmacy, Chandpur, Bijnor, 23.9.2023
  26. Chief Guest, National Pharmacovigilance Awareness Week Celebration, Department of Pharmacy, Vivek College of Technical Education, Bijnor, 23.9.2023 (Detail on page 16)
  27. Delivered, Invited Lecture on 'Overview of Respiratory ADR', CME TB Update, Department of TB and Respiratory Diseases, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, 27.9.2023 (Detail on page 18)
  28. Attended, Core Committee Meeting, Nodal DRTB and DOTS Centre, JNMC Hospital, AMU, Aligarh, 27.9.2023
  29. Chosen as 'Spotlight of the Nation' with citation in Clinical Pharmacology, National Association of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, 27.9.2023
  30. Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, has been chosen as "Spotlight of the Nation" with citation in Clinical Pharmacology by the National Association of Pharmacology and Therapeutics (NPT) on 27.9.2023. "Spotlight" has been introduced by NPT to highlight the profile of a renowned national pharmacologist with significant contribution in the specialty. Spotlight has been proven highly useful to motivate

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young generation of doctors to choose Pharmacology and Therapeutics as an amazing career and to motivate young pharmacologists to use their skills for advancement of the specialty at national and international level.

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

### FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

#### **Centre for Studies of Plural Societies (CSPS), Aligarh Chapter**

CSPS Aligarh Chapter invites applications for its upcoming three-month-long internship program, starting from 1st October to 31st December 2023. It is an on-site internship for Aligarh-based students at Ibn Sina Academy. The link to apply is as follow:  
<https://forms.gle/mcEox4khhUy9hxru6>

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

The International Conference on Alternatives to Animal Experimentation & 6th Annual Meeting of the Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments – India, is planned to be held from 20th & 21st November, 2023. Likewise, the Post Conference Workshop on "Alternatives to Higher Animals in Biological Research" is planned from 22nd to 29th November, 2023 under the aegis of the Indian Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments-I India (SAAE-I).

The conference and workshop will be hosted by the Department of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and Dept. of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, respectively. Ibn Sina Academy will be the partner member.

#### Aims and Objectives of the Society

- To promote adoption of Alternatives to Animal Experiments/3Rs movement in India.
- To network all the stake-holders of Alternatives to Animal Experiments as an initiative to liaise with the National as well as International Organizations of Alternatives and Animal Welfare so as to minimize animal experiments and to adopt 3Rs in India.
- To work in collaboration with the Universities, Institutes, Industries to bring about newer alternative methods; help the existing as well as newer alternative methods get validated by the appropriate Agency, and to work for establishment of Validating Agencies.
- To arrange scientific meetings, workshops and discussions amongst the stake-holders of Alternatives to Animal Experiments.
- To initiate Journals, Bulletins, News Letters, etc., with a view to popularize the concept of Alternatives to Animal Experiments.
- To introduce awards, prizes and endowments for commendable activities in the domain of Alternatives to Animal Experiments.
- To provide / organize courses / training in the different versions of alternatives viz., digital, virtual, in-vitro, in-silico, alternative model organisms, integrated testing strategies (ITS), etc., so as to help human resource development in different domains of alternatives.

#### Key Features of Conference:

Many eminent scientists from across the globe and India are expected to join both as participants and guest speakers.

Key Speakers: Representative(s) of CAAT, Johns Hopkins, USA; Representative(s) of JSAAE, Japan; Representative(s) of KSAAE, South Korea; Representative(s) of NORECOPA, Norway; Representative(s) of ALTERTO, Belgium; Representative(s) of HSI, USA/Canada/India; Representative(s) of PeTA, India; Representative(s) of Jai Res Foundation, Vapi, Gujarat; Dr. Christian Pellevoisin, Mattek, France; Dr. Y. K. Gupta, AIIMS, New Delhi; Dr. M. Akbarsha, Former Director and Chair, Mahatma Gandhi-Doerenkamp Center (MGDC) for Alternatives to Use of Animals in Life Science Education, Tiruchirappalli; Dr. S. Raisuddin, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi; Dr. P. V. Mohanan and Dr. P. R. Anil Kumar,

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SCTIMST, Trivandrum; Dr. Subrahmanyam Vangala, Reagene, Bangalore; Dr. A. B. Pant & Dr. Aamir Nazir, IITR, Lucknow; Dr. Md. Idris & Dr. Karthik Vasudevan, CCMB, Hyderabad.

