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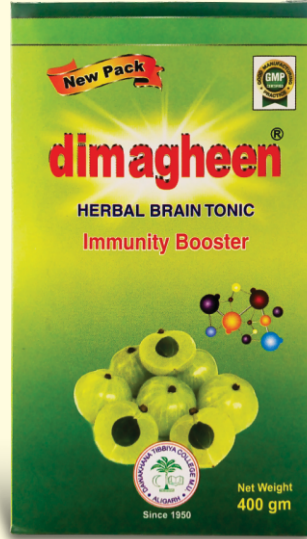
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EVENTS AT IBN SINA ACADEMY
(July – September 2024)

Independence Day 2024

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Meeting Majlis Mushawarat

An important meeting of the members of All India Muslim Majlis Mushawarat was held at Ibn Sina Academy on 9th July 2024 to discuss the matter of ongoing tempest within the higher authorities in Delhi. The meeting was attended by Professor Sulaiman (Kanpur), Dr. Masood Ahmad (Aligarh), Prof. Arshi Khan (Aligarh), Syed Mohd Tahseen, Syed Farhat Hussain Advocate, and many others.

Second Session of the Siddons Debating Club (SDC)

The second session centered around the thought-provoking motion: "University hostels serve merely as a place to live." The session was anchored by Mohammad Ghayasuddin and chaired by Mr. Mohd Aiyub, a teacher and provost of Allama Iqbal Hall.

Organized by the Student Debating Committee (SDC) of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), this session took place at Ibn Sina Academy in Dodhpur, Aligarh, on 11 July, 2024.

Arguments against the motion were presented by Arif Khan, Farhan Zuberi, Farham Ali,

Sakib Ali, and Janib Hasan, while only Areeb Khan and Aquib Khan spoke in favour of it.

The debate explored various topics, from cultural heritage to the holistic development of students, and included rebuttals regarding the purpose of residential accommodations. The event concluded with an inspiring speech by Mr. Aiyub, who shared insights from his own experiences during the AMUSU elections. He reflected on how times have changed and expressed concerns about the current state of affairs.

The whole debate is recorded and can be viewed from the SDC YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/FJUvtSzYyQ0?feature=shared>

Usmania Helping Hands Society

On 12th August 2024, Usmani Helping Hands, arranged a 6-month certificate distribution event at Ibn Sina Academy. Earlier, this 6-month programme for skill development course in computer, handicraft and fashion designing was systematized under the theme, "India will progress only when India learns".

The chief guest of the programme, Prof. Mohd. Waseem Ali (AMU proctor) and guest of honor, Dr Murad Ahmed Khan (Executive Council Member), distributed the certificates and motivated the students.

The philanthropic work by Usmania Helping Hands Society was greatly appreciated. Dr. Mohd. Anas, Assistant Proctor, AMU, played a key role in making the programme successful.

SSGE Corner

Independence Day Celebration

Ibn Sina Academy (IAMMS) celebrated 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024 with the SSGE scholarship recipients. These students performed their talents in many activities to commemorate the nation's freedom and unity.

The president of the Ibn Sina Academy, Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman unfurled the flag in

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presence of all the core team members of SSGE. The programme ended with the presentations of awards and recitation of the National Anthem by the Scholars of AMU-SSGE.

Guest Lecture by Dr. Shariq I Sherwani

On 21 July, 2024, Ibn Sina Academy hosted a lecture on mastering verbal and non-verbal communication specifically for 9th and 10th-grade students getting scholarships under the aegis of Ibn Sina Academy and Aligarh Education Endowment Fund, with 70 students attending the event.

Dr. Shariq Sherwani, a distinguished Professor of Communications at Utah Tech University, USA, led an interactive session focused on communication and personality development. His lecture was both practical and insightful, covering various types of communication and their significance in everyday life.

A key aspect of the program was the active participation of the 9th and 10th-grade students. They engaged thoughtfully with the material and responded well to every question posed by the speaker. The program was conducted by Dr. Rehana Ahmad, welcomed by Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, introduced by Dr. Manzar Jamal and thanked by Dr. Saadia Ayub. Er. Fareed Nazim Farooqi and Dr. Ahmad Raza, worked behind the scenes to make this program successfully.

Prof. Adnan Hafiz warmly welcomed the guest speaker with a lovely bouquet. Dr. Rehana provided an introduction for Dr. Sherwani, while Dr. Sadia Ayub offered a heartfelt vote of thanks to the audience, students, and core team members at Aligarh, including Mr. Fareed Nizami, Dr. Ahmad Raza, and Mr. Akram, who organized refreshments for all attendees. The event's success was a result of the collective efforts of the AMU-SSG core team and the support of mentors from abroad.

Interactive meeting with Ibrahim Ahmad, MD, InfoGlen India

An interactive and closed group meeting with Ibrahim Ahmad, MD, InfoGlen India,

Gurugram, was held on 22nd Sept, 2024, at the Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, to explore the possibilities of engaging with the engineering and computer science students from AMU, to facilitate training and career building in the field of information technology.

The meeting was an initiative of Infoglen founders Haroon Ahmad and Saba Ahmad Zakaria, along with Rizwanullah Khan from San Jose, US.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Ekram Hussain (Chairman, Department of Electronics Engineering), Prof. M. Yusufuzzaman (Chairman, Department of Electrical Engineering), Prof. Arman Rasool Faridi (Chairman, Department of Computer Science), Prof. Nadeem Khalil (Dept. of Civil Engineering), Prof. Saiful Islam (Department of Computer Engineering), Prof Adnan Hafiz (Department of Mechanical Engineering), Dr. Manzar Jamaal (Former Principal STS High School, AMU), Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Ibn Sina Academy), Er. Fareed Nazim Farooqui (Blood Bank, JNMC, AMU), Dr. Sadia Ayub (Scientist, CCRUM, Aligarh), Dr. Rehana Ahmad (Clinical Psychologist) and Dr. Nishat (KSA)

Ibrahim Ahmad gave a brief presentation about Infoglen and shared with the attendees Infoglen's proposed plan.

Infoglen was founded by ex-Googlers at San Jose in 2015. It is a marquee technology & consulting company specializing in the Salesforce CRM platform. The company is a rapidly growing team of 140+ tech and business professionals holding over 250 different Salesforce certifications, working out of the US, Canada, Dubai, and India. Infoglen's focus on client success and innovation are the key success drivers. Customers include large, medium, and small organizations from sectors including healthcare, network security, retail, non-profit, education, facilities management, real estate, hi-tech, automated vehicles, etc.

After the meeting, Dr Syed Ziaur Rahman thanked the guests for sparing their valuable time and efforts to guide and support this

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important initiative regarding the career building of AMU students.

Interactive workshop with Akash Coaching Institute

School Support Group for Education (SSGE) organised an interactive workshop for students of classes 8, 9, 10, and 11 on 11.9.2024 for the students with Akash Coaching Institute. The topic was 'How to study for NEET and IIT'. It was facilitated by Mr. Adil Khursheed (Marketing Head), Mr. Amrat Prakash Yadav (Branch Head) and Mr. Govind (Chemistry teacher) and was arranged by MBA (AMU) students - Mohd. Umam Siddiqui, Mohd. Ovais, Rafeeq Nizam and Fatima Intekhab. All the core team members and advisors of SSGE were also present on this occasion. Akash Coaching would help the selected students of SSGE for coaching and guidance.

