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Vice Chancellor's Message

By the time this issue of *Spreadsheet* reaches our readers, the visit of the peer team constituted by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) for accreditation of Jamia Hamdard would be over. Ours is the first University in Delhi to go through the process of self-assessment, which is an essential feature of the accreditation process. The entire University community has been preparing itself for the accreditation process so that the excellent work done by the teaching and non-teaching staff of the University in the last few years can reach its logical conclusion.

In the last 6 months we received a number of eminent scholars, academicians, activists and foreign delegates. Our students have been immensely benefited by participating in the lectures organized by the Department of Islamic Studies under 'Value Education Series'. We are constantly upgrading our infrastructure and we can now feel confident that the teaching staff in most departments have independent labs for research work.

We welcome any suggestions from our readers to further improve the academic activities in the University.

Siraj Hussain



Editor's Corner

Dear Friends,

The festivity was in air with "Rendezvous 2003" started for the foreign students in our University.

With enthusiastic response from the students as well, probably the Spreadsheet has to spread in size to accommodate all. I hope students also respond with the same zest in future to the lectures delivered by the illustrious dignitaries visiting our University.

Omissions, if any, are deeply regretted.

We welcome your suggestions and comments at: inquiry@jamiahamdard.edu

Happy reading!

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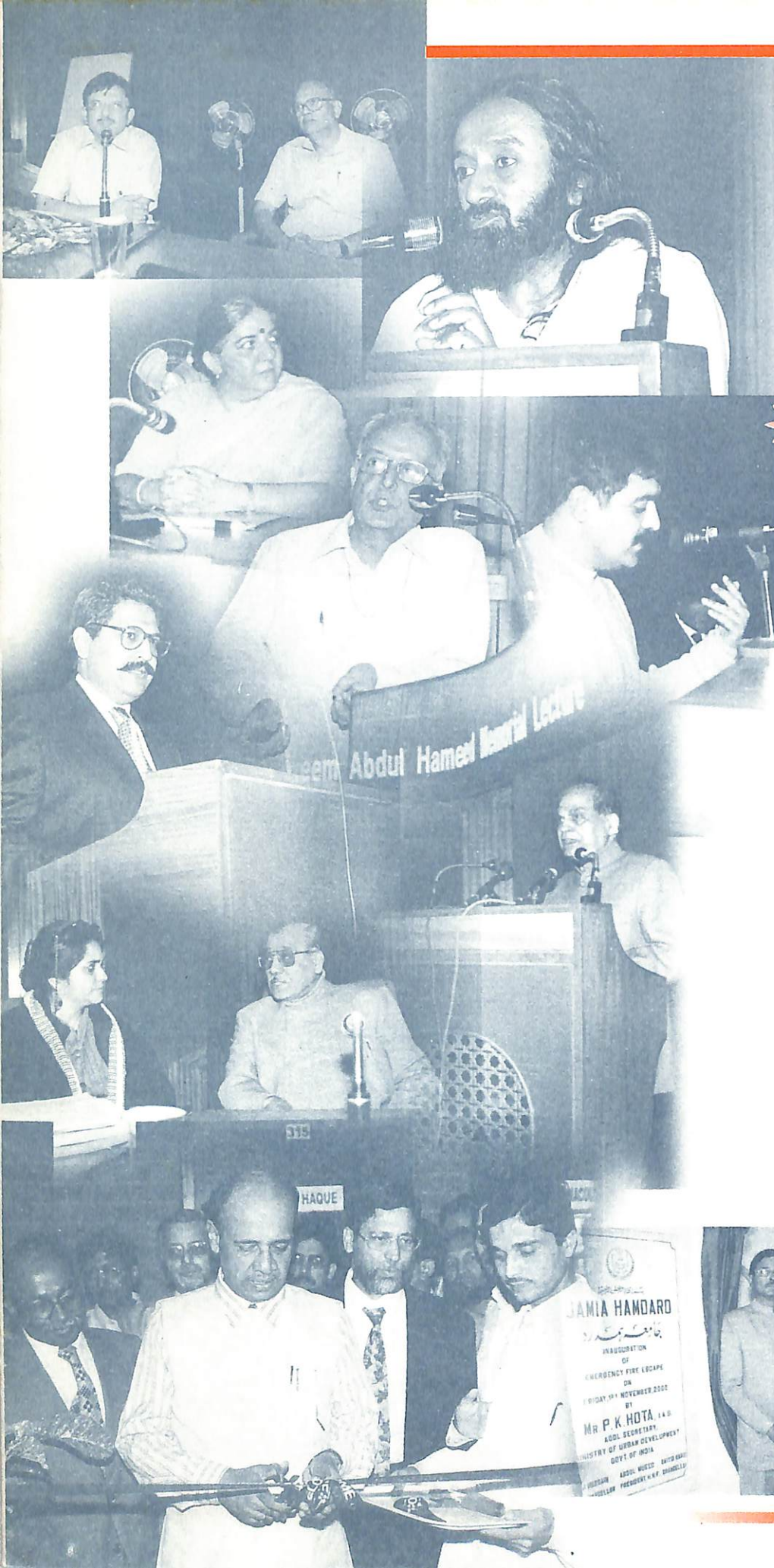
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FLASHBACK