Abstracts are invited on the following themes:

1. Any topic related to alternatives, substitution and replacement of animal experimentation
2. Alternatives to Animal Experimentation in Veterinary Science, Pharmacology, Physiology, Zoology, Bio-Chemistry, Microbiology and other relevant areas of research.

The registration fee for the scientist/faculty – Rs. 3500/-; for stipendiary students - Rs 3000/-; Non-stipendiary scholars/students - Rs 2500/-; students without accommodation - Rs 1500/-; accompanying person - Rs. 2500/-. Registration Fee for the workshop - Rs. 3500.

For more detail, please contact the conference secretariat: Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Professor & Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh; Mobile: 8266001772; Email: pharma.jnmc@gmail.com

Workshop Secretariat: Dr. Yasir Hasan Siddique, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, Faculty of Life Science, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh; Mobile: 9410060564; Email: yasir\_hasansiddique@rediffmail.com

### DOCUMENTATION

#### **Dr Narjis Fatima's book, "Muntakhab Mazaameen" released**

Faculty members and scholars of Aligarh Muslim University underscored the salient features of the writings of Dr Syeda Narjis Fatima, especially stressing the aesthetic and philosophical aspects of her work, during the release ceremony of her book, "Muntakhab Mazaameen" (Selected Essays) in the conference hall of the Faculty of Social Science, Aligarh Muslim University.

In his presidential remarks, the founder and director of Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, Prof Hakeem Syed Zillur Rehman, congratulated Dr Narjis Fatima on the publication of the book and said that most of the articles included in the book

bring forth the aesthetic aspects of Urdu literature, which is an important genre of literary criticism in Urdu. He said that her canvas of writing is vast and her articles introduce the Urdu readers to a new way of thinking.

The chief guest, Prof. Qazi Jamal Hussain, while underscoring the aesthetic aspect of various topics included in the book, said that studying Urdu literature from an aesthetic point of view is a difficult task because people generally do not differentiate between aesthetics and impressionistic criticism, while both are different things. He said that aesthetics covers all the genres of fine arts and Dr. Narjis Fatima has employed the aesthetic elements in her essays with great objectivity and dexterity. He said that Dr. Fatima's articles emanate from her philosophical concerns and this is another important quality of her writings.

The Guest of Honour, Prof Syed Siraj Ajmali, Department of Urdu said that the release of a book in an educational institution is an important event as it reflects its academic activities. Dr Narjis Fatima's book is an embodiment of philosophical and aesthetic ideas with reference to her essays. He said that Dr Fatima belongs to a family of scholars and carries forward the scholarly tradition. She submitted her PhD thesis on Aesthetic Criticism in 2009, which was later published in the form of a book.

Former associate professor of the Department of Philosophy, Dr. Tasadduq Hussain said that although Dr Fatima is a housewife, her academic activities continued over a long span of time as she has a genuine aptitude for reading and writing and pondering over scholarly topics. He added that the book contains enough material for the students of literature and they can benefit from it in many ways.

While conducting the program, Prof Mohammad Asim Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of English, said that Dr Fatima's book stimulates the thought process as the articles included in this book cover important subjects like the aesthetic dimensions of Iqbal's and Faiz's poetry and the aesthetics of progressive writers' movement.

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He said that the book is very helpful for students of English literature, especially comparative literature, as it includes special studies on "Shakuntala and Shakespearean Heroines", "Antigone and Greek Drama" and Manto's "Toba Tek Singh: A Critical Review".

Prof. Ashiq Ali, Chairman, Department of Hindi extended a vote of thanks. Prof Mehtab Haider Naqvi, Prof Shahid Rizvi, Prof Madihar Rehman Suhaib, Prof Samina Khan, Prof Prem Kumar, Prof Sami Rafiq, Prof Shambhunath Tiwari, Mr. Ajay Basaria and a large number of teachers and students congratulated Dr Narjis Fatima for the publication of the book.

