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## News

### ALIGARH :December 27

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today met the District Magistrate of Aligarh to discuss the developments pertaining to the probe since AMU S.T. High School Class X student, Saddam Husain's kidnapping till date. Prof. Azis said that district administration should clear the position in this regard as soon as possible and expedite its search operation to find out the missing student.

The Vice Chancellor has also written a letter to the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh providing information in detail and highlighting the concerns of AMU fraternity in this matter. He also demanded to constitute a special task force to investigate the case on fast track basis.

Prof. Azis also visited the Jawan canal today morning and enquired about the details of search operation. He met the father of Saddam Husain today in his office and expressed deep sorrow and grief on the unfortunate incident and assured him that all efforts are on to find out about Saddam Husain. He said that whole University community is with him in the moment of anguish and distress.

The Vice Chancellor observed that the University students are busy in their examinations despite the fact that they are concerned for their fellow friend. Urging the students to have patience, Prof. Azis said that AMU administration is making all efforts to clear the position regarding Saddam Husain.

Saddam's father expressed satisfaction on the efforts made by the University in carrying search operation for his son and said that he

has come to find out in Aligarh that he is not the father of Saddam Husain only, rather all the students of this University consider him as their father. He said that the district administration should widen the its sphere of investigation as he is still doubtful that his son has been murdered. The S.T.S. High School Principal, Mr. Faisal Nafees along with others accompanied the father of Saddam Husain during his meeting with the Vice Chancellor.

### **ALIGARH :December 27**

The Department of Pediatrics, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a lecture by Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta, MD, Additional Project Director, Delhi AIDS Control Society on Post Exposure Prophylaxis For Management of Occupational Exposure.

Delivering the lecture, Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta said that the people working in this field are not only prone to HIV, but they are also likely to develop Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C at work place due to injuries like needle stick injury (NSI) or cut with a sharp instrument, contact with the mucous membrane of eye or mouth, contact with non-intact skin (abraded skin or with dermatitis) and contact with intact skin when the duration of contact is prolonged with blood or other potential infected body fluid.

He emphasized that the doctors and nurses along with fourth grade staffs should observe extreme care while performing activities involving needles and sharps in a hurry-handling and passing needles or sharp after use. He said that failing to dispose off used needles properly in puncture-resistant sharp containers due to poor healthcare waste-management practices and ignoring Universal Work Precautions may prove to be deadly. He however said that one should not panic and three drug regimen (Zidovudine, Lamivudine & Efavirenz) should be used by the people exposed to sick HIV-positive persons.

The lecture was followed by an interactive session with the faculty members and students.

Earlier, Prof. S. Manazir Ali, Chairman, Department of Pediatrics welcomed the members of Surgery, Medicine, Dermatology, Microbiology, TB & Chest, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, ART (Antiretroviral Treatment Centre) and the residents of Department of Pediatrics and introduced Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta. Prof. Ali pointed out that around 400 children have been enrolled with ART Centre till date and at least around 1-2 babies are born to HIV positive mothers in Obstetrics & Gynaecology Department.

Prof. Manazir Ali thanked Prof. Abida Malik, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal & CMS, J. N. Medical College for sparing valuable time. Prof. Tabassum Shahab has proposed the vote of thanks. Senior faculty members like Prof. Amanullah Khan from Surgery, Prof. R. Bhargava & Prof. Zubair Ahmad, from TB & Chest, Dr. Sohail Amin, Chairman Department of Dermatology, Dr. Kamran Afzal, Associate Professor, Dr. Zeeba Zaka ur Rab, Assistant Professor, Dr. Uzma Firdaus, Assistant Professor and the residents of the Department. **Related Picture**

[1. Dr. Anil Kumar Delivering the Lecture at Department of](#)

### Paediatrics

#### **ALIGARH :December 27**

The Resident Doctors' Association (RDA), J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a free health check up camp in association with drug society at the Guardian School of Jeevangarh locality. At the camp, free health check up was done and medicines were distributed free of cost to poor patients.

Dr. Shahzad, President of RDA, thanked Prof. Ashraf Mallik, Principal and CMS and Dr. Uzma Firdaus for providing all logistic support and medicines. Dr. Murad, Vice President said that about 200 patients were examined at the camp.

Dr. Tarique Ekram, Secretary said that the camp has been started by RDA to increase interaction with local people and help them solve their health related problems. He said that the next camp will be organized in Maulana Azad Nagar on January 1.

Dr. Musheer, Dr. Kashif, Dr. Zia, Dr. Akhlaq, Dr. Asif, Zaid, Dr. Ahmad and Dr. Shahzad were also present on the occasion and helped in making the camp successful. **Related Picture**

[1. Resident Doctor organized free health camp](#)

#### **ALIGARH :December 27**

Prof. M. Muzammil, Dr. Abid Ali Khan and Mr. Syed Imran Shafiq of Ergonomics Research Division, Department of Mechanical Engineering participated in the International Conference on Ergonomics and Human Factors, HWWE 2011 (Innovation and Usability in Product Development) at IIT Madras, Chennai. They also chaired technical sessions and presented their papers at the conference.

The paper presented by Dr. Abid Ali Khan was selected for the best paper award while the paper presented on active noise control by Prof. M. Muzammil was greatly appreciated by the delegates. He was invited for a collaborative research with Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (Defence Research and Development Organisation).

#### **ALIGARH :December 26**

Delivering the second K. P. Singh Memorial Lecture on 'People development and Globalization?' as part of the University Extension Lecture at Aligarh Muslim University, noted Social Activist, Medha Patkar said that laws should be made according to the constitution that will promote the cause of the people's development. This is the real challenge where development will depend on the resources, capacities and needs of the local population rather than dictated by forces of globalization.

Patkar said that the issue of capitalization and liberalization, Sensex, GDP has usurped the real development of the common people. This is getting destructive since the law making process favours the special economic zones (SEZ). Patkar said there is an inherent contradiction between the tenets of globalization and the

free flow of the global capital to purchase the market and finally control the value of product and mode of production. She said the right to livelihood is also not guaranteed since the liberalization and globalization has halted the people's movement. She observed that besides Gharibi Rekha, there is a need to demarcate the Ammeri Rekha also. She also emphasized the need to preserve the human rights in the process of development.

Ms. Medha Patkar urged the intellectuals of Aligarh Muslim University to take up the research assignments based on these issues. She also highlighted the contributions made by Prof. K. P. Singh in the field of social and economic embedded factors related to people's movement.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Mehdi Abbas Rizvi, Officiating Vice Chancellor highlighted the liberal writings of K. P. Singh and his contributions to the cause of poor and downtrodden in Aligarh.

Prof. S. Imtiaz Hasnain, Coordinator, University Extension Lecture introduced Medha Patkar as a great environmental activist who has a deep commitment to the democratic process of development.

Prof. Aleem, Department of Hindi elaborated on the Urdu and Hindi scholarship of Prof. K.P. Singh and his social activism including his crusade against communal and divisive forces.

Presiding over the programme, noted Urdu scholar, Padmshri Prof. Qazi Abdus Sattar appreciated the role of Ms. Medha Patkar in creating a public movement against the environmental challenges caused by unmindful developmental policies adopted by various agencies. Prof. Sattar said that Prof. K. P. Singh was a close friend to him and he always stood for communal harmony.

A large number of students, faculty members and Dr. Namita Singh, wife of late Prof. K. P. Singh was also present on this occasion.

#### **Related Picture**

- [1. Medha Patkar delivering the University Extension Lecture at AMU](#)
- [2. L to R - Prof. Qazi Abdus Sattar, Prof. S. Mehdi Abbas Rizvi, Ms. Medha Patkar and Prof. S. Imtiaz Hasnain](#)

#### **ALIGARH :December 24**

Union Minister of Human Resource Development and Communication and Information Technology, Mr. Kapil Sibal said that it is not the building or the health which is an asset but it is the mind which is the real asset. The mind can only be in a position to become a real asset when it goes through the process of education. Therefore, education is a key to improvement.

Mr. Sibal was inaugurating the Aligarh Muslim University Malappuram Centre at Chelamala, Perinthalmanna in Kerala and dedicating it to the nation. The function was presided over by the Kerala Chief Minister, Mr. Oommen Chandy.

Mr. Kapil Sibal said that this historical educational project is a result of an extremely productive tripartite partnership between the Kerala State Government, the Aligarh Muslim University and the Government of India. He further said that it is an outstanding example of a pragmatic solution to the daunting problem of inclusive

development which the nation is striving to accomplish.

Union Minister of HRD, Mr. Kapil Sibal said the opening up of this centre has not only fulfilled the long cherished educational aspirations of the people of the region but has also opened up vast opportunities for rewarding career based quality education.

Referring to the Aligarh Movement, Mr. Kapil Sibal mentioned the mission of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, a symbol of Muslim renaissance in India was not only to establish an educational institution at Aligarh but his vision was that this institution gains the central position among Muslims by providing them leadership in educational field.

He further said that the dream of Sir Syed and his son Justice Mahmood is going to materialize with the establishment of AMU Centre.

Mr. Sibal said that his ministry is interested to provide education to all Muslim boys and girls and his dream is to provide Akash Tablet to every Muslim youth at a very cheaper rate.

Earlier, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that AMU Malappuram centre will focus on minority education, female education, technical and vocational education. He said that the new campus has been raised with pre-fabricated structure. The construction includes an administrative block, two academic blocks, five hostel blocks and staff quarters.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Azis thanked the Union government and state government for providing all the required facilities.

In his presidential address, Kerala Chief Minister, Mr. Oommen Chandy paid rich tribute to the farsighted vision of AMU's founder, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan who had not only established a centre of education in Aligarh but had the dream of taking education across the Indian sub-continent. This AMU Malappuram centre is a culmination of his dream.

While promising all possible help for developing the centre's infrastructure like land, water, electricity and roads, he urged the Minister of HRD to provide sufficient funding of the project so that AMU Malappuram Centre could become a leading modern instrument of empowerment.

Mr. P. K. Abdu Rabb, Minister for Education, Government of Kerala said that the establishment of AMU Malappuram Centre is viewed as part of the affirmative remedial action initiated by the Government of India, based on the Sachar Committee's alarming revelations about the pathetic state of the Muslim minority education in the country.

He said that he is proud to be an old boy of this great seat of learning and he considered this is a realization of the dream of its great founder, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan to spread modern education among Muslims far and wide.

Mr. Abdu Rabb thanked the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis and appreciated his role in materializing this project. Mr. Rabb said that the future of this new born seat of learning is in the hands of brilliant and committed academicians with pragmatic vision, enlightened political leaders, philanthropic well wishers and dedicated community leaders.

Mr. E. Ahmad, Union Minister of State for HRD and External Affairs said that Malappuram is a Muslim dominated district of Kerala. It is a pleasant coincidence that AMU Malappuram centre is being established in my own Parliamentary constituency. He said that whole Kerala government is supporting the AMU initiative and the Union government would provide all financial support.

Mr. P. K. Kunhalikutty, Minister for Industries, IT and Urban Affairs, Govt. of Kerala today launched AMU Malappuram Centre website.

Mr. Aryadan Muhammed, Minister for Electricity inaugurated the electricity project of AMU Malappuram Centre. He assured that his ministry will initiate all possible steps to ensure the supply of uninterrupted supply of electricity. He further added that the possibility of harnessing the non-conventional energy sources such as solar and wind will also be explored and will offer any initiative on the part of the university in this regard with a promise of 2/3 financial support from the State and Central government.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel proposed a vote of thanks and Dr. Shakeel Samdani conducted the programme.

Mr. E. Ahmed laid the foundation stone of Administrative Block and Mr. Kapil Sibal, Union Minister for HRD dedicated the Centre to the Nation.

AMU Tarana team presented the University song. Senior faculty members presented mementos to the dignitaries. Students of AMU Malappuram Centre presented the Bouquet.

All local MPs, MLAs, Court Members, Executive Council Members and a host of top executive officers of the State and Central government graced the occasion. **Related Picture**

[1. AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel presenting memento to the Union Minister of State for HRD Shri E. Ahamed](#)

[2. AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis presenting memento to the Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Oommen Chandy](#)

[3. Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Oommen Chandy addressing the inaugural function of AMU Malappuram Centre](#)

[4. Shri Kapil Sibal addressing the inaugural function of AMU Malappuram Centre](#)

[5. Union Minister for HRD Shri Kapil Sibal Inaugurating the AMU Malappuram Centre](#)

[6. Union Minister for HRD, Shri Kapil Sibal being felicitated by AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis at the inaugural function of AMU Malappuram Centre](#)

#### **ALIGARH :December 24**

Eminent Social Activist Medha Patkar will deliver the 2nd Professor K.P. Singh Memorial Lecture on "People's Development and Globalization" at Aligarh Muslim University on December 26, 2011.

Professor S. Imtiaz Hasnain, Coordinator, University Extension Lectures said that Prof. K.P. Singh was not only an academican of repute and a renowned Hindi litterateur and critic of national fame, but also a votary of secularism and a social activist. He had been

National Treasurer of Janwadi Lekhak Sangh.

Prof. Singh served the University as Dean, Faculty of Arts and Chairman of Department of Hindi. Prof. Singh passed away in November 2009 and donated his body for higher medical education and research at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College.

Prof. Hasnain said that the lecture, organized at the Faculty of Arts lounge on December 26, 2011, will start at 11:30 am.

### **ALIGARH :December 23**

Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh, Superintendent of Police, said that excellence of intellectual exercises will shine the future of academic leadership of the University. Despite of advancement of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), E-resources are least used due to the lack of knowledge to browse the same to get relevant information while addressing the valedictory function of Six days short term course on E-resources for Research organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University in collaboration with UGC Academic Staff College.

Mr. Anil said that unfortunately both our educators and administrators have not fully succeeded to explore the plethora of information available on the net. he said Such type of training programme will help academicians to make optimum use of web based resources. SP City said If such kind of intellectual activities continue, the university will cherish to remain at the helm of the higher education in the country.

In her presidential address, Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Dean Faculty of Social Science said that even the educators find it difficult to locate most appropriate databases or resources to search for relevant information for their research and developmental activities. Prof. Zuberi said the course will help to solve this problem in some extent. She also appreciated the Department for selecting such a time demanding theme for this short term course conducted for the teachers of Faculty of Social Science of the University.

Dr. Naushad Ali P.M, Chairman, Dept. of Library Science welcomed the gathering and briefed about the workshop.

Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh and Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi distributed the certificates and CD contained course materials to the participants. Dr. Reshma Jamal, Academic Staff College extended the vote of thanks in the function.

More than forty five faculties, working professionals and research scholars were rigorously skilled over six days in total of eighteen sessions conducted in Auditorium of Faculty of Social Science, Computer Lab of the Department of Library and Information Science and Audio Visual Hall of Department of Geology, Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. Jagtar Singh, Dr. Shailendra Kumar, Mr. S. Mustafa Zaidi, Dr. Naushad Ali. P.M, Dr. Sudharma Haridasan, and Dr. Nabi Hasan acted as resource persons in the course. **Related Picture 1. [Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh SP City addressing the valedictory function organized by department of Library & Information Science AMU](#)**

**ALIGARH :December 23**

Dr. Syed Kaleem Afroz Zaidi, Assistant Professor, University Polytechnic, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded with the Best Polytechnic Teacher Award - 2011 by Institute of Technical Society, New Delhi in a glittering function held at Fatehpur Sahib, Punjab. The award was presented to Dr. Zaid by Prof. RS Nirjar, former Vice-Chancellor, Gautam Budh Nagar University. The award carries a memento and certificate with cash prize. **Related Picture 1.** [Dr. Syed Kalim Afrough Zaidi receiving the best polytechnic teacher award from Prof. R.S. Nirjar](#)

**ALIGARH :December 22**

The School of Nursing, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized the traditional Lamp Lighting and Oath ceremony for the students of nursing of 2011 batch who took oath of selfless service to the patients and dedication to the profession.

Addressing the function, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, J.N. Medical College said that the profession of nursing is a noble profession and a nurse is most important resource to give patients relevant information about their condition, treatment and ways to cope with both. He said that a nurse has to respond to all the patient's questions honestly. He said that nurses should be accountable for providing physical and psychological support to patients. Prof. Malik said that the School of Nursing will soon be upgraded as Nursing College.

Guest of Honour and Dean Faculty of Medicine, Prof. M. H. Beg said that the Nursing profession is the most noble profession and the patients need the nurse more than the doctor. He hoped that soon Para Medical College and Pharmacy College will be established in the Medical College.

Medical Superintendent of J. N. Medical College, Prof. Haris M. Khan said Lamp lighting ceremony is a special moment in a Nursing student's life where she comes across a beautiful feeling of universal love and brotherhood. He said that lighting a candle means to pass on the flame of hope, service, compassion and peace to others. A lighting lamp symbolizes a nurse's dedication and care for patients.

Principal of Nursing School, Dr. Sangeeta Singhal while administering the oath hoped that the academic meet will prove great opportunity for all who have interest in human service. She also presented the annual report of the Nursing School. She pointed out that the students of the School have grasped three top positions in the Nursing examination held at the state level.

Tutor, Farah Sultana elaborated on the importance of the Lamp lighting ceremony. The programme was conducted by Ms. Farzana Parveen while Sosan Dan proposed the vote of thanks. Najma Khatoon, Dipika Singh, Sovita Sharma and Krishna Gupta, all students of Nursing were also honoured in the function.

**ALIGARH :December 22**

Dr. Akram Javed, Associate Professor, Department of Geology attended the 4th International Congress on Environmental Research (ICER-H) held at Sardar Vallabhai Patel National Institute of Technology, Surat.

Dr. Javed presented his research paper on "Land cover dynamics in a semi-arid watershed of western Rajasthan". Over 1200 delegates attended the Congress from India and abroad.

Four research scholars of the Department, Mr. Imran Khan, Ms. Sayema Jamal, Ms. Aliya Yusuf and MS. Nazrana Mohammadi also participated in the congress and presented their papers.

**ALIGARH :December 22**

Dr. Rosemary Douglas based at Edinburgh University, UK conducted Access Trainer's Workshop as part of English Access Microscholarship Programme organized by the UGC-Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University and sponsored by Regional English Language Office (RELO), American Centre, New Delhi.

While introducing the speaker, Dr. Raashid Nehal, Access Trainer said that Dr. Douglas has a Ph.D. in Modern Russian Literature from Oxford University and Masters in Applied Linguistics from Edinburgh University. She has an experience of over 30 years in teacher education for Teaching of English for Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and has been consultant to different countries including Mexico, Nigeria, Malaysia, Pakistan, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan. She is currently carrying out collaborative action research in Europe and the Middle East. As part of her training session, Dr. Douglas raised certain pertinent issues related to Access Teaching. She emphasized the aspect of learner differences, design and planning tasks, teacher status, learner autonomy, access to media and L1-L2 use in classroom.

Dr. Amirullah Khan, Coordinator and Access Trainer thanked Dr. Douglas for sharing her valuable insights. The workshop was attended by English Microscholarship Access Programme (EAMP) teachers and belonging to the Department of English and AMU schools and research scholars in English language teaching.

**ALIGARH :December 21**

Union Minister of HRD, Communications and Information Technology, Mr. Kapil Sibal will inaugurate the Aligarh Muslim University Malappuram Centre on December 24, 2011 at Sir Syed Nagar, Chelamala, Perinthalmanna in Malappuram District, Kerala.

Mr. Oommen Chandy, Chief Minister of Kerala will preside over the inaugural ceremony and Mr. E. Ahmad, Minister of State for HRD and External Affairs will be the Guest of Honour.

Mr. P.K. Abdul Rabb, Minister for Education, Mr. A.P. Anil Kumar, Minister of Welfare and Tourism, Mr. P.K. Kunhalikutty, Minister for Industries, IT and Urban Affairs, Mr. Aryadan Muhammed, Minister for Electricity and other top officials of the

Kerala government will also address the function.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis will present the status report of the Centre and Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar of the University will propose a vote of thanks.

### **ALIGARH :December 21**

Dr. Ali Akbar Wilayati, Ex-Foreign Minister of Islamic Republic of Iran today released the publication of about one thousand year old manuscript called 'Nahjul Balagha' at the concluding function of Golden Jubilee celebrations of Maulana Azad Library, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

The rarest manuscript that consists of letters, speeches and aphorism of Hazrat Ali, the fourth Caliphate of Islam has been published as a joint venture of AMU and Iran.

Dr. Wilayati announced that the Urdu, Hindi and English versions of this oldest manuscript will be published by the Aligarh Muslim University and the Government of Iran will provide all the financial support.

He said that India and Iran are two ancient nations with long history of cultural relations. He said that today his dream to attend a function of this great institution of Islamic values has come true. He hoped Iran and the Aligarh Muslim University will come closer in the field of education and research.

Dr. Ali Akbar Wilayati has served as the Foreign Minister of Iran from 1981 to 1997. Currently he is an advisor in international affairs to the supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei of Iran. He is a medical graduate from John Hopkins University, USA and has about 68 books and 150 articles to his credit.

Addressing the two-day National Seminar on 'Nahjul Balagha and Human Rights', Prof. Ali Mohammad Naqvi, Dean, Faculty of Theology said that the first importance of Nahjul Balagha is that it is the Kalam and saying of Hazrat Ali, one of the greatest personalities of human history, who is the converging point of all Muslims and this is a masterpiece of Arabic literature and treasure of Islamic spirituality.

Welcoming the delegates, Prof. Shabahat Husain, Librarian-in-charge said Maulana Azad Library of this University is regarded one of the major libraries of the world with more than 1.5 million printed books, e-books and other documents.

He said during the last three years a lot of changes have been brought into the Library which includes renovation of the reading rooms and cultural hall, establishment of Digital Resource Centre, digitization of manuscripts and installation of automatic security Gate (3M System) for books.

On this occasion, Dr. Karim Najafi, Cultural Counselor, Iran Cultural House, Dr. Hujjatul Islam Khamoshi, Dr. Ali Askari also addressed the inaugural function.

Prof. M. Saleemuddin, former Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University presided over the function. The Iran Cultural House, New Delhi presented a pack of 3000 Persian manuscripts and CDs to Maulana Azad Library.

Dr. Wilayati and Prof. M. Salemuddin also released another two books, one of which "Bahr-e-Zakhkhar" is a rare Tazkira of Sufis in Persian language. **Related Picture**[1. Dr. Ali Akbar Wilayati, former Foreign Minister of Iran releasing the rarest compilation of Hazrat Ali's aphorisms Nahjul Balagha at Kennedy Hall in AMU.](#)  
[2. Dr. Ali Akbar Wilayati at the Golden Jubilee celebration programme of Maulana Azad Library, AMU](#)

### **ALIGARH :December 20**

"Lemongrass is commonly used in making teas, soups, and curries. Its oil is also suitable for soap industries and synthesis of vitamin A. Furthermore, it relieves cough and nasal congestion besides keeping mosquitoes away", said Dr. Mohd. Masroor Akhtar Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Aligarh Muslim University while delivering lecture at the Euro-Mediterranean Conference on "Plant Natural Products" at Alexandria University, Egypt.

Dr. Khan chaired a session of the conference and presented an invited talk on his work on increasing the production of lemongrass and its essential oil using the gamma radiation technique, which is inexpensive and ergonomically safe and feasible.

The conference was aimed at "advancing health through innovation in Biotherapeutics". More than 200 scientists from about 17 countries, including Austria, Turkey, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Germany, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Libya, India, Nigeria, and USA participated in the conference.

Dr. Khan said his research on lemongrass was an output of the research made in collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai. The work was very much appreciated by the participants.

Dr. Khan is working on medicinal plants for the last 30 years. Earlier, he has also presented his work in USA, Finland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Cuba. During the present academic trip, Dr. Khan also gave scientific lectures at King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and Benha University, Egypt. A number of students, researchers and teachers expressed interest in a scientific collaboration between Aligarh Muslim University and their universities. Dr. Khan also gave a brief introduction of AMU using a PowerPoint presentation.

### **ALIGARH :December 20**

The Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, on behalf of the Academic Council, has approved the winter vacations for the academic session 2011-2012 in the Faculties of Medicine and Unani Medicine, which will be observed in two phases.

In the faculties of Medicine and Unani Medicine, the winter vacation for teachers shall be observed in two halves of 10 days from January 2-11, 2012 and January 12-21, 2012 while MBBS Final Prof, II Prof and I Prof students will avail the winter vacation from January

2-11, 2012.

The BDS 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year students will avail winter vacation from January 2-11, 2012. BDS final year (Batch-2008) students will avail the winter vacation from January 12 to 21, 2012.

In the faculty of Unani Medicine, the BUMS students shall avail the winter vacation from January 2 - 15, 2012.

The teachers availing full 10 days of winter vacations will not be entitled to any detention leave. However, those teachers who may be detained during the vacation will be eligible for detention leave on 1:1 basis for a maximum duration of 10 days only.

### **ALIGARH :December 19**

Dr. G. G. Hammad Ahmad Shadab, Assistant Professor, Section of Genetics, Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University was felicitated by the MGDC, BDU, Trichirappalli, Tamil Nadu on the occasion of 2nd anniversary of the centre and opening ceremony of the newly constructed building of MGDC (Doerenkamp Enclave) for his award winning performance at WC8, Montreal, Canada. Dr. Shadab was conferred with best poster award sponsored by Doerenkamp-Zbinden Foundation, Switzerland, carrying a cash prize of CAN \$1000 during the 8th World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences held at Montreal, Canada.

He also delivered a talk on "MGDC's dissection alternatives workshops as a success story" and "Career Opportunities for Life Science Students" in Jamal Mohamed College, Trichirappalli. **Related Picture** [1. Dr. Shadab receiving Memento at MGDC](#)

### **ALIGARH :December 19**

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a symposium on "Research and Publication" under the aegis of Orthopaedic Research Foundation of Indian Orthopaedic Association. More than 100 delegates including senior faculty members and residents of different departments attended the symposium.

Prof. Mohd Zahid, Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and the Organising Chairman of the symposium welcomed the invited faculty and the delegates. He gave a brief introduction of Orthopaedic Research Foundation of IOA and emphasized on the purpose and need of organizing such symposiums.

Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and C.M.S., J.N. Medical College & Hospital appreciated the effort of the department for organising this symposium and emphasized the importance of such activities and how beneficial it can be especially for new residents of the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. I. K. Dhammi, Associate Editor, Indian Journal of Orthopaedics delivered a lecture on "Why to publish".

Prof. Ramesh K. Sen, Department of Orthopaedics, PGI Chandigarh, briefly discussed about different types of research studies and the method to carry out these studies.

Dr. Shah Alam Khan, Associate Professor, Department of

Orthopaedics, AIIMS, New Delhi, discussed in detail the basic statistics involved in research that one should know. He also gave an overview of how to write and what points should be kept in mind while writing a good case report. He also discussed various ethical issues related to research and publication. An interactive session was also organized at the end of the programme.

Dr. Sohail Ahmad, Assistant Professor and Organising Secretary of the symposium presented vote of thanks. **Related Picture 1. [Dr. Shah Alam of AIIMS receiving memento at the Symposium on Research and Publication](#)**

### **ALIGARH :December 17**

The Department of Electronics Engineering, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University has organized a three-day International Conference on Multimedia, Signal Processing and Communication Technologies (IMPACT-2011). The inaugural ceremony was held in the Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technologies auditorium today in which a large number of delegates from different parts of country and abroad participated.

Mr. Naseem Ahmad (IAS Retired), former Vice Chancellor of AMU graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Prof. D. S. Chauhan, Vice Chancellor of Uttarakhand Technical University was the Guest of Honour. The inaugural function was presided over by the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Javed Akhtar.

Prof. Muzaffar A. Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of Electronics Engineering welcomed the guests and delegates. Highlighting the achievements of the department, he said that despite being relatively young, this department has made remarkable progress and has established itself as a frontier department of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology. It is one of the few departments of this University, which received Department of Science and Technology (DST) grant under the FIST programme twice. This department also has the distinction of being the first department of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology to be accorded the prestigious Departmental Research Support (DRS) status by the University Grants Commission.

Dr, Omar Farooq, Organizing Secretary of the Conference said that the Department is now organizing second international conference to provide an interactive platform to engineers, scientists, teachers, researchers, students and industries to exchange their innovative ideas and experiences in the areas of Multimedia, Signal processing and communication technologies. He said about eighty technical papers will be presented. In addition, five invited lectures by eminent personalities from academics and industries have also been arranged.

Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology, Prof. M. Salim Beg of the Electronics Engineering Department also addressed the inaugural function.

On this occasion, the chief guest, Mr. Naseem Ahmad

released the Conference Souvenir and proceedings. Dr. Syed Atiqur Rahman conducted the programme. **Related Picture** [1. International Conference on Multimedia, Signal Processing at Dept. of Electronics Engineering](#)

### **ALIGARH :December 16**

Noted artist of international repute and former faculty member of the Aligarh Muslim University, Dr. Farhan Mujib passed away yesterday night at his residence. He was 65. His wife Dr. Fouzia Mujib who is a Reader in Physics section of the AMU Women's College survives him.

He was born in 1945 at Aligarh. HE was the son of Professor Mujib of the Education Department and his mother Jamila Mujib was a close relative of noted writer Ismat Chughtai. Noted film scriptwriter, Javed Akhtar was his schoolmate in Minto Circle High School and Javed Akhtar's son Farhan Akhtar has been named after him.

He served the Aligarh Muslim University as a Physics teacher, took voluntary retirement in 2004 to pursue art as a profession, and decided to explore his creative capabilities. His painting exhibitions were organized in different parts of India.

Dr. Farhan Mujib painted the cover pictures of more than two dozen books including the cover pages of most of the books by Jnanpith awarded poet, Shahryar.

### **ALIGARH :December 16**

The installation ceremony of newly elected Students' Union of Aligarh Muslim University was held today at Kennedy Auditorium. The officiating Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jawaid Akhtar presided over the programme.

The President of the AMU Students' Union, Syed Sharique Ahmad said that the student community should have a single voice, since their objective is same. He said that difference of opinion is our democratic right and it shows that we are live. He said that Students' Union is a symbol of collective life of the students of this University and provides a medium for intellectual and socio-cultural exposition. It is this platform that has produced a number of great demagogues, politicians and leaders who scaled new heights of success in public life.

The new president urged the University authorities to establish a central placement cell and provide career counseling to the students. He demanded that the students' representation at the Academic Council should also be facilitated. Mr. Sharique Ahmad said that the dining halls need improvement and the standard of food supplied to students also should be made better. He also pointed out that the University Health Service needs to be overhauled and better health facilities should be ensured for the students.

The Vice President of AMUSU, Mr. Abdul Qadir Jilani he will make efforts that the students get better living and health facilities and big companies are invited to the University for campus

placement of the students. He said that all courses should be run in a professional manner and infrastructure deficiencies should not take over our creative zeal.

Honorary Secretary of the Students' Union, Mr. Hammad Nabi urged the University authorities to solve the residential problems of the students expeditiously facilitating them with best possible living and educational conditions. He urged the students to remain united and contribute to the development of the University. He said that the Students' Union will work for the safeguarding of students' interests.

Delivering the presidential address on this occasion, officiating Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jawaid Akhtar congratulated the newly elected chair and the cabinet. He said that the Students' Union and the University authorities are complementary to each other and both depend on each other to take the University to new heights of success. He said both share the common goal; the welfare of students and development of our alma mater.

Dr. Sharique Aqeel conducted the programme. A large number of students and faculty members were present on this occasion. Chief Election Officer, Prof. Mahmood S. Khan congratulated the students for helping in the peaceful conduct of the Students' Union election and observing the University traditions with respect and commitment. **Related Picture**

[1. AMUSU Installation Ceremony](#)

[2. AMUSU Installation Ceremony](#)

### **ALIGARH :December 16**

The Department of Community Medicine, J. N. Medical College, has been granted a project entitled "Survey for prevalence of refractive errors and colour blindness among school children in Aligarh" by Director General of Health Services (Ophthalmic Division), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

For the survey, 15 schools in 5 tehsils of Aligarh; Kol, Gabhana, Iglas, Khair and Atrauli have been selected randomly and nearly 3000 children in the age group of 6-14 years will be examined for refractive errors and colour blindness.

A team of doctors from Department of Community Medicine and Ophthalmology, medico-social workers and optometrist has started the survey from Primary School in Jawan of Gabhana tehsil. For the supervision of the activity, Prof. Zulfia Khan, Dr. A.R. Siddiqui, Dr. Anees Ahmad have been working as co-investigators and Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Coordinator, Sentinel Surveillance Unit (SSU) under National Programme for Control of Blindness, Directorate General of Health Services (Ophthalmic Division), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi will work as Principal Investigator. All the necessary clinical arrangements have been made by Prof. R.R. Sukul, Director, Institute of Ophthalmology.

A training of health workers was carried out in the Department of Community Medicine followed by a pilot survey by the participants. The students found suffering from refractive errors, will be provided spectacles free of cost. The report of the survey will be

submitted to the Director General of Health Services (Ophthalmic Division), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi for necessary action. **Related Picture**

[1. Schhol children being examined for refractive errors](#)

#### **ALIGARH :December 16**

Dr. Sami Rafiq, Associate Professor in the Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University presented a paper on "Translations of Urdu Poetry and Digital Publishing" in the 14th Biennial Symposium on Culture and Society in the Asia-Pacific Region held at the Westerly Centre, University of Western Australia, Perth.

The symposium was attended by a large number of participants from the Asia Pacific region namely Japan, China, Phillipines, Singapore, and Malaysia.

Dr. Sami Rafiq highlighted the popularity of Urdu Poetry translations on the web. The symposium also registered the growing prominence of translations of Chinese, Malayalam and Filipino on the web. Poetry and story reading sessions were also held in between lunches. Dr. Sami Rafiq read out her poems and stories in the programme. **Related Picture**

[1. Dr. Sami Rafeeq with other participants](#)

#### **ALIGARH :December 16**

Prof. Rais Akhtar, Visiting Professor, in the Department of Geology, Aligarh Muslim University delivered keynote address at the Southeast Asia Regional Workshop on Global Environmental Change and Health " Water-related Impacts and Adaptations" held at National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan. Prof. Rais Akhtar observed that climate change is projected to have far-reaching effects on human health and wellbeing. Heat waves and other extreme weather events like floods, droughts and windstorms annually affect millions of people and cause billions of dollars of damage. He said that climate change will increase the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events over coming decades.

Prof. Akhtar asserted that policy makers need to understand the potential impacts of climate change, effectiveness of current programmes, and the range of available choices for enhancing current or developing new programmes and activities related to adaptation. Prof. Rais Akhtar was also invited to speak on Environmental Perspective of Human Health at the National Cheng Kung University Medical College in Taiwan. During his stay at Taipei, Prof. Rais Akhtar also delivered lecture on Medical Geography: Historical Perspective and Current Scenario, in the Department of Geography, National Taiwan University, Taipei.

#### **ALIGARH :December 15**

The Department of Tahaffuzi wa Samaji Tib, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, Aligarh Muslim University organized an Extra Mural lecture on 'Evaluation of family planning and its Religious, National

and Democratic perspective'. The lecture was delivered by Prof M. Isa Nadwi, Head, Department of Tahhafuzi wa Samaji Tib, M. I. J. Unani Medical College, Mumbai.

Prof. Nadwi said that Islam is only against the killing of progeny due to fear of starvation or increase in number of feeding mouths, but it is not against the family planning; rather it welcomes it in certain conditions. He said that on objective evaluation we can say that increase in population is not the real problem but it is unequal distribution & utilization of resources that has created the havoc. He said family planning is understood and implemented in wrong way as well as it is also against our national and democratic interest. If it was not so, then why at the same time, in one part of the world incentives are given to produce more children whereas in the other part of the world one child norm is promoted. In one part of the world a cat can become the owner of millions of dollars whereas in other part, people are starving to death.

On this occasion, Dr. S.M. Safdar Ashraf, Chairman, Department of Tahaffuzi wa Samaji Tib, in his welcoming address, shared his views on when and how the concept of family planning emerged. Programme was conducted by Mr. Naushad Ali. Dr. Abdul Aziz Khan extended the vote of thanks.

Prof. M. M. Wamiq Amin, Chairman, Department of Ilmul Amraz, Prof. M. H. Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of Ilaj bid Tadbir, Dr. Ammar Bin Anwar, Dr. Farkhunda Jabin, Dr. Ataulah Fahad, Dr. Shazia Shamim, research scholars, Interns and students were present on this occasion.

#### **ALIGARH :December 15**

Prof. Pramod Kumar, Chairman, Department of ENT, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has been invited to chair the V session of the CME on "Cancer of the Larynx and Hypopharynx: An Evidence Based Approach" organized by the Max Oncology Group, Max Super Specialty Hospital, New Delhi on December 18, 2011.

The objective of the CME is to address the basic questions related to cancer of the larynx and Hypopharynx and to outline clearly the investigation and treatment protocols. **Related Picture [1](#). [Prof. Pramod Kumar](#)**

#### **ALIGARH :December 15**

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has left for Kochi to attend the 86th Annual Meeting of Association of Indian Universities held at Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi on December 15-17, 2011. He will remain out of station from December 14-19, 2011.

Prof. Javaid Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Research, being the senior most Dean amongst the members of the Executive Council in the category of Deans of Faculties, will discharge the routine duties of the Vice Chancellor during the absence of Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis. However, on account of Prof.

Javaid Akhtar going on leave for a day, Prof. Sibghatullah Farooqui, Dean, Faculty of Commerce will discharge the routine duties of the Vice Chancellor on December 15, 2011.

#### **ALIGARH :December 15**

Three students of the Aligarh Muslim University have been selected for Fulbright Language Assistantship. They will visit the USA for one year as part of the academic exchange programme.

AMU Academic Staff College had organized coaching classes for the school students and Ms. Juveria Khan, Shibbanur Rahman and Ms. Fauzia Faridi were selected.

In the last three years, seven AMU students have been awarded Fulbright Assistantship and stayed in the US for one year, as a result of the coaching provided by the Academic Staff College.

#### **ALIGARH :December 14**

The Aligarh Muslim University today clarified that the Delhi High Court on Tuesday issued notice to the Union of India, CBI, Ministry of HRD and UGC asking their replies to be filed within four weeks. The order of the court received today did not mention any "stay" of the meeting of the Executive Council to finalize the panel of five names for the new Vice Chancellor. The order only records the information provided by the Petitioner's counsel to the court that "despite that issuance of specific directions by the Government of India restraining the respondent No.5 from taking any policy decision, the respondent No.5/Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh U.P is still going ahead with the meetings of Executive Council today". Further, it has directed to re-notify on January 11, 2012.

The news published today in all print and electronic media that the High Court also stayed the AMU's Executive Council meeting convened on 13.12.2011 by Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis to finalize the names of five candidates one of whom would be chosen his successor, to the post of AMU VC is completely baseless and not based on the orders of the Hon'ble High Court.

#### **ALIGARH :December 14**

"The Cultural traditions and well-mannered behavior are the most important component of the legacy of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, which he has left behind. It is perhaps only University of India whose students suffix the name of their alma mater with their own. The students of Aligarh Muslim University have love for their country and they are the true patriots like the students of other institutions", said Shakeel Hasan Shamis, eminent journalist while addressing the National Symposium on "Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: Vision and Mission" organized by the General Education Centre, Aligarh Muslim University. He termed the Off-campus centres of Aligarh Muslim University as a new boost to the educational upliftment of Indian Muslims He said that some people are opposing these centres but the process, which has started, would not stop. These centres will

create a new chapter in the educational scenario of the country, observed Mr. Shamsi.

Guest of Honour and eminent journalist, Dr. Javed Jameel said that all decisions are taken on the consideration of economic status and the result is that dishonesty is ruling all over the world. He pointed out that Sir Syed had linked culture with education and it is due to the sincerity that the students of the Aligarh Muslim University are treated cultured all over the globe. Sir Syed also linked science with morality. He called upon the students to change the prevailing situation.

Public Relations Officer of Aligarh Muslim University, Dr. Rahat Abrar pointed out that it is wrong that Sir Syed had neglected female education. In fact Sir Syed was a great advocate of female education and it is due to this fact that a Women's College has been established in the University. He said that there is a great need to popularize the thoughts and philosophy of Sir Syed.

Dr. Abrar said that the thoughts of Sir Syed are still relevant and we must make efforts to implement the incomplete agenda of Sir Syed. Elaborating the political thoughts of Sir Syed, he said that Congress had opposed Sir Syed tooth and nail and if Muslims had followed Sir Syed's political lineage, they would not have seen bad days ever.

Dr. Mohibul Haq of Department of Political Science said that politics is the last resort to get the rights enshrined in the Constitution of India. He said that if the democracy is misused it becomes dictatorship. Dr. Arshi Khan said that Sir Syed wanted all sections of the country got their due rights.

Presiding over the Symposium, General Education Centre Coordinator, Dr. Shakeel Samdani said that we should strive for translating Sir Syed's philosophy into concrete realities. He pointed out that Sir Syed had authored *Asbab-e-Baghawat-e-Hind* in spite of being in government services and proved that employment cannot stop one from speaking truth. He said Sir Syed was right in articulating that the policies of British government were alone responsible for the 1857 revolution. He called upon the students to carry forward the mission of Sir Syed and love every particle of this campus. He said that no harm should be done to the University property.

Secretary Jain Mohammad Sulaiman delivered the welcome address and Mansoor Ilahi conducted the programme. **Related Picture [1. Shakeel Shami Lecture General Education Centre](#)**

#### **ALIGARH :December 14**

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University is organizing a camp for the treatment of cleft lip, palate, correction of face, mouth, nose, ear and jaw deformities by a team of German experts. All the treatment and medications will be given free of cost. However, a registration for the treatment will be mandatory. The registration camp will be held on December 19, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm in the OPD-5 of Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Dental College.

For any further enquiry, interested patients and their guardians may contact Dr. S. S. Ahmed on mobile number 09411981399 between 10 am to 4 pm.

#### **ALIGARH :December 14**

Prof. R. R. Sukul, Director, AMU Institute of Ophthalmology, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has been declared elected as Vice President of UP State Ophthalmological Society at its 46th annual conference held at K. G. Medical College, C. S. M. M. University, Lucknow.

UP State Ophthalmological Society is the society of ophthalmologists of UP having nearly more than one thousand members. The election was held through a secret ballot and Prof. Sukul secured highest vote for Vice Presidentship. He will become the President of the society automatically after completion of the term of Vice Presidentship.

Prof. Sukul earlier has been the member of executive committee, Editor, Journal of Society, Chairman, Scientific Committee and General Secretary of the Society.

The Society came into existence in 1959 but Dr. Sukul was instrumental in getting its constitution drafted, finalized and registered in 2003 when he was its General Secretary. He also played important role in getting the Society's website prepared and launched in 2002. **Related Picture** [1. Prof. R.R. Sukul](#)

#### **ALIGARH :December 14**

On the specific recommendation of the Visiting team, the Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has approved the recognition of the courses of seven Madrasas as equivalent to the courses of this University for the purpose of admissions to BA, MA, B. Theology and M. Theology courses for a period of five years subject to the condition that the candidates so admitted will be required to pass Senior Secondary School Certificate English Only Examination concurrently.

Madrasas whose courses have been recognized by the University are Jamiatul Mominath, Hyderabad (AP), Jamia Muhammadiyah Mansoorah, Bangalore (Karnataka), Jamia Islamia Jamiaabad Chowk, Bhatkal (Karnataka), Madrasa Darul Huda Islamiya University, Chammad, Tirurangadi, Malappuram (Kerala), Madrasa Nooriya Arabic College, Faizabad, Pattikkad, Malappuram (Kerala), Tanseequl Kulliyat Al-Islamia (CIC) Markaz Al-Tarbiyatul Islamia, Karthala, Kuttipuram District, Malappuram and Madrasa Jamia Rahmania Islamia, Nadvath Nagar, Alappuzha, Kerala.

#### **ALIGARH :December 14**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis interacted with the resident members of the Indira Gandhi Hall of residence for girls and enquired about their problems. Prof. Ainul Haq Khan, Dean, Students' Welfare and Prof. Mujahid Beg, Proctor was also present on the occasion.

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the University has achieved another success by starting the 3G/WiMax services for high speed internet connectivity. He said that the central Wi-Fi can be used from anywhere in the campus and the students may use the online journals that have been made available through Maulana Azad Library. Mentioning the historic success of Urdu department students by achieving a record number of JRF and NET, Prof. Azis urged the I. G. Hall girls to work hard and achieve excellence in their respective fields of education. He also made a visit to the Reading Room and assured that the reading room facilities will be enhanced.

Senior members of the Hall Committee such as Food Monitor, Literary Secretary, Cultural Secretary, Proctorial Monitor and Sports' Secretary represented the girls of the hall and highlighted the issues and challenges faced by the resident members. Prof. Asif Shuja, Provost and wardens of the hall, Dr. Shah Alam, Dr. Kishwar Zafir, Mrs. Ambreen Jamali and Miss Rayana Reza discussed various issues pertaining to the residential life in the hall and requested the Vice Chancellor to help solve these problems. **Related Picture**

[1. AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis interacting with the resident members of Indira Gandhi Hall](#)

### **ALIGARH :December 13**

The Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association, Bahrain (AMUAAB), as part of the commemorative celebrations in memory of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, organized an International Urdu - Hindi Mushaira in the Cultural Hall of the National Museum Complex, Bahrain.

Eminent poet of India, Nida Fazli presided over the programme. Indian Ambassador H.E. Mohan Kumar graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Pakistani Ambassador H.E. Johar Saleem as Guest of Honor.

Mr. Ali Akbar, Member, Organizing Committee said that Mushaira began with a presentation on the life and work of the great educationist and founder of the Aligarh Muslim University Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. A brief commentary on the multi-facet personality of Nida Fazli was also made on the occasion.

Mr. Akbar said that a galaxy of well known Urdu and Hindi poets from the subcontinent and also from Bahrain took turn to recite their poems for the large number of audience. Those who presented their literary compositions included Nida Fazli, Muzaffar Razmi, Dr. Tabish Mehdi, Pradeep Chowbey, Mansoor Usmani, Manzar Bhopali, Majid Deobandi, Shabeena Adeeb and Shakeel Azmi from India, Saleem Kousar from Pakistan, Saquib Jaunpuri from Saudi Arabia and Ahmed Adel, Altaf Rana, Om Prakash Singh, Khursheed Alam Alig, Rukhsaar Nazmabadi and Tahir Azim from Bahrain.

The programme was sponsored by Shakeel Trading Est., AVIS, Travelex Bahrain, State Bank of India, Jawad Business Group, Taiba Glass, Havelock AHI, Al Fanar Travel, Bahrain Financial Exchange, Himalaya Herbals, Alma Kitchen, and Autoos. **Related Picture**

[1. Mr. Nida Fazli , Mr. Mansoor Usmani and others amuaab](#)

[members](#)

[2. Mushaira Audience](#)

### **ALIGARH :December 13**

Dr. Sultana N. Nahar of the Ohio State University, USA today presented two awards with a cash prize of \$150 to each best Muslim students with highest scores in the final year of B. Sc.

The award ceremony was held at the Conference Room of the Physics Department. Prof. Arunima Lal, Dean, Faculty of Science presented the certificate of merit to Ms. Zara Aftab and Mr. Mohd. Emadur Rahman.

Dr. Sultana N. Nahar has deposited a cash amount of \$12,000 for the capital fund of the four awards with the finance office of the University. For the teaching awards, the academic committee of the Physics Department may suggest modifications. However, a cash prize of \$400 will be awarded to Physics teacher every year.

Prof. Wasi Haider, Chairman, Department of Physics said that Dr. Sultana is a scientist of international repute. She belongs to Bangladesh and presently working as Research Scientist in the Ohio State University (USA). She has published articles in 100 referred journals and chapters in several books.

Prof. Arunima Lal, Dean, Faculty of Science acknowledged the contribution of Dr. Sultana N. Nahar for the encouragement of our young students. **Related Picture**

[1. Dr. Sultana N. Nahar of Ohio State University presenting award to the highest scoring B. Sc. student at Dept. of Physics](#)

[2. Prof. Arunima Lal, Dean, Faculty of Science presenting Dr. Sultana N. Nahar award to the highest scoring B. Sc. student at Dept. of Physics](#)

### **ALIGARH :December 13**

The meeting of the Executive Council of Aligarh Muslim University has been adjourned today. The Visitor's nominees and the Rector's nominee wanted some more time to study the circulated biodata to prepare a panel of five names to be recommended to the University Court for the appointment of next Vice Chancellor. However, most of the members wanted that the panel be prepared at this meeting.

The meeting consulted the views of the Visitor and Rector's nominees and resolved to adjourn the meeting of the Executive Council scheduled to be held today at Delhi.

### **ALIGARH :December 12**

A three-day short term course on Research Methodology and Recent Research Advances in Geology" organized by the Department of Geology was inaugurated today. Addressing the inaugural function, Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. Arunima Lal appreciated the efforts of the department in promoting the research environs of the department. Prof. Lal stressed the importance of this course for the research scholars and urged them to take up the

course seriously and use the skill of data assimilation for result-oriented efforts.

Prof. A. R. Kidwai, Director, Academic Staff College emphasized the need for such courses for the benefit of the students as well as for the faculty members. Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Senior Scientist, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun asked the students to work hard to achieve desired success. Prof. Mahshar Raza also spoke on this occasion.

Earlier, Dr. Shadab Khurshid, Course Coordinator and the Chairman of the Department welcomed the guests and emphasized the need to inculcate the new idea and modern spirit and techniques to be utilized by the research fellows during their Ph.D. programme.

The course is meant for research scholars of geology and geography departments, and 45 participants have registered for the course. The programme was conducted by Dr. Akram Javed and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. M. E. A. Mondal. **Related Picture**

[1. Dr. Shadab Khursheed presenting the shawl to Dean Faculty of Science Prof. Arunima Lal at a short courses](#)

[2. Dr. Shadab Khursheed addressing the short courses on research methodology at Department of Geology](#)

## **ALIGARH :December 12**

The UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University organized the Certificate Award Ceremony of English Access Microscholarship Programme (EAMP) for AMU school students. Ms. Adele Ruppe, Deputy Public Affairs Officer, US Embassy, New Delhi graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Ms. Adele felicitated the Access achievers of EAMP with certificates of participation given for 2009-11 EAMP enrollment. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Ruppe congratulated EAMP students as this programme has provided a great opportunity to youth for developing their English language proficiency.

Ms. Rachna Sharma, Access Program Coordinator, Regional English Language office (RELO) New Delhi made the occasion very special as she distributed gifts from American Centre to all those enrolled for the previous and current access batches.

Dr. Faiz Zaidi, Coordinator of EAMP (2009-11) presented a brief report of the EAMP activities. The report highlighted how 200 non-elite students learned how to utilize the opportunity of expressing themselves in English language in everyday situations. Emphasis was laid on imparting oral communication through activity-based teaching, extempore speech, choral speaking, interest talk, mind map sessions, debate, role plays and community service projects. The Program was committed to providing a friendly learning environment and utilizing a student-centered learning approach for enabling participants to obtain maximum benefits from after-school classes. Teacher Training workshops given by Access Trainers Dr. M. Amirullah Khan and Dr. Raashid Nehal and other resource persons were fruitfully utilized to share trainers' and access teacher experiences .

Prof. A. R. Kidwai, Director UGC Academic Staff College appreciated the role of RELO since this programme has entered its fifth year since 2007. Ms. Juveria Khan, Ms. Fauzia Faridi and Shibanur Rahman were felicitated for receiving Fulbright Assistantship. The Award function was attended by almost 300 access students and access teachers which included Mr. Sajidul Islam, Ms. Nahid, Mr. Arshad Malik, Mr. Vaqar Akbar, Mr. Naim, Mr. Nizam, Dr. Vibha Sharma Dr. Shahla Ghauri and Mr. Taj Mohd. The programme was conducted by Dr. Munira T., and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Raashid Nehal. **Related Picture [1. L to R - Prof. A. R. Kidwai, Ms. Adele and Ms. Rachna Sharma at the English Language Microaccess programme](#)**

### **ALIGARH :December 11**

Mr. Syed Sharique Ahmad, student of B.A. (Final) was elected President of the Aligarh Muslim University Students' Union (AMUSU) in the election held yesterday. Mr. Abdul Quadir Jilani, M.A. (Previous) was declared Vice President and Mr. Hammad Nabi (MSW Previous) as Honorary Secretary of the Students' Union. The result of the Students' Union elections were declared early today by the Chief Election Officer Prof. Mahmood S. Khan.

AMUSU was established in 1884 as a debating club on the pattern of Oxford and Cambridge Universities and this students' body has produced great freedom fighters, leaders and statesmen like Dr. Zakir Husain, Ali Brothers, Hasrat Mohani, Sheikh Abdullah and Arif Mohd. Khan.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has congratulated all the victorious and contesting candidates and students at large for displaying restraint and bringing into successful culmination the entire process of Students' Union election in a peaceful manner. He hoped that the elected chair and Cabinet Members will display a heightened sense of responsibility and dignity. The administration has always supported the right causes and is willing to support its productive activities that meaningfully contribute to academic and research ambience in the backdrop of the cut-throat competition, he added.

The Vice Chancellor thanked the Chief Election Officer, Prof. Mahmood S. Khan and his team and hundreds of teaching faculty involved in the polling, counting and other works and Deans of faculties whose constant efforts were primarily instrumental in smooth conduct of just concluded of the AMUSU elections.

For the post of President and Honorary Secretary, six candidates each were in fray while five contested for the post of Vice Presidentship. The polling was also held yesterday for ten Cabinet Members. Mr. Saeed Ali Rizvi, B. Com. (II Year) secured highest vote and was declared Senior Cabinet. Miss Wajiha Fatima Mehdi, Shakeel Ahmad, Aamir Khan, Md. Kaikubad Ali, Waqar Siddiqi, Shahzad Sami, Mustafa Muqet, Syed Fahad Hussain and Inzemamul Haque were declared elected out of a total eighteen candidates who were in fray.

The election of the AMU Students' Union was held as per the

recommendations of the Lyngdoh Committee.

The election of three representatives of the students on the University Court were also held yesterday. Mohd. Asim Khan, Syed Wasif Iqbal and Taushif Alam were declared elected as members of the University Court under faculty of Engineering and Technology, Life Sciences and Social Sciences respectively.

The whole process of election, from filing of nomination to campaigning, voting, counting and declaration of results, was completed in festive and peaceful atmosphere.

#### **ALIGARH :December 10**

The Aligarh Muslim University has issued the notification for admission to full time programmes leading to the award of M. Phil./Ph.D. degree in various disciplines in its faculties and Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit.

Controller of Admissions and Examinations, Prof. Pervez Mustajab said that the admission to the M. Phil./Ph.D. programme will be made through an admission test followed by an interview of those who qualify the written test.

Prof. Mustajab said that candidates having Master's degree or its equivalent with 55% of marks in a subject relevant to his/her proposed field of research may apply for admission to M. Phil./Ph.D. programme. He said that a candidate eligible for admission to M. Phil./Ph.D. programme in more than one Department/Centre/Unit in the same or a different Faculty of the University can apply for admission in not more than two disciplines.

Prof. Mustajab said that candidates may fill the Online application form latest by January 5, 2012 available on the website [www.amucontrollerexams.com](http://www.amucontrollerexams.com) and the generated PDF copy should be submitted in the office of the Chairmen/Coordinator/Director of the concerned Department/Centre/Unit along with a demand draft of Rs. 500/- drawn in favour of AMU Finance Officer latest by January 12, 2012. The foreign candidates may, however, submit the generated PDF copy of the Application Form to the Assistant Controller (Admissions), Admission Section, Amu, Aligarh along with a demand draft of US\$ 14. The admission test will be held on February 5, 2012, added Prof. Mustajab.

#### **ALIGARH :December 10**

The Department of Civil Engineering, Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University organized a three-day Training Program-cum-Workshop on "Integrated Municipal Waste Management". The programme was sponsored by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. About 22 CPCB nominated engineers, scientists and officials from all over the country, working in different organizations like Central and State Pollution Control Boards, Municipal Corporations, Development Authorities and Industry, attended the programme.

The main objective of the training programme is to impart

basic and practical knowledge pertaining to solid waste management, and the engineering and technological dimension for its safe disposal with focus on Indian conditions.

Dr. Nadeem Khalil, Assistant Professor of Environmental Engineering is the Organizing Coordinator and Prof. M. M. Ashhar is the Organizing Chairman of the training programme.

Delivering the inaugural address, Prof Hamid Ali, Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology said that waste management and good environment are very important for the sustenance of life. A healthy life cannot be thought of in a sick atmosphere and in view of the growing burden of population on our cities, it is high time that we evolve a highly professional and technology based municipal waste management system.

Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology said that waste management system should be evolved at the grass roots level. Prof. M. M. Ashhar, Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering said that the Department has been pursuing programmes and activities on Environment and Waste Management very strongly.

Programme Coordinator, Dr. Nadeem Khalil said that time has come to look and adopt new methods and techniques within the domain of integrated solid waste management approach in order to improve the solid waste management scenario in towns and cities of India.

Participants from IIT Roorkee, Doon University and AMU and senior professionals from the Industry also spoke on this occasion.

The core part of the programme was related to the basic understanding imparted through delivering expert lectures followed by field visit to Agra to demonstrate the actual landfill sites and composting plant for better understanding. **Related Picture**

[1. Workshop on Integrated Municipal Waste Management organized at Dept. of Civil Engineering, Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology](#)

### **ALIGARH :December 10**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today inaugurated "Chrysanthemum, Coleus and Rose Show-2011" at Gulistan-e-Syed.

The exhibition has been organized by the Department of Lands and Garden. More than five hundred varieties of Roses, Chrysanthemum, Coleus, Ornamental, succulents and Cacti are put on display.

Prof. Mohammad Anis, Member-in-Charge and Mr. K. A. K. Chauhan, Convener of the exhibition welcomed the guests. A large number of students and faculty members were present. **Related Picture**

[1. Inauguration of Flower Show](#)

[2. Inauguration of Flower Show](#)

### **ALIGARH :December 09**

A special meeting of the Academic Council of the Aligarh Muslim University under the Chairmanship of the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today discussed the issue of National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for undergraduates for admission to MBBS course accredited by the Medical Council of India for the session 2012-13.

The meeting of the Academic Council Unanimously resolved to seek exemption of the J. N. Medical College of the University from the proposed National Eligibility Test for admission to MBBS in view of its historic minority character and the status quo directive of the Supreme Court.

It is to be noted that the Government of India treats AMU as a religious minority institution established and administered under Section 30(1) of the Constitution of India. In the light of the autonomy guaranteed by AMU Act, the Council viewed the notification made by MCI as an infringement of the stake involved of the Muslim community and the AMU on a long term basis from the notified MBBS National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test.

It is also mentioned that the Aligarh Muslim University, established by an Act of Parliament in 1920 which has been amended several times till date, empowers the University to promote especially the educational and cultural advancement of Muslims of India.

The Academic Council of the University urged the Medical Council of India to exempt the University from proposed National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test as the Supreme Court is also seized with issue of AMU minority status case in the civil appeal of 2006.

The University's resolution also mentioned that the Supreme Court has granted status quo and the introduction of the above-mentioned entrance test for J. N. medical College will violate the status quo order passed by the Hon?ble Supreme Court on April 24, 2006. The Academic Council has urged the University to take up all necessary measures to preserve autonomy and minority character of AMU. It has constituted a high power committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. M. H. Beg, Dean, Faculty of Medicine to meet government authorities and MCI officials and seek support for exemption to the J. N. Medical College.

### **ALIGARH :December 09**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today dedicated the facility of 3G and Wi Max to students, staff and retired employees of the University.

Prof. Azis advised the Chairmen of the Departments of Studies and Principals of Colleges to utilize the facility to create a spark in young minds for pursuing high quality research.

Prof. Azis said that this project is translated into reality and ICT revolution has taken place in AMU and now the entire campus is able to access the internet connection with high speed.

He said that when he joined the University as Vice Chancellor in 2007, internet connectivity on the campus was so poor and restricted to Engineering College and few other departments.

AMU Vice Chancellor thanked the Union Minister of Communication, Mr. Sachin Pilot for providing campus-wide ICT facility to the University free of cost and at a concessional rate to students and staff.

He also expressed gratitude to Mr. Kauser Khan, General Manager of BSNL for his invaluable services to the AMU community.

Vice Chancellor also presented a memento to Mr. Kauser Khan, an alumnus of this great seat of learning.

Earlier, Prof. Qazi Mazhar Ali, Director, Computer Centre welcomed the guests and hoped that the 3G/WiMax facility will help the students and staff in carrying quality research. He thanked the Vice Chancellor that his dream became a reality and he created a history in the ICT revolution in the University.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel proposed a vote of thanks and acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Kauser Khan and Prof. Qazi Mazhar Ali. **Related Picture**

[1. BSNL 3G-WiMax facility dedicated to Students and Staff of AMU](#)

[2. BSNL 3G-WiMax facility dedicated to Students and Staff of AMU](#)

### **ALIGARH :December 09**

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University today laid the foundation of Astroturf near Aftab Hall in the University campus.

Laying the foundation stone, Prof. Azis said that this is a milestone in the history of the University that the University Games Committee got Rs. 4 Crore for Astroturf to regain the lost glory of Hockey Club of the University.

He said that the students of this University are showing better performance in the field of education and sports and the Games Committee has also achieved great success. He said that if the Aligarh Muslim University is not vibrant, Muslims of India would not be vibrant.

