

SINCERE APPEAL

Ibn Sina Academy is accredited as '**Centre of Excellence**' by Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India. The Academy has an extensive collection of more than 26 thousand books, 20 thousand journals and more than 1500 hand-written manuscripts. A large number of books on the famous Urdu Poet Ghalib led to the creation of a **Ghalib Study Centre**. In addition, there are two halls of museum with some rare artifacts collections.

Let me briefly list some of the highlights of the status and importance of the Academy.

1. The Academy has earned a name for itself not only in this country but also abroad in a short period of about 20 years.

2. The National Library of Medicine (NLM) of the National Institute of Health (NIH), USA, prepared a *Directory of Libraries of History of Medicine of the World*. It is a pleasure to inform that our Academy has been mentioned in this Directory. Thus the name of India is mentioned in this Directory, because of Ibn Sina Academy.

3. The Academy is an important Centre of Muslim Culture and Heritage, one of its own kind in our country, where people and students come from Indian towns. The Academy is trying hard to keep the past and culture of the Indian community alive. One Museum is devoted to this aspect. The second Museum is devoted to literature on History of Medieval Medicine and Sciences. This is in itself a unique institution, not found anywhere in India. It shows the accomplishments and contributions made by scientists in the last 1400 years in chemistry, physics, astronomy, botany, zoology, geology, mathematics, etc.

4. In 2015, the famous American television channel CNN Travel presented a survey report on top ten important unique Museums of the world, including the museums of the seventeenth century Europe. It is a matter of great pride for us that our Academy and its Museums were included in this Report.

5. Large number of visitors to make use of the library of the Academy include not only research students and teachers of the Aligarh Muslim University but also researchers from outside Aligarh. These students and teachers belong to subjects Urdu, Hindi, Sanskrit, Persian, Arabic, History, Islamic Studies and Unani Medicine.

6. The research material on Islamic Studies and Unani Medicine is so extensive that scholars from abroad, viz., Germany, England, Canada, U.S.A. and other Gulf countries come to consult the extensive literature on the subjects mentioned above. An American girl on Fullbright Scholarship came to our Academy. This is a matter of great pride for us that the Academy has become world renowned for subjects already mentioned above.

7. Ibn Sina Academy is an academic institution and a research center. Academic works available in the Library of the Academy are made use of by scholars from all over the country. Researchers make use of the literature and facilities for their theses and primary source material. Students preparing for various competitive tests come also to study in the peaceful academic atmosphere of its reading room.

8. The Academy also publishes books on different subjects and especially on Unani Medicine. So far more than 50 books have been published by the Academy in the last 19 years. Editing and writing of books is time consuming and hard work, but the Academy is carrying on its

mission and doing this academic work on a continuous basis. In addition, a quarterly newsletter (NISA) is being published regularly.

9. The Academy is also regular organiser of seminars, conferences and special lectures throughout the year. To name a few, two international seminars were organised: 1. Ibn Haytham on the occasion of International Year of Light (IYL 2016) of UNESCO and, 2. Ibn Sina on the occasion of 1000th year of his treatise *Canon of Medicine*, declared by UNESCO. In addition, the *Annual Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture* and *Annual Nasim Ansari Oration* are part of regular activities of the Ibn Sina Academy.

10. The Academy is not a business institution for commercial purpose for which profits and losses are taken care of its existence. All this because of the financial support received from family and friends, who help out in running the day to day expenses of the Academy. However, the salaries provided for the staff are sometime problematic for us. All our employees, are working on a regular basis, and are keeping the Academy very active and functioning. Without outside help the Academy cannot be run smoothly and successfully. With the continuous support of other intellectuals, we can continue working with great zeal and devotion. Being a charitable organization, donations to the Academy are also exempted from Income Tax under section 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961.

Finally, we thank the readers of NISA for their interest and request them and their colleagues to extend financial support to the Academy. Following is the average monthly break-up of the expenditure presently.

1. Rs. 30,000/- for the salary of the followings: Safai wala, office attendant, museum curator and typist.
2. Rs. 5,000/- for preservation and conservation of books and periodicals.
3. Rs. 5,000/- for electricity charges, Annual Maintenance Charges (AMC) for Lift and other electrical items.
4. Rs. 10,000/- for unforeseen expenses such as posts, printing of newsletters, books, etc.

The readers may kindly note the following:

1. Our Bank Account No. 511750963 at the Indian Bank,
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IFSC Code: IDIB000A044,
MICR Code: 202019006,
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Thanks and regards,
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