- Founder's Day was celebrated with the Third Hakeem Abdul Hameed Memorial Lecture on "Whither Indian Muslims" by Dr. Rafiq Zakaria and interfaculty debate competitions in Urdu, Hindi and English. Prof. Akhtarul Wasey, Head, Department of Islamic Studies, Jamia Millia University, New Delhi was the chief guest (Sept. '02).
- An interactive session with His Holiness, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, founder, Art of Living Foundation. Dr. Vinod Kuccipillai, Head, Department of Oncology, AIIMS, New Delhi delivered a lecture on the occasion (Sept. '02).
- Inauguration of the Central Instrumentation Facility, Faculty of Pharmacy by Dr. Arun Nigavekar, Chairman, UGC (Nov. '02).
- Inauguration of the Emergency Fire Escape, Central Library Building by Shri. P. K. Hota, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Govt. of India (Nov. '02).
- UGC Committee headed by Prof. R.P. Bambah visited the University to review the X Plan (Nov. '02).
- "Maulana Azad" a solo play performed by Mr. Tom Alter on 13 Dec. '02.
- Qirat-e-Qur'an by the international qaries from Bahrain, Iran, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh and Indonesia, etc. (Dec. '02).
- Blood Donation Camp organized by the NSS Unit of Jamia Hamdard. Mrs. Nafeesa Ali, social activist inaugurated the camp. The blood was donated Rotary Blood Bank, New Delhi (Jan. '03).
- The Fifth Convocation held on 25 Jan. '03. Dr. Manmohan Singh, former Finance Minister of India delivered the convocation address. ●

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LECTURES

Many lectures and seminars were held in social and medical sciences. In addition, several faculty members of the University presented papers in a large number of National and International seminars.

- "Biodiversity in the Emerging Post CBD and WTO Scenario" by Dr. P. Pushpangadan, Director, National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow (Aug.'02).
- "Artemisinin, a Novel Antimalarial Drug: in vivo and in vitro Approaches for Enhanced Production" by Dr. M.Z. Abidin, Jamia Hamdard at the National seminar on "Recent Research Trends in Life Sciences", organized by Centre for Research for Development, University of Kashmir (Aug.'02).
- "Application of Nucleic Acid Probes" by Prof. S.K. Jain, Jamia Hamdard at the National Training Programme on "Genome Analysis Using Molecular Markers in Farm Animals" at the Centre for Advanced Studies on Animal Genetics and Breeding, NDRI, Karnal (Aug.'02).
- "Earth Democracy" by Prof. Vandana Shiva, environment activist (Sept.'02).
- "From Content-based Connectivity to Connectivity Based Web Searching" by Mr. M.M. Sufiyan Beg (Sept.'02).
- "Bewildered India at the Crossroads" - Prof. Rasheeduddin Khan Memorial Lecture by Dr. Abid Hussain (Sept.'02).
- "PCR and Related Techniques" by Prof. S.K. Jain, Jamia Hamdard at the "National Training Programme on Research Techniques in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology", IVRI, Izatnagar (Sept.'02).
- Seminar on "Building Strong Brands - Strategies for Select Industries" by the Department of Management Studies (Sept.'02).
- "Healthy Living and Science of Breathing" by Mr. Naushad, Healthy Living Foundation (Oct.'02).
- "Principles of Communication and Computers I" by Dr. P. Sailaja, Reader, Department of English, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad (Oct.'02).
- "Principles of Communication and Computers II" by Dr. Afefa Bano, Reader, Department of English, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad (Oct.'02).
- "The Prevention and Rehabilitation of the Common Problems of Health" by Prof. P. P. Kotwal, Head, Hand Surgery Unit, AIIMS (Oct.'02).
- "Prevention and Rehabilitation of the Problem of Back Ache" by Dr. P.K. Dave, Director, AIIMS (Oct.'02).
- Symposium on "Kashmir After the Elections" by Prof. C.P. Bhambri, JNU, Dr. George Mathew, Director, Institute of Social Sciences and Dr. Reyaz Punjabi, Director, Centre of Peace Studies (Oct.'02).
- "Cambial Performance in Woody Plants of India" by Prof. M. Iqbal, Jamia Hamdard at Rohilkhand University (Oct.'02).
- "From Non-functional to Functional Storeyed Arrangement in the Cambium: Models of Storeyed Arrangement" by Dr. Powel Kojs, Centre of Biological Diversity Conservation, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland (Nov.'02).
- "Improved Nutrient Management Technologies for the Production of Oilseeds and Pulses" by Dr. M.Z. Abidin, Jamia Hamdard at the National workshop on "New Technologies for Oilseeds, Pulses and Maize" organized by Research Planning and Business Development Division, CSIR (Nov.'02).
- "Molecular Mechanism of Pathogenesis of Salmonellosis" by Prof. S. K. Jain, Jamia Hamdard at the "Society of Biological Chemist Meeting", PAU, Ludhiana (Nov.'02).
- "Infectious Diseases and Herbal Drugs" by Prof. S. K. Jain, Jamia Hamdard at the "World Ayurveda Congress", Cochin (Nov.'02).
- "Toxicogenomics" by Prof. S.K. Jain, Jamia Hamdard at the "Society of Toxicology Meeting", Kolkata (Nov.'02).