### **An Evening of Thanks and Forgiveness**

The Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor, Prof Mohammad Gulrez released a book titled, "Strategic Therapies", authored by Prof. S. M. Safdar Ashraf, Chairman, Department of Tahaffuzi Wa Samaji Tib, at a function held as "an Evening of Thanks and Forgiveness". Prof. Gulrez appreciated the book's value as an educational supplement, written eloquently to benefit both the students and the teachers. He said the book is based on Ilaj bit Tadbeer, with special emphasis on preventive aspects of the subject, and will serve greatly in exploring the subject for detailed study.

In his presidential remarks, Padma Shri Prof. Hakeem Syed Zillur Rehman commended Prof. Safdar Ashraf's efforts in his academic quest to bring quality research and studies.

Prof. Ferasat Ali, Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine, emphasized that hard work always brings enduring dividends. Prof. BD Khan, Principal, AK Tibbiya College, assured unwavering cooperation to the department for the college's academic endeavours. The guest of honor, Prof. Salma Ahmed, Dean, Faculty of Management and Member Incharge, Dawakhana Tibbiya College, praised the department's contribution to upgrading the facilities for community health.

Prof. M. M. H. Siddiqui, former Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine and former Chairman, Department of Ilaj bit Tadbeer, presented a detailed analysis of the released book. He

commended the innovative additions that enriched the subject matter.

Earlier, welcoming the guests, Prof. Safdar Ashraf expressed gratitude to the university community for its unwavering support. He also pledged sponsorship for the air-conditioning of the PG seminar room and substantial financial support to the upcoming World Congress on Integrated Community Health 2024 (WCICH-2024).

### **Experts Highlight India's Developments, Opportunities And Challenges At Sir Syed Academy Seminar On G20 Summit**

Experts delineated India's emerging role in international affairs and global economy, impact and benefits of digital revolution in the country, financial inclusion and women empowerment etc. and active role of Indian leadership in addressing the climate and sustainability challenges, during India's G-20 Presidency, in the inaugural session of the two-day international seminar on 'India's G-20 Summit 2023: Opportunities and Challenges', organized by Sir Syed Academy, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU). They termed the G-20 Presidency as a historic moment for the country.

The Chief Guest of the event, Mr. Saurabh Garg IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, called the digital revolution of the country as a means of inclusion, adding that the G-20 Presidency has come at a very opportune moment for India. "This is happening when the country has become the fifth largest economy in the world and is rapidly moving towards the fourth and subsequently to the third place. The benefits are reaching a wide range of people", he pointed out.

Mr. Garg emphatically said, "The growing digital public infrastructure in the country has empowered the people. Aadhaar verification can be done from anywhere, last month 10 million transactions were done through UPI, 2.5 lakh village Panchayats have optic fiber connections, Teledensity has increased in leaps and bounds, 72% women and 80% men in India have mobile phones, banking services have reached to around 6 lakh villages through POS machines and 50 crore bank accounts were opened under Jan Dhan Yojana". Highlighting the benefits of

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expanding digital infrastructure Mr Garg also mentioned Mudra Yojana, 'Bashini' the voice-based translation facility that aims to enable all Indians easy access to digital services in their own language, GeM portal for online public procurement, and GigiLocker etc. He also mentioned Swachh Bharat Yojana, Udan Scheme etc. and said that India has given a very positive message to the world by emphasizing the theme of 'One Planet, One Family, One Future' through the G-20 Forum.

Mr. Rohit Bansal, Guest of Honour and Group Head of Communications, Reliance Industries, said that climate change, sustainability and women's empowerment are important agendas of the G-20 Summit in which the common youth and women of the country also have a stake. "Sustainable lifestyles and habits should be adopted to safeguard the environment", he emphasized.

