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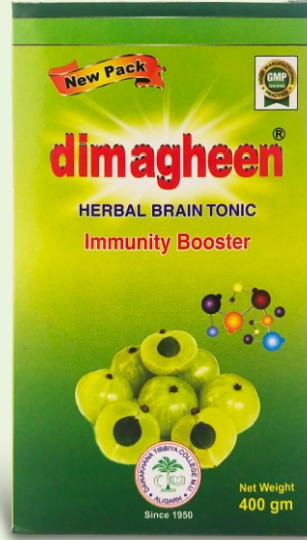
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EVENTS AT IBN SINA ACADEMY

(January – March 2022)

National Science Day

“I am the master of my failure. If I never fail, how will I ever learn”, once said by Dr. C.V. Raman, on whose memory national science day is observed every year in India on 28th February. On the same occasion, a very successful event was observed by “The Wings of Desire”, an NGO at Ibn Sina Academy on 28th February 2022.

The special guest of the event was Mr. Rakesh Kumar Patel (ADM City, Aligarh), while the guests of honour were Dr. Azeezur Rahman Azami (Asst. Professor, Department of West Asian Studies, AMU) and Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Department of Pharmacology, AMU).

Following teachers who excelled in science were awarded by the Molecule Club of the TWOD: Prof. Mohd. Shameem (Department of Tuberculosis and Chest Disease, AMU), Prof. Subuhi Khan (Department of Mathematics, AMU), Prof. Rizwan Hasan Khan (Department of Biotechnology, AMU), Prof. Akram Javed (Department of Geology, AMU) and Dr. Zain Khan (Department of Industrial Chemistry).

The programme was attended by many participants including Dr. Saima Sultana (Department of Chemistry, AMU), Mr. Sameer Sherwani (President, TWOD), Mr. Mohd. Azeem Khan (Secretary, TWOD) and Members of Molecule Club: Miss Khushneda Jabin (Co-ordinator), Mr. Mohd. Kaif Siddiqui (Core team member) and Mr. Asif Siddiqui (Core team member).

International Arabic Day

International Arabic Day and Felicitation Ceremony for eminent Arabic teachers based in Aligarh and Delhi was organised on 7.1.2022 and 17.2.2022 at Ibn Sina Academy (Aligarh) and Ghalib Institute (Aiwan-e-Ghalib, Delhi), respectively. The motive of the function was to felicitate and honour senior Arabic teachers and scholars who have done

significant work in the field of Arabic language, said Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sina Academy). Since the senior scholars could not come to Aligarh, that’s why another function was held in collaboration with Ghalib Institute, at New Delhi. Dr. Aquil Ahmad, Director, National Council for Promotion of Urdu Languages, Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi presided the Aligarh session while Dr. Idris Ahmad, Director, Ghalib Institute, was the chief guest of the Delhi session. In the Delhi session, the book based on biography of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman by Dr. Fakhre Alam in Arabic language was also released.

More than a dozen books on the life and works of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman has been published by many scholars in Urdu. It is the first time that Dr. Fakhre Alam, an Arabic scholar published a book on his services and contribution to Unani medicine and Urdu literature in Arabic language. The book would provide the Arab scholars an understanding of the various works of him.

The Academy would like to congratulate all scholars who did great work in the field of Arabic language and make all scholars proud. Following is the list of Arabic scholars who were awarded.

Arabic scholars felicitated in Aligarh:

1. Prof. Abdulbari
2. Prof. S. Kafeel Ahmad Qasmi
3. Prof. M. Salahuddin Umari
4. Prof. M. Yusuf Khan
5. Prof. Masud Anwar Alavi
5. Prof. M. Sanaullah Nadvi
6. Prof. M. Saleem Qidwai
7. Prof. Syed Ehtesham Ahmad Nadvi
8. Dr. Fakhre Alam

Arabic scholars felicitated in Delhi:

1. Prof. Badruddin Al Hafiz
1. Prof. M. N. Khan
2. Prof. Naeemul Hasan Asari

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3. Prof. Hasnain Akhtar
4. Prof. Z. A. Farooqi
5. Prof. Shafiq Ahmad Khan Nadvi
6. Prof. Ayub Tajuddin Nadvi
7. Prof. M. Habibullah Khan
8. Prof. Qazi Abdul Majid
9. Prof. Rizwanur Rahman
10. Prof. Mujibur Rahman

Dr. Fakhre Alam (Convener, Aligarh Session) and Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Convener, Delhi Session) were also present. The contribution of Mr. Zeeshan and Mr. Kashif Mukhtar is very appreciative in organising both the sessions.

International Education Day

Wings of Desire (An NGO) in association with Ibn Sina Academy organized various events to mark the 4th International Day of Education on 24th January 2022.

The programme was divided into two parts. In the first part, various competitions were held such as speech, self-composed poetry, arts, photography, chocolate running, needle race, spoon-marbles, musical chairs, word-formation from alphabets, etc. which gave rise to joy and excitement among the school going participants. The children were cheered up in the second part of the programme and were rewarded with trophies and Certificates.

The programme was attended by many guests including Prof. Naseem A. Khan (Chairman, Dept. of Social Work, AMU) as Chief Guest, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU) as guest of honour, Dr. Qurratul Aein Ali (Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, AMU) as guest of honour, RJ Kalpana (Big FM Radio) as Guest of Honour and Mr. Mohd. Arshad Ansari as special guest.