The workshop was interactive, interesting, and easy to understand. The faculty members were excellent and answered questions in a simple and engaging way

Furniture Donation to Abdullah School

At the request of the Principal of Abdullah Primary School on Marris Road, the Ibn Sina Academy in association with the Aligarh Education Endowment Fund (USA) has donated school furniture worth of Rs. 2 lakhs. Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Coordinator of the AMU Schools Support Group for Education (SSGE) reported that this year, a total of Rs. 33,87,511 was spent on scholarships, which covered tuition fees, uniforms, school shoes, school bags, and syllabi. He also mentioned that the furniture was handed over to the school on 20th August 2024, in the presence of the core team of SSGE including Associate Prof. Adnan Hafiz, Mr. Fareed Nazim Farooqui, Mr. Ahmad Raza, Dr. Rehana Ahmad and Dr. Sadia Ayub.

The SSGE program was initiated four years ago in 2021 by the Minto Circle 1987 passed-out High School students. These 1987 batch and several well-wishers raise money throughout the year. The dedicated volunteers offer counselling and mentoring to students both online and offline. These students also

participate in various activities such as American Society for Science and Education (ASSET)-sponsored science projects, quiz competitions and skill-development program.

Course related doubts clearing sessions

Teachers of physics, chemistry, mathematics and biology volunteer themselves to clear doubts of the SSGE students. They meet students on every week or fortnightly depends on the demand of the students. SSGE is thankful to the following teachers and counsellors who give time to these sessions: Prof. Suhail Sabir, Dr. Athar Ali Khan, Dr. Afreen Shamim and Ms Fatima Tanzeem.

New Publications in the last Quarter

1. Letters of Shifa-ul-Mulk in the name of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (Urdu) by Hakim Shamim Irshad Azmi, Associate Professor, Takmilul Tibb Govt. College, Lucknow
2. Letter of renowned scholars in the name of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (Urdu) by Dr. Fakhre Alam Nadvi, Department of Arabic, AMU, Aligarh
3. Daur-e Jadid aur Tibb (Urdu) by Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (Revised edition). First edition 1963
4. Tibb ki Nazaryati wa Fikri Jehat (Urdu) by Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

1. Prof. Iram Shefali (Bareilly), Prof. Arshad Hasan (Katihar) and Prof. Naveen Kumar (Nuh), External Examiners, Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, 10.7.2024
2. Mr. Haroon Akmal, Secretary AMU Alumni Association of UAE, Sharjah, UAE, 24.7.2024
3. Mr. Ibrahim Sirajo, Obuja, Nigeria, 24.7.2024. Currently, pursuing Pharm D, Integral University, Lucknow.
4. Najeeb Jung (former Lieutenant Governor of Delhi) and Indu Bhushan (Chief Executive Officer, Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission), 3.8.2024
5. Dr. Vivekanandan Kalaiselvan, Dr. Shatrurnajay Shukla, Ms Krishna, Mr.

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Naveen V and Mr. Amol Raj, Indian Pharmacopeia Commission, Ghaziabad, 10.8.2024

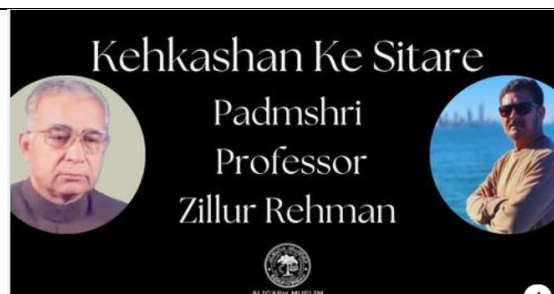
6. Prof. Pravesh Mehra, Director, Department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals, New Delhi, 10.8.2024
7. Professor Tania Hossain (Faculty of Letters, Arts and Sciences, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan) with Mr. Naved Alam (Former Cabinet Member, AMUSU, AMU, Aligarh), 11.8.2024
8. Prof. Shamim Jahan Rizvi, (Ex-Dean, Faculty of Medicine, JNMC), 16.8.2024
9. Dr. Dawar Abbas (Orthopedic Surgeon from Milton Keynes, United Kingdom) with Hiba and Mustafa, 16.8.2024
10. Prof. Arshad Islam, Ex. Chairman, Department of History, International Islamic University, Malaysia, 15.9.2024
11. Professor Abbas Panakkal, School of History, University of St Andrews, UK; Director, International Interfaith Harmony Initiative, 15.9.2024
12. Elif Gulbax, PhD Scholar, Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, Turkey, 28.9.2024

MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Prof. Zakia Ather Siddiqi, Honorary Secretary of the Ibn Sina Academy, has received the International Educational Award 2024 in the APJ Abul Kalam Award for Women Empowerment category, presented by the World Educational Foundation, a government initiative from Odisha. She was recognized for her outstanding contributions to education. The award ceremony took place at the Nishamani Convention Hall in Cuttack, Odisha, on June 29, 2024.

Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman's Corner (President, Ibn Sina Academy)

Mujeeb Akhtar, Kuwait based technical professional and follower of art and poetry, covered an interview of Syed Zillur Rahman for his popular series 'Kehkashan Ke Sitare'



YOUTUBE.COM
Kehkashan Ke Sitare.....Padmshri Prof. Zillur Rehman
Ibn Sina Academy (https://youtu.be/Rc-rSPfHfQ?si=3oNa9HT3mHkySSDH) of ...
www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UIttsHNCYE

Message for Sir Syed Day Celebration 2024 at Sharjah, UAE, 19th October 2024



Message of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman for the AMU Alumni Meet UAE 2024
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuGpT_1yXWo

Giving a byte in an Uzbek National TV channel (Details on page 18-20)



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www.youtube.com/watch?v=Prr3496xcYI

Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman presided, Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of All India Muslim Educational Conference

The Executive Committee of the All India Muslim Educational Conference held its annual meeting on July 7, 2024, at its headquarters, Sultan Jahan Manzil in Aligarh. Following past practices, the audit report for the 2023-2024 session was reviewed and

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approved. The committee also discussed and approved the current budget, including past expenditures, the report on the new block, the Quranic Centre, educational aid, and renovations of the Sultan Jahan Building. Additionally, the extension of Iram Hussain Zubairi's position as Computer Operator and the Fixed Deposit of ₹3,00,000 at Bombay Mercantile Bank were approved. The meeting was convened by Prof. Razaullah Khan, Honorary General Secretary, and presided over by Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman. It was attended by EC members including Prof. Zakia Ather Siddiqi, Mr. Nasim Waris, Mr. Shewan Ahmad, Mr. Khursheed Ahmad and Mr. Asadyar Khan.

Special Meeting of the Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu (Hind)

Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy and Mr. Adil Khan, PRO, Ibn Sina Academy, attended the special meeting of the Executive Committee of Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu (Hind), on 17th August 2024, at Urdu Ghar, New Delhi.

In the same meeting, an honorary membership was bestowed to Mr. Salman Khursheed, Ex-Minister and newly elected President of the India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi.

Prof. Ather Farooqui, Secretary General of the Anjuman, welcomed the new member and thanked the guests. The meeting was chaired by the president of Anjuman, Prof. Sadiqur Rahman Kidwai and was attended by other members such as Prof. Akhtarul Wasey, Prof. Sarwat Khan (Udaipur), Dr. Mohd Kazim and Prof. Shivya Tripathi (Bareilly).

Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman invited as Chief Guest at the Valedictory Function of the Workshop on Conservation of Archival Materials

The Department of Museology, Aligarh Muslim University, organised a two-day workshop on "Preservation and Conservation of Archival Materials," including manuscripts and old documents.

The resource person, Dr. Nooruddin Ansari, a Preservation Chemist and conservation expert at Khuda Bakhsh Library, Patna, emphasised

the importance of safeguarding fragile documents through effective conservation practices for future generations. He shared his expertise in conservation and highlighted the best practices, techniques, and the latest innovations in paper conservation.

