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Vice Chancellor's Message

It is a matter of great satisfaction that the first issue of the Newsletter of Jamia Hamdard is before you. Jamia Hamdard, set up by one of the greatest Unani Physicians of the 20th century, Hakeem Abdul Hameed, out of the funds of a WAKF has made great strides in various areas of professional education in the country. Our students of Unani Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, BioSciences, Management, Information Technology & Islamic Studies have excelled in their respective fields, thus bringing laurels to the institution.

It is hoped that this Newsletter will communicate the activities of the University to its patrons and well wishers.

Siraj Hussain



Editor's Corner

Spreadsheet is being proposed as a biannual feature, one issue to be brought out in March and the other in the month of September every year. The current issue focuses on major events and happenings in the University, touching upon important faculty and student achievements in the year 2000. Omissions, if any, are deeply regretted. Future volumes will also include book reviews, interviews and short articles on topical issues. All of us on the editorial team have enjoyed working on this project, putting it all together. Hope you have as much fun reading it. We welcome your comments and suggestions at shanthipal@yahoo.com. Happy reading!

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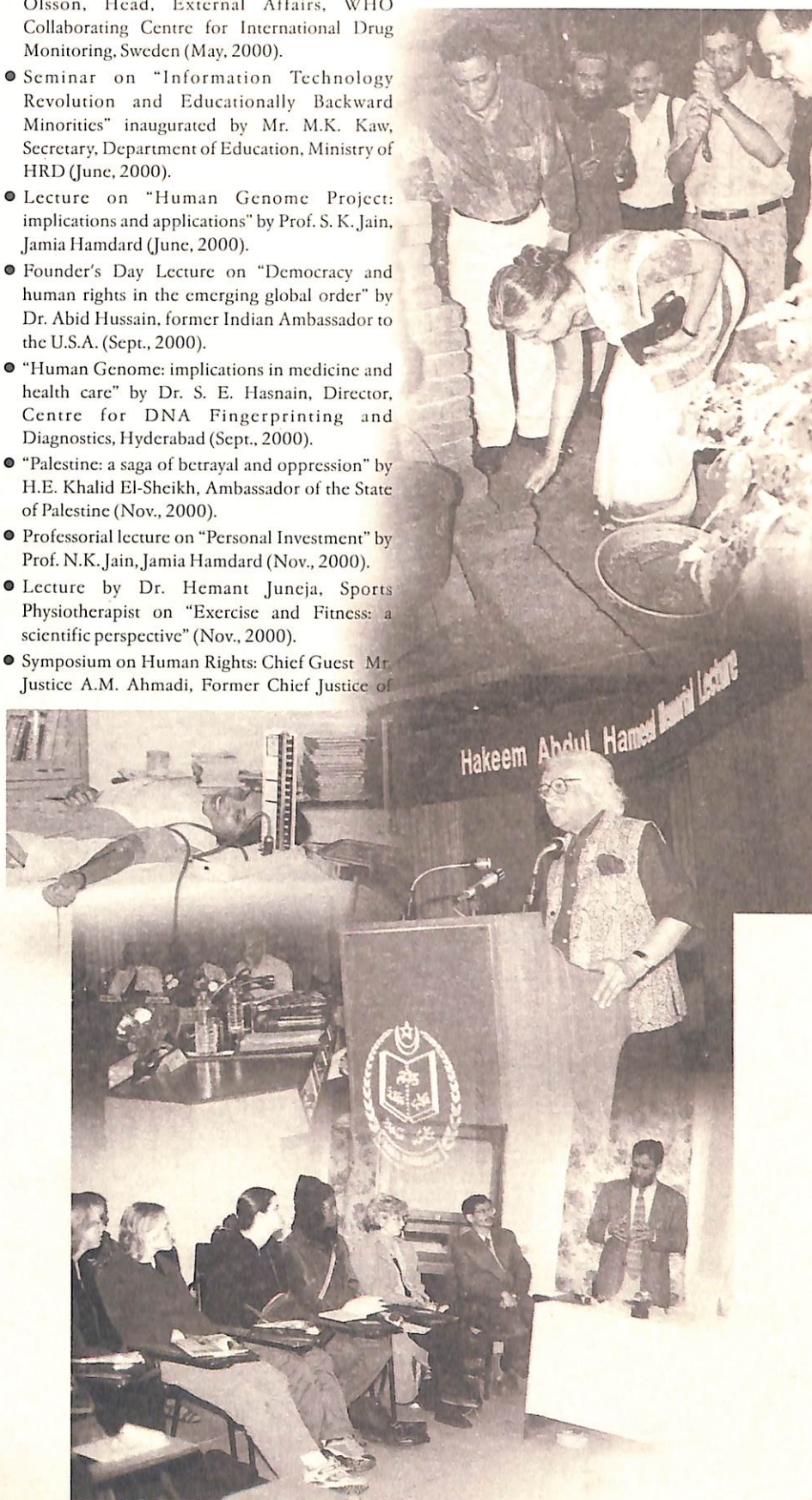
FLASHBACK