All guests highlighted the importance of education. In his presidential remarks, Prof Naseem Ahmad Khan, Chairman, Department of Social Work, said, "Stock of knowledge is vital and teachers need to pass it to their students efficiently, while at the same time

students' capacity needs to be identified and nourished in a productive way".

The guest of honour Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman said, "Education is the only tool for sustainable development of societies and we have to focus not only on knowledge creation but also on its efficient utilization". He further informed that it is the education of value which is more important...with this drive of value-based education, many schools and colleges are coming up in the Mewat area of Haryana, where he recently visited. Children passed out from these schools are qualifying many professional courses all over India. I always try to visit these schools whenever I happen to be near these areas. One such school is Al Falah Mewat Model School being run by Mr. Sirajuddin Reyazi.

Dr. Qurratul Aein Ali praised the works being done for the marginalized community by The Wings of Desire. The NGO which runs a school, giving free education to poor and needy children, is praise of worth, she added.

Dr. Sameer Sherwani (President, The Wings of Desire) said that education is a good weapon to uplift the marginalised sections of the society. Education plays an important role in peace and development. Education is a basic Human Right given by the Constitution of India, said Mr. Mohd. Azeem Khan (Secretary, The Wings of Desire).

Mr. Abul Hashim (Programme Director) proposed the vote of thanks, while the event was compered by Mr. Faheemul Islam. Volunteers along with senior team members Miss Tayyaba (Event Manager), Miss Rukhshi (Mentor, Social work), Miss Amta (Public Relations Officer), Mr. Sharjeel, Mr. Miftahul, Ms. Uruj, Ms. Arshi Shama, Ms. Manisha, Ms. Zakia, Ms. Afreen, Ms. Shah Tooba played important role in organising this successful event.

'Beyond The Boundaries' launched on "International Mother Language Day"

Social organization "The Wings of Desire" organized a launch ceremony of the book

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'Beyond The Boundaries' authored by a young author from Kashmir, Faheem Ul Islam on the occasion of "International Mother Language Day" on 21 February 2022 at Ibn Sina Academy.

UNESCO approved International Mother Language Day is celebrated every year on November 17, 1999. The purpose of celebrating this day is to promote language and cultural diversity and multilingualism in the world. Secretary Mohd Azeem Khan said that International Mother Language Day has been declared by UNESCO to show the due respect to the present mother languages of different countries.

The program was divided into two parts. In the first part, there were speech and poetry competitions in which various students participated. In the second part of the program, the book, "Beyond the Boundaries" authored by Faheem ul Islam, was released. On the occasion of the book release, several dignitaries were present in the programme included Chief Guest Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman (Padma Shri Awardee, Former Treasurer, AMU), Guest of Honour Prof. Latif H. S. Kazmi (Chairman Dept. of Philosophy, AMU), Prof. Iqbalur Rahman (Chairman, Dept. of Pol. Science, AMU), Prof. Mohibul Haque (Dept. of Pol. Science, AMU) and Dr. Sadaf Fareed (Assistant Prof. Dept. of English, AMU).

The author Faheem Ul Islam hails from Achan area of Pulwama in Jammu and Kashmir, and is presently pursuing his Bachelor's degree (Hons) in Political Science at Aligarh Muslim University. Earlier, he authored the book titled as 'The Midnight Silence' in 2020, and was much appreciated in literary circle.

Faheem Ul Islam was also awarded by the hands of Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman for his awesome contribution as a young Author. He said that mother tongue means a language by which the people of a nation express their thoughts and feelings clearly. Prof. Iqbalur Rahman appreciated the author, while Prof. Latif H.S. Kazmi said that language has a very

important role in the life of human beings. Through language, communication can be established not only within the country but also outside with foreign countries. Dr. Sadaf Fareed said that children learn best in their mother tongue and it is very important for children to get this opportunity

The Chairman of the Department of Political Science during his speech said, "we are honoured to have this young man in our Department of Political Science at Aligarh Muslim University from Jammu and Kashmir and we are looking forward for his more achievements and we hope his contribution will be beneficial for the society and for the nation at large."

Author, Faheem Ul Islam said, "We all possess potential to be a revolutionary element for the society. We should try to focus on youth as in the current scenario the image is getting worse by many elements because of unethical practices. We all should come forward for the betterment of the Nation's future."

On this occasion, president of the organization Samir Sherwani, Secretary Mohd Azeem Khan, team members Sharjeel, Tayyaba (Event Manager), Miftahul (DFO), Abul Hashim (Social Club Coordinator), Faheemul Islam (Talks Coordinator), Rukhshi (School Coordinator), Khushneda (Molecule Club Coordinator), Volunteers Manisha, Arshi, Atia, Shah Tooba, Shah Lubna, Anam Riyaz, Anam Aazam, Madiha, Ifra, Taiba were present. Amta Rehan, Public Relations Officer of the organization, conducted the program and very courteously presented formal vote of thanks.