The chief guest of the valedictory session, Padma Shri Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, former Treasurer, AMU, and Director, Ibn Sina Academy, stressed the need for deputing skilled conservationists at libraries and museums who are well versed in modern techniques of paper conservation. He lamented the ignorance of the common people of India towards museums compared to European countries and urged the students of museology to work of creating awareness among people about the importance of museums and articles of archival significance.

The guest of honour, Prof. Nafees Ahmad Khan, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, underscored the significance of preserving paper-based heritage materials such as manuscripts, rare books, and artworks, which are essential components of history and culture.

Another guest of honour, Mr. S.M. Athar, Joint Registrar, AMU appreciated the efforts made by the Department of Museology in creating awareness among students about culture and history.

Earlier, welcoming the guests and participants, Prof. Abduraheem K., Chairman, Department of Museology, said that the objective of the workshop was to provide participants with practical skills and hands-on experience, focusing on the significance of heritage materials that are vulnerable to deterioration due to factors such as ageing, environmental conditions, pests, and mishandling.

Zainab Iftikhar, a research scholar from the Department of Museology, who has been appointed as Scientist C at the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, was felicitated on this occasion, along with Dr. Nooruddin Ansari.

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A prize distribution ceremony was also held on this occasion to felicitate the winners of the essay writing competition, organised by the Department of Museology on International Museum Day (May 18, 2024), who wrote their essays on "Museums for Education and Research" and won various prizes for their write ups among 50 participants from different schools of Aligarh.

In the senior category (XI and XII), the first prize was given to Sarah Athar (Class XII), Senior Secondary School (Girls), AMU, while the second prize went to Lavi Yadav (Class XII), Heritage International School, and the third prize to Hamid Abbas (Class XII), M.U. College. In the junior category (IX and X), Zaid Abdur Rahman (Class IX), Blossom School got the first prize, Kulsum Fatima Ali (Class X), Delhi Public School, Civil Lines, won the second prize, and the third prize went to Vaishnavi Pathak (Class X), Wisdom Public School.

Under the university category, the first and second prizes went to the research scholars Farha Asif and Nawazish Raza, while the third prize went to an M.Sc. student Adib Rizvi from the Dept. of Museology.

A portrait of Nawab Hameedullah Khan, Ruler of Bhopal, from the museum of Ibn Sina Academy was conserved by the Department of Museology and was presented to Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman during the same occasion. Dr. Ameer Zarrin, Assistant Professor and workshop coordinator, conducted the programme.

Valedictory function of the Workshop on Conservation of Archival Materials, which was held during 19-20th September 2024. The resource person was Dr. Nooruddin Ansari from Patna. The prizes were given to the winners of the essay writing competition. During the same function, a portrait of Nawab Hamidullah Khan, after conservation by the Museology Department, was handed over to Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy.

Report of the workshop covered by Manoj Aligarhi, Freelance Photojournalist



International museum Day |workshop| department of Museology | manoj aligarhi | AMU

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman's Corner (Hony. Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy)

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman elected as Fellow of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine (FFPM)

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, has been awarded the Fellowship of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine (FFPM) by the Royal College of Physicians, England, during the Annual Awards Ceremony held on July 3, 2024 at the Headquarters of Royal College of Physicians, London.

The Fellowship is awarded to recognize excellence in pharmacology, pharmaceutical medicine, encompassing education, policy and engagement.

My thoughts on Friends of Researchers in the Indian Subcontinent (FRIS) – By Syed Ziaur Rahman

During my recent visit to London, the Secretary of AMU Alumni Association of UK, Mr. Khursheed Hasan, fixed a meeting with Dr. Ahmad Waseem, Professor of Molecular and Cellular Oral Biology at Blizard Institute, Queen Mary University of London. Dr. Fahim Halim Khan and Dr. Sumbul Halim Khan from Aligarh, also attended the meeting. We were graciously hosted by Prof. Waseem, who first of all congratulated me on becoming a Fellow of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians and then gave us a tour of his prestigious institute.

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Our meeting was both enjoyable and insightful as we discussed scientific advancements in both London and Aligarh. Dr. Waseem introduced me to Friends of Researchers in the Indian Subcontinent (FRIS), a charitable organization that he founded. FRIS aims to foster collaboration among researchers from the UK, EU countries, and seven countries in the Indian subcontinent including India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The organization's mission is to advance biomedical education and research collaboration to combat diseases and promote global health as well as to equip researchers with the skills and resources needed to contribute effectively to improving health outcomes in the subcontinent and beyond.

FRIS supports initiatives such as researcher exchanges, provides access to modern research tools, facilitates lectures, seminars, webinars, and conferences, and funds research projects in the UK/EU led by scholars from the subcontinent. These efforts are crucial for addressing healthcare needs in the region and promoting disease prevention and management through innovative biomedical research. Given the foundational role of biomedical sciences in modern medicine, FRIS emphasizes non-clinical and translational research that bridges basic science with clinical applications. By supporting such research, FRIS aims to equip researchers in the subcontinent with the skills and resources necessary to contribute meaningfully to global health challenges.

Although FRIS is currently not accepting grant applications as it establishes itself, I encourage everyone to support its mission. Together, we can contribute to a healthier world by fostering advancements in biomedical education and research through FRIS.

For more information, please visit FRIS website: <https://frischarity.org.uk/>

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman Interview

An interview of Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman was taken by the Uzbek Channel Yoshlar during

his visit to Uzbekistan on 25.8.2024 (See detail on page..)



Dr Syed Ziaur Rahman Interview in an Uzbek Channel Yoshlar, 28 2024

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman in the forum of Indian Diaspora Washington DC Metro

Dr. Razi Raziuddin, Scientist, Laboratory of Receptor Biology and Gene Expression, National Cancer Institute's Center for Cancer Research, NIH, USA, based organised a lecture of Syed Ziaur Rahman for his popular series, Indian Diaspora Washington DC Metro



20240914 IDWDCM presents: Influence of Medieval Muslim scholars in the field of Medicine
www.youtube.com/watch?v=apaabPqnIEk&t=2s



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Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman serves as the resource person at the 12th induction-cum training programme

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman served as a resource person for the 12th induction-cum training programme on 30 July 2024, held for the New Medical Device Adverse Event Monitoring Centres, established throughout the country under the Materiovigilance Programme of India (MvPI).

The Materiovigilance program is a national initiative launched by the Government of India under the aegis of Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, to ensure the safe and effective use of medical devices in the country. As part of this program, new medical device monitoring centres are being established across India to monitor and regulate the use of medical devices. The Induction Program for Materiovigilance is designed to equip these new centres with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively monitor and regulate medical devices.

The objectives of the Induction Program were to introduce new medical device monitoring centres to the concept and principles of Materiovigilance, provide comprehensive training on medical device regulation and surveillance, equip participants with the skills and knowledge required to effectively monitor and regulate medical devices and to establish a network of trained professionals who can work together to ensure the safe and effective use of medical devices in India. Dr. Rahman also shared the data of untoward adverse events reported to MDMC, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh. The program was facilitated by experienced professionals from the medical device industry, academia, and government regulatory agencies like CDSCO and IPC.

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman invited as speaker during the 1044th anniversary of Abu Ali Ibn Sina

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman covered the Uzbek-Indian Scientific Contribution in the field of Ibn Sina' Medicine (Online Lecture) during the International Conference on 16.8.2024 dedicated to the celebration of 1044th

anniversary of Abu Ali Ibn Sina, organised by Ibn Sino Foundation (Tashkent, Uzbekistan).