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- "Use of Puppets in Health Education" paper presented by Mrs. Grace Paul, Jamia Hamdard at the International conference of "Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing, Wisconsin Eta Pi Chapter", Chennai (Nov.'02).
- "Sterilization of Operation Theatre and Good OT Practices" by Ms. Annesamma, sister in-charge, Ortho OT, AIIMS (Nov.'02).
- "Immuno - Modulatory effect of a Unani Formulation, Khamira Marwareed in the Treatment of Enteric Fever" paper presented by Hkm. Shakir Jamil, Jamia Hamdard at the "International World Ayurveda Congress 2002", Kochi, Kerala (Nov.'02). He also delivered TV Talks on 'Arthritis in Unani Medicine' and 'Management of Cerebral Palsy' (Jan.'03).
- "Effect of Balanced Fertilization on Yield and Quality Attributes of Rapeseed-mustard Genotypes" by Dr. M.Z. Abidin, Jamia Hamdard at the "OTAI-JOCS, Asian Conference 2002" organized by Oil Technologists Association of India and Japan Oil Chemists Society, Japan (Dec.'02).
- "Islam and the West Today" by Monsieur Come Carpentier, French scholar (Dec.'02).
- "The Doctrine of Monism in Indian Philosophy" paper presented by Dr. Rita Bagchi, Jamia Hamdard at the National seminar on "Various Dimensions of Mulla Sadra's Thought and Personality", Iran Culture House, New Delhi (Dec.'02).
- "Expectations of Academia from Industry" paper presented by Dr. Javed Ali, Jamia Hamdard at the 54th IPC, Pune (Dec.'02).
- "Formulation of Low Dose Targeted Retentive Drug Delivery System for Treatment of Periodontal Infections" paper presented by Dr. Alka Ahuja, Jamia Hamdard at the 54th IPC, Pune (Dec.'02).
- "Tablighi Jamaat - An Appraisal" by Mr. Yogendra Sikand, an eminent historian (Dec.'02).
- "Gujarat: Implications for Indian State and Polity" by Mr. S. Varadarajan (Dec.'02).
- "Pleuronic Micro Emulsion as Soft Nano Particles for Detoxification of Drug Overdoses" by Dr. Manoj Varshney, Jamia Hamdard (Dec.'02).
- "Take Care of Your Heart" by Dr. Rajiv Bajaj (Jan.'03).
- "Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Where Do We Go from Here" by Prof. Hamid Ansari former Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University (Jan.'03).
- "Lessons from Gujarat : Poll Discourse and Politics Without Principle" by Ms. Teesta Setalvad, Director, Sabrang Communications and Editor, Communalism Combat (Jan.'03).
- "Effect of Water Stress on Photosynthesis Stomatal Versus Metabolic Regulation" by Prof. David W. Lawlor, Rothamsted Agricultural Experimental Station, Harpenden, UK (Jan.'03).
- "Physiology of Tolerance to Salinity and Flash Flooding in Rice" by Dr. A. M. Ismail, International Rice Research Institute, Manila, Philippines (Jan.'03).
- "Humanities and Health Education" and "Dealing with Depression" by Dr. Mark Marnocha, University of Wisconsin, USA (Jan.'03).
- "New Drug Development of Proteins and Peptides by Pegylation" by Dr. Pascal Bailon, Research Director, Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., Nutley, N. J., USA (Jan.'03).
- "Interactive Effect of Nitrogen and Sulphur on Photosynthetic Efficiency of Rapeseed-mustard Genotypes (*Brassica juncea* L. Czern and Coiss and *Brassica campestris* L.)" by Dr. M.Z. Abidin, Jamia Hamdard at the "2nd International Congress of Plant Physiology", IARI, New Delhi (Jan.'03).
- "The Concept of Man in Hinduism" by Dr. Rita Bagchi, Jamia Hamdard at the Department of Islamic Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia (Jan.'03).
- "Religion, Modernity and Hindutva" by Prof. Bhanu Pratap Mehta, eminent scholar, philosopher and writer (Feb.'03).

HONORS, AWARDS & INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Faculty of Islamic Studies and Social Sciences

Dr. Reeta Bagchi has been nominated as a member of the Advisory Board Committee, Centre for Advanced Studies in Teacher's Education on UNESCO Teacher's Guide for Peace, Jamia Millia Islamia.

Prof. Altaf Ahmad Azmi has been appointed as the Vice Chairman, Urdu Academy, Delhi.

Prof. Akhtar Majeed has been nominated by the Forum of Federations, Canada, the coordinator of a global project of ten countries on Distribution of Responsibilities.

Faculty of Management Studies and Information Technology

Prof. A.Q. Ansari has been nominated as a member of screening committee for accreditation for the DOEACC Society, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Govt. of India. He was nominated member of the UGC Team for X Plan, University of Kashmir and Nagaland. He has also been elected member of the National Executive Council of ISTE for 2003-04.

Mr. M. Fahim has been inducted into the M S (Research) in Computer Science and Engineering, (part-time) IIT, Delhi.

Mrs. Tamanna Siddiqui has been appointed as the Course writer for the MCA programme of IGNOU, New Delhi.

Faculty of Medicine

Hkm. Asim Ali Khan has been honored for promotion of Unani Medicine by Hkm. Ajmal Khan Memorial Society, New Delhi.

Faculty of Nursing

Mrs. Bandana Bhattacharya has been elected as the President, Society of Midwives (India) and member of the Delhi Nursing Council for a period of 5 years.

Mrs. Pronati Barua has been granted leave for 2 years for taking up an assignment at the Ibra Nursing Institute, Ibra, Sultanate of Oman.

Faculty of Pharmacy

Dr. Alka Ahuja has received the best paper award in Oral Pharmaceutical Technology session at the 54th Indian Pharmaceutical Congress, Pune (Dec.'02). She was also enrolled member of the American-India Peer Group (Jan.'03).

Dr. Javed Ali has been awarded the 'SERC - Fast Track Proposal for Young Scientist 2002-2003' by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India. He was also awarded the 'Young Muslim Award 2001' by the Muslim Association for Advancement of Science, India.

Prof. R. Zafar has been nominated as subject expert for the selection of Prof. of Pharmacy, Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Punjab University, Chandigarh.

Prof. R.K. Khar has been awarded the 'Best Pharmacy Teacher of the Year 2002' by the

Association of Pharmacy Teachers of India.

Dr. S. H. Ansari has received the 'Murgeppa Sirse Memorial Award' for the best poster presentation at the 7th APTI Annual National Convention, Goa (Sept.'02). He has been nominated as an expert nominee of AICTE for selection of faculty in Kurukshetra University, Haryana.