Sir Syed Foundation observes Felicitation Ceremony Program to honour Internship and Outreach Program

To commemorate the end of the one-month Internship and Outreach Program, the Sir Syed Foundation (SSF) held a felicitation celebration for the Interns from the Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University at the Ibn Sina Academy. The

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program was conducted by Mr. Faizur Rehman Sherwani (Alumnus, English Access Microscholarship Program supported by US Embassy)

The chief guest was Padma Shri Professor Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (Hony. Treasurer, AMU), with Mr. Faisal Nafis (Principal, STS School, AMU), Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Department, Pharmacology, AMU), Prof. Nishat Fatima (Chairperson, Department, Library & Information Science) as special guests. Mr. Habibun Nabi, Chairperson, SSF and Mr. Naved Alam, President, SSF also graced the podium with their auspicious presence.

The Chief Guest and other invitees admired the efforts of the student's outreach project work accomplished under the Department of English. The chief guest of the function said that these programs are very important for a community especially for underprivileged children and their families for better education and health resources.

Professor Syed Ziaur Rahman (Guest of Honour) reflected his perceptions that the team of SSF is doing a great job for the society and country of India. Mr. Faisal Nafis Principal, ST High School (Minto Circle) congratulated the initiative of the entire team of SSF especially the President Mr. Naved Alam for his dedication and enthusiasm for the organization and towards his Alma mater. He shared interesting anecdotes to enthuse young students.

The chairperson, SSF Mr. Habibun Nabi extended the greetings on behalf of SSF and highly praised the work of the students in this whole process. He briefly addressed the importance of education during his address and also about the programs which were organized by the NGO in the past. The chairperson also signified the most important points on child education in slum regions. He said that how the predicament has changed and no doubt that education has suffered due to the spread of COVID-19.

The president Mr. Naved Alam said that our team is striving hard to reach out to poor families and make them aware of the advantages of education, good culture and about the schemes of the Central Government for the underprivileged children and their families. The project reports which interns have prepared will be discussed with the Hon'ble Mayor of Aligarh for assistance in the Smart City Projects going on nowadays. These reports and surveys made by the students help the authorities to put up the important strategies in these areas where resources are required.

In the end, Dr. Fauzia Faridi, Assistant Professor, Department of English, proposed the vote of thanks. The program was covered by News18 Urdu, Aligarh.

Condolence Meeting

After the loss of Prof. Prof Hasan Ali Shah Jafri, Ibn Sina Academy has lost another good friend and well-wisher, said AMU former Treasurer and President, Ibn Sina Academy.

Prof. Hasan Ali Shah Jafri, was the former Pro Vice-Chancellor of AMU and former chairman of the Department of Political Science. He passed away following age-related health problems at a Gurgaon hospital. In the arc of his lifetime, Prof. Jafri also held other important administrative positions at AMU such as the post of the University Registrar, the Controller of Examinations, and the Director, Academic Staff College. He also served as the member of Rajasthan Public Service Commission after retiring from AMU.

Prof. Jafri was wonderfully perceptive, and my association with him was spread over decades. I always found him courteous, and his affable nature made very dear on the campus. His demise is a personal loss for me”, said Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman. He added that Prof. Jafri’s demise has left his friends a shock and loss hanging over the campus. “I extend my sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Prof. Jafri, his friends and the AMU community. He will always be remembered as a joyful human being who even in his last

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days, did not suffer the loss of vitality”, said Prof. Rahman. Extending condolences, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman said that Prof. Jafri was always willing to support and provide advice to his colleagues and young faculty members and despite his standing as a senior academic, he was kind, approachable and open to sharing ideas.

“Prof Jafri’s generous encouragement and support was one of the main reasons many students chose a career in academia. His brilliant mind and sharp intellect, combined with his warm personality always encouraged his students and colleagues to seek his advice. His demise is a complete shock and he will always be an inspiration to his students and colleagues”, said Prof. Abdul Latif (Joint Secretary, IAMMS).

He was laid to rest at the University Cemetery (Minto-E). The deceased is survived by wife, two sons and two daughters.

VISITORS TO THE ACADEMY

1. Prof. Quazi Shahir Ahmed, Head of the Department of Pharmacology, Integral Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Lucknow (UP), 21.1.2022
2. Prof. Mirza Atif Beg, Head of the Department of Pharmacology, Shri Guru Ram Rai Institute of Medical & Health Sciences, Dehradun (UK), 21.1.2022
3. Dr. Azam Baig, former president, AMU Students’ Union, and Mr. Abrar Cheeko, former secretary, AMU Students’ Union, AMU, Aligarh, 5.2.2022
4. Prof. Qayoom Husain, Vice Chancellor, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri, Jammu and Kashmir
5. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Patel (ADM City, Aligarh and Former ADM, Deoria, U.P.), 28.2.2022

Books presented to Academy

A large collection of books based on English literature, novels and biographies of important figures have been donated to the library of Ibn Sina Academy by Mrs. Scherzade Alim (granddaughter of Sir Ross Masood). It was

her ‘will’ for a long time to reach all her books to Ibn Sina Academy, which got materialized on 17.1.2022. The academy is grateful for such a wonderful and important collection.