Intl Conference on Ibn Sina (16.8.2024), Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman invited at the Meeting of FFA

The Former Faculty Association (FFA) of JNMC held its general body meeting on August 4, 2024, in the Committee Room at the Faculty of Medicine. The meeting was chaired by Prof. L. M. Bariar, with Prof. M. Khalid A. Sherwani serving as Secretary General. Following the formal agenda discussions, the installation ceremony for the new office bearers took place. Dr. S. Mohsin Raza was appointed as Patron of the FFA, while Prof. C. V. Singh was elected as President, Prof. Haris Manzoor Khan as Vice President, Prof. Mobarak Hossein as Secretary General, and Prof. Arshad Hafeez Khan as Treasurer.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman delivered an invited lecture on "Unwanted and Unexpected Drug Reactions: From Minor to Life-Threatening." He discussed the terminology used in pharmacovigilance and outlined how both International and National Drug Monitoring Programs operate. He also presented some intriguing individual case safety reports from JNMC. Prof. Rahman highlighted that JNMC is the oldest institution in India to participate in national ADR reporting, celebrating 35 years of such reporting in 2024. He also discussed JNMC's pivotal role in banning the use of Nimesulide in paediatrics suspensions and drops from the market, as well as the inclusion of Fluconazole in the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) as a cause of hyperpigmentation.

The faculty members who attended the meeting include: Dr. Vijay Pal, Prof. M.

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Amanullah Khan, Prof. Shamim Jahan Rizvi, Prof. Rana Sherwani, Prof. Shamshad Hussain, Prof. Shahid Ali Siddiqui, Prof. Zubair A. Khan, Prof. M. U. Rabbani, Prof. Haroon Subhan Khan, Prof. Ali Amir, Prof. L. M. Bariar, Prof. M. Khalid A. Sherwani, Dr. S. Mohsin Raza, Prof. C. V. Singh, Prof. Haris Manzoor Khan, Prof. M. Mobarak Hossein, Prof. Arshad Hafeez Khan and Prof. Mohd Zahid.

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman invited as guest speaker in the National Seminar on Fostering Patient Safety: Role of Diagnostic Practices in Ayush

Dr. Rahman delivered an invited talk on "Safe Disposal of Byproducts of Ayush Medicines in the Pharma Sector" during the national seminar focused on fostering patient safety and the role of diagnostic practices in Ayush at India International Centre, on 18.9.2024. The seminar was organized by the Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI) in New Delhi, in collaboration with the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) and the National Pharmacovigilance Coordinating Centre (NPvCC), All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, to mark International Patient Safety Day.

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman invited as Chief Guest at the Workshop on Breast Cancer Awareness

A workshop on Breast Cancer Awareness for Indian women was held at the Begum Azizun Nisa Hall of Residence at AMU. Prof. Asiya Choudhary, the Provost of Azizun Nisa Hall, opened the session by introducing the speakers and presenting mementos to Dr. Mohsin Raza, Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, and Dr. Farzana Hadi.

Dr. Raza discussed the importance of raising awareness about breast cancer, the most common cancer among women. He emphasized that many women tend to conceal their illness until it reaches an advanced, untreatable stage, highlighting the need for early detection and treatment. Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman summarized key points and addressed the adverse effects of anticancer drugs.

The workshop included an interactive session focused exclusively on cervical cancer and the importance of self-breast examinations by Dr. Farzana Hadi, which should be conducted monthly by all women, regardless of marital status, starting at age 20.

High tea was generously provided by Provost Prof. Asiya Choudhary, and all wardens attended. The hospitality from the wardens, resident students, and staff was commendable. The Provost noted that the hall accommodates 1,600 girls from various disciplines who coexist harmoniously, which is both impressive and exemplary. The workshop was attended by over 200 participants, each receiving a certificate, and it was conducted by the Senior Hall team.

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman as guest speaker in the DIA India Annual Meeting 2024

Dr. Rahman recently participated as a guest speaker at the 11th DIA India Annual Meeting 2024, themed "Confluence of Care: Pharmacovigilance, Clinical Innovation, Regulatory Sciences, and Medical Devices Elevating Patient Safety," held during September 24-25, 2024.

With a growing global interest in Ayush systems such as Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy, the conference provided a timely platform to explore their safety profiles. In a special session focused on the pharmacovigilance of alternative medicine, Dr. Rahman, alongside Dr. Rajesh Kumawat, aimed to demystify misconceptions and highlight the pharmacovigilance industry's perspective on herbal products. The session was expertly moderated by Dr. Vijay Venkatraman Janarthanan, CEO of Oviya MedSafe.

The event featured notable figures like Dr. Stewart Geary (Japan), Dr. Seema Jaitly (UK), Aman Wason (UK), Dr. Amrit Gill (US), and Dr. Bhawana Awasthy (Syneos), Dr. Moin Don (Mumbai) as well as esteemed regulators including Dr. G. N. Singh, Mr. Sadhwani, and Mr. Gahane. This year's conference was particularly special as it marked the first attendance of Ania Mitran (SVP & MD – DIA

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Breaking from tradition, the Annual Conference adopted a multi-track format that included sessions on Risk Assessment, Clinical Research, and Medical Devices alongside Pharmacovigilance. With over 225 attendees, participants engaged in discussions on innovative topics such as nanoparticle toxicity, management of mergers and acquisitions, medicolegal issues, emerging regulations for medical devices, cosmetovigilance, and the role of AI/ML in healthcare.

The success of the event can be attributed to the dedicated efforts of the Program Committee headed by Dr. Moin Don, who worked tirelessly over the past four months to ensure its flawless execution. This conference underscored India's emergence as a key player in the global healthcare sector, establishing it as a prime destination for outsourcing, which bodes well for the growth of Indian professionals in this field.

Dr. Rahman's previous involvement with DIA India in May 2016 further highlights his ongoing commitment to advancing the conversation around healthcare and pharmacovigilance. DIA continues to serve as a global platform that brings together life science professionals to engage on critical issues and explore future possibilities in a collaborative environment.

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman as guest speaker at the CME cum Awareness programme on Pharmacovigilance of ASU&H Drugs

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman as a guest speaker was invited at the CME cum Awareness programme on Pharmacovigilance of ASU&H Drugs, at AKTC, AMU, Aligarh, on 29-8-2024. The programme was conducted by the Peripheral Pharmacovigilance Centre (PPvC) under the guidance of Prof. Tanzeel Ahmad, Coordinator, PPvC in collaboration with the National Pharmacovigilance Coordinating Centre (NPvCC), All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, to mark International Patient Safety Day.

CME on Infectious Disease and Breast Awareness Week by IAP Aligarh

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman as a special guest was invited to attend the CME on Infectious Disease Module of UP State and Breastfeeding Awareness Week program during 3.8.2024 and 5.8.2024, respectively, organized by IAP Aligarh Branch at Lemon Tree Hotel, Aligarh.

World Breastfeeding Week observed

The Department of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University organized a seminar under the aegis of ADR Monitoring Centre, PvPI, MoHFW, GoI, to mark the World Breastfeeding Week.

Welcoming the guests, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Department of Pharmacology highlighted the importance of the seminar in raising awareness about the significance of inclusive breastfeeding support and what medicines need to be avoided, especially in case of patients suffering from HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis.

In his keynote address, Dr Jameel Ahmed spoke on the theme, "Closing the Gap: Breastfeeding Support for All," highlighting the status of inclusive breastfeeding support in India. He briefed about the advantages of breast milk for an infant and highlighted its effectiveness in preventing certain diseases.

Dr Pragya H Subba, a resident in the Department of Pharmacology, presented a talk on "Unwanted Effects of Drugs on Breastfed Infants," and discussed various medicines excreted through milk and the drugs which are absolutely contraindicated in breastfed mothers.

In his presidential remarks, Dr Vikas Mehrotra, a distinguished paediatric endocrinologist and President, Indian Academy of Paediatrics, Aligarh Chapter, discussed three important pillars of breastfeeding: Early initiation of breastfeeding within one hour of birth, Exclusive breastfeeding for first six months and Introduction of nutritionally adequate and safe complementary food at 6 months with continued breastfeeding up to 2 years and beyond.