Earlier, welcoming the guests, Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary of the University Games Committee said the Sports Authority of India sanctioned Rs. 4 crore for synthetic Hockey Turf and this is the biggest infrastructure development for the last thirty years. He also appreciated the efforts of Mr. Zafar Iqbal and Govinda for their cooperation.

Prof. Jaowad Ali, President of the Hockey Club said that after GNDU, Aligarh Muslim University is the second University in the country to have a facility of Astroturf.

Prof. Razaullah Khan, Chairman of the Building Infrastructure Committee, highlighted the achievements of the Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis and said that AMU got this opportunity in the period of Prof. Azis as Vice Chancellor. He said the University has witnessed the all round development during the last four years.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel hoped that not only AMU but the whole India will regain the glory of hockey with the completion of this Astroturf.

Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, OSD (Development) also addressed the foundation stone laying ceremony. **Related Picture** [1. Foundation](#)

[stone of Hockey Astro turf laid by AMU VC](#)

**ALIGARH :December 09**

Ms. Teesta Setalvad, an eminent human rights activist, delivered a lecture on "Human Rights Education" at a special session of ongoing Refresher Course on Human Rights for University/College teachers at the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University. Setalvad focused on children's rights and said that human rights discourse and policies in India are adult-centric. She emphasized that children cannot be ignored by any society while formulating policies and programmes. The shrinking space for children is a matter of great concern for us.

She also highlighted the plight of minorities in India and observed that they are the victims of targeted violence in the country. There must be effective institutional and legal measures for safeguarding the interests of minority communities in a multicultural democracy, she observed.

Expressing concern on the opposition of the proposed Communal Violence Draft Bill 2011, Setalvad said that it creates an effective institutional and legal measure against communal and targeted violence towards linguistic, religious and other minorities. She stressed the need of the early ratification of the Bill by the Parliament. Teesta Setalvad has been associated with the drafting of the said Bill.

Besides eighty-one participants of the Course hailing from all parts of the country, Professor A. R. Vijapur and Professor Asmer Beg, Coordinators of the Refresher Course, Dr. Reshma Jamal and Dr. M. Mohibul Haque were present during the lecture.

**ALIGARH :December 09**

The Aligarh Muslim University has taken up challenge of malnutrition among children in a big way. The Department of Pediatrics, J.N. Medical College has established Malnutrition Treatment Unit with cooperation of UNICEF, which has six bed ward and ultra modern kitchen attached to it.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis while inaugurating Malnutrition Treatment Unit, pointed out that malnutrition is an internationally acknowledged problem and largely children of developing nations are becoming its victim. He said that 25 percent children die every year due to malnutrition. He hoped that the unit will help in containing malnutrition among children of nearby districts.

Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel said that the J. N. Medical College is very serious to take up malnutrition. He appreciated the efforts of the Chairman of the Department, Prof. S. Manazir Ali to this effect. Prof. Jaleel also inaugurated the seminar room of Paediatrics Ward.

Prof. M. H. Beg, Dean, Faculty of Medicine said that department of Paediatrics is one of the leading Paediatrics department of north India with dedicated staff and good infrastructure he said it has been playing a leading role in the

ongoing collaborative project between AMU and UNICEF. Prof. Beg hoped that the establishment of Malnutrition Treatment Unit will help eradicate the problem of malnutrition.

Prof. S. Manazir Ali, Chairman, Department of Paediatrics said that malnutrition is more common in India than in Sub-Saharan African countries. One in every three malnourished children in the world lives in India. Prof. Manazir said that 22 lacs children die under age of 5 years every year in India and 5% children below five years are severely malnourished in Uttar Pradesh. Prof. Ali said malnutrition has real and far-reaching implications as it lessens children's ability to fight common childhood disease, impairs their learning ability and adversely affect their physical work capacity. Prof. Manazir said that the department emphasizing on prevention, promotion through health education and treatment at the community level. He said the Department already has a resource centre for UNICEF sponsored project.

Prof. Tabassum Shahab, Department of Paediatrics proposed vote of thanks while Dr. Shariq Aqeel, Incharge, University Health Service conducted the program. Dr. Adeel Khudr, Chief UNICEF, Dr. Alok Ranjan, Nutrition Specialist UNICEF, Dr. Gaurav Arya, Health Specialist UNICEF, Dr. Prabhat Kumar, Zonal Officer UNICEF, Dr. Bal Kishan, CMS, Malkhan Singh Hospital, Aligarh, Dr. T. P. Singh, CMO, Malkhan Singh Hospital and other senior faculty members, residents were also present on this occasion. **Related Picture**

[1. Inauguration of Malnutrition Treatment Unit at Dept. of Paediatrics](#)

### **ALIGARH :December 08**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today inaugurated the building of the Urdu Academy constructed with a grant of Rs. 325 Lakhs by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Addressing the programme, Prof. Azis said that it was a happy moment that the project was completed by the CPWD within the given timeframe. He said that Urdu is one of the most neglected languages of this region while Kerala Government has established several schools for learning Urdu language.

The Vice Chancellor said that the UGC has given to the Urdu Department the status of Advanced Study Centre and for the first time in the history of Urdu Department nineteen students have qualified JRF and eleven passed the NET. This is a shining example.

Prof. Qazi Afzal Husain, Director of the Urdu Academy said that the MHRD approved the proposal of establishing a Centre for Professional Training of Urdu Teachers and granted 325 Lakhs for a building of the Centre during the Vice Chancellorship of Mr. Naseem Ahmad.

He said that the Centre has organized a number of Refresher Courses and Workshops for Urdu teachers and the Urdu Academy is planning to prepare animated model lesson plans for Urdu teachers.

Prof. A. R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College said that Aligarh and Urdu are synonymous. All important academics like

Persian, Urdu, Sir Syed Academy and Quran Academy were established on the same road.

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi said that quality education depends on quality of teachers. She said that the Diploma in Teaching was recognized by the UP government after Supreme Court orders. **Related Picture** [1. Inauguration of Urdu Academy Building](#)

### **ALIGARH :December 07**

Senior member of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, Uzma Naheed said that people are embracing Islam after studying it and a large number of women also have embraced Islam around the world. She called upon Muslims to translate Islamic teachings into their life so that other people take inspiration from them. She was speaking as Chief Guest at the National Symposium organized on "Status of Women in Contemporary Society" by the Club for Short Evening Courses, General Education Centre, Aligarh Muslim University.

Ms. Naheed called upon Muslims to undertake social work also to provide services to the society. She urged the people to learn lessons from the life of Prophet Muhammad's (Peace be upon him) wife as she exhibited the business talents of women. She said that young female students should come forward to eliminate backwardness and ignorance among the women.

Coordinator of General Education Centre, Dr. Shakeel Samdani said that whatever condition of women is today is the result of general apathy of the society towards them. He said that the people have confined themselves to their families and have forgotten sacrifice and services made by women. Dr. Samdani said that the rights bestowed upon women were given in Europe only in the twentieth century. He said that if the message of Islam could have been understood with true spirit, the condition of women would have been much better. He said that nobody could deny the contribution of Islam in the uplift of women's condition.

Eminent media personality, Ms. Irmeen Farhat Ali Khan said that women need support and not property. She appreciated the growing presence of women in media.

Dr. Mohibul Haque, Department of Political Science pointed out that a prejudiced and wrong interpretation of women's role in religious books is one of the main reasons behind the poor condition of women in the society. He said that 32 percent reservation only would not be enough to empower them. Dr. Fatma Shujatullah said that women can empower themselves only by acquiring education and knowledge.

Presiding over the Symposium, Prof. Saud Alam Qasmi said that communal riots have badly hit the women. He said that generally the activities of Muslims are directly connected with Islam which is not fair. He urged the students to develop a missionary zeal in themselves like that of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

Secretary of Club for Short Evening Courses, Mansoor Ilahi conducted the programme and Hina Kausar welcomed the guests.

Mohammad Sulaiman proposed the vote of thanks. **[RElated Picture 1.Seminar on Status of Women in Contemporary Society](#)**

**ALIGARH :December 07**

The Department of Lands and Gardens, Aligarh Muslim University is organizing the Chrysanthemum, Coleus and Rose Show-2011 from December 10-11, 2011 at Gulistan-e-Syed.

Mr. K. A. K. Chauhan, Convener of the Show said that Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis will inaugurate the show on the December 10, 2011 at 11.00 am and Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar will distribute prizes on December 11 at 3.30 pm. The show will remain open up to 5.30 pm on December 11 at Gulistan-e-Syed.

The participation in the show is open for all local institutions, schools and colleges, clubs, societies and individuals. The desirous may send their entries/potted exhibits to the convener at Gulistan-e-Syed on 9th December from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and for cut-flowers from 7:00 am to 8:30 am on 10th December. Bonsai, Bougainvilleas, Succulents and Cacti shall be additional entries this year 2011.

Mr. Chauhan said the Brochure containing terms and conditions can be had from the office of the Department of Lands and Gardens during office hours from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. Entry for students, participants and invitees will be through Identity Cards and invitation cards. However, general entry will be through the ticket of Re. 1/- only, he added.

**ALIGARH :December 07**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has appointed Prof. (Mrs.) Maher Aziz, Department of Pathology, JN Medical College as Chairperson of the Complaint Committee (Women's Cell) to combat cases of sexual harassment and violence against women at their work place vice Prof. (Dr.) Zulfia Khan.

**ALIGARH :December 04**

As per the Lyngdoh Committee recommendations, the Aligarh Muslim University has constituted the mandatory Grievance Redressal Committee. Now all election related complaints should be addressed to the Chairman of the Grievance Redressal Committee and as per the election norms Vice Chancellor and Registrar has nothing to do in this regard.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis constituted the four-member Grievance Redressal Committee for the purpose of resolving students' complaints pertaining to the ongoing AMU Students' Union election. The Committee will work under the rules and regulations framed for the AMU Students' Union elections and as notified earlier.

Prof. Ainul Haq Khan, Dean, Students' Welfare has been appointed its Chairman. In the category of senior faculty

member, Prof. M. Mursaleen, Department of Mathematics is appointed as its member and under the category of one senior administrative staff, Dr. S. Karamat Ali, Deputy Registrar, one senior male student, Mansoor Ilahi and one senior girl student, Saba Alam were appointed as other members as per the rules laid down by the Lyngdoh Committee.

The decision was taken in the special meeting of the Grievance Redressal Committee held yesterday evening under the Chairmanship of Dean, Students' Welfare, Prof. Ainul Haq Khan.

Prof. Khan said that Mr. Abdul Quadir Jilani, a student of MA (History) and Mr. Kaikubad Ali, Student of BA (Final) of Aligarh Muslim University have been allowed to contest the AMU Students' Union election for the post of Vice President and Cabinet member respectively. He said that the Grievance Redressal Committee deliberated on the request of the above candidates in the light of evidences of submission of all documents pertaining to their candidature and viewed it a "procedural lapse and agreed that the benefit of doubt goes in favour of the students".

Prof. Azis also appointed Prof. Mahmood S. Khan as Chief Election Officer in place of Prof. Saleem Akhtar. He has also appointed Dr. Kunwar Sajid Ali Khan, Department of Psychology as Election Officer to assist in the conduct of AMUSU elections.

In the meantime, the Chief Election Officer said that serial numbers have been allotted to the candidates contesting the election for various posts in a transparent manner and through lottery system as per the scheduled time. He said that for the post of President of the Students' Union six candidates are in fray while there are five candidates for the post of Vice President, six for Honorary Secretary and eighteen for ten cabinet members.

For the three membership of AMU Court, there are eight candidates from the Faculty of Social Science, five from Faculty of Engineering and Technology and two from Faculty of Life Sciences in the fray.

Chief Election Officer, Prof. Mahmood S. Khan said that the students whose name is in the voter list should have their current session (2011-2012) Identity Card for identity verification at the time of casting of their votes and should produce it before the concerned authority.

**ALIGARH :December 04**

Launching a Subject Gateway Library at the Department of Information and Library Science and inaugurating a two-day workshop on Web Content Management at Maulana Azad Library, Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that the Aligarh Muslim University has set another milestone in the field of information and communication technology development with the launch of the Subject Gateway and the 3G/Wimax service. Prof. Azis appreciated the efforts of the Department of Library and

**Information Science and Maulana Azad Library in providing accurate and latest information to the users. He said that the present era is information based and we are living in a world where only those individuals or nations will achieve success who have knowledge power.**

**Prof. Azis said that the University has made available online journals and books along with the Wi-Max communication technology for easy and faster internet connectivity. He urged the teachers and students to achieve excellence in their fields by utilizing modern communication system. He said that web content management is an important field and Subject Gateway will enable researchers and teachers to acquire latest knowledge and data within shortest possible time.**

**Chief Guest, Prof. P.B. Mangla of Delhi University said that acquiring knowledge only is not sufficient. More important is that the knowledge is disseminated, and for that Subject Gateway is essential. He called upon research scholars to utilize the new facility fully and with precision.**

**Guest of Honour, Joint Secretary in Parliament, Dr. R.K. Chadha pointed out that earlier knowledge was transmitted, but now knowledge has acquired specific space to be used in different ways even for the purpose of socializing. He said that our youth should have opportunities to express their views. Director of the Workshop and Librarian Incharge, Prof. Shabhat Hussain elaborated on the achievements of the library. Earlier, Chairman of the department of Library & Information Science, Dr. Naushad Ali PM presented report of the department. A large number of students and teachers attended the program. Related [Picture 1. AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis addressing the Workshop at Department of Library and Information Science](#)**

**ALIGARH :December 04**

**Celebrating the World AIDS Day, the Integrated Counseling and Testing Centre, Department of Microbiology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a camp to create general awareness in the vulnerable population e.g. the truck drivers, rickshaw pullers about the AIDS to protect them from the dreaded disease. The camp was jointly inaugurated by Mr. S.K. Singh, S.P. City, Aligarh, Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, J. N. Medical College and Prof. M.H. Beg, Dean, Faculty of Medicine.**

**Centre Incharge, Prof. Abida Malik said that every year, 1st December is commemorated as World AIDS Day. It is a day to reflect on lives lost, and lives forever changed as a result of AIDS. It is also an opportunity to pay tribute to more than 34 million people living with AIDS worldwide. Prof. Abida Malik said that the theme for World AIDS Day 2011 was "Getting to Zero: Zero New HIV Infections, Zero Discrimination and Zero AIDS-related Death". This aptly resonates the hope, determination and the will to contain and conclude this disease,**

she added.

A team of doctors, counselors and the technical staff informed the general public about the HIV/AIDS and how to prevent it. A general awareness exercise was also made through posters, pamphlets and by showing documentary films regarding HIV/AIDS. About 316 persons were counseled and 121 blood samples were collected for free of cost HIV testing. Medicines were also distributed to 151 people for their general ailments. The Department of Community Medicine and the NGO "Manavupkar" also helped in the health camp. [Related Picture 1. SP City inaugurating the Aids Camp alongwith Prof. Abida Malik and Prof. M. Ashraf Malik](#)

**ALIGARH :December 04**

Three Subject Refresher Courses in Human Rights, English and Library and Information Science organized by UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University concluded today. A total of 140 participants took the courses. Professor A. R. Vijapur and Professor Asmer Beg, Department of Political Science were the Course Coordinators of SRC in Human Rights; Dr. Naushad PM and Dr. Sudharma Haridasan, Department of Library and Information Science of the SRC in Library and Information Science and Dr. Rahatullah Khan, Department of English of the SRC in English.

Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College congratulated the participants on having gained the latest subject knowledge and skills. In his speech as Chief Guest, Professor Abul Kalam Qasmi, former Dean, Faculty of Arts and Chairman Department of Urdu underscored the need and significance of these courses for galvanizing the education system.

Dr. R. K. Chadha, Joint Secretary, Govt. of India graced the programme as the Guest of Honour. Ms. Malaya Gogai, Assam; Dr. C. P. Sharma, Bhopal; Dr. Arshad, Agra; Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Moradabad and Dr. Mohd Ismail, Andaman spoke on this occasion and placed on record their appreciation for the highly successful courses organized by UGC Academic Staff College. [Related Picture 1. Concluding Session of Subject Refresher Courses at UGC Academic Staff College](#)

**ALIGARH :December 04**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today inaugurated the University Sophisticated Instrumentation Facility (USIF) evolving a state-of-the-art centrally placed analytical instrumentation unit. The instrumentation facility will enable researchers analyze their samples with the help of sophisticated instruments having inter and multidisciplinary utility.

Addressing the inauguration programme, Vice Chancellor said that researchers who earlier faced a lot of problem in

keeping their samples intact before sending them outside for their analysis, will be now happy to have the facility in the University. He said that the sophisticated analytical instruments will help researchers in pursuing research and development activities and keep pace with development taking place globally.

The Coordinator of the University Sophisticated Instrumentation Facility, Prof. Mohammad Mobin said that with the establishment of USIF the University is poised to take a quantum jump in terms of quality research output. The facilities at the USIF shall be utilized by the researchers from Faculty of Science, Life Science, Engineering and Technology, Agricultural Sciences and Medicine.

He said that with the initial funding from Department of Science and Technology (DST) under PURSE program, the university has acquired state-of-the-art ultra high resolution Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) and Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) with EDS facilities from IeAL at the cost of approximately Rs. 3 Crores. The equipments have been placed in a fully furnished modern building. The building contains enough space for housing equipments to be acquired in future.

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis also inaugurated the expansion of Computer Science Department wherein he said that the new building will provide sufficient space to teachers and students and help them concentrate more on studies. Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that there is need to update and modernize curriculum to make it job oriented. He urged the teachers to prepare projects keeping an eye on XII Five Year Plan. AMU Registrar Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel pointed out that the building has been completed in record time. He urged the research scholars to take up research on new subjects.

Inaugurating the new block of Ophthalmology Department, AMU Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that it is my dream that the JN Medical College get the status of AIIMS and the patients may get sufficient facilities here. He called upon the doctors to devote themselves to the service of patients and needy. [Related Picture 1. AMU Vice Chancellor inaugurating the University Sophisticated Instrumentation Facility](#)

**ALIGARH :December 02**

The election result for representation of teachers at the University Court of the Aligarh Muslim University has been declared.

Prof. Mohd. Abu Sufiyan Zilli, Chief Election Officer said that Prof. Mukhtar Ahmad, Department of Electrical Engineering and Prof. Israrul Haque, Department of Business Administration were elected from the Professor category by securing 161 and 165 votes respectively while in the Reader category, Dr. Jamshed Siddiqui, Department of Computer Science, Dr. Salman Hameed, Department of Electrical Engineering and Dr. Mobin Beg, Department of Civil Engineering garnered 258, 179 and 126 votes respectively registering victory over their opponents.

In the Lecturer category, Dr. Nabiullah, Department of Applied Mathematics, Dr. Badrudduja Khan, Department of Moalijat, Dr. Rashid Umar, Department of Geology, Dr. Anees Ahmad, department of Community Medicine and Dr. Ashraf Matin, Department of Petroleum Studies won the election by garnering 183, 165, 162, 130 and 113 votes respectively.

Prof. Zilli further said that 24 teachers were in the fray for ten vacancies at the AMU Court from teachers category.

**ALIGARH :December 02**

For the first time in the history of Aligarh Muslim University, thirty students of the Urdu Department succeeded in qualifying the NET and JRF examination of University Grants Commission.

Officiating Chairman of Urdu Department, Dr. Syed Mohammad Hashim said that it was a matter of joy that nineteen students were selected for JRF while eleven students passed NET.

He said that Saba Khatoon, Mahjabeen Bano, Tarannum Bano, Mohd. Salman, Anjum Parveen, Akram Waris, Aqeel Ahmad, Abdul Rehman, Qurrat-ul-Ain, Huma Parveen, Shagufta Yameen and Zamirullah cleared JRF while Ehsanullah, Arshia Hasan, Tahniat Fatia and Shahabullah succeeded in NET. Dr. Hashim said that success of such a large number of students has brought laurels not only to the Urdu Department but University as well.

Former Chairman of Urdu Department and Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. Qazi Afzal Husain has congratulated the students and wished them a very bright future.

**ALIGARH :December 02**

Prof. Wasim Ahmad of the Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded with the prestigious Vigyan Ratan award of the Council of Science & Technology, Government of Uttar Pradesh. Prof. Ahmad received the award from the Minister of Science and Technology, Mr. Abdul Mannan at a glaring function organized by the Council of Science and Technology at Sir C.V. Raman Auditorium, Lucknow. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-, a memento and a citation.

Prof. Ahmad received this award for his outstanding contribution in the field of Biodiversity, taxonomy, ecology and phylogenomics of soil inhabiting nematodes. Dr. Ahmad is an internationally acclaimed nematode taxonomist and has published several books and a large number of research papers in international journals of repute. He has also distinction of working on soil nematode fauna of over twenty different countries of the world.

Dr. Ahmad has earlier received several national and International awards and fellowships in addition to the prestigious E. K. Janaki Ammal National Award on Animal

**Taxonomy from the Government of India, which he received this year. Related Picture < target=\_blank href=images/news/event0212201101.jpg>1. Prof. Waseem Ahmad receiving the Vigyan Ratna Award at Lucknow**

**ALIGARH :December 01**

**The Aligarh Muslim University has postponed all its examinations scheduled from December 1 to 10, 2011. The decision was taken in a meeting of Deans of Faculties and Principals of Colleges presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.**

**AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel said that the University has taken this decision in view of the AMU Students' Union election process. He said that all the examinations scheduled for the said period in all the faculties have been postponed and will be rescheduled from December 14, 2011 onwards.**

**ALIGARH :December 01**

**The Aligarh Muslim University has achieved a commendable success in developing Information and Communication Technology (ICT) resources in the campus at par with other prestigious institutions in the country.**

**Prof. Qazi Mazhar Ali, Director, Computer Centre, Aligarh Muslim University said that the BSNL 3G/Wimax connectivity to the AMU community specially chartered by the Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India has been made available after the completion of all erection and installation work. He said the connections will be available to the students, research scholars, faculty members and employees of the University including students of Women's College and other University schools on a concessional rates.**

**Prof. Qazi Mazhar Ali said that 3G/Wimax connectivity will be provided through the BSNL installed towers and related equipment at nine locations of the campus. BSNL has established two exchanges, one at main BSNL Telephone Exchange and another in Medical Colony having the similar set of equipment. He said that the 3G Mobile connection for telephony and internet will be available without any activation charge at a cost of Rs. 102 per month (pre-paid) with 30 days validity, Rs. 50 talk time, 1 GB free data download, free telephone calls with the members of the Group and 10 paise per minute charge with members of the other groups of AMU, 100 local and 100 national free SMS.**

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**[1. Towers at various locations in the campus](#)**

**ALIGARH :November 30**

Institutionalized prejudices and negative attitude of the security forces against Muslims is an issue of great concern", said the eminent social worker and human right activist, Teesta Setalvad. She said that all justice loving people and secular elements of the society should stand up and break silence to oppose the fascist forces.

Teesta Setalwad was delivering a lecture on "Violence and Minorities" organized by the Club for Short Evening Courses, General Education Centre, Aligarh Muslim University here on today. Setalvad said that from Gujarat to Karnataka, Gopalganj and Bharatpur, all the incidents of riot proved that the police stance remains against Muslims. She observed that in all these riots, Muslims were first provoked then firing was resorted upon them and their properties were looted and put on fire. She said that proofs of such incidents were hurriedly wiped out so that they might not be used to get an FIR lodged or presented in courts. She said that the negative attitude of the administration has put a big question mark over its impartiality and emits a dangerous signal for the times to come.

Recalling fake encounter of Ishrat Jahan, Setalvad said that such encounters are taking place in UP and Bihar also and those who raise their voices in favour of Muslims are implicated in false criminal cases. Quoting Sachar Committee recommendations, she said that a large number of Muslims are kept in jails in Maharashtra and Gujarat. She emphasized that the planned and organized violence is the biggest challenge before Indian society. She said that we have to stop violence against Muslims in a concerted way.

Presiding over the Symposium, GEC Coordinator, Dr. Shakeel Samdani said that Setalvad has devoted herself to save the constitutional values. He pointed out that she left all luxuries of life to preserve secularism and fought for the deprived section and minorities. Dr. Samdani stressed that if India has to be strong and emerge as a world force, then justice will have to be delivered to all sections of the society and a violence-free society has to be developed.

**Dr. Mohibul Haq of Department of Political Science said that Teesta Setalvad is fighting against all odds and not only deprived segments of Indian citizen, but the all secular minded people are with her. On the issue of Muslim reservation, Dr. Haq said that Muslims should be given reservation under article 341 and 8 percent separate quote should be earmarked under 27 percent OBC reservation. Delivering welcome address, Mansoor Ilahi said that Teesta is the symbol of secularism. Hina Kauser conducted the programme.**

**An interactive session was also organized on the occasion and Setalvad replied to the queries of the students. Related Picture**

**[1. Ms. Teesta Seetald at a Lecture in the Cultural Hall of Maulana Azad Library](#)**

**[2. L to R - Ms. Hina Kausar, Secretary, Club for Short Evening Courses, Dr. Shakeel Samdani, Ms. Teesta Seetald and Dr. Mohibul Haque at a Lecture in the Cultural Hall of Maulana Azad Library](#)**

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Ms. Ibra Khalid of Girls High School, Aligarh Muslim University won the first prize in the Inter School Ghazal Competition organized by Ahmadi School for Visually Challenged, Aligarh Muslim University. Mohd. Shahnawaz Ahmad Ansari of Ahmadi School for Visually Challenged and Ahmad Raza of STS High School won the second prize, jointly while Hira Najam of ABK Union High School won the third prize.

Welcoming the guest, Mrs. Amna Malik, Principal, Ahmadi School for Visually Challenged said that a special prize was awarded to Mohd. Saad of AMU City High School. She said that the students from seven leading schools of Aligarh participated in the competition. Mr. Mohd. Aslam, Programme Director, GEC presided over the function. Mrs. Majida Bano, Women's College and Mr. Gurdas Singh from Amritsar (Punjab) judged the event.

A Ghazal evening was also organized and renowned Ghazal singers like Ila Khalid and Ibra Khalid enthralled the audience with their mesmerizing renderings. The rising stars have already performed at the reality shows like Little Champs, Sa Re Ga Ma Pa, Zee TV, Mahua TV and Naat programmes at ETV Urdu. The judge Gurdas Singh of Amritsar also performed and impressed the audience.

**ALIGARH :November 29**

The Sarojini Naidu Hall, Aligarh Muslim University organized the "Vigilance Awareness week" to mark the "Participative Vigilance" (against Corruption) under the advisory jurisdiction of the Central Vigilance Commission, New Delhi.

Several programmes were organized to mark the occasion. Ms. Sarita Sharma (Nursing), Ms. Farah Javed (BDS), Ms. Hafsa Riyaz (BDS), Ms. Farah Zaidi (MBBS), Ms. Fauzia Khalili (BDS), Ms. Sadaf Fatima (Ph.D.), Ms. Tahira Jamal (Ph.D.) and Ms. Mahvash Afzal (M.Tech.) participated in the Poster Presentation Competition on "Anti- Corruption Topics".

In keeping with the momentum against corruption, a "Street Speech Competition" was also organized wherein the participants expressed strongly the viewpoints of the youth and

suggested ways to eradicate corruption from its roots. The winners of this competition were Ms. Sadaf Fatima (Ph.D.), Ms. Zaini Ahmad (MBBS) and Ms. Shadma Shahin (MBBS).

A Lecture on the topic "Corruption in India: Can something be done about it?" was delivered by Dr. Naghma Faruqui from the Department of Political Science. Mr. Mohd. Atiq, Section Officer also delivered a highly inspirational and informative speech.

Prof. Ainul Haq Khan, DSW presided over the Valedictory function and Provost, S. N. Hall, Dr. (Mrs.) Subuhi Khan, jointly read out the pledge on behalf of the public servants of India to strive to bring about integrity and transparency in all spheres and work unstintingly for eradication of corruption.

Ms. Mahvash Afzal, Senior Food Monitor recited few verses from the Holy Quran. Ms. Areiba Arif, Secretary, Literary Society, proposed the vote of thanks and conducted the programme along with Ms. Farah Zaidi (Joint Secretary, Literary Society) and Ms. Yusra Asad (Joint Secretary, Cultural Society). Prof. Ainul Haq Khan (DSW), Dr. (Mrs.) Subuhi Khan (Provost), Dr. Naghma Faruqui and Wardens of the Hall Dr. Farhana Kausar, Dr. Mahboob Anwer Khan and Dr. Ghazala Yasmin judged the competitive events. Dr. Naila Rashid, Dr. Shikha Chauhan, Dr. Ghazala Parveen, Ms. Sultana Khatoon, Dr. Sadaf Afrin, Dr. Rahat Nazar were also present. Related Picture [1. Poster Competition at SN Hall](#)

**ALIGARH :November 28**

The N.C.C Day was celebrated in the Women's College Campus of the Aligarh Muslim University on 26th of Nov 2011. The Chief guest of the occasion was Dr. Shahla Ghauri from the Department of English AMU, The N.C.C Cadets took part in the celebrations with Enthusiasm the principal Women's college, Prof. Bilquis N. Waris congratulated the students on the occasion and wished them all success. The Programme started with a welcome address by Dr. Munira T. Company Commander of the NCC Unit of Women's College.

The NCC officer Mr. Ramesh spoke about the importance of NCC exams. Dr. Shahla Ghauri, The Chief Guest there gave a very motivational speech and encouraged the women Cadets to excel in all fields.

The programme ended with singing of the NCC song and the national anthem. Related Picture [1. AMU Students participating in the NCC Day celebration](#)

**ALIGARH :November 28**

Prof. Shan Mohammad, Director, Sir Syed Academy, Aligarh Muslim University has been bestowed up on the prestigious Sir Syed National Award for the year 2011 for his devotion, dedication, endless meritorious work on Sir Syed Ahmad Khan by the Maqbool Social Health and Educational

**Society, Aligarh at a Seminar on "Sir Syed Ahmad and Aligarh Tahreek".**

**Prof. Shan Mohammad has also been given another award by the Aligarh Movement and the Millat Bedari Muhim Committee (MBMC) in appreciation of his services rendered to nation, humanity and minorities in various fields. Prof. Shan Mohammad has authored and edited 34 books and written more than 5 books in national and international papers on Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, Aligarh Movement and Muslim politics in India from 1901-1947. Related Picture**

**[1. Prof. Shan Mohammad receiving the Sir Syed National Award 2011](#)**

**ALIGARH :November 28**

**With the recent induction of four Executive Council (EC) members from teacher constituency, the logjam of inadequate quorum of AMU Executive Council finally ended. The meeting of the Executive Council of the Aligarh Muslim University held today at Delhi under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis in a refreshing atmosphere of trust and cooperation.**

**The Vice Chancellor placed the bio-data of the eighteen prospective candidates, which the University has received for inclusion in the panel of five names to be prepared by the EC for selecting the next AMU Vice Chancellor and urged the members to suggest any other name that need to be included in the coveted panel.**

**The EC Members present in the meeting agreed to study the names and assured that they will participate in the adjourned meeting to be held on December 13th. Apart from the Vice Chancellor, the meeting was attended by Mr. M.I. Shanavas, Prof. A.M. Pathan, Professor Emeritus Mansoor Hasan, Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi, Prof. Sibghatullah Farooqui, Prof. Qazi Afzal Husain, Prof. Javaid Akhtar, Prof. (Mrs.) Farzana Alim, Prof. Mohd. Ashraf Malik, Prof. Bilaquis Nasim Waris, Dr. Mohd. Shahid, Dr. Mohd. Asif Khan, Dr. Adeeb Alam Khan, Dr. Obaid Ahmad Siddiqui, Prof. Mujahid Beg, Prof. Najam Khaliq and Dr. P. Mohamed. However, the only absentee, Prof. Javeed Alam could not attend the meeting due to his pre-scheduled programme.**

**ALIGARH :November 28**

**The Institute of Ophthalmology, Aligarh Muslim University organized a meeting of its alumni at Saifi Hall of Gandhi Eye Hospital. More than one hundred delegates participated in the get together including Prof. G. P. Gupta, Prof. R. Gogi, Prof. F. A. Jilani, Dr. H. L. Gupta, Prof. Sandeep Kumar, Delhi, Dr. Bipasha Mukherji, Chennai, Dr. Mohd. Swadique, Kerala, Dr. Moiz Shams, Dr. P.P. Singh, Dr. Anand Mohan Agarwal, Dr. Deepti, Delhi, Dr. Anu Jain, Agra, Dr. S. Umair, Himachal**

**Pradesh, Dr. Mohd. Shah Zaki, Bulandshaher, Dr. Nishat Akhtar, Dr. S.K. Saini, Pathankot, Dr. V.N. Rai, Bulandshar, Dr. Rajat Gupta, Dr. Rashi Sharma and Dr. Mohd. Miyan Mirza.**

**Prof. R. R. Sukul, Director, Institute of Ophthalmology presenting an introduction of the Institute said that the foundation of the Institute was laid down by Dr. Zakir Husain, President of India and Dr. Mohan Lal in 1952. Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, Prime Minister of India inaugurated the Institute in 1955.**

**Earlier, Prof. Humayun Ashraf welcomed the guests and expressed happiness over the get together of the alumni of the institute who had come from different parts of the country to participate in the programme.**

**A lecture on Orbital lesions was delivered by Prof. R. Gogi, Former Director of the Institute who has a long term association with it as a faculty member, professor and director from 1968 to 2003. Dr. Bipasha Mukherji, Director Oculoplasty Division, Shankar Netralya, Chennai also delivered a lecture on Photography and Ophthalmology. She did her post graduation (MS Ophthalmology) from the Institute in 1999.**

**ON this occasion a rainbow of cultural programmes like skit, song and poems were presented by the residents. The participants shared their experiences and memories with the audience. Prof. Mohammad Ashraf proposed a vote of thank. Related Picture [1. Participants of Alumni Meet at the Institute of Ophthalmology](#)**

**ALIGARH :November 28**

**The Department of Pedodontics, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a Dental Health Education camp at Blossoms Public School, Aligarh under the sponsorship of Warren Pharmaceuticals and Medical Representative, Mr. Amit Khanna. About 500 students of 3-7 years of age were examined for various Dental ailments. Students were also educated on oral hygiene practices including the brushing techniques.**

**Dr. M. K. Jindal, Associate Professor, Department of Pedodontics and Programme Coordinator said that the aim of this program was to examine the students, spread awareness and educate the children on the dental health. He said that dental health is as essential as the total body health and it is necessary to be vigilant of dental health for the overall well being of the person.**

**Dr. Jindal said that after the examination and assessment of the students, it was observed that 22% of the students had dental diseases whereas 55% students had satisfactory oral hygiene and the remaining 23% students enjoyed good oral hygiene. It was revealed that the excessive consumption of chocolates, toffees and other sweets were the main factors for the development of dental caries in the children belonging to the high socio-economic status. Oral trauma was mainly due to the lack of safety during**

outdoor activities, whereas the poor oral hygiene was mainly due to the lack of knowledge of technique and frequency of brushing due to the lack of parent's attention, Dr. Jindal observed.

In this program, the students were educated through the audiovisual aids which included the Power Point presentations & teeth models.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of Prof. S. H. Hashmi, Principal. Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Dental College. The Program Incharge was Dr. Mohammad Abbas Khan and other members of the team included Dr. Monisha Gupta, Shazra Tasneem, Faiza Shamim, Mahira Kirmani, Lubna Afreen, Danish Suhail and Mohammad Shameem.

A "Coloring Competition" was also organized for the students on the occasion of children's week. The first Prize was won by Juveria (Prep-C) while second and third prizes went to Aliza Siddiqui (I-A) and Dawan Ali Khan (Prep- B) respectively. Iram (Sr. Nursery-E) was named for fourth prize and fifth prize went to Numa (Prep- B). Related Picture

[1. AMU Dental College organized free medical camp at Blossoms School, Aligarh](#)

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ALIGARH :November 27

The School of English, University of Leicester, UK has conferred the title and status of Honorary Visiting Fellow on Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Professor of English and Director, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, for five years from 01 January 2012. Professor Kidwai has published several books and articles on Literary Orientalism and the British Romantic poets. About a dozen Ph.D. students have obtained their degrees under his supervision. He has been the Commonwealth Fellow, UK. Recently his research article on the British Romantic Women Poets has been published in the volume brought out by Ashgate, London, edited by three British University Professors in honour of the leading literary critic, Professor Vincent Newey. Related Picture [1. Prof. A. R. Kidwai](#)

ALIGARH :November 26

Ahmadi School for Visually Challenged, Aligarh Muslim University organized a debate competition on the topic, 'Internet is more in misuse than use'. Eight schools including the host school participated in the competition.

Principal of the school, Mrs. Amina Malik presided over the function. Dr. Mamta Srivastava and Mr. Akhlaq Ahmad Siddiqui judged the participants.

First prize went to Sifat Tanveer of Class V, AMU Girls

High School won the first prize while second prize was jointly shared by Abhishek Srivastava of Class X, ABK Union High School for Boys and Atika of Class VIII, Iqra Public School. Third prize went to Ashish Kumar of Class IX of AMU City High School. Mrs. Amina Malik proposed the vote of thanks.

**ALIGARH :November 26**

Dr. Salma Ahmed, Associate Professor, Department of Business Administration, Aligarh Muslim University organized a Faculty Development Programme on 'Case Writing' at the Department of Management Studies, Integral University, Lucknow.

Dr. Salma Ahmed described the different types of cases, illustrated the process of writing cases, and discussed the different methods and models adopted for analyzing cases. She also elucidated the skills needed in teachers in managing the class. She said that a case represents a business situation. Whether real or hypothetical, it could be described as a series of events or it could be a problem that needed to be solved. She said that the case method of teaching is an integral component of teaching at management institutes. It is more effective and enjoyable than a lecture method as it involves the students, stimulates their creative spark and drives them to reason and think analytically. It also helps develop in the students the essential soft skills necessary to transform them into effective manager.

The Faculty Development Program was attended by thirty faculties from different management institutes from Lucknow. The participants found the FDP educative as well as enjoyable. They said that they now feel confident to handle cases in class.

**ALIGARH :November 26**

Prof. Rais Akhtar, Visiting Professor, Department of Geology participated in the DST Sponsored discussion on Impacts of Extreme Weather Events and Climate Change on Human Health organized at the Centre for Atmospheric Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

Prof. Akhtar also presented his paper on climate change and communicable diseases with focus on malaria. His findings, based on all India figures for Average Mean Temperature and Percentage of Plasmodium falciparum cases, suggest that increase in the Plasmodium falciparum cases in certain geographical regions in India-eastern coastal areas and the North-East is the result of increased average mean temperature. Prof. Akhtar has also highlighted the problem of altitudinal rise of malaria in mountainous regions as witnessed in studies conducted by scientists on African highland regions of Kenya and Zimbabwe.

Among others, Director General ICMR, Dr. V. M. Katoch, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences and Secretary, Department

of Science & Technology, Government of India participated in the concluding session of the discussion.

**ALIGARH :November 25**

"The ulcerative colitis disease in large intestine might lead to cancer if persisted for long. The early diagnosis and treatment can control the disease", said Dr. Alfonso Caprea, Head of Endoscopy and Gastroenterology, University Hospital, Pisa, Italy, while delivering the guest lecturer at the Department of Medicine, JN Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University.

Dr. Alfonso Caprea said that ulcerative colitis occurs in 35?100 people for every 100,000 in the United States. The disease is more prevalent in northern countries of the world, as well as in northern areas of individual countries or other regions. He further added that Ulcerative colitis is a chronic inflammation of the large intestine (colon). The colon is the part of the digestive system where waste material is stored. In patients with ulcerative colitis, ulcers and inflammation of the inner lining of the colon lead to symptoms of abdominal pain, diarrhea, and rectal bleeding.

Prof. M.U. Rabbani, Chairman of the Department of Medicine and a prominent cardiologist introduced and welcomed the guests. Dr. Hasan Haider, Department of Medicine also delivered a lecture.

Prof. M.H. Beg, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and CMS and J.N. Medical College, Prof. Abida Malik, Prof. M.R. Ajmal, Dr. Tamkeen Rabbani, other senior faculty members and residents were present on the occasion while Dr. Shoeb Zaheer conducted the program. [Related Picture 1. Dr. Alfonso Caprea and Prof. MU Rabbani at a lecture organised by the Department of Medicine](#)

**ALIGARH :November 25**

Dr. Mohd. Shahid, Applied Sciences and Humanities Section, University Polytechnic, Dr. Mohd. Asif Khan, Department of Commerce, Dr. Adeeb Alam Khan, Department of Ophthalmology and Dr. Obaid Ahmed Siddiqui, Department of Anaesthesiology have won the election for representation of teachers at the Executive Council of the Aligarh Muslim University.

Prof. Abu Sufiyan Zilli, Chief Election Officer said that Dr. Mohd. Shahid and Dr. Asif Khan were elected from the Professor/Reader category by securing 253 and 196 votes respectively while Dr. Adeeb Alam and Dr. Obaid Ahmed Siddiqui, both from J.N. Medical College, won the election by garnering 173 and 109 votes respectively from the Assistant Professor/Lecturer category.

Prof. Zilli further said that 19 teachers were in the fray for four vacancies at the Executive Council from teachers category and about 90 percent voting was recorded in the election.

**ALIGARH :November 25**

**The election for the Aligarh Muslim University Students' Union 2012 and the student representatives in the University Court will be held on December 10, 2011.**

**Prof. Saleem Akhtar, Chief Election Officer said that the process of the election will start from the November 26, 2011 with display of Voters' lists by the respective Deans. Filing of objections for corrections in Voters' lists on 28th November, Notification of the final Voters' lists by the respective Deans on 29th November, filing of nomination papers in the prescribed form at Aligarh Muslim University Students' Union (AMUSU) Office on 30th November, scrutiny of nomination papers on 1st December, withdrawal of nomination on 3rd December, display of the list of valid candidates at the AMUSU Office on 3rd December, allotment of serial numbers to the valid candidates and notification thereof at AMUSU Office on 5th December, circulation of the final list of candidates on 5th December, final speeches at Union Hall Terrace by the chair candidates on 8th December, polling at faculty level on 10th December and the counting of votes shall start from 6:30 pm onwards till the declaration of results on 10th December.**

**ALIGARH :November 24**

**Department of Community Medicine J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a Workshop on "Behavioral Change Communication for Improved Infant Feeding", sponsored by UNICEF, India.**

**Prof. M.H. Beg, Dean Faculty of Medicine emphasized to lay down a strong foundation of a healthy society and nation through good infant feeding practices.**

**Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, J. N. Medical College and Hospital appreciated the effort of the department for making communication change behavior in the community.**

**Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Organizing Chairman, welcomed the guests and participants. Professor Zulfia Khan, Coordinator of the Programme presented an overview of the workshop. She stressed the need to highlight the issues related to infant and young child feeding practices especially in urban slums. Prof Najam Khalique, Chairman Scientific Committee, discussed the objective of holding this workshop. Dr. Rahul Kulshreshtha, District Malaria Officer, discussed the importance of breastfeeding and complimentary feeding and its impact on health of the babies.**

**Dr. Ali Jafar Abedi, Organizing Secretary presented vote of thanks.**

**The two-day workshop will cover various aspects related to infant feeding practices. Participants from UNICEF (BMCs and CMCs), Anganwadi Workers, ASHA's staff of the AMU-UNICEF**

Health Clinic at Mahfooz Nagar and Jeevangarh and Medico-social Workers of the Department have been especially invited. All teaching and nonteaching staff, senior and junior residents, attended the programme. Related Picture

[1. L to R - Dr. Athat Ansari, Prof. MH beg, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Prof. Zulfia Khan and Dr. Jafar Abidi at a Workshop in the Department of Community Medicine](#)

ALIGARH :November 23

"Read more and more and hunt for libraries to read anything and everything as the written word has a sanctity", said Mrs. Rakhshanda Jalil, eminent writer, journalist and social worker while addressing the students at the programme organized by the Raleigh Literary Society, Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University in memory of the first chairman of the department of English, Sir Walter Raleigh.

Mrs. Jalil said that her link with Aligarh has never broken and she still identifies herself with the city. She stressed on the need to read and learn different languages and become multilingual as in her times, people in Aligarh were never confined to their disciplines only and it helped them achieve excellence and great success than remaining a specialist.

Mrs. Jalil urged the students to develop a love for dictionaries and thesaurus in order to increase vocabulary and word power and make effort to develop writing skill as the habit of good writing never goes waste. She said that one should not be in a hurry to publish his or her works. Rather they should practice by writing book reviews to improve creative skills.

Earlier, Dr. Samina Khan, Teacher In-charge of the Society, welcomed the Chief Guest. She introduced the audience with the Raleigh Literary Society and its importance in enhancing the creative power of students. She also shed light on increasing prospects of the Society.

President of the Society and Chairman of the Department of English, Prof. S. N. Zeba made an appreciation of great services rendered by Sir Walter Raleigh as the first chairman of the department. She also presented an introduction of the chief guest, Mrs. Rakhshanda Jalil.

Dr. Akbar Joseph introduced the new members of the Society. Vice President of the Society, Ms. Ekta Rahi presented a brief sketch of Sir Walter Raleigh. Ms. Ekta Rathi conducted the programme and Prof. Asif Shuja, Coordinator of the Society proposed the vote of thanks. Related Picture

[1. Ms. Rakhshandah Jaleel, addressing the Raleigh Society funtion at the Department of English](#)

ALIGARH :November 22

Former Vice Chancellor of the Allahabad University, Prof. R.G. Harshe pointed out that the region of middle east has strategic importance because it has oil and gas reservoirs and

has gave birth to three major religions of the world, Islam, Christianity and Judaism. He said that a question is raised that Islam is democratic or not? Prof. Harshi said that it is an absurd question because Islam was always democratic. He was addressing national seminar on "The Arab Spring and Peace in West Asia" organized by the Centre of West Asian Studies, Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. Harshi said that rising unemployment, modern communication system like internet and facebook and ever increasing education have contributed much in Arab uprising. He said that we have to see the effects of Arab uprising as heavy interest of America are involved.

Presiding over the seminar, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that after first and second world war, the western powers had divided the Arab world considering their own interests. Whatever is happening today, is the outcome of that fictitious re-mapping of Arab world. Prof. Azis said that this seminar should deliberate on the creation of Israel on the Arab world. He pointed out that first Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had established functional relations between India and Arab world. Prof. Azis said that India has strong historical relations with Arab nations and hoped that recent developments will be productive to Arab nations.

Dr. Gulshan Dietel of Jawaharlal Nehru University said that the recent uprising is negative or positive will be known after some time but it's a fact that America practices selective democracy. It supports or oppose democratic movements according to its own interests.

Earlier, Chairman of the Department Prof. Shamir Hasan welcomed the delegates and guests. Coordinator of the seminar Prof. Mohd. Gulrez elaborated on the topic. The seminar was conducted by Prof. Nazim Ali and the vote of thanks by Prof. Shamir Hasan. Related Picture

[1. R Prof. R.G. Harshe addressing the Seminar, Lto R - Prof. Gulshan Dietel, Prof. Azis, Prof. hasan and Prof. Gulrez](#)

ALIGARH :November 22

The Women's College of the Aligarh Muslim University celebrated its 'College Day' with traditional fervor and enthusiasm. Dr. Imrana Qadeer, an alumna of the College, well-known social worker and retired Professor of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Prof. Qadeer stressed on holistic personality development of the students through learning and proper training and focused on the need of quality education in India. She expressed happiness on visiting the College after more than 40 years. She admired and appreciated the drastic improvements in the College and hoped that the improvements will help young girls to compete with the challenges of the modern world.

Prof. Qadeer observed that there is a 100% advancement and freedom of thought in the college compared to her time. She

said AMU had all the facilities and opportunities and the students should utilize them to achieve greater success. She hoped that the weaker section of the community is able to get benefited from the existing facilities.

Earlier, Prof. Bilquis N. Waris, Principal, Women's College, while presenting a comprehensive college report and introducing the Chief Guest, highlighted the achievements of college fraternity in the past one year. She said that 2539 students are currently enrolled at the College, including 29 overseas students.

Prof. Waris underlined the improvements in the college during the last one year including the inauguration of separate staff rooms for English and Chemistry Sections and renovation of science laboratories, establishment of smart class rooms and improvements in library facilities. She felt proud while mentioning that several faculty members of the College were holding the offices of Deans of faculties and Chairmen of the departments at the University level. She also appreciated the achievements and accomplishments of the College teachers in research and academics. She said that several teachers have published their work in national and international journals and presented their research papers at various national and international conferences.

Prof. Waris in her speech requested the University administration to further improve the college library as per the recommendations made by Prof. Abha Lakshmi committee and provide the Wi-Max internet facility to the students of the College.

The English play "Monkey's Paw", directed by Dr. Kaneez Khwaja, Reader in English and the hilarious comedy in Urdu, "Anarkali 2011", directed by Dr. Anjum Ara, Reader in Zoology were prominent among the cascade of cultural programmes presented by the students on this occasion.

Dr. Roomana Siddiqui, Reader in Psychology conducted the programme. Dr. Shabana Hameed, Reader in Linguistics proposed the vote of thanks. Related Picture

[1. Girls presenting College anthem at the Annual College Day of AMU Women's College](#)

[2. Chief Guest Prof. IMrana Oadeer, Women's College Principal Prof. Bilquis Naseem Waris at the Annual College Day](#)

**ALIGARH :November 21**

The Centre of West Asian Studies, Aligarh Muslim University is organizing a two-day interdisciplinary national seminar on "The Arab Spring and Peace in West Asia" from November 22-23, 2011.

Prof. Mohammad Gulrez, Convener of the seminar said that the Arab world has witnessed a wave of rapid transformation that crossed the borders and set the region on an unpredictable path. What began as a local protest in the city of Sidi Bouzid in Tunisia after Mohammed Bouazizi set himself aflame in response to an insult directed at him by a local policewoman soon spread

throughout the country. This relatively minor event proved the spark of a popular revolution that put an end to the rule of one of the long-serving autocrats in the region within a matter of a few weeks. The euphoria that surrounded the humiliating flight of the Tunisian president bestowed a degree of confidence upon the Arab people across the region. Soon after, the Egyptians were able to topple Mubarak and his regime. Yemen, Libya, Bahrain and Syria followed the suit. Agitations of a revolutionary action skyrocketed in various countries and set the region on the threshold of a new era, marking a turning point in modern Arab history.

Prof. Gulrez said that the Conference provides the opportunity to ground the Arab uprising in contexts and expand the approaches of studying the region. This event will enable participants to collectively explore the repercussions of the events in West Asia and North Africa in the political and economic aspects, as well as on their implications for peace and stability in the region. The conference also seeks to explore the direct and indirect impact of those events on India in the various aspects.

He said that due to cultural and historical linkages between India and the Arab countries, as well the various shared political experiences, it becomes crucial to follow the developments and study their repercussions both inside and outside the region. The spread of the popular protests to countries upon which India relies for energy is very likely, given the internal realities of those countries both at the regimes and grassroots levels. Hence, the ongoing uprising touches directly on India's energy security, economy and even political sphere. Moreover, this popular uprising across the region has reasserted and enlivened West Asian Studies as a discipline in the Indian academy, and rendered it more relevantly than ever before. At the same time, it has also posed challenges to the field, rendering many of the common analytical tools obsolete and in need of comprehensive revision. These transformations are not reflected adequately either by the local scholarship or by the others. The conference seeks to collectively tackle the repercussions of the Arab uprising on the status of the field and the research and theoretical approaches governing it.

**ALIGARH :November 20**

Addressing the Ali Day Programme last evening organized by Ali Society, Aligarh Muslim University, Maulana Athar Abbas of Kolkata said that Prophet of Islam, Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) called Hazrat Ali as the 'Door to Education' and taking the lead from this, Sir Syed selected Aligarh for the centre of his educational movement. Maulana Abbas delivered a highly informative lecture on the life and teachings of Hazrat Ali, the fourth Caliphate of Islam in a highly spiritual manner. He said that it was the religious duty of all Muslims of India to arm themselves with education as this was the only way to facilitate

development of self and the country.

Mufti Maulana Arshad Farooqui, Deoband focusing on the relevance of teachings of Hazrat Ali observed that Islam did not make any distinction between the religious and worldly life. He said that Hazrat Ali was a great advocate of justice and rightfulness and always stood for the oppressed and exploited. Maulana Farooqui urged the people to remain on the path of righteousness and come forward to help the oppressed as it would help make the society an abode of peace and universal brotherhood. He narrated several incidents of bravery, wisdom, courage, faith, dedication and morality from the life of Hazrat Ali to inspire the present generations.

Presiding over the function, the officiating Vice Chancellor, Prof. Javed Akhtar said that Hazrat Ali worked for the establishment of a peaceful and just society and urged the students and teachers to adopt the teachings of Hazrat to contribute in making the society peaceful, tolerant and compassionate. He called on the people to establish and promote fraternal relations with all their non-Muslim brethren.

MLC Mr. Vivek Bansal said that the disciples of Hazrat Ali were not limited to Muslims only but they surpassed the religious and communal boundaries. He said that India needs to work on the teachings of Hazrat to make its social and political system humane and justice loving.

MLA, Mr. Zamirullah said that the life and teachings of Hazrat Ali was a great source of strength and inspiration for him and he always drew solace in his name.

On this occasion, poetic tributes were also presented to Hazrat Ali by several poets. The event was hosted by Askari Hasan Zaidi.

A special award was given to Associate Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Khusro Qasim for his exemplary services to Islam by publishing several scholarly books and research papers.

SDM Atrauli, Mr. Masoom Ali Sarwar and Hony. Treasurer, Mr. Lateef Kazmi gave away cash prizes and certificates to the winners of various literary and cultural events including essay writing, article writing and speech competitions organized by the Ali Society. Society Member, Ali Raza presented the annual report of Ali Society.

Prof Ali Mohammad Naqvi, President, Ali Society and Dean, Faculty of Theology concluded the programme by proposing the vote of thanks. Related Picture

[1. 19.11.2011 Ali Day Function](#)

[2. 19.11.2011 Ali Day Function](#)

**ALIGARH :November 20**

The Aligarh Muslim University has declared the election schedule for the election of 25 representatives of Ex-students to the University Court under Statute 14(1)(xx) of the Statutes of the University

**Prof. Najmul Islam, Chief Election Officer said that the polling for voters of Aligarh will be held on January 14, 2012, while ballot paper will be sent through speed post on December 22 to individual members whose addresses are of outside Aligarh in the voters list. The last date for the receipt of postal ballots is January 14, 2012.**

**Prof. Islam said that last date for submitting of supplementary voters list only for those members who have now become eligible in accordance to Statute 43 of the Statutes of the University and their names are not in the voter's list already notified, is November 28 while the last date for submitting of complete information about their members by various AMU Old Boys? Associations is also November 28. He said that objections can be filed up to December 3 and final voter's list will be notified on December 10. He said that the nomination process will be completed during December 15 -17, 2011 and nomination can be withdrawn on December 19 by 3 pm. Prof. Islam said that the counting of the votes will start from January 14, 2012 from 6 pm and the results will be declared as soon as the counting is completed.**

**Prof. Najmul Islam said that repeated attempts have been made to conduct the said election in order to comply the directives of the Hon'ble High Court, Allahabad. This will be the last and final re-scheduling of election dates, he added.**

**ALIGARH :November 19**

**Senior Music Instructor of Aligarh Muslim University, Mr. Johny Foster has been nominated as Judge for West Zone Youth Festival, a prestigious cultural festival organized by Association of Indian Universities and Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs, Government of India at Udaipur, Rajasthan in December 2011. Earlier also, he has served as Judge at various reputed national cultural festivals held at Chennai, Patna, Gwalior and Ranchi organized by Association of Indian Universities/Ministry of Culture/Sahara India etc.**

**ALIGARH :November 19**

**The Overseas Manpower Consultants, Hyderabad will carry interviews at the Aligarh Muslim University for various medical positions required at different locations in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).**

**Mr. Syed Qutbuddin, Managing Director of the Overseas Manpower Consultants has informed that a team of experts from KSA will be holding interviews for various medical positions at J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University on November 30, 2011 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Most of the vacancies falling under various categories including specialist doctors, consultant doctors, resident doctors, nurses, technicians and other categories are open for Muslims only. Interested candidates may contact on mobile numbers 09391042838 and 09246849677 for**

further information regarding the number of vacancies, qualifications and submission of applications.

**ALIGARH :November 19**

Professor S.M. Abbas Abidi and Dr. Md. Khalid Saifullah of Parasitology Section, Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University represented the University in a seminar on 'Control of Fasciolosis' (disease caused by tropical liver fluke) organized by the Department of Parasitology, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS), Chennai.

Aligarh Muslim University is collaborating with Queen's University, Belfast, Aberystwyth University, Wales, UK and India's TANUVAS, Chennai in a consortium project on "Developing a 'validation portfolio' to exploit key virulence proteins in Fasciola species for parasite control" supported by Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, U.K.

Prof. Abbas Abidi also delivered an invited lecture on 'Immunodetection of Fasciola sp. using nano-structured porous silicon which generated considerable interest among the participating scientists both from India and abroad. On this occasion a monograph on snails and pamphlets in Tamil and English on the liver Fluke disease, prepared by the TANUVAS team, was also released.

Prof. Abidi said that field visits to Erode and Ooty were organized to interact with livestock farmers and field veterinarians and to apprise them of researches made in this field. Effort was made to educate them about the preventive measures and prospects of successful vaccine development. He said that tropical liver fluke is infective to cattle and buffaloes, and the human infection may be encountered in the endemic areas. An effective vaccine is the need of the hour because of emerging resistance in liver fluke against the available anthelmintics, Prof. Abidi added. Related Picture

[1. Prof. Abidi and Dr. Saifullah at the Seminar with other delegates](#)

**ALIGARH :November 19**

"The beauty of Mathematics is solving the real life problems and many real life problems are written in the form of variational inequalities", said Prof. F. Giannessi, University of Pisa, Italy while delivering the inaugural address at the International Conference on Analysis and its Applications organized by the Department of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University here today. Prof. Giannessi said that the problem of variation calculus, astronomy, biological and medical sciences are taken care of with the help of modern optimization tools of mathematics. He also mentioned about eminent mathematician Euler's problem and urged the students to work on it.

Guest of Honour, Prof. B. Ricceri, University of Catania, Italy said that mathematics is a true school of life and should

merely be regarded as one of the highest expressions of the human spirit. He recalled the contribution of Prof. Andre Weil, French Mathematician who served the AMU's Department of Mathematics as its Chairman. He also appreciated the contribution of Indian Mathematicians like Ramanujam who gave the mathematics a new dimension.

Prof. Qamrul Hasan Ansari, Convener of the Conference said that Analysis is a very wide but important topic. It includes several area of mathematics. He said that about fifty foreign and 120 national and local delegates are participating in the conference.

Prof. Arunima Lal, Dean, Faculty of Science delivered the presidential address. Prof. Afzal Beg, Chairman of the Department presented the brief report of the department while Prof. H.H. Khan, Coordinator, presented the brief report of DRS project and welcomed the guests. Prof. M. Imdad, Co-convener proposed the vote of thanks.

On this occasion, a book authored by Prof. Qamrul Hasan Ansari, "Recent Development in Vector Optimization", was released by Prof. F. Giannessi. Related Picture

[1. Prof. F. Giannessi addressing the International Conference at the Department of Mathematics](#)

[2. Delegates of the International Conference at the Department of Mathematics](#)

ALIGARH :November 17

Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University left today for Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala for four days to invite the Chief Minister of Kerala and other Ministers to finalize the programme for the inauguration of AMU Malappuram Centre scheduled to be held on 17th December.

Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar said that Prof. Azis will also visit the AMU Malappuram Centre to review the progress of construction activities and to discuss about the arrangements for inaugural ceremony. Prof. Jaleel said that during the absence of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Javaid Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Research, the senior most Dean amongst the members of the Executive Council will discharge the routine duties of the Vice Chancellor. Prof. Azis will remain out of station from 17-20, November, Prof. Jaleel added.

ALIGARH :November 17

Professor A. R. Fatihi, Director, Centre for Comparative Study of Indian Languages and Cultures has been invited to attend the concluding session of the centennial celebration of Faiz Ahmad Faiz held at Karachi Pakistan from November 18-20, 2011. The event includes an exhibition of photographs of the poet, launching of a book based on letters of Faiz written from jail, launching of the first musical compilation from Tina Sani singing Faiz, organization of an international Mushaira, an

evening with Shabana Azmi and Javed Akhtar, Faiz Amn Mela, an evening with Tina Sani and a children's performance along with an international colloquium on Faiz by the foundation and the Lahore University of Management Sciences featuring a galaxy of local and international scholars.

Professor Fatihi is a part of the galaxy of eminent personalities like Naseeruddin Shah, Raj Babbar, Professor Musheerul Hassan and Naomi Lezard, the first American woman to translate Faiz's work, expected to attend the three-day Faiz Mela

Prof. Fatihi said that the current year has been termed as the Year of Faiz and the Centre for Comparative Study of Indian Languages and Cultures, Aligarh Muslim University organized an International Seminar on Faiz Ahmed Faiz in January 2011.

**ALIGARH :November 17**

The entry of medical representatives of different pharmaceutical companies in the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College Hospital, Aligarh Muslim University has been restricted with immediate effect.

Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, JNMC said that in view of the alleged ruckus created by the medical representatives of different drug companies in the hospital premises disturbing the functioning of Out Patient Department (OPD), their entry in the hospital has been restricted. Prof. Malik said that no medical representative should visit the OPD from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and the hospital security has been asked to be on alert to check their entry during the stipulated time. If found, their bag may be confiscated by the hospital authorities, which would be returned only after depositing a fine of Rs. 1000/- into the Revolving fund of the hospital.

Prof. Malik said that the Medical representatives may however visit a doctor after seeking a prior appointment with the consultants and doctors in their chamber.

**ALIGARH :November 16**

Prof. B.K. Das, Dean, Faculty of Mathematical Sciences and Head, Department of Mathematics, University of Delhi pointed out that mathematics has been used in every field of knowledge; this is why it is termed as the "mother of all technologies". Prof. Das was delivering inaugural address at the four-day training programme on "Non-Linear Analysis with Applications to Optimization and Game Theory" organized by the Department of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University.

Prof. Das said that no research is possible without mathematics and presently it is used in the Zoology and medical sciences. He said that not only mathematics supports other subject but other subject help mathematics too. He observed that various branches of knowledge are interdisciplinary in

nature and mathematics too has taken an important place in the modern sciences. Prof. Das said that although the noble prize does not have a category in mathematics but the other categories of the award are vastly covered by Mathematics.

Prof. Das said that there is a large prospect of employment for the students of mathematics and urged them to take it up as a challenge. While elaborating on the role of mathematics during second world war, he claimed that Hitler used mathematics extensively for his war strategies. On the occasion, a book on Non-Linear Analysis and Optimization authored by Prof. Qamrul Hasan Ansari, Convener of the training programme, was also released by Prof. Das.

Prof. Zafar Ahsan, Chairman, Department of Mathematics in his presidential remarks said that from the wonders of Taj Mahal, Pyramids of Egypt and the Leaning Tower of Pisa to the making of atomic bomb and spacecrafts, mathematics has found its application everywhere. He said that besides mathematical and physical sciences and engineering, some of the disciplines where mathematics plays a key role, are actuarial science, coding theory, commercial surveys, cryptology, economics, financial and market research analysis, industrial chemistry and robotics, etc. Mathematics, in a broader sense, may be defined as the scientific study of quantities, including their relationships, operations and measurements expressed by numbers and symbols.

Prof. Qamrul Hasan Ansari, Convener of the training programme said that the main objective of the programme is to make the teachers and research scholars aware of use of applied mathematics. Joint Convener, Dr. Rais Ahmad thanked the participants and other dignitaries. Related Picture

[1. Prof. BK Das delivering the lecture, L to R - Prof. Zafar Ahsan, prof. Qamrul hasan Ansari at a Seminar at Mathematics Department](#)

ALIGARH :November 15

More than 130 University and College teachers from all parts of the country joined today three Subject Refresher Courses in Human Rights, English and Library and Information Science organized by the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

While welcoming the course participants Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College explained to them the objectives and advantages of the UGC Academic Staff College courses. He urged them to learn about the latest teaching methodology and the recent trends in research methodology and other fields of study.

Professor A.R. Vijapur, and Professor Asmer Beg, Department of Political Science are the course coordinators of SRC in Human Rights; Dr. Naushad PM and Dr. Sudharma Haridasan, Department of Library and Information Science of the SRC in Library and Information Science and Dr. Rahatullah Khan, Department of English, of the SRC in English.

Eminent resource persons from prestigious institutions will engage these course participants. These courses will conclude on 03 December 2011. Related Picture

[1. Prof. AR Kidwai addressing the Refresher Course and UGC Academic Staff College](#)

ALIGARH :November 15

The Department of Physical Health and Sports Education, Aligarh Muslim University organized a 3-day National Seminar on "Scientific Support in Sports and Workshop on Bio-feedback". Addressing the inaugural session of the seminar, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, appreciated the advances made by the Department of Physical Health and Sports Education and the University Games Committee in academics, research and training. He hoped that both the departments of the University will keep working in close cooperation in order to boost the sagging standard of sports in the University.

A galaxy of resource persons like Dr. M. L. Kamlesh, well-known physical educationist and sport psychologist; Dr. S. N. Sharma, former Head of the Department of Physical Education, Punjab University, Chandigarh; Prof. Dilip Dureha of Banaras Hindu University; Dr. A. K. Uppal, former Director, LNJPE, Gwalior; Dr. Akbar Hussain, Department of Psychology, AMU and others made presentations in their specialized area of knowledge. The seminar was attended by more than 200 delegates from various parts of the Country and some of them presented research-based and theme-based papers on various aspects of the sports sciences like exercise physiology, sports psychology, biomechanics, etc.

The astounding feature of the seminar was the one-day Workshop on Bio-feedback. Dr. Reena Kaul and Dr. Anuradha Solanky, both sports psychologists from the Sports Authority of India, Kolkata and New Delhi centres respectively, practically demonstrated the use of bio-feedback instruments for collection and processing of data for research purposes.

On the concluding session, the Chairman of the Department, Prof. Ikram Hussain presented a detailed report on the Seminar highlighting the major features of the Seminar and the Workshop. Prof. Jawaid Ali, Coordinator, UGC SAP Programme (DRS-1) summed up the objectives and impact of the seminar and the workshop. Dr. Zamirullah Khan proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. Syed Tariq Murtaza conducted the proceedings of the entire programme. Dr. D. K. Agarwal of the Physiology Department of Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU attended the programme as a special invitee. Related Picture

[1. Workshop at Physical Health and Sports Education](#)

[2. Workshop at Physical Health and Sports Education](#)

ALIGARH :November 14

The Department of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India is organizing a four-day training programme on "Nonlinear Analysis with Applications to Optimization and Game Theory" from November 16-19, 2011.

Programme Convener, Prof. Qamrul Hasan Ansari said that nonlinear analysis plays an important role in optimization, mathematical economics, game theory and several real life problems. He said that one of the main objectives of this training programme is to provide awareness to young and talented research scholars and lecturers about the current issues pertaining to the nonlinear analysis and its applications to optimization and game theory. He said that about 60 participants from different universities of Indian and abroad are expected to participate in the programme. There would also be a large number of local participants.

Prof. Ansari said that about 19 well-known mathematicians from 10 different countries, working in the area of the training programme, will deliver talks in the training programme. The training programme will also provide a forum for the young scientists to interact with the learned scholars, exchange ideas, experiences and results. Such interactions stimulate collaborations and advances in these areas, he added.

**ALIGARH :November 14**

"Protection of minority rights is no longer viewed as a virtue but it is seen as a political necessity that strengthens modern plural society", this is what came through in a national seminar on "Minority Rights: Vision and Reality" organized by the Department of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University today.

Inaugurating the national seminar, Justice M. S. A. Siddiqui, Chairman, National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI), Government of India said that the article 30 caters special rights to minorities and article 30 is absolute and it can be regulated by two counts. First it has to be reasonable and second the interest of minority must be kept in mind. Explaining Article 30, the Chairman, NCMEI said Indian Muslims have been given right to establish full right to establish and run their academic institutions. The Commission is committed to protect the minority rights duly granted by the Constitution of India. Using its adjudicatory powers, the Commission has declared Jamia Millia Islamia a minority institution. Justice Sifddiqui said the salvation of Muslims lies in modern education and they must adopt information technology.

Delivering the presidential address, AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that education is the key to empowerment and Muslim enjoined by the Quran must rigorously pursue the education. He said that AMU has been striving to spread education relentlessly and setting of two new centres bears a testimony to its commitment to propagate

education among Muslims as it was also the cherished dream of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. He said that no one can doubt the minority character of the Aligarh Muslim University as it fulfills all conditions of a minority institution.

Former Member of Parliament, Diplomat and presently President of All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat, New Delhi, Syed Shahabuddin said that Muslims should strengthen their relationship with the majority community and draw their attention towards their social, educational and political problems. He urged the government to ensure that the benefits of all minority schemes are made available to the minorities.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice Chancellor, National Law University Orissa, Cuttack, said that the democracy could only become fully functional if minorities are provided with special rights as the right do not symbolize appeasement but they are essential for the growth of pluralistic society. Tracing the minority rights all over the world, Prof. Faizan Mustafa said the Indian Constitution grants special rights to minorities for fulfilling their cultural aspirations. By safeguarding the cultural and linguistic aspirations, the minorities can be actively associated in the process of nation making. Prof. Mustafa referred to the gearing up of AMU minority case in Allahabad High Court and quoted several landmark judgments of the Supreme Court.

Maulana Fazlurrahim Mujaddadi, Rector, Jamiatul Hidayah made a PowerPoint presentation and regretted that minorities are not being benefited by the welfare schemes of the central government.

Dr. Aftab Alam, Convener of the seminar said that minorities do not enjoy rights but article 30 is the most violated article of the constitution and he made a strong point for its effective implementation. Prof. A. P. Vijapur, Chairman, Department of Political Science extended the vote of thanks.

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[1. Prof. Veejapur addressing the Seminar on Minority Rights at AMU. L to R - Prof. Mustafa, Maulana Mujaddidi, Syed Shahabuddin and Dr. Alam](#)

[2. AMU VC addressing the Seminar on Minority Rights at AMU. L to R - Prof. Mustafa, Maulana Mujaddidi, Syed Shahabuddin and Dr. Alam](#)

[3. Justice Siddiqui addressing the Seminar on Minority Rights at AMU. L to R - Prof. Mustafa, Maulana Mujaddidi, Syed Shahabuddin and Dr. Alam](#)

ALIGARH :November 14

Dr. Mohammad Shameem, Assistant Professor, Department of Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases (Pulmonary Medicine), had received 'BHARAT JYOTI AWARD'. He will be presented with the award at the grand annual ceremony on 17th December 2011 at a glittering function in New Delhi. These awards are given to few of the extraordinary men and women

who've specialized in various fields like the science and technology, education, industry, engineering, fine arts, politics and social work, in lieu of the yeoman services rendered with excellence in their respective fields.

Dr. Shameem, had received various national and international awards and fellowships in the past, including Asia Pacific Society of Respiriology Award (Japan), American College of Chest Physicians Award (Chicago), Young Scientist Award by CST UP etc. Related Picture

[1. Dr. Mohammad Shamim](#)

ALIGARH :November 13

Prof Jamal Ahmad, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Diabetes and Endocrinology, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University said that diabetes in India has reached epidemic proportions and is increasing with Tsunamic speed. He was speaking on the World Diabetes Day that is celebrated on November 14 every year which is also an official United Nations World Diabetes Day. Named to celebrate the birthday of Frederick Banting, who along with Charles Best, is credited with the discovery of Insulin. This day is marked with the global awareness campaign against Diabetes led by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) that engages millions of people worldwide in diabetes advocacy and awareness.

Prof. Ahmad said that India at present has more than 62.2 million people with diabetes and 95% of this population is suffering from Type 2 diabetes. The increase in its prevalence is due to genetic predisposition, sedentary life style, increase in obesity, urbanization and change in lifestyle pattern. We must work hard to prevent the occurrence of metabolic syndrome/type 2 diabetes by preventing obesity (waist circumference 80 cm in females and 90 cm in males) accounting for its association with more than 60% of type 2 diabetes population. We must make all possible effort to reduce at least 5-10% of weight. This is possible by walking 4-5 kms per day on all days and by eating carefully. The emphasis should be to consume food of low glycemic index values like mixed chapatias (wheat, barley and grams), beans, green leafy vegetables, curd, oats, salads and fruits with limited amount of apple, guava, orange etc. and to avoid food of high glycemic index values like potatoes, rice, bread, french fries, fast food etc. By brisk walking for half an hour per day and by careful eating and healthy habits (no smoking, no alcohol) and cutting down the intake of saturated fat, trans-fat (butter, dalda, animal fat etc) and salt intake, it is possible to reduce the prevalence of diabetes by 50 percent.

Prof. Ahmad said that it might also be noted that the incidence of Type 1 diabetes (5% of diabetes population) is also increasing. If a child complains of weakness, tiredness, weight loss otherwise eating well and having night bed-wetting or being hospitalized as a case of gastroenteritis, his blood sugar needs to be done. It is likely that he/she is suffering from Type 1 diabetes.

To save the life of such children, the above Centre with the help of Diabetes India Initiative/ pharmaceutical companies is providing free Insulin to all children especially the girl child up to the age of 21 years if they are reporting endocrine clinic of the hospital regularly. Attempts are also being made with the support of Diabetes India to provide free Insulin to everybody reporting for diabetes management to the Centre.

Prof. Ahmad further said that there is a tremendous increase in the complications associated with diabetes, especially in those who are not under optimal control. In India, diabetes is the single largest cause of legal blindness which can be prevented by taking care of A,B,C, of its management. A vast majority of patients undergoing renal dialysis and transplant have diabetes as the underline cause. Presently around 1% of the population has got diabetes renal disease per year besides more than 20 million populations already having diabetes renal disease. Most of these patients having diabetes renal disease do not enter End-Stage Renal Disease and die off cardiovascular complications. It is also being observed that 75% hospitalized patients of acute myocardial infarction either are known diabetic or undiagnosed. Further, associated with this disease there is a substantial increase in morbidity and mortality.

Diabetes is the single largest cause of Atraumatic amputation. A person with diabetes does not have to lose the lower limbs every 30 seconds if one takes simple steps like daily inspecting the feet, avoiding bare foot walking, looking for any cuts, cracks, dust accumulation and by use of proper foot-ware (neither loose nor tight). He should also report to his doctor in case he develops neuropathic symptoms (tingling, numbness, hypoesthesia's, hyperesthesia's, and decreased sensations in globe- and-stocking distributions) and peripheral vascular disease (cramping pain in the calf and thigh muscle especially at night and walking).

Prof. Ahmad appealed to all to join the campaign to prevent all diabetic complications and be careful to have optimal glycemic control, blood pressure & lipid control, to avoid smoking and alcohol and insisted careful eating and changing the lifestyle pattern. He requested all diabetic persons to simply remember A,B,C of diabetes management. "A" stands for A1c test that should be less than <6.5% (to be done every 3 months); "B" for Blood Pressure (should be <140/90 mmHg, <130/80 mmHg if urine is positive for albumin); "C" to keep LDL cholesterol < 100mg/dl, Triglycerides < 150 mg/dl and HDL-cholesterol >45mg/dl. In elderly and those associated with co-morbid conditions like heart disease, stroke, advanced retinopathy, the A1c should be <7%, besides cessation of smoking and alcohol and to continue lifestyle modification. Related Picture

[1. Prof. Jamal Ahmad](#)

ALIGARH :November 12

The Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University

organized an essay writing competition on "Maulana Abul Kalam Azad as an Educationist" as part of National Education Day celebrations. Saniya Javed and Zain Mohd. Sulaiman won the first and second prize while the third prize was jointly shared by Md. Irfan Ahmad and Mariyam Ilyas. Noted historian and Professor Emeritus Prof. Irfan Habib goiven away the prizes to the winners in a function organized by the Department of Education.

Dr. Samina Khan, Organizing Secretary of National Education Day celebrations said that students participated from various faculties with interest and enthusiasm in the speech competition on "Maulana Azad's Role in Freedom Struggle" and "Azad's Vision of Secular India". Dr. Asim Siddiqui, Dr. Ameerullah and Dr. Sajidul Islam from the Department of English and Dr. Mohibul Haq of Department of Political Science judged the event, she said.

Dr. Samina Khan expressed gratitude to Prof. Asif Shuja and Prof. S. N. Zeba, Chairman, Department of English for their active support and cooperation in conducting the event.

**ALIGARH :November 12**

The Department of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University is organizing a two-day national seminar on "Minority Rights in India: Vision and Reality" on November 14-15, 2011. A number of renowned scholars, academics, jurists, policy makers, analysts, practitioners, civil society representatives, and researchers are participating in the event to discuss minority rights situation in India from inter-disciplinary perspective.

Dr. Aftab Alam, Director of the Seminar said that Justice M.S.A. Siddiqui, Chairman, National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions will inaugurate the seminar. Other prominent speakers include Mrs. Faouzia Khan, Minister of State for Minority Development, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mr. Syed Shahabuddin, former diplomat and Member of Parliament and President, All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat and Maulana Mohammad Fazlurrahim Mujaddadi, Rector, Jameatul Hidya, Jaipur and member of the high power committee to monitor the Govt.'s schemes related to minorities' development.

Dr. Aftab Alam said that despite constitutional safeguards, minorities in India have been discriminated against and their rights have been more than frequently violated and Muslim minority in particular suffers from development deficit as highlighted by the Sachar Committee report. There has been continued neglect both by the Central and State governments in the public policies to redress the development deficit of Muslim minority. Unfortunately, no other provision of the Constitution has perhaps been so much undermined as the Article 30 of the Indian Constitution, which was meant for ensuring educational development of the minorities. The complaints about the denial of permission/NOC for establishing minority educational institutions and refusal of recognition/affiliation have become very common, he added.

**Dr. Aftab Alam said that the issues like secularism, religious conversion and freedom of religion, communal riots/pogrom and minorities' right to physical existence, the role of state and police during communal violence, role of National Commission for Minorities and National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions, empowerment of minorities and questions of reservation and educational and cultural rights of minorities are expected to be discussed during the technical sessions of the seminar.**

**ALIGARH :November 11**

**The six-day long training programme organized by the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University to impart IT and Computer training to AMU Research Scholars who have graduated from Madarasas concluded today. The programme commenced with 20 research scholars including girls, belonging to different departments of studies.**

**Professor A. R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College said that it will go a long way in equipping these students with the skills and resources which are essential today for access to knowledge and for better job prospects. He appealed to other Madarasas background students to join this highly useful programme.**

**Dr. Shahid Farooq, Department of Geology coordinated the course. Related Picture**

**[1. Dr. Shahid Farooq addressing the Madarsa students](#)**

**ALIGARH :November 11**

**The Department of Anaesthesiology, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a lecture and hands-on training on CPR and Gasman TOT (Training of the Trainer) Program to commemorate the "World Anesthesia Day", considered to be the birthday of Anesthesia.**

**Each year, October 16 is celebrated as World Anesthesia Day in the memory of WTG Morton, the Boston dentist, who on October 16, 1846 anaesthetized a patient for removing a tumour in his neck, becoming the first known case of surgery without pain. On this very day, the possibility of performing painless surgery was accepted by the world. Since then a lot of efforts have been made to improve the quality of training and up-grade the knowledge.**

**To further provide recent information on CPR, a lecture was delivered by Dr. Abu Nadeem, Assistant Professor. The teaching faculty participated in the hands-on training of the Residents. The Obstetrics and Gynaecology Residents were also invited to participate in the hands-on training in CPR especially in pregnant patient.**

**With the collaboration of Abbot India limited a Training of Trainers (ToT) program was also organized. Prof. S. Bano, Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology, welcomed Dr. Amit**

Arora, Medical Advisor in Abbot India Limited for coordinating the Gasman ToT Program. Prof. Shahla Haleem delivered a lecture on Gasman simulation, for up-gradation of knowledge and skills to trainee anesthetists.

Presenting the vote of thank, Prof. Shahla Haleem conveyed the message that "if Dr. WTG Morton was alive, he might have been fascinated to see the evolution of anesthesia to Gasman level Related Picture

[1. Anaesthesia Day observed at JN Medical College](#)

[2. Anaesthesia Day observed at JN Medical College](#)

**ALIGARH :November 11**

The Winter Vacation in the Aligarh Muslim University and its maintained institutions, including University Schools and Centres shall be observed on January 2-15, 2012.

Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel, registrar, AMU said that the decision was taken in a consultative meeting of all Deans of Faculties and Principals of Colleges. The Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Academic Council has approved this vacation for the current academic session, Prof. Jaleel added.

**ALIGARH :November 11**

Eminent Historian and Professor Emeritus, Prof. Irfan Habib said that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad support of modern scientific education, as Minister was uncompromising and that is the precious legacy he has left for us, while delivering the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad memorial lecture organized by the Department of Education on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Maulana Azad as National Education Day here on Friday.

Prof. Habib highlighted the complex factors that shaped Abul Kalam's mind on his journey "from religion to secular nationalism". He held view that present abolition of school examinations and encouragement of self-financing institutions is laying the basis of an increased monopoly of education for the rich.

Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University pointed out that the educational policies need a review and emphasize that University has a crucial role to play in order to ensure improved teaching and research so as to serve the people and the nation better. Prof. Azis said that the country made a tremendous progress in the field of science and technology after the independence and we are self-dependent in the field of agriculture with the help of domestic education. He urged the academic community to produce good scientists, historians and academicians in the campus and asked the students to pay more attention towards their studies.

Prof. C.P.S. Chauhan, former Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences said that Maulana Azad had a very challenging task to start the education from zero.

Prof. Nabi Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Education said

that the role of Maulana Azad as Education Minister will be remembered in Indian history forever. He said that the dream which was seen by Maulana Azad was fulfilled today in the form of Right to Education Bill.

Dr. Nighat Nasrin conducted the programme. Prof. Anwer Jahan Zubeiri, Dean, Faculty of Social Science and senior faculty members graced the occasion. Related Picture

[1. Prof. Irfan Habib delivering the lecture at the Maulana Azad Memorial Lecture at AMU](#)

[2. L to R - Prof. Anwer Jahan Zuberi, Prof. Chauhan, prof. Irfan Habib and AMU VC at the Maulana Azad Memorial Lecture at AMU](#)

**ALIGARH :November 08**

The Centre for Distance Education, Aligarh Muslim University has established eight more Study Centres in different parts of the country.

The Director, Distance Education Centre, Dr. Mohd. Rizwan Khan said that the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has granted approval for the establishment of these centres at Urdu College, Gopal Ganj, Bihar, Institute of System Management (ISM), Siwan, Bihar, Millia Educational Trust National Degree College, Purnea, Bihar, Computer Zone, Pulwari Sharif, Patna, Bihar, Indo Educational Foundation, New Delhi, K.L. Institute of Paramedical Sciences & Information Technology, Jammu Tawi and Al-Hafeez Educational Academy, Sahaswan, District Badaun and S.B.H. Azad Girls Degree College, Sambhal, Moradabad, UP.

Prof. Khan said that earlier the centre established five centres at Makhdoom Abdul Qasim Educational and Welfare Society, Saharsa, New Horizon School, Bhagalpur and Al-Aziz Educational Foundation Trust, Muzaffarpur in Bihar while the remaining two centres were established at Asim Siddiqui Memorial Degree College, Badaun and Madrasa Serajuyul Uloom, Sambhal, Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh. Now, the strength of centre has gone up to thirteen, Dr. Khan added.

Dr. Khan said that the approval has been given without any financial commitment on the part of the University and that these centres will function under the purview of the Centre for Distance Education. The Distance Education Centre will offer graduate and undergraduate courses at these Centres.

**ALIGARH :November 08**

Dr. Abdul Malik, Department of Agricultural Microbiology, Aligarh Muslim University has been sanctioned a joint International Collaborative research project under Indo-Portuguese Cooperation of Science and technology with University of Minho, Braga, Portugal with Prof. Madalena Alves by Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India and Foundation for Science and Technology, Government of Portugal

under academic exchange programme in the area of Energy, Ecology and Environment for the period of three years from 2011-2014. Under the above programme, students (Research Scholars/Jr. level Scientist) and teachers (Project Leaders) of both the Universities will visit and carry out the advance Research in the above field. Prof. Madalena Alves (Portuguese project Leader) and Dr. Diana Sousa has already visited the Department of Agricultural Microbiology and during the discussion with the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the Portuguese scientists desired more collaboration with the department and the University.

Dr. Malik visited the University of Freiburg, Freiburg in Breisgau, Germany, in September-October 2010 under DAAD Research Fellowship of Germany and carried out advance research work in the area of plant growth promoting genes. The University of Freiburg is one of Europe's most prestigious universities and is amongst its top research and teaching institutions.

Dr. Malik, as an Indian Project Leader, has also successfully completed joint international collaborative research project, "Molecular screening, isolation and characterization of conjugative plasmids from contaminated soils" with Department of Environmental Microbiology, Technical University Berlin, Germany under DST-DAAD (Germany) academic exchange programme. Dr. Malik has visited Department Umweltmikrobiologie, Technical University, Berlin, Germany in 2006, 2008, and 2009 and also delivered talks in Technical University-Berlin during the stay. German Project Leader and students have also visited the AMU in 2008 and 2009.

Dr. Malik has received several prestigious awards and fellowships including, DAAD Fellowship (Germany), overseas BOYSCAST, Young Scientist project of DST twice during his career. He has received research grants from several funding agencies of Govt. of India such as Department of Science & Technology (DST), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and UGC, New Delhi as Principal Investigator.

**ALIGARH :November 06**

The Aligarh Muslim University has informed the Government of Maharashtra that Khuldabad site situated in Sulibhanjan comprising 332 acres of land is best suitable to establish the AMU centre.

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[2. AMU VC and Dr. \(Mrs.\) Fouzia Khan reviewing the map of Khuldabad site](#)**

**ALIGARH :November 06**

**The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has complimented all the Muslims of the country in general and AMU community in particular on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha. Prof. Azis, in a message to all the members of AMU community including the alumni of this great seat of learning spread all over the world, wished happiness and joy of Eid for all and urged them to share and promote the warmth of affectionate feelings towards each other. He said that the alumni of this university are precious to it and the University honours their sentiments towards their alma mater. AMU alumni are the real ambassadors of the great traditions and customs nurtured by the University over the decades in its effort to make quality education accessible to all without any kind of distinction, he added.**

**Prof. Azis urged the AMU community to shed their inhibitions, dogmas and prejudices and come out to promote communication, tolerance, understanding and brotherhood with each other in the larger interest of the university.**

**The Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis observed that the occasion reminds us of the importance, relevance and**

meaningfulness of sacrifice. He said that we should also make sacrifices to make the society happier, serene and caring.

**ALIGARH :November 06**

Aligarh Muslim University has served a legal notice to the hindi daily Dainik Jagran for publishing a false and fabricated news "Charchaon Mein AMU Ke Teen Adhikariyon Ka Nilamban". The Legal Advisor and Standing Counsel, Aligarh Muslim University, Mr. B.S. Kamthania, said that the newspaper printed a false and fabricated news item that has no basis and amounts to damage the public image and reputation of three responsible officers of Aligarh Muslim University who are holding key positions.

In the notice, Mr. Kamthania said that the news of suspension of three officers alleged to have been issued by the MHRD was totally baseless and issued with ill intentions as the University has not received any such order.

The notice read that the 'noticee' has been making false and baseless allegations/imputations and gestures in public in the garb of the said alleged rumors only with an intent to defame the concerned officials and hurt their integrity therein causing great mental, social, spiritual and professional losses to them. It further observed that the illegal, irresponsible and unlawful acts on the part of the newspaper are creating hurdles to the University officials as it published the said news item by misrepresenting the true and correct facts and misusing the rights and privileges given to it by the law of the land.

Mr. Kamthania said that the newspaper has committed an offence of defamation and is liable to be prosecuted under section 500 of Indian Penal Code.

The Standing Counsel of AMU has asked the newspaper to clarify its position and publish an apology within a week or civil and criminal proceedings will be initiated against it and the University will also claim damage for the said illegal and malafide act against it before the competent court of law at its cost and risk.

**ALIGARH :November 4**

ALIGARH, November 4: Dr. (Mrs.) Iram Siddique, Research Associate and Dr. Merajul Islam Robab, Research Scholar of the Department of Botany, Aligarh Muslim University have been nominated as Junior Scientists of the year award 2011. The certificates, medals, citations and mementos will be awarded at the inaugural function of the XXIV Annual Conference of the National Environmental Science Academy which will be held on 28th December in Bangalore.

The honour awarded to them was recommended by the International Board of Awards, the President of the Academy.

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[1. AMU announces its choice of land its Centre in Maharashtra State.jpg](#)

#### **ALIGARH :November 3**

**ALIGARH November 3: The world economic system is facing a tremendous change and western experts? theories are now exploring adoption of the principles of Islamic banking?, said Prof. Dato Dr. Muhamad Muda, Vice Chancellor, Islamic Science University of Malaysia while addressing a function at the Aligarh Muslim University today. Prof. Muhamad Muda is on a visit to AMU along with a high power five-member team to sign a Memorandum**

of Understanding (MoU). Prof. Muda said, "Our educational system is based on Islamic system of knowledge and the west is now accepting the Islamic concept of business and management as the most viable system for a prosperous and happier world.

He said that the Aligarh Muslim University is a historic institution of India that has produced a number of luminaries in various fields including economy and management. He observed that Islamic Science University of Malaysia and the AMU shares a lot in common and there is limitless prospect for cooperation and collaboration in the fields of higher education and research. He desired that a joint a graduate programme be initiated accommodating students from both the countries, India and Malaysia so that they may get an international exposure and training.

Welcoming the visiting team, Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the India and Malaysia share a close cultural, democratic and secular affinity as both the countries vouch for the international cooperation and tolerance for a peaceful and fraternal world. He said that the great ethos of social justice and secular tradition toe them together in a rope of fraternal unity.

Prof. Azis said that the Aligarh Muslim University has taken initiative in providing business and management education in Islamic Banking and it would be benefited with the experiences and training of Islamic Science University of Malaysia in this field that has taken roots in the Malaysian economic system.

The Islamic Science University of Malaysia and the Aligarh Muslim University signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish, promote and develop direct cooperation and collaboration in the field of research, education and in training programmes of mutual interest. The focus will be on exchange of researchers, staff and students along with exchange of scholarly and pedagogic materials.

The Memorandum of Understanding also covers transfer of students, joint researches, and technical assistance/training facilitating admissions of Malaysian students in AMU and Indian students to Islamic Science University of Malaysia.

The MoU will come into immediate effect and will remain in force for a period of five years subject to its extension for a further period based on mutual agreement between the two universities.

The MoU was signed by AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis and Prof. Dato Dr. Muhamad Muda, Vice Chancellor, Islamic Science University of Malaysia.

The Islamic Science University of Malaysia is one of the most reputed institutions established in 1997 as Islamic University College of Malaysia upgraded to Islamic Science University of Malaysia in 2007.

At present it comprises of eight faculties that offer 18 academic programmes. The unique feature of Islamic Science University of Malaysia is that it blends Islamic studies into the national educational mainstream and emphasizes the use of Information technology in educational system. The University declares its motive as knowledgeable, disciplined and devout? as its philosophy as integration of mainstream modern knowledge into the knowledge of

Islamic creative ethos along with the development of good character and creation of an excellent knowledgeable generation.

The Vice Chancellor of Islamic Science University of Malaysia, Prof. Dato? Dr. Mohamad Muda is a renowned academician and finance and business management expert of repute of Malaysia. Prof. Muda has been in academic field for over 25 years, He was the founding Dean of Faculty of Economic and Muamalat and also Dean of Faculty of Buisness Management and Head of Finance Department.

The other members of Malaysian University delegation included Prof. Dr. Musa Ahmad, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Mr. Muhamad Haizan Razali, Registrar, Associate Professor Dr. Muhamad Mustaqim Muhamad Zarif, Director, Core Studies Centre and Ms. Wan Nadiyah Wan Jamil, Assistant Registrar, International Office.

The Malaysian delegation also visited Maulana Azad Library and Sir Syed Academy and appreciated the invaluable treasure of manuscripts preserved by the Maulana Azad Library.

Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Media Advisor and the Coordinator while extending thanks to the visiting delegation said that the objective of both the universities is same that Islamic principles of knowledge acquisition and knowledge creation be promoted and popularized and the Islamic banking system will strengthen the world economy.

On this occasion, Deans, Principals and several faculty members were present.

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[1. MoU signed between Islamic Science University of Malaysia and Aligarh Muslim University.JPG](#)

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## **ALIGARH :November 2**

ALIGARH, November 2: While releasing the magazine of the Riding Club ?Equestre: The Compendium of Glories?, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University congratulated the editor and the editorial team for the creative work they have done. He said that by publishing rare photographs and the glorious history of the Riding Club, they have documented history of the club. He called upon the students to take keen interest in the sports as it not only develops their health but also makes them fresh and active. Prof. Azis said that it is my humble effort to bring the Riding Club on the world map. He appreciated the hard work of the Secretary, Games Committee to promote sports. Prof. Azis appreciated participation of girls in large number in sport events and called upon the Games Committee and Physical and Health Education Department to coordinate their activities.

Secretary of the Games Committee, Prof. Tariq Mansoor told that the magazine not only documents history of the Club but is of the interest of research scholars also. He said that the issue of the magazine has been sent to various educational and research institutions. He told that Astro Turf of the Hockey and Clay Tennis

Court will soon become functional. Prof. Mansoor thanked the Vice chancellor for extending cooperation in promoting sports.

The release ceremony was conducted by the President, Riding Club, Dr. Nafees Ahmad II while Captain of the Club Imran Khan thanked the guests and present dignitaries as well as students.

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[1. Release of Magazine at Riding Club1.JPG](#)

[2. Release of Magazine at Riding Club.JPG](#)

## **ALIGARH :November 2**

ALIGARH November 2: The glory of Aligarh Muslim University, its founder and its famous Aligarh Movement will revisit the University with the display of documents of great archival value. For the first time in 137 years old history of AMU, the world will witness a unique exhibition of great historical and archival significance organized with the help of National Archives of India and other reputed institutions and research centres.

The 59th session of Indian Historical Committee, earlier known as 'The Indian Historical Commission' will be held at the Aligarh Muslim University on November 3-4, 2011 in collaboration with the National Archives of India, which acts as the secretariat of the Committee. The Committee was set up in 1919 by the Government of India to offer advice and guidance on matters concerning the management of records and their use for historical research.

Prof. Tariq Ahmed, Chairman and Coordinator, Centre for Advanced Study said that the session will be inaugurated by AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis and Prof. Emeritus Prof. Irfan Habib will address the programme.

Prof. Mushirul Hasan, Director General of Archives, National Archives of India and Secretary of the Committee will present the report on the Development of Archives in the Country. Several other important issues relating to the management, access and preservation of records will also be discussed at the business meeting. Over twenty research papers based on archival sources will also be presented and discussed at the academic sessions. The exhibition on Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and the Aligarh movement is being mounted on the occasion in which the National Archives of India and other Institutions are participating.

## **ALIGARH :November 2**

ALIGARH November 2: The book "Jinne Sirje Sapne" written by eminent Hindi scholar and former Dean, Faculty of Arts, Aligarh Muslim University Prof. K. P. Singh (Late) was released by renowned poet Shri Lalit Shukla at a function organized by the Non-Resident Students' Centre (NRSC), AMU.

On this occasion, NRSC Provost Prof. Rajiv Gulati and Dr. Namita Singh planted a rare tree from Kerala in the memory of Prof. K. P. Singh. Prof. M. E. Zubairi, Prof. Abdul Alim, Prof. Ashiq Ali, Dr. Ajay Bisaria and other dignitaries were also present.

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- [1. Rare tree planted at NRSC](#)
- [2. Rare tree planted at NRSC 2](#)

**ALIGARH :November 2**

ALIGARH, November 2: Aligarh Muslim University has announced the last date for submission of the Examination form for private candidates under non-teaching employees of AMU/teacher/women candidate category for SSSC Part-I/Part-II (Class XI and XII) for the academic session 2011-2012.

Controller of Examination, Prof. Pervez Mustajab said that private candidates intending to appear at the Class XI/XII examination under the said category may obtain the examination form from Examination Division of his office. Prof. Mustajab said that the candidates should ensure the eligibility condition before submitting their form.

The last date for the submission of the examination form is November 30, 2011 and December 7, 2011 with a late fee of rupees ten.

**ALIGARH :November 2**

ALIGARH, November 2: Professor Abu Sufian Zilli, Chairman, Department of Psychology has been further appointed as Chief Election Officer to conduct the election of representatives of professors, readers and lecturers on the University Court.

The AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has approved the same in continuation of his earlier order appointing Prof. Zilli as the Chief Election Officer to conduct the election of two representatives of Professors, Associate Professors and two representatives of Assistant Professors to the Executive Council of the University

**ALIGARH :November 2**

ALIGARH November 2: The Department of Library and Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University organized a panel discussion on Open Access Movement to celebrate International Open Access Week-2011. The panel discussion aimed at providing a platform to discuss and share different aspects of open access and its issues and challenges in the present era. The International Open Access Week is organized annually to celebrate the global movement towards Open Access (OA) to research and scholarship.

Prof. Shabahat Husain, Librarian-in-Charge, Maulana Azad Library, Aligarh Muslim University while inaugurating the panel discussion, insisted that all departments in the university should take initiative to congregate the publication of teachers and research scholars of the department and put it on institutional repository in open access mode. He appreciated the efforts made by the Department holding such a wonderful discussion on a novel theme of the time. He expressed desire to create repository of the publication of the whole academic staff of the University for the larger benefit of the teaching community. He also mentioned the endeavor he had

taken to download more than two lakhs e-books in Maulana Azad Library and to inform the faculty members of the University to utilize the opportunity during the e-book fair free of cost.

Dr. Naushad Ali P.M, Programme Coordinator and the Chairman of Department gave an introduction about the open access movement and celebration by the department for the fifth time. He proudly announced that the Department will soon release an Intuitional repository of publication of teachers of Aligarh Muslim University called ?Knowledge Garden?. He further informed that the Department could download more than one hundred e-theses related to library and information science during the fair.

Dr. Sudharma Haridasan, Associate Professor, successfully played the role of moderator of the discussion. The panelists included Mr. Shibu K.M., Mr. Mohamed Musthafa K., Mr. Jafar Iqbal, Mr. Sheikh Imran, Mr. Muzamil Mushtaq and Mrs. Shazia Khan of the Department of Library and Information Science. Dr. Naushad Ali P.M. extended vote of thanks.

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[1. Open Access Week at the Dept. of Library and Information Science.JPG](#)

### **ALIGARH :November 1**

ALIGARH, November 1: The Chief Minister of Sarawak state of Malaysia, Abdul Taib Mahmud along with a ten-member delegation visited Aligarh Muslim University today and interacted with the students and faculty members of the Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology.

Addressing the interactive meet, the visiting Chief Minister said that world is passing through economic transition and quality human resource is required for driving the current modernization process. Globalization has created a new opportunity for every one irrespective of the distance. He said opportunities of employment in the south-east Asian countries are increasing and the students of AMU should also come forward and be a partner in the progress taking place in the fast emerging region.

The Sarawak Chief Minister said mutual cooperation among the countries can enhance the world economy to new horizon. He said AMU?s role is paramount in providing the best human resources. He said that the founder of AMU, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan has done a great work in the field of education.

Earlier, welcoming the visiting team, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis expressed hope that the visit will open up new vistas of prospects and opportunities for the AMU students and faculty and help develop the academic and research cooperation between AMU and the institutions of higher learning and research of Malaysia. He said that India considers Malaysia a great friend and partner in promoting bilateral cooperation in South-East Asia impacting the new socio-political order of the region.

Prof. Azis said that the Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology has earned a distinct place and its pass outs are considered among the best in the market hence get selected in large

numbers every year in the prestigious companies in India and abroad.

The visiting dignitary interacted with the students and faculty members of the Electrical, Electronics, Computer Engineering and Computer Science departments. The Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi briefed the visiting guests about the distinct academic and research achievements that the College of Engineering was able to garner over a period of last seven decades. Prof. Rizvi especially underscored the innovations and patents made by the students and faculty of the College.

The other members of Malaysian delegation included Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, Minister of Resource Planning & Environment and Minister of Industrial Development and Minister of Public Utilities, Mohamad Morshidi bin Abdul Ghani, State Secretary of Sarawak, Len Talif bin Salleh, Assistant Minister in Chief Minister's Office (Promotion of Technical Education) and Assistant Minister of Environment, Dato Haji Robert Geneid, Brother-in-Law of Chief Minister, Tan Sri Rastam bin Mohd Isa, Special Administrative Officer in the Chief Minister's Department, Prof. Khairuddin Ab Hamid, Vice Chancellor, UNIMAS. Vaseehar Hassan bin Abdul Razack, noted Businessman, Ismawi Ismuni, Director, State Planning Unit Sarawak, and Mr. Awangku Omar bin Pengiran, Private Secretary to Minister of Resource Planning and Environment.

AMU Registrar Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel thanked the Chief Minister and his team for visiting AMU and creating prospects for the students of this University. He said that the visit will nurture long term and mutually fruitful academic and research relationship with ever growing and emerging South East Asian nation.

Prof. N.A.K. Durrani, Media Advisor and Coordinator while conducting the programme said that the visit of the high power Malaysian team is brief but it has opened up wide and long term mutually beneficial opportunities in the realm of jobs, academics and research between Indian-Malaysian in the context of emerging global realities

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- [3. Visit of Malaysian Delegates \(85\).JPG](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 30**

ALIGARH October 30: To further augment its academic and research activities, the Aligarh Muslim University has set up a Steering Committee to supervise the accreditation process of the Aligarh Muslim University by the NAAC during 2011-12.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis is the Ex Officio Chairman of the Steering Committee and Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmin Jalal Beg and Controller of Examinations and Admissions, Prof. Parvez Mustajab were the Ex-Officio members. Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi, Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Former Vice Chancellor, Calicut University and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences,

Prof. Javed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Research, Prof. N.A.K. Durrani, Chairman, Department of Mass Communication, Prof. Sartaj Tabassum, Department of Chemistry, Prof. Qazi Mazhar Ali, Director, Computer Centre and Prof. Mohd. Gulrez, Dept. of West Asian Studies were appointed as its members. Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, OSD (Development) has been designated as the Coordinator who will also function as the institutional facilitator during the on-site visit of the Peer team.

The Steering Committee will coordinate the compilation and analysis of data related to various aspects of the University and its functions. It will also be responsible for organizing the information and data and to prepare the comprehensive self-study report.

All Deans of Faculties shall appoint a faculty member from their respective faculties to act as Faculty Coordinator and furnish necessary information pertaining to preparation of NAAC Self Study Report by the Steering Committee. The Faculty may decide and inform the name of the Faculty Coordinator to the Coordinator of the Steering Committee within a week.

The Registrar and the Finance Officer will provide all logistic support to the Steering Committee including computers, printer and support staff to assist the Coordinator.

The new order has been issued in supersession of the previous order of September 14, 2009.

#### **ALIGARH :October 29**

ALIGARH, October 29: Dr. S Moied Ahmed, Associate Professor, Department of Anaesthesiology and Consultant In-Charge of Emergency and Critical Care Services, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, was recently invited to co-ordinate and conduct workshop on Management of Difficult Airway, at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. The workshop was a part of the 7th INDO-US Emergency Medicine Summit and 6th Annual Assembly of INDO-US Academic Council for Emergency and Trauma, organized jointly by All India Institute of Medical Sciences and University College of Medicine, New Delhi.

The workshop was attended by approximately 50 doctors of different specialties. The workshop comprised of lecture based discussions on the airway management of six case scenarios most commonly encountered in the Accident and Emergency department. The cases were illustrated with short video clippings on live patients so as to have a better understanding on the management of such patients. The airway management of patients with maxillofacial injury, cervical spine injury, head injury, cut throat injury, poly trauma with co-morbidity and acute burn injury were discussed in detail. This was followed by hands-on training on manikins with various basic and advanced airway adjuncts. The workshop was structured and formatted by Dr. Moied which was highly appreciated by the organizers and the attendees because of its relevance in patient management in emergency department.

Dr. Moied also delivered a lecture on 'The Challenges of Airway Management in Emergency Department?' and participated in

the clinico-pathological case presentation along with postgraduate resident doctor, Dr Shivani Agarwal. His video based deliberation dealt with all the critical issues in managing airway in accident and emergency department. He enumerated the challenges and highlighted the precautions and techniques one should adopt while managing airways in A & E.

On this occasion he was also invited to submit a research project under the banner of Indian Network of Critical Illness and Injury Translational Trail Experts (INCIITTE), which is funded by CSIR/DBT/ICMR. The project was discussed in detail to assess the feasibility of converting it into a multicentre trial involving prestigious medical colleges in the country. Prof Shahjahan Bano, Chairman, Department of Anaesthesiology and his colleagues have congratulated him for his performance.

### **ALIGARH :October 29**

ALIGARH, October 29: The faculty members, staff and students of the Department of Botany, Aligarh Muslim University have expressed deep sense of sorrow and grief on the sad demise of Mrs. Rehana Qadir, 40, Lab Attendant in the Department. She was suffering from breast cancer. She joined the Department of Botany in 1994.

The staff members passed a condolence resolution praying for a solace to the bereaved family and friends on the irreparable loss.

### **ALIGARH :October 28**

Amidst great excitement and hope the AMU high-power team led by Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis received a tumultuous welcome at both Aurangabad and Malegaon cities of Maharashtra, which have offered land for establishing AMU Centre.

On the firm commitment from Maharashtra state and on the basis of invitation extended to AMU Vice Chancellor by Mrs. Fauzia Khan, Minister of State for Primary Education and Awkaf, the AMU team visited Aurangabad and Malegaon and inspected each site in both the cities identified by the State administration.

Accompanied by Minister of State, Mrs. Fauzia Khan, Principal Secretary of Minority Development Department Mrs. Thekkekara and Secretary of State Minority Commission, Mr. Syed Hashmi, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis along with his team inspected the site situated near Aurangabad and then proceeded to Khuldabad town located 30 kilometers away from Aurangabad in Soli Bhanjan. The Khuldabad site, a contiguous plot of 332 acres, is a historically significant and spiritually important location. Besides the tomb of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb, many important sufi saints are buried in the region.

The idea of AMU Centre in Maharashtra has ignited the aspirations of the people. Hundreds of prominent citizens eagerly awaited to attend the interaction with the visiting AMU team. The programme, organized at the Maulana Azad Research Centre, Aurangabad by Maharashtra Federation of Minority Education Organizations, was represented by over 500 Muslim managed

educational institutions of Maharashtra. The large and enthusiastic gathering mainly comprising educationists and social activists urged the high-power AMU team to set up the AMU Centre in the region so that the minorities and other extremely backward social segments get an opportunity of best possible education.

Addressing the gathering, the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the University is carrying forward the vision and mission of its founder, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan by creating educational opportunities and nurturing an institutional set up across the nation by establishing AMU Centres. The sole objective is to bring into modern education fold, the most excluded social class and to cultivate secular values, rational approach, scientific temperament and also help capacity building among the common people so that they can meaningfully become partner in the process of nation building.

Prof. Azis shed light on the golden history of the University and its contribution to the nation. He also focused on the genesis and the background of the establishment of five AMU centres across the nation including in Maharashtra. He threw light on the alarming development deficit; particularly the pathetic educational scenario prevailing in minority concentrated 91 districts. The vision and mission of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and the mandate which has been given to AMU for educational and cultural advancement of Muslims of India in the direction of furthering the cause of promoting education. Through a PowerPoint presentation interspersed with explanations, Prof. Azis drew attention to the statutory positions available in the AMU Act, 1920 amended until 1981.

He clarified that the process of establishing AMU Centre in Maharashtra will commence with the transfer of 250-300 acres of contiguous land free of cost and without any encumbrances. The University will then seek the necessary approval of the Visitor and grants from the central government. The University will appoint a consultant for preparing a Detailed Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report simultaneously for the consideration of the government and necessary amendments in the statutes and ordinances will be made. Once the University receives the approval and the grant, it would put the whole process on fast track and launch its academic programme in phased manner and develop the infrastructure in well-defined stages to hopefully make the centre fully functional in 12-15 years' time.

He made it clear that both the AMU and the State government should urge the Central government to provide funds. The classes will commence only after getting Visitor's approval and budget from the Central government.

Prof. Azis emphasized that encroachments and settlements, if any, on the proposed land should be removed before handing it over to AMU and a 35 feet wide road be provided from nearby national/state highway to AMU Centre. He said that an independent electricity line and establishment of 33 KV/11 KV Sub Station of at least 20 mega watt dedicated supply should also be provided at the cost of Maharashtra government. The state government should also provide water supply for construction and domestic use and establish

water treatment plant, internet facility, sewage treatment plant and other essential facilities, he added.

The Maharashtra Minister of State for Primary Education and Awkaf, Mrs. Fauzia Khan, who has played an important role in identifying the required land for AMU Centre at Aurangabad, said that the Aurangabad district deserves most for establishing AMU Centre as it would benefit Muslim students of eight districts situated in Marathwada region.

While interacting with educationists and prominent citizens, Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, one of the AMU team members emphasized that the people of the region should extend full support in unison for the AMU initiative. The Centre is more important than the issue of its location as it would certainly benefit the whole region. The focus should be on establishing the centre in any of the two cities where the lands have been identified.

The other members of the team Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and former Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut, Prof. Jawaid Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Research, Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology and Prof. M. Saud Alam Qasmi, Former Dean, Faculty of Theology also interacted with the people assembled at both the cities.

In a similar fashion the visiting team received a warm welcome in Malegaon where a large number of people gathered to welcome the team before inspecting the identified two site. Dozens of memoranda were handed over to the AMU Vice Chancellor pleading for establishing AMU Centre in Malegaon. The team visited the site located at Rampura, 30 kilometers from Malegaon where local Shiv Sena and BJP activists protested and blocked the site inspection. The team inspected the land from a distance. Later the District Collector P. Velrasu and Mr. Bhujbal along with the local MLA met AMU Vice Chancellor and explained that the issue of protest is a small issue that could be easily tackled by convincing the local people of the area.

The AMU team also interacted with the citizens representing educational and social organizations and also the district officials including the District Collector of Nashik, P. Velrasu.

The team also inspected the second site situated 24 km away from the Malegaon city and 14 kilometers away from the Manmad railway junction. The Nashik District Collector Mr. P. Velrasu informed the AMU team that the land belonged to Social Forestry Department and if selected, it would have to get mutation which might take a minimum of six months? time.

Related Picture

[1. A bird's eye view of the Khuldabad site identified for AMU Centre.JPG](#)

[2. AMU VC inspecting the map of the proposed land for AMU Centre at Malegaon.JPG](#)

[3. AMU VC inspecting the proposed land for AMU Centre at Malegaon \(1\).JPG](#)

[4. Mrs. Fauzia Khan, Minister for Primary Education and Augaf, Govt. of Mahatashtra extending government support.JPG](#)

[5. NSUI and SFI students submitting Memorandum to establish AMU Centre in Aurangabad.JPG](#)

[6. Prominent citizens of Aurangabad interacting with AMU team.JPG](#)

[7. The Minister, AMU VC and officials examining at the site map.JPG](#)

[8. The Minister, AMU VC and officials looking at the site map.JPG](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 25**

The Aligarh Muslim University Proctor, Prof. Mujahid Beg today condemned the ill efforts of a section of people to defame him leveling malicious charges against him. He alleged that some teachers and one-two employees are using students for the sake of their own personal interest. He said that the unholy attempt of his character assassination is being made by ill designs which would not succeed.

Prof. Beg said that Prof. Saleem Akhtar has been appointed as Chief Election Officer by the Vice Chancellor to conduct the elections of AMU Students' Union and he has already declared the date and schedule of the elections. Prof. Beg said that on the demands of senior students of the University it was decided by the Chief Election Officer at the Union Hall to postpone the election for the time being. The next date and schedule of the AMUSU elections will be notified by the Chief Election Officer.

Prof. Beg observed that some youths sitting on dharna in front of the VC lodge are destabilizing the peaceful atmosphere and the law and order of the campus. Their motive is not get the Students' Union but they are working on some hidden agenda of vested interests in the University. He further said that due to 4-6 students, career and the future of 32000 students will not be allowed to put on stake. The Proctor has appealed to all the students that they should not become a tool in the hands of any teacher or employee, instead have faith on Allah and should strive to make their future bright.

Prof. Beg categorically said that no one will be allowed to play games with law and order in the campus. He said that I am fully aware that some outsiders and anti-social elements are trying to breach peaceful atmosphere of the campus unsuccessfully, for which action will be taken against them with the cooperation of the district and police administration.

Advising some of the teachers, Prof. Beg urged that they should not take help of the criminal and outsider elements to achieve their own goals as it is damaging the academic ambience of the campus and prestige of AMU, a century old institution of higher learning at par excellence. Prof. Beg said that a great institution like AMU has a unique distinction and a Vice Chancellor is for the institution and the institution is not for the Vice Chancellor. He urged that we all must make positive attempts to save this great seat of learning as we all are its inseparable parts.

Prof. Beg condemned the people in strongest terms who are involved in such a dirty politics. He said that the almighty Allah and the soul of Sir Syed would not forgive such elements. He said that all the associations and organizations should work for the interest of the

teachers, students, employees and the institution and must come forward to strengthen the University administration in maintaining the peace and law and order of the University. He declared that he would not allow any harm to the institution and students even on the cost of his life. **Related Picture**

[1. Prof. Mujahid Beg](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 25**

Professor Rais Akhtar, Visiting Professor, Department of Geology, Aligarh Muslim University was invited as the Guest of Honour at the National Seminar on "Himalayan Resources: Issues, Challenges and Management Strategies", organized by the University of Kashmir, Department of Geography and Regional Development, Srinagar (J & K).

In his keynote address, Prof. Akhtar emphasized on the economic changes and population pressure threatening ecological scenario of Himalayan region leading to environmental degradation. The rural poor, often found in mountain areas in a vast number of 718 million worldwide, meet their livelihood needs through cropping or livestock. These challenges also include physical isolation and attendant risks, limited access to markets and inputs, and production cost due to difficult topography, low soil fertility, harsh environments and natural hazards.

Prof. Akhtar observed that the climate change is expected to exacerbate threats to biodiversity resulting from land use cover change and population pressure. Increased risk of extinction of several flora and fauna species is likely as a result of the synergistic effects of climate change and habitat fragmentation. Threats to the ecological stability of wetlands would also increase the frequency and extent of forest fires in mountain areas.

Increase in endemic morbidity and mortality due to diarrheal disease primarily associated with floods and droughts are expected due to projected changes in the hydrological cycle associated with global warming. Researches carried out at the malarial research centre suggest that warming will increase altitudinal rise in malaria transmission in the North-East (Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh) and Himachal Pradesh. Exploitation of natural resources associates with rapid urbanization and economic development in most parts of Himalayas has led to increase in air and water pollution, land degradation and other environmental problems that have placed enormous pressure on urban infrastructure, human wellbeing, cultural integrity and socioeconomic settings, Prof. Akhtar concluded.

### **ALIGARH :October 25**

The Training Programme for AMU School Teachers of Arabic and Theology organized by the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University in collaboration with the MESCO, Hyderabad concluded today. The ten-day training programme, which commenced on October 16, comprised of interactive sessions on the teaching of Quran according to the norms and science of the Quran

recitation, Arabic grammar and Arabic language. The course was organized at the behest of the AMU Vice Chancellor, Professor P. K. Abdul Azis for the professional development of school teachers of Aligarh Muslim University.

In his opening remarks Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College underscored the importance of such programmes for enhancing teaching skills of AMU teachers.

Mr. Mazhar Husaini, Secretary MESCO lauded the University efforts in arranging training programme. Dr. Iftekharuddin, Director MESCO highlighted the educational welfare activities of MESCO. He said that the medical and diagnostic centers and schools run by MESCO were serving the society for a long time. Its Quran and Arabic training programme has been held at more than 300 schools in the country.

In his speech Professor V. K. Abdul Jalil, AMU Registrar and the Manager of AMU Schools emphasized the need for the proper study of the Quran. He said that the understanding of the holy Quran and its message will make the world a better place. He congratulated the teachers on having received such a useful training. Prof. Jaleel gave away certificates to the participants.

Mr. Mohammad Asrar, Theology teacher at AMU Girls High School, representing the course participants, related his observations about the immense value of this training programme which has equipped the teachers with better teaching methodology and skills. While moving the vote of thanks Dr. Tanveer Nabi, Principal, AMU City High School said that steps will be taken for allocating more time for the study of the Quran in AMU schools.

**Related Picture** [1. Guests at the UGC Academic Staff College](#)

#### **ALIGARH :October 25**

Ms. Sabiha Tabassum, Research Scholar, Department of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University has won the third prize in the National Meet of Research Scholars in Mathematical Sciences 2011 organized by the Department of Mathematics, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur.

Ms. Tabassum won this award for her paper published in the journal of mathematics and application (Poland). Currently, she is pursuing the Ph.D. under the supervision of Dr. Vakeel A. Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics. **Related Picture** [1. Sabiha Tabassum](#)

#### **ALIGARH :October 24**

The Academic Council of the Aligarh Muslim University today approved the establishment of Area Study Centre on the "South African and Brazilian Studies" as an independent Centre in the premises of Centre of West Asian Studies. Prof. M. Gulrez has been suggested as its founder Director.

The meeting of the Academic Council was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis. The meeting also considered and approved the implementation of the judgment of the

Hon?ble Supreme Court for providing access either by inspecting of or by permitting certified copies of the evaluated answer books and also to frame the operational guidelines as per the provision of RTI Act.

The University allows re-evaluation of answer books within ten days of the declaration of the results. The period is extendable by another ten days for genuine cases. The University also decided to weeding out of the evaluated answer book after six month from the date of declaration of the results.

The proposal to switch over to two-tier Admission Tests i.e., Preliminary Admission Test and Final Admission Test in MBBS/BDS /B.Tech./B.Arch. and class XI/Diploma Engineering Courses from 2012-13 session was also approved in principal. The Academic Council has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Saleemuddin with all the Deans of the Faculties and Controller of Exams as its members. This Committee of senior faculty members of the University would work out the modalities and identify the challenges. The new change open up in the two-tier admission tests system and will submit its detailed report.

The Academic Council also approved the status report with regard to strengthening of schools being run by the AMU and ratified the replies sent by the University to the UGC in respect of the proposal for institutionalization of ABK Union High School (Boys and Girls).

The meeting considered UGC?s minimum standard and procedure for award of M.Phil./Ph.D. degree Regulations 2009. The Council also considered the revised ordinances (Academics) and Regulations for M.Phil./Ph.D. programme effective from 2010-11.

The meeting of the Academic Council also considered the proposal of Chairman, Department of Wild Life Sciences for seeking approval for the admission list of two- month certificate course in Remote Sensing and GIS Application in Environmental Studies.

Earlier, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis placed on record the services rendered and extended condolences on the demise of Prof. K.M. Bahauddin, former Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sajida Zaidi, Prof. Zahida Zaidi, Prof. Jafar Raza Zaidi, Prof. Abdul Majid Siddiqui, Prof. Jafar Zaki, Dr. Manoj Shukla and Dr. (Mrs.) Atiya Abid. **Related Picture**

[1. L to R - Mrs. Yasmin Jalal Beg, Finance Officer, Prof. VK Abdul Jaleel, Registrar, AMU VC and Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Controller at Academic Council Meeting](#)

[2. Audience at the Academic Council Meeting](#)

## **ALIGARH :October 22**

Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Assistant Professor in the Section of Genetics, Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University has been conferred upon the BOYSCAST Fellowship by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi. This is the most prestigious fellowship awarded to the candidates holding permanent position at Indian Universities for outstanding research contribution in life

sciences.

The award includes fellowship amount, contingency and travel expenses. Dr. Ahmad has left the university to receive the training under this program at Metro Health Medical Center, Cleveland, USA. While availing the fellowship, Dr. Ahmad will work on various clinical and immunological aspects of human diseases at Metro Health Medical Center, CWRU, USA.

Previously, Dr. Ahmad has been bestowed upon with various prestigious awards such as Dr. D. S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship from University Grants Commission, Young Scientist Project of DST (New Delhi), Young Scientist award from CST, UP and Scientist of the Year Award by the National Environmental Science Academy (NESAs), New Delhi. Dr. Ahmad has published a number of research papers in various scientific journals of national and international repute. He has been now included as an editorial team member and in the review board of various prestigious journals with considerable impact factor. **Related Picture**

[1. Dr. Riaz Ahmad](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 22**

In response to the accusation of committing misconduct under the AMU Act 1920, violating the Statutes and ordinances appearing in a section of the press, AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis reiterated that he has strictly followed the rule book as per the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Act 1981 and that not a single decision was taken by him that was not in consonance with existing provisions in the amended AMU Act or in vogue as a time honoured practice in AMU.

Prof. Azis categorically pointed out that the President of India, who is the Visitor of the University is empowered in the AMU Act to annul any decision taken by the University if it is violating the AMU Act, Statutes and Ordinances.

Since no decision taken in the University during his four and half years? regime has ever been annulled by the Visitor, it bears a testimony to the fact that no violation of the AMU Act has taken place. Any accusation in this regard is baseless and deserves condemnation, he added.

### **ALIGARH :October 21**

The CBI probe into the allegations against the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) will soon culminate into a decisive phase. The AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis was in CBI Delhi office yesterday to provide clarifications raised in a questionnaire prepared by the CBI on the basis of the matters raised in the files transmitted to it by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the University.

The Vice Chancellor has presented the University position with respect to all the points raised and defended the actions taken explaining in detail the rules and practices prevalent in the University.

The interaction was useful as it provided an opportunity to

draw attention to the legitimate provisions, conventions, traditions and the legal framework under which the action and decisions were taken with regard to some of the contentious issues relating to the payment of TA and DA, HTA, Income Tax of Prof. Azis totaling a sum of Rs. 1.8 Lakh.

On the issue of alleged financial irregularities, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis emphasized the point that the University managed its funds perfectly within the standard financial management practices in vogue as per government rules. He also clarified that the University has received no major audit paras during the last three years in its audit reports and the charges of financial irregularities are baseless.

He further said that the University has given its replies to the audit paras raised in the special audit report conducted in 2010 and is ready to comply with any directives issued in this regard by C & A.G.