The year 2000 was BUSY with many "firsts". Some highlights:

- Blood Donation Camp organized by the University's Ruffaia College of Nursing along with the Red Cross Society of India (April, 2000).
- Foundation stone of the new Administrative Block of Jamia Hamdard laid by Prof. Hari Gautam, Chairman, UGC (May, 2000).
- Jamia Hamdard web site inaugurated by Prof. Hari Gautam (May, 2000).
- Foundation stone of the New Block of the Faculty of Pharmacy laid by Mrs. Shailaja Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India (June, 2000).
- MOU signed between the Faculty of Nursing, Jamia Hamdard and the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, U.S.A for an academic exchange of faculty and student nurses (June, 2000).
- Founder's Day celebrated with the first Hakeem Abdul Hameed Memorial Lecture (delivered by Dr. Abid Hussain, former Indian Ambassador to the U.S.) and inter-faculty student debate competitions in Urdu, English and Hindi languages (Sept., 2000).
- MOU signed between the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad and the Department of Medical Elementology and Toxicology, Jamia Hamdard for research training of M.Sc. students (Sept., 2000).
- Inauguration of the University Gymnasium by Mr. Vijay Sharma Pandey, IAS, Jt. Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of HRD (Sept., 2000).

- Lecture by Mr. Abu-Swaleh Sharif, NCAER on "Human Development Report 2000" (April, 2000).
- Talk on "Pharmacovigilance" by Mr. Sten Olsson, Head, External Affairs, WHO Collaborating Centre for International Drug Monitoring, Sweden (May, 2000).
- Seminar on "Information Technology Revolution and Educationally Backward Minorities" inaugurated by Mr. M.K. Kaw, Secretary, Department of Education, Ministry of HRD (June, 2000).
- Lecture on "Human Genome Project: implications and applications" by Prof. S. K. Jain, Jamia Hamdard (June, 2000).
- Founder's Day Lecture on "Democracy and human rights in the emerging global order" by Dr. Abid Hussain, former Indian Ambassador to the U.S.A. (Sept., 2000).
- "Human Genome: implications in medicine and health care" by Dr. S. E. Hasnain, Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad (Sept., 2000).
- "Palestine: a saga of betrayal and oppression" by H.E. Khalid El-Sheikh, Ambassador of the State of Palestine (Nov., 2000).
- Professorial lecture on "Personal Investment" by Prof. N.K. Jain, Jamia Hamdard (Nov., 2000).
- Lecture by Dr. Hemant Juneja, Sports Physiotherapist on "Exercise and Fitness: a scientific perspective" (Nov., 2000).
- Symposium on Human Rights: Chief Guest Mr. Justice A.M. Ahmadi, Former Chief Justice of

India. Speakers - Mr. Justice Rajinder Sachchar, Retd. Judge, Delhi High Court and Mr. Chaman Lal, IPS (Retd.), National Human Rights Commission (Dec., 2000).