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The organizing secretary, Dr. Shiny conducted the programme while the convener, Dr. Shamema extended a vote of thanks.

Seminar held on "Voice of Medicine vs. Voice of Lifeworld Communication"

The Department of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, organised an interactive seminar on "Voice of Medicine vs. Voice of Lifeworld Communication: Communication and Patient Compliance Dilemma". The colloquium featured Dr. Shariq I. Sherwani, a senior faculty member at the Department of Communication, Utah Tech University, St. George, Utah, USA, as the keynote speaker.

Dr. Sherwani shared insights into the importance of effective communication between healthcare providers and patients, emphasizing the distinction between the "Voice of Medicine" and the "Voice of Lifeworld." He said that the Voice of Medicine prioritises evidence-based treatment. In contrast, the Voice of Lifeworld focuses on patients' emotions and paves the way for the prevention of injuries or diseases, instead of treating them in the case of Voice of Medicine. He illustrated his points with case studies, highlighting the critical role of empathy from doctors and cooperation from patients' relatives in maintaining patients' health. He also emphasized the point of digital prescription for the convenience of patients and also to avoid any casualty due to misunderstanding of the handwriting.

The seminar also featured a short video on empathy, titled "The Human Connection to Patient Care," which reinforced the importance of compassionate communication in medical practice.

Earlier, welcoming the guest speaker, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, introduced him to the audience and highlighted his achievements in clinical and pre-clinical research. He said Dr. Sherwani is a faculty chair for the Policy Steering Committee and a dedicated Public Policy Advocate and Community Educator for the Alzheimer's Association, Utah Chapter.

"With a diverse academic background, including a PhD and Master of Arts from Ohio University, an MBA and a Master of Applied Clinical and Preclinical Research from the Ohio State University, and a Master of Science in Agricultural Microbiology from AMU, Dr. Sherwani brought a unique blend of expertise to share his views at JNMC," added Prof. Rahman.

Prof. Khalid A. Sherwani, former Chairman, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, shared his thoughts on the art of writing prescriptions in good handwriting, stressing its benefits for both patients and healthcare professionals. Dr. Jameel Ahmad extended a vote of thanks while Dr. Riya Sharma, a junior resident, conducted the programme.

National Doctors' Day

The Department of Pharmacology celebrated National Doctors' Day alongside the department's residents. Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology at JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, commended the dedication and hard work of all the resident doctors who strive tirelessly to improve global health. He emphasized how they impact our lives with kindness and respect and expressed gratitude for their unwavering commitment to our well-being.

Teachers Day

September 5th is celebrated as National Teacher's Day! Post graduate scholars from the Department of Pharmacology expressed their appreciation for all teachers by presenting them with sweets. These PGs and few students from the MBBS and BDS programs visited the chamber of Dr. Rahman and extended their greetings to him. Unexpectedly, school students who had been involved with projects in the department also visited to present gifts in the form of pens—a symbol of respect for teachers. They even recited poems which they had written for Dr. Rahman for this special occasion!

Dr. Ajith Xavier resident doctor selected for ICMR-PG Thesis programme

Dr. Ajith Xavier, a second-year resident in the Department of Pharmacology at Jawaharlal

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Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, has been selected for the prestigious ICMR-PG Thesis Programme for the session 2023-2024. This financial support comes from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Government of India. Notably, Dr. Xavier is the only candidate ever to receive this recognition from the Department of Pharmacology, AMU.

Dr. Xavier's study, entitled "A Randomised Open-Label Pilot Study to Assess the Pharmacoeconomic and Therapeutic Outcome in Schizophrenia Patients with Aripiprazole Regimen Based on Genetic Polymorphism," aims at exploring the cost-effective and tailored treatment options for schizophrenia patients. The research will investigate how genetic variations affect the efficacy and cost of the medication aripiprazole, potentially leading to more personalised and affordable treatment plans. Dr. Xavier is working under the guidance of his supervisor, Dr. Syed Shariq Naim.

Prof. Rahman, Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, extended congratulations to Dr. Xavier for the achievement.

CME held on Adverse Events in Dentistry

The Department of Oral Medicine and Dental Radiology, Dr. Z.A. Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University, in collaboration with the Medical Device Adverse Event Monitoring Centre, J.N. Medical College, AMU, organised a National CME on "Adverse Events in Dentistry", with special focus on the theme, "Undertaking the Risks of Dental Devices and Strategies to Improve Monitoring", in collaboration with the Medical Device Adverse Event Monitoring Centre, J.N. Medical College, AMU.

The CME aimed at enhancing awareness among dental professionals about the critical importance of identifying, reporting, and managing adverse events related to dental materials and procedures.

Dr. Shatrúnajay Shukla from IPC, Ghaziabad, provided an overview of the MvPI and the methods available for reporting adverse events, including a toll-free reporting number.

IN his keynote address, Prof. Geeta Rajput, Department of Prosthodontics and Dental Materials, AMU, emphasised the importance of materiovigilance in dental practice, the role of dental professionals in patient safety, and the dual nature of dental devices.

Prof. Pravesh Mehra, Director, Department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals, New Delhi, discussed the challenges and opportunities in Materiovigilance, using real-life cases to illustrate the learned lessons and best practices.

The guest of honour, Dr. Vivekanandan Kalaiselvan, Senior Principal Scientific Officer and MvPI In charge, Ghaziabad discussed future steps to enhance Materiovigilance in dentistry and urged participants to contribute to the safety and efficacy of dental practices.

Prof. Veena Maheshwari, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Principal and CMS, JN Medical College, AMU appreciated the collaboration between Dr. Z.A. Dental College and the Materiovigilance Program of India, for the benefit of the patients.

Prof. Rajendra Kumar Tiwari, Principal, ZADC, emphasized the importance of data reporting and urged the doctors for their active participation in this effort.

Earlier, Prof. Pradhuman Verma, the Organizing Secretary and Chairman of the Department of Oral Medicine and Dental Radiology, welcomed the guest speakers while Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Department of Pharmacology and Coordinator, MDMC, MvPI, JNMC, then introduced the theme of the CME.

Pharmacovigilance Associate Gufran Ali said that about 130 dental professionals from various dental colleges and hospitals attended the event in the presence of representatives from the Society of Pharmacovigilance India and Materiovigilance Programme of India, including Prof. K. C. Singhal, Dr. Shatrúnajay Shukla, Mr. V. Naveen, Ms. Krishna, and Mr. Amol Raj.

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Dr. Sidra Aslam and Dr. Sehla Batool, Residents, Oral Medicine and Radiology, conducted the scientific session, while Dr. Pragya Roy conducted the inaugural ceremony. Prof. Anshul Agarwal extended a vote of thanks.

MDMC at JNMC recognized as RTC for Materiovigilance Activities

The Medical Device Adverse Event Monitoring Centre (MDMC) at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), has been officially recognized as a Regional Training Centre (RTC) for Materiovigilance activities, after the continuous effort by Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman. This recognition is a significant milestone under the Materiovigilance Programme of India (MvPI), an initiative by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

Since its inception in April 2021, the MDMC at JNMC-AMU has been actively participating in the MvPI, reporting hundreds of adverse events related to medical devices to the IPC, Ghaziabad. The recent upgrade to a Regional Training Centre, effective from August 8, 2024, will promote the centre's pivotal role in enhancing patient safety across Uttar Pradesh and neighbouring states.

Dr. Vivekanandan Kalaiselvan, Senior Principal Scientific Officer at IPC, announced the upgradation during the National CME on Adverse Events in Dentistry at Z. A. Dental College. He highlighted the increased responsibility of the RTC, which includes training healthcare professionals, disseminating educational resources, and supporting the expansion of materiovigilance activities.