### **ALIGARH :October 21**

The 'Human's Pride', an organization of teachers and students of Aligarh Muslim University, organized a health camp in collaboration with Department of Community Medicine, J.N. Medical College.

Nearly four hundred patients were examined by doctors at the camp. Free medicines were distributed by Human Pride and the Department of Community Medicine. Complicated patients who needed further investigation and specialized care were referred to J.N. Medical College. A large number of children were also vaccinated against six killer diseases.

Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Chairman, Department of Community Medicine provided the infrastructure level facilities in organizing the health camp by UNICEF Health Clinic functioning under the Department of Community Medicine. Dr. Ansari said that such type of activities will also be organized in future to benefit the underserved population living in urban slums of Aligarh.

All the staff members of health clinic including project supervisor, male and female basic health workers and vaccinators participated in the camp. They carried out house to house health awareness and publicity campaign in the practice area of health clinic with the support of local Community Mobilization Coordinators (CMC) of UNICEF.

Mr. Tauseef Ahmad, Mr. Abdul Saleem, Mr. Mohd. Sajid, Mrs. Sanjeeda Aijaz, Miss Shakeela Shakoor, Miss Reshma and Miss Nida Malik helped in organizing the health camp. **Related Picture [1](#)**  
[Health Camp organized by Dept. of Community Medicine, JNMC](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 21**

Department of Tahaffuzi Wa Samaji Tib, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, Aligarh Muslim University organized an extra mural lecture on the occasion of World Osteoporosis Day. Dr. Mazhar Abbas, Associate Professor, Department of Orthopaedics, J. N. Medical

College, Aligarh Muslim University delivered the lecture on the various attributes of osteoporosis and discussed at length the types, prevention and treatment of the disease. Dr. Abbas laid emphasis on the use of nutritious food and physical exercise to prevent the disease.

Dr. S. M. Safdar Ashraf, Chairman, Department of Tahaffuzi Wa Samaji Tib in his lecture focused on three important aspects of means of prevention from osteoporosis, adequate intake of Calcium, Vitamin D and regular exercise.

Dr. Farkhunda Jabin extended vote of thanks and MD Scholar, Shazia Shamim conducted the programme. Dr. Ammar Bin Anwar, Dr. Mughees, Mr. Kafeel Ahmad, MD Scholar, Naushad Ali and a number of students were present on the occasion. **Related Picture 1. Seminar on Osteoporosis at AKTC**

### **ALIGARH :October 21**

The Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has recruited a record number of 121 students of B.Tech, B.E and MCA of the Aligarh Muslim University. TCS visited AMU campus as part of its campus recruitment drive. The excellent record was a result of the diligent and continued efforts of Dr. (Capt.) Fareed Mahdi, Training & Placement Officer under the overall guidance of Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal Zakir Husain College of Engineering & Technology.

The placement process was completed through two stages of recruitment carried during three days. The process began with an online test conducted by the technical team from TCS. A total of 165 students were shortlisted for the interview. The interview comprised of two rounds, Technical and HR.

The "pre-placement talk" was held at the Assembly Hall, Zakair Husain College of Engineering & Technology. The event was conducted by Mr. Zakir Zafar. It began with a presentation of Zakir Hussain College of Engineering & Technology, given by Mr. Md. Shibli which was followed by a brief presentation by Mr. Narendra Chandel from TCS. It covered details of the Tata Group with focus on the Tata Consultancy Services and its chief domains.

Earlier in the day, the TCS panel received a very warm and cordial reception from the Training & Placement Officer, Dr. (Capt.) Fareed Mahdi. The TCS panel received full cooperation from Mr. Arsalan Parvez, Mr. Abdul Aziz, Mr. Hammad Arif and Ms. Vidushi Singh from "@Ingenious-Solutions", a student group working under the guidance of the Training & Placement Office (TPO). The TCS team was immensely impressed by the quality of students appearing for the interview.

Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, ZHCET thanked the TCS team for their visit and invited them for the next placement season in near future. Prof. S. Mahdi A. Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology also thanked TCS for their visit and emphasized on building a good relation with TCS. He hoped that this relationship will be strengthened further in the coming years.

### **ALIGARH :October 20**

A two-day UGC sponsored National Seminar on "Emerging Paradigms of Human Rights: Issues, Challenges and Prospects" was organized by the Department of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University at the Arts Faculty Lounge.

While delivering the presidential address, AMU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis praised the AMU Community in its efforts towards the implementation of Sachar Committee report through the opening of two centres at Murshidabad and Malappuram. He said that efforts are on to open AMU centres in Kishanganj (Bihar) and Aurangabad (Maharashtra). Prof. Azis observed that the expansion plan is fully in conformity with Sir Syed's dream of empowering Indian Muslims. He also highlighted the benefits of the establishment of various cooperative societies in the campus, citing examples of successes achieved by such societies in Kerala.

The keynote address was delivered by the Chief Guest, Prof. C. Raj Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University, Haryana. He elaborated upon the six major challenges in the emerging paradigm of human rights such as theoretical and substantial challenges, institutional challenges, poverty, corruption, globalization and terrorism. He stressed upon the need to establish anti-corruption institutions across the country to fight these menace and discourage foreign intervention.

The Guest of Honour Mr. Ravi Nair, Executive Director South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre, New Delhi shared his personal experiences as a human right activist. He stressed upon the need of inventing strong mechanism for the implementation of Sachar Committee recommendations and lauded the role of social activist Irom Sharmila for fighting against the repeal of Armed Forces (special power) Act 1958. He urged the teachers and Students of AMU to file RTIs with government institutions in order to assess as to how much the recommendations of Sachar committee have been implemented.

Earlier, Prof. A.R. Vijapur, Chairman, Department of Political Science welcomed the guests and highlighted the objectives and the relevance of the Seminar.

On this occasion a book "International Terrorism and Violence: a Human Rights Perspective" by Dr. Mohibul Haq was released by the chief guest. The latest issue of the Indian Journal of Politics, published for the last 45 years and edited by Prof. A.R. Vijapur was released by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis.

Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences proposed vote of thanks. **Related Picture**

[1. Release of Journal of Political Science](#)

[2. L to R - Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Prof. C. Raj Kumar, AMU VC, Mr. Ravi Nair, and Prof. Veejapur at the Seminar in the Department of Political Science Seminar](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 18**

The Provosts of various residential halls and the Dean, Students' Welfare (DSW), Aligarh Muslim University while addressing

a press conference said that Sir Syed Day programme was organized on a large scale at every hall of residence with heightened zeal and enthusiasm. Eminent personalities from all walks of life graced the programmes organized to pay rich tributes to the great educationist and founder of this historic seat of learning, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

DSW, Prof. Ainul Haq Khan strongly condemned the act of indiscipline and chaos committed by some students in the University campus after the dinner.

Provosts of various halls including Dr. Abdul Rauf of Sir Ziauddin Hall, Dr. Anis Ahmad of S. S. Hall (North), Dr. Suhel Ahmad of M. M. Hall, Dr. Azhar Jameel of R. M. Hall, Dr. Mohd. Waseem Ali of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Hall, Dr. Shadab Khurshid of Nadim Tarin Hall, Dr. Abdul Baqi of Sulaiman Hall, Mr. Habib Ahmad of Allama Iqbal Hall, Prof. Najam Khaliq of Hadi Hasan Hall, Dr. Ghazala Naheed, Deputy Provost of Abdullah Hall, Prof. Mohammad Shair of Mohd. Habib Hall, Dr. Ruhi Khan of S. N. Hall and Prof. Rajeev Gulati of NRSC attended the Press Conference.

The Sir Syed Day was celebrated at all halls of residence with unprecedented ardour and passion. All the halls were decorated with colourful lights and cultural programmes were organized by the resident members to express happiness and joy on the occasion. The student representatives in hall administration welcomed chief guests at their halls and worked with a team spirit to make the programme a grand success.

Mr. Kamal Farooqui, former Chairman, Delhi Minority Commission graced the Sir Syed Dinner at Begum Sultan Jahan Hall as Chief Guest while Mrs. Rashmi Singh, wife of Mr. Vijendra Singh, Income Tax Commissioner, Aligarh was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

Mr. Shahid Ali Khan, Cabinet Minister, Information and Technology and Minority Affairs, Bihar was the chief guest at Indira Gandhi Hall. Mr. Khan gave away prizes and certificates to the winners of various events organized during the Sir Syed Week as part of the Sir Syed Day celebrations at the Indira Gandhi Hall. Bihar Minister praised the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis for his efforts in creating an academic atmosphere in the University and expanding the academic arena of AMU by opening AMU Centres in Murshidabad and Malappuram. He said that he would like to see the AMU Centre in Kishanganj of Bihar and assured of all his support and cooperation in this endeavour. The convivial dinner at the Indira Gandhi Hall was a grand festival as about 500 non-resident and 700 resident members of the hall dined together.

The traditional Sir Syed Dinner was also organized at the Sarojini Hall with much adoration to the founder of the University Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. Prof. Anwer Jahan Zuberi, former Vice Chancellor, Calicut University was the chief guest and former Chairman, Department of Urdu and former Principal, Women's College, Prof. Suraiyya Husain was the guest of honour. Provost of the Hall, Dr. (Mrs.) Subuhi Khan welcomed the guests and Senior Hall Monitor, Ms. Azna Zuberi conducted the programme. Some cultural presentations were also made by the resident members of the hall on this occasion. The Chief Guest, Prof. Anwer Jahan Zuberi

shared her experiences as the resident member of S. N. Hall way back in 1971-76.

The Nadeem Tarin Hall of residence also organized the S. S. Dinner with traditional zeal. Dr. Mohammad Muazzam, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and Prof. Satish Chandra Jain, Vice Chancellor, Mangalayatan University graced the programme as Chief Guest and Mr. Shahnawaz Tarin was the Guest of Honour. Dr. Shadab Khursheed, Provost of the Hall welcomed the guests. **Related Picture** [1. SS Day at Abdullah Hall](#)  
[2. SS Day at S.N. Hall](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 18**

Residential Coaching Academy, Aligarh Muslim University has declared the results for admission to the coaching programme 2011-2012 for Civil Services and PCS (J).

Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala, Director of the Academy said that twenty nine female and fifty two male aspirants for Civil Services were selected for admission to the Coaching Programme of the Academy while thirteen candidates have been enrolled for coaching for Judicial services.

### **ALIGARH :October 18**

As part of the Sir Syed Day celebrations, Indira Gandhi Hall of residence for girls at the Aligarh Muslim University organized a week-long programme on the occasion of 194th birth anniversary of great social reformer and founder of the University, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

A series of literary and cultural events were organized during the week and the winners of various events were felicitated with awards and certificates. In the speech competition on "Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: Vision and Mission", the first prize was won by Sumbul Shahid, M.A. (F) while the second prize was shared by Sadhna Singh, M.A. (F) and Numrin Nazir, M.A. (P). In the Ghazal Competition first, second and third prize were given to Zeba Naaz, Mahak Abbas and Tasneem Saba respectively.

In poster making competition on the topic "Aligarh Muslim University: Paint Your Perspective", first Prize went to Samania Saman, Dania Sana and Arshia Parveen and the second prize was given to Farhat Raza, Mariya Javed and Tarannum Parveen. Sayema Asrar and Ayesha Siddiqua were awarded the third prize.

Dania Sana, Rehmut-un-Nisa and Beenish Shamim won the first, second and third prizes respectively in Debate while in the Speech competition Sumbul Shahid won the first and Sadhna Singh and Numrin Nazir shared the second prize. Dr. Samina Khan was the judge of the event. The On-the-spot Essay Writing Competition was held on "Quality Education and Culture in Aligarh Muslim University".

Prof. Asif Shuja, Provost, I. G. Hall stood strongly behind the organizers extending all possible support to make the Sir Syed Day celebrations exemplary. The wardens of IG Hall, Ms. Rayena Reza

and Ms. Ambreen Jamali were actively involved in preparing the participants for various events. Senior Hall Monitor, Fauzia Faridi gave all cooperation in organizing the events. Miss Saima Kareem, Senior literary secretary and Miss Mawara Afrinish, Joint literary secretary, organized all the literary events while Miss Zenab Ahmad and Miss Nabeela Parvez, senior and joint cultural secretary, organized the cultural events.

### **ALIGARH :October 18**

The Resident Doctors Association (RDA), J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has elected new office bearers of its executive. Dr. Shahzad Ahmad, JR-III of Department of ENT has been elected President of the Association while Dr. Murad Ahmed, JR-II of Pathology Department was elected Vice President and Dr. Tariq Ekram, JR-II of Department of Paediatrics was elected as General Secretary. Dr. Md. Riyazuddin, JR-III of Department of Psychiatry and Mr. Peerzada Ziaulhaq of Dental College were elected Treasurer and Joint Secretary respectively.

Chief Election Officer, Dr. Obaid Ahmad Siddiqui while declaring the results said that all the office bearers have been elected unopposed. **Related Picture**

[1. Dr. Shahzad Ahmad](#)

[2. Dr. Tariq Ekram](#)

[3. Dr. Murad Ahmed](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 18**

A three-day exhibition on books and photographs of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan (founder of AMU) and Dr. Sheikh Abdullah (founder of Women's college) was inaugurated at the Women's college library to celebrate the 194th birth anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. A large number of alumni of Women's College were invited to the inaugural function. The Chief Guest was, one of the senior-most alumnus of Women's college, Prof. Surraiya Hussain (retd.) who has done extensive literary work on Sir Syed Ahmad Khan under a Govt. sponsored research project. She praised the efforts of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in establishing this great seat of learning, which later inspired Dr. Sheikh Abdullah to work for the upliftment and education of female students.

Further, Prof. Hussain and other alumni present highly appreciated the extensive efforts made in the recent times by college administration for the improvement and advancement of the college library with limited resources. She expressed her warm feelings for the modernization of the library and hoped that more such improvements of library facilities will be made to fulfill any future needs of the students.

The Women's college started as a small school for girls in 1906 has today flourished to become one of the leading girls' colleges of the country. The event was well attended and the guests appreciated the rare collection of books and

photographs on the two great visionaries. Prof. Iffat Ara of the English Section of the college presented the welcome address and the appreciation note. **Related Picture 1. [Prof. Surayya Husain and Prof. Bilquis Naseem Waris inspecting the Exhibition on Sir Syed and Shaikh Abdullah at Women's College](#)**

### **ALIGARH :October 17**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis expressed his extreme satisfaction that Founder's Day Celebrations including Sir Syed's Dinner attended by a large number of dignitaries including Mr. Shahid Ali Khan, Minister, Information & Technology and Minority Affairs, Government of Bihar, Mr. Javed Ahmad Khan, Minister in Charge, Fire and Emergence Services, Disaster Management, West Bengal, Mr. Hasan Kamal of USA.

Prof. Azis congratulated the various Hall functionaries for smooth conducting the Sir Syed Day Celebrations despite difficulties created by a handful teachers and students. All the halls of residence were illuminated and functions were held in the most decent manner.

The Chief Guests of the Halls of Residence were, in Begum Sultan Jahan, Mr. Kamal Amad Farooqui, Ex-Chairman Minority Commission New Delhi, Sir Ziauddin Hall, Prof. Mohd. Shabbir, Dean, Faculty of Law, Sir Syed Hall (South), Prof. Anis Ahmad Ansari, Department of Kulliyat, Prof. Ekram Hussain, Department of Physical Health & Sports Education, Sir Syed Hall (North), Mr. Sunil Chittor, MLC (UP), Aftab Hall, Mr. Javed Ahmad Khan, Minister Incharge, Fire & Emergence Services Disaster Management, Civil Defence, Government of West Bengal, Mohammad Habib Hall, Mr. Zafar Alam, Industrialist, Sir Shah Sulaiman Hall, Prof. Khawja Shamim Ahmad, Ex Vice-Chancellor (AMU), Sir Ross Masood Hall, Mr. Ziaur Rahman, Coordinator (BSP) Kol Vidhan Sabha, Nadeem Tarim, Dr. Mohd Moazzam, Deputy Secretary, (Environment Forest), New Delhi, Viqarul Mulk Hall, Mr. Hasan Kamal, USA, Mohsinul Mulk Hall, Mr. Shahzad Zafar Ali, Chief Executive, BPCI, Ministry of Petroleum, Government of India, Sarojini Naidu Hall, Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Dean, Faculty of Social Science, Abdullah Hall, Prof. Zakir A. Siddiqi, Indira Gandhi Hall, Mr. Shahid Ali Khan, Minister Incharge, Information & Technologies and Minority's Affairs, Government of Bihar, Allama Iqbal Hall, Mr. Mohd. Qasim Siddiqui, Ex OSD, Senior Secondary School (Boys), Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Hall, Mr. Shamim Ahmad Khan, Chief Development Officer, Aligarh, Hadi Hasan Hall, Mr. Bhupendra Kumar, Commandant, RAF, Aligarh Battalion, Engineering College Hall for Girls, Prof. Syed Mahdi Abbas Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technologies, S.T.S. High School, Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Engineering College, Mr. Vivek Bansal, MLC (UP), Ahmadi School for Visually Challenged and NRSC **Related Picture 1. [L to R - Prof. Bilquis Naseem Waris, Prof. Zakia Siddiqui, Prof. PK Abdul Azis and prof. VK Abdul Jaleel at the Abdullah Sir Syed Day function](#)**

### **ALIGARH :October 17**

The 194th birth anniversary of the founder of the Aligarh Muslim University, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was observed with traditional gaiety and fervor at AMU. The highly indebted nation paid rich tributes to the one of the most-towering personalities of the 19th century India and to mark the occasion, all the residential halls at AMU were decorated with colourful light and convivial dinners were organized at the halls graced by eminent personalities as chief guests from India and abroad.

Addressing an impressive commemorative meeting at the University Athletics Ground, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the University is making all efforts to scale new heights in research and academics to fulfill the dreams of great visionary, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. He said that the very ideals of secularism, universal brotherhood and scientific approach vigorously pursued by Sir Syed are the cardinal principles of the University.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Azis said that the University, expanding its wings, has established two centres at Murshidabad of West Bengal and Malappuram of Kerala and a new light of knowledge has been lit that will wipe out the miasma of ignorance in these educationally backward areas. He said that efforts are on to open new centres at Kishanganj in Bihar and Aurangabad in Maharashtra in order to provide opportunities to the deprived and marginalized sections of the society in remote areas to help them catch up with the lost avenues. He said that this expansion is a turning point for the University.

Prof. Azis said that to cope with the challenges of information technology in the new age, the University has laid down a web of computer and internet facilities in all the departments of studies and residential halls and a hub of computer facilities has been installed in the Women's College. He said that the process of installation of WiMax has been completed and soon the students, teachers and other staff will be able to use the WiMax facility for high speed internet connectivity.

Prof. Azis said that no moment has saddened him more in the last four years than today's event when the birth anniversary of Sir Syed is being celebrated with great enthusiasm throughout the world, it is opposed in the University. The gate of his residence has been blocked to restrict him from participating in the commemorative meeting and he was compelled to get out of his residence from backdoor. A bunch of self-seekers is determined to cause incalculable loss to the University and this is highly regrettable, he added.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis thanked the students, faculty members and the general public who gathered in thousands at the Athletics Ground to participate in the Sir Syed Day commemorative function waiting patiently with extreme discipline for more than three hours.

He expressed his unhappiness and condemned the obstacles created by a group of teachers and suspended students by blocking the roads and the Vice Chancellor's lodge forcefully. He however said that the public meeting is a reflection of respect and regard the University has for its founder.

AMU Vice Chancellor expressed unhappiness on the non-cooperative attitude of the district police administration towards the Proctor's team despite several request made for crowd management and traffic control for the smooth passage of Mr. Salman Khursheed to attend the function as chief guest. He said that showing black flags or 'Not Welcome' banners to the chief guest is against the great traditions of AMU. The University considers Mr. Salman Khursheed as the 'Most Welcome' guest and honours his association with it as his birthplace, which would remain an important emotional bookmark in the story of Mr. Salman Khursheed's life.

The Vice Chancellor appealed to AMU community to forget minor differences and work for the development of the University and the community.

In his welcome address, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar said that AMU is celebrating the 194th birth anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the founder of this historic institution and the torch bearer of Aligarh Movement. He was not only the first Renaissance Indian Muslim of the 19th century, but was also the architect of modern India.

He said that Sir Syed explored the possibility of modernity for the Muslims and cultivated a modern approach towards ever changing social realities. His vision and mission is highly relevant today in the Indian context.

Prof. Qazi Afzal Husain, Dean, Faculty of Arts made it clear that Sir Syed movement was certainly more than a reformative campaign as Sir Syed propounded a new world view that would eventually empower the Muslims. For him education was the bedrock of ultimate progress. "No reformist of 19th and 20th century could vie with him as he was not mere a founder of an educational institution but was instrumental in shaping the future of new generations. He urged students to live up to the demands of the contemporary world and only then they could be described as the true heir of Sir Syed's legacy.

Prof. Ali Mohammad Naqvi, Dean, Faculty of Theology highlighted the awe-inspiring attributes of Sir Syed's personality and said scientific approach, deep rooted human concern, freedom of expression and concern for national duties summed up his personality.

On the occasion, two students expressed their views and termed the University as the fortress of the great Indian culture.

Prof. Ainul Haq Khan, Dean, Students' Welfare, proposed vote of thanks and Dr. Shakeel Samdai conducted the programme.

Earlier, a Quran Khwani (Quran reading) was organized at the University mosque after Fajr Namaz. AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel and other staff, teachers, students and retired employees participated in the Quran Khwani in a large number. After Quran Khwani, a floral tribute was also paid at the grave of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis also inaugurated a three-day exhibition of books and photographs on Sir Syed at the Sir Syed House at 8 am where he spent an important part of his life during 1876-1898. The exhibition was organized jointly by the Maulana Azad Library and Sir

Syed Academy.

Prof. Shan Mohammad, Director, Sir Syed Academy and Prof. Shabahat Husain, Library Incharge, Maulana Azad Library welcomed the guests at Sir Syed House. A large number of visitors came to see the exhibition on Sir Syed. **Related Picture**

[1. L to R - Prof. Ainul Haq, Prof. PK Abdul Azis, Prof. VK Abdul Jaleel, Dr. Samdani at the 194th Sir Syed Commemorative Meeting](#)

[2. Gather at Sir Syed Day](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 17**

To pay a rich tribute to the founder of the Aligarh Muslim University, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan on his 194th birth anniversary today, a Quran Khwani (Quran reading) was organized at the University mosque after Fajr Namaz. AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel and other staff, teachers, students and retired employees participated in the Quran Khwani in a large number. After Quran Khwani, a floral tribute was also paid at the grave of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

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[1. AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis laying floral chadar at the Mazar of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan](#)

[2. AMU VC, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis inaugurating the three-day exhibition of books and photographs on Sir Syed](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 16**

The Women's College, Aligarh Muslim University, organized two lectures to commemorate the 194th birth anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the founder of Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. Shan Mohammad, Director, Sir Syed Academy and Prof. M. Shafey Kidwai, Department of Mass Communication delivered their lectures, before a large audience in the Women's College auditorium.

Prof. Shan Mohammad said that Sir Syed Ahmad Khan who was a great reformist of the 19th century and he familiarised the students with the great personality of this great visionary, a man of strong character, far sightedness and firm determination. Prof. Shan Mohammad said the hard work, vision and policies of Sir Syed helped in transforming the Mohammeden Anglo Oriental (MAO) College into full fledged Aligarh Muslim University. Sir Syed spared no pain in improving the conditions of Indians and particularly of Muslims. Being the chief architect of modernism in India he fought relentlessly against backwardness, narrow-mindedness, fanaticism and paved the way for modern education and scientific temper.

Prof. Shan Mohammad concluded that the students of Women's

College should move ahead for bright future sticking to the moral values and respecting their culture, teachers and seniors to fulfill Sir Syed's aspirations for Muslims.

Prof. Shafey Kidwai highlighted the great contributions of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. While recognizing Sir Syed as an educationist, philosopher, writer and a social and religious reformer, Prof. Kidwai elaborated how Sir Syed spent his life in making Muslims capable of standing on their feet by making them understand the importance of modern education and living a dignified life. Prof. Kidwai highlighted the contributions of Sir Syed at various commissions through the introduction of various Bills for the welfare of Muslims. He shed light on the publications especially journals and magazines, from Asbabe-Bagawate-Hind to Aligarh Institute Gazette published by the great thinker. He also told underlined the basic concepts and principles applied by Sir Syed such in education including human values and the concept of self-help. He appealed to the students to adopt scientific temper and simplicity of life and high thinking advocated by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

On this occasion, Principal Women's College, Prof. Bilquis Nasim Waris reiterated the importance of education and high values as both of these were close to Sir Syed's heart. **Related Picture**

[1. Prof. Shafey Kidwai addressing the lecture at Women's College](#)

[2. Audience at Women's College](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 16**

The 117th Orientation Programme organized by the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University concluded today. Fifty teachers from various Universities/Colleges from all parts of the country participated in the programme.

While felicitating the participants, Prof. A. R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, spelled out the objectives and spirit of the UGC Academic Staff College courses. He appealed them to strive for social cohesion and communal harmony in the society, as teachers can be very effective agents of social change.

The Chief Guest, Professor Badar Alam Iqbal, former Chairman and Dean, Faculty of Commerce, Aligarh Muslim University, who is a Visiting Professor at several foreign universities, exhorted the course participants to attain quality in their professional life. In today's globalized world higher education has become extremely competitive and without achieving quality, no educational institution can survive now, he concluded. Professor Iqbal gave away certificates to the course participants and prizes to the winners of the essay competition organized by the UGC Academic Staff College as part of Hindi Week celebrations.

Dr. Indu Singh Rajput of Moradabad and Mr. Surjit Singh of Roorkee, spoke on this occasion as representatives of the course participants and expressed satisfaction over the contents and other arrangements of the course.

Dr. Reshma Jamal proposed the vote of thanks.

### **ALIGARH :October 13**

"If the greywater can be managed in an environmentally responsible manner in accordance with ecologically sustainable development principles and protection of public health and the health of the household, it would become a water resource of significant value", said Dr. Jawed Alam, Associate Professor at the Department of Civil Engineering, Z. H. College of Engineering & Technology, Aligarh Muslim University while presenting the paper on "Grey water Use to Augment water Sustainability in India", at the International Conference held at National Institute of Technology, Calicut (Kerela).

Dr. Alam said that wastewater generated from bathroom, laundry and kitchen is generally known as grey water. Greywater represents about 68% of the total wastewater. When kitchen wastewater is excluded, the percentage of greywater becomes about 61%. He further said that the study concluded that the greywater reuse for toilet flushing can alone reduce fresh water demand by 10-25%. The use of grey water in India is in the stage of infancy. Though, various developed countries are already utilizing this new water potential after some preliminary treatments depending on the type of use. In India the greywater system may be very effective in the school/college campuses especially those with residential facilities.

Dr. Alam emphasized that This imbalance has brought a crisis with regard to water in many regions of the world. It is projected that by 2025, about 3.5 billion people will live in water-stressed countries. There are at least 1.1 billion people without access to a safe water supply and about 2.5 billion without adequate sanitation systems and the majority of them live in developing countries. India occupies only 3.29 million km<sup>2</sup> geographical area, which form 2.4% of the worlds land area, it supports over 15% of world's population with only 4% of the world's water resources.

### **ALIGARH :October 13**

Professor Mohammad Mobin, Department of Applied Chemistry, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University attended the NACE International East-Asia and Pacific Area Corrosion Conference and Expo-CORCON 2011 held at Mumbai and presented a paper titled "Performance Evaluation of a Commercial Polyurethane Coating in Marine Environment".

The corrosion conference hosted by the NACE International Gateway India Section is the 5th largest corrosion conference in the world and was attended by over one thousand delegates from eighteen different countries.[1. Prof. Mohd. Mobin](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 13**

"Helping Hands Society", run by a group of AMU students, organized an environmental awareness programme "GO GREEN" at Women's College, Aligarh Muslim University.

Chief Guest, Prof. Bilquees N. Waris, Principal, Women's College, appreciated the noble cause and efforts of Women's

college girls to take this initiative. She congratulated Girls for organizing the function successfully. Dr. Ghazala Parveen, Department of Botany, Special Guest also congratulated the member of the Helping Hand Society.

Dr. Jameela Khatoon, Patron, Helping Hands Society presented a brief introduction of the Society. She said that this society is only NGO which is run by the girls of Women's College. This NGO aims that at youngsters, especially girls should take responsibility to support and help in the upliftment of under-privileged section of society who are struggling for food, clothes and quality education. Ms. Shaima Raquib, presented the concept of Go Green through a slide show.

Around 200 students joined this campaign and 10 plants were planted by Principal, Women's College and other teachers of the campus. **Related Picture**[1. Prof. Bilquis Naseem Waris at a Helping Hands Society program GO GREEN](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 13**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis reiterated the stand of the University that AMU is committed to establish its Centre in Kishanganj, Bihar only if a contiguous piece of 250-300 acres of land, free from all encumbrances is handed over to the University.

Addressing a press conference, Prof. Azis explained that the decision taken by the University functionaries to establish a Centre of AMU is a firm commitment made to the people of Bihar and very specially to the people of Kishanganj District and nearby areas.

Reacting to the allegations leveled by the Bihar Government, AMU Vice Chancellor said that the Secretary, Department of Human Resource Development, Bihar Government informed the University that the Government of Bihar has allocated 243.76 acres of land on payment of Rs. Ten as a token salami and Re. One as annual rent for 30 years lease with the option of renewal. This official communication of Bihar Government did not indicate that the land offered to AMU was in three pieces. The University, however, expressed its willingness to take over the land if an area of 250-300 acres of land, contiguous to plot number one and inclusive of it, with direct access to the State Highway is allocated.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Azis felt that despite the Chief Minister expressed desire, of the Bihar bureaucracy never responded 'promptly to University's request regarding AMU Centre in Kishanganj'.

Prof. Azis urged the Bihar Chief Minister to identify the contiguous piece of land and the land should be transferred to AMU without any type of lease.

Prof. Azis also denied the allegations of the Bihar Government and stated that the land provided to AMU in both the places are contiguous. The West Bengal had handed over a single plot of 299.64 acres divided by the Farakka Canal but will be in one piece and the Government of Kerala had handed over a plot of 335.99 acres of land free of cost for AMU Centres. If the Government of

Bihar was fast enough to respond promptly to our request, AMU would also have been able to start its Kishanganj Centre along with Murshidabad and Malappuram.

He urged the Bihar Chief Minister, Mr. Nitish Kumar to hand over 250-300 acres of land so that AMU can proceed further on the matter. The procedure to get the approval of the Visitor under Section 12 (C) of the AMU Act would be initiated only after getting the land in the name of AMU, as was done in the case of Murshidabad and Malappuram. **Related Picture** [1. AMU VC addressing the media persons at AMU](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 12**

A six-member high-power team, headed by the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, will visit Aurangabad (Maharashtra) on October 25-27, 2011 on the request of Prof. Fauzia Khan, Minister of State for Education, Government of Maharashtra to inspect the sites identified by the District Magistrate, Aurangabad for the establishment of AMU Centre in Maharashtra.

The other members of the team include Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and former Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut, Prof. Jawaid Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Research, Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Media Advisor, Prof. M. Saud Alam Qasmi, Former Dean, Faculty of Theology

### **ALIGARH :October 12**

Professor P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University today laid down the foundation stone of a Composite Building for Department of Plant Protection, Agricultural Microbiology and Post Harvest Engineering in the Faculty of Agricultural Science.

He also laid the foundation stone of Residential Coaching Academy with a grant of Rs. 750 Lakh under XI Plan of the University Grants Commission near Sir Syed's House.

Addressing the foundation stone ceremony, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the Government of India has taken an affirmative action to provide Coaching to Minorities, SCs, STs and Women at AMU. He said that the major projects under XI Plan have been completed on time and the University is trying to prepare XII Plan proposals for the future expansion of the University.

Earlier, Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala, Director of the Residential Coaching Academy said that the ceaseless and sincere efforts of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis ultimately materialized when the MHRD sanctioned an amount of Rs. 13 Crores for the establishment of a Residential Coaching Academy to enroll 200 candidates for coaching for Civil Services competitions.

Prof. Khairoowala said that seven candidates have qualified Civil Service preliminary examinations and seven candidates were finally

selected for different state services.

On this occasion, AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Controller Exams, Prof. Pervez Mustajab, OSD (Development), Prof. Akhtar Haseeb and Prof. Pervez Qamar Rizvi also addressed the foundation stone laying ceremony.

**Related Picture** [1. AMU VC laying foundation at the Faculty of Agriculture Sciences](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 12**

Prof. Naeem Ahmad Khan, Chairman, Department of Ilmu Advia, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, Aligarh Muslim University has been nominated as the member of the Ayurveda Siddha Unani Drug Technical Advisory Board (ASUDTAB) by the Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

ASUDTAB is the apex body constituted to look into the technicalities of drug manufacturing by the traditional system of medicines in order to ensure quality product from various manufacturers. The recommendations of the pharmacopoeia committees of different traditional systems are taken up by this board to give them final shape in order to ensure the highest degree of authenticity, purity, safety and efficacy in ASU (Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani) drugs.

The guidelines related to the manufacturing of various dosage forms are also framed by this august body comprising of experts from different disciplines of science and medicine. Since the traditional medicines play an important role in the national health care system, the role of such a body that controls and supervises the drug delivery system becomes enormously important.

Prof. Naeem has also been nominated Coordinator for the subject "Ilmul Murakkabat" by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, Government of India **Related Picture** [1. Naeem Ahmad Khan](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 12**

Mohsinul Mulk Hall, Aligarh Muslim University organized a grand function to felicitate toppers of different faculties residing in the Hall. On this occasion Er. Afzal Usmani, Co-moderator, AMU Network, Coordinator, Aligarh Education Endowment Fund, USA and the Chief Guest of the function made an earnest appeal to the young students to make optimum use of time and resources available in the University. He cited the example of Sir Ross Masood, grandson of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, who later became the Vice-Chancellor of the University at a young age of thirty nine on the strength of his merit and talent.

Dr. Suhail Sabir, Provost of the Hall accorded a warm welcome to the guests. In his welcome address, he vehemently exhorted the students to keep up the same decency, decorum and discipline they have exhibited during the last two years which has made M.M. Hall an example for the other halls of residence to emulate.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Dean,

Faculty of Social Sciences, acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Suhail Sabir for creating an environment in M.M. Hall conducive to the attainment of excellence in curricular and co-curricular activities. Prof. Zuberi urged the students to achieve eminence in the subject they have opted to study. Mr. Syed Mustafa Hashmi, a US based Scientist and Alumnus of AMU shed light on his emotional bond with his alma mater. He assured the students of all possible help in their pursuit of academic excellence. Prof. Abdul Aleem fondly recalled the days when he was a resident member of M.M. Hall and even then the hall was a hub of literary cultural and sports activities.

In his presidential remark, Prof. Razaullah Khan, Department of Civil Engineering, stressed upon the need of single-minded devotion towards one's duty to have an edge over others in a cutthroat competition in all walks of life. Professor Khan also emphasized on the need of adopting a positive thinking. He asked the students not to let negativity spoil their mind and heart. He appealed to all stakeholders to rise above personal interests and think about the betterment of AMU community as a whole.

Mr. Ghufuran Ahmad, Warden-in-Charge, Career Counseling Cell, and Abdul Qadeer a Post Graduate Student conducted the proceedings. Mr. Ghufuran Ahmad highlighted the importance of awards in inspiring, encouraging and motivating the students to excel in their studies. Dr. Akram Jawed, General Warden, proposed the vote of thanks.

Mr. Abdul Bari, B.P.E.D., Mr. Md. Saddam Husain Ansari, B.Tech. VI Sem., Mr. Abdu Raheem P., M.A. I year, Mr. Shaukat Ullah Khan, B.Sc. (F), were felicitated with a certificate of appreciation, a trophy and cash of prize of Rs. 3000/- on achieving first position in their respective faculties. Dr. Hasan Tahir, a US based illustrious alumnus has kindly sponsored the prizes.

Dr. Anees Ahmad, Provost, S.S. Hall (North), Prof. Abdul Baqi, Provost, Sulaiman Hall, Prof. Rajiv Gulati, Provost, NRSC, Dr. Abdul Aziz Khan and Er. Rizwan-ur-Rehman, Wardens of the Hall were also present on the occasion. **Related Picture**

[1. Er. Afzal Usmani felicitated by Dr. Suhail Sabir at MM Hall](#)

[2. Er. Afzal Usmani giving away the certificate to one of the toppers at MM Hall](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 11**

Prof. Saleem Akhtar, Department of Law, Aligarh Muslim University has been appointed as Chief Election Officer to conduct the elections of the AMU Students' Union and four remaining representation of students from the concerned faculties to the University Court, the supreme governing body of the University.

The elections to the AMU Students' Union will be conducted in accordance with the Lyngdoh Committee recommendations as contained in the Regulations 2010.

### **ALIGARH :October 11**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis laid the foundation of four major construction projects of the University.

Prof. Azis laid the foundation of a new building for Social sciences with a UGC grant of Rs. 594.67 Lakhs under the XI Plan. The building is designed for six floors but during the current plan three floors will be completed within a year.

Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences said that she has witnessed remarkable progress in the development of infrastructure in the University during the tenure of Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis. Since the establishment of Faculty of Arts building way back in 1960, no concrete efforts were made to extend the classrooms, labs and other academic facilities and within a short span of four years a new building for Social Sciences was provided besides the additional provision of a new building for Library and Information Science and Mass Communication to be constructed at a cost of nearly Rs. 6 crores. The Social Science faculty is now in a resurgent mode as the Departments of West Asian Studies, Economics and Sociology were able to attract substantial special grants for academic and research projects in this academic session.

Prof. Azis laid the foundation stone of a hostel for differently abled students to meet the residential needs of the students of Ahmadi School for Visually Challenged at the Ahmadi School for Visually Challenged complex. The University has sanctioned an amount of Rs. Six Crores and the work has been assigned to CPWD for the construction of an all inclusive hostel including kitchen, dining hall, provost room, general toilets, stairs and ramp for 90 boys and girls.

AMU Vice Chancellor also laid the foundation stone of Central Building Block of Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology with a cost of Rs. Four Crores. The construction of the building in the first stage comprises one Lecture Theatre and three Digital Classrooms with utilities. The construction will be completed by August 11, 2012.

The Vice Chancellor also laid the foundation stone for Girls' Hall of residence for 1000 students besides Law Faculty on Qila Road initially for 105 students. The Four storey building will be completed on January 21, 2013 by the CPWD.

Addressing the foundation stone laying ceremony, Prof. Azis said that the University needs 5-6 more Halls to accommodate the boys and girls. He said that the University authorities have provided 2,500 additional seats in the hostels during the last four years.

While laying the foundation stone for disabled hostel, Prof. Azis said that the hostel for boys and girls will be restricted only for the students of Ahmadi School for Visually Challenged. He said that the University administration was trying to develop a new living environment in this school with holistic planning.

On this occasion, AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, OSD (Development), Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi, Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Ekram Husain also addressed the gathering. **Related Picture**

[1. AMU laying foundation Stone at Blind School](#)

[2. AMU layianag Foundation Stone at Social Science Part II](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 11**

Mr. Zishan Akhtar, final year B.Tech. Mechanical, Mr. Muhammad Muaz, third year B.Tech. Mechanical and Mr. Mohammad Owais, second year B.Tech. student of Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University have received the Satyendra Kumar Kashyap Merit Scholarship for the year 2011 at a function organized here at Aligarh. The Satyendra Kumar Kashyap Merit Scholarship is given by the Aligarh Education Endowment Fund (AEEF), USA in memory of Mr. Satyendra Kumar Kashyap, an AMU alumnus who obtained his B.E (Mechanical Engineering) degree from Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology way back in 1966. Mr. Kashyap retired as Superintending Engineer, UP State Vigilance in 2004 and passed away in June 2010 in Lucknow. Mr. Kashyap was a proud Aligarian and very passionate about his Alma Mater. The scholarship has been established by his daughter, Deepali Kashyap as a tribute to her father's alma mater, Aligarh Muslim University.

At the award giving ceremony, Prof. S. M. A. Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology presented the welcome address and expressed gratitude towards Ms. Kashyap. Prof. Rizvi highlighted the importance of such funding for the encouragement of students.

Prof. Ishtiyag Zilli, Director Darul Musannefin Shibli Academy and a retired Professor from the Department of History, presiding over the function, highlighted the importance and significance of the AEEF and shed light on the significant achievements of the organization.

Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology also spoke on the occasion. Mr. Afzal Usmani, Member of AEEF presented a report on the activities, achievements and the services rendered by the AEEF. He said that the Aligarh Education Endowment Fund is a charitable organization founded by AMU alumni and well wishers of the University to serve the educational needs of the underprivileged communities in India and works as a non-profit, secular, non-partisan, and non-political organization. AEEF is funding a broad variety of educational projects, ranging from school to post-graduate levels, including areas such as Information Technology, Biotechnology, Medicine, Engineering, Management and Business Administration, Mass Communication, Basic Sciences, Social Sciences, and Law with emphasis on areas, which will accelerate the flow of the young generation into the economic mainstream. The scholarship program is generously supported by alumni of Aligarh Muslim University and its friends and private foundations. In the year 2010-11 AEEF distributed almost 12 Lakh rupees across India. The main recipients were AMU Students, students from Aligarh Modern School, Faiz-e-Aam Society Faizabad (UP), Fatehpur Girls Inter College, MAU (UP), Jamia Millia Islamia, IIT Delhi and Rahmani Foundation

Patna (Bihar). AEEF also sponsored 4 students for mentorship program under SSES of Michigan USA.

Afzal Usmani also introduced the Board of advisors of AEEF in India which comprises, Prof. A.R. Kidwai former Governor of Haryana and Bihar, Mr. Ishrat Aziz former Ambassador of Tunisia, Brazil and Saudi Arabia, Mr. Naved Masood, Secretary Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Dr. Obaid Siddiqi, Founder Director TIFR Bangalore.

A committee of five members was formed to make deliberations on the award of Merit Scholarship and to make proposal for the next awardees. The committee consists of Prof. S. M. A. Rizvi, Prof. Arif Suhail, Dr. Omar Farooq, Ms. Deepali Kashyap and a representative from AEEF. **Related Picture 1. [Winners of the Kashyap Merit Scholarship with the guests at ZH College of Engineering AMU](#)**

### **ALIGARH :October 10**

"India is growing as a super power and the students of this country bear hope for the future of a prosperous and peaceful world", said the High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Dato Paduka Haji Sidek Ali while interacting with the students of Aligarh Muslim University today. He said that India has a distinct place among the countries of the world for its distinguished cultural ethos and amazing unity in diversity. He said his ancestors had migrated from Gujarat to Brunei.

The High Commissioner said that India is a democratic country and the media has full freedom while Brunei is a small country where there is no management crisis.

He said there are two universities in Brunei and the media world comprises two TV channels along with the publication of two newspapers. Brunei is an economically strong country and there are many prospects for employment for people of Indian origin. Most of the doctors and engineers in Brunei hail from India, he observed.

The High Commissioner said that the act of management of diplomacy is witnessing a paradigm shift from nurturing government to government relations to building effective people to people relationship. He said that culture and communication have assumed a new meaning and are being used a vital instrument of social transaction and discourse for furthering the objectives of diplomacy in modern times.

Haji Sidek Ali said that the Aligarh Muslim University is greatly respected in his country and the Education Minister of Brunei laid the foundation stone of K. A. Nizami Centre for Quranic Studies in AMU in July 1999 and the AMU honoured him with the D. Lit. degree honoris causa.

AMU Registrar Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel said that we would like to get into a memorandum of understanding with Brunei Darussalam in order to give impetus to the mutual cooperation and support in the field of academics and research. Prof. Jaleel said that the founder of this great seat of learning, Sir Syed Ahmad laid ample emphasis on the religious education besides the contemporary learning and it is pleasing to note that there is also an adequate arrangement of

religious as well as contemporary education in Brunei. He said that the students would learn a lot from this interactive meet with the hon'ble guest.

Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Chairman, Department of Mass Communication and Media Advisor welcomed the Brunei High Commissioner. He said that Brunei is a forward looking nation with strong traditional underpinnings. It has evolved a vibrant educational model aiming at a harmonious fusion of both materialistic and spiritual dimensions of social life. Briefing on the purpose of organizing the interactive meet, he said that the students from Management and Mass Communication streams and Women's College should get acquainted with the development trends and career oriented phenomenal changes witnessed in the science of modern diplomacy over the last decade.

The High Commissioner of Brunei paid tribute to AMU founder, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan by laying floral chadar at his Mazaar. He also visited Sir Syed Academy and the Prof. K. A. Nizami Centre for Quranic Studies.

Earlier, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis while receiving the Brunei High Commissioner emphasized on nurturing stronger people to people relations and furthering 'looking east' policy by the nations of Asian region.

#### **ALIGARH :October 10**

Syed Mehdi Nabi Zadeh, Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran said that through the science only Muslim can develop themselves. He appreciated the efforts of AMU in promoting scientific temperament among the minority institutions and Madarsas of India while addressing the inaugural function of Computer Application in teaching for teachers from Deeni Madaris and Minority Institutions organized by Centre for Promotion of Science, Aligarh Muslim University here today.

He said that the Prophet of Islam has always propagated the education which is the key to empowerment. Quranic verses are emphasizing towards attainment of education, he added. Mr. Nabi Zadeh said that the certificate of AMU bears the verse of Allamal Insan-a-Maalam Yaalam, which is a testimony to the fact that AMU is working on the principles of Islam. He said that educational madaris should be equipped with modern technologies including the computer applications so that they can be placed at par with other modern educational institutions.

Mr. Zadeh also focused on the relation of Iran and India. He said even before the advent of Islam there have been good relations between Iranians and Indian. India and Iran shares a composite culture. Mr. Nabi Zadeh said education has received special impetus in recent time as is evident by the fact that there were only 1.5 lakh students before Islamic revolution in Iran but now there are more than 30 lak students in Iranian Universities.

Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor said that India and Iran shares a great relationship. Iranian Revolution led by Ayatullah Khumaini is cherished by the whole democratic world. He said that

Iran is one of the few Arab countries which is giving adequate freedom to its women. Iran is now one of the most vibrant Islamic State of the world, he added. Prof. Azis said that HRD Ministry recently introduced the cheapest tablet PC "AKASH" to be distributed among the students community in the country. He said that University places on record its appreciation towards the HRD Minister Kapil Sibal for introducing such a unique and useful device for the benefit of the students.

Prof. Saud Alam Qasmi, Guest of Honor and former Dean of the Faculty of Theology said that knowledge is the key to life, as it provides empowerment to the community. He highlighted the teachings of Quran that are the directives towards attainment of knowledge.

He said that knowledge is a two sided sword, it can protect humanity as well as cause destruction to it. The complete knowledge is that which gives an insight of both the deen and the duniya. Prof. Qasmi said that Madarsas are not only creating awareness among the masses but also acting as an instrument of cleansing the society by producing God fearing people.

Dr. Fatima Shujatullah, Director, Centre for Promotion of Science said that the intellectual activity of the Muslim community had become confined to the literature, religious studies and few subjects in social sciences, and that an inclination towards scientific pursuit was lacking prompted the Centre for Promotion of Science to take step to promote science education among the Muslim community of India. She said that a vast majority of Muslim students acquire their primary education in either madarsas or Muslim managed schools. This Centre is pursuing different programs for the enrichment and uplift of teachers of Deeni Madaris and Muslim minority educational institutions.

Dr. Shakeel Samdani, Coordinator, General Education Centre while conducting the programme threw light on the yeomen services the AMU has rendered in spreading the light of modern knowledge amidst a large ocean of traditional stream of education. Prof. Jawed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management proposed vote of thanks.

#### **Related Picture**

[1. L to R - Dr. Fatima Shujatullah, Iranian Ambassador, AMU VC and Dr. Samdani at a programme organised by Centre for Promotion of Science](#)

#### **ALIGARH :October 09**

The Department of Civil Engineering, Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University shall organize a three day Training Programme Cum Workshop on "Integrated Municipal Waste Management" from November 28-30, 2011. The programme was sponsored by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, New Delhi wherein nominated officers from CPCB and State Pollution Control Boards (PCB) across the country shall participate.

Organizing Chairman, Prof. M. M. Ashhar and Organizing

Secretary, Dr. Nadeem Khalil, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering said that the workshop will cover various aspects of Municipal Solid Waste Management including new trends in the area with special focus on India. The speakers from IIT Delhi, IIT Roorkee, CPHEEO etc. will enlighten the participants. People from industry and other state departments may also participate in this programme. Application can be submitted to the Organizing Secretary.

Dr. Nadeem Khalil has coordinated a similar CPCB sponsored workshop on "Design, Operation and Maintenance of Sewage Treatment Plants" at the Civil Engineering Department in February 2011. About 25 participants from CPCB, PCBs and Industry participated in the programme. An on-site training at STPs in Mathura and Agra was also given during the five-day programme.

### **ALIGARH :October 09**

To mark the birth anniversary of the great visionary Sir Syed Ahmed Khan on October 17 and as a tribute to him, the India Wisdom Foundation (IWF) on Sunday distributed scholarships of about Rs. 1.5 lakhs to meritorious and financially needy students from AMU and schools around the AMU campus at Ismat Jahan Literacy Centre here.

The scholarships ranging from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 10,000 per annum is given to the students depending on their financial needs and performance in schools. These students are identified and selected mainly from government schools in the vicinity of AMU campus.

AMU Alumni Association, Washington DC and Aligarh Forum have been jointly distributing these scholarships since January 2010 under "The Aligarh Project".

Dr. Kashif Razi, Convener of Aligarh Project, said, "Education is the first step towards empowerment. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan realized this after India's First War of Independence in 1857 and took steps to establish what we see as AMU today. Today there is a need to make access to this great institution possible for bright young men and women who cannot otherwise afford a decent education. Under the Aligarh Project we aim to support the aspirations of children living around the AMU campus under restraining conditions."

Dr. Shahid Jameel, President of the IWF said, "India Wisdom Foundation (IWF) has now formally adopted the Aligarh Project. The IWF is a registered NGO formed by eminent alumni of the AMU, which aims at improving the educational and health standards of poor and marginalized sections of our society. Starting from areas around the AMU campus, we hope that - jo abr yahaan se uthega woh saare jahan par barsega. We appeal to Aligs and other friends to come forward and join hands with us".

Dr. Shariq Aqeel, Incharge of University Health Service said that AMU alumni all over the world look at AMU with a lot of expectations. AMU Alumni Association will continue to help deserving students in future, he hoped.

Prof. Razaullah Khan, former Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering addressed the gathering and informed the students

about the job-oriented courses run at the University Polytechnic. Prof. Jameela Majid Siddiqi, Dr. Mohsin Raza and Dr. Asim Rizvi were also present on the occasion.

Mustafa Hashmi, representing Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association, Washington, DC and Dr. Afshan N. Hashmi came all the way from the US to attend the function. Mr. Hashmi said his association will help the deserving students in all possible way.

Shazia Iqbal, student of class IX, who received a scholarship of Rs. 10,000, aspired she wanted to become a doctor. The students thanked India Wisdom Foundation for this noble work. **Related Picture**

[1. Mr. Mustafa Hashmi, USA based NRI addressing the function at Ismat Literacy Centre](#)

[2. Children at a Ismat Literacy Centre](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 08**

Dengue is the most rapidly spreading mosquito-borne viral disease in the world. Other haemorrhagic fevers like Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever, chikungunya and Hantaan virus are slowly but surely making inroads into India, said Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis while addressing the National symposium on "Emerging trends in Dengue and other haemorrhagic fevers in India" organized by the Department of Microbiology, J.N. medical College, Aligarh Muslim University.

Prof. Azis said that in the last 50 years, incidence of Dengue has increased many fold with increasing geographic expansion to new countries and, in the present decade, from urban to rural settings. An estimated fifty-million dengue infections occur annually, worldwide and approximately 2.5 billion people live in dengue endemic countries. He said that Aligarh too experienced a severe outbreak from July - October 2010 during which 268 cases were reported. He observed that effective control of Dengue needs active participation of the civil society and the administration.

Mr. Manish Chauhan, District Magistrate, Aligarh said that to control the dengue and haemorrhagic fevers we should start the mass mobilization like the Polio Eradication Programme. He said that for the community based approach we should take the help of print media and other means of communication. Mr. Chauhan felt that in the prevention of Dengue, the role of NGOs cannot be undermined.

Prof. Abida Malik, Convener of this National Symposium said that the problem is the increase in the number of hemorrhagic fever cases due to the re-emergence of complicated Malaria, Dengue, Chikungunya, CCHF and other viral fevers. Prof. Abida said that Misdiagnosis and under reporting are major obstacles in understanding the full burden of these diseases. This is a cause of concern to the health care providers not only in Aligarh but in the rest of India as well. She said that in 2010 more than 300 cases of dengue were detected, while this year till date 30 cases have been reported in J.N. Medical College & Hospital.

She told that at Aligarh in an ongoing study at our centre, out of the 70 suspected cases, 17.9% were found positive for

Chikungunya till date. Keeping these rapidly emerging diseases in mind the Department of Microbiology decided to bring together the eminent faculty from various fields under one roof to share their views and enlighten the delegates with their experiences.

Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and CMS, J.N. Medical College said that during March till Dec 2010 this hospital provided 2428 units of platelets to patients of hemorrhagic fevers, out of them only 277 cases were from this hospital, only 7 of them being from paediatrics age group. He said that this year, in 2011 we have provided 1037 units of platelets out of which 462 (45%) in September alone. These figures probably show the magnitude of the problem in this part of the country.

Prof. M.H. Beg, Dean, Faculty of Medicine said that Dengue has taken high toll of deaths. He said that 200 years back, the first case of Dengue was discovered and since then this problem is continued to be rising. Prof. Beg said that according to WHO report 2.5 billion people were affected from the Dengue all over the world and 1.8 billion people were suffering only in developing countries.

Dr. Meher Rizvi, Organizing Secretary of the Symposium said that the dramatic increase in dengue cases in recent years and the worrying emergence of other hemorrhagic fevers in India particularly Crimean Congo hemorrhagic fever, Chikungunya, West Nile fever, hantaan virus, not to mention leptospira, & the protean manifestations of Malaria has necessitated this symposium. She said that a concerted effort towards acquiring more in depth, holistic, all encompassing knowledge of these emerging diseases is the need of the hour. Dr. Meher urged the administration and community to lay a proactive role in mosquito control with a sense of heightened urgency.

Prof. Haris M. Khan, Organizing Chairman of the Symposium proposed the vote of thanks and Dr. Fatima Khan conducted the programme **Related Picture**

[1. Prof. PK Abdul Azis addressing the the National Symposium on Dengue at Department of Microbiology](#)

[2. L to R - Prof. Haris M. Khan, Prof. MH Beg, Mr. manish Chauhan, Prof. Azis, Prof. Ashraf Malik, Prof. Abida Malik and Dr. Meher Rizvi at a National Symposium on Dengue at Department of Microbiology](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 06**

The UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University is organizing three new orientation and refresher courses in Computer Applications and Oriental Studies (Arabic, Persian and Urdu). More than 130 University/College teachers from all parts of the country are participating in the courses.

Addressing the inaugural session, Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College highlighted the objectives of these courses and presented an introduction of the Aligarh Muslim University and the UGC Academic Staff College. He delved into the role of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in nation building.

Professor M. U. Bokhari, Chairman, Department of Computer Science and Professor Saghir Ifrahim, Department of Urdu are the

Course Coordinators. Eminent Resource Persons both from the AMU and outside will engage the course participants. A literary and cultural evening and computer lab sessions will also be organized.

### **ALIGARH :October 06**

The Mohsinul Mulk Hall, Aligarh Muslim University is organizing a felicitation programme to felicitate the toppers of various faculties on October 9, 2011 at 5.15 pm at the Common Room of the Hall.

Dr. Suhail Sabir, Provost of the Hall said that every year Mohsinul Mulk Hall felicitates the toppers of different faculties who have brought laurels to the Hall. He said that Er. Afzal Usmani, Co-moderator, AMU Network and Coordinator, Aligarh Education Endowment Fund, USA and a prominent alumni of this University will be the Chief Guest and Deans from the Faculties of Arts, Social Sciences, Engineering and Technology and Science shall be the Guest of Honour.

### **ALIGARH :October 06**

Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis inaugurated Summer University Program, 2011 in the Department of Botany. Prof. Irfan Ahmad, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. M. Anis, Chairman of the Department of Botany and a large number of faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

While addressing the inaugural function, Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis lauded the efforts of the Chairman of the Department, Prof. M. Anis for conducting the programme at the Department and also appreciated the department's progress as one of the best departments in terms of academics, research and students' placement. He also spoke at length about the progress AMU has made during the last four years. He urged the students to work hard to make their future bright by utilizing all the facilities provided by the University. He also congratulated the Chief Guest, Prof. Asad Ahmad for establishing an effective Summer University Program for both the quantitative and qualitative produce in the field of biotechnology.

Chief Guest, Prof. Asad Ahmad, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada and a Man of Distinction specializing in the field of Molecular Genetics and Recombinant DNA Technology, expressed happiness over the pace of development achieved by the Department of Botany. He lauded the efforts of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis in bringing the University at par with other prestigious universities in the world.

by Prof. M. Anis, Chairman, Department of Botany highlighted the theme of the programme. He said that the Summer University Program was started by some distinguished alumni of this University for AMU students who wished to pursue their career in biological sciences. He appreciated the vision and perception of Prof. Asad

Ahmad for establishing mutual collaboration through Summer University Program and by sponsoring the grand event on his own. He also highlighted the progress and development taken place in various disciplines of biotechnology during the last five years.

Prof. Irfan Ahmad, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, also expressed his views on this occasion. Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis felicitated Prof. Asad Ahmad, an alumnus of the Botany Department in recognition of his excellent performances and valuable services in the field of biological sciences. Prof. Nafees A. Khan proposed the Vote of thanks.

### **ALIGARH :October 06**

Noted Hindi scholar and former Chairman, Department of Hindi, Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. S. Jafar Raza Zaidi passed away at Escorts Hospital, Delhi after cardiac arrest. He was 68.

He is survived by a son and daughter. Dr. Zaidi joined the Aligarh Muslim University as Research Assistant in Maulana Azad Library in 1966-67 and was appointed as lecturer in the Department of Hindi on October 7, 1969.

Prof. Zaidi Jafar Raza authored more than one dozen books in Hindi, Urdu and English. He also served as Coordinator, General Education Centre, Secretary, University Games Committee, Member-in-Charge, Public Relations and University Press and Head, Department of Hindi of the Aligarh Muslim University.

### **ALIGARH :October 06**

In view of certain factually incorrect and biased news reports in a section of national media regarding the facilities available for female undergraduate students at the Women' College Library, the Aligarh Muslim University Women's College administration has vehemently condemned any such misleading reporting that is aimed at tarnishing the image of this great and age old historic seat of female learning.

Prof. (Mrs.) Bilquis Nasim Waris, Principal, Women's College has clarified that the Library has very good collection of reference books, which includes Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, Atlases, Maps, yearbooks etc. There are around 40 Encyclopedias in the Library including Encyclopedia Britannica, Callier's Encyclopedia, Chamber's Encyclopedia, Lexicon Universal Encyclopedia etc. The Library collection presently covers more than 32 subjects including Literature (English, Hindi, Urdu, Persian, Arabic and Sanskrit).

Prof. Waris said that Women's College Library was established almost 70 years back in the main Women's College building and was later shifted in the new Library building in 1980. The Library is meant for undergraduate (B.A./B.Sc./B.Com.) students and also for M.Sc. Home Science and Ph.D. Home Science students. Presently this Library has 52,441 books, out of which 1959 fall under donated category. The Library houses 33478 books in English, 13153 in Urdu and 5810 books in Hindi.

There are two issue sections in the College Library for

students and teaching and non-teaching staff of the college. One is an open access section especially for students. It has three reading rooms including one reserved for journals, newspapers, previous years' question papers and magazines including Journals for Post-graduate Home Science students.

The other reading rooms have good collection of textbooks, journals and subject dictionaries, competitive books. The students can consult these books and they can also get these books issued for photocopying, anytime during the Library's working hours. The Xerox machine is also available adjacent to the Library building. Around 60 students are always seen using the facility in the morning hours on a daily basis.

Prof. Waris said that keeping with the changing times and to make best use of modern technology for easy reference, the Library has recently undertaken the Computerization of data in MS-Excel format. Three computers have been installed for the use of students in third reading room, where general books are also present. The library catalogue has been fully digitalized and a list of all the books is now available on computer for easy reference for the students. The seating and workspace arrangement at the Women's college library has been refurbished fifty chairs and ten tables to provide additional seating space in the third reading room. The College has also purchased ten additional Almirahs for arrangement of new books in a proper way.

The Women's College Library is run under the able management of a highly qualified librarian and support staff (B. Lib. and M. Lib.) who are very helpful and cooperating to the students.

Prof. Waris said that in the recent past, certain additional steps have been taken by the College administration to improve the facilities and address issues raised by students to extend these facilities. For instance, 465 books were purchased during 2008-2009 and 313 books during 2009-2010. Another 300 books were donated during 2008-2010. Besides this, the Women's college library has opened a separate section for books on career planning. The new section contains 874 books on various topics.

