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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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EVENTS AT IBN SINA ACADEMY

(April – June 2019)

World Health Day Celebration 2019

For the last many years Ibn Sina Academy has been observing and celebrating 7th April as World Health Day (WHD) with a technical support of SEARO (New Delhi) and Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

As a part of WHD celebration, the Academy has instituted an annual lecture in the memory of Prof. M. Nasim Ansari which is being organized on World Health Day every year since 2007. This year, Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi, Vice Chancellor of Era Medical University, Lucknow, delivered the 13th Prof. M. Nasim Ansari Oration.

Prof. Mahdi after throwing some light on the personality of Prof. M. Ansari and his association with JNMC/AMU, he delved into other aspects of his multifaceted personality. Dr. Abbas said that Prof. Ansari was one of the founders of the medical college and a great teacher and administrator. Apart from being a deft surgeon and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, he made significant contributions in the field of literature and health communication. Dr. Abbas recounted few anecdotes, some emanating from personal association with his father Late Prof. Mahdi Hasan (Department of Anatomy, JNMC, AMU).

Prof. Abbas also shared his vast experience in the field of Vitamin D and Lead poisoning. He told that workers involved in battery manufacturing or recycling factories are occupationally exposed to high concentrations of lead. In humans, lead can cause a wide range of biological effects depending upon the level and duration of exposure. He further stated that lead affects the vitamin D and calcium metabolism. Routine biochemical parameters showed low levels of serum vitamin D, calcium and phosphorus in

battery workers as compared to non-exposure.

On WHD theme, Dr. Tabassum Nawab, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, delivered a lecture on 'Universal health coverage: everyone, everywhere'. She said like last year, WHO reiterated its pledge to provide health services to each and every citizen in the world. It aimed that all people should have the access to the quality health services across the globe whenever and wherever they need it. She underlined the need for population wide measures to promote a healthy lifestyle in urban populations.

Mr. Ajay Deep Singh, Commissioner, Aligarh Division, in his presidential remarks praised the lecture delivered by both Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi and Dr. Tabassum Nawab. He applauded the efforts of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, in establishing the Ibn Sina Academy, and providing opportunity in hearing such nice and informative lecture.

Mr. Shamim Ahmad Khan, Additional Commissioner, Aligarh Division, was the guest of honour. On the occasion, he exhorted the educated people to pledge to train at least one illiterate person from their vicinity in observing basic hygiene as stressed repeatedly by WHO. He emphasized how this small measure would make a great difference in the long run.

Interns of the JNMC participated in the WHO theme based competition and won various prizes from the guests and organisers.

Earlier the dignitaries and the guests were welcomed by Professor Syed Zillur Rahman, President of Ibn Sina Academy. Prof. Rahman also recalled his

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association with Prof. Ansari and gave some insights into his towering personality. He thanked the distinguished speakers, Commissioner and Additional Commissioner Aligarh Division, other dignitaries and guests for making the program a success.

Prof. Aslam Qadeer and Prof. Fasih A. Siddiqi also shared some of their memories and association with the Ansari family and lauded the efforts of Prof. Zillur Rahman for organizing this program. In the last, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Treasurer) presented vote of thanks.

Large number of teachers and students participated in the program including Er. Sultan Ahmad Khan, Prof. S. M. R. Ansari, Prof. Tajuddin, Prof. Abdul Latif, Dr. Abdur Rauf, Dr. Shaad Abqari and Dr. Yasir Alvi, to name just a few here.

40th Guest Lecture Series at Ibn Sina Academy

Dr. Kenneth White from the School of Molecular Science of London Metropolitan University, London (UK) delivered the 40th Guest Lecture on Shinnyo-en Buddhism on 14.4.2019.

Dr. White is a Buddhist, belonging to the Japanese order Shinnyo-en. He was keen to seek connections with the followers of his adopted religion in India that is the birth-place of Buddhism. He gave a very informative talk on Shinnyo Buddhism, which was very warmly received by all audience and stimulated a lively discussion.

The lecture was presided by Dr. Pushpa Sharma (Hony. Secretary, Three Dots Sewamarg Public School, Aligarh). She in her presidential remarks appreciated the lecture on Shinnyo-en Buddhism by Dr. White. She said, no religion teaches hatred and terrorism. She further said that India is a birthplace of many religions including Buddhism.

Earlier, Prof. S. Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sina Academy) welcomed the guests and shared his own views on Buddhism. Large number of guests attended this unique lecture session at Ibn Sina Academy.