Presiding over the inaugural session, AMU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Mohammad Gulrez said that India has reached new milestones, and provides effective leadership to the Global South, which has both opportunities and challenges for our youth. "India's influence in international affairs is getting stronger. BRICS, ASEAN, QUAD, South Asian Grid, G-20 Forum etc. are indicators of India's growing influence. By 2025, India will become the third largest economy in the world", he said, stressing that attention should be paid to include minorities and women in the journey of progress and development. The Vice Chancellor also laid stress on working for quantum computing, carbon emissions and artificial intelligence which is changing the employment landscape for our youth.

"India's G-20 Presidency has created an atmosphere of excitement in the country and AMU also organized several programmes on various aspects of G-20, thereby raising awareness among the youth and exhorting them to play their role in nation-building", Prof Gulrez added.

Earlier, AMU Registrar Mr. Mohammad Imran (IPS) highlighted the themes of G-20 Summit and significance of this Forum for India and world. He also introduced the guest speakers.

Professor Ali Mohammad Naqvi, Director, Sir Syed Academy delivered the welcome address. He said that the G-20 is the largest forum in the world as it represents a large population and the largest economies in the world. "This two-day international seminar is providing an opportunity for researchers to analyze and explore various themes of G-20 and India's emerging role in world affairs", he said. Prof. Naqvi also mentioned the publications of Sir Syed Academy.

On this occasion, five books published by Sir Syed Academy on the topics related to G-20 and the ninth volume of 'Maqalat-e- Sir Syed', which is based on Sir Syed's international perspective, were released.

Dr. Mohammad Shahid, Deputy Director, Sir Syed Academy proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. Syed Hussain Haider conducted the proceedings.

Later on, in the first academic session of the seminar, Prof. Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Prof. Saud Alam Qasmi, Prof. Obaidullah Fahd, Prof. Muhibbul Haque, etc. deliberated upon 'Sir Syed's International Vision, which was presided by Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman and conducted by Dr. Ahmad Mujtaba Siddiqui (Dept. of Geography, AMU Aligarh).

*Note: The chief guest, Mr. Saurabh Garg, is the nephew of Prof. K. C. Singhal, former Chairman, Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh. After the function from AMU, Mr. Saurabh Garg, visited the residence of Prof. K. C. Singhal, Dr. Atul Singhal and his mother old home 'Om Niwas', Vishnupuri. He was taken to these places by Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman on the advice of Prof. K. C. Singhal.*

### **Indo-Saudi Pharma Symposium on 'Research Avenues'**

The Department of Pharmacology, JN Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized an Indo-Saudi Pharma Symposium on 'Research Avenues' as a part of the celebratory programmes being held in AMU to mark India's Presidency of G-20 Summit.

Prof. Mohammad Asif Hussain, Biomedical Engineering Options, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, King Abdul Aziz

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University, KSA, shed light on the new developments in biomedical research and discussed his projects on nanotechnology, three-dimensional nanomaterials and other biomaterials used as various medical applications to support, enhance or replace damaged tissue or a biological function.

Dr. Ishrat Rahman, Department of Pharmacology, Princess Nourah Bint Abdul Rahman University, KSA, shared her views on newer entities in oral cancer research, green phytonutrients and pre-clinical drug and vaccine development.

Dr. Misbahuddin Rafiq, Department of Pharmacology, King Abdul Aziz University, KSA, highlighted the importance of research in his academic career and shared his experience of managing independent research grants in KSA. He underlined the significance of his research in an integrated approach to clinical therapeutics using pharmacogenomics tools, with a special focus on diabetes, cardiovascular and respiratory disorders.

Earlier, welcoming the guests, Prof Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, underscored the need for holding the symposium, especially for the young students. Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan conducted the programme and Dr. Jameel Ahmad extended a vote of thanks.

### **Anti-ragging day observed at Department of Pharmacology**

As directed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the National Medical Commission (NMC) has instructed all medical colleges to observe anti-ragging week from August 12 to 18. In compliance to this instruction, the Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, has taken the necessary steps to enhance the sensitization and rigorous implementation. The week-long event kick-started from 12th of August 2023.