Prof. S.P. Aggarwal has been conferred 'Emeritus Professor', AICTE.

Faculty of Science

Dr. Altaf Ahmad, Post-Doctoral Fellow, DST has been honored by the President of India with the "Academy for The Advancement of Agricultural Sciences Award (Junior) 2002".

Prof. M.A. Baig chaired a scientific session at the 9th Asia Pacific Congress on Clinical Biochemistry New Delhi.

Prof. M. Iqbal has been honored with the "Professor V. Puri Gold Medal (2002)" of the Indian Botanical Society. He has been re-elected on the editorial board of the Journal of Environmental Biology. He was member of the National Scientific Committee for the 2nd International Congress of Plant Physiology, IARI, New Delhi (Jan.'03).

Dr. Shakir Ali has been awarded the "Common Wealth Fellowship 2002" to conduct research in the field of Molecular Biology in the University of Southampton, U.K.

Prof. S.K. Jain was appointed as a member of the NAAC team for accreditation of Banasthali Vidyapith and Barkatulla Universtiy, Bhopal. He has also received the best paper award for his research paper published in Indian Journal of Dairy Science.

Dr. S. Raisuddin is on the editorial board of the International Journal of Oriental Pharmacy and Experimental Medicine published from South Korea. ●

VISITS ABROAD

Prof. Akhtar Majeed and **Dr. Arshi Khan** (Centre for Federal Studies) participated in the International Conference of Federalism at St. Galen, Switzerland (Aug.'02).

Prof. Jamil Ahmad (Faculty of Medicine) visited South Africa. He participated in the deliberations on the review of course module on Diploma in Unani (Tibb.) to be started at Ibn-e Sina Institute of Tibb., Johannesburg. He also visited the Nelson Mandela University and the University of Western Capetown (Dec.'02). ●

FIFTH CONVOCATION

Dr. Manmohan Singh, former Finance Minister, a world famous economist and academician delivered the convocation address. Hon'ble Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard, Mr. Saiyid

and many received gold medals. On this occasion **Prof. Obaid Siddiqi**, a renowned geneticist, and **Dr. Simon Everard Digby**, an authority on medieval history of India were conferred the degree of PhD (Honoris causa). **Dr. Manmohan Singh** reiterated that **Hakeem Saheb** was a saint and a successful corporate of the developing India. He established Hamdard to generate finances and transformed it into a trust, mobilizing all its assets towards enhancing the professionalism in education and science, a crucial herculean task of the 21st century. Further he stated that even though the University is quite young, it is reputed in educational sectors for its high-class



Hamid; President, Hamdard National Foundation, **Mr. Abdul Mueed**, former Chief Justice of India, **Justice Ahmed**; noted theologian, **Maulana Wahiduddin Khan**, former Ambassador to USA, **Mr. Abid Ali**; Members of the Executive

Council and Academic Council were the distinguished dignitaries present on the occasion. Several students, mostly of higher levels of study like PhD, M Sc, M Pharm., MD were awarded degrees

infrastructure, work-culture and professional approach towards education. **Mr. Siraj Hussain**, Vice Chancellor gave a detailed account of the spectacular achievements of Jamia Hamdard. ●



PROJECTS

Faculty of Medicine

Hkkm. Ashhar Qadeer, Department of Kulliyat has received a research grant of Rs. 14 lakh by the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine for a project entitled "Evaluation of Fasd (Venesection)-a recommended mode of treatment in Unani System of Medicine."

Hkkm. Shakir Jamil, Department of Moalijat has received a research grant of Rs. 22 lakh from the Department of ISM & H, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India for a project entitled "Evaluation of Role of Unani Formulation for Improving Cognitive Functions in the Management of Neuro Developmental Disabilities". He has also received a grant of Rs. 2 lakh from Panacea Biotech Ltd., for a project entitled "A Study of Herbal Product '0394' as an Adjuvant Drug in the Control of Tuberculosis". ●

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

Faculty of Islamic Studies and Social Sciences

Prof. Akhtar Majeed has been reappointed as Head, Centre for Federal Studies.

Faculty of Management Studies and Information Technology

Prof. A.Q. Ansari took over as Dean of the faculty. Mr. Qamar Alam, Ms. Suriya Jabin and Ms. Farheen Siddiqui joined as Lecturers in the Department of Computer Science. Ms. Parul Agrawal has joined as Teaching Assistant in the same department. Mr. M. Shahnawaz Abidin and Mrs. Soofia Rahman Shariq have joined as Lecturers in Department of Management Studies.

Faculty of Medicine

Prof. Jamil Ahmad, Hakeem Abdul Jabbar and Hakeem Mashkooor Ahmad have been reappointed as Heads, Departments of Moalijat, Kuliyat and Hifzan-e-Sehat, respectively. Hkm. Abdus Samad Khan was promoted as Reader in Department of Ilmul Advia. Hkm. S.M. Aqil Rizvi was promoted as Lecturer (Selection Grade) in the Department of Tashreeh-wa-Munaful Aza. Tabiba Hamida Aqil and Tabiba Suhail Fatima were promoted as Lecturers (Sr. Scale) in the Department of Amraz-e-Niswan-wa-Atfal.

Faculty of Nursing

Mrs. Bandana Bhattacharya has joined the faculty as Principal and Working Dean. Mrs. Manju Chhugani and Ms. Veena Sharma have been appointed as Lecturers, Ms. Rizwana has joined as Clinical Instructor, Mrs. Madhavi Verma and Mrs. Rani Mohan Francis were appointed as Tutors (all against leave vacancy).

Faculty of Pharmacy

Prof. M. Ali took over as Head, Department of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry, Dr. Shahid Karim has joined as Lecturer in Pharmacy Practice, Department of Pharmacology. Dr. Nayyar Pervez has joined as Lecturer in Quality Assurance, Department of Pharmaceutics.