Mushaira on the occasion of first death anniversary of Jamuna Prasad Rahi

An Urdu poetic gathering 'Mushaira' on the occasion of first death anniversary of Jamuna Prasad Rahi was arranged on 30th June 2019. A part from local poets, 12 poets participated from Delhi and nearby areas. Jamuna Prasad Rahi was a well-wisher of Ibn Sina Academy and had published a book on Ghalibiat from the Academy's Ghalib Study Centre.

Fulbright Scholar Visiting Ibn Sina Academy

The following letter regarding the upcoming Fulbright Scholar's visit to Ibn Sina Academy was received:

Greetings from the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF).

USIEF was established in February 1950 under a U.S.-India bilateral agreement. On July 4, 2008 the Government of India and the U.S. Government signed a new agreement to strengthen educational exchanges between the two countries. A 10-member Board of Directors, five Americans living in India nominated by the U.S. diplomatic Mission and five Indian nominated by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, governs USIEF. The Foreign Secretary, Government of India, and the U.S. Ambassador to India serve as the Honorary Co-Chairs of the USIEF Board. As part of this program, approximately 150 U.S. students and scholars are likely to visit India in 2019-20.

Under USIEF's student researcher program, Mr. Michael Benevenia a student from Maryland Institute College of Art, Maryland, USA is under consideration for a Fulbright-Nehru grant for a period of nine

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months. Mr. Michael Benevenia's research proposal is entitled "*Viśpalā's Iron Leg: Striving for Solidarity through Sculpture.*" Enclosed please find a copy of his brief curriculum vitae and detailed project statement for your information and perusal.

This is to request you to affiliate Mr. Michael Benevenia with your Institute for his proposed study during the Fulbright-Nehru grant. We would also appreciate it if you could nominate one of your faculty colleagues as his academic supervisor. Your Institute would be under no financial obligation as Mr. Michael Benevenia's travel and maintenance expenses will be met by USIEF.

If you agree to affiliate Mr. Michael Benevenia, may I request you to provide the following documents: completed affiliation certificate with your signature, Institute's seal on the affiliation certificate and Cover letter on Institutional letter-head stating your acceptance of the Fulbright scholar.

The above is to be returned to USIEF at the earliest possible, latest by May 3, 2019. This certificate is essential for the scholar to obtain an Indian Visa from Indian Embassy/Consulate in U.S. The scholar is likely to start the grant in August 2019 and would then require a joining letter from your Institute for registration with local FRO.

USIEF will advise you when the scholar's grant is confirmed, after which you can establish contact with the student researcher. In case you are unable to affiliate the scholar, please inform USIEF as soon as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards, Sincerely, Priyanjana Ghosh, Senior Program Officer, USIEF.

VISIT OF DIGNITARIES

1. Mr. Malwinder Singh Jaggi (IAS), Election Commissioner (Appointed in Aligarh), Director Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of Punjab, 10.4.2019
2. Prof. Manpreet Singh, Department of Anesthesiology & Intensive Care and Dr. Namita Grover, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh, 18.4.2019
3. A delegation of Rab De Meher (Delhi based NGO famous for Pharma Ratan Awards), comprises of Dr. Wasif Khan, Mr. Shahbaz Khan and Ms. Anita Shahbaz, 27.4.2019
4. A delegation of 10 student-based Urdu learners from University of Carolina, USA under the leadership of Professors Afroz Taj and John Caldwell, UNC, Chapel Hill, USA, 30.5.2019
5. Delegates, Subject Refresher Course on Human Rights, UGC-HRD Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 17.06.2019
6. Delegates, Orientation Programme UGC-HRD Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 18.06.2019
7. Prof. S. C. Sharma, Principal and CMS, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh, 21.6.2019

Visitors' Remarks

Gianni Sievers, PhD Candidate, Department of South Asia Studies, University of Pennsylvania, USA, visited Ibn Sina Academy in the first week of April.

Following are the remarks, he sent via email dated 6 May 2019.

"First of all, let me express my thanks once again for your kind hospitality and generous help. The Ibn Sina Academy with its fantastic library is really a wonderful place of knowledge and peace. As a researcher, it was such a pleasure to be able to browse through the many rare books in your collection and to listen to

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your wise words. I hope to be able to visit you in Aligarh again soon and that we will stay in touch. Many thanks and with best wishes,

Gianni Sievers, PhD Candidate,
Department of South Asia Studies,
University of Pennsylvania, USA”

Following was a short summary of Gianni's research project:

“My dissertation explores transformations in cultures of listening and musical patronage vis-à-vis negotiations of (religious) identities over the long nineteenth century in northern India. Drawing on a range of unpublished sources in Urdu, Hindi, Persian, and English, I analyze representations of the sonic landscape (musical and non musical sound) in urban spaces. How was sound consumed by different publics in the rapidly changing world of colonial North India? How do histories of region and identity transform through musical practices? Beginning with the complex developments of musical knowledge and practice in the decades leading up to the Rebellion of 1857 through the establishment of public radio broadcasting in the early 1920s, my regional focus is on the city of Delhi and the princely state of Rampur. My research showcases the multiple ways in which people interacted with music and why it was a contested field in public life. It qualifies assertions about the marginalization of Muslim and female artists and gives voice to aspects of our shared cultural and intellectual heritage that have largely been forgotten in the collective memory of post colonial nation states”.

MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman,
Founder President, Ibn Sina Academy,
Aligarh, attended following events as:

1. Guest of Honour, Releasing
Ceremony of Prof Masoodul Hasan's

'Mâya-e-Khwesh' at CALEM (See
detail on page 9)

2. Presided, Second Abdussalam Khan Memorial Lecture, Raza Library, Rampur, 28.4.2019. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Abu Sufyan Islahi on "*Iqbaliyat aur Maulana Abdussalam Khan*" and arranged by Dr. Hasan Abbas, Director, Raza Library, Rampur. During the function, Mr. Azhar Inayati, a renowned Urdu poet, presented a praise-worthy poem on Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman.
3. Chief Guest, St. Fidelis Day and Prize Distribution, St Fidelis School, Aligarh, 27.4.2019.
4. Presided, Meeting Executive Body, All India Muslim Educational Conference, Aligarh, 5.5.2019.
5. Visited as Guest, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Post Graduation Degree College, Sambhal, and met Dr. Abid Husain (Principal) and other teaching staff, 23.6.2019. Along with Prof. Rahman, Mr. Alim Naqvi, Dr. Furqan Sambhali and Dr. Asad Faisal Farooqi from Aligarh also visited.
6. Presided, Literary Seminar on "NIMA Day Celebration", Organised by NIMA at Hotel River Side, Rampur, 23 June 2019. NIMA is an abbreviation for National Integrated Medical Association and is an All India organisation of the graduates of integrated medicine. The chief guest of the function was Padma Shri Vaidya Balendu Parkas while guests of honour were Dr. Subodh Kumar Sharma (CMO Rampur) and Dr. U. S. Panday (Secretary Central Council, NIMA). The programme was very well organised by hosts Dr. G. S. Chaddha (President NIMA, Rampur), Dr. Mohammad Kashif (Vice President and Convener NIMA, Rampur) and Dr. Mohammad Abdul Salam (General Secretary NIMA, Rampur). In Rampur, Prof. Rahman also visited, Ashiq Public Library.
7. Attended Finance Committee Meeting of Aligarh Muslim University, India

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International Centre, New Delhi, 26.6.2019

8. Presided, Panel Discussion / Brain Storming Session / Symposium on Sir Syed's Educational Vision and The New Education Policy Draft 2019 (Proposed by Govt. of India), Sir Syed Academy, AMU, Aligarh, 29.6.2019. Lots of AMU teachers participated in the session. It was organized by Director and Deputy Director of Sir Syed Academy.

Prof. S. M. Razaullah Ansari, Secretary, Ibn Sina Academy has been invited by Dr. Maria Serena Diokno (Prof. of History and Project Coordinator) to join the research and publication project: "*Science and Empire Cross Paths: Observatories in Asia in the Late 19th and Mid 20th Centuries*". According to her this project is sponsored by the South East Asian Studies Regional Exchange Project Foundation (SEASREP). She has requested Prof. Ansari also to co-author a paper/presentation with Prof. Wayne Orchiston (Thailand), on "*The interplay between colonialism and independent initiative in the emergence of Indian observatories during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.*" This joint paper is planned to be presented at the Workshop in Manila, (Philippines) during February, 27-28, 2020. Prof. Diokno is fully aware of the contribution and expertise of Prof. Ansari on Observatories in India during 19th –20th centuries, and therefore she aims to have the joint paper as a comprehensive presentation of the historical development of Indian observatories.

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Honorary Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy and Professor, Department of Pharmacology, AMU, Aligarh, was invited by

1. Hamdard University, New Delhi to attend IEC Meeting at Scholars House on 28.5.2019 and 27.6.2019. Both meetings were presided over by Prof. S. D. Seth, Former Chair in Clinical

Pharmacology [ICMR] & Former Head, Pharmacology [AIIMS, New Delhi] and convened by Prof. Farhan Jalees.