For the smooth administration of the library and extending facilities to the students, the College Library Committee has submitted a proposal to the University administration for facilitating the library with certain essential services including ten computers with internet facility, one photocopier machine, ten books racks, ten almirahs for reading room, four A.C. and five desert coolers for reading rooms, one Wager cooler for reading room, complete Networking with Central library, supply of books from Maulana Azad Library on loan/demand basis and availability of computerized catalogue. A list of latest books for all subjects, prepared by the concerned teachers of the College has been approved by the Vice Chancellor and it is expected that in the current academic year the library will get more books and other facilities from the University.

an additional reading room facility (to accommodate up to 50 students) has been provided for in the library to make available more space for in-library reading and studies with effect from May 2011 in addition to the already existing two large reading rooms at Women's

college library.

Prof. Bilquis Nasim Waris said that the College administration has held meetings with the undergraduate students of the College pursuant to the recent news reports and the students have expressed complete satisfaction on the library and reading room arrangements. She urged the alumni of the Women's College and the University to come up with concrete proposals for the development of the College infrastructure instead of criticizing the University administration for non-issues.

#### **ALIGARH :October 04**

To preempt any new move to target the AMU Vice Chancellor once again on trivial and routine issue the AMU Finance Officer has clarified that at the instance of AMU, the Kerala University has now fixed the retirement details including pension benefits of the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K Abdul Azis formerly Professor of Kerala University.

The Kerala University has finally responded to our initiative and fixed the pension of Prof. Azis as communicated vide letter No. Accounts VI (B)/2011 dated September 29, 2011. As per the information by the University of Kerala the pension of Prof. Azis was sanctioned on 01.03.2011 and an arrear of Rs. 3,28,750 was paid along with the seven month pension amount paid to him till October 2011.

The Finance Officer has informed that AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has remitted all the pension amount received by him from the University of Kerala into the AMU account / fund soon after receiving the amount. In accordance with the standard rules, the University has now fixed his salary minus the pension w.e.f. November 2011

#### **ALIGARH :October 04**

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has clarified that his date of birth is widely available on the web and in public domain for the past three years on the official website of the University [www.amu.ac.in](http://www.amu.ac.in).

It is indeed intriguing that a stale RTI information of 2010 was once again recycled to keep the flames of the denigration campaign alive against the venerable office of the AMU Vice Chancellor.

"The intention of raising the issue of my date of birth becomes even murkier as Mr. Waseem Ahmad, former Rajya Sabha member and the then Member of AMU's Executive Council, himself obtained my detailed resume in 2007 for placing the same in the VC panel". My biodata including the date of birth was placed before the Executive Council and subsequently in the University Court. The whole AMU fraternity is aware of this fact, he pointed out.

Prof. Azis further said that it is a well-known fact and Mr. Waseem knows it the best that AMU Visitor (Hon'ble President of India) is the appointing authority of AMU Vice Chancellor and his personal file is in MHRD and instead of seeking the required

information from the Visitor's / MHRD office, he has deliberately knocked on the wrong doors as part of the larger design. It is a testimony of his deep frustration that despite his massive efforts, that misled both MHRD and the Hon?ble Visitor in setting up a slew of probes, nothing incriminating was found either against the Vice Chancellor or the University. He appears to be the 'Guardian Angel' of AMU in MHRD circle. "When I denied to Mr. Waseem the illegitimate largesse he was enjoying in AMU such as free guest house stay and meals, local transportation in official vehicles, quota in admissions, appointments and contracts, his hostile faculties suddenly woke up and assumed the present dimensions", he elaborated.

Deploring the rising trend of distortion of facts in a section of the Press, he pointed out that when contacted, the AMU PRO, Dr. Rahat Abrar had told the correspondent of a national newspaper that the information on the date of birth is available on the website. The University is unable to understand why the correspondent had put out a blatantly one-sided story to sully the image of the AMU Vice Chancellor. It is further intriguing that the said correspondent had solely relied on the utterly biased opinion provided by one Dr. Tariq Islam, a Reader in the Department of Philosophy, whose role as an RTI activist is found to be a ploy to cover up his own very doubted academic credentials. He keeps attacking the authorities to save himself from any action, the Vice Chancellor observed.

Prof. Azis further explained that the Aligarh Muslim University does have a foolproof and well-established system in place to determine the crucial date of retirement of its Vice Chancellor and other concomitant considerations and all concerned including the MHRD are aware of the date when the present Vice Chancellor would demit office. The University has initiated the task with utmost transparency and responsibility, dubious and malicious interventions ultimately tarnish the glorious image of the AMU and its chief academic and executive officer.

#### **ALIGARH :October 04**

Environment is the "engine" of human existence, and the lubrication of this engine is one of the fundamental duties of every individual. Due to the advancement of science & technology, the negative effects of the very advancement have rooted the environment towards a degraded position. The ecological balance has been undermined by the most social and civilized living being on the planet earth. Factors like deforestation, which add to the ecological imbalance of the environment. Global warming has been added as an obstacle towards the balanced & proper functioning of the planet earth. Thus affecting the environmental structure which in turn will collapse the existence of human being.

Faculty members and students of the Aligarh Muslim University have formed a University Eco-Club with a view of creating awareness of biodiversity conservation and highlight the local environmental issues to create a "clean and green consciousness" among the campus community through various innovative methods.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony, Prof. M. Anis, Chairman,

Department of Botany and Member In-charge Land and Gardens stressed the need of such initiatives to create awareness among the AMU community.

Dr. Shamsul Hayat, Dr. Zaki Siddiqui, Dr. Athar Ali Khan, Associate Professors and Mr. Ayub Shabab, teacher in Senior Secondary School (Boys) spoke on the occasion and highlighted the need of the establishment of such club.

Dr. Fareed A. Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Botany was unanimously elected the President while Mr. Arif Md. Yasin Jwadder, student of BALLB was elected the Secretary of the Eco Club who put forward the purpose of the club and shed light on its aims and objectives. Mr. Ayub Shabab was elected the advisor of the club. Faridul Amin proposed the vote of thanks. **Related Picture**  
[1. Member of the Eco-Club](#)

#### **ALIGARH :October 04**

On the occasion of World Heart Day, two books of late Hakim Khalil Ahmad, former Teacher, A. K. Tibbiya College, "Tajdar - e - Haram (SAW) Ke Tibbi Ramooz" and "Unani Shifaiyat Ke Naye Ufaq" were released at Hakim Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, Aligarh Muslim University by Prof. Syed Amin Miyan Marherwi, President, Al-Barkat Educational Society, Prof. S. Maudood Ashraf, Former Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine and Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, JNMC, AMU.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. S. Maudood Ashraf and Dr. Saud Ali Khan, Principal AK Tibbiya College, Prof. Khalid Zaman, former Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine said that Hakim Khalil was a true teacher who showed great love and affinity to the students. Hakim Khalil Ahmad was one of the few renowned Hakims of India who dedicated all his life for the service of the people in recognition of which he was bestowed upon with the Life Time Achievement Award by Aligarh Muslim University in 2002.

The released books have been edited and published by his younger son, Dr. Mohd. Junaid Khalil, who is Associate Professor at Department of Chemical Engineering, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, AMU.

The World Heart Day was organized by Chairman S. Safdar Ashraf, Department of Hifzan-e-Sehat, AKTC AMU.

Dr. Yusra Khalil, Kahkashan Khalil, S. Tariq Jamal Shamsi, Er. Arshad Usman Siddiqui and Dr. Fahim Usman Siddiqui were also present in the programme along with a large number of teachers and students. **Related Picture**

[1. L to R - Hm Saud Ali Khan, Prof. Ashraf Malik, Prof. S M Amin and Dr. Safdar Ahraf at a book releasing ceremony](#)

#### **ALIGARH :October 04**

The Department of Sociology, Aligarh Muslim University organized an Inter-school Drawing Competition at Training Center for the blinds, Jamalpur in collaboration with Mr. Tauquir, DUC, UNICEF, Aligarh, to sensitize the local population regarding Health and Hygiene with special reference to Pulse Polio vaccination.

Twenty students including boys and girls from five schools participated in the competition.

Prof. Aisanul Haque from JNU, New Delhi was the Chief Guest and Mr. Sharad Yadav, SRC, UNICEF, Aligarh was the Guest of Honor. Prof. Abdul Matin, Chairman Department of Sociology and Social Work, and Dr. Naseem A. Khan, Dr. Mohd. Tahir were the Organizer of this programme.

The programme was very successful and the students MSW participated in the competition and helped mobilize the community people for taking part in the complete eradication of Polio from society. **Related Picture**

[1. Painting Competition](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 03**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today released two special issues of Fikr-o-Nazar, a quarterly research and literary journal of the University. Prof. Azis said that we should carry the message of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and Aligarh has to be replicated in different parts of the country.

Prof. Azis said that the University has established two new Centres in Malappuram (Kerala) and Murshidabad (West Bengal) and these Centres will spark the mind of the people.

On this occasion, Prof. Masoodul Hasan also spoke the releasing ceremony as a Chief Guest. Prof. Khurshid Ahmad asan also spoke on this H, Editor, Fikr-o-Nazar welcomed the guests.

Prof. Azarmi Dukht Safavi, former Editor said that the Namwaran-e-Aligarh's first edition was re-printed after a gap of twenty-five years. **Related Picture**

[1. AMU VC releasing the special issue of Fikro Nazar](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 03**

The Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized the 49th College Day with great zeal and enthusiasm. Addressing the programme as Chief Guest, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University said that J.N. Medical College is one of the prestigious institutions of this country. He said that the Government of India allocated a grant to the Medical College for its overall development and starting of a Trauma Centre, Super Specialty Block and other meaningful services under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Yojna. He said that the JNMC is on a development spree and it is hoped it would become armed with quality services in health management by December 2012, when the College celebrates its Golden Jubilee.

Prof. Azis urged the alumni of J.N. Medical College to join hands for the development of their alma mater. He said that medical profession is a noble profession and the forthcoming doctors should commit to serve the suffering people and humanity.

While welcoming the guests, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, J. N. Medical College, Prof. Ashraf Malik stressed on continuing the traditions of the University. He also exhorted the

students to show sympathy to the patients under their consultation and also show respect to their teachers. He said that JNMC was established on 2nd October 1962 and next year it will celebrate Golden Jubilee celebrations on a large scale. Prof. Malik said that it has progressed tremendously during the last four years under the able guidance of present Vice Chancellor. The JNMC has been ranked 22nd among 326 Medical Colleges of the country in a survey made by a reputed national magazine.

Prof. M.H. Beg, Dean, Faculty of Medicine urged the students to achieve greater competence and dedicate themselves to the service of patients. He said that the demand of the hour is super specialty in various medical fields and they should be punctual in their daily life. Prof. Beg said that the old boys of this college are spread all over the world and bring laurels to their alma mater. Prof. Wajid Naqvi also shared some memorable time spent in the College campus.

Senior teachers like Prof. L. M. Bariar, Prof. Humayun Ashraf, Prof. Tabassum Shahab, Dr. Dawar Hussain and Dr. Fatima Shujatullah presented songs on this occasion. Students of 2007 batch also shared their views and experiences while during their stay in the College. Dr. Tamkeen Rabbani, Reader, Department of Gynaecology conducted the programme.

Several University officials and senior retired teachers graced the programme with their presence. On this occasion, a farewell was also given to the final year students of 2007 batch, which was followed by a dinner hosted by the teachers as a part of the JNMC tradition. **Related Picture**

[1. L to R - Prof. Beg, Prof. Azis, Prof. Malik and Ms. Yasmin Jalal Beg at a Medical College function](#)

[1. Prof. Ashraf Malik presenting the bouquet to AMU VC at a Medical College function](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 03**

The Group Editor of Rashtriya Sahara, Aziz Burney has questioned credibility of Anna Hazare. He said that corruption is not only financial but it also has a communal and fascistic implication. He questioned why Anna Hazare remained silent on communalism of Modi, Mr. Burney was addressing the Symposium on Democracy and Jan Lok Pal Bill organized by the General education Centre of Aligarh Muslim University.

Burney pointed out that our constitution has provisions to deal with corruption effectively. In our democracy, Parliament has a right to enact the laws and there is a well defined system for that. That system should not be encroached upon by anyone. He said that the real motive behind all this movement is something else and the corruption issue is only an excuse. Burney said that the proposed Jan Lok Pal Bill is bent towards a particular ideology and the bill should not be allowed to be passed until the Muslim community is given adequate representation in Civil Society proportionate to their population.

Presiding over the Symposium, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof.

P.K. Abdul Azis said that the nation is presently reeling with corrupt practices in every walk of life and causing almost all the cases of human right violation. Prof. Azis appealed to the students to follow the path shown by Islam and teachings of Sir Syed and develop strong moral strength. He said that usually when a person works honestly, he faces hurdles also.

Delivering the keynote address, former Advocate General S.M.A. Kazmi said that judging a person by only one movement and calling him a Gandhi or Mahatma is too early. He said that Gandhi became Mahatma Gandhi after a prolonged non-violent movement whereas some people have equated Anna Hazare with Gandhi only to justify their movement.

The Coordinator of General Education Centre, Dr. Shakeel Samdani said that if we really want to wipe out corruption then we would have to follow Islamic teachings. He said that we should not talk only about financial corruption but the political, social and educational corruption should also be taken into consideration.

Earlier, former Dean of Law Faculty, Prof. Zakaria Siddiqui elaborated on the theme of Symposium and pointed out that movement of Anna Hazare was the longest mass following movement after independence movement. He said that corruption can be wiped out only by developing strong spirituality.

Director of CORD, Lucknow, Ather Hussain said that there is no doubt that movement against corruption is important and should be supported but silence of Anna Hazare on arrest of Sanjeev Bhatt clearly indicates where he stands?

Convener of Symposium, Nayar Rahman said that India is passing through a tough time and we are standing on a crossroad. Our students should be aware of the burning issues and come out with their views.

Conducting the symposium, Coordinator of GEC, Dr. Shakeel Samdani presented Shan-e-Sahafat Award to the Chief Guest, Mr. Aziz Burney. Mementoes were also presented to eminent guest speakers on this occasion.

Apart from the large number of students and teachers, AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmin Jalal Beg, OSD (Development), Prof. Akhtar Haseeb were also present.

#### **Related Picture**

[1. Lecture on Lok Pal Bill at Kennedy Auditorium](#)

#### **ALIGARH :October 02**

Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis inaugurated today two newly constructed blocks / class rooms constructed under XI Plan Development Grant at the Department of Geology. AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmeen Jalal Beg, OSD (Development), Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. , Chairman of the Department of Geology, Prof. Shadab Khurshid, University Engineer, Mr. Firoz Khan and a large number of faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, while addressing

the inaugural function, lauded the efforts of the Chairman of the Department, Dr. Shadab Khurshid in transforming the Department into one of the best departments in terms of academics, research and student placement. He also spoke at length about the progress AMU has made during the last four years. Prof. Azis said that during his period the academic calendar was put in place. He urged the students to work hard to make their future bright by utilizing all the facilities provided by the University. He also congratulated the students and faculty members of the Department of Geology for their excellent performance in academics and research.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel expressed happiness over the pace of development achieved by the Department. He lauded the efforts of University Engineer and his team for timely completion of the new blocks at the Department of Geology.

Welcoming the guests, Dr. Akram Javed highlighted the developments taken place in the University during the last 4 years after the present Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis took over as the Vice Chancellor of the university. He also highlighted the progress and development the Department of Geology has made during the last two years under the able leadership of Dr. Shadab Khurshid. He also welcomed other guests of the function for their gracious presence.

Dr. Shadab Khurshid, Chairman of the Department expressed his gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar for their help and cooperation and highlighted the academic achievement of the students and faculty members during the last two years.

On this occasion, the students and staff of the department were given mementoes in recognition of their excellent performances and valuable services. Dr. C.D.P. Singh, an alumnus of the department and retired Chief Geologist, Khetri Copper Complex announced a Gold Medal for M. Sc. and a Silver Medal for B. Sc. student. Dr. L.A.K. Rao proposed the Vote of thanks. **Related Picture**

- [1. Dr. Shahdab Khurshhed addressing the inaugural function at Department of Geology](#)
- [2. AMU VC inaugurating the PG Classroom at the Department of Geology](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 02**

The undergraduate students of J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University participated in various events at the annual Inter Medical College Cultural & Sports Meet "PULSE" held at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. The students brought glory to the J. N. Medical College and the Aligarh Muslim University by bringing eleven Prizes and Medals.

The team brought three Gold Medals in Badminton Double, Table Tennis and Carom Mixed. Nabeel Firoz gave an outstanding performance in musical events such as Indian vocal duet along with Mohammad Humayun. He also won 3 second prizes in Indian Instrumental solo, Western Instrumental solo and Indian Band competition. Faiez Khan, Fahad Khan and Parnav Mishra received bronze Medals in Badminton Double, Carom single and Table Tennis

single etc.

The Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik has appreciated their success and congratulated them for maintaining discipline and bringing laurels to the Aligarh Muslim University.

### **ALIGARH :October 02**

The AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis today inaugurated a three-day exhibition of books and photographs on Mahatma Gandhi at the Maulana Azad Library. A rich heritage of national treasures of letters written by Mahatma Gandhi to the students and other AMU alumni freedom fighters were also put on display at the exclusive exhibition depicting the life and works of the Father of Nation.

Delivering the presidential address at the Commemoration Meeting organized as Part of Gandhi Jayanti celebration, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said the world has to realize that it is the need of hour to implement Gandhian values to achieve peace and prosperity. He further emphasized that one has to shun violence and violent means to achieve goals and follow the path of ahimsa as shown to us by the Father of the Nation. He was the man whose teachings transcend times, borders, races and religions and it is the moral duty of every Indian to keep the spirit alive.

Prof. Azis said that Mahatma Gandhi was not only the leader of India but entire world. Many countries become free following the path of Ahimsa. He urged the students to come forward and fight the corruption and protect the right of deprived class of this country.

Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College share some incidents of Ghandiji's life relating to communal harmony and education. Prof. Ramesh Chand Rawat, Department of Hindi said that the present violence prevailing all over the globe can be resolved through Gandhian thought.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel highlighted the role of Gandhiji against untouchability that prevailed in Indian society on the basis of caste and religion and said that Aligarh Muslim University has been celebrating the Gandhi Jayanti with great fervor and zeal.

Mr. Mohammad Abdul Aziz Ansari, a student of B.Tech. Final year and Ms. Shahnoor Shan, B.A. (Hons.) final year also expressed their views on the occasion. At the end of the programme the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis administered an oath to the audience pledging to work to preserve and strengthen the freedom and integrity of the national and to shun the violence of all kinds.

#### **Related Picture**

[1. Exhibition at Maulana Azad Library on Gandhi Jayanti](#)

[2. Exhibition at Maulana Azad Library on Gandhi Jayanti](#)

### **ALIGARH :October 01**

Moving a step further in the direction of restoring powers of the AMU Vice Chancellor, Hon'ble President of India, in her capacity as the Visitor of the University, has allowed the AMU Vice Chancellor

to appoint Guest Faculties and Temporary Teachers in the University.

In a letter addressed to the Aligarh Muslim University Registrar, the MHRD Undersecretary, Mr. Juglal Singh conveyed the order of the Visitor that the University may appoint Guest Faculties and Temporary Teachers by following the due procedure and process.

A large section of teachers has welcomed the decision and hoped that the remaining unwarranted curbs imposed on the University will also be removed to help the University to function as per its normal norms, Acts and statutes.

### **ALIGARH :October 01**

The students of Master of Tourism Administration (MTA), Department of Commerce, Aligarh Muslim University organized a programme 'Linking Cultures' to celebrate the World Tourism Day.

The theme of the programme was highlighted by Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala, Chairman, Department of Commerce, Mr. S. Shamshad Husain, Retired Deputy General Manager, Air India and Prof. Badar Alam Iqbal, former Chairman of the Department.

Apart from the colourful and informative slideshows prepared meticulously by the students, tourism quiz, thematic oral presentations and business games were also organized in which a large number of students including some foreign students and teachers participated enthusiastically. The Talented MTA award went to Rehan Wazir of MTA (P).

Prof. Nawab Ali Khan, Prof. S.M. Imamul Haque, Dr. Nafees A. Khan, Dr. Mohd. Yameen, Dr. M. Shadab Khan, Dr. Asiya Chaudhary and other faculty members were also present. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Sheeba Hamid, Coordinator of the event.

### **ALIGARH :October 01**

The Career Counseling Cell, Mohsinul Mulk Hall, Aligarh Muslim University organized a two months' English Proficiency and Personality Development Programme.

Addressing the inaugural session, Dr. Suhail Sabir, Provost, M.M. Hall extended a warm welcome to the resource persons and highlighted the significance of English proficiency in today's globalised world.

He asserted that English has acquired the status of lingua franca and without its proper read, written and spoken knowledge, students would not be able to carve a niche for themselves in the career market.

Dr. Rashid Nehal, resource person, exhorted the students to take optimum benefit of this course to develop their language skills. While speaking on the occasion, Dr. Faiz Zaidi, another resource person appreciated the efforts of Dr. Suhail Sabir and Mr. Ghufraan Ahmad, Coordinator of the course to organize this programme continuously for third year despite all odds.

Mr. Malik M. Arshad also enlightened the students with his

words of wisdom. He stressed the need of self-efforts on the part of the learners to sharpen their skills in Communicative English.

Mr. Ghufran Ahmad, Warden Incharge and Coordinator of the programme, proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Ghufran emphasized that effective communication is an inalienable part of a well groomed personality and a pre-requisite for success in personal and professional life.

Mr. Abuzar Ali Khan, a Postgraduate student of the hall conducted the proceedings. A large number of students was attended the inaugural programme.

### **ALIGARH :October 01**

Dr. Manzoor Ahmad, Senior Resident, Department of Surgery, J. N. Medical College Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded membership of esteemed Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

The internationally acclaimed MRCS examination is conducted annually by Glasgow University at UK and overseas centers. It was recently held at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. The examination panel comprised of surgeons from Scotland who judged him in theory, clinical knowledge and communication skills. Dr. Manzoor will be honoured with the membership at the annual convocation ceremony of Glasgow University.

Prof. Imran Ghani, Chairman, Dept. of Surgery and other faculty members have expressed happiness on his exemplary achievement.

### **ALIGARH :September 29**

[AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis rebuts the Times of India story "AMU's Best Guarded Secret: V-C's Date of Birth"](#)

### **ALIGARH :September 29**

Mr. Moinul Hassan, Member of Parliament and Member, AMU Court, in a press statement, has called upon the Ministry of Human Resource Development to withdraw its order issued on August 10, 2011 prohibiting any meeting of the AMU Court without the Ministry's permission.

Twenty-five members of the AMU Court, including Mr. Hasan, have issued the statement for the press urging MHRD to withdraw the orders forthwith and refrain from imposing any bans or restrictions whatsoever on the AMU Court.

The statement said that by an order issued by the MHRD in the name of the President of India, as Visitor of the Aligarh Muslim University, the University has been barred from holding any meeting of the AMU Court, despite a requirement under Section 34 of the AMU Act and Statute 15(1) that the Court shall meet annually. The Visitor's powers are clearly mentioned in Section 13 of the AMU Act, which do not extend to imposing any departure from the Act, Statutes and Ordinances of the University. Any orders that have 'such effect are, therefore, not only illegal, but an infringement on

Parliament's legislative powers. The orders are also undemocratic and constitute an attempt to subvert the functioning of the AMU Court.

The statement further elaborated that the Act confers no powers on the Visitor to obstruct the operation of the Act and Statutes, as the Ministry's orders have done by banning the meeting of the AMU Court, which by Section 23 (2) of the Act is "the supreme governing body" of the University. The University Act is categorical in stating that the Court has to hold "an annual meeting" to consider the annual report by Section 34 of the Act, as well as the "annual accounts" of the University" vide Section 35(2). The Statute 15(1) prescribes that "the annual meeting of the Court shall be held in the month of October every year on a date to be fixed by the Executive Council, unless some other date has been fixed by the Court itself." The Visitor's orders, as conveyed by the Ministry, are thus in total violation of the provisions of the Act and Statutes, which have made holding of Court meeting an annual mandatory obligation.

The Visitor's orders, issued on the advice of the Ministry, are obviously designed to prevent the Court from having its proper representation on the Executive Council, to which it elects six members directly, and a seventh through the Hony. Treasurer elected by it under Statute 16. The Visitor's ban on the meeting of the Court is obviously designed to keep these elections of its representatives in abeyance, so as to thwart the functioning of the Executive Council, which thereby lacks the quorum for its meetings. Such a measure is not only illegal but also unethical and an unwarranted attack on the autonomy of the University.

It demanded that the MHRD should immediately retrace its illegal steps and call upon the President, as Visitor of the University, to ensure that the provisions of the Act, Statutes and Ordinances are not trifled in her name and so to order that the ban on the meeting of the Court be immediately rescinded.

The prominent signatories to the statement included Mr. Saidul Haque, Member Parliament and Member, AMU Court, Professor Najam Khalique, Dr. Suhail Sabir, Prof. M. Mursaleen, Prof. Zakia Athar Siddiqui, Dr. M. Athar Siddiqui, Dr. Shadab Khurshid, Prof. Ekram Husain, Prof. Shabahaat Husain, Ms. Ashya Begum and others.

### **ALIGARH :September 28**

[The N.R.S.C. is intending to release a Magazine for the session 2010-2011. In this regard the notice inviting articles to be printed on the Magazine](#)

### **ALIGARH :September 28**

Two Subject Refresher Courses in Oriental Studies and Computer Applications organized by UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University concluded today with an attendance of 28 and 53 Participants in each course respectively.

Professor H. A. S. Jafri, former Pro-Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University urged the participants to discharge their duty as

mentors and to imbue the young minds with morals and manners.

Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College congratulated the course participants and expressed hope that the participants would carry further the objectives of the UGC Academic Staff College behind holding such courses.

In his speech Professor K. M. Mishra former Dean, Faculty of Arts, Aligarh Muslim University highlighted the value and role of the UGC Academic Staff College Courses in the professional development of teachers. He urged them to make use of most of this opportunity. Professor K.M. Mishra gave away prizes to the winners of the Essay Competition on the promotion of the official language, organized as a part of the Hindi Week.

Professor Saghir Ifrahim, Department of Urdu and Professor Ubaidullah Bukhari, Chairman, Department of Computer Science were the course coordinators. The University/College lecturers hailing from Assam, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, UP, Uttarakhand, Kerala, West Bengal, Delhi and Karnataka attended these courses.

On this occasion Prof. A. M. K. Shahryar, Jnanpeeth awardee, and eminent story writer Mr. S. M. Ashraf were felicitated by the Academic Staff College.

Dr. Mohd. Kazim, University of Delhi and Dr. D. K. Bhat, Jhansi expressed their feelings and opinion regarding the two courses. They expressed gratitude to the course coordinators and the UGC Academic Staff College for extending the useful training to them.

#### **Related Picture**

[1. Prof. HAS Jafri giving away the certificates at UGC Academic Staff College Valedictory Programme](#)

[2. Prof. HAS Jafri addressing the UGC Academic Staff College Valedictory Programme](#)

#### **ALIGARH :September 27**

The Centre for Promotion of Science, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh is organizing a refresher course in "Computer Application in Teaching" from October 10-20, 2011 and Refresher Course in Science Subjects (PCB/PCM) from October 22-31, 2011 for teachers from Muslim Managed Educational Institutions.

Dr. Fatima Shujatullah, Director, Centre for Promotion of Science said that selection of the participants for these courses will be made on all-India basis. However, preference would be given to applicants whose age is less than 50 years and who give evidence of some interest in quality science teaching.

The Centre will provide accommodation to participants along with traveling and dearness allowances. The accommodation will be provided by the Centre for the entire duration of course.

She said that the Centre for Promotion of Science was established in 1985 by the University to promote the cause of science education amongst Indian Muslims. One of the main objectives of the Centre is to improve the quality of science education in Muslim Managed Educational Institutions and Deeni Madaris.

The Centre has also initiated a programme for producing quality science resource material in Urdu for teachers, students and general readers. So far, twenty seven books have been published. The Centre was awarded the Hari Om Ashram Trust Award (1991) by the University Grants Commission for outstanding work in the field of Interaction between Science and Society.

Dr. Fatima said that the interested teachers of such schools and Madrasas may send their application form on prescribed proforma, forwarded and signed by the principal/competent authority to the Director, Centre for Promotion of Science, AMU, Aligarh.

### **ALIGARH :September 27**

Dr. G.G. Hammad Ahmad Shadab, Assistant Professor, Genetics Section, Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University has been offered Guest of Honour by the MGDC, BDU, Trichirappalli, Tamil Nadu for his award winning performance at WC8, Montreal, Canada. Dr. Shadab was conferred best poster award sponsored by Doerenkamp-Zbinden Foundation, Switzerland, worth a cash prize of CAN \$1000 in the "8th World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences" held at Montreal, Canada.

He has been invited to deliver a talk on "MGDC's dissection alternatives workshops as a success story" on the occasion of 2nd anniversary of the centre and opening ceremony of the newly constructed building of MGDC (Doerenkamp Enclave) on 1st and 2nd October 2011.

Mahatma Gandhi-Doerenkamp Center (MGDC) for Alternatives to Use of Animals in Life Science Education is a National Center with the mandate to synergize the Gandhian Philosophy of "Ahimsa" in the teaching/research of Life Sciences. This Center, established at Bharathidasan University, is the brainchild of, and outcome of effort from, People for Animals (PfA), Chennai, Doerenkamp-Zbinden Foundation, Switzerland and Prof. M.A. Akbarsha of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. Thus, the Center is a joint endeavour of Bharathidasan University (Tiruchirappalli), People for Animals (Chennai) and Doerenkamp-Zbinden Foundation (Switzerland).

The building will be declared open by Dr. Franz P. Gruber, President, Dperenkamp-Zbinden Foundation, Switzerland. **Related Picture 1. [Dr. G.G. Hammad Ahmad Shadab](#)**

### **ALIGARH :September 27**

Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis met Dr. Rahat Abrar, Public Relations Officer at his residence and enquired about his health. Dr. Abrar has returned after getting Angioplasty done at the Escorts Heart Institute, New Delhi.

Dr. Abrar received a mild heart attack a few days back and was rushed to J. N. Medical College, from where he was transferred to Escorts, New Delhi for further medical aid. At Escorts, Dr. Ashok Seth, an AMU alumnus, provided him all medical consultation and did an angioplasty on Dr. Abrar.

Dr. Abrar is now recovering fast and hopefully he will be back to normal soon.

### **ALIGARH :September 26**

The Department of Microbiology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University is organizing a National symposium on "Emerging Trends in Dengue and other Haemorrhagic Fevers on India" on 8th October 2011.

Dr. Meher Rizvi, Organizing Secretary of the Symposium said that the alarming increase in dengue cases in recent years and the insidious emergence of other haemorrhagic fevers in India like Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever, Chikungunya, West Nile fever, Rift Valley fever, Hantaan (Thottapayalam) virus, not to mention the confounding protean manifestations of leptospira and recently of malaria, has necessitated a concerted effort towards acquiring more in-depth, holistic and an all encompassing knowledge of these emerging health threats. He emphasized upon that it will be our endeavour to bring together under one roof a constellation of eminent and distinguished speakers who will shed light on the clinical manifestations, the diagnostic approach, genotyping of the virus, the effective management protocol, the appropriate and timely preventive measures and the current status of vaccines.

Dr. Rizvi said that prominent personalities including Prof. Suneela Garg, Director and Head, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, MAMC, New Delhi, Prof. Nuzhat Husain, Dean and Head, Department of Pathology, RMLIMC, Lucknow, Prof. Anita Chakravarti, Director, Department of Microbiology, MAMC, New Delhi, Prof. M.K. Daga, Director, Department of Medicine, MAMC, New Delhi, Prof. S.K. Kabra, Director & Professor, Division of Pulmonology Department of Paediatrics, AIIMS, New Delhi, Dr. Sauren Panja, Associate consultant, Department of Critical Care Medicine and Emergency Medicine, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi and Dr. Mala Chhabra, Joint Director, Zoonosis Division, NCDC, New Delhi will deliver lectures on the related topic.

Dr. Meher Rizvi further said that a poster presentation will also be organized on the topic Dengue and related fevers, Vector borne diseases, Blood stream infections, Septicemia and shock, Acute hepatitis, Seasonal fevers and Epidemiology of viral fevers.

### **ALIGARH :September 23**

Dr Rajni Badlani, ELT specialist, formerly associated with the British Council and American Centre, New Delhi conducted an Access Trainer's workshop sponsored by Regional English Language Office (RELO) New Delhi for the Access teachers and Ph. D students in ELT at the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University.

The two sessions of the workshop focused on Multiple Intelligence, designing materials for teaching multiple intelligences, and teaching critical thinking skills for Access learners. Prof. A. R. Kidwai, Director UGC Academic Staff College proposed the vote of

thanks and recalled her contribution to AMU Access Program. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Kidwai highlighted Dr. Badlani's initiatives in getting the Access Program materialized at the UGC Academic Staff College.

Dr. Rajni Badlani also conducted a session on Communicative Language teaching.

### **ALIGARH :September 23**

A group of students of Department of Mechanical Engineering, Zakir Husain College of Engineering & Technology, Aligarh Muslim University has succeeded in developing a mechanism called "Flexible Headlight System for Four-wheeler Vehicles", that improves illumination condition of roads during night driving while taking a turn. The mechanism has been developed as a part of their B. Tech Project.

Flexible Headlight System links the steering of a four-wheeler vehicle to its headlights. It is devised so that the headlight beam rotates in the direction the vehicle is steered, against the fact that conventional headlight beams are always in alignment with the hood of the vehicle. This mechanism aims at improving illumination of road while the vehicle covers a dark or partially dark road turn. This will reduce the chances of road accidents. The Flexible Headlight System will be more useful in hilly regions where roads have frequent sharp turns. In Flexible Headlight System, the headlight beam orientation is controlled by steering itself. This system is claimed to be purely mechanical in nature and no electronic equipment is used which will keep its cost low.

The mechanism has been developed by a group of students comprising Mr. Aslam Adil, Mr. Rafid Suhail and Mr. Mohammad Irfan under the supervision and guidance of Dr. Mohammed Ali, Associate Professor of Department of Mechanical Engineering. Prof. S.M.A. Rizvi, Chairman of the Department and Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology has appreciated the great achievement. The new development has been filed for Patent at Indian Patent Office, New Delhi. **Related Picture**

[1. Model of Flexible Headlight System for Four-wheeler Vehicles](#)

[2. L to R - Aslam Adil, Dr. Mohammad Ali, Rafid Suhail, Mohd. Irfan with the model of four wheeler](#)

### **ALIGARH :September 22**

Dr. Suboohi Khan, Department of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University has attended the "International Conference on Special Functions and Orthogonal Polynomials of Lie Groups and their Applications". The Conference was organized by Decin Branch of the Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic.

Around thirty-eight participants from various countries like USA, UK, Canada, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Germany, Turkey, Israel, Russia, Belgium and Czech Republic presented their research papers during the five days of the Conference. Dr. Suboohi was the only participant in the Conference to represent the whole

Asia sub-continent. Dr. Khan delivered a contributory lecture on "Some Results Involving Hermite-Based Appell Polynomials". The presented work was related to the introduction of new families of Special Polynomials and their applications in Mathematical Physics, and was highly appreciated by the mathematicians present in the Conference **Related Picture**

[1. Dr. Suboohi Khan](#)

### **ALIGARH :September 22**

Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Chairman Deptt. of Community Medicine has been appointed as Coordinator for the supportive supervision and monitoring of 'Suraksha Clinics' by the Uttar Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (UPSACS) under National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

Suraksha Clinics have been established by NACO at district hospital level in all the districts of the state to prevent and control the transmission of HIV/AIDS in high-risk groups and general population. There is also a facility of counseling of high-risk cases who indulge in abnormal socio-sexual behavior like female sex workers (FSW), men having sex with men (MSM) and intravenous drug users (IDU).

Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Dr. Ali Jafar Abedi, Dr. Nafis Faizi and Dr. S.N.A. Hashmi carried out supportive supervision and monitoring of "Suraksha Clinics" in Kanshi Ram Nagar (Kasganj) and Badaun Districts. All the necessary arrangement for the visits was made by Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, J.N. Medical College Hospital.

Targeted Intervention (TI) NGOs working in both the districts were also monitored. Large numbers of high-risk cases were identified by these NGOs. Monitoring team also conducted counseling and health education sessions for these groups in Badaun. Team also monitored Integrated Counseling and Testing Centre (ICTC) and checked the hospital waste disposal system. Supportive supervision in District Bulandshahar, Aligarh and Hathras was done by Dr. Meher Rizvi and Dr. Nasreen Noor. Other districts to be covered shortly are Bareilly, Pilibhit, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar. **Related Picture**

[1. Dr. Athar Ansari](#)

[2. Related Picture](#)

### **ALIGARH :September 21**

The IEEE Student Branch, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University organized a workshop on "Graphic Designing and introduction to Animation". A large number of students from different faculties like Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Management Studies and Research, Faculty of Commerce, Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Law participated in the workshop.

The IEEE Student Branch Counselor, Prof. Mukhtar Ahmad, while presenting an introduction to the programme, said that the

focus of the workshop is on the basic tools, applications and methods in designing through professional software like Adobe Photoshop. He said that the Graphic Designing is a thriving industry these days and a good number of students are spending thousands of rupees to learn it at private institutes. He said that designing could be highly useful to the students while making their presentations, assignments, projects, publications and research papers.

Prof. Mukhtar Ahmad welcomed the guests and explained the significance of IEEE. He also congratulated the IEEE Student Branch members for organizing the workshop in a magnificent way.

Prof. Mohibullah, Chairman, Department of Electrical Engineering graced the programme with his presence and motivated the students with advices to increase the output of their efforts. He later presented a memento to Prof. Mukhtar Ahmad as a recognition of his efforts.

The IEEE Student Branch Secretary, Mr. Noorudheen Mohammad highlighted the achievements of IEEE Student Branch. Mr. Tabish Sohail Ahsan Jazbi conducted the inaugural programme.

Later, IEEE Student Branch Treasurer, Syed Nabeel Mehdi conducted the workshop. He expressed gratitude to the Principal, Z.H. College of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Ekram Hussain and Senior IEEE Member, Prof. Ekram Khan of Department of Electronics Engineering for always being supportive and encouraging. **Related Picture**

#### [1. Workshop on Graphic Designing at ZHCET](#)

#### **ALIGARH :September 21**

**The students of Aligarh Muslim University sitting on a Dharna regarding the elections to AMU Students' Union and other issues have called off their agitation after the assurance of the Proctor, Prof. Mujahid Beg.**

**Prof. Beg, along with the Deputy Proctor, Dr. Naiyyar Asif met the agitating students last night at the Dharna site at about 8 pm and gave a notice to them that the AMU Students' Union would be restored by the end of October 2011 provided the students provide a peaceful atmosphere in the University campus.**

**Prof. Beg urged the students not to become a tool in the hands of a few detractors of the University and help the administration maintain law and order in the University to facilitate an academic environment.**

**Prof. Mujahid Beg also warned that nobody would be allowed to carry on evil designs against the University on the pretext of the CBI enquiry. He said that there was no place in the University for outsiders and antisocial elements. All efforts are being taken to provide better facilities to the students in the halls of residence to perform better in the examinations and their future endeavour.**

#### **ALIGARH :September 21**

**Sir Syed Day will be celebrated with traditional zeal on October 17, 2010 at the Aligarh Muslim University. It was decided in a consultative meeting presided over by the officiating Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mohammad Shabbir. Prof. Shabbir asked the electricity department to illuminate important buildings like the University Mosque, Strachey Hall, Victoria Gate, Maulana Azad Library and Sir Syed Academy.**

**The meeting unanimously resolved to celebrate Sir Syed Day in befitting manner. The consultative meeting also resolved that Sir Syed Dinner will be arranged in every Hall of residence in a traditional style and the food will be served in the Dining Halls. Only bonafide students will be allowed to join the dinner and the public meeting, proposed to be organized by various halls of residence.**

**It was decided that senior teachers of the University, eminent former teachers and literary and cultural figures be invited as the chief guest depending on their availability. The meeting urged the provosts to take extreme care so that uninvited people do not enter the gate during S. S. Day celebrations.**

**The Sir Syed Day commemorative meeting will be held at the Athletics Ground.**

**The Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel conducted the meeting and the Controller of Examination, Prof. Pervez Mustajab extended the vote of thanks. Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmin Jalal Beg and many other important functionaries of the University were also present.**

**ALIGARH :September 20**

**Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis inaugurated an interaction programme on opportunities of education and visa rules jointly held by the AMU and US Embassy.**

**Addressing the participants, the Vice Chancellor pointed out that if the students get meaningful right guidance they can achieve tremendous success. He said that the main aim is to promote best education by exposing the AMU students to the available opportunity and necessary knowledge about higher education avenues in USA and the visa rules enforced there. He said that the legendary American President Abraham Lincoln gave the call for education and freedom and kept the door open for all and this revolutionary step has made the America the super power. Best talents from all parts of the globe moved to America in search of opportunities and America without any discrimination opened up opportunities for everyone. He said that the large number of AMU old boys are rendering services in America and are promoting the glory of their Alma Mater. He called upon the students to equip themselves with quality education so that they could serve the nation and society in a positive way apart from brightening their own life and living.**

**Information Officer of the US Embassy, Peter Vrooman**

while elaborating on the educational programmes told that US has not discontinued issuing visas and nearly one lakh students and tourists have been issued visas during the current year.

Educational Advisor Syed Khalid Jamal apprised the students on the issue of American education magnitude and the procedure of admission in American Universities through power point. He said that students should get right knowledge at right time to enhance their educational talents. Visa Counselor, Jerry Calarickal told the students on the process of acquiring documents for visa.

Prof. N.A.K. Durrani, Media Advisor of the University and Coordinator of the programme, urged the students to explore and excel by empowering themselves with the best educational opportunities offered in US. Elaborating on the aims and objectives, he expressed hope that the students will be greatly benefited from the interaction initiative the University has arranged with US Embassy.

Coordinator, GEC, Dr. Shakeel Samdani also expressed his view. Dean Student's Welfare Prof. Ainul Haq Khan proposed a vote of thank. Apart from a large number of students and teachers, the Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel, OSD (Development), Prof. Akhtar Haseeb were also present in the Programme. Related Picture

[1. US Embassy team interacts with AMU students-I](#)

[2. US Embassy team interacts with AMU students-II](#)

ALIGARH :September 20

Dr. Latif Zafar Jilani, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has been offered a Fellowship in Lower Limb Arthroplasty (Joint Replacement) and Computer Aided Orthopaedic Surgery at Golden Jubilee National Hospital (GJNH), Glasgow, Scotland.

The fellowship is offered jointly by the Indian Orthopaedic Association and GJNH, Glasgow. The training program is supported by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow for short term training of international medical graduates. Dr. Jilani is the only candidate selected from India this year for the fellowship. The duration of the fellowship is one year and during the fellowship he is expected to gain wide experience in the latest techniques of joint replacement surgery especially computer navigation.

Dr. Jilani obtained his MBBS and MS Orthopaedics degrees from J. N. Medical College. Earlier, he has been awarded with the prestigious membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh following the successful completion of the requisite Intercollegiate MRCS Examination in 2007. Before joining the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery as an assistant professor, he worked at Armed Forces Hospital, Oman, Warrington Hospital, Cheshire and Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester (UK). Related Picture

### **1. Dr. Latif Zafar Jilani**

**ALIGARH :September 20**

The Department of Pediatrics, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a Workshop on "Acute Flaccid Paralysis" in collaboration with WHO (World Health Organization) for consultants a, Senior Resident and residents of Department Pediatrics in order to sensitize Acute Flaccid Paralysis.

Prof. S. Manazir Ali, Chairman, Department of Pediatrics introduced Surveillance Medical Officers (SMOs) of NPSP WHO and highlighted the basic objectives of the workshop, mainly, understanding Global Polio Eradication Scenario to understand AFP and the way to identify it, and understanding the roles and responsibilities of the doctors in the AFP Surveillance. He also informed that only one case of Polio has been reported from Howrah till date. The last case of polio was reported from Aligarh (M. A. Nagar) in December 2009.

Dr. Akshay has given the overview of Polio and strategies for eradication of Polio globally. He also emphasized that the world is going through end phase of Polio eradication. So, there is a need to strengthen surveillance activities which includes reporting all AFP cases which are seen on daily basis in the OPD, Emergency as well as the Ward. The SMOs emphasized that reporting atypical AFP case in this phase would intensify the effort and help in detecting "Polio cases" as early as possible so that intervention to stop the epidemic can be initiated at the earliest.

A healthy discussion was held with the residents. Dr. Kamran Afzal, Associate Professor of Pediatrics suggested the Dr. Sudhir to display the photographs of atypical presentation of Polio.

Prof. S. Manazir Ali requested all the residents to actively participate in the surveillance by reporting AFP cases and contribute towards noble cause of eradication of Polio from the Universe. He also expressed gratitude to the representatives of NPSP, WHO, Surveillance Medical Officers, Dr. Sudhir Nayak, Dr. Akshay Sadhotra, Dr. Rajesh Jain and Dr. M. A. H. Azhar for conducting the programme smoothly. Related Picture

**[1. Prof. S. Manazir Ali addressing the Workshop at the Department of Paediatrics, JNMC](#)**

**ALIGARH :September 19**

Professor Mohammad Shabbir, Dean, Faculty of Law being the senior most Dean amongst the members of the Executive Council has been authorized to discharge the routine duties of the Vice Chancellor during the absence of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.

Prof. Azis has proceeded on four days? visit to Kasargod (Kerala) to attend the meeting of the Executive Council, Central

**University of Kerala and will return on September 23, 2011.**

**ALIGARH :September 19**

**In a fresh move, the Ministry of Human Resource Development has partially restored the powers of the AMU Vice Chancellor.**

**In a letter addressed to the Aligarh Muslim University Registrar, the MHRD Undersecretary, Mr. Jugal Singh clarified that the University may appoint Deans and Chairmen as per Statute 7(1) and 8(1) of the Statutes of the University.**

**Similarly, the University may also release funds to the CPWD and other contractors who have already been appointed for carrying out the works at the University and its Centres as per the terms and conditions of the contract and the provisions of GFR, he added.**

**The matter relating to appointment of guest faculties/temporary teachers is under consideration and is hoped to be communicated in due course of time.**

**A large section of the University community has welcomed the step and hoped that the curbs imposed on the University will be removed to help create a right atmosphere of growth and efficient functioning of the University.**

**ALIGARH :September 19**

**"Osteoporosis is a growing threat to the public health and 36 million patients are afraid to be in India by 2015. It is high time that people should pay attention to their life style and bring necessary changes in their daily routine to prevent osteoporosis become a health challenge in India", said Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University while inaugurating the Uttar Pradesh Orthopaedic Association (UPOA) Midterm Symposium on Osteoporotic Fractures organized by Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, J. N. Medical College, AMU and Aligarh Orthopaedic Club.**

**Prof. Azis said that public awareness drive should also be launched to make people conscious of their daily habits and refrain from prolonged bed rest, low weight, high alcohol consumption, cigarette smoking, low calcium intake and high caffeine consumption not to let the dreaded disease take on them.**

**Prof. Mohd. Zahid, Chairman, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Chairman, Organizing Committee said that Osteoporotic fractures are on rise because of sedentary life style and increasing geriatric population in India and these fractures are difficult to manage. He said that to foresee the enormity of this problem we need to focus on various aspects of these fractures.**

**Dr. Amir Bin Sabir, Organizing secretary of the Symposium, said that Osteoporosis is the most common ten diseases seen with the age problems. He said that Osteoporotic fractures are a great challenge to the surgeons. He said that**

many new drugs are coming to combat osteoporosis and new implant designs also have been developed to treat the osteoporotic fractures.

Prof. M. H. Beg, Dean, Faculty of Medicine said that osteoporosis would become a worldwide problem in near future. He urged the government agencies to pay special focus on its prevention and preventive policies.

Dr. Ashok Gupta, President, Uttar Pradesh Orthopaedic Association, said that more than 300 million people in India are suffering from osteoporosis so that it is our duty to remain updated about this problem. Dr. Gupta said that there is no doubt that in coming years it would be the responsibility of orthopaedic surgeons to face this problem.

Dr. Jamal Ashraf, Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Orthopaedic Association, said that our mission should be to serve the profession, champion the interest of our patients and advance the highest quality of the musculo-skeletal care.

Dr. Owais Ahmad Quraishi conducted the programme. On the occasion, Dr. Kulshrestha, President-elect, UPOA, Dr. Manoj Mittal, President, Aligarh Orthopaedic Club, Dr. Sanjeev Garg, Secretary, Aligarh Orthopaedic Club and about hundred delegates were also present. Related Picture

[1. Workshop on Osteoporotic Surgery by Pain Clinic](#)

[2. Workshop on Osteoporotic Surgery by Pain Clinic](#)

**ALIGARH :September 18**

The Aligarh Muslim University, in collaboration with the US Embassy, New Delhi is organizing an Interactive Meet with the AMU students on "Opportunities for Qualified Students in the United States and the Prescribed Visa Procedures". The programme will be held in Kennedy Auditorium on September 19, 2011 at 11 am.

Media Advisor and the Coordinator of the programme, Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, said that the purpose is to create an awareness among the University students regarding the growing opportunities in USA for higher education including provision for funding and other procedural issues. Top ranking students of various departments of studies and other students of the University with potential to acquire higher education abroad from among undergraduate, postgraduate students and research scholars will be participating in the Interactive Meet, he added.

The US Embassy team comprising Jerry Kalarickal, Vice Consul, Nishtha Oberoi, Visa Assistant, Farrukh Usman, Visa Assistant, Peter Vrooman, Information Officer, Meena Sanyal, Information Specialist, Syed Zafer Hasan, Urdu Editor and Syed Khalid Jamal, USIEF Educational Advisor will arrive at AMU in the morning of September 19 to participate in the Interactive Meet.

**ALIGARH :September 18**

To take an overall review of the developments, allotments and security and other important issues relating to residential halls of the University, a meeting of the Central Allotment Committee of Aligarh Muslim University, presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, was held today at 11:30 am at the VC Lodge.

While addressing the meeting, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the Provosts should take well care of the resident students and attend to their genuine problems on daily basis. The security of the students and the halls should be given top priority and the halls should be totally insulated from any kind of harmful material, even a knife should not be allowed to carry in the hall by any person. The hall staff should display extreme sensitivity to the security and well being of every students of their respective residential domain, he observed.

Elaborating on the various initiatives, Prof. Azis said that the University has already allocated Rs. 45 lakhs for maintenance and up-gradation of hall facilities like water coolers, chairs, tables and beds as a measure to provide increased comforts to the students. The building committee has recently allocated several Crores of rupees for carrying renovation, repairs and replacement work in all halls of residence with a timeline to complete within three months. The Provosts should assign one of the halls wardens to keep a vigil and ensure the quality of work awarded in their halls, he added.

Prof. M. Saleemuddin, Chairman of the Central Allotment Committee has emphasized on the need to maintain cleanliness in halls including in washrooms and uninterrupted supply of water and power. Personal contact with students and their parents of both the Provosts and the wardens during peace period is essential for effective management of hall affairs, he added.

Prof. Ainul Haque Khan, Dean, Students' Welfare pointed out the individual problems brought to his notice by the students of different halls. He particularly drew attention of the Provosts to the new rule relating to determining seniority of the students, which is based on University standing and not on hall standing.

Proctor, Prof. Mujahid Beg briefed about the new sector scheme put in place in the University and urged the Provosts to extend their full cooperation to make the new system effectively functional so that the student residents in the University halls could be fully protected from the criminal and outside anti-social elements.

Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Media Advisor has informed the Provosts that the University in collaboration with the US Embassy officials has arranged an exclusive Interactive Meet for the benefit of the University students to take up higher studies in US by organizing a programme on September 19, 2011 at 11:00 am in the Kennedy Auditorium on "Opportunities for Qualified Students in the United States and the Prescribed Visa Procedures". He requested the Provosts to depute at least 20 students from their hall to participate in the programme.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel and Provosts of all

**halls of residence participated in the review meeting.**

**ALIGARH :September 17**

**[CBI enquiry to tarnish the AMU image..... Milli Gazette](#)**

**ALIGARH :September 17**

**[AMU Enquiry : Intrim Report gives clean chit to VC.....Two Circle](#)**

**ALIGARH :September 17**

**A team of students from United States of America studying Public Health and Human Rights at different universities, visited Department of Community Medicine, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University under university exchange programme of India-Health and Human Rights, SIT Study Abroad & World Learning of USA. They assessed the different levels of health care delivery system in India.**

**Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Chairman, Department of Community Medicine and Coordinator for the Visit, while welcoming the team members, presented a brief introduction of Department of Community Medicine and highlighted its role in the community for the advancement of Public Health especially in urban slums among marginalized population.**

**The visiting students reviewed different OPDs of J. N. Medical College and observed the functioning as well as resources available in the hospital.**

**Prof. Zulfia Khan, Department of Community Medicine discussed the public health scenario in developing world especially in India. She emphasized the need of organizing such programmes to help understand the current situation in India in comparison with other developed and developing countries.**

**Dr. Azim A. Khan, Professor and Academic Director, World Learning, USA presented a brief overview of the activities carried out under the exchange programme and objectives of the visit. He also thanked the Dean, Principals and Chairman Dept. of Community Medicine for organizing the fruitful visit.**

**An interactive session was organized in the Committee Room of Dean's Office. Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent welcomed the students and answered the questions asked by the students regarding functioning of the hospital. He also discussed the plan of expansion of activities in the hospital.**

**Prof. A. K. Verma, Dean Faculty of Medicine thanked the students and team members for coming to J. N. Medical College Hospital for assessment of health care system. Prof. S. H. Hashmi, Principal, Dr. Z. A. Dental College and Prof. Haris Manzoor Khan, Medical Superintendent also participated in the discussion.**

**The team also visited Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC) run by the Department of Community Medicine and**

participated in the interactive session organized by Dr. Iqbal M. Khan, Incharge along with the doctors and patients. Dr. Ziaul Haque Peerzada and Dr. Ruchi Sharma narrated their experiences in the families living in registered villages. The foreign students were very enthusiastic to see the functioning of ROME Scheme (Mobile Health Clinic) in Jawan Sikandarpur.

Prof. M.H. Beg, Prof. Abida Malik, Prof. M. Amanullah Khan, Prof. Imran Ghani, Prof. D.K. Agarwal, Prof. Javed Usmani, Prof. Najam Khalique, Dr. A.R. Siddiqui, Dr. S.S. Ahmad, Dr. M. Salman Shah, Dr. Ali Jafar Abedi, Dr. Anees Ahmad and all SR and JRs also attended the programme. Related Picture [1. Team of students from United States at AMU](#)

**ALIGARH :September 16**

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that a highly motivated group of detractors were using the platform of AMU Teachers' Association (AMUTA) for unleashing malicious campaign that ultimately denigrate both the venerable office of the Vice Chancellor and the Aligarh Muslim University. The recent memorandum submitted by AMUTA Secretary, Mr. Mustafa Zaidi to the Visitor is nothing but a sequel to the incorrigible design to damage the Aligarh Muslim University, he added.

While clarifying on the issue of presiding over the convened meeting of the Executive Council, Prof. Azis said that AMUTA Secretary's stand on this issue is illegal as the Vice Chancellor has not been found guilty on any of the baseless allegations leveled against him.

Commenting on the curbs imposed on him, the Vice Chancellor said that the restriction is totally illegal. AMUTA leaders are apparently behaving like puppets of certain politicians and the MHRD. The stand taken by them is violation of the AMU Act, he added.

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis felt that in the guise of appraisal to the Visitor, blatant lies were constantly fed to Hon'ble Visitor's office by the AMUTA Executive without the required mandate of the AMU larger teaching community. Its hidden agenda will cause irreparable damage to the University and its effective functioning.

On the issue of objection raised by Mr. Zaidi, relating to AMU Malappuram Director becoming the member of the Executive Council and other University bodies, the Vice Chancellor said the AMUTA Secretary should read and understand the meaning of the Section 28 (6) and 29(5) of the AMU Act which explicitly states that a new Statute becomes operational with the approval of the Visitor. The Membership accorded to the Director of the Malappuram Centre is as legal as any other action taken under the said provision, he added.

Referring to the description "the much appreciated directives from the Visitor restraining Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis", the AMU Vice Chancellor reiterated that the referred restriction is

**totally illegal. The mood of celebration on this count by AMUTA Secretary reflects its total disrespect and disregard to AMU Act as no such curbing provision exists in the Act. Anyone who supports anything that is extraneous to the Act will virtually be doing a great disservice to the University and its legitimate ethos to protect the University structure and its functioning from any illegitimate onslaught. The visionary AMU Act makers have made every provision in the Act to insulate the institution from unwarranted extraneous interference.**

**Prof. Azis explained that the meeting of the Executive Council scheduled on 17.09.2011 had to be postponed as two members gave a notice of absence, designed to create a 'No Quorum' situation as used to be done by the former eight Executive Council members earlier in similar fashion.**

**AMUTA representatives and their collaborators could feel happy that they could sabotage the democratic functioning of the Executive Council and the Court where they could never enjoy any worthwhile support in the last four years. Well-meaning teachers should understand the nefarious design with which they are collaborating with the anti-education, anti-Muslim and anti-AMU forces working in the Government and outside, he added.**

**The University hopes that the Ministry of Human Resource Development would not again fall into the trap laid by AMUTA and others and further harm the interest of the University, the Vice Chancellor concluded.**

**ALIGARH :September 16**

**Dr. G. G. Hammad Ahmad Shadab, Asst. Professor, Section of Genetics, Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University has been selected for the prestigious best poster award sponsored by Doerenkamp-Zbinden Foundation, Switzerland, in the 8th World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences held at Fairmont, Montreal, Canada. The prize carries a cash of CAN \$1000. The World Congress was hosted by the Canadian Council of Animal Care. Besides attending conference, Dr. Shadab also visited few molecular Biology Laboratories in Montreal University and discussed some collaborative research strategies with the scientists.**

**The World Congresses on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences are the longest running series of international scientific conferences dedicated to the 3Rs principle of replacement, reduction and refinement (3Rs) of animal use in research and safety testing. Since 1993, these conferences have been held every 2-3 years, and have attracted a large international group of stakeholders and leading experts interested in scientific approaches to the development and use of methods that replace, reduce, and/or refine animal-based laboratory methods. The next world congress will be held in Prague, Czech Republic in 2014.**

**Other awardees of the cash prize included Prof. Mohammad**

**A. Akbarsha, Director and Chair, Mahatma Gandhi-Doerenkamp Center, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, India, and Dr. Krishan K. Sharma, Professor and Head, Department of Zoology and Dean of Sciences, Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer.**

**About 900 scientists from all over the world participated in the world congress and 607 abstracts were submitted from 43 countries. All the abstracts have been published by an international journal ALTEX having impact factor 4.4.**

**Dr. Shadab's Poster was on the "Outcomes of Efforts of Mahatma Gandhi-Doerenkamp Centre (MGDC), India to replace Animal Dissection in Life Science and Biomedical Science Education". The other co-authors who significantly contributed to this poster include Md. Zeeshan, Faisal Kunnathodi and Mohammad A. Akbarsha of MGDC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli 620 024, India. Related Picture [1. Dr. G.G. Hammad Shadab \(Second from Left\) after receiving the award](#)**

**ALIGARH :September 16**

**The Department of Pediatrics, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized an interactive session of Consultants, SR and Residents of the Department with Medicine Sans Frontiers.**

**Prof. S. Manazir Ali, Chairman, Department of Pediatrics introduced Ms. Farhat Mantoo and Dr. Zahid Ansari, representatives of Medicine Sans Frontiers, an NGO founded in 1971 by a group of doctors and journalists who believed that all the people in need should have access to emergency relief.**

**Ms. Farhat Mantoo said that MSF is an international Medical Humanitarian Movement with partner section in 19 countries with more than 20,000 doctors, nurses and other professionals providing relief in more than 65 countries. It provides Medical Aid to people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect or catastrophe primarily due to armed conflict, Malnutrition and natural disasters. Later on, a video film was screened to the audience depicting the work of MSF in South Sudan followed by an interactive session, where members of the audience asked their queries. The program was attended by Dr. Farzana K. Beig, Dr. Zeeba Zaka ur Rab, Dr. Uzma Firdaus and the residents of the Department.**

**At the end Prof. S.Manazir Ali thanked Prof. A.K Verma, Dean Faculty of Medicine, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal & CMS and Dr. Athar Ansari, Chairman, Community Medicine for their suggestion to hold the interactive sessions. He also expressed gratitude to the representative of MSF, Ms. Farhat Mantoo and Dr. Zahid Ansari for their cooperation in conducting the programme smoothly. Related Picture [1. Interactive Session of Consultants, SR and Residents of the Department of Paediatrics](#)**

**ALIGARH :September 15**

A meeting of the local members of Executive Council of Aligarh Muslim University, presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, was held today. While taking two other decisions, the meeting decided to postpone the meeting of the Executive Council scheduled to be held on September 17, 2011 at New Delhi.

The members of the Executive Council, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal, J. N. Medical College and Prof. Sibghatullah Farooqi, Dean, Faculty of Commerce had informed the AMU Vice Chancellor in writing that they were unable to attend the slated meeting of Executive Council to be held in Delhi as it lacked the elected representation of teaching community of the University. The situation thus arisen, compelled the University to postpone the meeting as the total number of EC members presently is 16 which would not allow to meet the quorum requirement if the above two members did not attend the meeting.