LECTURES

Many lectures and seminars were held in social and medical sciences during the year, reinforcing the multi-disciplinary, broad-based approach to education in the university. The Convention Centre, with its unique facilities and ambience was the venue for most of the talks.

- Lecture by Mr. Anil Swaroop, IAS, Export Commission, Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce on "Exim Policy" (April, 2000).

HONORS, AWARDS & INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Centre for Federal Studies

Prof. Akhtar Majeed was presented with the Millennium Environment Award by the Human Rights Association of India.

Faculty of Medicine

Prof. Jameel Ahmad has been selected for the Sir Syed Millennium Award by the NGO, Mehfil-e-Saiyam. He has also been nominated a Member of the Bharatiya Chikitsa Parishad, Delhi.

Hkm. Asim Ali Khan received an award for teaching and promoting the Unani System of Medicine from the National Integration and Peace Foundation of India.

Faculty of Pharmacy

Dr. Asgar Ali won the quiz competition in Pharmaceutical Knowledge during the Quality Improvement Programme sponsored by the AICTE in Delhi.

Dr. Divya Vohora was enrolled Member of the International Brain Research Organization, France.

Dr. Divya Vohora (along with Dr S.N. Pal and Prof. K. K. Pillai) received the "best poster award" at the CME on New Drug Development in Neuropsychiatric Disorders at IHBAAS, Delhi.

Dr. Divya Vohora (along with Dr S.N. Pal and Prof. K.K. Pillai) was awarded the Chandra Kanta Dandiyia Prize (of Rs 10,000) in Pharmacology in the year 2000 for the research article "Protection of phenytoin-induced cognitive deficits by *Bacopa monniera*, a reputed Indian nootropic plant" in the J. of Ethnopharmacology, 71:389-390, 2000.

Prof. R.K. Khar was elected President of the Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Delhi Branch for the years 2000-2002 and nominated member of the All India Board of the Pharmaceutical Education of AICTE for the years 2000-2003.

Prof. R. Zafar was nominated UGC representative in the Pharmacy Council of India.

Dr. Shanthi N. Pal was appointed Visiting Faculty for the summer

term at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, U.S.A.

Faculty of Science

Prof. S. K. Jain was appointed Consultant to the USAID and Member of the Expert Committees of the UGC and the CSIR.

Prof. P.S. Srivastava has been appointed a Fellow of the Indian Botanical Society.

Prof. M. Iqbal was an Expert and Member in various committees viz., The Advisory Committee of the Hamdard Study Circle, Experts Committee for Infrastructure Development and Miscellaneous Projects in the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, to name a few.

Dr. S.B. Vohora was appointed an Honorary Member of the Advisory Council, Ansted University, British Virginia Islands, U.K. and a Member of the International Brain Research Organization, France.

Dr. S. Raisuddin was a reviewer for the journal, Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, U.S.A.

Prof. M. Athar was appointed Research Scientist with the Columbia University, U.S.A.

Dr. Rubina Shafi and co-workers received the "best paper award" at the Annual Conference of Microbiologists in India for their research article published in the Indian J. of Microbiology.

PROJECTS

Faculty of Medicine

The Department of Jarrahiyat has a project worth Rs. 15 lakhs from the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine (ISM), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, for the clinical and therapeutic evaluation of "Kohal Chikni Dawa", a Unani formulation of copper sulphate (Tootiya) for eye diseases.

Faculty of Pharmacy

The Pharmaceutics Department has projects worth Rs. 32.9 lakhs, all funded by the AICTE in the year 2000 while the Departments of Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Chemistry both have research grants worth Rs. 10 lakhs each

from the AICTE. In addition, several teachers from the faculty have received aid under minor research schemes from the UGC.