2. Kashmir University (Srinagar) and met all faculty members of the Department of Pharmaceutical Science on 8th June 2019. On the same day, he also visited Department of Pharmacology of SKIMS and GMC in Srinagar.
3. Pandit BD Sharma Health Science University and met Vice Chancellor Prof. O. P. Kalra and other faculty members of the Department of Pharmacology at PGIMS in Rohtak (11.6.2019) and SHKM Medical College in Nuh (15.6.2019).
4. Organised AAEP Lectures at Aligarh Muslim University (See report on page 7 to 9)

Dr. Jameel Ahmad receives First Prize

Dr. Jameel Ahmad, member IAMMS from Department of Pharmacology Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), presented a research paper in UP-UK APPICON, the Annual Conference of Association of Physiologists and Pharmacologists of India, held at SU-School of Medical Sciences and Research, Noida during 6-7 April 2019.

Dr. Ahmad was awarded the first prize for oral paper presentation in the Faculty category. In his research study Dr Ahmad discovered the increased risk of type 2 Diabetes Mellitus with the use of Statins, the lipid lowering drugs. He emphasized on the evidence based use of lipid lowering drugs and modification of life style to decrease blood cholesterol level instead use of cholesterol lowering medicines without definite indications.

SEMINARS/LECTURES HELD

Following AAEP Programme Organised by Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman

1. Dr. Aiman Haider, Consultant Histopathologist, Department of Cellular Pathology, University College London

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Hospitals - (UK) and an alumna of JN Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University delivered a lecture on "Prostate Cancer: What you should know, What's new". The lecture was organized under the aegis of Aligs' Academic Enrichment Programme (AAEP) on 16.4.2019.

Dr. Aiman highlighted the importance of clinical information about anti-androgenic therapy and effect of radiation on prostatic biopsies and underlined the process how the extraprostatic extension (EPE) and the involvement of seminal vesicle changed the staging of prostatic cancer. She also summarized the role of immunohistochemistry in diagnosing prostatic cancer. She informed about the researches being done on Patient Prostate Sample for Research, artificial intelligence and Neuro SAFE frozen section procedure.

Earlier, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Coordinator, AAEP) introduced the guest speaker, while Prof. S. Shamshad Ahmad and Prof. Kiran Alam (Chairperson, Department of Pathology) welcomed the guests and presented bouquet to the speaker. Prof. Nazoora Khan presented the certificate of appreciation while Prof. Veena Maheshwari proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Bushra Siddiqui conducted the programme.

2. Dr. Sumbul Zaheer delivered the AAEP lecture on 'Role of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging in Transforming Patient Care' at the Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit (IBU), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU). Dr. Sumbul Zaheer (Consultant, Department of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore) delineated the scope of radioactive isotopes in clinical medicine and research and how it is effective for treating cancer patients.

She emphasised that nuclear medicine is a specialized field involving the application

of radioactive substances in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases. She discussed how Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT) and Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scans are used to take images in nuclear medicine.

Prof. Asadullah Khan (Coordinator, IBU) moderated the session, while Prof. Ibne Ahmad (Department of radiodiagnosis) introduced the speaker. Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Coordinator, AAEP) proposed the vote of thanks.

Prof. Mohammad Shoeb Zaheer, Dr. Kenneth White, Dr. Hina Younus, Dr. Waseem Siddiqui and other faculty members attended the programme.

AMU Alumni Association of UK Visiting Fellowship 2019 Recipient Dr. Kenneth White's Visit to Aligarh – A Report by Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman

Dr. Kenneth White, Reader in Bioscience from London Metropolitan University, was awarded the visit AMU Alumni Association UK Visiting Fellowship 2019. He visited the University from 9th to 30th April 2019.

Dr. White was hosted by Aligs' Academic Enrichment Programme (AAEP); he visited a number of departments that reflect his broad research, teaching and spiritual interests, through the efforts of his host and AAEP Coordinator, Professor Syed Ziaur Rahman, of the Department of Pharmacology in the JN Medical College. In all Dr. White conducted seminars and workshops within the Faculty of Medicine, Unani Medicine, Life Science, Social Science, Biotechnology and Nanotechnology.

Dr. White presented work from his two main research interests, Phytochemicals for Treatment of Diabetes and Nanofiber Formulations for Drug Delivery, and delivered a number of lectures on contemporary topics in the areas of molecular biology, cancer and genomics at the Department of Biochemistry,

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Department of Saidla, Department of Pharmacology, Department of Radiology, Department of Radiotherapy and Department of Modern Indian Languages. There were many meetings and discussions with staff and students, and Dr. White was able to schedule individual meetings with students to discuss their work and ideas at length. Opportunities for collaboration were also discussed.