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Dept. of Pharmacology, in his address emphasized that students should know clearly that ragging is totally banned in our college and department. Students should understand the difference between harassment, intimidation and ragging. Peer pressure by seniors for any favour from

Juniors should be also discouraged. He further stated that the event stands as a testament to our continuous efforts to make the campus a place where students can thrive academically and emotionally, free from the fear of ragging.

In a bid to promote safe and respectful academic environment, the Department of Pharmacology at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University conducted a slogan writing, poetry and poster-making competition for the postgraduate students. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the negative impacts of ragging and foster a culture of mutual respect and inclusivity among students.

The event, which took place in the department's premises, saw enthusiastic participation from all the postgraduate residents. Dr. Dheeraj PS, Dr. Ammar Khalid and Dr. Anam raised the concern on how passive spectators indirectly perpetuate the ragging culture by failing to voice dissent against such misconduct. They also composed a poem highlighting the imperative need for unity in eradicating ragging. Dr. A. Shamema and Dr. Praveen Kumar K highlighted the other aspects of ragging and how it is affecting our society in an evil way. Dr. Neethu SL and Dr. Ajiith Xavier also highlighted the negative impact and their motive was to show to the public that we all should stand to protect the educational system. Dr. Pragya Hangma Subba and Dr. Shiny highlighted against racial discrimination as a part of ragging while Dr. Aditya Vikram Singh and Dr. Pratik Vijay Ganvir stressed upon the dialogue 'don't be a bully be a buddy'. Dr. Sreemeda Chaudhury and Dr. Bharat portrayed various forms of ragging in their poster and highlighted the fact that ragging is a punishable offence and will not go unpunished. Dr. Anand SR and Dr. Vrinda Parayil showed us how ragging perpetuates an environment of fear, humiliation, and emotional distress among students, hindering their personal growth and academic experience.

Teachers of the Department adjudged the event. The judges expressed their appreciation for the hard work and effort put in by the students. They collected the perspectives of students about the issue of ragging, including its effects on their mental and social well-being and interacted about the measures which can be implemented in

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the future to prevent ragging among students. The convener of the event Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan, said that the Department of Pharmacology's commitment to nurturing a safe and welcoming space for all students is evident through such initiatives.

### **Interactive session organised by the Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, in collaboration with the Sir Syed Foundation, Aligarh, under the Outreach Programme**

20 students from the Department of English at AMU visited the Department of Pharmacology as part of an internship/outreach programme and to enhance their knowledge in the field of pharmacology on 28.8.2023. The President, Naved Alam, introduced the students to the faculty members, SRs, and JRs, and discussed the various things related to the visits to the Chairman.

The Chairman, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, welcomed everyone for the visit, discussed the significance and relevance of the department, and talked about the necessity of drug evaluation.

Students were exposed to the basic activities that are conducted in the department by Prof. Farhan Ahmad Khan. Dr. Jamil Ahmad, Assistant Professor, shared his sheer intellect with the students and briefed them about the process of making medicines while briefing them on several medicines.

The students visited the CAL Lab, experimental, and research PG labs of the department, where the resident doctors demonstrated the various aspects while giving practical briefings on medicine, especially about the ORS, drug administration process, and use of software for teaching drugs' action.

The visit was kind and fruitful, and at the end, the General Secretary, Mr. Faizur Rehman Sherwani, thanked the entire Department Chairman, faculties, and non-teaching staff for their hospitality and warm welcome.

### **WHO Workshop on RI, VPDs and AEFI**

An interactive workshop by the District unit of World Health Organisation (WHO) was organised at Committee Room, JNMC, AMU,

Aligarh on a topic, "Covid-19 vaccination and carry forward its learnings to strengthen routine immunization (RI), vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs) and adverse event following immunization (AEFI) surveillance" on 25.07.2023.

The resource persons were Dr. Vikas K. Gupta (Sub Regional Team Leader, WHO Country office for India) and Dr. Abdur Rahman (Surveillance Medical Officer, WHO Country office for India).