Faculty of Science

Prof. M.A. Baig took over as Dean of the faculty. Prof. M. Iqbal has been reappointed as Head, Department of Botany; Dr. Y.P. Abrol, INSA Honorary Fellow has been appointed as INSA Senior Scientist in the same department.

Dr. S. B. Vohora has been promoted as Professor in the Department of Medical Elementology and Toxicology.

Majeedia Hospital

Hkm. Shakeel Ahamad Tamanna was promoted as Specialist Grade II (Selection Grade).

Several Honorary Consultants have joined the Hospital as follows:

Dr. L.K. Tripathi (Nephrology), Dr. Manoj Kumar Goyal (Pulmonologist, Bronchoscopist and Intensivist), Dr. Shobha Nand Jha (Medicine), Dr. Nikita Vasishtha (Dental), Dr. Sanjay Gupta (Vascular Surgery), Dr. Shoma Lahiri and Madhusmita Som Ray (Paediatrics), Dr. Suresh Chandra (Nephrology), Dr. Anjani Kumar Agrawal (Urology) and Dr. Pankaj Kumar (Neuro-Surgery).

Miscellaneous

Mr. Rihan Khan Suri has been appointed as Training and Placement Officer. Mr. M. Mujeeb has been appointed as Warden of P.G. Boys Hostel and as General Warden. Hkm. Minhaj Ahmad as Warden Foreign Student (Hostellers) and Mr. Javed Inam Siddiqui as Honorary Warden of U.G. Boys Hostel. ●



P.H.Ds AWARDED

Faculty of Islamic Studies and Social Sciences

- Mr. Sunil Kumar, Department of Federal Studies (Supervisor - Dr. Arshi Khan).

Faculty of Pharmacy

- Mr. Hardarshan Singh Lamba, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry (Supervisor-Dr. Suroor Ahmad Khan).
- Mr. M. Shaharyar, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, (Supervisor-Prof. M. S. Y. Khan).
- Mr. Nayyar Parvez, Department of Pharmaceutical Medicine (Supervisor-Prof. P. L. Sharma)
- Mr. Shahid Karim, Department of Pharmaceutical Medicine (Supervisor-Prof. P.L. Sharma).
- Ms. Smrita Kulshreshtha, Department of Pharmaceutics (Supervisor- Prof. R. K. Khar).

- Ms. Yasmin Sultana, Department of Pharmaceutics (Supervisor-Dr. Asghar Ali).

Faculty of Science

- Mr. Abdul Rashid Trag, Department of Botany (Supervisor-Dr. T.O. Siddiqui).
- Mr. Akhlaq Mustafa, Department of Chemistry (Supervisor-Dr. Najam Zaheer Khan).
- Ms. Alka Narula, Department of Biotechnology (Supervisor - Prof. P.S. Srivastava).
- Ms. Anandita Singh, Department of Biotechnology (Supervisor-Prof. P.S. Srivastava).
- Ms. Anjum Arshi, Department of Botany (Supervisor-Prof. M. Iqbal).
- Ms. Almas Siddiqui, Department of Toxicology (Supervisor-Dr. Fakhrul Islam).
- Mr. Asif Ali, Department of Chemistry (Supervisor-Dr. M. Sarwar Alam).
- Mr. Bilal Bin Hafeez, Department of Toxicology (Supervisor-Dr. S. Raisuddin).
- Ms. Bhawana Srivastava, Department of Toxicology (Supervisor-Dr. Yogeshwar Shukla; Co-supervisor-Dr. S. Raisuddin).
- Ms. Hinna Hamid, Department of Chemistry (Supervisor-Dr. M. Sarwar Alam).
- Mrs. Ishrat Khan, Department of Biotechnology (Supervisor-Dr. M.Z. Abidin).
- Mr. Kailash Chand, Department of Biotechnology (Supervisor-Prof. S.K. Jain).
- Mr. Khan Shoeb Zafar, Department of Toxicology (Supervisor-Dr. Fakhrul Islam).
- Ms. Laiqa Hussain, Department of Biochemistry (Supervisor-Prof. M.A. Baig).
- Mr. Moammir Hasan Aziz, Department of Biochemistry (Supervisor-Dr. R. Hussain; Co-supervisor-Prof. M.A. Baig).
- Ms. Malini Jacob, Department of Botany (Supervisor-Prof. M. Iqbal).
- Mr. Mohtashim Lohani, Department of Toxicology (Supervisor-Dr. Qamar Rehman; Co-supervisor-Dr. M.Saeed Siddiqui).
- Mr. M. Wasim Nasser, Department of Biotechnology (Supervisor-Prof. S.K. Jain).
- Mr. Prem Raj P., Department of Biotechnology (Supervisor-Dr. Ranjana Srivastava; Co-supervisor-Prof. S.K. Jain).
- Mr. Parwaiz Akhtar, Department of Botany (Supervisor-Dr. M.P. Sharma).
- Mr. Pankaj Taneja, Department of Toxicology (Supervisor - Dr. Yogeshwar Shukla; Co-supervisor-Dr. Sarwat Sultana).
- Ms. Rubina Bano, Department of Botany (Supervisor-Prof. M. Iqbal).