The People’s Vaccine Alliance appeals to demand world leaders stand with people, not Big Pharma, and finally end this pandemic. Ibn Sina Academy was the partner member of this drive: [#endcovidmonopolies](#)

Bricks from Harappan Civilisation

Many broken and unbroken bricks of a rounded well belonged to Harappan Civilisation were found in Sarsawa town, Saharanpur. Two pieces of these bricks were donated to Ibn Sina Academy Museum by Mr. Rajeev Upadhyay Yayavar (Coordinator, Virasat University Heritage Research Centre, Shohbit University, Gangoh) on 27.2.2022 to Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, while he was on academic tour at Shaikh-ul-Hind Maulana Mahmood Hasan Govt. Medical College, Saharanpur. The Academy is grateful to Mr. Rajeev Upadhyay for this memorable gift.

MEMBERS’ ACTIVITIES

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

1. Delivered keynote lecture, “Importance of Science in Education”, held at Islamic Centre of India, Eidgah Aishbagh, Lucknow on 12.2.2022. Maulana Khalid Rasheed Firangimahali presided over the function. The programme was organised by Dr. Kausar Usman (Dept. of Medicine, KGMU, Lucknow) and Mr. Atif Hanif (Joint Secretary, AMU Old Boys Association, Lucknow).
2. Chief guest, Book Releasing Ceremony, A.R. Kalaskar Foundation, Lucknow, 12.2.2022. The book, *Momar-e Millat* was authored by Feroz Khan Nadvi.
3. Chaired, Seminar on ‘Current Health Scenario and Role of Unani Medicine’, on the occasion of ‘National Unani Day’. The programme was organised by National Unani Doctors Welfare

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- Association at Kalam Centre, King George Medical University, Lucknow on 13.2.2022. Prof. Kausar Usman, Department of Medicine, KGMU, was the keynote speaker. On the same occasion, the book “Shaikhur Rais Ibn Sina” by Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman was released.
4. Chief guest, 2nd National Seminar on “Integrative Approach for Research in Unani Medicine”, held under DRS II UGC Programme, Department of Ilmul Advia, AKTC, AMU, Aligarh, 2.3.2022 (see report on page 10-11)
 5. Presided, Felicitation Ceremony in honour of Prof. Wazahat Hussain, 30.3.2022 (See detail on page 9)
 6. Chief guest, '*Rajasthan Sthapna Diwas*' to mark the merger of all princely states of Rajputana on 30th March 1949, Orchard Blu Hotel, Aligarh, 30.3.2022 (See detail on page 9-10)
 7. Resource person for the guest lectures on “Tarikh-e Hifzane Sehat” and “Manuscripts of Tahaffuzi wa Samaji Tib”, Six-Days Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme for the teachers of Tahaffuzi wa Samaji Tib, Sponsored by Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India, and organised by the Dept. of Tahaffuzi wa Samaji Tib, AK Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh, 21.3.2022 (see report on page 12)
 8. Guest lecture on “Historical Insights in Diet and Nutrition” Unani Day 2022 (Theme: Diet and Nutrition – An important component for improving immunity in Unani medicine), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India, 11.3.2022
 9. Meeting Majlis Intezamia, Nadwatul Ulema, Lucknow, 26.3.2022. The meeting was presided by Maulana Syed Rabey Husain Nadvi, Nazim Nadwatul Ulema and conducted by Maulana Bilal Abdul Hai, who was appointed as Nazir, Nadwatul Ulema after the death of Maulana Hamza Husain Nadvi.
 10. Meeting Majlis Aam and Amla, Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu (Hind), New Delhi, 31.3.2022. The meeting was conducted by Dr. Ather Farooqi, General Secretary, Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu (Hind) and attended by many members including Prof. Akhtarul Wasey, Prof. Mohd Kazim, Dr. Naresh, Dr. Shivya Tripathi and Dr. Razia Hamid and
 11. Special guest, Majlis Chehlum in memory of Late Dr. Naseem Zahra (Daughter of Hakim Syed Mohammad Abbas and Wife of Syed Fayyaz Haider) Imamia Hall, National Colony, Aligarh, 13.3.2022. Both Late Dr. Naseem Zahra and Late Dr. Syed Fayyaz Haider, had very close relationship with Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman. They attended almost all the functions held during their life time at Ibn Sina Academy
- Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman*, Honorary Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy was invited to the following events as guest speaker and as subject expert.
1. Invited talk, “Unani Chikitsa Sammelan”, Health Seminar, Muktakash Hall, Aligarh Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, Aligarh, 1.1.2022 (Organised by Social Educational Welfare Association (SEWA) Trust. Received Memento.
 2. Guest of Honour, International Education Day, The Wings of Desire, Aligarh, 24.1.2022 (see detail on page 4)
 3. Invited Panelist, Brain Storming Session (II) to encourage the MDMCs Coordinators for active participation in MDAE reporting, National Coordination Centre (NCC) for Materiovigilance Programme of India (MvPI), Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), 2.3.2022
 4. Invited talk, “Analysis of Cardiac Drugs described by Ibn Sina in the Contemporary Research”, 2nd National Seminar on “Integrative Approach for Research in Unani Medicine”, Department of Ilmul Advia, AKTC, AMU, Aligarh, 2nd - 3rd March, 2022. Also chaired session 6.
 5. Invited as special guest, '*Rajasthan Sthapna Diwas*' to mark the merger of all princely states of Rajputana on 30th March 1949, Orchard Blu Hotel, Aligarh, 30.3.2022 (See detail on page 9-10)