Faculty of Science

The Centre for Biotechnology has projects funded by the CCRUM, DBT and the CSIR while the Department of Biochemistry was awarded a project by CCRUM in the year 2000. The Department of Medical Elementology and Toxicology has 14 projects worth about Rs. 1.64 crores in hand, supported by the CSIR, Ministry of Environment, ICAR, CCRUM, DST and the DOD.

VISITS ABROAD

Several faculty members traveled overseas to attend conferences and to make scientific presentations.

Prof. Akhtar Majeed from the Centre for Federal Studies visited Nice, France, to attend the Directors' Meeting of IACFS while Dr. Arshi Khan visited Iraq twice, in March and October, 2000.

Dr. Mohammad Ali, Faculty of Pharmacy and Hkm. Asim Ali Khan from the Faculty of Medicine attended the Symposium on the "Role of Traditional / Alternative Medicine in Health Care - In and Beyond 2000 A.D." held in Karachi, Pakistan.

Mrs. Narender Nagpal, Principal, Faculty of Nursing, was an Exchange Visitor at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, U.S.A. She also presented a paper at the Biennial Meeting of the Commonwealth Nurses Federation, London, U.K.

Mrs. Kanchan Kohli and Mr. Farhan Jalees Ahmad from the Faculty of Pharmacy visited Sydney, Australia to present their work in the 18th PAC/FAPA Conference.

Dr. Alka Ahuja and Dr. Javed Ali, (Faculty of Pharmacy) presented papers at the International Symposium on Controlled Release of Bioactive Material in Paris, France.

Dr. Divya Vohora traveled to Krakow, Poland, to present a paper at the International Conference on the Holistic Concept of Training for the Promotion of Sustainable Development.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

The following individuals were appointed in the year 2000 in various designations in the different Departments of the University:

Faculty of Management Studies and Information Technology - Prof. N. K. Jain took over as Head of the Department of Management Studies and Dean of FMSIT; Ms. Sana Beg joined his Department as a lecturer. Mr. Md. Abulaish, Ms. Tamanna Siddiqui, Mr. Anwar Jamil, Ms. Sameena Naaz were all appointed as lecturers and Ms. Nazia Fazili and Mr. Mohd Zafar Ahsan as teaching assistants in the department of Computer Science.

Faculty of Pharmacy - Dr. Anshu Manocha, Dr. Asif Hussain, Mr. Farhan Jalees, Dr. Javed Ali, Mr. Mohd Aquil, Ms. Mymoon Akhtar, Mr. Prabhat Mishra, Ms. Razia Khan, Mr. Shah Alam, Dr. Sushma Talegaonkar, Ms. Zeenat I. Khan, all appointed as lecturers.

Faculty of Science - Dr. Shakir Ali was appointed as Reader in the Department of Biochemistry.

We extend a warm welcome to all of them and hope they realize their career dreams in this university.

NET • GATE • CSIR QUALIFIERS

Every year, an increasing number of students, research scholars and teacher members bring laurels to the university by qualifying in one of the national level competitive exams. Last year was no exception. Following is the list for 2000.

NET / CSIR

Mr. Mohammad Abulaish, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Management Studies and Information Technology.

Mr. Deepak, Mr. Kashif Hanif, Ms. Neetu Kalra, Mr. Sarvjeet Singh, Mr. Sudipta Datta, Ms. Swati Subodh, Mr. Syed Hussain Mir, Ms. Vidhu Tandon, and Mr. Waseem Nasir, all from the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science.

Ms. Jyoti Verma and Ms. Sonia Chandala from the Department of Botany, Faculty of Science.

Ms. Parul Batra from the Department of Medical Elementology and Toxicology, Faculty of Science.