Dr. White is a Buddhist, belonging to the Japanese order Shinnyo-en. He was keen to seek connections with his adopted religion in the country that is the birth-place of Buddhism. Accordingly he was invited by Professor Rahman to give a talk on Shinnyo Buddhism at the Ibn Sina Academy in Aligarh, which was warmly received by an audience of fifty and stimulated a lively discussion. He was given a tour of the Academy by two students from AMU, and was later able to meet Ms. Swati Dixit, a research scholar of BioChemistry, to advise her on her post-research project. The spiritual theme continued with a visit to the Department of Modern Indian Languages, at the invitation of Dr. Amina Khatun, with a discussion on Buddhism, chaired by the Head of the Department, Prof. Kranti Pal. There was enthusiastic participation from staff and students, and the session was completed with a perceptive commentary from Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar.

Dr. White also attended, at the invitation of Professor Rahman, a one-day conference at AKS University in Satna, "Recent Advances in Pharmacovigilance in Drug Discovery and Development", and delivered a keynote lecture on Environmental Toxicology. The meeting was organised in association with the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Society of Pharmacovigilance, India. At the meeting Dr. White met many of the students and staff and visited the Biotechnology Laboratory, headed by Dr.

Kamlesh Choure, to discuss common interests for future collaboration.

Finally, Dr. White was able to participate in a programme for 13-15 year old school children, enrolled in the US Embassy sponsored English proficiency programme to improve their spoken English at the invitation of Prof. Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director, UGC-HRD, AMU. The students and officials were delighted with the opportunity to interact with Dr. White.

Throughout his stay Dr. White was impressed by the hospitality around the University and by the energy, warmth and enthusiasm of students, and their commitment to making their world a better place. Similarly, both teachers and students of the University were enthralled by the presentation, delivery style and knowledge of Dr. White. Prof. Rahman highlighted that this programme was made possible by the support of VC's office and approval of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Tariq Mansoor and help of all concerned directors and chairpersons of various departments.

Release of Prof Masoodul Hasan's 'Mâya-e-Khwesh'

Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) Vice Chancellor, Professor Tariq Mansoor released, 'Mâya-e-Khwesh', a collection of articles and comments by late Professor Masoodul Hasan (1928-2019) of the department of English, on 2.4.2019 at UGC Human Resource Development Centre, AMU, Aligarh.

On this occasion, Prof. Mansoor said that the writings of Prof Hasan have left an indelible mark and will go a long way in academic performance of AMU. The Vice Chancellor added that the department of English has produced stalwarts and it continues to nurture traditions of academic excellence.

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Paying tributes, Nawab Ibn-e-Ahmad Saeed Khan of Chhatari (Pro Chancellor) and Professor Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (Honorary Treasurer) said that Prof. Hasan was a man of remarkable personal qualities and his service to AMU is unparalleled.

Prof. A. R. Kidwai (Director, UGC Human Resource Development Centre) emphasised that 'Māya-e-Khwesh' is a significant contribution to literature. "Prof Hasan was a great teacher, who was gifted in English and Urdu literary prowess," he added. Prof. M. Rizwan Khan (Chairman, department of English) spoke about the exemplary stature of Prof Masoodul Hasan in the literary discourse and his wide range of scholarship.

Large number of teachers and guest including Prof Masoodul Hasan's son, Mr. Naved Masood (IAS) attended the function.

Dr. Faiza Abbasi (UGC HRDC) conducted the programme. Mr. Haris Mansoor (Research Scholar at Department of English) edited the book, which has been published by the Brown Book Publications, Delhi.

Noteworthy is that the Vice Chancellor wished that the Department of English should institute an Annual Prof. Masoodul Hasan Memorial Lecture. This was taken note of by the Chairman, Department of English.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd International Conference of Tropical Studies and Its Applications

3rd International Conference of Tropical Studies and Its Applications (ICTROPS 2019) will be organised by Mulawaram University, Indonesia, from August 26-27th, 2019 at Mesra Hotel, Samarinda, Indonesia. The general theme of the conference is: Integrative and Applied Research Approach on Tropical Studies.

Prof. S. Ziaur Rahman has been invited as one of the keynote speakers on a topic, Pharmacovigilance Approach on Tropical Natural (Drug/Supplement) Products. He will depart from India for Samarinda on 25th August and will deliver the guest lecture at Faculty of Engineering and Mathematics and Natural Sciences. He will also participate in the non-degree training (NDT) candidate funded by Unmul IsDB Program. Dr. Rahman is expected to explore future research collaboration, joint proposal meeting with the research group of Dr. Anton Rahmadi (Associate Professor, Dept. Agricultural Product Technology and Executive Secretary, Project Implementation Unit for Islamic Development Bank Loan). The other speakers are invited from Japan and France.