Dr. Vikas K. Gupta, deliberated about the National Immunization Coverage Trends. He informed that there was a quantum jump in Full Immunization Coverage to 14.4% from NFHS-4 to NFHS-5. India experienced a relatively large drop in coverage in 2020 (91% to 85%). More than 1.32 million children missed DPT-3 vaccination in 2020. 65% (0.86 million) of these were in UP, Bihar, Maharashtra and Jharkhand. Though Immunization services continued as per COVID categorization of areas, there were clear strategies and guidelines developed during those periods. Virtual methods were developed to sensitize health workers on Routine Immunization and new vaccine introduction such as Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine and Polio supplementary immunization activities (SIAs) with modified SOP for COVID-19 context. He also informed about the Mission Indradhanush performance.

Dr. Abdur Rahman elaborated about Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) and specially the types of AEFI for Reporting. He explained four WHO cause specific definitions of AEFIs that are vaccine product-related reaction, vaccine quality defect-related reaction, Immunization error-related reaction, Immunization anxiety-related reaction and Coincidental event. He stressed the importance of reporting vaccine related ADRs to the AEFI surveillance program.

A large number of residents and teachers attended the workshop. Prof. Haris M Khan, Principal & CMS, JN Medical College and Hospital, stressed the need to organise such programs on a regular basis. He permitted and provided local logistics to hold the WHO program. Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Coordinator,

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Medical Device Adverse Event and Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh conducted the program.

### 3rd National Pharmacovigilance Awareness Week 2023

NCC-PvPI/MvPI on behalf of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India, urged all the Healthcare Professionals / Marketing Authorization Holders / Professional Bodies / Academic Institutions and other stakeholders to celebrate National Pharmacovigilance Week from 17th-23rd September 2023 which is an annual event since 2021. This intended to create awareness and educate the public and other healthcare professionals about the need for reporting Adverse Events/Adverse Drug Reactions (AEs/ADRs) associated with the use of drugs and medical devices etc.

Department of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh, in association with the Society of Pharmacovigilance, India (SoPI), organised series of events to celebrate National Pharmacovigilance Week through Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Center (AMC) and Medical Device Adverse Event Monitoring Centre (MDMC) at Aligarh District. These activities as suggested by the NCC-PvPI/MvPI were also shared with PvPI / MvPI-IPC through social media (Facebook / Twitter / LinkedIn / Instagram / WhatsApp etc.) with hashtag #NPW2023. The same were shared through facebook page of the Society of Pharmacovigilance, India and Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences.

Following were the day-to-day events, organised under the 2023 theme, "Boosting Public Confidence in Pharmacovigilance" in reaching common masses about the importance of reporting Adverse Drug Reaction.

Day 1 (17th September 2023): Exhibition of books and periodicals on Pharmacovigilance. These publications by IPC, WHO, UMC, ISoP, SoPI, and many other national and international organisations including AMCs and MDMCs working on pharmacovigilance, were displayed at the library of Ibn Sina Academy. The exhibition remained open for the public till the whole week. It was inaugurated by Prof. K. C. Singhal (Founder President, SoPI) and Prof.

Nadeem Khalil (University Engineer, AMU, Aligarh).

Day 2 (18.9.2023): Sensitizing patients and general public about the Drug Safety at J. N. Medical College Hospital and Dr. Z. A. Dental College Hospital. Both patients and general public were informed about the drug safety issues and ways of ADR reporting through toll-free number and available forms. Prof. Haris Manzoor Khan, Principal & CMS, JNMC Hospital and Prof. Veena Maheshwari, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, inaugurated the event at the entrance of OPD block. Likewise, Prof. R. K. Tiwari, Principal, ZA Dental College, AMU, Aligarh, inaugurated the event at the entrance of Dental College OPD block. All residents of the Dept. of Pharmacology, assisted and focussed their activities on patients, caregivers, physicians, medical students, nurses, healthcare professionals, pharmacists and school students to encourage and make general public aware about the importance of ADR reporting.

On the same day, Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, was invited online as a part of NPW celebrated by the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, in collaboration with Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI), J&K branch. Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman delivered the guest lecture on Materiovigilance Programme of India (MvPI). The other speakers were Prof. Mubashir H. Masoodi, Prof. Raman Dang, Prof. Rohit Dutt, Prof. Milind J Umekar, Prof. Z. A. Bhat and Prof. Mohammad Ishaq Geer. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Shahid Uddin Wani.