GATE

Mr. Ahsan Naqi*, Mr. Bharat Kumar*, Mr. Ghayas Khan, Mr. Kashif ul Haque, Ms. Meenu Sadhwani, Mr. Mehtab Alam, Mr. Mohd Abid, Mr. Mohd Fahad Haroon*, Mr. Mohd Shahid*, Mr. Mujahid ul Islam, Mr. Mumtaz Alam, Mr. Neyaz Ahsan, Mr. Onkar Singh*, Ms. Priyamvada Singh, Mr. Rafi Ahmad, Ms. Rana Rais*, Mr. Rajeev Agrawal, Mr. Rahul Jain*, Mr. Rashid Ahmad Khan, Mr. Saeed

Ahmad, Mr. Sadique Akhtar Javed*, Mr. Sajad Amin War*, Ms. Samina Rehman*, Mr. Shafqat ullah Khan, Mr. Shaqueequzzaman*, Mr. Shavez Ahmad, Mr. Shibu Raj*, Mr. Shireesh Ojha*, Mr. Shoaib Ahmad*, Ms. Shweta Jain, Mr. Tausif Ahmad*, Mr. Vikas Bhardwaj, Mr. Yunus Ahmad Khan, Mr. Zia ur Rehman*, Mr. Zia ur Rehman*, all from the Faculty of Pharmacy.

* percentile score over 90

Mr. Deepak and Mr. Zubair Ahmad from the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science.

BITS & BYTES

The University Web Site

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Designed and developed by the students of Jamia Hamdard, the University web site is an informative and interactive interface. The site contains information about the University, its founder, the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, governance, the academic departments and faculties, courses offered, campus facilities, placements, research projects and publications. One can down-load the University Prospectus and applicants from abroad can browse through the special foreign students' section for relevant information. Another special feature is the Info section. It is possible to direct queries and comments related to the web site through this section. The site also

gives a quick preview of the literary and cultural happenings in the campus. Being relatively new, the web site is in a constant state of upgradation and development. But it is being designed as a window to this young university to announce to the academia at large that Jamia Hamdard has arrived and is gearing up to join the "big league" educational institutions in the country.

In addition to the web site, there is a web cell managed by Ms. Anuja Agrawal and other faculty members in the IT department. University developments, faculty achievements and student news are posted on the cell from time to time for general information.



Prof. Hari Gautam, Chairman UGC, inaugurating the Jamia Hamdard web site.



Faculty of Islamic Studies and Social Sciences

Mr. Wasim Ahmad (Supervisor - Dr. Ishtiyaque Danish).

Faculty of Pharmacy

Mr. Asif Hussain, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry (Supervisor - Prof. M.S.Y. Khan).

Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh Sagar, Department of Pharmacognosy (Supervisor - Prof. R.Zafar).

Ms. Divya Vohora, Department of Pharmacology (Supervisor - Prof. K.K. Pillai, Co-Supervisor - Dr. S.N. Pal).

Mr. Javed Ali, Mr. Manish Dewan and Mr. Vipin Dhal, Department of Pharmaceutics (Supervisor Prof. R.K. Khar).

Faculty of Science

Mr. A. Rehman, Department of Chemistry, (Supervisor - Dr. N. Zaheer Khan, Co-Supervisor - Dr. Bahar Ahmad).

Mr. Aftab Alam, Mr. Mohd. Bhat and Mr. Salahuddin Ahmad, Department of Medical Elementology and Toxicology (Supervisor - Dr. S. Sultana).

Ms. Anushree, Centre for Biotechnology (Supervisor - Prof. P.S. Srivastava).

Ms. Ayesha Rehman, Ms. Gayatri Bhaseen, Ms. Hina Kausar, Mr. Prashant Tripathi, Ms. Sabah Ansari, Department of Medical Elementology and Toxicology (Supervisor - Prof. M. Athar).

Ms. Bhupinder Dhir, Department of Botany (Supervisor - Dr. T.O. Siddiqui, Co-Supervisor - Dr. Mehmooduzzafar).

Ms. Bushra Wali, Department of Botany (Supervisor - Prof. Mohd. Iqbal, Co-Supervisor - Dr. Mehmooduzzafar).