It was also decided to urge Prof. Abu Sufyan Zilli, Chairman, Department of Psychology and Chief Election Officer to initiate the election process at the earliest to conduct the election for membership of EC from teaching community. The EC members present in the meeting also decided to urge the Visitor to allow the University to hold the Court meeting so that the election of six members of EC out of the University Court may also be completed so that they could also take part in the process of the selection of the new Vice Chancellor.

**ALIGARH :September 15**

The Department of Prosthodontics, Dr. Z. A. Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a one-day workshop with a hands-on course on "Prosthetic Phase of Dental Implants" providing a live surgical demonstration.

The organizing team comprised of Prof. Geeta Rajput, Chairman, Department of Prosthodontics, Prof. Anup Vyas, Head, Department of Prosthodontics and Prof. Vilas Newaskar, Head Department of Oral Surgery, Government Dental College, Indore and Programme Coordinator, Dr. Gaurav Singh along with Dr. Abhinav Gupta, Dr. Shaista Afroz and Dr. Shraddha Rathi.

Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, J. N. Medical College, Prof. H. S. Yadav, Prof. A. K. Verma, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Prof. S. H. Hashmi, Principal, Dr. Z. A. Dental College were also present on the occasion.

Prof. Anup Vyas and Prof. Vilas Newaskar delivered lectures discussing various Prosthodontics and Oral Surgical aspects of dental implants. Prof. Vilas Newaskar performed live surgery on patients and demonstrated the placement of dental implants.

The Hands on course was conducted by Professor Anup Vyas and a demonstration of Prosthodontics lab procedures were made with the help of models. A large number of 150 dental faculty, Undergraduate and postgraduate students participated in the programme. Related Picture [1. Prof. Hashmi, Prof. Yadav,](#)

**[Prof. Vayas and Prof. Niwaskar and Prof. Geeta Rajpoot at a Workshop held at Dental College](#)**

**ALIGARH :September 14**

**Prof. Emeritus Farhatullah Khan conducted Trainer's Workshop as part of the Access Trainer's Workshop(English Access Microscholarship Programme) organized by the UGC-Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. Khan reviewed the existing Access program and explored the options for exploiting the various tasks and activities for the new Access Program. Also, he suggested several need-based strategies that may work for the access learners. Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director Academic Staff College thanked Prof. Khan for sharing his valuable insights. The workshop was attended by English Microscholarship Access Programme (EAMP) teachers and belonging to the Department of English and AMU schools.**

**ALIGARH :September 14**

**Noted Economist and authority on Islamic Finance, Prof. Nejatullah Siddiqui said that the role of interest is creating a problem of debt crisis in European and American Countries. He emphasized that the principles of Islamic Finance only can protect the world from financial crisis. Prof. Siddiqui was addressing the round table discussion on "Alternatives to debt financing" organized by the Department of Business Administration, Aligarh Muslim University.**

**Prof. Siddiqui dealt with alternatives that Islamic finance offers and highlighted its advantages along with the conventional finance. He laid emphasis on Istisna, Ijara and Murabaha as Islamic modes of finance.**

**Prof. Javed Akhter, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies pointed out the prohibition of interest in Islamic Finance setup and highlighted the permissibility of trade according to Quranic principles. Prof. Valeed A. Ansari introduced the justification of choice of the theme by giving an idea of the current culture of debt prevailing in the world. He put emphasis on how cultural and regulatory factors have led to proliferation of debt. He observed, "Accumulation of debt is the main issue behind the financial crisis".**

**The discussion was followed by a probing question-answer session. Prof. M. Khalid Azam, Chairman of the Department proposed the vote of thanks. The program was conducted by Dr. Asif Akhtar. Related Picture [1. L to R - Dr. Waleed, Prof. Nejatullah, Prof. Jawaid Akhtar and Prof. Khalid Azam at a Lecture at MBA Department](#)**

**ALIGARH :September 13**

**Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development & External Affairs, Mr. E. Ahamed visited the Malappuram Centre of Aligarh Muslim University at Perinthalmanna along**

with Education Minister of Kerala, Mr. P.K. Abdu Rabb to evaluate the progress of the AMU's Centre.

Mr. E. Ahamed assured that the Government of India is committed to building up of the Malappuram Centre. The construction wall of the AMU Centre will be completed in stipulated time. He said that construction of the campus was progressing well and construction of building for the campus would begin soon. He further assured that neither the Union Government nor the Kerala Government would go back on their commitment about the AMU Centre.

The Kerala Education Minister, Mr. P.K. Abdu Rabb also assured that the commitment by the State Government will also be fulfilled. The funds required will be made available soon, he announced.

Earlier, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that he was hopeful about the development of the Malappuram Centre at Chelamela, a project with potential to change the educational future of a large number of people, particularly from the Muslim community. Dr. P. Mohamed, Director of the AMU Malappuram Centre welcomed the dignitaries and briefed the action taken by the AMU till date.

Mr. E. Ahamed was accompanied by Mr. A. Ali, MLA (Perinthalmanna), Mr. T.A. Ahmed, MLA (Mankada) and Mr. Jugal Singh, Under Secretary, MHRD. The senior officials of CPWD explained the status of various ongoing works.

Representing the District Administration, Mr. P. Mohandas, District Magistrate, officials of Kerala Water Authority, State Electricity Board were also present.

Union Minister of State for MHRD also interacted with students and faculty members of the Centre. The AMU Centre is providing the educational facilities to MBA and BALLB courses.

Related Picture

[1. Union Minister of State, Shri E. Ahamed welcomed at the AMU Malappuram Centre](#)

[2. Union Minister of State, HRD, Shri E. Ahamed at an interactive meet with the students of AMU Malappuram Centre](#)

ALIGARH :September 12

Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University presented a paper on 'Main Contours and Trends of Literary Orientalism' at the International conference on 'Islam and English in India', jointly organized by the Department of English and the School of Humanities, University. Prof. Amina Kishore, Department of English, Maulana Azad National Urdu University presided over the session.

The conference was sponsored by UGC-DSA, Sahitya Akademi and the British Council. Prof. Syed Mujeebuddin, Head, Department of English, University of Hyderabad and the Conference Director summed up the conference as interdisciplinary with having a special focus on Cultural, Literary, and Pedagogic, historical, political and philosophical

encounters.

Several other faculty members from the Department of English, AMU participated in the Conference and presented their papers. Dr. Mohd. Asim Siddiqui presented his paper on 'Emergence of Muslim English Media in free India' while Mr. Sajidul Islam presented a paper on 'Muslim perspective of Literary Orientalism' and Dr. Faiz Zaidi presented his paper on 'Image of the Moghul in British Literary Orientalism'. Dr. Raashid Nehal's paper highlighted 'Designing Research Project on ELT training Programmes in Indian Madarsas'. The session was chaired by Prof. D. Venkat Rao, Department of English, EFLU.

Some of the international participants who presented their papers included Prof. Emerita Lyn, Innes and Mr. Robert Ivermee, Assistant Lecturer from the University of Kent, UK. Dr. Firoozeh Papan Matin Fulbright Nehru Senior Research Scholar, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, University of Washington, and Mr. Mossarrap Hussain Khan, Doctoral student of New York University.

Dr. Farina Mir, Associate Professor, Dept. of History, University of Michigan, USA chaired the session on Aligarh Movement, English Education and issues of modernity in Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's writings.

**ALIGARH :September 12**

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University and Aligarh Orthopaedic Club are jointly organizing UPOA Midterm Symposium on "Osteoporotic Fractures" on 18th September. Prof. Mohd. Zahid is the Organizing Chairman of the symposium.

Dr. Amir Bin Sabir, Organizing Secretary said that the topic of the symposium is "Osteoporotic fractures are a challenging problem". He said that recent literature testifies that the incidence of Osteoporotic fractures is steadily rising due to increased longevity. While dealing with such fractures, orthopaedic surgeons are faced with injuries that have the potential to jeopardize not only the function but the very life of the patient.

Dr. Amir said that the classic treatment of these injuries is confusing, yet during the last two decades the treatment has been continually evolving. No doubt, the incidence of surgical management of these injuries has increased with time.

The symposium is expected to be attended by more than 100 delegates from UP and other parts of the country. Prominent international and national faculty will take part in the deliberations, he added.

**ALIGARH :September 12**

Under a plantation drive in the Medical College campus, the Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. A. K. Verma, Principal, J.N.

**Medical College and CMS, Prof. M. Ashraf Mallik, Prof. M. Amanullah Khan, Prof. Tariq Mansoor of the Department of Surgery and former Member-in-Charge, Land and Garden, Prof. Shujauddin at the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Diabetes and Endocrinology, J.N. Medical College planted several saplings today.**

**Five Ficusretusa plants were planted at the premises of the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Diabetes and Endocrinology. While appreciating the work of Prof. Jamal Ahmad, Director of the Centre, the guests praised for his efforts in establishing such a huge Centre at J.N. Medical College. It was possible only because of the sincere efforts made by Prof. Jamal Ahmad, they observed. They hoped that the Centre will bring laurels to the J.N., Medical College and the AMU and will serve the patients who are suffering from diabetes and other endocrine problems.**

**Prof. Jamal Ahmad, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Diabetes and Endocrinology said that the objective of the centre is to provide all facilities to the patients under one roof. He said that the Centre will start Post-doctoral DM and DNB Courses in Endocrinology to strengthen interdisciplinary basic research in the field of Molecular Endocrinology. He said that community oriented programmes, both in urban and rural population, for appraising the common people about diabetes prevention and creating awareness about endocrine disorders will also be started at the Centre. The estimated endocrine disease burden in the country due to these disorders is about 120 million, he added.**

**Dr. Jamal said that the initiative to start DM (Endocrinology) course has already been approved by the Board of Studies of Faculty of Medicine and the Academic Council. Once approved by the Executive Council of AMU the matter will be taken to Medical Council of India for its final approval.**

**ALIGARH :September 10**

**Dr. Hammad Usmani, Assistant Professor and consultant in Pain Clinic of the Department of Anaesthesiology, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University said that transforaminal technique is highly effective in the management of patients suffering from sciatica pain.**

**Dr. Usmani while presenting a paper on "Role of transforaminal epidural steroid injections in patients of Sciatica" at the 16th Annual Advance Pain Conference and Practical Workshop at Budapest, Hungary, said that in this technique, the drug is being deposited directly at the site of inflamed nerve root under image guidance which results in remarkably better pain relief as compared to other conventional approaches. The research work was appreciated by the delegates hailing from different countries.**

**Dr. Hammad Usmani also participated in the workshop on pain management where he learnt various advanced techniques of pain relief including the role of radiofrequency ablation in cervical pain under the guidance of experts from USA, Europe**

and other countries.

Dr. Usmani said that the radiofrequency ablation machine has arrived at J. N. Medical College and he has already started using the machine in pain management.

The conference was organized by World Institute of Pain, USA. Around 200 pain physicians from all over the world participated in this conference. The theme of the conference was advance pain management and there were deliberations by experts from different countries on this issue.

Dr. Hammad Usmani expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Aziz and the university administration for allowing him to avail the opportunity. Chairman Department of Anaesthesiology, Prof. S. Bano and faculty members of the Department congratulated Dr. Hammad Usmani for attending the conference and presenting his research work. Related Picture [1. Hammad Usmani.](#)

**ALIGARH :September 09**

Aligarh Muslim University has tightened its internal security system, so that the campus may be made fully secure from outsiders and anti-social elements.

University Proctor, Prof. Mujahid Beg told that all students, teachers and staff of the University will be provided fully fool-proof security in the campus. Several new check posts have been established to monitor entrance of the people in the campus.

All halls of residence have been provided security. At the same time all the students have been advised not to provide shelter to any outsider otherwise disciplinary action will be taken against them.

University Proctor has urged all the students and the staff to carry their identity cards. He advised the students and employees to get their identity cards if they do not have. Prof. Beg said that it has been decided in the meeting held with Provosts that they will maintain coordination with the Proctorial team.

Check posts have been established on Bab-e-Syed, Purani Chungi, Sir Syed House, Allama Iqbal Hall, Medical College Gate, near the gate of the Proctor's Office, on the road leading to Dhorra, Tuti Boundary Jamalpur and on the way of Aftab Hall to keep a close watch on all the routes entering in the campus. Security personnel will be deputed on all the check posts round the clock. Assistant Proctors and Deputy Proctors will monitor the security arrangements on regular basis. The University campus has been divided into four sectors and security personnel have been deployed permanently for eight hours on all four halls in each sectors.

To oversee the security of four sectors, four petrol cars have been deployed which will ensure security in their respective areas. Plain cloth security personnel will also be deputed. All these positive actions are outcome of the meeting held under

**Chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor P.K. Abdul Azis on 20th July to provide the students better facilities and security in each hall of residence. Now the decisions are taking up the concrete shape of action which will certainly provide positive results. Related [Picture 1. Security beefed up at AMU and AMU Proctor taking note of it](#)**

**ALIGARH :September 08**

**Three new Orientation Programmes and Subject Refresher Courses in Computer Applications and Oriental Studies (Arabic, Persian and Urdu) started today at the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University. More than 130 University/College teachers from all parts of the country have joined these courses.**

**While addressing the inaugural session, Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, presented an introduction to the UGC Academic Staff College and the Aligarh Muslim University and highlighted the objectives of these courses. He especially shed light on the role of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in nation building. Professor M. U. Bokhari, Chairman, Department of Computer Science and Professor Saghir Ifrahim, Department of Urdu are the Course Coordinators while eminent Resource Persons from AMU and outside will provide orientation lectures. Literary and cultural evening and Computer Lab sessions have also been scheduled for the participants.**

**ALIGARH :September 08**

**How could a tiny glass ball become a life threatening object and how could this marble be removed from the food pipe of a neonate? These questions are successfully answered by noted Surgeon Prof. M.H. Beg and Prof. Abdul Qadir, Anesthetist while they performed a rare surgery at J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University.**

**The marble piece was said to be put in the mouth of a 22 days old baby Parveen by her elder sibling. The patient belonging to Farrukhabad, was brought to the emergency of J.N. Medical College after the surgeons and endoscopists at Farrukhabad and Kanpur failed to retrieve the marble. Since the patient had acute respiratory difficulty, she was kept in ICU and later referred to CTVS unit. As the patient was in respiratory distress, rigid endoscopy was planned under General Anaesthesia. Although intubation was quite difficult in such small baby, retrieval of the marble was accomplished successfully and without any injury to the baby. The patient recovered well and was finally discharged next day on oral feeds.**

**Prof. M.H. Beg has retrieved a plethora of foreign bodies from the food and air passages of patients. However, it is for the first time that a marble from the esophagus of such a small baby (Neonate) has been removed successfully. There is no mention of such a case in the world medical literature till date making the**

achievement unique and unprecedented. Marble is a difficult foreign body to be removed from such a small baby, which could have been fatal, Beg added. Related Picture [1. M.H. Beg](#)  
[2. Baby](#)

**ALIGARH :September 07**

The Aligarh Muslim University has achieved a commendable success in developing Information and Communication Technology (ICT) resources in the campus at par with other prestigious institutions in the country.

Prof. Qazi Mazhar Ali, Director, Computer Centre, Aligarh Muslim University said that AMU's High-speed internet connectivity of 1000 mbps existing under National Knowledge Network (NKN) project was linked to AMU own ITC infrastructure thus giving a big push to IT operations in the University. The entire internet traffic has been migrated to NKN link since last July making it a primary link to manage primary information technology based activities of all kinds in the campus. This has resulted in high-speed data downloading by academic community of the university. The superfast connectivity has made possible the internet link for Worldwide Large Hadron Collider (WLHC) project of the High Energy Physics Laboratory of the Department of Physics to migrate all its high-tech research work to the NKN connected University system.

Prof. Ali further said that the towers required for providing an exclusive 3G/Wimax connectivity to the AMU community through BSNL have been erected and the equipment are installed. He said the connections will be available to the students, research scholars, faculty members and employees very soon.

For the first time the Computer Centre is in the process of extending access to some well-known software packages through the campus wide network. This will facilitate students, faculty members and researchers to use the software at their convenience without duplication of expenditure, he added.

Prof. Qazi Mazhar Ali informed that an online tracking system has been developed to facilitate the retired employees so that they can get from the comfortable confines of their own homes from anywhere in the world the status of their applications without physically visiting the University Administrative Block.

**ALIGARH :September 06**

Mr. Rajneesh Gupta, IAS, Secretary U.P. Science and Technology and Director General, Council of Science & Technology will inspect the Centre of Excellence in Materials Science (Nanomaterials), Department of Applied Physics, Z.H. College of Engineering & Technology, Aligarh Muslim University on Wednesday, 7th September.

Prof. S. Alim Husain Naqvi, Principal Coordinator of the

Centre said that it is a matter of honour for the centre and the University that Mr. Gupta is visiting the Centre. Mr. Rajneesh Gupta had passed his B.Tech. (Civil) and MBA from IIT Kanpur and an IAS of 1990 Batch.

**ALIGARH :September 06**

Residential Coaching Academy (RCA), Aligarh Muslim University is going to conduct another National Entrance Test, Group Discussion & Personal Interview on 9th October at Aligarh center for admission to the Civil Services & Judicial Services Coaching Programme to fill the vacant seats for the session 2011- 2012 for Minorities/SCs/STs & Women aspirants.

Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala, Director of the Academy said that the aspirants for the coaching may submit their application forms upto 30th September. He further said that the graduate in any stream can apply for this test. The final admission will given after the interview. The formalities of the admission will be completed on 30-31, October and classes will start from 2nd November.

Prof. Khairoowala said that the application forms can be obtained from the Office of Residential Coaching Academy during office hours or downloaded from the website <http://www.amu.ac.in/rca.htm>.

**ALIGARH :September 05**

An album of Ghazals entitled "Shahar Khamosh Hai" is recently cut in the voice of Johny Foster, Senior Music Instructor and alumnus of this University. The Ghazals of various pigment and moods have been pen down by Shahid Mahdi. All the music compositions and vocals work have been dubbed by Johny Foster. To popularize Urdu in the masses, ghazal writing and ghazal singing is the best way and it attracts common people as well as intellectual. The CD comprising Sannate me, kashti rava dawa thee, kisee ka zarf, dheere dheere phail raha hai, jao mujhse door, etc. Music and literary persons admired and congratulated for the album.

**ALIGARH :September 05**

The Department of Tahaffuzi Wa Samaji Tib, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a guest lecturer on "Harmful Traditional Practices and Infant Mortality Rate" at the Department.

While addressing the lecture, Prof. Abdul Mateen, Chairman, Department of Sociology and Social Work pointed out 15 traditional practices like giving immediate bath to the new born just after the birth, keeping the new born without clothes, keeping sharp iron weapons close to the new born, keeping the pregnant woman at a separate place considering her as unhealthy, restraining the child from first milk.

Prof. S.M. Safdar Ashraf, Chairman, Department of

**Tahaffuzi Wa Samaji Tib introduced the guest speaker. He enlightened the audience with certain causes and factors concerned with the Infant Mortality Rate in detail. He added that this the third guest lecture of the lecture series organized by the department.**

**Dr. Abdul Aziz Khan proposed vote of thanks and Ms. Shazia Shamim, Research Scholar conducted the programme.**

**ALIGARH :September 05**

**Dr. Yasir Salam Siddiqui and Dr. Javed Jameel, Senior Residents, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University bagged the Madhya Pradesh Chapter Best and second best paper award respectively, in recently concluded Central Zone Conference at Varanasi.**

**Dr. Yasir presented his work on "Jess in complex hand injuries" while Dr. Javed presented his work on "locked plating by MIPPO technique in complex proximal tibial fractures". Dr. Javed also won two best paper award in Central Zone Conference organized at Jaipur, and again in UPORTHOCON at Gorakhpur last year. Related Picture [1. Dr. Yasir S Siddiqui](#)  
[2. Dr. Javed Jameel](#)**

**ALIGARH :September 03**

**Mr. Mohammed Aslam Husain, M.Tech. student, Department of Electrical Engineering, Z.H. College of Engineering & Technology, Aligarh Muslim University participated in the 10th International Conference on Environmental and Electrical Engineering (EEEIC) held at Rome, Italy and presented a paper on "Simulation and Study of a Grid Connected Multilevel Converter (MLC) with varying DC Input". The work was appreciated by the organizing committee and other participants. The paper has been accepted for IEEE explores.**

**The Conference was attended by about 200 speakers from all around the world representing industry, governance, as well as academic scholars and researchers from the Energy System area. The Conference was organized by Wroclaw University of Technology; Brandenburg, Technical University; Technical University Ostrava; Technical University of Kosice; University Carlos III of Madrid and Roma Tre University. Related Picture [1. Mohammed Aslam Husain](#)**

**ALIGARH :September 03**

**Prof. R.R. Sukul, Director of the Institute of Ophthalmology, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University said that the Institute is making sustainable efforts to bring back eyesight to the unfortunate people suffering from permanent blindness.**

**He said that as a part of its drive against the blindness, the Institute is organizing an eye donation fortnight programme**

under the aegis of J.N. Medical College from 25th August to 8th September.

Prof. Sukul said that since its inception six years back, the Eye Bank of the Institute has brought back eyesight to large number of people through corneal transplantation. He said that there are several reasons for the spreading blindness prominent of which are cataract, glaucoma and other corneal problems. He said that the blindness rate in India is 0.5 percent comparing to 1.3 percent before launching of National Blindness Control Programme in 1976. He, however, said that the awareness level among people about eye donation is very low in our country.

Prof. Sukul observed that people generally fill-up the eye donation form but do not donate their eyes. The family members dither from accomplishing the deceased's will. He said that a mass level awareness programme is needed to make people aware of the positive aspects of the eye donation. He said that the cornea of deceased remains live till six hours after the death and the doctors get it preserved and used later to provide eyesight to the needy. It is a noble gesture and the people need to rise above all dogmas pertaining to eye donation.

Prof. Sukul said that Eye Bank of the J.N. Medical College is observing Eye Donation fortnight to raise awareness among the people so that they may come forward to donate their eyes. He said that all services at the Eye Bank are provided free of cost and further details may be had from Prof. Sukul on his mobile no. 9412272009 and Incharge of Eye Bank Dr. Adeeb Alam Khan on 9837252564.

ALIGARH :August 27

The reputation of the Aligarh Muslim University and its functionaries emerged intact. All kind of insidious and irrelevant illusions relating to the hyped up AMU Fact Finding Enquiry's outcomes were set to rest. The copy of the note of dissent by the Chairman of the Fact Finding Enquiry Committee, Justice B. A. Khan obtained under RTI Act and now available in the University has shed new light and given a clean chit to AMU Vice Chancellor and the University.

Former Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court, Justice B. A. Khan in his categorical and crystal clear findings has proved beyond doubt on all the crucial first four major complaints the innocence of the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis and given a clean chit to the University in these regards.

Justice Khan was so dismayed by the conclusion arrived at by its member, Justice A. N. Divecha, a retired Judge of Gujarat High Court that he has declined to append his signature to the report, and instead wrote a long virtual report of findings by observing in the very commencing sentence that "I find myself at odds to go by this line of reasoning and to go along with the Hon'ble member's conclusion. This is so for the reason that I find

no worthwhile basis for this conclusion.

The Chairman's findings concluded that the TA and DA paid to the present Vice Chancellor was found uniformly followed and the act of TA payment would in no case constitute any offence of embezzlement or misappropriation.

While elaborating the issue in question Justice Khan observed that "I also fail to appreciate how this payment of TA/DA to the VC would constitute any offence of embezzlement or misappropriation or for that matter, any misconduct". The University's practice of paying TA/DA to incoming VCs on joining was found uniformly followed and would apply to the present VC also on the principle of equal treatment to which he is entitled. The VC's act would in no case constitute any offence of embezzlement or misappropriation and or misconduct, he added.

Regarding HTC, the Chairman was also categorical in finding that the Vice Chancellor has availed the LTC prematurely and considered the aberration as a curable irregularity as the Vice Chancellor had not drawn any HTC thereafter, though entitled and that in no case would it constitute embezzlement or misappropriation of University funds.

While making a clear distinction between serious financial irregularity he pointed out that the action in question did not and could not constitute offences of embezzlement, misappropriation or for that matter, misconduct. The VC's only fault or mistake was that he enjoyed the facility prematurely before it could become available under the Rules.

Justice Khan while referring to Justice A. N. Divecha's view, asserted that the Honorable Member has accepted the complainants plea and has declared the VC's visit as private. Similarly on the Vice Chancellor's visit to Kochi prior to his visit to Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi Justice B. A. Khan's findings revealed that the Vice Chancellor visit to Kochi was scheduled prior to the function at Jamia Millia Islamia and it could not be said or held that he had used the Jamia function as a ploy to visit Kochi and that no University funds could be said to have been unduly consumed by Vice Chancellor in this regard.

On payment of taxi fare, Justice Khan observed that the conclusion that the Vice Chancellor was engaged in a private activity in and around Thiruvananthapuram has no basis in the face of the official record and that the payment of Rs. 15000 to the taxi agency by the University would not amount to any wrongful gain made by the Vice Chancellor.

Giving further clean chit to AMU Vice Chancellor, Justice Khan recorded that Justice Divecha has disregarded and discarded the University's explanation and has declared the activities of the VC as private for which I find no basis. In my view, the nature and character of the functions attended by him, including that of the AMU Old Boys' Association, etc. and his meetings with public figures at various places in and around Thiruvananthapuram had to be best left to University's officialdom to determine and once its administrative set up had treated these as official, the matter should rest at that, he

concluded.

Finally, the Chairman of the Fact Finding Enquiry Committee, Justice B. A. Khan referring to the extraneous issues raised by Justice Divecha, states that "the Hon'ble Member has concluded his Interim Report by referring to what he calls "two important communications from one whistle blower" and two applications under the Right to Information Act. "The issues raised are extraneous to the Committee's Terms of Reference. These issues were neither raised nor debated during the Inquiry proceedings and therefore, do not merit any consideration", he asserted.

In the light of the explicit findings of the Chairman of the AMU Fact Finding Enquiry Committee, based on records and documents, any attempt to falsify the facts will be seen as a malicious attempt to deliberately tarnish the image of AMU and its academic and executive head.

The insidious distortions and misinformation campaign unleashed by a well-known group of VC baiters are out to bring discrete with all kinds of wild accusations leading to the unwarranted intervention in the functioning of the University.

**ALIGARH :August 25**

Ms. Tooba Naved Khan, MBBS I year, Ms. Zainab Shaikh, BDS II year, Ms. Kifah Husain, MBBS I year won the first, second and third prizes respectively in the Essay Writing Competition organized by Sarojini Naidu Hall, Aligarh Muslim University as a part of Independence Day Celebrations.

Dr. Subuhi Khan, Provost of the Hall said that the topic for essay writing competition "Corruption is the Obstacle in the path of progress of Independent India" was given on the spot. Dr. Khan further said that while in debate competition, Ms. Zaini Ahmad, MBBS I year and Ms. Shadma Shaikh won the first and second prizes respectively, in Baitbazi competition Ms. Ayesha Usmani and Ms. Siddiqah, Ph.D. students secured first prize and Ms. Nishat Qayyum and Ms. Darakshan, another Ph.D. student bagged the second prize. She said that the wardens of the hall, Dr. Farhana Kausar, Dr. Mahmood Anwer Khan, Dr. Ghazala Yasmeen, Dr. Naila Rashid and Dr. Shikha Chauhan greatly assisted in the successful organization of the programme.

**ALIGARH :August 25**

Dr. Md. Khalid Saifullah, Assistant Professor, Section of Parasitology, Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University presented a research paper titled "Immunodiagnosis of buffalo amphistomosis by coproantigen detection" at the 86th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists held at Sheraton Anchorage Hotel and Spa Anchorage, Alaska (USA).

The conference focused on a number of parasitological research aspects like host-parasite interactions, life cycle and epidemiology, biochemistry, cell biology, physiology, genetics and

molecular biology, vector biology, immunology and chemotherapy etc. Dr. Saifullah also interacted with eminent Parasitologists like Dr. Tom Kennedy, President of World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology, Dr. Tim Yoshino from University of Wisconsin-Madison, Dr. Bruce Christensen, (a 2011 Clark P. Read Mentor Awardee) from University of Wisconsin-Madison and others.

During his two months' stay in United States, Dr. Saifullah explored the opportunities for future collaborative research projects and visited the labs of Professor Afzal A. Siddiqui, Director, Schistosomiasis Vaccine Programme at the Department of Microbiology & Immunology, School of Medicine, Texas Tech University, Health Sciences Centre, Lubbock, Texas; Dr. Tariq M. Haqqi, Professor of Medicine/Rheumatology and Director of Research, Metro Health and Dr. Nora G. Singer, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, Case Western Reserve University and Director, Division of Rheumatology, Metro Health, Cleveland, Ohio, USA where he was warmly welcomed. Dr. Saifullah also learnt some modern techniques used in the ongoing research projects

**ALIGARH :August 25**

**This meeting of the Joint Action Committee (consisting of teachers, non-teaching staffs, Technical Staff Association and Fourth Grade Employees Union) strongly condemns the letter (No. F. 3-12/2011-Desk (U), dated 10 Aug. 2011) issued by the Office of Mr. Kapil Sibal, Union Minister of Human Resource Development in a unanimous resolution passed by the General Body Meeting (GBM) of the Joint Action Committee, held on 10.30 AM on Thursday, 25 August 2011.**

**The members of this Joint Action Committee request MHRD to withdraw the letter in retrospect with immediate effect and further warns MHRD to abstain from such attacks and interference on the autonomy of AMU.**

**It is also resolved that initiative be made to meet the President of India, PM, MHRD Ministers and other MPs in Delhi. In this regard, the Joint Action Committee is authorized by the members in this meeting to take required decisions.**

**The GBM is of the strong view that this letter of the MHRD has tarnished the image of this august institution of learning and education in order to appease a certain section of people, as they have personal gains to be reaped from the present unfortunate situation on the Campus.**

**Finally, this meeting resolves to continue the democratic means of protest, such as Dharna of the Joint action Committee at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, burning of the effigies, and others to send a strong message to the UPA government and to those people who have been involved in this malicious act against the University. Related Picture [1. Member of the Joint Action Committee at the Dharna Site](#)**

**ALIGARH :August 24**

**Prof. H. S. A. Yahya, Department of Wildlife Sciences, Aligarh Muslim University, who was deputed by the AMU Vice Chancellor to investigate and report on the recent incident of students' clash in Boys Hostel at AMU Malappuram Centre, Cherukara submitted his report today.**

**Drawing conclusion after hearing hostel staff, teachers, students, locals and the Director of the Centre, he concluded that there is nothing north-south in the unfortunate episode and a section of the North Indian Urdu and Hindi media displayed immaturity.**

**While narrating the details, Prof. Yahya reported that on 10th of August a discussion on distribution of Iftar items among students led to heated exchange of words and finally physical injury to four students of MBA, Mohammed Rafi, Yunish Kumar, Shabeeb and Adnan.**

**Mr. Mohammed Rafi was hit with a stick by Yunish Kumar resulting serious head injury. He was hospitalized; three stitches were made on his head. His condition improved quickly and he has been discharged from the hospital, now he is attending the class as well.**

**Prof. Yahya observed that there is no harsh feeling among local people towards the students of north Indian origin. However, due to certain rumors, misconception and misunderstanding a sort of gap between north & south Indian students prevailed which was very unfortunate. The local people are very friendly and hospitable, he concluded.**

**While elaborating, he said that the situation is under control and the Director has taken needed steps to resolve the problem. An internal inquiry committee comprising faculty of the centre was set up. Later on he was also included in the subsequent meetings. After various rounds of talks and perusal the students came forward for the compromise. Mohammed Rafi agreed to withdraw the police case which he had filed against Yunish Kumar. Countering the allegation Mohammed Kumail had also initiated a case against Mohammed Rafi which he withdrew. On Thursday afternoon a joint meeting of alleged students and members of Iftar distribution committee was held and the students unanimously decided to compromise and withdraw all allegations and complaints lodged either with the Director or with the police. They also agreed to undertake an oath of solemn pledge on hundred rupees bond paper assuring that in future they will not indulge in any unruly activity in the hostel or in classroom. Finally members of both group hugged each other and pledged to remain as friends.**

**Those students who were debarred from the hostel as punitive measure were pardoned and allowed to reside in the hostel. All the students assured that in future there will be no such quarrel which might harm any person or the image of AMU Malappuram Centre vis-à-vis the Aligarh Muslim University. As**

a gesture of good will the students of MBA and BA LLB organized an Iftar party in Cherukara Boys hostel on Friday (19th August 2011) in which most faculties, myself and the director also participated. A very healthy and harmonious environment was thus restored in the Boys Hostel.

In the entire episode certain Urdu and Hindi news papers published from north India played a very immature role. They should have verified the news from the reliable sources before publishing entirely wrong news that the students of north Indian origin were beaten and hospitalized. On the contrary, the student who received maximum injury hails from Kerala. Publishing of incorrect news led to misunderstanding among general public and panic to the guardians of north Indian students, he observed.

Prof. Yahya categorically pointed out that the name of Adil Azis, a MBA student, was unnecessarily dragged in this issue whereas the fact is that he was busy in persuading the students to be peaceful and calm during the entire incident. He acted quite maturely and tried to pacify the fighting groups. During my almost one week interaction with the students, cooks of the Hostel, Care taker of the Hostel, and other eye witnesses of the incidence no one reported any wrong doing by Adil Azis.

**ALIGARH :August 24**

**Dr. S. Moied Ahmed, Associate Professor, Department of Anaesthesiology and Consultant In-Charge of ICU, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, was recently invited to co-ordinate and conduct workshop on Mechanical Ventilation at B. R. D. Medical College, Gorakhpur, UP. He was assisted by Dr. Afzal, Assistant Professor, SGPPI, Lucknow, Dr. Lalit Singh, Assistant Professor, SRMS Medical College, Bareilly, Dr. Sabihul Islam and Muzammil Shafi, Junior residents, JN medical College, AMU. The workshop was organized under the banner of Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists.**

**The workshop was attended by consultants, practicing doctors and junior doctors of different specialty. The workshop initially dealt with the lecture based discussions on how to initiate a patient on a ventilator, what are the parameters to monitor while a patient is on a ventilator, what are the complications that can occur when a patient is on a ventilator and how to wean the patient out of the ventilator. This was followed by the hands on training and discussions on the lung protective strategies of mechanical ventilation in patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) and Non-Invasive ventilation in patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Bronchial Asthma.**

**Dr. Moied has recently received training from Leeds Teaching University Hospital, UK, on the different ventilatory strategies to protect the lungs in ARDS patients. He has been regularly invited both in the State and National Conferences to conduct mechanical ventilation workshop. He is planning to organize a similar workshop on mechanical ventilation in Aligarh**

**for the resident and practicing doctors shortly. Related Picture [1. Dr. S. Moied Ahmad conducting the workshop on mechanical ventilation](#)**

**ALIGARH :August 23**

**The Joint Action Committee of the Teaching and Non Teaching Staff, Technical Staff Association, Fourth Grade Employees Union and Students of the Aligarh Muslim University organized a Dharna in front of the Administrative Block to protest the decision of the Human Resource Development Ministry putting a ban on the executive powers of the Vice Chancellor of the University. The MHRD has sent a letter to the Registrar asking the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis to refrain from exercising his powers to conduct any Selection committee, make any promotions or take policy decision of long time inferences.**

**The protesters, representing all sections of the AMU fraternity expressed deep sense of shock and agony on the letter and termed it a violation of Section 13 Clauses (2 to 5) of the AMU Act.**

**One of the oldest alumni of the University and eminent historian Padma Bhushan Professor Emeritus Irfan Habib said that the University's autonomy was not attacked even during the British rule. He said that the MHRD's unwarranted would adversely affect the life of a number of people attached to this grand old institution as the appointment and promotion of several rightful employees has gone in doldrums.**

**Prof. Habib said that two fact finding enquiry committees have proved to be inconclusive and the responsibility of this failure lies with the HRD Ministry.**

**The former Chairman of the Minority Commission of Delhi, Mr. Kamal Faruqui in his address said that the Aligarh Muslim University is the pride of Muslim community and a movement should be initiated against the attack on the autonomy of the University. He said that a handful of vested interests are tarnishing the image of the University. He alleged that the Union Minister, Human Resource Development, Mr. Kapil Sibal is anti Muslim and the employees of National Minority Commission have not been paid their salaries for the last two months. Mr. Faruqui said that the repressive policies of Sibal would create thousands of Anna Hazare. He appealed to the Muslim community to stage dharna in front of the houses of Sibal and Salman Khurshid till the restraining order of the MHRD is withdrawn.**

**The Joint Action Committee presented a memorandum to the President of India demanding the withdrawal of the decision of MHRD forthwith. It said that it is an attack on the autonomy and functioning of the University provided under Article 29 and 30 of the Indian Constitution, especially Para (3). The MHRD dictat violates the process of appointment of the new Vice Chancellor, whereby the Vice Chancellor is supposed to call the meetings of the University Court after the approval of five recommended names by the Executive Council.**

The Committee observed that the decision reflects the vindictive, autocratic and non-receptive attitude of the MHRD to appease a handful of persons within and outside the campus on their misrepresentation of the state of affairs on the Campus. It said that it has jeopardized the functioning of the University by divesting the academic, administrative, financial and executive functioning of the University and further deprived considerably a large number of teachers, nonteaching, technical and fourth Grade employees of the University, who have been denied of their due confirmation, and promotion under Regular, CAS, ACP, MACP, and other categories. This will not only affect them emotionally, but also deny them of various financial benefits pertaining to their gratuity and pension, it added.

The Committee said that names of Visitors' nominee for various faculties are still awaited despite numerous reminders. The unwanted decision shall result in the lapse of over 250 teaching posts under XI Plan and appointment of over three hundred Guest Faculties would be averted, which are generally made in the months of August and September every year because of lack of teachers in various faculties. This will seriously affect the teaching in the University and adversely affect the interest of students of AMU.

It emphasized that the embargo on the Vice Chancellor's executive powers would prevent the processing and releasing of Funds from different sources, leading to the lapse of developmental funds. As a result, funds from UGC and other agencies for DRS, SAP, CAS or for infrastructural developments cannot be utilized.

Dr. M. Rizwan Khan, Convener, Joint Action Committee announced that the Committee will observe one-day token strike on August 25, 2011 and will sit on Dharna at 10.30 am in front of Registrar's Office.

Joint Conveners of Joint Action Committee, Dr. Shadab Khursheed, Dr. Ali Athar, Prof. Mursaleen and Rais Ahmad (President, Fourth Grade Employees Union), Secretary, Prof. Najam Khalique, Joint Secretary, M. Musahib Ali, President, Technical Staff Association, Executive Members, Prof. Mohd Anis, Professor Mohd. Shakir, Dr. Suhail Sabir, Dr. Zeba Hasan, Dr. Akram Javed, Dr. Sarfaraz Ahmad, Dr. Taqweem Ali, Mr. Salman Sabir (AMU Court Member), Mr. Rehan Ahmad, Mr. Mohd Ilyas, Mr. Masarrat Husain (Non-Teaching Representative), Mr. Babar Azhar (Ex President, TSA), Mr. Qasim Ahmad (EX. Court Member), Mr. Ragib Ali and Mr. Qazi Faheem Akhtar were also present on this occasion and expressed their opinion. [Related Picture1. Dr. M. Rizwan Khan, Convener, Joint Action Committee, Prof. Irfan Habib and Mr. Kamal Farooqui presenting the memorandum addressed to President of India](#)

ALIGARH :August 20

Scott Duarte, ESL Academic specialist from English

Language Centre, Michigan State University, USA conducted a teacher training workshop sponsored by Regional English Language Office (RELO), American Centre New Delhi for the AMU Access teachers and Ph.D. students at UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University. The workshop was attended by 30 participants. The workshop focused on needs analysis, designing materials for teaching spoken and written English, and integrated tasks on reading and writing for EFL/ESL learners, utilizing multimedia/CALL resources in the EFL classroom. Different interactive language activities and games were also organized on this occasion.

Dr. Amirullah Khan and Dr. Faiz Zaidi, Coordinators of the EAMP stressed the need for such programme as it would strengthen the Teacher Development Program. Dr. Raashid Nehal, Access Teacher Trainer said that the workshop would go a long way in enabling teachers to adapt materials using multimedia and technological resources for developing classroom communication skills.

Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director Academic Staff College while proposing the vote of thanks also expressed his gratitude to RELO, American Centre for sponsoring the event. Related [Picture 1. Scott Duarte conducted the teacher training workshoat UGC Academic Staff College, AMU](#)

**ALIGARH :August 17**

The Women's Polytechnic, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh constituted an eight-member committee for combating the menace of ragging in the Institution.

Dr. Iffat Ara Bano, Principal said that the Committee comprises Mrs. Salma Shaheen, Reader, Computer Engineering Section, Dr. Sheeba Manzoor, Lecturer, Secretarial Practice Section, Mrs. Harbhajan Kaur, Lecturer CD & GT Section, Ms. Chetna Singh, Ms. Huma Khalil, Ms. Usha Rani, Ms. Rafeeda Siddique and Ms. Aastha Maheshwari.

**ALIGARH :August 17**

Dr. Suraj Pal Sahu, Lecturer in Drawing and Painting at K.R. College, Mathura gifted a portrait of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, founder of the Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College said that Dr. Sahu was at the UGC Academic Staff College recently for attending an Orientation Programme. During his stay at the Aligarh Muslim University, he developed such fondness for Sir Syed that he took this initiative.

**ALIGARH :August 17**

Prof. Imran Ghani, Chairman, Department of Surgery, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, being the senior most Chairman by rotation, has been declared as a member of the University Court for a period of three years in place of Prof.

**Shahid Ali Siddiqui who has completed his term as Chairman of the Department of Radio-therapy.**

**ALIGARH :August 18**

**Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association, New York Tri-State will present its Annual Sir Syed Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in poetry, literature, Arts or the sciences to noted Urdu poet Prof. A. M. K. Shahryar on August 19, 2011 at Aligarh. Prof. Shahryar is a Jnanpeeth Awardee, India's highest literary honour.**

**AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis will be the Chief Guest and Nawab Ibne Saeed Khan of Chhatari will preside over the award ceremony. Dr. Nourul H. Khan and Mrs. Avinash Sawhney will represent the Executive Committee of Aligarh Alumni Association, New York State along with Mr. Sajid Hasan and Dr. Mohsin Raza.**

**Mrs. Syeda Jabeen S. Shah, President of the Aligarh Alumni Association said that the Lifetime Achievement Award was established ten years ago, with the objective of making a very modest contribution towards recognizing truly outstanding individuals in their particular fields during their lifetime. The other recipients were noted filmmaker Shyam Benegal, noted scientist Obaid Siddiqui and noted Urdu critic, Shamsur Rahman Faruqi Related Picture [1. Prof. A. M. K. Shahryar](#)**

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**In a letter addressed to the Vice Chancellor, teachers elated by the Vice Chancellor's feeling and concern for wellbeing and promotion of the teachers whose Selection Committee by certain reason could not be scheduled as yet. We once, again welcome the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis commitment for holding the Selection Committee of the left out Departments and**

assured their solidarity as a team with the Vice Chancellor.

The prominent signatories included - Dr. Ali Ather, Dr. Syed Liaqat H. Moini, Dr. Hasan Imam, Dr. M.K. Pundhir & Dr. Mohd. Sajjad of the History Department, Dr. Shamim A. Ansari & Dr. Mahmood S. Khan of the Department of Psychology, Dr. Syed Sibtey Hasan and Saiyyed Ahsan of Islamic Studies, Mrs. Ayesha Farooq of Business Administration, Dr. Rakhshanda F. Fazli of Centre of West Studies, Mr. Rizwan Khan, Department of English, Zeba Hasan of Fine Arts, Dr. Mohd. Abid, Dr. Aftab Alam, Dr. Arshi Khan of Political Science and Dr. Nagar Zubairi and Dr. Fatima Zehra Bilgrami of Women's College

**ALIGARH :August 12**

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has served a letter to the AMU Registrar requesting therein to start the process of selection of next Vice Chancellor and clarified that the earlier letter sent by MHRD in this connection should not be construed as an authorization for calling the meeting of the University Court. The Ministry has also clarified that the directions of the Visitor issued by the Ministry vide Show Cause Notice to keep the meeting of the Court in abeyance, are still in operation.

On the basis of the directions of the Visitor, MHRD has requested that the University may call a meeting of the Executive Council and draw the requisite vice chancellor's panel of names in terms of Statute 2(1) of the Statutes of the University and then submit a formal proposal to the MHRD for seeking the Visitors permission to hold the meeting of the University Court for preparing a panel for appointment of the Vice Chancellor.

MHRD has also conveyed the Visitor's directives that Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis who is completing his term in office on Jan 17, 2012 to refrain from making any appointment and promotion and take any policy decision which may have long term financial or other implications on the executive and academic functioning of the University.

**ALIGARH :August 12**

Shri E. Ahamed, Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development took a meeting yesterday to review the working of AMU Malappuram and Murshidabad Centres. The meeting was attended by AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis along with Shri Ved Prakash, Chairman, University Grants Commission, Smt. Renu Bhatia, Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, Shri R. D. Sahay, Director, Bureau of Central Universities & Languages, MHRD and other officials.

Shri E. Ahamed in his introductory remarks appreciated the initiative of AMU resulting into the establishment of AMU Centres at Murshidabad in West Bengal and Malappuram in Kerala. Shri E. Ahamed also directed the University to utilize the funds which have been so far allocated for these Centres.

The AMU vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis explained the step so far the University has initiated including commencement of classes for 5 Years' BALLB and 2 Years' MBA Courses, awarding of work to CPWD for the construction of Campus Wall and for putting up pre-fabricated buildings for shifting the office, hostels and classes in the new Centres from their present rented premises in Perinthalmanna in (Kerala) and Ahiron in Murshidabad (West Bengal).

The Chairman of UGC, Shri Ved Prakash and Director, Bureau of Central Universities & Languages, MHRD, Shri R. D. Sahay considered that the DPR submitted by the University is a very ambitious project which need to be redone. The University has been advised to submit a revised DPR to be placed before the Expenditure Finance Committee within three weeks.

**ALIGARH :August 12**

The concluding session of the Orientation Programme organized by the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University was held today. 51 teachers from Assam, UP, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttrakhand, Punjab and Andhra Pardesh participated in the programme.

Professor A. R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College felicitated the course participants on the successful completion of the course. Addressing the concluding session as Chief Guest, Professor Masoodul Hasan, former Chairman, Department of English, AMU highlighted the significant role of teachers in the social fabric. While quoting profusely from English men of letters, Tennyson and Shakespeare he pointed out that knowledge makes one mature and balanced which in turn smoothens social relations.

Dr. Nasreen Shaikh from Mumbai and Dr. Suraj Pal Sahu from Mathura also spoke on the occasion and shared their experiences and observations about the course. They described the course as highly useful. Dr. Sahu, Lecturer in Drawing and Painting at K. R. College, Mathura presented his portrait of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan the founder of the Aligarh Muslim University. Dr. S. Reshma Jamal proposed the vote of thanks. Related Picture

[1. L to R Prof. AR Kidwai, Prof. Masoodul Hasan and Dr. Reshma Jamal at the concluding session of Orientation Programme](#)

[2. Dr. Jameel Ahmad presenting the bouquet to Prof. Masoodul Hasan at the concluding session of Orientation Programme](#)

**ALIGARH :August 11**

The 2nd Batch (2011-2012) of Training for Six Months Skill Development Programme sponsored by Ministry of Human Resource Development under Community Development through Polytechnics (CDTP) Scheme, Aligarh Muslim University, for

female candidates, is starting from 3rd October.

Mrs. Iffat Ara Bano, Principal and Chief Coordinator said that the training of Fashion Design, Beautician & Hair Dressing, MS Office & Internet Basics, Embroidery & Needle Work, Textile Dying & Printing, Soft Toys & Doll Making shall be imparted at University Women's Polytechnic Campus (Main Centre) while Training for Cutting & Tailoring, Dari & Galicha Making, Fabric Painting, Garment Making, and Embroidery & Needle Work will be provided at the extension centres of Shahanshabad, Harduaganj, Jeevanganj, Chharra, Atrauli, Tikta and Alam Bagh Nagla.

She further said that the training is meant for needy female candidates belonging to the economically and socially backward sections of the society. There is no age limit, no qualification, no admission or tuition fee for the training. The training material will be provided by the institution. The admission forms will be available from University Women's Polytechnic and the respective Extension Centres from 16th August and the same will be submitted on or before 5th September, 2011.

**ALIGARH :August 11**

Prof. Ali Mohammad, Department of Applied Chemistry, Z.H. College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded with Dr. P.D. Sethi Award 2010 for the best HPTLC Paper.

The award was presented to Prof. Ali Mohammad and his co-authors Mr. Nazrul Haq and Ms. Asma Siddiq for carrying out good quality and analytical research. The paper titled "Resolution of Multi-component mixture of amino acids using environmentally benign eluents: A green chromatographic approach has won the certificate of merit amongst the fifty publications received by the Dr. P.D. Sethi Award 2010 for the best research paper on application of TLC/HPTLC in pharma, herbal and other analysis. This is the sixth year of award, sponsored by Anchrom, Mumbai to honor Dr. P.D. Sethi, India's well-known pharmaceutical analyst. Related Picture [1. Ali Mohammad](#)

**ALIGARH :August 10**

While inaugurating new state of the art Conference Hall at Zakir Husain College of Engineering & Technology, Aligarh Muslim University, the Vice Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis pointed out that the College is among the top engineering colleges of the country and its students have acquired distinct places all over the world. Prof. Azis said that it is being attempted to provide all the facilities to the students at par with IIT. He said that students from all over the country are attracting to our college and we have initiated the process of the affiliation of College with National Engineering Coordination Committee (NECC). Prof. Azis emphasized upon the discipline of the

students and called upon them to concentrate on studies.

Prof. Razaullah Khan, Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering, said that our attempt was to modernize the departments and the same is underway with cooperation of Vice Chancellor and the teachers.

Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, OSD (Development) told that the construction done by CPWD is of high quality and the grants available in eleventh plan will be used to the maximum.

Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Controller and Ms. Yasmeen Jalal Beg also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Izharul Haq Farooqui of Civil Engineering Department presented the achievement of the Department. Prof. M.M. Ashhar proposed the vote of thanks and Mr. Rishab Garg conducted the programme. Related Picture [1. AMU VC receiving the memento from prof. Razaullah Khan at the inaugural function of Conference Hall](#)

**ALIGARH :August 10**

The Department of Community Medicine, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has celebrated World Breastfeeding Week. The Breast Feeding Week provides an impetus for renewed vigour. Taking into consideration the theme ? "Talk to me! Breastfeeding- a 3D experience" which emphasizes on communication, one week long activities were conducted.

Programmes were conducted at all the Centres of the Department viz., Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC), Jawan and Urban Health Training Centre (UHTC), AMU-UNICEF Health Clinics and Department. Activities during the week included Focused Group Discussions with pregnant and lactating mothers from the registered families, exhibition of posters, health education and awareness activities, poster competition, identifying exclusively breastfed and complete immunized children in the families and demonstrating the correct method of hand washing etc.

The main objective of the programme was to make mothers and their family members sensitized regarding importance and advantages of breastfeeding to the baby as well as mothers. Emphasis was based on giving colostrum that is the first vaccination of the baby, and exclusive breastfeeding. Dr. Suboohi Afzal, Medical Officer discussed the Ten Steps of successful breastfeeding and shared her experiences in the field.

All teaching staff members, medical officers, senior residents, postgraduate students, interns, undergraduate students, medico- social workers, nursing students, staff members of the ICMR project and registered families participated in the programme.

Dr. Ali Jafar Abedi, Medical Officer organized various activities during the breast feeding week and carried out health education sessions and focused group discussion in the field practice areas of the Department. Prof. Zulfia Khan supervised the activities during the breast feeding week.

Final report of the breastfeeding week activities will be submitted to Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI) and World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA). Dept. of Community Medicine was among the six organizations in the world which was awarded gold medal in 2009 by WABA.

A petition by the staff members of the department and doctors has already been submitted to Honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh to strengthen the breast feeding activities through strictly implementing the Infant Milk Substitute Act in the state. Related Picture

[1. Dr. Ali Jafar Abidi giving awareness tips about breastfeeding](#)

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**ALIGARH :August 06**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has approved an extension in the closing date of Admissions in the University up to 20th August 2011 to facilitate the candidates applying for nomination for admission to various courses in the University.

Assistant Controller, Admission, Mr. Ataah Husain said that a good number of seats are still remaining unfilled in various courses as a large number of candidates offered multiple choice of courses. Besides this, the cases of nominations are also under process and candidates belonging to Distant State category need time to reach for reporting and completing the admission formalities.

Mr. Husain said that in view of the above and to utilize maximum resources for ensuring filling up of the vacancies in all courses to the largest extent as per the rules of the University, the Vice Chancellor has approved the extension in the date of extension.

**ALIGARH :August 05**

The Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has appointed Professor Abu Sufian Zilli, Chairman, Department of Psychology as Chief Election Officer to conduct the election of two representatives of Professors, Associate Professors and two representatives of Assistant Professors to be elected from amongst themselves to the Executive Council of the University.

In another order, Professor Najmul Islam, Department of Biochemistry, J.N. Medical College, AMU has been appointed as the Chief Election Officer to conduct the election to the University Court from the Donor's Constituency.

The programme for election shall be notified by the Chief Election Officer in due course of time.

**ALIGARH :August 05**

Dr. Shahab Fazal, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University has been awarded a

prestigious Research Fellowship by Netherland Academy of Science (NWO), Government of Netherlands, under the bilateral exchange program. The fellowship is offered for conducting research in Netherlands for Indian University Teachers.

Dr. Fazal would be conducting research on Livelihood Transformations in the urban Fringe of Netherlands Cities. He would be affiliated with Faculty of Geo-Sciences, Utrecht University as Visiting Professor. Dr. Fazal would spend 3 months at Utrecht University during which apart from research he is scheduled to deliver lectures to students and interact with faculty members.

Dr. Fazal is an active researcher and availed several international fellowships like DST-DAAD Fellowship (2000-2001), Commonwealth Fellowship (2004) and Shastri Fellowship (2003 & 2009).

Currently he is leading an international research project in collaboration with Montreal University and McGill University, Canada. He has published 10 books and 45 research articles in various national and international journals of repute.

**ALIGARH :August 05**

The concluding session of three courses organized by the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University was held today. Professor Fasih Ahmad Siddiqui, former Chairman, Department of Chemistry and Manager, A. B. K. Union School was the chief guest.

Professor Badar Alam Iqbal, former Chairman, Department of Commerce, Professor Asmer Beg, Department of Political Science and Dr. Ali Athar, Department of History were the course coordinators of the Subject Refresher Courses in Business Studies, Social Sciences and History respectively. These courses were successfully completed by more than 70 participants hailing from all parts of the country.

Professor A. R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College felicitated the participants and resource persons and hoped that they would strive for academic excellence and social justice. Professor Fasih Ahmad Siddiqui emphasized the role and responsibility of teachers in the society. Professor Siddiqui gave away certificates to the course participants.

**ALIGARH :August 03**

Dr. Amirullah Khan and Dr. Raashid Nehal of the Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University conducted Trainer's Workshop as part of the Access Trainer's Workshop (English Access Microscholarship Programme) organized by the UGC-Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University. Dr. Khan explored the options for exploiting Media Panwawapa Kit for teaching Listening and Speaking Skills.

Dr. Raashid Nehal organized a workshop on the Exploiting Genre Pedagogy in media based Texts for teaching Writing Skills

and Grammar. The workshop was attended by English Microscholarship Access Programme (EAMP) teachers and Research scholars belonging to the Department of English.

**ALIGARH :August 03**

Prof. Rais Akhtar, Visiting Professor, Department of Geology, Aligarh Muslim University delivered a lecture through Teleconferencing to the participants of a Workshop on Climate Change and Human Health, held at Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad. The Workshop was organized by Prof. Mala Rao of International Health, University of East London.

In his lecture, Prof. Rais Akhtar highlighted the growing concern both in the developed and developing world about the impact of Climate change on health of population. 2003 Heatwave impact in Europe and 2005 Hurricane Katrina in the United States have given new opportunity in developed countries to understand and accept the significance of Climate Change.

Prof. Akhtar said that in the developing countries, including India, the resurgence and re-emergence of vector borne diseases and increased number of falciparum cases in some regions is a matter of great concern. Besides the altitudinal rise of malaria cases due to warming in highland areas is a great challenge to health planners. Malaria Research Institute is now conducting evidence based studies in Kumaon region and in Mizoram with focus on altitudinal rise of malaria.

Prof. Akhtar emphasized the need to strengthening public health infrastructure with regional equity. Developing community capacity is a must in order to protect people and help them to adapt. Improvement in Human Development Index-Access to water and sanitation particularly are very important. Public Health Surveillance Systems be sufficiently comprehensive and sensitive to detect potential effects of Climate change on health. Heat warning systems should be in place and operational in the eastern coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa and take steps to increase public awareness.

According to Prof. Akhtar, there is need to enhance awareness of climate change and impact on health among public health and medical practitioners. He has also been invited to present his paper on Soil trace elements and thyroid cancer at the British Geological Society sponsored Conference on Geology and Medicine, to be held in London in November this year. Prof. Akhtar will be visiting Taiwan in early December to deliver Keynote address at National Cheng Kung University sponsored 2011 Southeast Asia Regional Workshop on Global Environmental Change and Health.

**ALIGARH :August 02**

The Residential Coaching Academy, Aligarh Muslim University has announced the result of the successful candidates for admission to coaching for Civil Services and Judicial Services.

The Director of the Residential Coaching Academy, Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala said that the admission process for both the coaching programmes will be held on August 10-11, 2011 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Prof. Khairoowala said that twenty-four female and thirty-six male candidates have been selected for admission to coaching for Civil Services while seventeen candidates have been selected for admission to the Judicial Services Coaching Programme.

The successful candidates have been advised to bring original of all their documents at the time of admission.

**ALIGARH :August 02**

The Controller of Examination of the Aligarh Muslim University, Professor Pervez Mustajab has declared the schedule of continuation/re-admission to various programmes of Faculty of Engineering and Technology including B. Tech./B. Arch./BE/M. Tech./M. Phil/PhD.

Classes for B. Tech./B. Arch./M. Tech. will commence from August 2, 2011 and classes for BE will start from September 5, 2011 and the continuation/re-admission without fine will be held on or before August 16 and after a fine of Rs. 500/- continuation and re-admission will be held on August 23, 2011.

Those students who fail to get their continuation done by these dates may be allowed Continuation/Re-admission as per the notification by the Dean, Students' Welfare for this year.

**ALIGARH :August 02**

Prof. Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University has published his latest book "Translating the Untranslatable: A Critical Guide to 60 Translations of the Quran" by Sarup and Sons, Delhi. The book is a guide to reader how to select a suitable English translation of the Holy Quran for study from a pile of many available in bookshops and libraries.

The remarkable work contains reviews on each of the 60 English translations carried out from 1649 to 2009 and identifies the ideological and sectarian affiliation, mindset, features, and strengths and weaknesses of each and every translator.

Professor Kidwai's masterly work brings out the main contours of the misconceptions and misperceptions about the Quran in the West, as reflected in most of the Orientalist's translations of the Quran, namely those by Ross, Sale, Rodwell, Palmer, Bell and Jones. The critical study of the English translations of Holy Quran seeks to fill the gap in Quran scholarship.

**ALIGARH :August 01**

The Aligarh Muslim University, in pursuance of the order

of Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Guidelines of the UGC, has completely banned ragging in the campus.

The Dean, Students' Welfare, Prof. Ainul Haque Khan said that the UGC, on the directives of the Supreme Court, framed Guidelines with regard to combating the menace of ragging in the Universities/Educational institutions, according to which ragging, besides being a reprehensible act, is now a punishable offence.

Prof. Khan said that the University considers "ragging in any form" as an act of indiscipline and misconduct and the students found involved in such act shall be punished as per rules prescribed in the 'AMU Students' Conduct & Discipline Rules, 1985, which may include suspension or even expulsion of the student from the rolls of the University or a fine of Rs. 500/- extendable upto Rs. 2500/-.

As the University has re-opened after vacation for the session 2011-2012, the students have been informed through notices pasted on various prominent places in the University campus. An undertaking from each student on the prescribed format has also been taken to the effect that he/or she shall not take part in any form of ragging and shall abide by the rules prescribed for the purpose.

**ALIGARH :August 01**

Professor Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent of the J.N. Medical College at the Aligarh Muslim University issued a notice to all Chairmen of the Clinical Departments. It has been brought to his notice that the patients living with HIV AIDS are being refused admission or shown apathy by the Doctors and Nurses attending them. In the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, such patients are isolated in the septic ward. This practice is very unfortunate and tarnishing the image of this Medical College and Hospital.

Prof. Malik emphasized that according to law, no patient can be denied admission or preferential treatment. He requested the consultants to admit such patients and give them sympathetic treatment. The attending Doctors and Paramedical Staff have to follow the universal protection. Further, from now onwards the Medical Superintendent should be informed with the details of such patients on daily basis.

**ALIGARH :August 01**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University has approved the observance of the office timings of all the academic and non-academic departments of the University including Central Offices during the month of Ramadan from 8 am to 2:30 pm (without break) on all working days. On Friday the office timing will be observed from 8 am to 12 noon.