Prof. Rahman, Program Coordinator, noted that this seventh RTC will actively support the National Coordinating Centre of MvPI in recognizing new MDMCs, providing targeted training, and collaborating with the National Oral Health Programme.

Prof. Veena Maheshwari, Dean and Principal of JNMC, appreciated the achievement and

urged healthcare professionals to engage in this critical national initiative. She emphasized the importance of reporting adverse events to the Pharmacovigilance Associate, Mr. Gufran Ali, at the Department of Pharmacology, JNMC. This recognition showcased JNMC's commitment to advancing healthcare safety and education in India.

4th National Pharmacovigilance Week under the aegis of ADR Monitoring Centre, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh

To commemorate the 4th National Pharmacovigilance Week (September 17-23, 2024), the ADR Monitoring Centre (AMC) at JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, hosted a series of programs to enhance awareness among healthcare professionals, consumers, and patients. The week culminated in a valedictory celebration on September 23, 2024, at the Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, in accordance with guidelines from the PvPI, IPC, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

Professor Syed Ziaur Rahman, Coordinator of AMC-PvPI and Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology, welcomed all attendees and provided an overview of the week's activities, themed "Building ADR Reporting Culture for Patient Safety." This initiative was carried out under the leadership of Prof. Veena Maheshwari, Principal/CMS of JNMC. He noted that the program commenced with an inauguration by Prof. Maheshwari and a Walkathon around the hospital grounds on the first day of September 17, 2024. Throughout the week: Day 2 featured a sensitization lecture by Deputy Coordinator Dr. Imrana Masood from the Department of TB, Chest, and Pulmonary Medicine. Day 3 included an awareness program at the OPD of JNMCH and the OPD Dental College, where patients received vital information about medication safety. Day 4 saw another awareness initiative at the OPD of AK Tibbiya College Hospital, led by Principal Prof. Badrudduja Khan and Coordinator of PPvC, ASU Drugs Prof. Tanzeel Ahmad, along with a quiz competition for postgraduate students in the Department of Pharmacology. Day 5 featured a guest lecture by the AMC Coordinator Prof. Syed Ziaur

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Rahman at the Paramedical College, chaired by the Principal Prof. Qazi Ehsan Ali, along with a poster-making competition for undergraduate students. Day 6 included a CME on pharmacovigilance at Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, in collaboration with Aligarh IMA, with presentations by Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman and Dr. Ruhi Khan from the Department of Medicine. The event was attended by IMA Aligarh members, including President Prof. Rajeev Kumar Varshney and Secretary Dr. Anurag Gupta, and presided over by esteemed pharmacovigilance expert Prof. K. C. Singhal and former IMA UP State President Dr. Vijay Pal.

The Chief Guest at the Valedictory Function was Prof. Asad Ullah Khan, Director of IQAC, AMU, who emphasized the need to encourage healthcare professionals to report Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) for a better understanding of medication risks and to safeguard public health.

Guests of Honour included Prof. R. K. Tewari, Principal of ZADC; Prof. Badrudduja Khan, Principal of AKTC; Prof. Qazi Ehsan Ali, Principal of Paramedical College; and Prof. Farah Azmi, Principal of the College of Nursing, AMU. During the function, Prof. Mohammad Shameem (Department of TBRD), Prof. Kamran Afzal (Department of Pediatrics) and Prof. Pradhuman Verma (Department of Oral Medicine and Dental Radiology) were acknowledged for their ongoing support of AMC. Additionally, Dr. Mohd. Yaman JR (Department of TBRD), Dr. Pratik Vijay, Junior Resident (Department of Pharmacology) and Dr. Sidra Aslam (Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology) received awards for reporting the highest number of ADRs. Winners of the quiz and poster-making competitions were also recognized.

Pharmacovigilance Associate Gufran Ali played a key role in organizing the week's events. The valedictory proceedings were led by Dr. Anju Joshua, with Dr. Swathi G delivering the vote of thanks.

Meeting with the State TB Officer

State TB Officer and Additional Director PHMS, Dr Shailendra Bhatnagar visited Department of TB & Chest Diseases, to establish 'Liquid Culture Lab' at Dept. of Microbiology for more accurate diagnosis of TB. This consultative meeting of the chairpersons of various departments, nodal officers T.B. and Dr. Shailendra Bhatnagar, and the team was held on 8 September 2024 under the supervision of Prof. Mohammad Shameem, chairperson, Department of TB and Respiratory Diseases.

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Dept. of Pharmacology also kept a proposal to work in association with National Tuberculosis Elimination Program – NTEP: Diagnostic Network (UP) under STO. He briefed that the Department of Pharmacology, could provide free estimation of serum Magnesium of those patients undergoing treatment for MDR/XDR with Bedaquiline.

The team consisted of Dr. Shailendra Bhatnagar, Additional Director/State TB Officer, State TB Cell, Medical and Health Directorate, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Hari Bhan Singh, In-charge, National Reference Laboratory and Head, Department of Epidemiology, JALMA, Agra, Dr. Praveen Kumar Pachouri, Microbiologist, NRL-JALMA, Agra, Dr. A. K. Awasthi, Microbiologist, IRL, Dr. Rahul Sharma, District Tuberculosis Officer, and Dr. Sultana Ansar, WHO Consultant, visited the Departments of Microbiology, and TB and respiratory diseases, JN Medical College and Hospital (JNMCH), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) recently.

The team praised the Tuberculosis Laboratory of the Department of Microbiology, for its smooth and competent functioning. Dr. Bhatnagar also commended the efforts of the Departments of Microbiology and TB and Respiratory Disease in providing efficient care, diagnosis, and treatment to TB patients in Aligarh and surrounding eight districts. The State TB Officer also appreciated that JNMCH is providing all the investigations free of charge to the MDR-TB patients.

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Meeting BOS, Dept. of Museology, AMU

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman attended the Meeting of the Board of Studies, Department of Museology, AMU, Aligarh, on 28.9.2024.

Forthcoming Conferences/Seminars

15th Maghrebi /1st Andalusian-Maghrebi Conference on the History of Arab Mathematics

The group of the research project ASARGA is hosting the 15th Maghrebi /1st Andalusian-Maghrebi Conference on the History of Arab Mathematics from 23rd to 25th April 2025 in Casa Árabe, Córdoba (Spain).

The Conference will be held for the first time in Spain and aims to cover topics related, closely or remotely, to Arab mathematics, namely, geometry, arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry, inheritances, astronomy, mathematical geography, mechanics, optics, mathematical astrology, as well as the written transmission of these disciplines, that is, manuscripts.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts, in English, Spanish, Arabic or French (max. 250 words), including the title of the paper, is 25th October 2024.

For further information, kindly visit the website: <https://revistes.ub.edu/index.php/suhal/comhisma>

22nd Annual Meeting of Society of Pharmacovigilance, India (SoPICON 2025)

Society of Pharmacovigilance, India (SoPI) is going to organize its International Conference on Safety of Medicine and 22nd Annual Meeting of SoPI (SoPICON 2025) from 5-7 February 2025 at AIIMS Bhopal. The scientific events would include two prestigious orations, guest lectures, free papers, poster presentations and quiz competition for medical students. The orations and guest lectures will be delivered by eminent invited speakers. For any queries, please contact, Prof. Ratinder Jhaj, Dept. of Pharmacology, AIIMS Bhopal; Email: adr@aiimsbhopal.edu.in; or call Ms. Deepa at +91-9827422094, or Mr. Sandeep at +91-9754117479.