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6. Visited following institutes/universities for academic purpose:
 - a. Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Moradabad to attend BOS Meeting on 18.1.2022
 - b. Government Institute of Medical Science, Greater Noida from 1.2.2022 to 3.2.2022
 - c. Sardar Patel Medical College, Bikaner from 6.2.2022 to 9.2.2022 (Also see page 9 and 12-14)
 - d. Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College, Ajmer from 13.2.2022 to 17.2.2022. In this trip, Dr. Rahman also visited Dargah Moinuddin Chishti, Svarnagara Hall of Jain temple and Pushkar to see Brahma Mandir, 52 Ghats around the Lake and Sarovar.
 - e. Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewati Government Medical College, Nuh from 21.2.2022 to 23.2.2022
 - f. Shaikh-ul-Hind Maulana Mahmood Hasan Government Medical College, Saharanpur from 26.2.2022 to 28 February 2022 (Also see page 7 under Bricks from Harappan Civilisation)
 - g. Guru Gobind Singh Government Medical College, Faridkot from 10.3.2022 to 13.3.2022 (Also see page 13-14)
 - h. Jamia Hamdard to attend a selection committee as VC nominee on 21.3.2022
 - i. KD Medical College, Mathura, 25.3.2022 to 27.3.2022
 - j. Jamia Hamdard, 29.3.2022 to 30.3.2022

Honour in Bikaner

While in Bikaner, Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman was honoured in a specially arranged function by distinguished residents in a traditional way by addressing *Marwari Pagri*. Dr. Tanveer Malawat (renowned surgeon), Mr. Mohammad Saleem Sodha (Owner of many hotels and a great philanthropist), Mr. Azizul Hasan Ghori (Additional Divisional Commissioner of Bikaner, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh and Churu) and many others were also there in the function. They are also a good friend of Dr. Azam Baig-Alig of Jaipur. The exchange of a turban is considered a symbol of everlasting friendship, while the gift of a turban to someone is considered a great sign of respect. The exchange of turban also signifies a long

relationship and builds a bond between families.

Mr. Mohammad Saleem Sodha took Dr. Rahman to old Junagarh Fort and Camel Ride and Jeep Safari at the outskirts of the city. The foundation of the Junagarh fort was laid by Rao Bika in 1478. Earlier it was just a stone fort. The present Junagarh fort was built to protect the stone fort by the successors of Rao Bika. The detail of the visit to Archival Museum of Rajasthan State at Bikaner, can be found on pages 9-11 under documentation of this issue of NISA. However, the detail of other sightseeing places in Bikaner can be found of the last issue of NISA Volume 21, No. 3 (Issue 82) page 11-13.

Felicitation Ceremony in Honour of Prof. Wazahat Hussain

Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Aligarh Muslim University, arranged a felicitation ceremony in honour of Prof. Wazahat Hussain, on his selection for the *2nd Shaikh Zayed International Award in the field of Traditional Medicine*. The ceremony was chaired by Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sina Academy), who was conferred the same First Shaikh Zayed International Award in the field of Unani Medicine in 2020 at a glittering function in UAE. On the same occasion, Mr. S. M. Ashraf (IRS) beautifully read his composed poetry on Ghalib and Mahrehra. Certificates were distributed to participants on completion of Subject Refresher Course in Geography by Prof. Abdur Rahim Kidwai, former Director HRDC.

The event was gracefully organised by Dr. Faiza Abbasi, Director HRDC at CALEM Auditorium, AMU, Aligarh on 30.3.2022, and attended by many learned teachers of the university.

73rd Rajasthan Foundation Day

On the occasion of 73rd Rajasthan Foundation Day, a grand ceremony was organized by *Rajasthan Mitra Mandal* and Rajasthani migrants in a typical Rajasthani style at Hotel Orchard Blu on 30.3.2022.

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The guests of the program were eminent personalities from various parts of Rajasthan including Padma Shri Hakim S. Zillur Rahman (world-renowned Unani Medicine scholar), Prof. Shahid Ali Siddiqui (Eminent oncologist and Principal, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh), Prof. Abdul Hakim Khan (Chairman, Dept. of Applied Mathematics, Zakir Hussain College of Engineering, AMU, Aligarh), Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Dept. of Pharmacology, AMU and Trustee, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh), Mr. Ramkumar Sadani (Eminent businessmen) and Mr. Vijay Kumar Pachisia (Eminent Share Bazaar Consultant).

The members of *Rajasthan Mitra Mandal* presented beautiful cultural performances emulating various artists of Rajasthan. These programmes were the center of attraction. The programme ended with delicious Rajasthani foods.

PAST CONFERENCES/CMEs

National Seminar on Integrative Approach for Research in Unani Medicine

Enhanced therapeutic profile of naturally resourced Unani medicine can strengthen the system, if screened in the light of current research models. In the light of emerging research models and to discuss and promote the idea of harmonizing the multi-disciplinary character for research in Unani medicine, a two-day National Seminar was organized in a hybrid mode by the Department of Ilmul Advia, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College and Hospital during 2nd and 3rd March 2022 on the theme of 'Integrative Approach for Research in Unani Medicine' in Faculty of Unani Medicine, A.M.U., Aligarh under the auspices of DRS-II (SAP-II) UGC.