The University has decided that no refreshment should be served on any meeting / function held during the fast so as to maintain the sanctity of the Ramadan.

The University siren shall sound 20 minutes before the closing time of Sahar and at the time of Iftar every day.

**ALIGARH :July 30**

The Academic Council of the Aligarh Muslim University today unanimously approved the self-financing afternoon classes in both the University maintained Senior Secondary Schools for boys and girls.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis placed before the house the objection raised by the executive body of the AMU Teachers' Association (AMUTA) regarding the afternoon classes of XI standard under self-financing scheme and the house outrightly rejected the opposition of AMUTA in unison.

Similarly, the meeting of the Academic Council unanimously asked the Vice Chancellor to go ahead with the holding of all selection committees including the vacant XI Plan positions.

In order to maintain better residential ambience in all its halls and hostels including discipline, the Central Allotment Committee rules and regulations were approved by the Academic Council.

The Academic Council after thorough discussion declined to consider the court referred case relating to the request of Dr. Romana Hasan, Ex-student of MD, Paediatrics to rejoin and complete her post graduation.

The Academic Council has constituted a sub-committee comprising Prof. Razaullah Khan, Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering, Prof. S. M. A. Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. A. K. Verma, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, former Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and CMS, J. N. Medical College relating to the issue of increase in intake in post graduate courses of Faculty of Medicine as per the faculty decision. The intake suggested was provisionally approved and the committee constituted by the Academic Council will submit its report within 15 days after examining the matter related to increase in intake.

The Academic Council has not approved the request of the guest faculties working in different departments for continuing their appointment till further orders.

The Academic Council approved the change of nomenclature of the Department of Anaesthesiology to the Department of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care. Related [Picture](#)[1. AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis presiding over the Academic Council meeting](#)  
[2. Academic Council meeting in progress](#)

**ALIGARH :July 30**

Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology said that the National Steering Committee of National Project Implementation Unit (A unit of

**MHRD) has approved the Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology proposal and has recommended a grant of about Rs. 100 million. The Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology submitted a proposal under the Technical Education quality Improvement Program-II (TEQIP-II) to National Project Implementation Unit. The submitted project included details of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Analysis along with Training Needs Analysis of not only the teaching but the entire staff of the College.**

**Prof. Husain said that the sanctioned amount of money will be utilized for augmenting the infrastructure with main focus of TEQIP-II is on improving learning outcomes and producing high quality Engineers with better employability. The project known as TEQIP-II, intends to impart Pedagogical Training to faculty for making teaching effective and will cover maximum faculty members of institutions. The project will also provide support to post graduate studies and facilitate demand driven research and development, he added.**

**The specific thrust of the Project will be on implementation of academic and non-academic reforms for self-conceived development programmes with focus on quality and relevance, greater institutional autonomy along with accountability, research and equity.**

**The detailed proposal was prepared by Prof. Arif Suhail, Prof. A Anwar, Dr. Omar Farooq, Dr. Abid Ali Khan, Dr. Asfar Ali Khan, Mr. Faisal Ahsan under the stewardship of Prof. S. M. A. Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology.**

**The Vice Chancellor of the University Prof P K Abdul Azis has taken keen interest in the preparation of the project proposal and his intervention contributed significantly to make the project more meaningful.**

**The Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology has once again grabbed a distinct place among thousands of engineering institutions across the nation. The prestigious Rs. 100 million national project was awarded to the University Engineering College for initiating qualitative technical progress in its system of teaching and training.**

**ALIGARH :July 29**

**Mr. Seth Zulfiqar Mohammad Yusuf, a student of the Civil Services Coaching Programme of Residential Coaching Academy (RCA), Aligarh Muslim University has been selected for one year Extensive Professional Development Programme Master Business Administration, Project Management and Global Leadership Development Programme in the Virginia University, USA under the Community College Initiative Programme (CCIP) by the Fulbright Commission funded by the Global Education Fund. Department of State, Government of USA, Washington, DC.**

**Mr. Seth Zulfiqar Mohammad Yusuf informed Prof.**

**Ziauddin Khairoowala, Director, RCA that the achievement could be made due to extensive coaching and constant counseling for Civil Services through esteemed teachers especially English and Mathematics classes which helped him to perform well in test of English for international communication.**

**ALIGARH :July 29**

**The developmental work at the Aligarh Muslim University Murshidabad Centre received a big push as a concrete step was taken forward regarding the construction of temporary and permanent building at the site of the Centre in Murshidabad, West Bengal. A consultative meeting with the officials of the Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL), Kolkata, presided over by the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, was held today.**

**A host of financial and technical aspects of the proposal submitted by HSCL pertaining to the construction work at the AMU Murshidabad Centre was discussed in the meeting.**

**Regarding the construction of temporary structure, the HSCL proposed that the 5009m<sup>2</sup> land area will be used for the temporary structure while 50,000m<sup>2</sup> area will be raised up to 1.5 meter using fly ash instead of earth due to the cost implications. The boundary walls have been taken into consideration in the estimate with RCC make while a precast posts with barbed wire fencing have been suggested in the proposal.**

**The construction giant has suggested the road level be 1.5m higher than the ground level while paver blocks have been taken in estimate with adequate base course.**

**The culvert of the temporary building has yet to be estimated. However, the company has plans for the Soak Pit/Septic Tank and solar panels to be installed after the cost analysis for lighting the campus.**

**Similarly, the various specifications of permanent buildings were also discussed in the meeting. With almost similar specifications suggested for the temporary buildings, deliberations were made regarding the source of water supply and its distribution to the buildings, lawns and other facilities in the campus, water and sewage treatment plants and underground internal and external electrification.**

**With an aim to construct state-of-the-art buildings for the Law and Management Schools, the permanent buildings were decided to be provided with all facilities like digital entry points, modern security system, smart classrooms, modern libraries, seminars, lecture theatres, teachers' cubicles and offices networked and connected with a high speed internet connectivity.**

**It was decided in the meeting that all the temporary buildings in the campus be provided only with simple specifications to minimize the cost of construction. However it was insisted that estimate should include the extensive planning considering various facilities like water supply, sewage disposal,**

**internal and external electrification, lighting, furniture, roads and pathways, boundary walls, security cabins, gates etc to make the buildings in ready to use condition.**

**The meeting was attended by the officiating Registrar and OSD (Development), Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmin Jalal, Controller of Examination, Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Member, Sub-committee of the Building Committee, Department of Civil Engineering, Prof. Razaullah Khan, Media Advisor, Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, University Engineer, Mr. Firoz Khan and the Deputy Registrar (Development), Mr. Minhaj Ahmad Khan. The HSCL, Kolkata was represented in the meeting by the Chief Architect, Mr. Pradeep Sen, General Manager, Mr. H. T. Azmi, Senior Manager, Mr. Himadri Samaddar and Head, Marketing and Contract, Mr. D. C. Bandyopadhyay.**

**ALIGARH :July 28**

**The meeting of Ragging Prevention Committee, Faculty of Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University held at the Committee Room and certain decisions were taken to check the ragging at the Medical and Dental College premises.**

**It was decided that from 1st August to 15th August two teachers will station themselves at entry point near glass room & crossing near LT-5 between 7:45 am to 8:15 am on working days for vigilance. Chairmen, Department of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Forensic Medicine, Pathology, Microbiology and Pharmacology, has been asked to send the names of the teachers so that a schedule is prepared for this. The teacher of the first year batch shall accompany the students to their next classroom. Chairman, Departments of Anatomy, Biochemistry & Physiology will request the teacher who is engaging theory class not to leave the class room unless the next teacher arrives. Principal J.N. Medical College is requested to involve Medical College Society for vigilance. Teachers will advice and motivate seniors students not to indulge in ragging. A letter to be sent to all Chairmen regarding this. Posters & banners are to be displayed at prominent places in J.N. Medical College & Dr. Z.A. Dental College regarding evils of ragging & punishment. All teachers & non-teaching staff be requested through their Chairmen to ensure that no incident of ragging is permitted to take place in vicinity of their Chamber/place of work. Chairmen, Department of Anatomy, Physiology & Community Medicine to be requested to ensure that a few teachers are available in college corridor in afternoon after Dissection Class and Practical Class.**

**The meeting was attended by Prof. A.K. Verma, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal & CMS, J.N. Medical College & Hospital, Prof. S.H. Hashmi, Principal, Dr. Z.A. Dental College, Prof. M.H. Beg, Prof. M. Amanullah Khan, Prof. Asif Ali, Prof. Rana Sherwani, Prof. Afshan Bey, Prof. M. Mobarak Hossain, Prof. Rajiv Gulati, Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Dr. Moinuddin, Dr. Farhan Kirmani and Dr. Meher Rizvi.**

**ALIGARH :July 28**

**Dr. Nadeem Khalil, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Z.H. College of Engineering & Technology, Aligarh Muslim University participated in an International Conference on "Environmental Sciences and Engineering" held at Prague, Czech Republic recently.**

**Dr. Nadeem Khalil presented his paper entitled "Constructed Wetlands for Removal of Organic and Microbial Pollutants from Effluent of Municipal VASB-Reactors". His paper is based on the research work he completed at IIT Delhi for his Ph.D.**

**This conference was attended by over 1000 delegates from across the world and about 425 high quality papers were presented on different topics of Wetlands Sciences and Engineering. It is important to note that Dr. Kalil was the only participant from India.**

**Besides this, Mr. Khalil has recently been selected as one of the Ambassadors for "Study in Holland" by the Ministry of Education, Government of Netherlands through Dutch Alumni Office based in India. Under this assignment, he has to promote and guide aspirant Indian students for pursuing their higher education in new and advance areas of Sciences and Engineering in Dutch Universities.**

**ALIGARH :July 27**

**The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University today inaugurated Labs, Lecture Theater and the renovated existing building of the Department of Botany. He also inaugurated four classrooms and four cubicles for the teaching staff at the Department of Physical Health and Sports Education today. The project was completed within nine months by the Building Department of the University under XI Plan grant of ` 39 lacs.**

**Addressing the function at the Department of Botany, Prof. Azis said that the Department has produced brilliant scientists and one of its alumnus, Dr. Masood Akhtar is the top energy expert in the United States. He has submitted a plan for an Indo-US Energy Centre at AMU. Prof. Azis said that he is interested to convert all classrooms into digital ones with internet facility to provide ideal environment to create a focus on research.**

**Earlier, Prof. Mohd. Anis, in his welcome address, thanked the Vice Chancellor who has made the whole campus disciplined and eco-friendly raising the overall academic and research environment in the University. His efforts towards academic rejuvenation will go a long way in accelerating the pace of research in the University. He said that the Department of Botany was established in 1935 and is one of the oldest departments of the Faculty of Life Sciences, imparting Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Ph.D. courses.**

Prof. Arif Inam, Chairman of the Department proposed a vote of thanks. Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, OSD (Development) said that the University has received a substantial amount of ` 75 lakh during XI Plan period towards renovation of existing building and construction of new labs etc.

In the Department of Physical Health and Sports Education, Prof. Jaowad Ali said that the Department will start M.P.Ed. course very soon and we are planning to create a new Faculty of Education consisting of three departments ? Department of Education, Department of Physical Health and Sports Education and the Centre for Distance Education.

Earlier, Prof. Ikram Husain, Chairman of the Department welcomed the guests. Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences also graced the occasion. Related Picture

[1. Class Rooms and Teacher's Cubicles, Department of Physical Health Education inaugurated by AMU VC](#)

[2. Labs, Lecture Theatre and renovation at Department of Botany inaugurated by AMU VC](#)

ALIGARH :July 27

The selection process for admission to the Nursery class at Abdullah Nursery and Primary School, Aligarh Muslim University will be conducted on 30th July through "Draw of Lots" (Lottery System) at Kennedy Hall Auditorium.

Ms. Wajiha Sherwani, Superintendent, Abdullah Nursery and Primary School said that due to the limited seat in Kennedy Hall Auditorium, only one parent will be allowed on 30th July at the time of Draw of Lots. She urged the parents to cooperate with the University administration in maintaining peace during the process.

Ms. Sherwani has advised the parents not to bring their child with them at the time of lots. She said that the Hall Tickets will be dropped in the boxes from 9 am to 11 am and the process of selection will commence through Draw of Lots thereafter.

ALIGARH :July 27

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has bestowed upon the Urdu Department of Aligarh Muslim University the status of Centre of Advanced Studies. Urdu Department of AMU is the first ever department in India which has received the prestigious status. Usually UGC grants the above status to those departments who have completed successfully atleast three projects in specially identified areas within five years.

Prof. Mohd. Zahid, Chairman of the Department said that by granting the status of Centre of Advanced Studies to Urdu Department, the UGC has recognized its contribution in the field of Urdu literature and research in the last thirty years. Prof. Zahid said that UGC has appointed Prof. Qazi Afzal Husain as the Coordinator and Prof. Mohd. Zahid as Deputy Coordinator.

ALIGARH :July 26

**The Aligarh Muslim University is witnessing a new wave of expansion and building construction. Within a short span of three days nearly half a dozen new facilities have been inaugurated. The most unique feature of the current expansion spree is that the buildings were completed in all respect in one go.**

**The University has bet goodbye to the practice of completing building in piece meal. AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has initiated a new policy of completing building in all respects including water, electricity and even furniture and furnishing before its inauguration. The process was brought on a fast track and deadlines were monitored as a result a host of buildings have been completed well before the end of the ongoing XI Plan period.**

**The Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis inaugurated three new buildings. One of them was the extension of 50-bedded ward at A. K. Tibbiya College Hospital. This extended facility was built with a grant of nearly Rs. 1.5 Crore under the AYUSH programme.**

**The Vice Chancellor also inaugurated at A.K. Tibbiya College today the Engineering College Girls' Students hostel completed under up-gradation scheme of Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology involving an amount of Rs. 321.40 Lakh. The new residential facility for the girls includes 64 single-bed rooms with a Dining Hall and a kitchen.**

**Another major extension was the new facility at Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Dental College building inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor. The building constructed with a cost of Rs. 76.69 Lakhs, includes three halls at the first floor.**

**Addressing the inaugural function, Prof. Azis said that this is an era of development and the University must keep pace with the development and growth trend to ward off the decay and decadence. Two Law Schools and two Business Management Schools have already been established in Murshidabad (West Bengal) and Malappuram (Kerala). He announced that two new Unani Medical Colleges will be established at the newly established AMU centres to provide education in Unani system of medicine in these regions.**

**Prof. Azis said that most of the development plans have been completed within the time limit and the University has given top priority to the development work. The University could be able to get 288 acres of land free of cost for the AMU centres in Murshidabad in West Bengal and 335 acres of land in Malappuram in Kerala. Now the Bihar government has also come forward with the offer of 250-300 acres of land in Kishanganj for the establishment of the AMU Kishanganj Centre.**

**Commenting on the emerging scenario, Prof. Azis said that relevant files have been submitted to the MHRD and the University would extend full support to complete the process of any enquiry within the shortest possible time. He further observed that it is painful to note that this institution is destroyed by a small set of its own people. Hardly 15 to 20 people were working against the interests of the University but**

**this small group is lethal enough to damage the image and glory of this historic institution. The AMU has a distinct legacy of honest Vice Chancellors and I am carrying forward this proud legacy with integrity and pride and this fact will certainly emerge and the truth will ultimately triumph.**

**The man with the steel nerves, Prof. Azis, announced that he will continue to focus on completing the XI plan projects and prepare a vision plan for the XII Plan in next five months for the growth and development of the University so that the new academic vibrancy infused continue to flourish and serve best the community and the nation at large. Related Picture**

**[1. AMU VC inaugurate a Fifty Bedded Ward at AKTC](#)**

**ALIGARH :July 26**

**The Ministry of Human Resource Development has set in motion the process to select the new AMU Vice Chancellor. The Ministry has requested the University to initiate the process of selection of the Vice Chancellor so that he can assume the office when the present Vice Chancellor demits the office. Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis will be retiring on January 17, 2012 after attainment of the age of 65 years.**

**The Vice Chancellor has instructed the Registrar to complete the process in time. He has also instructed that all the vacancies in the Executive Council and the University Court to be filled up as part of the process. He has asked the Registrar to start the process of selection of teachers' representatives to Executive Council and conduct the election for the Membership of AMU Court under Donor's category.**

**The University Court will also elect Chancellor, Pro Chancellor, Honorary Treasurer and six members to the Executive Council.**

**Prof. Azis urged one and all to focus on selecting the new Vice Chancellor and work in unison so that the University gets the best talent to lead the destiny of the University in the next five years.**

**The issue needs immediate attention as the process of selection of AMU Vice Chancellor takes five to six months' time. After completing the process of selection of new Vice Chancellor MHRD will submit the proposal to the President of India for approval in her capacity as the Visitor of the University.**

**ALIGARH :July 26**

**The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has reconstituted Complaint Committee to combat sexual harassment and violence against women at the work place.**

**Prof. Zulfia Khan of the Department of Community Medicine has been appointed its Chairperson. The other members of the Committee are - Prof. Zakia A. Siddiqui, representing Female Education Association, Prof. Bilquis**

**Naseem A. Waris, Principal, Women's College, Dr. Nikhat Taj, Women's College, Prof. Saleem Akhtar, Department of Law, Prof. Sunita Sharma, Department of Education and Prof. Naima Khatoon, Department of Psychology as its Counselor.**

**The Proctor and Registrar will be the ex-officio member while the Registrar will be the convener of the Committee.**

**ALIGARH :July 26**

**Dr. Sheelu Shafiq Siddiqi, Assistant Professor, Endocrinology, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University after successfully completing the course of DM Endocrinology and passing the written examination and viva voce of the highest order in the country, will be resuming his duties in the J. N. Medical College from August 1, 2011.**

**Dr. Siddiqi appeared in the All India Examination of DM Endocrinology in July 2008 at the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, secured 2nd position in the merit list among the three selected candidates out of more than 150 sponsored candidates appeared in the written examination from State Government Medical College /Medical Institute/Military Hospital etc. all over the country.**

**During the counseling in the BHU, Varanasi, Institute of Medical Sciences he was offered three super-specialties to choose one. He opted Endocrinology for super-specialization. During the tenure of three years course he won highest awards for his outstanding papers presented by him in the Conferences of Endocrinology throughout the country.**

**ALIGARH :July 26**

**Dr. Prabhat Kumar, Professor and former Chairman, Department of Electrical Engineering, Z.H. College of Engineering & Technology, Aligarh Muslim University has been elected as a member of National Executive of Systems Society of India for a period of two years. He secured overwhelming votes (80%) on national level. He is also a Fellow of Systems Society of India and has been awarded R.K. Varshney Gold Medal award in 2009 for his outstanding contribution to Systems Theory & Application. Dr. Prabhat Kumar is the President of the Aligarh Chapter of Systems Society of India Related Picture**

**[1. Dr. Prabhat Kumar](#)**

**ALIGARH :July 26**

**Mr. Farrukh Basheer, Environmental Engineering Section, Department of Civil Engineering, Aligarh Muslim University attended the Young Water Professionals Workshop at LET2011, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.**

**Mr. Basheer also visited world's first full scale aerobic granulation bioreactor for wastewater treatment at Epes, Amsterdam. During his visit, he interacted with Prof. M.C.M. Loosdrecht, who is also working on the aerobic granulation**

technology. He also visited Belgium.

Presently he is pursuing his PhD under the supervision of Dr. Izharul Haq Farooqi. His area of interest is biodegradation of toxic industrial wastewater by aerobic granulation process. He has been awarded Junior Research Fellowship in Engineering and Technology by University Grants Commission (UGC). Earlier he had also presented a paper at international conferences in Australia and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He is having publications in various international journals and conferences.

**ALIGARH :July 26**

The Aligarh Muslim University has declared the last date for continuation and re-admission of various courses in the University for the session 2011-12.

Prof. Ainul Haq Khan, Dean, Students' Welfare said that for the continuation in next higher classes or same classes and re-admission, all the eligible students are required to submit their application on prescribed proforma for continuation available in the respective Dean's Officers, complete in all respect in the office of the Dean/Principal/Coordinator concerned.

Prof. Khan said that the University will reopen after the summer vacation on 1st August and the classes (except M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme) will start from the same date. He said that the continuation process for all courses except Faculty of Medicine and Unani Medicine, should be completed upto 16th August. Prof. Khan urged the students those who are not able to complete the continuation formalities in time as specified may do so within a week's time (upto 23.08.2011) after the payment of an additional amount of Rs. 500/-. Those still failing to deposit the dues upto the said date, may do so, after a payment of an additional amount of rs 800/-. Attendance of the students will be counted from the date of commencement of classes as notified by the respective Deans, Principals and Coordinators, he added.

**ALIGARH :July 25**

The Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College chapter of Indian Unani Medicine Association (IUMA) at Aligarh Muslim University organized a free health camp at Faiza Academy, Maulana Azad Nagar, Aligarh.

Inaugurating the camp, the local MLC, Mr. Vivek Bansal appreciated the organization of such health camps and hoped that IUMA will continue to execute social obligations at frequent intervals. The President of IUMA, Dr. Shoeb Ahmad said that about 270 patients were provided medical consultation at the camp held from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. The patients were also provided with free medicines at the camp.

Dr. Shoeb Ahmad said that Principal, ALTC, Hm. Saud Ali Khan, Chairman of the Department of Jarahat, Prof. Anis Ismail, Chairman of the Department of Community Medicine (JNMC), Dr. Ather Anasri and Chairman, Department of Hifzan-e-Sehat,

**Dr. Safdar Ahamd graced the programme with their presence. He expressed thanks to Dr. Mohd. Shadab Khan, Dr. Sartaj Ahamd, Dr. Danish Ahmad, Dr. Mohd. Saleem, Dr. Jawed Khan, Dr. Saba Parveen, Dr. Yasmeen Siddiqui, Dr. Nabeela Nabi and Dr. Ammar for extending their cooperation in holding the camp. Related Picture**

- [1. Mr. Vivek Bansal, MLC inaugurating the Health Camp organised by Indian Unani Medical Association](#)**
- [2. Doctors at Health Camp at Maulana Azad Nagar organised by Indian Unani Medical Association](#)**

**ALIGARH :July 25**

**Professor Emeritus Farhatullah Khan conducted a Teacher Training Workshop as part of the Access Trainer's Workshop organized by the UGC-Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University. Professor Khan stressed the need for teaching grammar in a simple and clear manner so that the learners could understand the nuances of English language easily. He called for the need to contextualize grammar coupled with the required language functions.**

**The workshop was attended by English Microscholarship Access Programme (EAMP) teachers belonging to the Department of English and AMU schools. The workshop concluded with a lively interaction among participants.**

**Professor A.R. Kidwai Director Academic Staff College proposed the vote of thanks.**

**ALIGARH :July 23**

**To prevent the Ragging in the premises of J.N. Medical College and Dr. Z.A. Dental College, the Faculty of Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University has appointed a fifteen member Ragging Prevention Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. M. Amanullah Khan, a senior faculty member of the Department of Surgery.**

**Prof. A.K. Verma, Dean, Faculty of Medicine said that the Committee is constituted as per the guidelines of the Hon?ble Supreme of India and the UGC. Prof. Verma said that "Ragging in any form" is an act of indiscipline and misconduct. He further added that anybody involved in any form of ragging, would be punished accordingly. He urged the students to concentrate on their studies and desist from such activities.**

**Prof. Verma said that other members of the Committee are Prof. Nafis Ahmed Faruqi, Prof. Tabassum Shahab, Prof. Asif Ali, Prof. Rana Sherwani, Prof. Najam Khalique Prof. Afshan Bey, Prof. Geeta Rajput, Prof. M. Mobarak Hossain, Prof. Rajiv Gulati, Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Dr. Naiyer Asif, Dr. Moinuddin, Dr. Farhan Kirmani and Dr. Meher Rizvi.**

**ALIGARH :July 22**

**Dr. Izharul Haq Farooqi, Associate Professor,**

**Environmental Engineering Section, Department of Civil Engineering, Aligarh Muslim University Aligarh has been invited to present a research paper "Removal of 2,4 - Dichlorophenol in a Sequential Anaerobic Hybrid Reactor Submerged Aerobic Fixed Film Reactor System" at the 5th IWA Leading Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technologies at Amsterdam, Netherland.**

**Dr. Farooqi said that Chlorophenols are widely used chemicals in industry as wood preservatives, pesticides, herbicides, biocides and dyes. They are also found in effluents of the pulp and paper industry. They are released in the environment from direct use, accidental spillage, or degradation of other substances and hence are commonly detected in soil, sediments, surface water, and wastewater and can cause severe environmental problems.**

**He said that Chlorophenols are highly toxic and tend to persist in the environment that is why they have been listed as priority pollutants by the US EP A and the EU.**

**ALIGARH :July 21**

**While responding to the warning of hunger strike by Mr. Madeehur Rahman Suhaib, Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University, the University administration said that the new academic session is starting from August 1, 2011 and some enemies of the University and the community are trying to vitiate the peaceful and academic atmosphere of the campus for their vested interests.**

**AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has appealed the students and faculty members of the University not to be perturbed by the activities of such elements who are trying to disrupt the academic environment. He urged them to maintain law and order in the campus and desist from such destructive activities.**

**Prof. Azis said that last time it was a hard decision to close the University sine die after confrontation between the two groups of students. The decision of the sine die closure of the University was a dark chapter. He urged the students to keep away from the politics in the University. He said that the credibility of the Anti-corruption Forum established by Mr. Madihur Rahman is not established as the organization is neither registered under the Society Registration Act nor it has the support of University community.**

**Mr. Madihur Rahman issued an unsigned appeal during his last stint of hunger strike even after the written appeal by the Vice Chancellor. His earlier hunger strike was a total failure and now he is again trying to disturb the academic atmosphere of the University on the very onset of new academic session.**

**The Vice Chancellor said that he respected the family of Mr. Rahman as this family has played prominent role in the development of the University. He however regretted that a member of such a distinguished family was working against the**

**University interests.**

**ALIGARH :July 21**

**A project "Strengthening implementation of Child Health and Nutrition Months in UP", sponsored by UNICEF, is running in the Department of Community Medicine. In this connection, Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Nodal Person, BSPM Scheme attended the dissemination and planning meeting on 20 and 22 June, 2010 in Lakhimpur and Sitapur districts respectively to discuss the coverage of Vitamin-A in 9 months to 5 years children in July - 2011 round. In these meetings, Chief Medical Officers (CMO) of both the districts, Deputy CMOs, ACO, DPM (NRHM), DPO & CDPO (ICDS) and Programme Managers of Vatsalya and Beti NGOs were present.**

**Dr. Athar Ansari also conducted district level training sessions for the July-2011 round of BSPM in both the districts from 6-8 July. In these meetings all medical officers in-charges (MOICs) of community health centres, primary health centres, health education officers (HEO), immunization officers (IO), health supervisors (HS) from the health department and CDPO and supervisors (Mukhya Sevika) from ICDS department were invited. The objective of training was to sensitize the officers of Health and ICDS departments on Vitamin A coverage, breast feeding promotion, complementary feeding and promotion of consumption of iodised salt in the community. The training also provided an insight into programme implementation gaps and bottlenecks and identified areas requiring improvement for the next round.**

**Dr. Ansari was assisted by Prof. Zulfia Khan, Dr. A.R. Siddiqui and Dr. S.N.A. Hashmi during the training of nearly 200 officers of health department and ICDS department in Lakhimpur and Sitapur.**

**ALIGARH :July 20**

**The Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College of Aligarh Muslim University has been ranked among the top 25 Medical Colleges of India out of 273 Medical Colleges recognized by the Medical Council of India.**

**AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the J. N. Medical College will soon witness further strides both in terms of academic achievements and technological and professional facilities as the University has put in place a well conceived action plan for strengthening its existing facilities under the grant of Rs. 150 Crore from the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna.**

**Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and CMS, J. N. Medical College said that the survey published by India Today in its latest issue of 18th July 2011 has ranked J. N. Medical College 22nd among the top 25 Medical Colleges of India. Prof. Malik urged the staff and students of the College to work hard to achieve**

**better ranking in 2012.**

**ALIGARH :July 20**

**A Consultative Meeting of Deans of Faculties chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis today approved the proposal to introduce XI Classes under Self-finance scheme as was being done last year subject to the approval of the Academic Council meeting to be held on July 30, 2011.**

**AMU Registrar and Manager of the University maintained Schools, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel said that additional sections will be started as afternoon classes subject to availability of infrastructure facilities. One section will be opened for the each class under science and commerce streams in the Senior Secondary School (Boys) and one section each for science, commerce and Arts stream will be opened at the Senior Secondary School (Girls).**

**The proposal was submitted by the Controller of Examination, Prof. Pervez Mustajab and approved by the Deans. Eighty percent seats in each streams will be offered to AMU Schools' students and rest 20% seats will be filled by nomination by the Vice Chancellor without category.**

**Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel appealed to all agitating students to withdraw their protest and cooperate with the University administration.**

**ALIGARH :July 18**

**A Consultative meeting under the chairmanship of AMU Vice Chancellor, Professor P.K. Abdul Azis today examined in detail the issue relating to accommodating maximum number possible of students of AMU Schools who could not get admission in Class XI by opening the self finance afternoon sections as was being done last year.**

**The Vice Chancellor has instructed the Controller of Examinations to prepare a detailed framework for the consideration and placement before the meeting of the Dean of the faculties slated for Wednesday.**

**The matter of accommodating AMU Schools' students in the XI class will be worked out in accordance with the availability of infrastructure.**

**Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Controller of Examination has explained the last year arrangements. The members are of the view that the AMU schools should be brought in line with the RTE policy of the government and to be upgraded to XII standard.**

**AMU Registrar and Manager of Schools, Prof V.K. Abdul Jaleel, Dean, Students' Welfare, Prof. Ainul Haq, Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmeen Jalal, Proctor, Prof. Mujahid Beg and media Advisor, Prof N.A.K Durrani were present in the consultative meeting.**

**ALIGARH :July 16**

**Four new courses - Interdisciplinary Subject Refresher Course in Research Methodology in Business Studies, Research Methodology in Social Science, Refresher Course in History and Orientation Programme commenced today as part of the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University.**

**More than hundred (100) Course participants are enrolled in these courses. These course participants are from Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, UP and Uttarakhand. Professor Badar Alam Iqbal, Department of Commerce, AMU; Professor Mirza Asmer Beg, Department of Political Science; Dr. Ali Athar, Department of History and Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College are the Course Coordinators of these Courses respectively.**

**While welcoming the Course Participants Professor A.R. Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College brought out the role of the UGC Academic Staff College courses in academic excellence, social cohesion and personality development. He also familiarized them with Sir Syed's mission of social engineering. Eminent resource persons, including technocrats, public figures and academicians will deliver lectures and interact with the course participants. Visits to the University campus, MA Library and science lab have also been organized. These courses will conclude in early and mid-August respectively.**

**ALIGARH :July 15**

**The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has taken a tough posture on improprieties in the selection process of Faculty of Law with respect to the scrutiny of applications conducted by the Dean cum Chairman of the Faculty of Law.**

**As soon as the cases of favouritism and nepotism came to his notice, the entire selection committee for various posts in the Faculty of Law scheduled for July 14, 2011 was postponed.**

**The Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel clarified that the postponement was based on two cases of improprieties that were noticed on July 13, 2011. It was seen on the file that the first case was related to the submission of an application by the Visitor's nominee for Selection Committee in the Law recommended by the Dean suggesting the appointment of the Visitor's nominee as a Scholar-in-Residence. The Act of recommending the Visitor's nominee for a position of Scholar-in-Residence was designed to influence the Visitor's nominee in the selection process and such an act is a very serious impropriety committed by the Dean, Faculty of Law.**

**The second was the impropriety of making a number of eligible candidates ineligible while the candidate on serial number 9 was declared as the only candidate eligible for the post of Professor.**

**Both the improprieties were viewed by the University as very serious and sought justification of the Dean for his**

recommendations.

The Vice Chancellor has always taken prompt action in all forms of improprieties whenever such cases came or brought to his notice.

AMU Registrar said that during the last four years, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has made all admissions and appointments in a fully transparent manner as per the rules and regulations of the University. There were no financial irregularities, violation of the Act and Statutes. The CAG report of 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 had clarified that the University has followed all the principles of financial management.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis was elected in 2007 by the Executive Council and the University Court with the largest number of votes in the history of AMU on the basis of his outstanding academic qualifications and other credentials in research and administration.

Referring to the objection to the presence of Prof. Azis as head of the Selection Committees, Registrar said that the Vice Chancellor is fully empowered to conduct Selection Committees so long he is in his office.

AMU Vice Chancellor thanked the Ministry of Human Resource Development that the two-member Fact finding Enquiry was "wound up" in the wake of the order of the President of India in her capacity as the Visitor of the University.

The Registrar said that the University has not received any information regarding the CBI or any other enquiry against the present Vice Chancellor.

**ALIGARH :July 15**

Lakshit Sood, Tennis Player of Aligarh Muslim University has been selected for Advance Training Camp for participation of Indian Universities Contingents in the World University Games at Shenzhen, China. Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary, University Games Committee said that it was a matter of great honour for AMU player for being selecting in the great event. He hoped that Mr. Sood will bring laurels to his Alma Mater. Prof. Mansoor said that the World University Games is scheduled to start from August 12-23, 2011.

**ALIGARH :July 15**

The Aligarh Muslim University has decided not to open the additional afternoon XI standard classes as it was done last year on compassionate ground.

The University had started Plus Two afternoon section as a social obligation but the move proved to be failure. It brought down the overall performance of results and students' achievements of the Senior Secondary Schools owing to the additional load and pressure on both the teachers and school resources.

The Academic Council of the University in its meeting held

on February 7, 2011, reviewed the issue and decided to stop the continuation of additional classes of XI standard. Therefore, there will be no opening of the afternoon class section of XI standard in the current academic session in the University.

**ALIGARH :July 14**

Releasing the Annual Hall Magazine of Mohsinul Mulk Hall, the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the country needs more Aligarh Muslim Universities and this institution has gained national reach by establishing its centres.

He said that replicating AMU is the new mission and it needs sustained and dedicated initiative. Prof. Azis said that villagers of Kishanganj in Bihar are crying for AMU Centre.

Prof. Azis said that Malappuram and Murshidabad Centres have taken shape and now Bihar Government and the people are offering land to establish AMU Centre before he completes his tenure as the Vice Chancellor. He said that during his recent visit to Kishanganj, Mr. Abu Affan Farooqui showed his spirit of nobility for the establishment of Kishanganj Centre while he was opposing as a President of AMU Students' Union.

He said that Nawab Mohsinul Mulk was a close associate of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and he was highly impressed by the printing and content of the magazine. He also appreciated the role of editorial board.

Presiding the releasing ceremony, note historian Prof. Irfan Habib said that we are responsible for our own backwardness. He pointed out that Muslims are much better than SC/ST materially but do not use their potential in the field of education.

Prof. Habib said that during his student life, he was also the editor of University English Magazine. He said that after partition, every third refugee was a student of AMU. Dr. Zakir Husain, the then Vice Chancellor provided them accommodation in Ameen Hostel and they lived together. AMU Hockey Team defeated Punjab University. Majority of the team was Sikh.

Dr. Suhail Sabir, Provost, M. M. Hall said that he believed that the literary talents of the residents of a hall of residence can be show cased through publication of such magazines.

Prof. Shan Mohammad, Director, Sir Syed Academy also addressed the releasing ceremony as a guest of honour.

Mr. Mohd. Khursheed Alam, Editor, Mohsin proposed a vote of thank while Mr. Ghufran Ahmad, Censor of the magazine conducted the programme. Mr. Vekar H. Mir, Joint Editor and Mr. Mohd. Tarique Hafiz, Mr. Md. Shamim, Mr. Md. Meraj Alam and Mr. Md. Ashyam were also present on the occasion. Related [Picture 1. AMU VC and other dignitaries at a Hall Magazine Releasing ceremony of M M Hall](#)

**ALIGARH :July 14**

In order to uphold the sanctity and transparency in the

process of appointments, the Selection Committee of Law scheduled for July 14, 2011, has been postponed, said AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel.

The University has received today an application of Prof. Jayadev Pati to this effect, who is the visitor nominee for the appointment in the Faculty of Law. As Scholar-in-Residence being urged by the Dean, Faculty of Law to process his application as per the existing rules governing the scheme.

The matter was also posted on Facebook and strongly opposed by Mr. Mustafa Zaidi, Secretary, AMUTA.

In view of all these developments, the University administration deemed it most appropriate to postpone the General selection Committee in the Faculty of Law.

**ALIGARH :July 14**

The fact-finding Inquiry Committee constituted under Section 13(2) of the AMU Act by the President of India in her capacity as the Visitor of the University to enquire into allegations against the Vice Chancellor as also the counter allegations against the complainants stand wound up with effect from the date of submission of the Interim Report by the Inquiry Committee.

The Registrar of the Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel received yesterday the Office Order issued by the Director (CU), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India informing that in pursuance of the President's Secretariat office order dated June 9, 2011, the AMU fact Finding Inquiry Committee stands dissolved w.e.f. 21.03.2011.

**ALIGARH :July 13**

Prof. Zafar Ahsan, Department of Mathematics at the Aligarh Muslim University has been invited to deliver lectures at University of Malaya and International Islamic University, Malaysia during July 15-28, 2011. During his visit, he will deliver a series of three lectures on the applications of mathematics at the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, University of Malaya and one public lecture each at the University of Malaya and International Islamic University on "The Quran and Modern Cosmology". Prof. Ahsan will also be delivering an invited talk titled "Analogies between electromagnetism and gravitation in general relativity" on July 23, 2011 at the Seminar on Mathematical Sciences 2011 organized by Institute of Mathematical Sciences, University of Malaya.

Prof. Ahsan is the Member of Research Board of Advisors, American Biography Institute (USA); Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Tensor Society of India, Managing Editor of Aligarh Bulletin of Mathematics; Members of Editorial Board of Journal of Calcutta Mathematical Society, International e-Journal of Numerical

**Analysis and related topics and Bulletin of Pure and Applied Mathematics; Referee of various journals of mathematics and physics.**

**Prof. Zafar Ahsan has been working on general relativity. He has so far published 70 research papers in national and international journals of repute. He has participated in 52 conferences in India and abroad and has presented his work as an invited speaker in 30 conferences. He has published 04 books and all these books are prescribed as textbooks in several Indian and foreign universities. His book on Differential Equations (2nd Edition, 2004, Twelfth reprint, April 2010) is a bestseller since 1999.**

**His current research interest, apart from General Relativity and Gravitation, is on Quran and Modern Cosmology and he has delivered public talks on this topics at a number of places like Tabriz (Iran); Vallabh Vidyanagar (Gujrat); Jamia Millia Islamia (New Delhi); Integral University, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh); Islamia College, Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh); Jamea-tul-Hidayat (Jaipur); Paigham-e-Noor Haque Conference, Jagdishpur (Uttar Pradesh); Azad Girl's School, Shimoga (Karnataka); Tasmia Educational Society, Dehradun (Uttra Khand) and AMU.**

**ALIGARH :July 13**

**Prof. Emeritus John C. Miller, Fulbright scholar from University of Colorado, USA gave a workshop on Teaching Speaking Strategies as part of English Access Mircroscholarship Program (EAMP) Teacher Training Programme at UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University here on Wednesday.**

**Prof. Miller talked about task-level techniques in relation to multi-level activities in ESL Classrooms and he stressed the need for designing language activities. The workshop was attended by EAMP teachers and Ph.D. students from the Dept. of English. Dr. Amirullah Khan proposed the vote of thanks.**

**ALIGARH :July 13**

**A group of researchers of Aligarh Muslim University led by Prof. Wasim Ahmad of Department of Zoology has discovered a new genus of soil-inhabiting nematode from the grasslands in Kaziranaga National Park, Assam.**

**The team's finding published in the latest issue of Nematology (an International Journal of Nematology, published from The Netherlands), says newly found nematode is quite unique despite its close resemblance with another closely related genus, Pachydorylaimus with all its species recorded only to Central America. The present finding bears biogeographical importance. The authors have named this new genus and species as Rhinodorylaimus kazirangus, because of the flagship animal species, Rhinoceros unicornis, a rare species of rhino restricted to this park only. The characteristic robust odontostyle (feeding apparatus) of R. kazirangus brings it close to some of the rare**

genera of dorylaim nematodes with very restricted distribution, such as Pachydorylaimus (only in Central America), Metadorylaimus (restricted to Malawi) and Silvalus (a genus which Prof. Ahmad described from Silent valley way back in 1986 and has so far not been recorded from anywhere else).

Dr. Baniyamuddin, Prof. Ahmad's student, a Post-Doctoral Fellow initiated research on nematode biodiversity of Kaziranga National Park under a DST sponsored Young Scientist Research Project. They have earlier described several new species of soil inhabiting nematodes from Northeast, especially Arunachal Pradesh.

Prof. Wasim Ahmad said that the Northeast is at the junction of the Indo-Myanmar global biodiversity hotspot. The biodiversity of this region, especially the below ground diversity have remained completely neglected. The nematodes constitute a major part of below ground diversity and play a very significant role in soil ecosystem because of their key position in soil food web. They feed on most soil organism and are themselves food for many others. In recent years they have become a major tool of soil ecologists in bio-monitoring. "For decades we have been looking only at the above ground diversity of national parks and sanctuaries, neglecting the importance of below ground fauna. There is an urgent need to study the below ground fauna, especially nematodes because of their significant role in nutrient cycling", he added.

Prof. Ahmad has earlier worked on the nematode fauna of national parks in Japan, Singapore and the world's famous hot spot of biodiversity, the INbio National Park of Costa Rica. Related Picture [1. Wasim Ahmad](#)

**ALIGARH :July 12**

The move to establish Kishanganj Centre of the Aligarh Muslim University received a fresh impetus triggering a new hope in the minds of the people of the region.

The AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis on the invitation of Kishanganj District Magistrate has visited the town along with a team of senior faculty members and inspected the three land areas identified by the Bihar Government.

The first site was situated in Dhanpura village comprising 245 acres of land situated about 23 kilometers from the district headquarters. The second site which was inspected by the team comprising 250 acres was situated in Tarabari and the third one comprising 250 acres was situated at Petbhari village. Besides this, on the advice of District Collector, the AMU team also visited the fourth site situated near the Bagdogra-Kishanganj Expressway.

While addressing to the media persons, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said, "It is our firm commitment to take up the cause of AMU Kishanganj Centre on a fast track basis. The AMU wishes to introduce its programmes in current academic session provided the land is acquired and

transferred to the University within three months? period of time.

Prof. Azis said that the Central Government, Government of Bihar, the people of Kishanganj and the Aligarh Muslim University, all are supporting this great educational initiative that is likely to change the face of the region.

Prominent public representatives including Mr. Akhtarul Iman, MLA and representatives of various local educational movements met the AMU visiting team and requested to translate their dreams of having a modern educational institutions of historical significance.

The Kishanganj District Collector, Mr. Sandeep Kumar who accompanied the visiting team to the three identified plots, promised all help and said that he is going to initiate the process of land acquisition on a priority basis.

The team after preliminary evaluation has short listed priority of the site which were offered to AMU. The first option which the team considered most suitable for the AMU Centre was the three-pieces land at Chakla village offered to AMU earlier. The University has expressed its desire to take over this piece of land contiguous in one piece starting from Plot No. 1 (lying beside the state highway). It should be made one piece and contiguous as requested by the University on the very next day of the first visit on May 23, 2010, University added. The second option preferred by the University was the Dhanpura land and the third option was Tarabari land.

The Vice Chancellor in the interactive meeting with Kishanganj Collector has said that the University is open to any other option if Bihar Government wants to explore the possibility for establishing AMU Centre on some other land in Kishanganj. Our only concern at this moment is that the Bihar Government should hand over 250 acres of contiguous land without any encumbrances and it should be securely bound.

The other officials who participated in the meeting included Mr. Siyaram Singh, SDM, Kishanganj, Mr. Uday Kishore Yadav, Circle Officer, Kishanganj, Mr. S.K. Chaudhary, ADM, Kishanganj and Dr. Mahendra Pal, Land Acquisition Officer, Kishanganj.

The AMU visiting team comprised of Professor Akhtar Haseeb, OSD (Development), Prof. Javed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Research, Prof. N.A.K. Durrani, Media Advisor, Prof. Saud Alam Qasmi, Department of Sunni Theology and Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology.

**ALIGARH :July 12**

Mr. Mohd. Furkan, Research Scholar, Department of Mathematics at the Aligarh Muslim University has been appointed as scientist in Space Research Organization (ISRO) and achieved the 2nd rank in the selection panel.

Mr. Furkan presently working as a Junior Research Fellow (JRF) under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research,

**Government of India. He topped the list of M.Sc. Related Picture**  
**[1. Mohd. Furkan](#)**

**ALIGARH :July 11**

**The Chief Election Officer prof. Najmul Islam said that he received a total of 118 nomination applications for elections in AMU Court elections for electing 25 representatives from the Old Boys category. Scrutiny was carried out w. e. f. 5 pm on 11.07.2011 in the presence of an appreciable number of candidates and their supporters. Scrutiny carried out by the CEO was assisted by Prof. Najam Khalique, Dept. of Community medicine, JNMC and Dr. Moinuddin, Dept. of Biochemistry, JNMC. None of the nomination applications were found to be valid as per rules and hence were rejected. In view of the above, a fresh election shedule will be notified later so that elections are held as soon as possible. The cooperation rendered by candidates and their supporters present during scrutiny is highly appreciated by the Chief Election Officer Prof. Najmul Islam**

**ALIGARH :July 11**

**Cemento-Ossifying Fibroma - a rare tumor of jaw was operated in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Z. A. Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University.**

**Dr. G. S. Hashmi, Asst. Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery informed that a 40 years old female from Medical Road, Aligarh approached the OPD complaining progressive swelling of left mandible. He said that the biopsy report confirmed Cemento-Ossifying Fibroma. Resection of tumor with reconstruction plate was planned and executed successfully. It took about four hours to carry the surgery. Dr. S. Kamran, Assistant Professor, administered the special anesthesia on the patient.**

**Prof. S.H. Hashmi, Principal, Dr. Z. A. Dental College and Dr. S.S. Ahmad, Chairman congratulated Dr. G. S. Hashmi and his team for this remarkable success. Surgical team included Dr. S. Abdur Rehman, Dr. Irfan, Dr. Sharif, Sister Shahina, Nazish etc. Related Picture**

**[1. Team of Doctors with patient](#)**

**ALIGARH :July 10**

**Prof. Mohammad Shabbir, Dean, Faculty of Law, being the senior most Dean amongst the member of the Executive Council in the category of Deans of Faculties, shall discharge the routine duties of the Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University during the absence of Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.**

**The Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis will remain out of station from the afternoon of July 9 to July 12, 2011 to have a visit to Kishanganj (Bihar) to inspect the site identified by the State Government for establishing the proposed AMU Centre in Kishanganj.**

**Prof. Mohammad Shabbir is also the Member-in-Charge of Dr. Ambedkar Chair of Legal Studies and Research.**

**ALIGARH :July 10**

**The Residential Coaching Academy (RCA) of the Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh conducted its 2nd National Entrance Test on Sunday, 10th July 2011 at three centers namely Aligarh, Lucknow and Srinagar for selecting candidates for the coaching of Civil Services, Banking Services and Judicial Services 2011-2012 Batch as a full time regular course for Minorities/Scheduled Castes (SCs)/ Scheduled Tribes (STs) & women.**

**AMU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis has appointed Prof. Mohd. Gulrez, Dept. of West Asian Studies as an Observer for Aligarh Centre i.e. Commerce Department AMU, Aligarh, Prof. Naima Khatoon, Deputy Director, RCA as an Observer and Prof. Nawab Ali Khan, Dept. of Commerce as an Incharge for Srinagar Center i.e. Sri Pratap College, Srinagar and Prof. Abdul Matin, Dept. of Sociology as an Observer and Dr. Mohd. Shoeb & Dr. Isar Ahmad Rizvi Dept. of Physics as In-charges for Lucknow Center i.e. National P.G. College, Lucknow for conducting the 2nd National Entrance Test of Residential Coaching Academy, AMU, Aligarh, out of 383 + 5 =388 (5 students from Lucknow Center) 340 students appeared at Aligarh Center, out of 34 applicants 11 students appeared at Lucknow Center and out of 37 applicant 32 students appeared at Srinagar Center. The test was conducted smoothly at all the centers.**

**Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala, Director, Prof. Mohd. Gulrez, Observer Aligarh Centre, Prof. S.U.Farooqi, Dean Faculty of Commerce, Prof. Badar Alam Iqbal, Department of Commerce took round and observed the National Entrance Test of Residential Coaching Academy at Aligarh Center. Related Picture [1. 10.07.2011 Test at Residential Coaching Academy](#) [2. 10.07.2011 Test at Residential Coaching Academy](#)**

**ALIGARH :July 09**

**UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a teacher-training workshop under a major research project initiated by the University Grant Commission's for English teachers of Aligarh District teaching at IX and X level. The workshop was organized in collaboration with the District Inspector of School (DIOS), Aligarh. The workshop was attended by about 100 teachers from different blocks of Aligarh district comprising of Lodha, Bijauli, Iglaas, Gonda, Akrabad, Tappal, Gangiri, Khair and Chandaus. The training specifically focused on Professional Development of Secondary School Teachers in Aligarh District teaching at IX-X level as a part of conducting Training Needs Analysis of Secondary School Teachers in Aligarh.**

**Dr. Dharmendra Sharma, Associate DIOS, Aligarh said that the DIOS will make an effort in future to develop materials and syllabus pertaining to the local needs of the students studying the UP Board curriculum. Mr. Ravindra Singh, DIOS, Aligarh said that such training programs must continue in future to enhance the professional development of teachers. He appreciated the efforts made by the Principal Investigator of the training project, Dr. Raashid Nehal for coming up with the idea of training and bringing qualitative changes in teaching methodology. Mrs. Jayshee Kannan, an ELT consultant, New Delhi remarked that such teacher training programmes should be a part of continuous teacher education programme.**

**Dr. Raashid Nehal, Principal Investigator, said that such kind of training programme will open new opportunities for professional training and would cater to learner-centred teaching. Dr. Faiz Zaidi conducted the sessions on the language learning strategies and learning styles. Dr. Amirullah Khan highlighted the significance of 'Pronunciation and English Speaking'. Dr. Ahmad Mujtaba Siddiqui, Secretary, Public School Development Society stressed the need for strengthening the mother tongue for the purpose of teaching English. He also asserted that teacher should develop accountability to their profession that will impact on the professional development and quality learning in the rural areas. Related Picture**

**[1. Workshop for Professional Development of English Teachers](#)**

**[2. Dr. Raashid Nehal giving away certificate to the participants](#)**

**ALIGARH :July 09**

**Prof. Rais Akhtar, formerly National Fellow, ICSSR and Emeritus Scientist, CSIR, Geography, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi has joined as Visiting Professor at the Department of Geology, Aligarh Muslim University.**

**Prof. Akhtar taught at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, University of Zambia, Lusaka and University of Kashmir, Srinagar. He is a recipient of Leverhulme Fellowship, University of Liverpool, Henry Chapman Fellowship, University of London, Visiting Fellowship, University of Sussex, Commonwealth Secretariat Fellow, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London, Belgian and French Governments? Fellow, and Visiting Professor, University of Paris.**

**Prof. Rais Akhtar has been Visiting Lecturer in a number of geography departments and medical institutes. He has delivered lectures on medical geography, climate change and human health at the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, Institute of Public Health, University of Pisa, and Nuffield School for Health, Leeds. He has been a lead Author at Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change during 1999-2007, which was the joint recipient of Nobel Peace Prize for 2007.**

He has published 82 research papers in national and international journals including The Lancet, International Journal of Environmental Studies, Geo Journal, and Social Science & Medicine. Prof. Akhtar has research interest in environment, health and sustainable development with specific focus on climate change and health scenario. Prof. Akhtar has 14 books to credit. His two books, Health And Disease in Tropical Africa (1987) and Health Care Patterns and Planning in Developing Countries (1991), were published from London and New York, and another, Malaria in South Asia, (written jointly with two American Co-editors was published by Springer, Netherlands in April 2010.

**ALIGARH :July 07**

The Centre for Distance Education, Aligarh Muslim University has established five Study Centres in different parts of the country.

The Director, Distance Education Centre, Dr. Mohd. Rizwan Khan said that the AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has granted approval for the establishment of these centres at Makhdoom Abdul Qasim Educational and Welfare Society, Saharsa, New Horizon School, Bhagalpur and Al-Aziz Educational Foundation Trust, Muzaffarpur in Bihar while the remaining two centres will be established at Asim Siddiqui Memorial Degree College, Badaun and Madrasa Serajuyi Uloom, Sambhal, Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh.

Dr. Khan said that the approval has been given without any financial commitment on the part of the University and that these centres will function under the purview of the Centre for Distance Education. The Distance Education Centre will offer graduate and undergraduate courses at these Centres.

**ALIGARH :July 05**

Dr. Mohammad Faisal Siddiqui, Young Scientist - CST, Interdisciplinary Brain Research Centre, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University has received an International Travel Award to present research paper in "Gordon Research Conference on Genetic Toxicology" to be held from July 10-15, 2011 at Lucca (Barga), Italy. All the travel expenses on his journey to Italy will be borne by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi. Related Picture [1. Dr. Mohammad Faisal Siddiqui](#)

**ALIGARH :July 05**

Prof. H. S. A. Yahya of the Wildlife Centre of the Aligarh Muslim University has been invited at Harvard University to deliver a lecture on 'Retrospect and Prospect of Indian Ornithology with Special Reference to Narcondam Hornbill'. This lecture will cover a resume of history of three hundred years of Indian Ornithology.

The talk will also include the ecology, biology and conservation of critically endangered Narcondam Hornbill which is endemic to Andaman Nicobar island and about 450 birds are found only on this island. Prof. Yahya has conducted this study with the grant of British Ecological Society.

Earlier Prof. Yahya delivered lectures in nine other countries on different topics related to ecology and conservation of Indian birds including seven in US universities, three in Canada, four in Britain, three in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and one each in China, Brazil, Chile, Pakistan and South Africa, etc. Related Picture [1. Prof. H. S. A. Yahya](#)

ALIGARH :July 04

National Informatics Centre (NIC) will carry out technical upgradation of National Knowledge Network (NKN) link of AMU. Consequently, the internet, web and email services may remain disrupted for few hours from 2.00 PM on Friday, 08-07.2011. Inconvenience is sincerely regretted.

ALIGARH :July 04

Dr. A. K. Mittal, Chief Medical Officer, Loknayak Hospital, Delhi delivered a lecture on 'Overview of Haemophilia' organized by the Department of Paediatrics, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University.

Dr. A. K. Mittal emphasized upon the need to take a detailed history including history of similar illness in the maternal relatives of a patient with suspected haemophilia. He also gave some useful practical tips for managing acute bleeding episodes in such patients. Dr. Mittal observed that besides the medical and orthopaedic problems being faced by these patients, a number of social and psychological issues were also involved which need to be addressed with care. He laid emphasis on the establishment of a Comprehensive Hemophilia Care Centre involving Physicians, Pathologists, Surgeons, Orthopaedic Surgeons, Dental Surgeons, Psychologists and Counselors. A good laboratory set up was the back bone of any such centre. He also talked about the importance of carrier detection, ante-natal screening and counseling.

Dr. Mittal also distributed copies of 'Guidelines for Management of Hemophilia by World Federation of Hemophilia' to the Participants.

Dr. Mittal along with Dr. Naresh Gupta has played a key role in establishing a Hemophilia Day Care Centre in the Loknayak Hospital, Delhi where comprehensive care is being provided to patients.

Prof. Syed Manazir Ali, Chairman, Department of Paediatrics welcomed the Dean Prof. A. K. Verma, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, Dr. A. K. Mittal and members of the teaching staff and residents of Departments of Pediatrics, Surgery, Orthopedics, Obstetrics and

**Gynaecology, Medicine, and Physiology.**

**Dr. Zeeba Zaka-ur-Rab, Nodal Officer of Haemophilia Unit briefly highlighted the functioning and status of the Haemophilia Unit of JNMC. She expressed concern at the discontinuation of the grant for treatment of patients with Hemophilia by the State Government to Medical colleges run by Central Universities.**

**Prof. A. K. Verma, Dean, Faculty of Medicine appreciated the Department of Pediatrics for holding such an important lecture.**

**Prof. M. Ashraf Malik highlighted the functioning of the Hemophia Centre and the regular submission of reports regarding utilization of funds to the State Government. He hoped that the Central Government would approve the required grant for treatment of patients with Hemophilia as per the directives of the Hon'ble High Court.**

**Dr. Kamran Afzal, Dr. Uzma Firdaus from Dept. of Pediatrics , Prof. M. K. Sherwani and Dr. Mazhar Abbas from Dept. of Orthopedics, Prof. Tarique Mansoor and Dr. Atia Zaka-ur-Rab, Prof. Imam Bano, Dr. Nasreen Noor and Dr. Shaheen from Obstetric and Gynaecology were present in the lecture.**

**A vote of thank was proposed by Dr. Zeeba Zaka-ur-Rab**  
**Related Picture**

**[1. Prof. A. K. Verma, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Dr. S. Manazir Ali welcoming Dr. A. K. Mittal \(second from right\) at the workshop organized by Dept. of Paediatrics](#)**

**ALIGARH :July 04**

**Prof. H. S. A. Yahya, Department of Wildlife Sciences at the Aligarh Muslim University has been nominated as Member of the Working Group of the Planning Commission on Higher Education for the formulation of the XII Five Year Plan (2012-2017).**

**The Working Group on Higher Education will review the present status of Higher Education in the country and to examine critically the issues of access, equity and quality and relevance of the higher education system in the context of globalization and structural changes in the national economy.**

**ALIGARH :July 02**

**The Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education, Mr. Vineet Joshi assured the Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University to depute one officer for verifying the marks sheet of Class X for the admission to Class XI in AMU. AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis was addressing a consultative meeting of the Deans of the Faculties, Principals of the Colleges and statutory officers of the University.**

**The admission process for Class XI will be started from July 6, 2011 as per schedule but the original marks sheets were not issued by the CBSE.**

**AMU Controller of Examination, Prof. Pervez Mustajab said**

that AMU was the first to declare result of Class X. CBSE result was declared on June 1, 2011 but original marks sheets have not been issued till date.

AMU Vice Chancellor said that Rs. 120 Crore school up-gradation project is expected to be approved by the Government of India within next two weeks. He further said that the Senior Secondary Education Board of the University will be revived.

The Vice Chancellor appreciated the innovative efforts of the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi for adopting Biometric technique for the first time in the admission process in the B. Tech. admissions for preventing the growing malpractice of impersonation during the entrance test.

Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi informed the meeting that ten cases have been referred for identity verification to forensic experts and the expert has been asked to complete the process of verification by July 7, 2011.

The decision was taken to use the biometric techniques in the MBBS/BDS admission process also.

**ALIGARH :July 02**

Inaugurating a PG Orientation Programme at the J. N. Medical College of the Aligarh Muslim University, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis urged the Junior Doctors to deal the patients with large hearted tolerance and patience and train themselves as a productive person.

He said that the admitted students for MBBS represent the best brain of the country and the Indian medical abilities are recognized all over the globe. Prof. Azis said that J. N. Medical College is an academically vibrant institution and its thousands of brilliant doctors are working all over the world.

He urged the junior doctors to carry the message and mission of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, founder of the University and maintain the legacy of the institution by giving the best to humanity.

Earlier, the Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. A. K. Verma said that the PG Orientation Programme is conducted by the Medical Education Unit to enhance a better familiarity of the system. He said the orientation programme provides modern educational technology while teaching the students in the faculty and providing learning resource material for teachers and students.

On this occasion, Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal, J. N. Medical College, Prof. S. H. Hashmi, Principal, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Dental College also addressed the orientation programme.