DOCUMENTATION

The translation of famous Tūsī's al-Risāla al-Mu'iniyya and another famous work Ḥall-i Mushkilāt-i Mu'iniyya are now available online at the following link:

<https://ismi.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/page/muiniyya-edition-2020-vol2>

On that web page, one can also find a link to the critical editions of the Persian texts. The translation is the work of Prof. F. Jamil Ragep, Fateme Savadi, and Sajjad Nikfahm-Khubravan.

UZBEKISTAN SPECIAL

Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan

VIII International WOSCU Congress "The Great Heritage of Ancestors – The Foundation of the Third Renaissance"

To attend and participate at this important congress, the following invitation was received by Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman from Dr. Izzat Ibragimov, International Department of Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan.

"Allow me to welcome you on behalf of the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan! We are delighted to inform you that from August 23 to 27, the VIII International WOSCU Congress "The Great Heritage of Ancestors – The Foundation of the Third Renaissance" will be held in Tashkent and Samarkand. The congress will feature a rich scientific and cultural program, including plenary sessions, seminars, exhibitions, excursions, and participation in the international music festival "Sharq Taronalari"

Each WOSCU congress is unique and provides participants with the opportunity to feel among friends and like-minded individuals. This year, in addition to projects implemented by WOSCU, the key theme will be the discussion of the concept and activities of the Center for Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan. This Center, created at the initiative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, aims to preserve, study, and disseminate the rich scientific and cultural heritage left by the great

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scholars of the first and second Eastern Renaissance.

On August 23, 2024, a special visit to the Center for Islamic Civilization, currently under construction in Tashkent, is planned. You will be impressed by its scale. Participants will be welcomed by a grand opening ceremony and an intriguing exhibition of the Center's projects. You will be introduced to new ambitious plans and formats aimed at implementing large-scale projects in the fields of science and culture.

From August 24, the congress will continue in Samarkand, at the luxurious Congress Hall of the Silk Road Samarkand tourist complex.

As an expert, you will participate in one of the thirteen scientific directions, covering a wide range of topics and presentations of projects and album-books related to the cultural and scientific heritage of Uzbekistan. You will also have the opportunity to express your opinion on the content of the exhibitions of the Center for Islamic Civilization. This year, we are modernizing the format of the annual congress by not expecting scientific reports from you. Instead, we invite you to present new ideas and projects that can become the basis for our joint initiatives.

The directions of the Congress include: Science as the driving force of the First and Second Renaissance: We also plan to visit the Imam al-Bukhari Memorial Complex under construction. The concluding plenary session of the VIII International WOSCU Congress will take place on August 26 and will summarize the results of the sections' work, as well as adopt a special resolution and a roadmap for the discussed projects.

We are pleased to note that all Congress participants will be honorary guests at the grand opening of the traditional international festival "Sharq Taronalari" on August 26, which is annually greeted personally by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev. This festival will be a place of creative inspiration for the best performers and musicians from all over the world.

During your stay in Uzbekistan, you will also enjoy exquisite Uzbek national cuisine, a rich musical program, and a celebration of active WOSCU members for their contributions to the study and promotion of Uzbekistan's cultural heritage.

We are confident that the VIII WOSCU Congress will become an important milestone for the further development of humanitarian science, history, and culture in Uzbekistan. We strive to make each congress a memorable event, and the VIII Congress will be no exception.

Please let us know about your availability to participate in the Congress at your earliest convenience. We hope that the days you spend in Tashkent and Samarkand will be filled with exciting scientific discussions, meetings with friends and new acquaintances, and an introduction to the hospitable Uzbekistan. We also inform you that all expenses will be covered by the host party."

Scholars from around the world participated at VIII International WOSCU Congress

More than 300 participants from 35 countries participated in the congress. During the plenary sessions, participants approved the roadmap of joint projects of the Center of Islamic Civilization, which would serve as the foundation for the substantive part of the Center. These projects are related to the creation of facsimile copies of manuscripts, innovative developments in museology, new archaeological and ethnographic expeditions, and even the introduction of artificial intelligence in science.

Within the framework of the congress, more than 150 new projects were approved, which would be worked on by over 1,000 researchers from 30 countries of the world, united in the World Society for the Study, Preservation and Popularization of the Cultural Legacy of Uzbekistan (WOSCU). These projects are aimed at revealing the great contribution of Oriental scholars who have made a significant contribution to world civilization. The results of these projects would become an important content of the expositions not only of the

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Center of Islamic Civilization in Tashkent, but would also bring many important discoveries, which will be a significant contribution to the development of international science and cultural space.

During the Congress, more than 300 reports, proposals, interviews, statements and presentations were presented, aimed at developing joint projects to fill the Center of Islamic Civilization with high-quality content. Among the many national and international organisations, who signed for the new projects, Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences, also got a chance to sign a trilateral Memorandum of Cooperation between the Centre for Islamic Civilization of Uzbekistan (Headed by Dr. Firdavs Abdukhalikov), Ibn Sina Academy (Headed by Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman) and the Ibn Sino Community Foundation (Headed by Dr. Nozimkhon Makhmudov) on 25.08.2024. It was a proud moment for the members and well-wishers of the Ibn Sina Academy, when this treaty was signed on the platform of the VIII International Congress in Samarkand. The signed document provides for the development of Uzbek-Indian scientific and cultural cooperation, the organization of joint scientific research activities and scientific expeditions to explore the legacy of Abu Ali ibn Sina.



As a part of an agreement undertaken in trilateral Memorandum of Cooperation, it is expected, a team of the Centre for Islamic Civilization and Ibn Sino Community Foundation of Uzbekistan, would made the first scientific expedition to India to study and translate manuscripts and copies devoted to the personality and legacy of Abu Ali ibn Sino; and then organizing the joint scientific and research activities, manuscript translations and

international scientific conferences in Uzbekistan and India. These organisations also exchanged publications. Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman presented books and souvenirs of Ibn Sina Academy to the Director, CIC Uzbekistan Prof. Abdukhalikova Firdavs in presence of Dr Nozimkhon Makhmudov, Director, Ibn Sino Foundation of Tashkent.



During the congress, both Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman and Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman (India) met large number of scholars and scientists including Prof. Mustafa Demirci (Turkey), Dr. Makhmudov Nozimkhon (Uzbekistan) Professor Abbas Panakkal (School of History, University of St Andrews, UK), Prof. Chandrshekhar (India), Dr. S. N. Abbas Kaify (India), Dr. Nasr Muhammad Arif (Pakistan), Dr. Otabek Muhammadiyev (Uzbekistan), Dr. Gholamreza Amirkhani (Iran), Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ivgin (Turkey), Mr. Imran Ahmad (UK), Dr. Abdul Azeem (India) and Dr. Ismailova Jannat Khamidovna (Uzbekistan).



At the final session of the congress, the WOSCU International Golden Book Award was presented, which this year went to 10 orientalists from Saudi Arabia, Kazakhstan, Turkiye, Great Britain and other countries. The closing ceremony was held in the Samarkand Congress Center.

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Journalists from 20 foreign media outlets, including CNN, Euronews, Russia-Culture, Mir, and TV channels of Central Asian countries have also been invited.

The Samarkand Declaration

The cultural legacy of Uzbekistan: The legacy of all humanity adopted the Samarkand Declaration and was addressed to the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev

We, the participants of the 8th International Congress organized by the World Society for the Study, Preservation and Popularization of the Cultural Legacy of Uzbekistan (WOSCU) and the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan, with the support of 10 major international organizations such as IRCICA, TURKSOY, the World Islamic League, the Al-Furqan Foundation, the International Turkic Academy, the Institute of the Arab World and others, united in ancient Samarkand, realize that spirituality and education are priority tasks facing the international scientific community.