The Vice Chancellor of AMU, Prof. Tariq Mansoor presided over the Inaugural Session held on 2nd March. In his presidential address, he highlighted the importance of Unani medicine in the treatment of chronic diseases and expressed happiness over the popularity of this medicine in developed countries other than India and assured all possible cooperation in the development of the field and medicine.

He welcomed all the participants/ delegates and congratulated the department for organizing this useful seminar in these difficult post-covid period.

Padma Shri Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman as a special guest of the session elaborated the importance and need of research based on Unani fundamentals. Chief Guest of the session, Shri Vaidya Jayant Deopujari, Chairman National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicine emphasized the need to highlight all aspects of the functions and properties of medicines, their interactions with the body, details of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, and the system should be standardized so that of drug of uniform quality can be provided to the mankind.

Souvenir of the National Seminar was unveiled by the esteemed guests followed by the display of a short documentary on Unani medicine. Afterwards, there were addresses of the Guests of Honor. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Qasmi, Advisor (Unani), Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India; who congratulated and appreciated the performance of the department and the importance of its collaboration with other departments of medicine. Dr. K. Jagannathan (President, Board of Unani, Siddha and Sowa Rigpa) and Prof. Asim Ali Khan (Director General, C.C.R.U.M.) applauded the Department of Ilmul Advia for organizing the Seminar on an emerging and highly needed topic of 'integration'. Dr. K. Jagannathan also appreciated the commitment of the people of the department, he said that the research done in the department with the help of modern pharmacology is a source of pride for the nation. They also discussed the basics of Unani Pharmacology and the ways in which it can be scientifically revalidated on current research models.

Prof. F.S. Sherani, Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine detailed about the Department of Ilmul Advia since its inception in 1972. In the introductory address, he also congratulated the department for successfully completing 50 years of its establishment. At the end of the inaugural session, Prof. Shagufta Aleem,

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Principal, A.K.T.C. and Hospital proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of the Department and the College. She thanked all the dignitaries and attendees of the Seminar and encouraged the department for their successful activities.

Dr. Abdul Rauf, Chairman of the Department of Ilmul Advia and the Organizing Secretary of the National Seminar delivered the welcome address. He welcomed all the guests, delegates and participants. He also gave a brief outline of the department and described the completion of 50 years of the establishment of the department and its remarkable performance and also expressed his determination to hold an International conference under the department's Golden Jubilee celebration in the year 2022.

Dr. Nazish Siddiqui (Convener), Associate Professor of the department convened the program in a well-organized manner, while other participants and teachers of the department Dr. Sumbul Rehman (Co-Convener), Dr. Shamshad Alam (Co-Organizing Secretary) and Dr. Mohd. Bilal Tafseer (Treasurer) also performed their respective duties.

Inaugural session was followed by a Plenary Session in which eight speakers delivered their valuable and informative talks. In the first plenary session, experts in medicine and other related fields presented valuable papers. Prof. Abdul Latif described the secrets of the cultivation and trade of *Aloe vera*, and encouraged the Unani Scholars to step in the entrepreneurship and work hard for the benefit of the Unani Medicine, while Prof. Asad Ullah Khan explained the hazardous effect of antibiotic resistance and the possible mechanism through which it can be reduced. Prof. Kunwar Mohammad Yusuf Amin highlighted the importance of Unani therapies, the need for immune-enhancing drugs, the principles and rules of modern factors supporting Greek pharmacological research, and the importance of holistic medicine in research. Prof. Shakir Jameel reviewed the clinical research of Greek medicine and said

that there are unlimited and vast opportunities for research in Greek medicine. Prof. Mohammad Idris talked about the *mizaj* of compound formulations and their therapeutic aspects. Prof. Abdul Wadud, emphasized on the integrative approach needed in current scenario for the betterment of Unani Medicine, Prof. Malik Zainul Abidin described the effects of genome engineering and DNA fingerprinting in Greek medicine. Prof. Ashhar Qadeer gave a detailed talk on the topic of Temperament of drugs in the light of basic principles of Unani medicine. It was followed by four Scientific Sessions in parallel and a total of 12 scientific sessions were completed with twelve invited talks and 140 Oral presentations by different research scholars who briefed their experimental research, literature survey and hypothesis in multiple disciplines, and valuable lectures of experts were presented.

At the valedictory session on 3rd March, 2022 Dr. Abdul Rauf, Chairman of the department and Organizing Secretary presented a detailed report of the entire seminar. Guest of Honor, Prof. Mohammad Idris, Head of the Department of Ilmus Saidla and Former Principal Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia College, Karol Bagh and Prof. Mustehsan Ali Jafri, Former Vice Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard (New Delhi) elaborated the importance of collaboration needed in Unani research. They also detailed about the hardships behind the DRS Programme by faculty members of Ilmul Advia. The valedictory session was presided over by Prof. Tajuddin, who appreciated its far-reaching effects in Unani medical research. Among others, were the Dean Faculty of Unani Medicine, Prof. F.S. Sherani and Principal Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College Prof. Shagufta Aleem appreciated its far-reaching effects in Unani medical research. Dr. Nazish Siddiqui delivered the vote of thanks. She expressed gratitude and thanked all the participants, guests and other members of the department especially the non-teaching staff for coordinating in the organization of seminar. Dr. Qazi Zaid Ahmad convened the valedictory session.