Day 3 (19.9.2023): A panel discussion on the theme, 'boosting public confidence in pharmacovigilance,' was organized at the College of Nursing, AMU, Aligarh.

In the beginning, General Secretary of the Society of Pharmacovigilance India (SoPI), Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, informed the audience that the panel discussion was arranged as a part of National Pharmacovigilance Awareness Week as per the directive of Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Govt. of India, to gain a deeper understanding of both the National Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI)



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and Materiovigilance Programme of India (MvPI).

Prof. Farah Azmi, Principal of the College of Nursing, welcomed the guest panelists including Professor Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Dept. of Pharmacology and Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh. She said the event's objective was to make the students aware that medication errors in inpatient wards are rampant and nursing staff should be trained in clinical pharmacy.

Panelists explored the historical background of drug safety and later discussed at length the challenges and difficulties in detecting, assessing, understanding, and preventing both expected and unexpected adverse drug reactions (ADRs). Nursing students and faculty members of the college enthusiastically participated in the discussion. The session provided valuable insights into the best practices of drug usage, as well as the challenges and opportunities in the realm of nursing practices. Ms. Reeta Minj, Nursing Faculty, moderated the panel discussion.

Day 4 (20.9.2023): A panel discussion on the theme, 'boosting public confidence in pharmacovigilance,' was organized by the Department of Saidla, A. K. Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh in association with the Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh.

The moderator of the panel discussion, Dr. Aziz Ur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Department of Saidla, AK Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh, welcomed the guest panelists including Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Dept. of Pharmacology, Prof. Farhan Ahmad Khan, Dept. of Pharmacology, Dr. Abdur Rauf, Chairman, Dept. of Ilmul Advia and Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh. He said the event's objective was to update and create awareness of the government of India's strategies for protecting patients from adverse drug reactions with special reference to Unani medicine.

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman explored the historical background of drug safety and later discussed at length the challenges and difficulties in

detecting, assessing, understanding, and preventing both expected and unexpected adverse drug reactions (ADRs). Dr. Abur Rauf briefed the basic and historical concept of pharmacovigilance in Unani medicine and explained the reasons of under reporting of ADR in the field of Unani medicine. Prof. Farhan Ahmad Khan explained the genetic reasons of untoward reactions, and Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan, candidly explained the benefits of ADR reporting and off-label use of drugs. PG students and faculty members of the Dept. of Saidla enthusiastically participated in the discussion. The session provided valuable insights into best practices of drug usage, as well as the challenges and opportunities in the realm of Unani medicine.

Day 5 (21.9.2023): An exclusive Pharmacovigilance Quiz for Pharmacology postgraduate residents, was organised at Dept. of Pharmacology, JN Medical College, AMU, Aligarh. It was based on extempore series of questions, put up by the quiz master Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Chairman, Dept. of Pharmacology). Senior Residents Dr. Aparajita Mishra, Dr. Ahmar Hasan, Dr. Mahendra Rathore and Mr. Jahngeer Alam were the scorers. Assistant Professors Dr. Irfan A. Khan and Dr. Bushra Hasan Khan were the observers. The first prize was fetched by Dr. Ammar Khalid followed by Dr. Anam and Dr. Bharat Srivatsava.

Day 6 (22.9.2023): Slogan Writing Competition for BPT students, College of Allied Health Science, was organised at Dept. of Pharmacology, JN Medical College, AMU, Aligarh. The prepared posters and slogans by the second year BPT students on Pharmacovigilance theme were judged by Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Chairman, Dept. of Pharmacology) and Assistant Professors Dr. Jameel Ahmad, Dr. Irfan Ahmad and Dr. Bushra Hasan Khan. Senior Residents Dr. Aparajita Mishra, Dr. Ahmar Hasan and Dr. Mahendra Rathore were the observers. The first prize was won by the team of Ms. Arjita Singh and Ms. Azra Khalid, followed by second prize by Ms. Ahmadi Fatima and Mr. Mohd. Saddamul Haque.