- Mr. Rizwanul Haque, Department of Toxicology (Supervisor-Dr. S. Raisuddin).
- Mr. Showkat Yousuf Beigh, Department of Botany (Supervisor-Prof. M. Iqbal)
- Ms. Sonica Pawa, Department of Biochemistry (Supervisor-Dr. Shakir Ali).
- Mr. Syed Zohair Imam, Department of Toxicology (Supervisor-Dr. Fakhruul Islam).
- Ms. Suwarna Pandey, Department of Toxicology (Supervisor-Dr. S. Raisuddin).
- Mr. Syed Hilal Ahmad, Department of Botany (Supervisor-Dr. Javed Ahmad).
- Ms. Sumedha Mehta, Department of Botany (Supervisor-Dr. Mahmood-uzzafar).
- Mr. Tarique Abdullah, Department of Chemistry (Supervisor-Dr. M. Sarwar Alam).
- Mr. T. Srinivas Mohan Rao, Department of Biotechnology (Supervisor-Dr. M.P. Dubey; Co-supervisor-Prof. S.K. Jain).



Responsibility Shared

Jamia Hamdard actively shouldered the responsibility of country's Pulse Polio Mop-up programme. Hkm. S. Mehtab Ali, NSS Coordinator, Hkm. M. Junaid Siddiqui, M. Akram, Tabiba Amina Naaz,



Tabiba Aysha and students in collaboration with Rotary Club immunized four thousand children in the remote areas of Hapur, UP (5 Jan.'03). Hkm. S. Mehtab Ali, Hkm. Anwar and Tabiba Asia along with 50 NSS students in collaboration with Rotary Club visited Ghaziabad, Kela Bhatta, Dasua and Massuri villages on 9 Feb.'03. On the same day another team lead by Mrs. Zeenat Iqbal,

Dr. Shahid Karim and Mr. Tauseef Ahmed along with 48 students of Faculty of Pharmacy visited Loni village in Ghaziabad district of UP, Dabar Colony, Budh Nagar, Toli Mohalla, Upperkot and Jamalpur. The faculty members of the University visited the resistant pockets of these villages and educated the villagers regarding the implications of not participating in the immunization process. It led to a tremendous response as the number of children being vaccinated was raised more than 2 - fold at each of the pulse polio booths. The programme was further strengthened by the students of GNM, 3rd year and BSc (Hons.) 4th year, Faculty of Nursing.

National Cadet Corps (NCC)

The NCC Cell under the leadership of Hkm. Anwar Hussain Khan, NCC Officer is actively engaged in parades and awareness sessions about community health and



pollution control. 8 cadets attended the annual training camp at Dosh Bandhu Gupta College, New Delhi (Oct.'02); 9 cadets participated in the National Integration Camp at Jabalpur, MP (Nov.'02); A number of cadets donated blood at the Voluntary Blood Donation Camp at AIIMS.

Festivals

A panorama of cultural functions was organized at various levels in the University. Sports / Literary / Cultural Week was celebrated in the first week of October 2002. A grand cultural evening, MOSAIC 2002 was a series of inter faculty competition in songs, ghazals, mimicry, cacophony, skit, fancy dress, etc. Dr. A.K. Walia, Health Minister of Delhi awarded prizes to the students for excellence in academics and extra-curricular activities. Mr. Shish Pal, MLA was the guest of honor.

Department of Computer Science organized NERDZ 2003, a national level IT festival (17-18 Jan'03). 24 institutions from in and around Delhi participated in the programme. The festival was a congregation of the budding

IT professionals. It was an eclectic mix of various technical and cultural events. Mr. R. R. Shah, Secretary, Ministry of Communication and IT was the chief guest. Erudition, a platform for interaction between the academia and the Industry was also organized. Linux workshop was organized with Mr. Sachin Dabir, Chief Enterprise Officer, Red Hat India and Mr. Amit Goyal, Head, Linux User Group. Mr. S. C. Tripathi, Secretary, Higher and Secondary Education, Govt. of India was the guest of honor. Various technical and cultural events like on the spot programming, web designing, shell programming, singing competition, etc. were organized. Mr. Zafar Ali Naqvi, Chairman, Minorities Commission, Delhi awarded the prizes. 'Hasya Kavi Sammelan' and 'Shaam-e-Ghazal' were also organized as a part of the cultural evening. Messages were received from the Hon'ble President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Chief Minister of Delhi, Mrs. Sheila Dixit and other dignitaries.

An International Cultural Festival, RENDEZVOUS 2003 was celebrated on 6 Feb.'03. Secretary, Ministry External Affairs, Mr. Girish Chand Sharma was the chief guest. The function was attended by Prof. Mike Oqaye, Ambassador of Ghana and Mr. Kenderlean, Ambassador of Germany; Charge d' affaires, Chief of Mission of Indonesia, Syria and Nepal; Cultural counselors and diplomats from more than 50 countries like Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Qatar, Sudan, UAE, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia. Dr. Gurbux Singh, Additional Secretary, UGC, Mrs. S. Sharma, Programme Director, ICCR and Programme Officers of ICCR, Ministry of External Affairs also attended the function. On this occasion nearly 100 foreign students of Jamia Hamdard from 20 countries presented a colourful panorama of their traditional music and dance. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs thanked Mr. Siraj Hussain, Vice Chancellor for taking the initiative to globalize the Indian education.



Competing on the Field

The University tennis, volleyball and badminton teams participated in the University tournaments held at A.M.U. Aligarh, Garhwal

University, Srinagar and Jamia Millia Islamia.

Excellence

Mr. Girish Chhabra, Mr. Chandermani Arora, Mr. Piyush Ahluwalia, students of MCA, received the certificates of achievement for their participation in ACM 'Asia Programming Contest', IIT, Kanpur (7 Dec.'02).

Mr. Girish Chhabra was also awarded the 1st prize in 'Programming Contest Blitz 2002', IT Festival, Department of Computer Science, Kirori Mal College, Delhi University (19-20 Dec.'02).

Mr. Taslim Arif, MCA, was awarded the 1st prize in 'Programming Contest 2002' at Banarsi Das Chandiwalla Institute of Information Technology, New Delhi.