More details can be tracked from the conference website including registration fee and scientific sessions: <http://ictrops-idb.unmul.ac.id/index.php/ictrops/2019>



The flyer for the 3rd International Conference of Tropical Studies and Its Applications (ICTROPS 2019) features a collage of participants' faces. It includes logos for ICTROPS, IsDB, and other organizing bodies. The text on the flyer provides the following details:

- 3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF TROPICAL STUDIES AND ITS APPLICATIONS 2019**
- Integrated and Applied Research on Tropical Studies*
- August 26-27th, 2019**
- Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia**

IMPORTANT DATES:

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION	January 24 th - June 30 th , 2019
ACCEPTANCE NOTICE	July 1 st , 2019
EARLY REGISTRATION	July 1 st - July 30 th , 2019
FINAL REGISTRATION	July 31 st - August 31 st , 2019

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Xth International Avicenna Readings - Scientific Conference in Bukhara

Ibn Sino (Avicenna) Public Foundation in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Khokimiyat of Bukhara region, National Chamber of Innovative Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Bukhara State Medical Institute named after Abu Ali Ibn Sino invite You to take part in the Xth International Avicenna Readings - Scientific-Practical Conference on the theme of "Abu Ali Ibn Sino (Avicenna) and Modern Medicine" to be held on September 20-21, 2019 in the city of Bukhara.

Main scientific directions of the Conference:

1. The role of Ibn Sino's heritage in the development of science.
2. The role of Ibn Sino in the development of traditional medicine.
3. The role of Ibn Sino's teachings in the formation of a healthy lifestyle.
4. The teachings of Ibn Sino in the development of modern pharmacy.
5. Oncology in the works of Ibn Sino and modern Oncology.
6. The contribution of Ibn Sino to the development of modern endocrinology.
2. Cardiology in the works of Ibn Sino and modern cardiology.
3. The influence of Ibn Sino's heritage on the formation of modern gastroenterology.
4. Ibn Sino and modern neurology.
5. Dentistry in the works of Ibn Sino and modern dentistry.

The conference materials will be published in a scientific collection. The subject matter of the Abstract should be directly related to the teachings of Ibn Sino and accordingly, scientifically and practically justified. The same author can participate with only two abstracts. The selection of the submitted abstracts will be carried out by the Editorial Board, which will inform authors about their inclusions in

the list of speakers of the Conference by August 20, 2019.

The conference secretariat has invited Prof. S. Zillur Rahman and Prof. Tajuddin from Ibn Sina Academy, and they are going to attend the conference. For more information and the program of the Conference, log on the website of Avicenna Public Foundation: www.ibn-sino.uz.

FELLOWSHIPS IN HISTORY OF SCIENCE

Consortium Research Fellowships

The Consortium invites applications for Research Fellowships for 2019-20. These fellowships are for conducting research in the collections of Consortium member institutions on the history of science, technology and medicine, broadly construed.

The Consortium comprises 26 educational and cultural institutions using their exceptional resources to promote academic and public understanding of the history of science, technology and medicine. The Consortium also hosts a vibrant, challenging and collegial community. Fellows participate in public and scholarly events, as well as informal reading and writing groups, held at the Consortium's offices in Philadelphia as well other locations and online.

Scholars residing in Brazil, India and South Africa and working in medical humanities and the history of medicine are eligible for additional support generously provided by the Wellcome Trust (London). Interested scholars can apply for Research Fellowships through the website www.chstm.org. Applications must be submitted no later than June 17, 2019.

Ptolemaeus Arabus et Latinus - Fellowships 2020

The project Ptolemaeus Arabus et Latinus (<http://ptolemaeus.badw.de>) is

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offering short-term visiting research fellowships (1-4 months) for tenure in Munich between 1 January and 30 November 2020.

The Project Ptolemaeus Arabus et Latinus (PAL) is dedicated to the edition and study of the Arabic and Latin versions of Ptolemy's astronomical and astrological texts and related material. These include works by Ptolemy or attributed to him, commentaries thereupon, and other works that are of immediate relevance to understanding Ptolemy's heritage in the Middle Ages and the early modern period up to 1700 A.D.

The PAL online database currently offers the following items:

- Works: a cursory description of Arabic and Latin Ptolemaic works arranged in three categories: A=Authentic Works; B=*Pseudepigrapha*; C=Commentaries upon A and B
- Manuscripts: a catalogue of Arabic and Latin Ptolemaic manuscripts
- Glossary: a Greek-Arabic-Latin-English glossary of astronomical and astrological terms
- Images: high definition reproductions of Ptolemaic works from a selected manuscript or early printed edition
- Texts: searchable transcriptions of Ptolemaic works prepared from a selected manuscript or early printed edition

The PAL database was first published in December 2016 and is being implemented almost on a daily basis, but visitors should be aware that it is still very much in progress.