Mr. Dharamvir Singh, Department of Botany (Supervisor - Dr. M.J. Abidin, Co-Supervisor - Dr.

G.C. Srivastava, IARI).

Ms. Honey Reddy, Centre for Biotechnology (Supervisor - Prof. S.K. Jain)

Mr. Iqbal Ahmad and Ms. Nidhi Sharma, Department of Medical Elementology and Toxicology (Supervisor - Dr. S. Raisuddin).

Mr. J.S.S. Prakash, Department of Biochemistry (Supervisor-Prof. M.A. Baig, Co-Supervisor - Prof. P. Mohanty, JNU).

Ms. Neeru Gandotra, Department of Botany (Supervisor - Dr. M.Z. Abidin, Co-Supervisor Dr. Mehmooduzzafar).

Ms. Rashmi Agrawal, Department of Biochemistry (Supervisor - Dr. O.P. Shukla, CDRI Lucknow, Co-Supervisor Prof. S.K. Jain).

Mr. S. Pradeep, Department of Biochemistry (Supervisor - Prof. M.A. Baig, Co-Supervisor - Prof. P. K. Seth, ITRC, Lucknow).

Mr. Stephen Tankachan, Department of Medical Elementology and Toxicology (Supervisor - Dr. F. Islam).



Several faculty members in the University have authored / edited quality books in subjects of their expertise. These books form valuable additions to the University Library and are frequently consulted by graduate and undergraduate students. Here are some books featured in the year 2000.

"Coalition Politics and Power Sharing", ed. Dr. Akhtar Majeed, Manak Publications.

"Hadrat Maulana Abdul Shakoor Sahib Lakhnawi-Hayat-o-Khidmat" (Urdu), by Dr. A. H. Farooqui, published by Maktaba Farooqia, Lucknow.

"Ahd-i-Rafta Ke Chand 'Ulama-o-Mashaikh" (Urdu), by Dr. A. H. Farooqui, published by Rabbani Book

Depot, Deoband.

"Hakeem 'Abdul Hameed Dehalvi-Mushahidat-o-Taathurat Ki Roshni Mein" (Urdu), by Dr. A.H. Farooqui, Faisal Publications, Deoband.

"Maut Ke Ibrat Angez Waqiat" (Urdu), by Maulana Abdul Momin, ed. Dr. A.H. Farooqi, Haram Book Depot, Delhi.

"Sirat Khulafa-i-Rashidin" (Urdu), by Maulana Abdul Shakoor Lakhnawi, ed. Dr. A.H. Farooqi, Haram Book Depot, Delhi.

"Indian Systems of Medicine - Skin Disease (A Herbomineral Approach)", by Hkm. Abdul Hameed and Dr. S.B. Vohora, CBS Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi.

"Dictionary of Pharmacy", by Dr. Anees A. Siddiqui, Birla Publications, New Delhi.

"Unani Medicines and their Applications", a chapter by Hkm. Khursheed Ahmad Ansari in the Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol.5.

"Environmental Hazards: Plants and People", eds. Prof. M. Iqbal, Prof. P.S. Srivastava and Dr. T.O. Siddiqui, CBS Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi.

"Practical Pharmacognosy", by Dr. S.H. Ansari, Piyush Publications, Delhi.

"Pharmaceutical Jurisprudence & Ethics", by Dr. S.P. Agarwal and Mr. Rajesh Khanna, Birla Publications, New Delhi.

"Physical Pharmacy", by Dr. S.P. Agarwal and Mr. Rajesh Khanna, CBS Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi.