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Valedictory function of the Tahaffuzi Wa Samaji Tib CME at AMU

The six-day Ministry of AYUSH sponsored Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme of Department of Tahaffuzi Wa Samaji Tib, Faculty of Unani Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), engaging the faculty members in educational activities across a broad domain of topics concluded recently with a valedictory function.

Chief Guest, Dr. Neeraj Tiyaqi, CMO, Aligarh said: "Covid pandemic is causing fear and distress among people. During these times, it is imperative to motivate people to get their children inoculated". He assured that the district health administration will provide all the necessary support to the Department of Tahaffuzi Wa Samaji Tib for working in collaboration.

Guests of Honour, Dr. Rahul Kulshreshtha (DMO, Aligarh) discussed the health promotion and disease prevention approaches in Unani Medicine and his association with the Department of Tahaffuzi Wa Samaji Tib.

Prof. F. S. Sherani (Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine) said that CMEs allow faculty members to learn and discover viable ways to improve health care in the changing landscape of the medical field. Prof. Shagufta Aleem (Principal, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College-AKTC) spoke on requisites for promoting health, extending life expectancies and preventing various diseases among masses.

Prof. Rubi Anjum (Chairperson, Department of Tahaffuzi Wa Samaji Tib) presented the department report and delivered the welcome address.

Padma Shri Hkm Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sina Academy), Dr. Tannu Anand (ICMR), Dr. Shekher Grover (Maulana Azad Medical College), Dr. Gayatri Vishwakarma, Dr. Aisha Perveen, Dr. Sayeed Ahmad and Prof. Khan Mohd Qaiser spoke on the effective practice of social and preventive medicine for public health.

Dr. Abdul Aziz Khan conducted the programme and Dr. Ammar Ibne Anwar extended the vote of thanks. Unani doctors and faculty members from various states such as Maharashtra, Karnataka, Punjab, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal attended the inaugural function.

DOCUMENTATION

Rajasthan State Archives Museum – The first archival museum for documents in India

Rajasthan State Archives enjoys a special position amongst the various Archives of the country primarily on account of the indigenous character of its holdings. The present State Archive is a successive body of the various General Record Offices and similar record agencies of the former states of Rajasthan. The State Archives was set-up as early as 1955 having branch offices in all the former covenanting States of Rajasthan including the one in the former Chief Commissioner's province of Ajmer-Merwara. The primary duties of the State Archives may be said to be two-fold viz: 1: To preserve the records in its custody and to supply information from them to Government department, judiciary and the public whenever required, and 2: To render them accessible to the scholars in conformity with the rules framed by the Government of Rajasthan for the purposes of historical research.

The reference library consists of around 50,000 books on 55 subjects, rare publications of pre-1947 period contain reports, acts, gazettes and administrative reports, census reports 1891-1971, state administrative report 1900-1947, Rajputana, political and administrative report 1867-1904. The Director of the Rajasthan State Archives, Dr. Mahendra Khadgawat, told Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, that the archive is having huge collection of archival museums of Rajasthan State, in fact, the first archival museum for documents in India. He showed various galleries of the archives. The galleries showcase selected treasures of archival documents including

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Farmans, Bahis, Toji, Akhbarat, Arzdast, Manshurs and Nishans written to Rajput rulers and nobles during the Mughal period. However, the gallery highlights are Farmans and Treaty of Purandar 1665. In addition, there are two more specific galleries viz Copper Plate Gallery having plates collected from Mewar dating from reign of Maharana Lakha, Sanga, Kumbha, Pratap to Maharana Bhupal Singh (1439 to 1996) and L. P. Tessitori Gallery dedicated to contributions of Italian Indologist L. P. Tessitori, in Bikaner and rest of India.

Farmans, which used to be the royal orders or messages released by Mughal Emperors in Persian language. These were generally addressed to *Mansabdars* of the state, others were addressed to Nobles, Jagirdar and Zamindars. Most of these Farmans bear seals and *Tughra* at the top. Some of them also bear an imprint of Emperor's right-hand palm or a few lines in his own hand showing thereby some intimacy with or a special favour extended towards the addressee. The seal in general use was the grand seal (*Mohar-i-Kalan*), while in some, especially in *Nishans* of Noor Jahan, an Arch Seal (Maharabi Mohar), bearing the name of the emperor, was also used. The display is arranged chronologically with documents dating as early as 1623 AD up to 1762 AD.

Treaty of Purandar 1665, a document of the Mughal era originally written in Persian. This document is 22 feet long treaty signed by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan and Peshwa of the Maratha kingdom Shivaji Maharaj. Under Shivaji's kingdom, Purandar was one of the homesteads. When Shivaji was entrapped by King Aurangzeb's army in Purandar, he had to sign a treaty with commander Jai Singh of the Mughal army in the Southern region, in June 1665. Under this treaty, Shivaji had to follow certain rules laid by the Mughal emperor and had to become a helping hand to the Mughal army for capturing Bijapur. The director gifted a printed version of this Treaty of Purandar with its translation in Hindi to Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, for the library of Ibn Sina Academy.

He also gifted few other publications of Archives.