On behalf of more than 300 participants from 35 countries, including 15 academicians, 40 professors, 103 doctors of science, 54 directors of museums and libraries and others, we are firmly convinced that the work on studying and preserving cultural legacy is of paramount importance for the sustainable development and prosperity of not only Uzbekistan, but also the entire world community. We recognize the importance of the initiatives of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev to establish the Center of Islamic Civilization. This cultural and humanistic mega-project will give a powerful impetus to fundamental research dedicated to the worthy contribution of great scholars and thinkers of the East to the development of world science and civilization, including Islamic. We are concerned about the situation in the world and believe that the ideas of the President of Uzbekistan on the truly humanistic and educational essence of the religion of Islam, voiced from the high rostrum of the UN, are worthy of the closest attention. The implementation of these ideas under the motto "Enlightenment against Ignorance" will serve

to strengthen peace and cooperation. We call on all scholars and researchers, representatives of culture and the public to unite around this large-scale project, which will undoubtedly open up new opportunities and prospects for international cooperation.

The Samarkand Declaration: Reactions and Feedback

Samarkand Declaration, which was adopted during the 8th International Congress "The Legacy of the Great Ancestors - the Foundation of the Third Renaissance" on August 24, 2024, was a traditional address to the President of Uzbekistan.

The researchers thanked the President Shavkat Mirziyoyev for his address to the participants of the 8th International Congress "The Legacy of the Great Ancestors - the Foundation of the Third Renaissance" on August 24, 2024. The participants noted the warm attitude of the President of Uzbekistan that inspires them to new discoveries and achievements.

"We, as your like-minded people, fully support the large-scale reforms carried out in New Uzbekistan in all spheres, including education, science, culture and enlightenment, called the Third Renaissance. New Uzbekistan is increasingly gaining international authority as one of the centers of science and enlightenment. We fully share your conviction that high spirituality, enlightenment, as well as the study and preservation of the country's cultural heritage are the key to the sustainable development of the state and the creation of a prosperous future."

The experts noted the broad support for the idea of a humane Islam expressed by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev from the high tribune of the UN and emphasized the importance of spiritual enrichment. "We fully support your initiatives and are ready to become the most active participants in large-scale projects to preserve the cultural legacy of Uzbekistan for world civilization," the scholars said.

The scholars also praised the unique step related to the mega-project of the head of Uzbekistan - the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan. The participants visited cultural

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sites and got acquainted with the majestic buildings of the Center of Islamic Civilization and the Imam al-Bukhari Spiritual Center.

"We consider it our most important task not only to join the activities of the Center of Islamic Civilization, but also to create a powerful and rapidly developing scientific and cultural platform that will become a bright beacon of enlightenment and knowledge in the East," the scholars concluded.

The adopted Samarkand Declaration finalized the four-day work of the Congress and confirmed the commitment of the Congress participants to the ideas of progress and enlightenment. On behalf of more than 300 participants from 35 countries, including the heads of 10 major international organizations such as IRCICA, TURKSOY, the Al Furqan Foundation, the Institute of the Arab World, the International Turkic Academy, the League of Arab States and other international organizations, 15 academicians, 40 professors, directors of 5 publishing houses, 103 doctors of science, 54 directors of museums and libraries and others, it was read by the director of the Al-Furqan Foundation Sali Shakhshivari.

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cooperation. We confirm our commitment to the ideas of peace, progress and enlightenment!

Letter of Dr. Firdavs Abdukhalikov, Director of the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan & Chairman of the Board of WOSCU, written to the Director of the Ibn Sina Academy in India

"Dear Dr. Syed Zillur Rehman, On behalf of the World Society for the Study, Preservation, and Popularization of Cultural Legacy of Uzbekistan the Center of Islamic Civilization, and personally, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your participation in the 8th International Congress of the World Society for the Study, Preservation, and Popularization of Cultural Legacy of Uzbekistan, "The Heritage of Great Ancestors-the Foundation of the Third Renaissance."

Your contribution to the event was invaluable. We are pleased that we were able to discuss joint projects and initiatives with you, which will undoubtedly make a significant contribution to enriching the content of the Center of Islamic Civilization of Uzbekistan, which is a unique cultural and humanitarian megaproject initiated by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev!

We appreciate your reading of the Samarkand Declaration from the Congress podium. This important and responsible participation made an immeasurable contribution to the success of our event.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to sign a memorandum between the Center for Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan and Arab World Institute in France, which will undoubtedly contribute to the prompt implementation of our joint projects. We are pleased to inform you that attached to this letter are your memorable photographs from the event, as well as the final release and the Samarkand Declaration. We would be grateful if you could post this information on the official website of your organization at www.ibnsinaacademy.org/, allowing even more people to become familiar with the results of our fruitful cooperation!

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Additionally, we kindly ask you to leave a brief review of your participation in the Congress on your personal social media pages on Facebook and Instagram, which will be included in the Congress report journal and published on the WOSCU website.

Once again, thank you for your participation, and we look forward to continuing our fruitful cooperation!

For additional information about the results of the Congress, as well as the activities of WOSCU, please visit the website www.woscu.org, <https://cisc.uz/>

With best regards, Firdavs Abdukhalikov

Reply to the Director of the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan, Chairman of the Board of WOSCU, from Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy, Ibn Sina Street, Aligarh, India

“Dear Dr. Firdavs Abdukhalikov, thank you very much for your email and for sharing the report on the VIII International WOSCU Congress, “The Great Heritage of Ancestors – The Foundation of the Third Renaissance,” held in Tashkent and Samarkand from August 23 to 27. It was truly an exceptional and successful event; unlike anything I have ever experienced. I am confident that your vision

for the Third Renaissance will soon come to fruition. The publications from the Centre for Islamic Civilization and WOSCU are remarkable and serve as valuable documentation of the great ancestors of Uzbekistan. These works are enlightening for the global audience beyond Māwarā’an-Nahr.

I also appreciate your willingness to collaborate with the Ibn Sina Academy (Aligarh, India) and the Ibn Sino Foundation (Tashkent, Uzbekistan) through a trilateral MoU. As you mentioned, we plan to highlight the key aspects of the VIII International WOSCU Congress in the upcoming issue of the Ibn Sina Academy Newsletter (NISA), which will be released in the first week of October. Additionally, we have shared information about the event on our Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn pages. Here are the links to our social media:

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<https://x.com/IbnSinaAcademy>

<https://www.facebook.com/rahmansz>

<https://www.youtube.com/@IbnSinaAcademyAligarh>

Wish you more success, With warm regards,
Syed Zillur Rahman, Aligarh, India





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- Clinical Research
- Drug Standardization
- Literary Research
- Survey and Cultivation of Medicinal Plants

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- Developed 27 Unani drugs, which are purely natural, standardized and without any side-effects, for successful treatment of vitiligo, sinusitis, infective hepatitis, eczema, filariasis, malaria, rheumatoid arthritis, bronchial asthma and some other common ailments.
- Obtained 15 patents on for developing certain novel therapeutic compositions and SCAR primers.

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- Developed pharmacopoeial standards for 298 single and 150 compound drugs. Besides, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for manufacture of 50 compound drugs have also been finalized.
- Published six volumes of *National Formulary of Unani Medicine*, six volumes of *Unani Pharmacopoeia of India* (UPI), Part 1 (on single drugs), and three volumes of the UPI, Part 2 (on compound drugs).

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- Compiled Standard Unani Medical Terminology for 4,028 terms of Unani Medicine.
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- Produced over 2,000 research papers and brought out about 400 publications, besides regular publication of a quarterly bulletin *CCRUM Newsletter*, quarterly Urdu Journal *Jahan-e-Tib* and quarterly English Journal *Hippocratic Journal of Unani Medicine*.

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