STUDENT SPEAK

Cultural Do

The Literary / Cultural Committee of Jamia Hamdard organized several inter-faculty as well as inter-varsity programs in the year 2000. MOSAIC 2000 was a series of inter-faculty competitions in creative arts, literary and cultural events while Nurdz and Rx 2000 were inter-varsity events organized by the IT Department and the Faculty of Pharmacy, respectively. Students worked day and night in garnering the financial support needed for the Nurdz and Rx events, functioning as a team, organizing themselves impeccably, moving from event to event, as if on oiled wheels. It is very likely that the students gained some hands-on experience in management strategies, public relations and money management. Priceless field experience, to say the least. The whole University wore a very festive look and formed a suitable platform for the healthy coming together of the IT and Pharmacy students from all over the country. Mr. M. J. Akbar, Editor in Chief, Asian News, inaugurated Nurdz 2000. Mr. Javid Ahmad Chaudhury, Secretary, Ministry of Health, Govt. of India, flagged off Rx 2000 while Prof. Harbans Wasir, Medical Director, Batra Hospital and Medical Research Centre and Mr. Syed Shahid Mehdi, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia were some of the other invited guests.

National Service Scheme

The NSS cadets of the University engaged in several socially driven activities under the able guidance of the NSS Program Coordinator, Hkm. S. Mahtab Ali. Special camps were organized to educate people about HIV / AIDS infections, the importance of sanitation, adult education and care of pregnant women. In a green drive, 50 plant saplings were planted in Pul Pahladpur, one of the residential complexes of the University. Some cadets participated in the National Adventure Program organized by the National Institute of Adventure, Pachmarhi, M.P. and underwent training in trekking, rock-climbing, para-sailing,

mountaineering etc. The cadets have been involved in the Pulse Polio Program right from its inception and have set up a permanent Pulse Polio Centre at Pul Pehladpur in collaboration with the Health Department of the Delhi Govt.

Una Voce

Kudos to the M. Pharmacy students for successfully bringing out the first ever Students' magazine. It is hoped that Una Voce (one voice) will indeed be the voice of the students, acting as a mouthpiece for the thoughts and ideas rushing through these impressionable minds. The students pitched in with their own money to help launch this magazine. Mr. Javid Ahmad Chaudhury released it at the inaugural function of Rx 2000.

Perfect Health Mela

Students of Jamia Hamdard participated in the Perfect Health Mela organized by the MTNL in Delhi in the year 2000. The Pharmacy Council of India organized a Pharmacy Quiz Competition at this "mela". Two of our M.Pharm. students won the competition, with Ms. Vidhu Ohri securing the first prize and Mr. Sandeep Sinha bagging the second. Three cheers for Jamia Hamdard!!

National Pharmacy Week

The Faculty of Pharmacy celebrated the week with an "Open House" at the faculty. School children and members from other faculties of Jamia Hamdard were given a guided tour of the Laboratories and Research Facilities. With the help of lively charts and simple demonstrations, Pharmacy students described the art of tablet making, drug testing, packaging and the dispensing processes to the visitors.



Intramural Facility

Jamia Hamdard fraternity can now indulge in a bit of "body-building" and sports activities. The university has a gymnasium with 2 badminton courts, 2 table tennis boards, a multi-gym and personal training weights. The gym has separate time slots for faculty staff, their families and student members. The out-door facilities include a sprawling football ground, basket ball and volleyball courts and a cricket ground. A Games and Sports Committee has been constituted to select and prepare student teams and organize various inter-varsity sporting events.

The university teams engaged in friendly matches with the Jamia Millia Islamia in badminton and in table tennis and were victorious in both these



encounters. The men's badminton team also represented the University in the North Zone Inter-Varsity Championship held in Chandigarh. Good going, fellas!!





MISCELLANEA

Green Piece

Nestling in a five-acre area, in the open stretch between the Faculty of Pharmacy and the Faculty of Science, lies the University Herbal Garden. This garden was established in 1995, with a grant from the ISM, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. More than 20 representative medicinal plants may be seen growing here, the botanical names, popular names and uses of some of which are given below. Besides adding to the aesthetics of the campus, the garden serves as a rich source of study material for various Departments engaged in medicinal plant research in the University.