Mr. Reiaz-ul-Rehman, PhD research scholar, Centre for Biotechnology received the 2nd prize on his research paper presented in the poster session of the National seminar on 'Recent Research Trends in Life Sciences', University of Kashmir, Srinagar (26-28 Aug.'02).

Mr. M. Irfan Qureshi, PhD research scholar, Centre for Biotechnology received the 3rd prize in oral presentation of the National seminar on 'Recent Research Trends in Life Sciences', University of Kashmir, Srinagar (26-28 Aug.'02).

Students of Rufaida College of Nursing were awarded the 1st prize in scientific paper presentation at Biennial Conference 'TNAI', Ernakulam, Kerala (26-30 Nov.'02).

Scholarships

The University has made earnest efforts in getting scholarships instituted from various charitable organizations and philanthropic individuals; Noorul Hassan Memorial Scholarship for a B. Pharm (Unani) student; Noorul Hassan Memorial Scholarship for a MSc Biotechnology student; Mr. Akhtar Hussain Memorial Scholarship for a Pre-Tibb student; Maulana Shibli Nomani Memorial Scholarship for a B.Pharm 2nd year student and Prof. J.S. Qadry Scholarship for a B.Pharm (Unani) 1st year student.

Placements

Final year MBA students have been placed in Grapecity India Ltd., Tata Infotech Ltd., SQL Star International Ltd., CMC Ltd., C-DOT, Tata Consultancy Services, Hughes Software System, National Institute of Social Communication & Information Resources, HCL Infosystem Ltd., BHEL, National Informatics Centre and Network Programs. ●

MISCELLANEA

QIP/Workshop

Seminar on "Improved Farming and Processing Technologies to Enhance the Productivity of Rapeseed-mustard and Availability of Quality Vegetable oil", sponsored by Technology mission on oilseeds, pulses and maize, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India was organised by Dr. M.Z. Abidin, Centre for Biotechnology, Faculty of Science. The session was chaired by Dr. J.S. Khan, Joint Advisor, S&T Missions, CSIR. NGO's from various mustard-growing regions of the country and scientists from various organizations participated in the session (Aug.'02).

Short-term training workshop on "Environmental Toxicology and Health Impact Assessment", sponsored by WHO-Ministry of Environment and Forests (23-27 Sept.'02) was organized by the Department of Medical Elementology and Toxicology, Faculty of Science. It was attended by 20 scientists and research scholars. Dr. Dilip Biswas, Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) inaugurated the programme. Dr. S. Raisuddin, Convenor invited eminent scientists; Prof. P.K. Seth, Director, Industrial Toxicology Research Centre (ITRC), Lucknow and Dr. H.N. Saiyed, Director, National Institute of Occupational Health (NIOH) Ahmedabad delivered lectures.

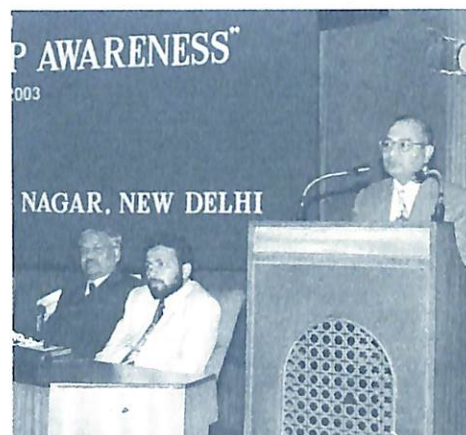
Jamia Hamdard organized "Career Counseling" workshop for 10+2 students in collaboration with Centre for Career Development, Delhi. The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Naseem Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University (10 Oct.'02) in the Kennedy Hall, Aligarh. Mr. Siraj Hussain, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. More than 1000 students from AMU and nearby schools attended the workshop. Another workshop was organized at Ansari Auditorium, Jamia Millia Islamia (16 Jan.'03). Prof. Roop K. Khar, Dr. S.H. Ansari, Hkm. Asim Ali Khan, Hkm. M. Akram and Tabiba Asia (Jamia Hamdard); Mr. Jatin Chawla, Centre for Career Development, Delhi counseled more than 300 students for various career options.

A workshop on "Achievement and Motivation" (16-17 Dec.'02) was organized by the University for non-teaching staff members. Mrs. Rohini Khullar conducted the workshop.

A workshop on 'Patent Awareness' was organized by Prof. Roop K. Khar, Faculty of Pharmacy (18 Jan.'03). It was sponsored by Patent Facilitation Cell (TIFAC), DST. Shri S.C. Tripathi, Secretary, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India inaugurated the workshop. Key speakers at the inaugural

function; Shri R. Saha, Advisor DST, Shri N. Natraj, Shri D.C. Gabriel and Mrs. Pratibha Singh discussed various aspects of patents and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). It was attended by more than 150 members of the University.

A seminar on 'Entrepreneurship Awareness' was organized (31 Jan.'03) by the Training and Placement Officer, Mr. Rihan Khan Suri. Dr. S.K. Jain, Executive Director, National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development, Ministry of SSI was the chief guest. Mr. Vinod Gupta, Director, NIESBUD, Ministry of SSI; Ms Manju Mato, AGM, SIDBI; Mr. V. Narayanan, Chief Manager, Punjab National Bank; Prof. Anil Sareen, Director, International MERFS and representative from NSIC, Ministry of Industry delivered lectures to more than 200 students.



Majeedia News

Free Medical Camp

Majeedia Hospital organized a Computerized Bone Mineral Density Test Camp (11 Jan.'03). Dr. Kamal Bachani, MS (Orthopaedic) provided free consultation and carried a non-invasive painless study of bone mineral on more than 200 people.