For details, contact: Ptolemaeus Arabus et Latinus, Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities Alfons-Goppel-Straße 11 80539 Munich, Germany
Email: info@ptolemaeus.badw.de

Sun Pharma Research Awards and Sun Pharma Science Scholar Awards

The Nomination process for Sun Pharma Research Awards and Sun Pharma Science Scholar Awards for the year 2019 has been started from July 1, 2019 and the last date for submitting the nomination is August 30, 2019.

Research Awards aim to recognize and reward excellence in Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences by Indian scientists in India and abroad. Every year the Foundation invites nominations for 3 awards – 2 awards in Medical Sciences (one each in Basic and Clinical research) and 1 in Pharmaceutical Sciences. These nominations are evaluated by a panel of judges comprising of eminent scientists. Each award carries a trophy, citation and a cash award of Rupees two lac fifty thousand. The awards are presented by a distinguished scientist.

The Science Scholar Awards for Young Scientists aims to discover brilliant and upcoming young researchers in Bio-medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences. These awards are meant to stimulate the young minds to pursue research as a career by way of soliciting commitment for the cause of future advancement of science. Each Science Scholar Award carry a certificate and a Cash Prize of Rupees fifty thousand. In addition to this, rupees fifty thousand will be provided to the science scholar awardees for attending an international conference to present abstracts/Posters. To avail this additional amount, the awardee should submit the invitation letter from the conference organizing committee and also expense details with documentary proof to the office of the foundation.

Submitted by Dr. Rajinder K. Jalali, Member Secretary, Sun Pharma Science Foundation, Gurugram (Haryana)

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DOCUMENTATION

President, Ibn Sina Academy

What to See and do when in Aligarh
(Aligarh has sightseeing and shopping options in equal measure, an absolute delight to travellers) by Charu Chaudhry.

".....Another institute worth a visit is the Ibn Sina Academy Of Medieval Medicine And Sciences, named after Abu Ali Ibn Sina, a renowned physician of Unani medicine in medieval times. The college was founded in the year 2000, and is a must visit if you're interested in the ancient healing traditions of Unani Medicine".

Source: <https://www.india.com/news-travel/what-to-see-and-do-when-in-aligarh-3652252/>

Book review on “The Wire”

Prof. Kidwai Shafey column on "Sir Ross Masud" to whom EM, Forster (A famous English writer) dedicated "A Passage to India". This column is a review of the book, entitled, "Ross Masud", a comprehensive biography written by Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman

Source:
<http://thewireurdu.com/60077/book-ross-masood-aligarh-sir-syed/?>

The following request has been communicated to the Director of The Raza Library, Rampur.

Dear Sir, It has come to our knowledge that Raza Library has been designated as the nodal centre for conservation and preservation of manuscripts. The library of the Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, possesses around thousands manuscripts, which need care and preservation.

It is thus requested to please assist us in conservation and preservation of the manuscripts extant at Ibn Sina Academy by sending an expeprt team.

Thanking you,
With Regards, S. Zillur Rahman

Subscribing Member of Ibn Sina Academy

The Ibn Sina Academy has proposed a category of 'Subscribing Member' of the Academy for those persons who take active part in the Academy's activities, have visited the Academy and appreciated its idea of establishment, witnessed the collections in the library and museum and its long term plans and all others who have come to know of Ibn Sina Academy through its website, brochure, other members and well-wishers. 'Subscribing Members' of the Academy willing to contribute a minimum of Rs. 1000/- per month or a higher amount, payable annually or a lump sum for several years that would be gratefully accepted. This amount will be used to meet the recurring maintenance cost of staff salary, electricity and lift charges. The maintenance charges, namely, publications, organising group discussions, observing several annual days, invited lectures by persons of eminence and several other miscellaneous expenses, which are now close to Rs. 7 lakh per year. Besides receiving crossed cheques from the 'Subscribing Members', the amount may be transferred to Ibn Sina Academy's saving A/C No.: 511750963 (Bank: Indian Bank, Marris Road, Aligarh; IFSC Code: IDIB000A044; MICR Code: 202019006) by making e-payment for the convenience of 'Subscribing Members' specially from outstation and foreign countries. The amount will be duly receipted under 80G of the Income Tax Act of the Government of India (PAN Card # Ibn Sina Academy: AAATI4643P).