Botanical Name	Common Name	Major Uses
<i>Adathoda vasica</i>	Basak	Bronchitis
<i>Aloe vera</i>	Guar-patta	Purgative
<i>Artemisia annua</i>	Quinghausou	Antimalarial
<i>Ammi majus</i>	Bishop's weed	Leucoderma
<i>Bacopa monniera</i>	Brahmi	Memory vitalizer
<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i>	Chita	Skin diseases
<i>Rauwolfia serpentina</i>	Sarpagandha	Antihypertensive
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk thistle	Liver damage
<i>Tylophora indica</i>	Antamul	Asthma

Majeedia News

Majeedia hospital with its 140 beds (100 beds in the Allopathic section and 40 in the Unani wards) has a new Medical Superintendent, Dr. M.J.U. Khan. Dr. Khan took voluntary retirement as Group Captain from the Air Force Services and joined Hamdard in September 2000. He has many plans and projects for improving the services and specialities available in the hospital. At present, the Nephrology Department is being set up with two state-of-the-art dialysis machines with reverse osmosis plants. There is also a proposal to start a two-year diploma course in X-ray / ECG Technology. The syllabus and other course details are being worked out.

Rufaida Health Centre

The Rufaida Nursing School in the University has set up a Health Centre in the Hamdard Public School, Talimabad, Delhi to act as an "Outreach Health Centre". The centre will

1. act as a field practice area in the community for providing field experience to the nursing students,
2. cater to the health needs of the community, especially women and children and
3. create awareness about the services offered by the Majeedia Hospital through appropriate referral.



FINAL WORDS

FYI: For Your Information!

Interested in high yielding sarson (mustard)? Then Dr. M. Z. Abidin from the Botany Department is the person you are looking for. He has developed a nutritional management technology that improves sarson yield. Dr. Abidin went on TV to popularize this technology among farmers, literally taking technology to the grass root level !!!

Talking about "mustard" automatically brings the horrors of Delhi's dropsy episode to mind. Dr. F. Islam of the Department of Medical Elementology and Toxicology developed a kit for testing the purity of edible oils. This kit can detect very low levels (0.01%) of argemone.

Patent promise!!! Dr. Manoj Varshney from the Chemistry Department, while working as a Visiting Scholar in the Centre for Surface Science and Engineering, Florida, U.S.A., successfully developed a process to form neem oil micro-emulsion without using co-surfactants or alcohols. The University of Florida has decided to patent this work. Congratulations, Dr. Varshney!

Looking for a platform closer home to "voice" your scientific ideas, articles and findings? Perhaps you should shoot them

off to the "Journal of Science and Pharmacy", a quarterly publication printed and published by Ms. Shahida Parveen. For details, contact the Consulting and Scientific Editor, Dr. Asgar Ali at the Faculty of Pharmacy.

Speaking of in-house journals, the Centre for Federal Studies has launched the Indian Journal of Federal Studies. This is a biannual journal and two issues are out already.

Festive Fervour

In heart warming tradition, the Hamdard fraternity came together to celebrate Diwali and Id. While the Faculty Club arranged a nice little dinner to celebrate Diwali, several Iftaar parties were organized at the faculty and university levels during the holy month of Ramzan. Staff and students attended in good numbers.

Wild, Wild, Waste

Many a drop maketh an ocean. While all of us may not be in a position to influence the measures preventing global warming, we can do our bit to ensure that our immediate environment is green and eco-friendly. Exhorting people to shake out of their NIMBY (not-in-my-backyard) syndrome, the Vice-Chancellor has initiated a string of measures to ensure a responsible and environmentally conscientious way of

disposing household, laboratory and hospital waste generated in the campus on a daily basis. Now, residents segregate household waste into compostable and re-cyclable waste. The compostable waste is then aerobically or "wormi" composted into manure. Aluminum cans, plastic wastes etc. are collected and sold to junk dealers. Sacrificed animals from the laboratories and hospital waste are incinerated.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Men and nations will act rationally when all other possibilities have been exhausted".



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