Rare Surgeries

Rare surgeries like re-implantation of 2nd Toe of Right Foot, Multiple Hydatid Cyst Surgery, Penile Implant for Impotence, Removal of Giant Cell Tumour Tibia, Total Hip Replacement, Aneurysmal Bone Cyst Thigh Bone were performed for the first time by the super specialists and anaesthesiologists of Majeedia Hospital.

Dr. M.C. Jha, Hony. Consultant, Ophthalmologist performed suture less, cataract surgery under topical anaesthesia. This method carries a number of advantages over conventional method of IOL and phacoemulsification which is comparatively a costlier method. ●

FINAL WORDS

FYI: For Your Information!

The Leader

Congratulations, you have taken the first, but a significant step, in the twenty-first century - aptly remarked by Dr. Arun Nigavekar, Chairman, UGC to Mr. Siraj Hussain, Vice Chancellor - on inauguration of the first phase of University Campus-wide networking (15 Nov.'02). New infrastructure based on evolutionary Gigabit Switched Ethernet Technology has been installed in the University. All the faculties, libraries, labs, hospital and administrative block located in several buildings are connected through 6-core 1000-Mbps fiber optic cables. Intranet website of the University has been also created and is accessible to all including students from anywhere within the campus. UGC has provided 2Mbps lease-link to connect other Universities and to browse internet.

Visitors to Jamia Hamdard

The following VIPs and Educationists visited Jamia Hamdard to explore the possible areas of mutual collaboration.

Dr. M.S. Elarbi, Oral and Maxilla Facial Surgeon, Dean of Dental School, Al-Fateh University, Tripoli, Libya visited Majeedia Hospital. He showed keen interest in Unani drugs and felt the need to globalize them with full scientific trial details (Sept. '02); Dr. Haji M. Iqbal, Secretary General, ASEAN Business Forum (Oct.'02); Mrs. & Prof. Syed Irtifaq Ali, Former Vice Chancellor of Karachi University (Oct.'02); Prof. Mostafa Moeen, Minister for Science, Research & Technology, Islamic Republic of Iran accompanied by Dr. Abdulali Sharghi, Advisor, International-Scientific Affairs, Dr. Ahmad Orian, Vice Chancellor, Persian Gulf University, Mr. Davood Poorsaeed and Dr. Ebrahim Haji-zadeh, First Secretary and Director, Science and Education, Embassy of Iran. He expressed hope that both the countries can collaborate on the promotion of traditional medicines (Oct.'02); Justice Nasir Aslam Zahid, Dean Faculty of Law, Hamdard University, Karachi (Nov.'02); Twenty senior faculty members from reputed business schools in the United States visited the University. The visit was coordinated by the Management Development Institute, Gurgaon. Mr. S. Ausaf Ali, Director, HARC delivered a talk on "Sufi Thought" (Jan.'03); Janab Mahmud Mohammadi Araghi, President of the Organization of the Culture and Islamic Relations, Govt. of Iran and his delegation. MoU was signed for academic collaboration and exchange of scholars (Jan.'03).

A Drink Worth an Honor

The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) presented the prestigious "Brand Equity Award 2002" to Sharbat Rooh Afza. The primary object was to recognise the selected Indian businesses and entrepreneurs for their outstanding contributions or achievements. Shri K.C. Pant, Dy. Chairman of Planning Commission presented the award (Feb.'03).

Green Revolution

Dr. Javed Ahmed, In-charge, Horticulture Department and Herbal Garden, Jamia Hamdard



Janab Mahmud
Mohammadi Araghi



Prof. Ida Madieda
bt Abdul Ghani Azmi,
Lectured on Cyber Law



Iranian Delegation at Majeedia Hospital

organized the Plantation Drive Programme on 31 Aug.'02. Mr. P. S. Prashanth, IFS, Dy. Chief Conservator of Forests, South Delhi visited the campus in May '02 and initiated the work on plantation. Mr. Siraj Hussain, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the programme by planting an Australian species *Callistemon lanceolatus*. Dr. S.H. Hasan, Registrar, Deans and staff of Horticulture Department planted around 500 plants in different areas of the campus. Some of the rare species planted were *Plumeria acutifolia*, *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, *Erythrina variegata*, *Alstonia scholaris*, *Hemelia patens*, *Acacia catechu*, *Putranjiva*, *Polyalthia pendula* and *Lagerstroemia indica*. We acknowledge the Forest Department for providing 100 trees free of cost for the plantation at the campus. The efforts of Horticulturist, Supervisor and gardeners of Jamia Hamdard were highly appreciated for maintaining the greenery and the scenic beauty of the campus.

The Herbal Garden has been introduced with more than 30 medicinal plants and perennial trees. Some of the plants include *Crocus sativus*, *Michelia champaca*, *Terminalia chebula*, *Platanus orientalis*, *Chlorophytum species*, *Curculigo orchoides*, *Cuminum cyminum*, *Curuma amada*, *Urginea indica* and *Ziziphus jujuba*. The arboretum is also being maintained by planting *Acacia catechu* and other trees donated by the Forest Department, Delhi. In future a seed bank will be maintained as the source of research material to various faculties in the University.

Hospitality

Jamia Hamdard was the hospitality sponsor of the solo play titled "Maulana Azad" under the banner of Pierror's Troupe. Mr. Tom Alter was the University guest from 7-16 Dec.'02.



Conscious Endeavour

Jamia Hamdard is the first and only University in Delhi which has offered itself for accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The team from the Council is visiting Jamia Hamdard in the first week of March'03. The accreditation by the Council would be used as a quality improvement tool to build up on our strengths and make-up for the deficiencies. ●

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"When knowledge is lodged
in you as wisdom, it will
never leave you.
Wisdom lodges itself in
your heart".

-- Sri Sri Ravi Shankar



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