New Trustee Member

Prof. Aslam Qadeer, Former Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering, AMU, Aligarh and Executive Member of Ibn Sina Academy since its inception, has been inducted as one of the trustee member of Ibn Sina Academy.

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Looking at Aligarh through Photographs by Uzma Mohsin

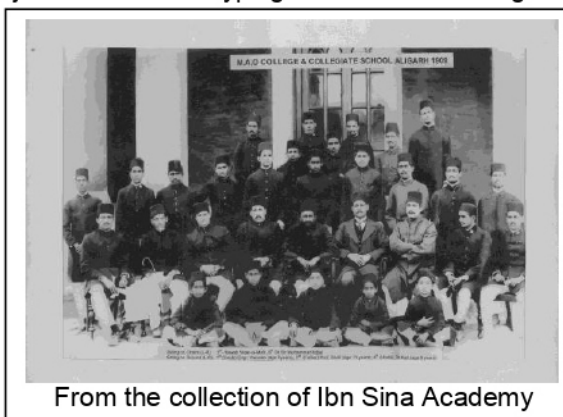
'What novel – or what else in the world – can have the epic scope of a photograph album?'

-Günter Grass

I am presently working on documentary photography project on Aligarh under a grant by the Alkazi Foundation for the Arts. Historically Aligarh has been the focal point of a social and cultural reform movement among the Muslim community in north India headed by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. In this project, I want to document Aligarh as an ethnographic pursuit of its people, spaces and history through photographs (and text). My interest in Aligarh stems from a personal attachment, as three generations of my family have been associated with the university. My grandfather not only studied here but also joined the university as a teacher in the early 1930's. Set up as a model institution, the university became an important forum for Muslim intelligentsia attracting a wide section of the community (including my grandfather) and the town itself grew around the idea of progressiveness it represented.

Today, with the growing phenomenon of regional and global religious nationalism, not only do Indian Muslims struggle with prejudice and stereotyping but there is a marginalization of their voice and their contribution to the country they belong to. At such a juncture in history, it is important to archive, document and records the trajectory of this important public institution and the town

As an initial spending time at Ibn Sina Academy some source material along with photographs along with material. I came to recommendation from gem tucked away in The academy houses books to periodicals large selection of the Aligarh Magazine along with other hall magazines for reference. It also has a small collection of old photographs and other memorabilia on Aligarh. Though a small team everyone at Ibn Sina Academy is very helpful.

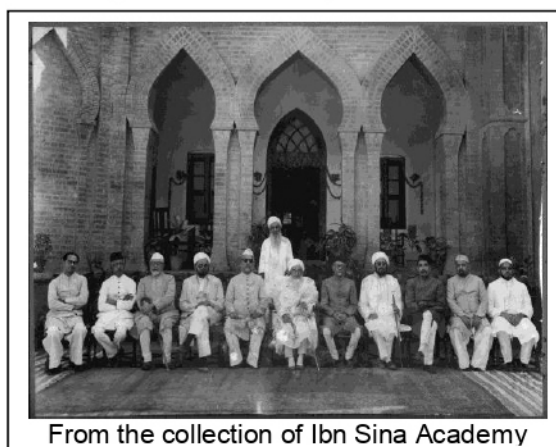


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As part of my research, I am interested in different kinds of visual material – archival material from the university, photographs from a local photo-studios and personal collections. I hope to build a profile of the community of Aligarh by archive based on contributed by the community. I am looking family albums, personal other photographic and cultural ethos of the I would like to digitize conversations around it whose material it is. Due contribution/use of the



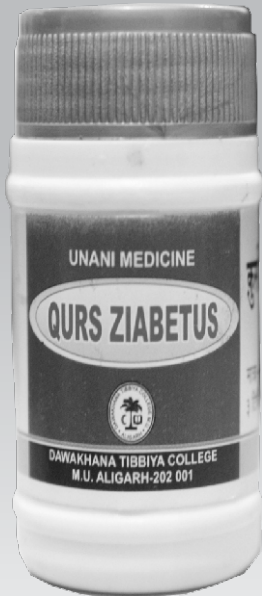
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constructing a visual photographic material members of the Aligarh for visual material like old photographs, studio or material depicting the life university. this material and record by interviewing the person credit will be given for the material for the project.

Also, I would like to document people and events that encapsulate legacy of Aligarh and modernity mean to the Muslim community in today's time of ghettoization.

interview, photograph and their stories, spaces and the discourse around the what identity, faith and

I would like to conclude by making an open appeal to anyone who is interested in contributing photographic material or are interested in being photographed/ interviewed for this project to please contact me at the following email: uzmamohsin12@gmail.com. I hope to turn the outcome of this project into a photo-book or an exhibition.



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