Day 7 (23.9.2023): On 23rd September 2023, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, gave his services outside

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Aligarh. He attended the Pharmacovigilance Awareness Week Ceremony, held at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Vivek College of Technical Education, Bijnor (UP). Dr. Rahman was wished by the administration of the college to witness the various programs held in reserve for the last day of the week. The programme was inaugurated by Er. Deepak Mittal, Secretary, Vivek Group of Colleges, Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman and Dr. Saurabh Sharma, Principal, Vivek College of Technical Education, Bijnor by lighting the lamp.

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman in his lecture spoke on Pharmacovigilance and Health care. In his lecture, he explained that biomaterial Pharmacovigilance is as important as Drug Pharmacovigilance. He also informed to students that both the ADR Monitoring Centre (AMC) and Medical Device Adverse Event Monitoring Centre (MDMC) are established in JLN Medical College, Aligarh, to report adverse drug reactions and adverse event of medical devices, respectively. After the expert lecture, five students of B. Pharm namely Ms. Tanishka Taliyan, Ms. Alisha Anwar, Ms. Sajia Siddique, Ms. Aditi Sharma and Ms. Jiya Chaudhary gave the oral presentations. The Best oral presentation prizes were given to Ms. Tanishka Taliyan and Ms. Alisha Anwar. These oral presentations were prepared under the guidance of Dr. Rizwan Ahmad and Dr. Ankur Garg.

The poster presentation competition was also a part in the event. Total 10 posters were presented by the students. These posters were evaluated by the judges on the following parameter: originality, creativity, certain objective and goal, neatness and overall presentation. The winner of poster presentation were Ms. Himanshi Chauhan and team. The posters were prepared under the guidance of Dr. Sandeep Kumar and Dr. Ravindra Mishra. Quiz competition was conducted to check the knowledge and skills of the students' using questions based on Pharmacovigilance. The four teams namely 'Fact finders', 'Beta Blockers', 'Brain Busters' and 'Overdose' participated in the quiz competition. The winner of the quiz competition was 'Fact finders' team comprising of Mr. Surya Pratap, Ms. Bhoomi Gupta, Ms. Sameera Khaleel and Mr. Mohd. Adnan. The quiz competition was conducted by Mr. Abhay Pratap Singh and

organized in the supervision of Dr. Vishal Kumar and Mr. Abhishek Marwari. Students also participated in the rangoli making competition. The winner team of rangoli making competition was Ms. Payal, Ms. Aditi and Ms. Divya Rajput. This event was organized under the expert supervision of Dr. Chhavi Verma and Ms. Neha Singh. The program was conducted by Ms. Deepika Dawas and Ms. Sweta.

Mr. Ajeet Kumar and Dr. D G Bari were the coordinators of the whole events. In the last, Dr. Saurabh Sharma, Principal, moved for the vote of thanks.

Day 8 (27.9.2023): On the last day of the celebration, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman delivered an invited lecture on 'Overview of Respiratory ADR', as a part of CME TB Update, organised by the Department of TB and Respiratory Diseases, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh on 27.9.2023. The other speakers were Dr. Umar MH Aqil (WHO Consultant, NTEP, Aligarh), who spoke on ADR in the Treatment of TB and Dr. Ishma Zuber (Consultant, Apollo Hospital, New Delhi), who covered the topic, Female Genital Tuberculosis.

Earlier, the welcome address was given by Prof. Zuber Ahmad (Chairman, Dept. of TB and Respiratory Diseases) followed by the guest address by the Dean, Faculty of Medicine Prof. Veena Maheshwari and by the Principal & CMS, JNMCH Prof. Haris M Khan.

*Earlier the First and Second National Pharmacovigilance Awareness Weeks were celebrated with similar enthusiasm in 2021 and 2022, respectively. The report of these events was published in the 'Journal of Pharmacovigilance & Drug Safety'.*

*JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, started both 'Intensive Hospital-based ADR Monitoring' and 'Voluntary ADR Reporting' in 1989 and still involved in various pharmacovigilance activities both at local and national level.*



## 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.

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- Clinical Research
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- Survey and Cultivation of Medicinal Plants

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- 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.

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- 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).

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