Prof. Mubarak Husain of the Physiology Department conducted the programme and Prof. Shaista Wasanwala proposed a vote of thank. Related Picture

[1. AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Prof. Ashraf Malik and Prof. A. K. Verma at the PG Orientation Programme](#)

**ALIGARH :July 01**

**"The MBBS interns posted in Dept of Community Medicine of J. N. Medical College, are playing a very important and crucial role in the eradication of Polio not only in Aligarh but also all over the country as most of cases of poliomyelitis originate from western part of UP", said Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Chairman, Department of Community Medicine, J. N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University.**

**Dr. Ansari said that their efforts have been acknowledged by international agencies including World Health Organization, Rotary International and UNICEF. He said that the Interns visited resistant families who have some misconceptions regarding polio drops and counseled them to get their children vaccinated against polio. It was a their effort due to which the number of cases came down from 5000 in 1995 to 42 cases in 2010 and no case in Aligarh has been reported during 2010-June 2011.**

**He said that their efforts will go a long way and ultimately help laying a foundation of healthy India. If children are protected from this dreaded disease, they will enjoy a more stimulating environment in future and contribute positively for the family and society.**

**Dr. Ansari urged the people to join the campaign of polio eradication.**

**ALIGARH :July 01**

**Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Department of English and Director, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University delivered a lecture on the main contours of the field of the English Translations of the Quran at St. Peter's College, University of Oxford, jointly organized by the Oxford University SAARC Society and the Oxford University Islamic Society.**

**In his lecture, Professor Kidwai traced the history of these translations and drew attention to the significant trends and tendencies in the field. He especially mentioned the growing number of English translations since 1980.**

**Prof. Kidwai emphasized the need for the appearance of a good, standard translation, which may cater to the needs of the English speaking reading public. He spelled out some of the features which should characterize this venture.**

**Daud Salim Faruque, President, Oxford University SAARC Society said that the lecture, attended by a number of scholars and students, was followed by an extended discussion over the issues related to the topic. Prof. Kidwai will be back in the second week of July. Related Picture [1. Prof. A. R. Kidwai](#)**

**ALIGARH :June 28**

**Professor Zafar Ahsan of the Department of Mathematics at the Aligarh Muslim University has been selected in the top one**

**hundred scientists 2011 by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England.**

**ALIGARH :June 27**

**The admission process for B. Tech and B. Arch started today at the Engineering faculty of the Aligarh Muslim University.**

**The Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi informed that for the first time in the history of the University, new procedure for the completion of admission has been adopted by using biometric identity check and data process. In this process, data regarding thumb impression, signature and photograph of the selected candidates were collected electronically for the automatic and computerized identity check before the completion of admission.**

**He said that after completion of admission, the Dean, Faculty of Engineering will issue a Biometric Smart Card for all future verification. He further said that the admission will be completed on June 30, 2011 and the classes will commence on August 2, 2011, after Summer Vacation.**

**The Vice Chancellor has constituted a committee to oversee the B. Tech Admissions 2011-2012. The committee will be responsible to see that admissions are done in smooth and transparent manner. The committee will also enquire and take decision in case of reported impersonation cases.**

**Dean, Faculty of Engineering said that the Committee will take stern action in accordance with the law of the land in the event of detection of any unfair means used for securing admission. Related Picture**

**[1. B.Tech Admission Process](#)**

**[2. B.Tech Admission Process](#)**

**ALIGARH :June 27**

**Dr. Subuhi Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University has presented a paper "Study of Two-Variable Forms of Hermite, Laguerre and Legendre Polynomials using Lie-Mon Method" at the International Conference on 'Asymptomatic and Special Functions' organized by the City University of Hong Kong. Dr. Khan's paper was appreciated largely by the delegates of different countries.**

**She has presented 19 research papers in various national international conferences. Dr. Khan has published more than 50 research papers in various journals of international repute. She has been awarded with V.M. Shah Prize for best paper presented in the area of Analysis, A.K. Agarwal Prize for best publication of the year 2003 and prize for best paper presented in the area of Pure Mathematics. She has also received various noted Fellowship of national and international repute. She is also the reviewer of the Mathematical Reviews for American Mathematical**

**Society, USA and also the life member of Indian Mathematical Society and founder member of Indian Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics. She is also the Provost of Sarojini Naidu Hall, AMU. Related Picture**

**[1. Dr. Subuhi Khan](#)**

**ALIGARH :June 23**

**he Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has left for Kerala for a week. During his stay there, Prof. Azis will meet the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Education Minister of Kerala at Thiruvananthapuram on June 28-29, 2011.**

**Prof. Azis is scheduled to visit AMU Centre at Perinthalmanna, Malappuram on June 24, 2011 while he will attend the meeting of Institutional Advisory Board Committee and the farewell programme organized for passing out batch at Al-Ameen Engineering College, Kulappully, Shoranur, Palakkad District, Kerala as Chief Guest on June 25, 2011. He will also attend the meeting of the Executive Council of the Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod on 26.06.2011.**

**Prof. C.P.S. Chauhan, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, senior most Dean amongst the members of the Executive Council, shall discharge the routine duties of the Vice-Chancellor during the absence of Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.**

**ALIGARH :June 23**

**Prof. Mursaleen, Department of Mathematics at the Aligarh Muslim University has been invited as a plenary speaker to attend the International Conference on Applied Analysis and Algebra, Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey. More than six hundred delegates from all parts of the globe are invited to attend the conference between June 9 ? July 2, 2011.**

**Earlier, Prof. Mursaleen visited Turkey three times as a visiting professor and delivered the lectures in various universities of Turkey. He has also accomplished a joint research project in these Turkish universities.**

**ALIGARH :June 23**

**The Summer Cricket Coaching Camp organized by the Cricket Club, Aligarh Muslim University Games Committee for school students of Aligarh district concluded today. 85 students of different schools including University schools received certificates at the certificate distribution function held today at University Willingdon Cricket Pavilion. These students were selected for the coaching out of a total 300 applicants after a vigorous selection process.**

**Mr. Anil Kumar, District Magistrate, Aligarh, AMU Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel and Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, Prof. Javed Akhtar gave away the certificates to the trainees.**

**Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary University Games Committee and Prof. Tabassum Shahab, President, Gymkhana Club welcomed the Guests and audience.**

**The training was provided by Mr. Faisal Sherwani, Coach, Cricket Club, Mr. Mohd Mansur Ahmad, Captain, Cricket Club and other senior members of University Cricket team.**

**Coaches of various clubs of University Games Committee, parents of children and other senior players of AMU Cricket Club were present in the function. Related Picture**

**[1. Participants of the Summer Cricket Coaching Camp with guests](#)**

**ALIGARH :June 23**

**Prof. Wasim Ahmad, Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University has received E.K. Janaki Ammal National Award, the highest award for Animal Taxonomy instituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. He received this prestigious award from Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Hon?ble Minister of Environment and Forest, Government of India and Mr. Achim Steiner, UN Undersecretary General and Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) at a World Environment Day programme in New Delhi. The award carries a medallion, a scroll, a citation and a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000/-. Dr. D. B. Singh, Director, Botanical Survey of India received the Award for Plant Taxonomy. Dr. Ahmad is the youngest to have been honored with this award since its inception in 1999 by the Government of India.**

**Dr. Ahmad is an Internationally acclaimed nematode taxonomist with over three decades of research experience in soil nematode fauna of different geographical regions of India. He has described several hundred new taxa of nematodes. He has also the distinction of describing large number of new nematode taxa from over twenty different countries of the world.**

**Dr. Ahmad has several books and monographs to his credit published by the world renowned publisher, E.J. Brill, Leiden, the Netherlands. He has visited many countries as an expert of nematode taxonomy and is recipient of prestigious visiting fellowships from Royal Society, London (UK), Dutes Forschungsgemeinschaft (Germany), Japanese Society for Promotion of Science (Japan), Erasmus Mundus Scholar (European Union), Chinese Academy of Sciences (China), Third World Academy of Science (Italy), Korean Science Foundation (Korea), Raffles Museum Visiting Fellowship (Singapore), Institute Nacional de Biodiversidad (Costa Rica) etc.,**

**Dr. Wasim's international recognition can be ascertained from the fact that in 1996, scientists from the British Museum Natural History, London named a new genus of nematode *Wasimellus enigmatus* Bloemers & Wanless in recognition of his contribution to Nematode taxonomy. This is a very rare recognition for an Indian Scientists to achieve at international level. His admirers have dedicated several other new species in**

his name, Laimydorus wasimi, Bohra & Baqri, Mylonchulus wasimi Tiasi, Chatterjee & Manna; Helicotylenchus wasimi Gantait, Bhattacharya & Chatterjee; Aporcelaimellus ahmadi Sergio and Pena-Santiago etc. Related Picture

[1. Prof. Wasim Ahmad receiving the E.K. Janaki Ammal Award from Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Environment and Forest](#)

[1. Prof. Wasim Ahmad receiving the E.K. Janaki Ammal Award from Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Environment and Forest](#)

ALIGARH :June 22

A felicitation programme was organized by the Department of Physiology to felicitate Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, the outgoing Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. A. K. Verma, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Ashraf Malik, Principal and CMS, J. N. Medical College and Prof. S. H. Hashmi, Principal, Dr. Z. A. Dental College were present on the occasion. Prof. Agrawal, Chairman, Depart of Physiology said that Prof. S. Abrar Hasan extended full support and cooperation to the Department of Physiology in its academic development during his tenure as Dean. The department successfully convened an innovative national conference on Sports Physiology with his cooperation and interest.

The Department also established a Neuro-physiology Lab, which is successfully helping the various departments of Medical College like Orthopedics, Medicine, Pediatrics, Pain Clinic, Surgery and others by conducting tests like nerve conduction velocity, electromyography, brainstem auditory evoked response etc. During his Deanship, two readers were promoted to professors. Staff members of department including PGs published their research papers in the national and international journals of repute and attended seminars, conferences and workshops organized at national and international levels.

Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal, J. N. Medical College and Principal, Dr. Z. A. Dental College praised the systematic way of working of Prof. Hasan and appreciated his personal contribution to various academic activities in the Medical College. Prof. Ashraf Malik also praised the efforts of all concerned in establishing the Neuro-physiology Lab and assured all help in the extension and smooth functioning of the Lab.

Prof. A. K. Verma, the incoming Dean, praised the efforts and cooperation of Prof. Hasan that he lent to the various departments. He assured of all help in bringing the academic level of the college higher during his tenure.

Prof. Hasan thanked the members of the Department of Physiology and said that he has not done anything personal during his tenure but tried to bring up the academic standard of the medical college. Related Picture

[1. Prof. D.K. Agarwal addressing the farewell ceremony for Prof. S. Abrar Hasan \(inthe centre\)](#)

[2. Prof.M. Ashraf Malik addressing the Farewell Ceremony for S. Abrar Hasan](#)

**ALIGARH :June 22**

**The Aligarh Muslim University has decided to establish a "Central Placement Cell" to provide better job opportunities to the students.**

**The decision was taken in a consultative meeting with the Deans of faculties, Principals of the Colleges and statutory officers of the University chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis.**

**A three-member committee was constituted to draft the detailed project report. The members of the Committee were Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Controller of Examinations, Prof. Jawaid Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management and Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, OSD (Development).**

**The Vice Chancellor said that two faculty members from each faculty will be included in the Central Placement Cell. The next meeting of the Central Placement Cell will be held on July 5, 2011.**

**In this meeting, the progress regarding the preparation of Self Study Report pertaining to NAAC was also discussed and the Vice Chancellor urged the members to move on fast track basis.**

**ALIGARH :June 22**

**The Department of Mathematics of Kaiserslautern University, Germany has invited Dr. Md. Kalimuddin Ahmad, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University for a month long academic visit to the University. During his visit, Dr. Ahmad would deliver a compact course on Wavelets that comprises lectures of 16 hours duration.**

**Dr. Ahmad is a former DAAD fellow and has completed two research projects with his German counterparts. He has more than 40 research papers to his credit and delivered several invited lectures in national/International conferences. He has delivered a talk at an International Conference on Mathematical Modelling and Applications to Industrial Problems (MMIP2011), held in N.I.T. Calicut and another at International Workshop on Computational PDE: Modeling and Simulation, held in I. I. T. Madras, Chennai recently. Related Picture**

**[1. Dr. Md. Kalimuddin Ahmad, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics](#)**

**ALIGARH :June 22**

**Inaugurating a new modern University canteen, Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that the canteen will begin functioning from the next academic session and subsequently university community will get eatery facilities in the campus itself. He pointed out that since long lime, the need of a well-equipped canteen comprising**

modern kitchen and toilet was felt. He said that a proposal for construction of second storey will be sent under the XII Five Year Plan. Prof. Azis said that the spirit of AMU's glorious traditions and its prestige and image should be maintained.

University Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel said that Central Public Works Department has completed its construction in the prescribed time frame with an expenditure of one hundred sixty one lakh and fifty thousand rupees. He said that construction activities have been speeded up in the University and all the works have been completed within stipulated time. He expressed thanks for achieving target to the University Engineer, Mr. Feeroz Khan and the CPWD engineers.

Welcoming the guests in the inauguration ceremony, DSW, Prof. Ainul Haq Khan said that the students will get high standard facilities in a clean and healthy atmosphere in this canteen.

In the inauguration ceremony of the canteen, Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmeen Jalal Beg, Controller, Prof. Pervez Mustajab, OSD (Development), Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, Dean of Commerce Faculty, Prof. Sibghatullah Farooqui, Provosts of the Halls, member-in-Charges and large number of students were present. Related Picture

[1. AMU VC inaugurating the University Canteen](#)

ALIGARH :June 21

Inaugurating a workshop on "Energy Conservation", the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis said that the University has submitted a proposal to the Union Minister of New and Renewal Energy for setting up of an Indo-US Energy Centre in the University and Dr. Farooq Abdullah has promised to clear the project.

He said that the increasing electricity consumption is a serious matter and urged the University community to adopt possible corrective measures including use of modern edge technology. Prof. Azis said that the University has sanctioned Rs. 4.5 Crores for outdated wiring replacement in the campus.

Prof. Azis said that the University has invited two energy experts, Mr. Sandeep Garg of Ministry of Power and Dr. Masood Akhtar, President, Cleantech Partners Inc., Wisconsin, USA. Both the energy experts are the product of this great institution. He said that hundreds of old boys of this University have touched his heart during the last four years.

Earlier, Prof. Anwaruddin Anwar, Member-in-Charge, Electricity Department of University said that the AMU is a big consumer of UPPCL with sanctioned load of 6.1 MVA and the power is received through two 33 KV lines.

Prof. Anwar highlighted the energy consumption breakup of the University and said that 66% energy was used in the Departments of studies, offices, tubewells, street lights while 22% consumption is recorded in the halls of residence. Only 12% energy was used in mobile towers and staff quarters.

**Prof. Anwar suggested the power saving initiatives such as implanting solar geysers in all halls of residence, solar street lights and promotion of use of CFL in the campus. He also suggested that use of energy efficient air conditioners and fans be increased.**

**Dr. Masood Akhtar, President, Cleantech Partners, Inc., Focus on Energy, Wisconsin, USA said that energy cooperation is a central element of the US-India Strategic Partnership. During President Obama's visit to India in November 2010, the US Department of Energy (DOE) and the Government of India signed an agreement to establish a Joint Clean Energy Research and Development Centre designed to promote clean energy innovation by teams of scientists and engineers from India and the US in the field of energy efficiency of buildings, second-generation bio-fuels and solar energy.**

**Dr. Sandeep Garg, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India said that Indian per capita energy consumption is 530 kgoe while the world average is 1770.**

**He said that in India energy demand is increasing due to rising income, accelerated industrialization, urbanization and population growth. He urged to educate consumers for making energy efficient purchases.**

**Mr. Mohd. Riham conducted the programme and Mr. Javed Mohsin, Electricity Engineer proposed a vote of thanks. Related Picture**

#### **[1. AMU VC at the Workshop on Energy Conservation](#)**

**ALIGARH :June 20**

**Dr. Nizamuddin Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University has been invited to deliver a lecture on Dynamics of Livestock Husbandry in ASEAN region in a conference on ASEAN Conference on Scientific and Social Science Research (ACSSSR2011) scheduled to be held at Penang, Malaysia on June 22-23, 2011.**

**Dr. Khan said that the ASEAN region has witnessed a revolution in livestock husbandry and all species of livestock improved their number of heads in last two decades. Poultry and pigs recorded exceptional high growth. The per capita consumption of milk and meat has also risen up higher than the availability despite growth in livestock sector. The demand of livestock products could be met through intra and inter regional trades especially with India which has much potential of livestock derived products. He said that the paper would also highlight the prospect for regional co-operation through livestock trade. Dr. Khan's paper has also been selected by expert committee for gold award.**

**Dr. Khan is a dynamic and hardworking researcher. He has completed four major research projects and at present guiding two more projects on the study of livestock husbandry in Aligarh and Maha Maya Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Khan has already participated in several international conferences held**

abroad

**ALIGARH :June 17**

The Centre for Promotion of Science, Aligarh Muslim University organized two science refresher courses for teachers from Deeni Madaris and Muslim Managed Schools. While addressing the valedictory programme, Professor Wazahat Husain, Senior Fellow, Centre for Promotion of Science, briefly explained the objectives of the Centre behind organizing such courses. He said that the Centre is working to persuade Indian Muslims for acquiring scientific knowledge and provide all possible help in minimizing their backwardness.

Dr. Hisamuddin, Director of the Centre said that several lectures and practical classes were organized for the participants of both the courses and eminent resource persons enlightened the participants during the eleven-day course schedule. He said that the "Introductory Science Course" was planned for the teachers of Deeni Madrasas to make them familiar with Physical, Chemical and Biological Sciences and to make them realize the significance of model science teaching in their institutions. They were also provided with an opportunity to learn M.S. Office, In Page and other computer applications by the experts like in the field of Computer Science. Dr. Tabreiz Ahmad Khan coordinated the course.

The course was attended by 29 male and female teachers representing the states of Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Chief Guest, Professor Arif Inam, Chairman, Department of Botany and former Joint Director, Centre for Promotion of Science gave away Certificate of Participation to the teachers and presented them a set of books published by the Centre for Promotion of Science.

Dr. Mohammad Tabish, Joint Director, CPS conducted the programme. Dr. Tabreiz A. Khan proposed a vote of thank.

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**ALIGARH :June 17**

University Games Committee, Aligarh Muslim University organized Summer Coaching Camps for Basketball and Football.

A large number of students from various schools of Aligarh district including students of AMU Schools were awarded certificate for their participation in the basket ball and football camps. 45 students were given away certificate for participation in basket ball camp while 150 students were awarded for

participation in football camp.

Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Secretary, University Games Committee, Prof. Tabassum Shahab, President, Gymkhana Club, Mr. Sunil Dutta, Secretary, District Basketball Association, Aligarh, Dr. Mohammad Iqbal, President Football Club and Dr. Nafees Ahmad-II, President Riding Club gave away certificates to the participants. Mr. Abdul Kaiser, Captain of the basket ball club and Mr. Khalid Ahmad, Captain of Football Club played important role in the organization of the camps. President and Coaches of various clubs and guests were present on the occasion.. Related Picture

[1. Summer Coaching Camp](#)

ALIGARH :June 17

Prof. Mujahid Beg, a Senior Consultant at Department of Medicine, J.N. Medical College and Proctor, Aligarh Muslim University said that morbidity and mortality rate among infants and children in Uttar Pradesh is still a matter of serious concern. It is the doctors' duty to take concrete steps for rectifying the situation. Prof. Beg was addressing the valedictory function of 6th batch of Training of Trainers (ToT) under the auspices of "Comprehensive Child Survival Programme" (SSCP) for Medical Officers of Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with UNICEF & National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) held at the Department of Paediatrics, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College.

Prof. Beg said that about 105 lakh children died under the age of five years every year in the world. In India 22 lakh children die under the age of five years every year. He urged the Doctors to treat the patients in friendly atmosphere and make efforts to bring down the mortality rate.

Prof. S. Manazir Ali, Chairman, Department of Paediatrics and Coordinator of the programme said that a considerable decline has been witnessed in the death rate among the newborn babies but efforts should be made from the very first hour of birth to defeat death taking on our children. Prof. Ali said that more than 1200 children every hour and more than 20 children under age of five years die every minute at a rate of one child dying every 3 second. He said that the comprehensive child survival programme is run under the rural health mission keeping in view this objective.

Prof. Abdul Mateen, Chairman, Department of Sociology and Social Works urged the doctors to work hard to bring the benefits of health care mission to the rural areas and ensure safety of the newborn babies.

Earlier, Prof. A.K. Verma, acting Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Haris M. Khan, Medical Superintendent and Prof. Abdul Mateen distributed the certificates to the Medical Officers of different districts of Uttar Pradesh. Twenty four Medical Officers and Deputy Medical Officers from Sitapur, Meerut, Pilibhit, Kanpur, Kushinagar, Mainpuri, Bagpat, Bawar, Ballia, Rama Bai Nagar, Machrehata and Mahoba participated in the programme.

**Dr. Javvad Suri, Divisional Coordinator, Health and Nutrition (UNICEF Representative) expressed his gratitude and thanks to the faculty members of Department of Pediatrics, trainees and trainers. Related Picture**

**[1. Dr. S. Manazir Ali, addressing the Validictory Function ToT at the Department of Paediatrics, L to R - Prof. Mujahid Beg, Dr. Hasan haris, prof. Abdul Mateen](#)**

**ALIGARH :June 15**

**A voluntary blood donation camp was organized in J.N. Medical College, Department of Pathology, Aligarh Muslim University by the on occasion of World Blood Donor's Day.**

**The camp was jointly inaugurated by Ex MS, Prof. Badrul Hasan and Principal & CMS, Prof Ashraf Malik. Prof. Haris Khan, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Ghazala Mehdi, Prof Incharge Blood Bank, Dr. Kafil Akhtar, Lecturer Incharge, Blood Bank, Dr. Smriti Prasad, Medical Officer and all the technical staff of the Blood Bank were present on the occasion.**

**The motto of "More Blood ? More Lives" has been proposed by UP State AIDS Control Society to encourage voluntary blood donation in large numbers. Related Picture [1. Prof. Malik, Prof. Hasan, Prof. Haris and Prof. Ghazala at a World Blood Donors Day programme](#)**

**ALIGARH :June 15**

**The last date for submission of application forms for 2nd National Entrance Test of Residential Coaching Academy, Aligarh Muslim University for 2011 batch has been rescheduled upto 4th July instead of 25th June, for admission to the Civil Services, Judicial Services & Banking Services Coaching Programme organized especially for Minorities/SCs/STs & Women candidates. The test will be held on 10th July 2011.**

**Prof. Ziauddin Khairoowala, Director of the Academy said that the test will be held at AMU Aligarh, Bangalore, Kozhikode, Kolkata, Lucknow and Srinagar (J & K) centres. He further added that graduate in any stream can apply for this course upto 25th June. The interview for admission to coaching for Civil and Banking Services will be held on 25th and 26th July respectively while for Judicial services it will be held on 27th and 28th July. The pattern of the test for Civil, Judicial Services and Banking Services will be objective type and multiple choice questions containing general studies, Prof. Kharoowala added.**

**Prof. Khairoowala said that application forms could be obtained from the Office of Residential Coaching Academy or downloaded from the website [www.rcaamu.com](http://www.rcaamu.com) or [www.amu.ac.in/rca.htm](http://www.amu.ac.in/rca.htm).**

**ALIGARH :June 15**

**Prof. Ainul Haq Khan, Dean, Students' Welfare (DSW), Aligarh Muslim University has been appointed as Nodal Officer**

for smooth coordination of the Campaign 'Jago Grahak Jago' of Department of Consumer Affairs, New Delhi. Prof. Khan has been asked to take appropriate steps for the above campaign 'Jago Grahak Jago'. The AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis appointed Prof. Khan as Nodal Officer in pursuance of the instruction of the University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

**ALIGARH :June 14**

"The University administration has redefined the expansion of the University and building construction under XI Plan. The initiative set in motion by the present regime has started bearing fruits and now the University have several new buildings", said Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis. While inaugurating the new block of Social Science Faculty building he said that construction of new classrooms and expansion of academic facility is a matter of great joy for all and joy forever. The University has undertaken a vast innovation of classrooms, lab facilities and other infrastructure development on a scale unparalleled in the AMU history, he added.

The Vice Chancellor urged the Deans and the Chairmen of the Departments of Studies to start preparing a holistic plan for the XII Plan so that the University could scale new heights and expand further in coming years. He said that planning must be made in a systematic way as the time is most ripe for development and expansion. He urged the teachers to leave the issues of inconsequence and share the goal of development if they wanted to make AMU most happening academic institution in the country and the world at large.

Prof. Azis said that the University has approved a new multi-storey project for the Faculty of Social Science which will house several University departments and solve the shortage of space to a great extent both in the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Social Sciences. The Girls' Hostel for Engineering College, the Guest House for Academic Staff College, the University Canteen, the Building of Urdu Academy, the new library block and several other projects including the up-gradation of Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College were other notable projects in advance stage of completion.

Prof. C.P.S. Chauhan, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences said that during the past three years the University has witnessed tremendous academic as well as infrastructural developments. The present administration has carried forward all issues relating to institutional development with a new vision.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel applauded the functioning of CPWD and University Building Department for undertaking qualitative building construction and bringing the process of work under fast track. Prof. Jaleel described in detail the dynamic initiatives unfolded by AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis that have brought a new transformation in the University.

While conducting the programme, Prof. Abu Sufiyan Zilli,

**Chairman, Department of Psychology pointed out that the efforts of the present administration has made the academic environment of the University more vibrant. The University is in a position to get new infrastructure and able to get a substantially increased allocation of funds for all round development of the University.**

**OSD (Development), Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, DSW, Prof. Ainul Haque Khan, University Librarian, Prof. Shabhat Husain, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. Qazi Afzal Husain, Media Advisor, Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Chairman, Sub Committee of the Building Committee, Prof. Mohd. Jameel, University Engineer, Mr. M. Feeroz Khan, Chairmen of various departments and officials of CPWD were also present on the occasion. Related Picture**

**[1. AMU VC inaugurating the New Building of the faculty of Social Sciences](#)**

**[2. AMU VC inaugurating the New Building of the faculty of Social Sciences](#)**

**ALIGARH :June 13**

**The Food Craft Institute, Aligarh Muslim University has invited applications for admission to the various courses it runs in the field of hospitality education.**

**Prof. S. Iqbal Ali, Acting Secretary, Food Craft Institute and Principal, University Polytechnic said that the Institute was established in 1984 in the Campus of the University Polytechnic and has successfully completed 26 years since its inception.**

**Prof. S. Iqbal Ali said that the Institute is running 8 Postgraduate Diploma, Diploma and Certificate Courses affiliated with the National Council for Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Noida, while the affiliation of Postgraduate Diploma Courses is under process. A good number of pass-out students have got employment at reputed Hotels, such as Hotel Jehanuma Palace, Bhopal (MP), Hotel Great Value, Dehradun, Hotel Comfort Inn, Lucknow, Hotel Clarks Shiraz, Agra, Hotel Ranbanka, Jodhpur, Hotel Ramada, Jaipur, and also in Railways and other Agencies in India and abroad after undergoing the Industrial Training at different Hotels.**

**Prof. Ali said that the admission form and prospectus for new academic session can be had from the office of the Institute. Admissions are offered on the basis of merit to the candidates having passed Graduation/Intermediate or 10+2/High School Examinations. The age limit is relaxable for the candidates of SC/ST/OBC.**

**He said that there are almost 100% chances of placement for the pass out students in the reputed hotels and other employment agencies. For more information one can contact the website [www.foodcraftaligarh.com](http://www.foodcraftaligarh.com).**

**ALIGARH :June 13**

**Senior Music Instructor, Aligarh Muslim University, Mr.**

Johny Foster, presented the selected poems and ghazals in his own composition penned by the illustrious poet and AMU alumnus, Asrarul Haq Majaz at the seminar organized by Ghalib Institute, New Delhi on the life and poetry of Majaz.

The audience comprising intellectuals, teachers, poets and scholars was spell bound while listening to the musical rendition of great poems such as Bol Aree O dharti, Nirali Bahar, Junoon-e-Showk, Jigar aur Dil, Husn ko Behijab, Asrar hun Main etc.

On great demand Mr. Foster rendered AMU Tarana Ye mera chaman hai mera chaman penned by the poet Majaz. Earlier, Dr. Raza Haider introduced the guests and Dr. Shahid Mahuli welcomed and presented bouquet.

**ALIGARH :June 13**

"The establishment of Aligarh Muslim University Murshidabad Centre has opened a new window of enlightenment and it is destined to realize the dreams of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan", said the Union Finance Minister, Shri Pranab Mukherjee while addressing a public meeting at Murshidabad, West Bengal to mark the completion of 100 days of AMU Murshidabad Centre.

Shri Mukherjee said that Sir Syed's movement has yet to be materialized in totality in Murshidabad and Malappuram as there is a lot to do. He assured that the Central Government would provide all support in the establishment of AMU Centre in Bihar and Maharashtra.

He urged the University authorities to set up a Women's College and a Women's Polytechnic at Murshidabad for women's empowerment. He said that no nation or community can survive without the advancement in the status of women. He said that the Government of India would lend all necessary support including the financial assistance required for this purpose. The Finance Minister said that his government already allocated Rs. 25 Crore each for the AMU Murshidabad and Malappuram Centres in 2009 and Rs. 50 Crore each in 2011 budgets and further assistance would be provided for future development of these centres.

Shri Mukherjee lauded the role of former Chief Minister West Bengal, Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee and AMU Court member, Mr. Moinul Hasan who were instrumental in acquisition of land and providing necessary infrastructure for the establishment of the centre at Murshidabad.

"The newly elected government of West Bengal has assured of extending all possible help to the centre and it was conveyed to him by the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Ms. Mamta Benerjee", he added.

Tracing the history of Murshidabad, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee said that the district had emerged as a distinguished centre of Muslim social and cultural ethos but gradually its glory and importance waned away. He hoped that the newly established AMU Centre will recapture the pristine glory of Murshidabad

Presiding over the function, AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.

**K. Abdul Azis, made it clear that the new centres, though created in West Bengal and Kerala, are not exclusively meant for a particular region. These centres are modeled on AMU pattern and represent AMU traditions and values. He believed that the centre would become autonomous universities in next 15-20 years.**

**Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis pointed out that the University needs nearly 1300 crore to run all courses at the Murshidabad Centre. He said that his dream of University expansion is now bearing fruit and Sir Syed's educational mission is now being spread across the country.**

**Proposing the vote of thanks, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Registrar, Aligarh Muslim University said that the UPA government extended all possible help and Shri Pranab Mukherjee played a pivotal role in setting up the centre. He hoped the construction work will start soon. The Director of the AMU Murshidabad Centre, Dr. Mohammad Yasin presented the welcome address.**

**The West Bengal Minister for Fisheries and Food Processing Industries and Horticulture, Mr. Abu Hena, Berhampore Member of Parliament, Mr. Adhir Ranjan Choudhary, Members of Legislative Assembly, Mr. Mohammad Sohrab, Ms. Imani Biswas and Ms. Sunbul Mukherjee also graced the occasion.**

**AMU Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmin Jalal Beg, University Engineer, Mr. Firoz Ahmad and Public Relations Officer, Dr. Rahat Abrar included the team visiting Murshidabad Centre.**

**AMU Vice Chancellor along with the University officials visited the site of AMU Murshidabad Centre and discussed the issues involving the construction of Centre's building. The Vice Chancellor also had a meeting with the General Manager, Mr. M. K. Roy and Director, Mr. Abhijeet Ghosh of Hindustan Steel Construction Ltd., which has been entrusted with the construction work. [Related Picture 1. L to R - Prof. Mohammad Yasin, Director, AMU MURshidabad Centre, AMU VC, Finance Minister, Pranab Mukherjee and others at function on completing 100 days](#)**

**ALIGARH :June 13**

**Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent, Jawharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University inaugurated the Refrigeration Workshop with fully equipped facilities at J.N. Medical College.**

**Prof. Malik said that the available facilities will be cost effective and the repair of automated machines will be possible in a short time. Previously the Refrigerators and Air-conditioners were sent to private vendors incurring huge cost and unwanted delays, he added. Prof. Malik said that this could be made possible only by the efforts of Prof. Haris M. Khan, Medical Superintendent and Mr. Kamal Ahmad, Section Officer, Superintendent Office, J.N. Medical College & Hospital. He said**

that all efforts are being made to improve the facilities in the Hospital and soon the services at JNMC would be parallel to that of other high reputed hospitals.

**ALIGARH :June 11**

The visit of a high-level Indonesian team headed by the Indonesian Ambassador, New Delhi, Lt. Gen. H. M. Ghalib S. H. to the Aligarh Muslim University for exploring mutual cooperation in the field of education has cleared the way of productive cooperation between AMU and the State Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta, Indonesia.

Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, officiating Vice Chancellor, AMU while presiding over the meeting observed that interaction between AMU's senior faculty members and the visiting Indonesian team will further the cause of cooperative research and pave the way for teachers and students' exchange programme. He said that the mutual cooperation will provide an opportunity to better understand working in a culturally different environment promoting inter-cultural cooperation.

Prof. Komaruddin Hidayat, Vice Chancellor, State Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta, Indonesia said that he is very much impressed with the glorious historical contribution of AMU to modern education to look forward for building a new and vibrant relationship for strengthening their own courses and introducing new courses taking AMU's academic support.

He also expressed a desire to promote the concept of split-degree in which the students can spend two years in AMU and two years in Indonesian university.

Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Media Advisor and Chairman, Department of Mass Communication gave a brief history of AMU and its current status. He also offered to provide designing course training programme and research collaboration in the discipline of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Prof. S. Mahdi Abbas Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology said that AMU's Engineering Faculty is a premier institution busy in imparting engineering education from a long time from Diploma in Engineering to research. He said that there is a great prospect for both the institutions for support and cooperation in this area.

Prof. Ali Mohammad Naqvi, Dean, Faculty of Theology said that AMU has been providing higher studies in theology since its inception and the two institutions can make further advances in the promotion of studies and research in theology.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel proposed a vote of thanks.

Educational Attache?, Embassy of Indonesia, New Delhi, Mr. Son. Kuswadi and Dr. Jamhari Makruf of visiting team along with AMU Controller of Examination, Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmin Jalal Beg, Proctor, Prof. Mujahid Beg, OSD Development, Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, Chairman, Department of Sanskrit, Prof. S. P. Sharma and Deputy

Registrar, Dr. Nazim Ali Jafri were present in the discussion.

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[1. Visiting Indonesian team with AMU officials](#)

ALIGARH :June 10

World Environment Week (5-11 June2011) was celebrated in the Department of Hifzan-e-Sehat wa Samaji Tib, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh. Dr. M. Athar Ansari, Chairman, Department of Community Medicine, J. N. Medical College delivered a highly informative guest lecture on the topic "Effects of Nuclear Hazards on human health and its Prevention" on this occasion.

Dr. Athar Ansari covered historical perspective and various nuclear accidents that occurred in different parts of the world including the recent one in Fukushima in Japan after the devastating tsunami. He also mentioned preventive measures as well as precautions to be taken if any nuclear tragedy occurs.

While presenting the inaugural speech, Dr. S. M. Safdar Ashraf, Chairman, Department of Hifzan-e-Sehat wa Samaji Tib/Nodal Officer (WHO), discussed various issues related to environment and enlightened the audience with new facts in regard with the environment and Nuclear Hazards.

Dr. Ashraf announced that a special lecture and vaccination camp for Hepatitis B will be organized next month on the eve of World hepatitis-B day. He mentioned that the facility of vaccination will be available for the students, teaching staff, research scholars and other staff of Tibbiva College. The staff of dawakhana and hospital can also avail this facility.

Dr. Anees A. Ansari, Department of Kulliyat encouraged the efforts of the Department of Hifzan-e-Sehat.

Dr. Abdul Aziz Khan, Dr. Farkhunda Jabeen, research scholars Naushad Ali Rana, Shazia Shamim and interns were among the audience. The faculty members, research scholars from other departments and students of BUMS got benefited with the lecture. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Abdul Aziz Khan.

The department also organized plantation of saplings in the premises of AKTC Hospital under the stewardship of Dr. S.M.S Ashraf. Prof. Mohd. Anees Department of Botany and Member-In-Charge Lands and Gardens attended the ceremony as a special guest and planted a sapling. Dr. Saud Ali Khan Principal, AKTC, teaching staff, research scholars, interns and other staff members were present on this occasion. Dr. Ashraf addressed the gathering and briefed them regarding the relation between plantation and preservation of environment. He requested the gathering to take a pledge to preserve the environment and remember their responsibilities in this regard. He also urged the teaching staff to publish public awareness articles in newspapers. Related Picture

[1. Plantation at AKTC Premises](#)

**ALIGARH :June 11**

**The Service Book and Pension Section of the Aligarh Muslim University has been the least attention paid department for last several years that ultimately resulted in inadvertent delay in processing the service book issues, retirement papers, pension related applications and verification and documentation of papers of present employees of the University. The delay was always attributed to the improper maintenance and upkeep of a large number of Service Book due to shortage of space and other resources. But all these issues have become a matter of past after the automation of the Service Book and Pension Section.**

**The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis took special interest in the activities and functioning of this section and provided all support and guidance for improvement in its functioning. According to Mr. Nazim Jafri, Deputy Registrar, Service Book and Pension, efforts and effective measures by Prof. Azis have borne positive result and greatly helped in streamlining the Service Book and Pension Section.**

**Data entry of about 6631 Service Book of the existing employees, computerization of record of 5452 pensioners with 2036 family pensioners and computerization of nomination forms of Gratuity of all the employees of the university in a classified manner were the most important achievements that could be made possible within a short period of time, he added.**

**The initiatives have made the job easy for quick disposal and settlement of matters relating to pensions, family pension and verification of the documents of the existing employees and the retirees.**

**Now, the university is in a commanding position to process the case expeditiously with minimum human intervention. The important information relating to the pension will be displayed on the internet. The list of retirees of the coming calendar year will be made available on the net so that the concerned employees can check the movement of their pension file sitting in their home itself.**

**ALIGARH :June 10**

**Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, an eminent marine scientist, assumed the distinguished office of the Vice Chancellor on June 10, 2007. He is completing four years in office today. Although there were anxious moments of difficulties, turbulences and three sine die closures of the University, Prof. Azis was able to stir the University and bring it back on a resurgent track. With an amazing quality of simplicity combined with steel nerve, he relentlessly carried forward a new vision of development of cutting-edge technology and expansion unprecedented in the history of AMU. A brief look at the major developments initiated by Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis bears testimony to the service he**

rendered to the community and the nation at large as AMU Vice Chancellor.

Prof. Azis is the moving spirit and the working force behind getting the approval of the Central government to set up five AMU centres across the nation, one each at Murshidabad (West Bengal), Malappuram (Kerala), Kishanganj (Bihar), Maharashtra and Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh). He is instrumental in establishing two centres of the Aligarh Muslim University at Malappuram and Murshidabad and making them functional by launching BALLB and MBA programmes. His efforts have brought to AMU fold an additional, almost 800 acres of land free of cost. The Bihar Government is providing 250 acres of land to establish AMU Centre at Kishanganj. The Maharashtra Government has also announced its desire to consider setting up of AMU Centre in the state.

Prof. Azis implemented an action plan to bring into the University fold the cutting-edge Information and Communication Technology. The University installed more than 700 computers with high speed internet connectivity in each department of study, hall of residence so that the student and staff can reap the benefits of campus wide bandwidth expansion round the clock. Within a short span of four years the AMU has witnessed a phenomenal growth in ICT from 0.05 mbps in 2007 to almost 1054 mbps bandwidth. The Aligarh Muslim University will soon emerge as a modern educational technology hub contributing significantly to both knowledge acquisition and knowledge creation. The Bluetooth enabled WiMax system brought with his efforts will bound to change the educational scape in the University.

Realizing the productive dimension of global interaction and exposure of reputed international academic institutions, Prof. Azis has put in place a plan for mutual cooperation. During his visit to United States he signed MoUs with several leading universities including Wisconsin and Cleveland, Atlanta, Boston, Georgia State, Youngstown State, New York University and Massachusetts University. In the current academic session alone, AMU has signed eleven Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with leading institutions and establishments of national and international repute.

Several building projects of X Plan whose funds lapsed, were brought back and got completed by special efforts made by Prof. Azis. He is behind getting several important building projects getting approval under X Plan. With a view to give a big push to infra-structure development, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has recently approved building projects involving a total expenditure of Rs. 2482.7 Lacs. The University approved eleven major building projects under XI Plan involving a total expenditure of Rs. 2115.4 Lacs to be completed by Central Public Works Department (CPWD) by March 2012. The Building Department of the University has been assigned 14 works involving a total expenditure of Rs. 367.06 Lacs which will be completed by July 31, 2011. In the next academic session a new girls' hostel for

**Engineering students, a University Canteen with modern kitchen, new classrooms and extension of library building for the Islamic Studies department and new faculty building for Social Sciences will be available to students and staff of the University.**

**With a view to mitigate the financial difficulties of thousands of retired employees and family pensioners of AMU, Prof. Azis has launched a special drive to provide financial succor to family pensioners. The University got processed 5452 cases of pensioners out of which 2036 were family pensioners and approved the new pension payment as per the enhanced rate of sixth Pay Commission.**

**The Sports Authority of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 3.5 crores for Astroturf. This would help the University provide national and international level players of hockey once again, a hallmark of AMU. The University Grants Commission has sanctioned Rs. 50 Lacs for an Indoor Sports Complex, which will be constructed soon. The University has renovated Roller Skating Rink at the cost of Rs. 20 Lacs and with this, it has become the largest Roller Skating Rink among the Indian universities.**

**During Prof. Azis's regime, AMU has introduced several new courses as parts of its scheme of academic expansion. The most recent additions were Master course in Women's Studies, PG Diploma in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies (CRPS) and Advance Diploma in Interior Decoration.**

**Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has given extra priority to the issue of research projects. His initiatives have started yielding results and now a greater number of the departments are getting aid under Special Assistance Programme and assistance from other funding agencies. AMU teachers got individual projects worth nearly 10 Crores in the last three years and now AMU stands 3rd among the central universities in research articles publication in international journals of repute. The Department of Science and Technology has selected AMU for a funding of Rs. 9 Crores as recognition to the University for its contribution in the field of research publications. More than 300 AMU students were getting PhD annually under various faculties.**

**The Vice Chancellor's personal interest and interventions resulted in the Government of India sanctioning Rs. 150 Crore under the Second Phase of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY) for the up-gradation of Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College. The University will have a new wing of Gynaecology and Neonatology, College of Nursing, modern kitchen, modern laundry and new OPDs.**

**During Prof. Azis's regime, the Aligarh Muslim University has conducted 260 General Selection Committees and appointed/promoted 431 faculty members including Principals of Colleges and schools. University has also conducted general selection committees for a number of vacant non-teaching positions.**

**His constant pursuit has resulted in the establishment of a state-of-the-art Digital Resource Centre in the University Library which is linked to campus wide network and the National**

Knowledge Network extending online access to more than two lakh books and thousands of online journals along with the great treasure of knowledge of NKN to all departments of studies, halls of residence and other University offices.

Often Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis conducted special drives for infusing transparency and speed in administrative dealings. As a result most of the things were improved now more transparent information is available on the website. Examination and admission reforms were introduced. OMR sheets are given to candidates appearing in admission tests, online hall tickets can be seen for ready reference, extra precautions were taken to avoid any inconvenience to candidates appearing in admission tests. Finance management has improved and audit reports were ok. Solving pension problems pending for last four decades has been a big achievement. Legitimate dues have been paid, several selection committees have been conducted, appointments have been made and on a fair basis, there has been no complaint. He was able to provide AMU a very clean, honest and transparent administration. He established several admission test centres across the country. Earlier, it was only in Aligarh but now one can find AMU Test centres in Srinagar, Patna, Bhopal, Lucknow, Hyderabad and Kozhikode. Candidates number has increased.

AMU is a happening institution now, numerous construction activities have been going on in the campus in different locations. Urdu Academy is ready to be inaugurated, Dental College building is ready, University will be going to lay the foundation for M. A. Library block, 1000 seats girls' hostel then new faculty building and it has set apart Rs. 20 Crores for developing campus roads, strengthening water supply, augmenting electricity supply.

M. A. Library has Digital Resource Centre, departments can have access to library. Within a period of one year all classrooms are going to be converted into Smart Classrooms, campus is becoming WiFi in another 15 days. So this is repositioning the University on a cutting edge area of technology with ICT available on finger tips of every student and teacher.

Related Picture

[1. A.M.U. Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis](#)

**ALIGARH :June 09**

Professor Mujahid Beg, Proctor of the Aligarh Muslim University has issued a show cause notice to 24 students who were placed under suspension and were also placed out of bound from the University campus. The students have been asked to submit their reply to the Proctor within seven days from the receipt of the show cause notice, failing which it will be presumed that they have nothing to say in their defense and ex parte action will be initiated against these students.

These students have reportedly used unparliamentary language along with a group of hooligans and ruffians using public address system against the senior University officials and

attempted to disturb law and order in the campus.

Further, it has been reported that some of the students and outsiders with ruffians riding on motor bikes went to different halls of residence, disturbed the students who were busy in preparing for their examinations and also tried to mobilize and force them to reach the Dharna site to destabilize the academic atmosphere of the campus.

The students served with the show cause notice are Syed Afzal Ali, Mohammad Tauseef Qamar, Malik Shahzad, Asif Raza, Syed Mohd. Waseem, Burhan Khan, Asif Nawaz Khan of V. M. Hall, Saad Masood, Intekhab Ahmad and Akhlaque Alam of R. M. Hall, Mohd. Owais Akhtar, Shabbir Ahmad, Syed Ehtishamul Haque of M. M. Hall, Mohd. Zorez, Arif Khan of Dr. Ambedkar Hall, Mohd. Rashid, Tabrez Khan, Arman Khan, Gauhar Alam of Allama Iqbal Hall, Hasanat Ali Khan, Shahbaz Raza of Aftab Hall, Shariq Raza of S. S. Hall (South), Mohd. Hasan of S. S. Hall (North) and Zafar Saeed of NRSC.

**ALIGARH :June 09**

The Union Finance Minister, Shri Pranab Mukherjee is visiting AMU Murshidabad Centre on June 12. The Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis along with a team of senior University officials will be visiting Murshidabad to meet the visiting dignitary and apprise him of the need for building a cutting-edge state-of-the-art new campus at the allocated site of AMU Murshidabad Centre.

Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis has also invited the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Ms. Mamta Benerjee to visit the AMU centre. The Vice Chancellor intends to call on the Chief Minister to urge her to continue the support for the AMU Murshidabad Centre and help in meting out the educational aspirations of the most backward region of West Bengal.

The other members of the team include AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmeen Jalal Beg, University Engineer, Mr. Firoz Ahmad and the Public Relations Officer, Dr. Rahat Abrar.

**ALIGARH :June 09**

The Centre for Distance Education, Aligarh Muslim University is organizing a workshop on 'Self-learning Development and Evaluation'. The five day workshop is focused on identifying the strengths and weaknesses in the study material available for different courses of the Distance Education Centre. It would facilitate the development and improvement of the students' study material

Dr. Rizwan Khan, Director, Centre for Distance Education said that the study material that are available to the students of distance education is not fully fit for the self-learning mode of study. He said that the study material may be evaluated at the level of two factors - internal factors and external factors. This

workshop would focus on the internal factors including language, typographic aspects, word processing, grammar, content etc.

Dr. Khan said that teachers and research scholars from various departments of AMU will participate in the workshop and resource persons from Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education, IGNOU will provide training to the participants.

Dr. Rizwan said that that the centre would maintain reporting and documentation.

**ALIGARH :June 09**

Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Lab at Aligarh Muslim University has developed easy method for the detection of multi-drug resistant NDM-Super bug, said, Dr. Asad Ullah Khan, Associate Professor, Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, AMU.

Dr. Khan said that the major cause of developing drug resistance against different classes of antibiotics is widespread antibiotic usage which may provide a selective force for antibiotic resistant bacteria. Recently, clinical isolates from different sites have been screened for the presence of NDM-1 in the laboratory. Dr. Khan's group has already identified NDM-1 by PCR based detection method in many clinical isolates of different sites and he has established easy detection method in his laboratory. The work on NDM-1 and its other 3 variants has already been started in Dr Khan's laboratory. Dr. Khan has already sequenced the gene and working on the genetics of this gene.

He said that the emergence of NDM-1 in India heralded a new era of multi drug resistance. The NDM-1 carrying bugs are resistant against all antibiotics apart from tigecyclin and colistin and therefore it is difficult to fight with infection caused by NDM-superbug.

Dr. Khan said that NDM-1 was first identified in December 2009 in New Delhi, India. New Delhi Metallo-beta-lactamase, commonly known as "NDM-1", is a gene that makes bacteria resistant to beta-lactam antibiotics. Beta-lactam antibiotics are utilized to treat antibiotic resistant bacteria. Bacteria that are resistant to drug treatment are referred to as "Superbugs". Superbugs may create dangerous infections which are nearly impossible to treat, and resistant to antibiotics. The antibiotic resistance of the NDM1 gene may exponentially accelerate the spread of bacteria that carry it through humans. NDM1 has been detected in bacteria in India, Pakistan, the United States, and the United Kingdom. Currently, NDM1 has been hosted by E.coli bacterium and Klebsiella pneumonia.

**ALIGARH :June 08**

Addressing a meeting of all Course Coordinators, Centre In-Charges and Observers of various admission tests, AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis said that challenging time

passed away and transparency has become our hallmark and it is a testimony to great values of this institution. He said that all the admission tests went off extremely perfect manner. He thanked the University teachers to conduct the tests. He said that for the first time, AMU has conducted admission test in Srinagar and this generated a remarkable excitement in Kashmir.

Prof. Azis said that the decision to sine-die closure of the University was very painful as a group of handful students have paralyzed and they were divided into regionalism and whole administration was puzzled. Some vested interest elements of the University has created rumours and wrong image of the University. He appreciated the role of University teachers who have come forward to protect the image of the University.

Earlier, AMU Registrar, Prof. V.K. Abdul Jaleel thanked all the teachers who have performed their duties successfully in all the entrance test of various courses of the University in and outside the campus. He highlighted the achievements of the present Vice Chancellor and said that the University has computerized of about 6631 service book of the existing employees and record of 5452 pensioners and the 2036 family pensioners were computerized and the nomination forms of gratuity of all the employees were also computerized in a classified manner.

AMU Registrar pointed out that the University has signed eleven Memorandum of Understanding with prestigious Universities including eight foreign Universities.

The Controller of Examinations, Prof. Pervez Mustajab said that the test were conducted with the participation and support of all teachers as a team work.

The Finance Officer, Mrs. Yasmin Jalal Beg proposed a vote of thanks. She said that all the audit reports are cleared and CAG has not indicated any misuse of funds.

More than two hundred teachers and University officials attended the function followed by the Dinner. Related Picture [1. AMU Registrar addressing the Thanksgiving ceremony](#)

ALIGARH :June 06

"New radiation-biology technique should be adopted for boosting the production of menthol, an essential oil component of mint plant. This technique is extraordinarily safe, inexpensive, ergonomical and handy", said Dr. Mohd. Masroor Akhtar Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Aligarh Muslim University while presenting his paper at International Biotechnology Conference organized by American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists in San Francisco, California, USA.

Prof. Khan said that Menthol is highly useful in making pain-balms, cough syrup, mouthwash, antipruritic (reducing itching) medicines, etc. Using this novel agricultural technique, menthol production may be increased by 40% and even more. The, technique utilizes radiolytically degraded polysaccharides obtained from specific sea-weeds. This work was an output of a

collaborative work with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai and the Department of Botany, AMU.

This conference was aimed at "Advancing Health through Innovation in Biotherapeutics". More than 1200 scientists participated in this conference. Besides, more than 100 pharmaceutical companies also took part in the conference. Most of the participants were from USA. However, delegates from 30 countries other than USA also attended the conference.

Dr. Khan's work was highly appreciated by the participants. Several companies and many scientists expressed the interest in the technique, asking for future collaborative work in this direction. Dr. Khan is working on medicinal plants for the last 30 years. He has presented his work in USA, Finland, Canada, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Cuba etc. His present trip to attend the aforesaid conference was sponsored by Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi.

**ALIGARH :June 04**

With a new vision to place Aligarh Muslim University on a global map, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor is unfolding various strategic schemes and enlisting international collaborations in field of academic significance.

As part of this exercise, the University has taken important steps and discussed mutual areas of interest with the delegation of faculties of Medicine, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia who were on a three-day visit to the University. The University has worked out initial modus operandi for an extended collaboration in the field of medical research, medical education technology, student and staff exchange and curricular development.

The Saudi Arabian team is represented by Prof. Ibrahim Hassan Alzahrani, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Prof. Jawed Aziz, Department of Pathology, Northern Border University, Arar, KSA. Prof. Jawed Aziz is an alumnus of the Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. S. Abrar Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Principal, J. N. Medical College and Chief Medical Superintendent and Prof. S. H. Hashmi, Principal, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Dental College participated in the deliberations and discussed the scope of cooperation between the two institutions and identified a blue print of major areas that requires mutual attention.

The visiting team had an interactive meeting with the Vice Chancellor and specific dimension of mutual long-term front bearing course of action was discussed. Prof. N. A. K. Durrani, Media Advisor and the PRO, Dr. Rahat Abrar were also present in the meeting.

The specific areas of research collaboration that dominated the deliberations included Possession Disorders and Culture Borne Syndrome, Osteoarthritis, Maternal Health, Alternative System of Therapeutics, Trachoma, Genetic Disorders and Malignancy (Colorectal & Breast) under the departments of

Psychiatry, Orthopaedic Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Pharmacology, Ophthalmology, Pathology and Radiotherapy respectively.

The Saudi delegation visited the University and was impressed with the magnificence of the heritage buildings and the great academic ambience that thrived around in the campus in spite of the summer vacation in the University. The delegation requested for making more opportunity available for Saudi students to study in AMU. Related Picture

[1. AMU Vice Cancellor with the Saudi Delegation and other University functionaries](#)

**ALIGARH :June 03**

Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University today laid the foundation of Conference Hall and the Lecture Theatre at the Department of Chemistry.

He said that this is a pleasant occasion for the landmark expansion of the Chemistry Department. He further said that the century old department has produced great scientists working all over the globe.

Prof. Azis said that the faculty members are among talents and they are updating their laboratories. He urged the teachers to prepare various projects and think about the future development of this great institution.

Prof. Azis pointed out that the University has instituted an Infrastructure Development Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Jameel Ahmad of Civil Engineering department for complete transparency, accountability and honesty in the development projects.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel said that the UGC has sanctioned Rs. 73.56 lacs under XI Plan to conduct a fifty-seated lecture theatre and hundred-seated Conference Room with toilet facilities. He said that the construction projects will be completed by the end of December 2011.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Prof. Ashfaq Nabi, Chairman, Department of Chemistry said that the department has celebrated its centenary on March 5-6, 2011 and a large number of alumni from all over the world participated in the programme.

Dr. Suhail Sabir conducted the function. Prof. Sartaj Tabassum said that this is exciting moment and this is an international year of chemistry.

The Vice Chancellor also inaugurated the classroom and extension of library building at the Department of Islamic Studies constructed with a cost of Rs. 74.70 lacs. The foundation of this building was laid on January 18, 2010 and the project was completed within the time limit.

On this occasion, AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel, Chairman of Department of Islamic Studies, Prof. Sayyid Ahsan and former Chairman, Prof. Zafarul Islam also addressed the function. Related Picture

[1. AMU VC laying foundation at the Department of Chemistry](#)

**ALIGARH :June 03**

The Journal of Indian Dental Association, "THE CUSP" was jointly released by Prof. Javed Aziz, Prof. Abrar Hasan, Prof. S.H. Hashmi and Prof. R.K. Tewari at the Principal's Office, Dr. Z. A. Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University.

Prof. Javed Aziz, Faculty of Medicine, Northern Border University, Arar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, congratulates Dr. G.S. Hashmi, Editor-in-Chief for excellent and outstanding work and appreciated the Principal, Dental College, Prof. S.H. Hashmi and other faculty members of the institution for regular publication of the journal since last 8 years.

Dr. G.S. Hashmi, Editor of the journal said that our journal is peer reviewed journal and in the process of indexing in the coming future. He had tried hard to make the journal of international standard.

The dignitaries present on this occasion were Prof. R.K. Tewari, President, Dr. Rajat, Secretary, IDA, Aligarh, Dr. S.S. Ahmad, and Prof. Afshan Bey, Prof. N.D. Gupta, Prof. Sandhya Maheshwari, Dr. Bari etc. Related Picture

[1. Prof. Javed Aziz, fourth from right, releasing the Journal THE CUSP of Indian Dental Association](#)

**ALIGARH :June 03**

The B. Tech. Entrance test result of the Aligarh Muslim University has been declared today.

Prof. Pervez Mustajab, Controller, Examinations said that admission formalities of the selected candidates will be completed on 27th June for Mechanical and Electrical branches while for Civil, Electronics, Computer, Chemical and Petrochemical the admission formalities will be made on 28th June from 8 to 2 pm.

Selected candidates are required to bring relevant documents and no relaxation will be given in the date of admission. He further said that candidates of Chance Memo are required to report on 28th June from 3 to 5 pm. The complete result is available on the University's website - [www.amucontrollerexams.com](http://www.amucontrollerexams.com).

**ALIGARH :June 02**

Department of Hifzan-e-Sehat-wa-Samaji-Tib, Ajmal Khan Tibiya College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a free vaccination camp at Gulshan-al-Hira Public School, Maulana Azad Nagar on June 1st in which children were vaccinated against 6 dreaded diseases like TB, Polio, Diphtheria, Measles, Tetanus and Whooping Cough. The local pregnant ladies also got benefited from at the camp. Free medicines were also provides in the camp along with free medical consultation to the needy.

The camps was inaugurated by Dr. S. M. Safdar Ashraf, Chairman of the Department and Nodal Officer, WHO-NPSP. On

the occasion, he announced that for the betterment of the locality, the vaccination facility will be provided to all free of cost on the first Wednesday of every month. He also announced adoption of the area for this purpose. It may be noted that the Nodal Centre at Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College Hospital provides vaccination facility on every Wednesday and Saturday free of cost.

He urged the University administration to grant a medical vehicle for easy movement of interns and a permanent place in Maulana Azad Nagar locality for maximum delivery to the local residents.

He said that plantation will be made in the AKTC Hospital premises on World Environment Day.

Intern Incharge, Dr. Abdul Aziz Khan and Dr. Farkhunda Jabeen along with PG scholars Naushad Ali Rana and Shazia Shamim gave their best for the success of the camp. Interns Abu Nasir, Azizur Rahman, Ziyaul Haque, Tausif, Fauzia, Mehwish, Shabnam, Nazia, Zarrin Mehmood and Hakim contributed a lot in the organization of this camp.

**ALIGARH :June 02**

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis today laid the foundation stone of two Women's Hostel Block at Begum Sultan Jahan Hall of residence with a cost of Rs. 200 Lacs.

Addressing the foundation stone laying ceremony, Prof. Azis said that AMU has a great place for women and Begum Sultan Jahan, ruler of Bhopal became the first chancellor in 1920. She had contributed a lot for the female education and development of this institution.

Prof. Azis pointed out that the Begum of Murshidabad also donated a substantial grant to AMU and now University is paying back through the establishment of an AMU Centre at Murshidabad in West Bengal.

He said that the AMU campus will be connected with WiFi by June 15, 2011. The University is creating a new window for opportunities to all students and to make AMU a greater institution.

AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis also released 'Sultania-2011', annual Hall Magazine. Ms. Aalia Hasan, Naziya Kamal and Arshi Khatoun, editors of the magazine distributed the copies to the dignitaries.

AMU Registrar, Prof. V. K. Abdul Jaleel said that one block each is being constructed by CPWD and the Building Department of the University. He said that 40 rooms will be constructed to accommodate 80 Post Graduate female students. He further said that one crore rupees were sanctioned under ICAR grant and around one crore rupees as a special scheme for women's hostel under XI Plan.

The Registrar also appreciated the role of University Engineer, Mr. Firoz Ahmad and his team for completing the job within the given time limit.

The Vice Chancellor also inaugurated Begum Sultan Jahan Hall of residence for 224 PG and Research scholars with a cost of Rs. 356.68 lacs.

Dr. Seemin Hasan, Provost of the hall proposed a vote of thanks. She said that it is the first hall of residence in the University which is running as a model of 'out sourcing'. She appreciated the role of present administration of the University for providing better living conditions to female students. Related Picture

[1. AMU at a Foundation Laying Ceremony](#)

[2. AMU at a Foundation Laying Ceremony](#)

ALIGARH :February 15

[All India Symposium "Mezaan" \(25th-26th February, 2011\)](#)

ALIGARH :December 12

The Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has recruited a record number of 157 Aligarh Muslim University students from B.Tech, B.E., M.Tech. and M.C.A. courses. The excellent record is a result of the diligent and continued efforts of Dr. (Capt.) Fareed Mahdi, Training & Placement Officer under the overall guidance of Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering & Technology.

The placement process was completed in four days held in two stages. The recruitment process began with a written test conducted by the technical team from TOUCHSTONE. A total of 208 students were shortlisted for the interview. The interview itself comprised of two rounds, namely, Technical and HR.

The "Pre-placement talk", held at the Kennedy Auditorium was conducted by Mr. Nimesh Sharma. It began with a presentation of Zakir Husain College of Engineering & Technology, made by Mr. Md. Shibli. It was followed by a brief presentation by Mr. Vijay Maurya and Ms. Nidhi Sahni from TCS. It covered details of the Tata Group with focus on the Tata Consultancy Services and its chief domains.

Earlier, the TCS panel received a very warm and cordial reception at AMU. The TCS panel received full cooperation from Mr. Saif Waris, Mr. Fahad Khan, Mr. Md. Usama Khan and Mr. Raja Yaqoob from "Ingenious-Solutions", a student group working under the guidance of the Training and Placement Office (TPO). Mr. K. Sudeep, Head, Talent Acquisition - India from TCS was greatly impressed by the quality of students appearing for the interview.

Prof. Ekram Husain, Principal, ZHCET thanked the TCS team for their visit and invited them for the next placement session soon.

Prof. Razaullah Khan, Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering said during an interaction that one's thoughts and knowledge should not be judged by his/her attire. He further

**emphasized on urgent need of a Central Placement Office so that all the University students might be benefited and get placement in various organizations.**

**ALIGARH :December 25**

**The CASR meetings of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences were held in the Committee Room of the Administrative Block under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis. The CASR has approved the admission of a total of 149 students to PhD programme and three to M.Phil. programme in the two faculties of the University during the current session.**

**ALIGARH :December 22**

**The CASR meetings of Faculty of Science and Life Sciences were held in the Committee Room of the Administrative Block under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor Prof., P. K. Abdul Azis. The CASR has approved the.....**

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