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman would like to thank World Record holder General and Laparoscopic Surgeon Dr. Tanveer Malawat and Mr. Saleem Sodha (Owner of many hotels and a great philanthropist), to take various historical places in Bikaner including the Rajasthan State Archives. They are the good old friend of Dr. Mahendra Khadgawat, Director, Rajasthan State Archives. Dr Tanveer Malawat serves the needy elements of society. In one health camp, he went on to operate 41 patients in 19 hours creating a world record of highest number of Laparoscopic Cholecystectomies in a single day. A few months later he improvised the figure to 50 surgeries in 23 hours which has a mention in Limca book of Records.

My Visit to Faridkot (Punjab)
By Syed Ziaur Rahman

The Department of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, under my guidance established a separate lab on 'Alternatives to Animal Experimentation' (AAE) in 2006, which was the first initiative in India. Afterwards, many institutions started similar labs! In 2015, Prof. Raj Bahadur, Vice Chancellor of Baba Farid University of Health Science, Faridkot (Punjab), deputed Dr. Raj Kumar (presently Head of the Department of Pharmacology, Guru Gobind Singh Medical College, Faridkot) to JNMC to emulate AAE lab at Guru Gobind Singh Medical College. Since then, I was very curious to see this lab at GGSMC. Luckily, I got this opportunity and made a short visit to Faridkot (Punjab) from 10 to 13 March 2022.

On the very first day of my visit, I was shown the 'Alternatives to Animal Experimentation' Lab which came into existence in 2016. Then, I was taken to the office of the Vice Chancellor of Baba Farid University of Health Science. I was amazed to see that Prof. Raj Bahadur, still serving as vice chancellor. It

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was his third successive term as vice chancellor. I thanked him to arrange the visit of Dr. Rajkumar in 2015 and congratulated to laying the foundation stone for starting a beautiful lab in 2016. During our conversation, I presented him my important publications, which he very graciously accepted.

I also called on all other important officials of Baba Farid Medical Science University, such as Controller of Examination, BFUHS, Prof. S. P. Singh, Principal, Prof. Rajeev Sharma, GGS Medical College, Faridkot, Dr. Parveen Bansal, Joint Director, UCER, BFUHS.

In the evening of the same day, Dr. Parveen Bansal, Joint Director, UCER, BFUHS, took me to the nearby Ferozepur city. Actually, after visiting Wagah Border from Amritsar few years ago, there had been my next target to visit Hussainiwala Border from Ferozepur. So, visiting Hussainiwala Border and witnessing the retreat was goose bumping. These two places are famous for daily flag lowering ceremony from both India and Pakistan. Adjacent to this border, there is 'National Martyrs Memorial' in memory of the Indian freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru. At the same place, there are some remnants of Indo-Pak 1971 war and memoirs erected in memory of martyred souls...learned a lot about the war and specially the three national freedom fighters'...sharing few pictures from this historical site. Courtesy: Commanding Officer, Hussainiwala-Ganda Singh Wala border.

During these four days, I tried to cover many places of the town. I visited Faridkot fort which was originally built by Raja Mokulsi in his town Mokalhar, and due to the respect of Baba Farid, named the city as Faridkot and his fort as Qila Mubarak.

A portion of the Qila Mubarak was later reconstructed by Raja Hamir Singh in an around 1775. Faridkot was a princely state during the British India. Sir Harinder Singh Brar was the last ruler of the Faridkot estate. His last will was challenged resulting into the long fight for inheriting the royal riches of the

Maharaja. This fort unlike many forts in many parts of India looks deserted from outside. Public is not allowed to visit it. It remains closed and managed by Mehrawal Khara Ji Trust.

Near the fort, there are remnants of a tree with which Baba Farid cleaned his muddy hands when Raja came to meet him personally. The tree and its branches are saved in a nearby Gurdwara.

The Rajmahal is spread over 14 acres, and was constructed in 1885 as the royal residence. It is now, a 150-bed charitable hospital stands on a portion of the palace grounds. Likewise, the civil hospital (Harinda Hospital) was once a small residence of Raja Harinder Singh.

This is the place where Baba Farid Ganjshakar left his godhri (potli) when taken to fort by king's sepoys. He was taking rest under a tree. Adjacent to the 'Baba Farid Godhri Sthal', there is a large meditation room, a library and Baba Farid Godhri Sahib Gurdwara. This is all in one campus

During my visit to Faridkot, I also met few of my old colleagues in the discipline of Pharmacology like Dr. Raj Kumar, Dr. Amit Kumar, Dr. Kamalpreet Kaur, Prof. Sumita Tanwar (Bikaner) and Dr. Sandeep Kaushal (Ludhiana). We interacted each other as well as all residents of the Dept. of Pharmacology, Guru Gobind Singh Medical College, Faridkot. Overall, my visit to Faridkot was really a very memorable.

Pen Collection

The Museum of Ibn Sina Academy has many sections and display of different artifacts. The collection of pen items includes pens of different brands and age. One can see here the pen from companies like Cross, Sailor, Sheaffer, Waterman, Pierre Dumont, Montblanc, Parker, European, Swiss Military, Brass, Pierre Cardin, Calligraphy nibs, Classical Ink pots, Pen stands, Old Pen boxes and other writing materials.



CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN UNANI MEDICINE

Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India

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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