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Kudos to Al Kalam Bridging Breaches

I feel privileged to write the following few lines for the Silver Jubilee edition of Al Kalam.

Maulana Azad National Urdu University which was established in 1998 in Hyderabad wanted to connect with its intended community as early as possible. Within a few months, that is, in January 1999 it brought out an eight-page periodical and called it News Letter. In January 2002 the news letter underwent a visible change with more attractive cover pages and name change. The new 24-page periodical was called News Magazine.

Twelve years and several issues later, MANUU decided to re-launch News Magazine with complete make-over. The October 2014 magazine was called Al Kalam and given an attractive contemporary look. Since then the focus is on introducing new columns and subjects, improve upon its design and make it more appealing to students, teachers, non-teaching staff and the MANUU community members in general. Its November 2016 issue was devoted to the multi-dimensional genius--Maulana Azad.

I would like to put on record my words of appreciation for the entire team of Al Kalam that has worked tirelessly over the years to keep the university periodical in line with the changing challenges of time.

We are approaching the new session of admissions. The University intends to push

further the Bridge Courses programme which it started on a modest scale during the last academic year. The programme provides an opportunity to madrasa graduates to join the contemporary fields of education, be it, Humanities, Social Sciences or Commerce. That way the University intends to become a bridge between madrasas and institutions of contemporary education.

Incidentally, this is the only University in the country which is willing to propose admission to madrasa graduates in almost all subjects of Humanities, Sciences and Commerce besides courses in Languages and Islamic Studies which are also offered by a few other Universities.

MANUU has made a unique beginning by holding the first Urdu Science Congress on its campus during February 16-17, 2017. This highly successful event was organized under the aegis of the newly established Centre for Promotion of Knowledge in Urdu. The University has decided to hold two National Congresses every year, one covering Sciences and other Social Sciences.

The Centre for Promotion of Knowledge in Urdu has also been given the responsibility of bringing out two bi-lingual, bi-annual journals covering Science & Technology and Social Sciences. These are significant beginnings. I believe that they would go a long way to re-establish Urdu as a medium for convenient transfer of knowledge and its spread to disadvantaged sections of the society.



Regional Legacy of Rich History

I deem it a privilege to be asked to deliver the first Mohammad Quli Qutub Shah Memorial Lecture of the Maulana Azad National Urdu University. I thank the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aslam Parvaiz for inviting me today.

There could not have been a more appropriate venue. Mohammad Quli Qutub Shah was the founder of this city designed to be 'a replica of the paradise itself'. An early 17th century English traveler praised it 'for its sweetness of air, convenience of water and fertility of soil' and ranked it higher than any in the realm of the Moghul emperor or other princes.

One other reason should make the subject inseparable from the venue. Dakhani Urdu has its own pedigree and was the court language of Bijapur and Golkonda kingdoms. Mohammad Quli Qutub Shah composed verses, on his own admission, every day 'just like waves in a rippling river' and is credited as being the first person to have compiled a diwan. He was the first translator of Hafiz and his efforts 'led to the birth of a Persian poetic style and usage in the Dabistan-e-Golkonda'....

The seventeenth century historian Mohammad Qasim Ferishta depicted his temperament as 'forgiving and gentle'.

Work on the construction of Hyderabad commenced in 1590-91. One couplet of the founder of Hyderabad expressed his wish for the new city:

Mora shehr logaan se mamoor kar

Rakhyan jun tun darya main min ya samei...

It is important to consider the context of the times and the place in history of the Qutbshahi dynasty that lasted a mere 164 years - from 1523 to 1687, when its last incumbent, Abu'l Hasan, surrendered to a Moghul general. In this short span, it witnessed a blossoming of architecture, poetry, music, art, dance and cuisine and became a byword for culture apart from being a vibrant centre of international trade....



Individuals, communities and whole states defined their identity with respect to this colossus of the north, sometimes in opposition to it and sometime in imitation of it. These independent or quasi-independent entities survived the imperial onslaught for varying periods by acknowledging some form of suzerainty. In the process, they developed their own style of governance. They 'detached religion from statecraft' and culture from territorial boundaries and thereby gave themselves 'an enormously elastic and transnational character'. Nor is the role of the mystics in forging ties between different segments of society to be ignored. This led to eventual reconciliation of religions and culture.

Two aspects of the statecraft of the Deccan states can be discerned and are worthy of mention. The first was the philosophy of governance and the necessity of a pragmatic approach towards the subjects of the state. The

Shri M Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India, delivered the first Mohammad Quli Qutb Shah Memorial Lecture at Indoor Sports Complex, Maulana Azad National Urdu University campus on April 13, 2017.

Excerpts from his lecture are published in these columns.

I deem it ...

second pertained to the geopolitical considerations that confronted them in relation to the dominant power in the Indian sub-continent...

Writing about the administrative system in the reign of Ibrahim, father of Mohammad Quli Qutb

Shah, the historian Haroon Khan Sherwani has noted that 'very little differentiation was made between the Hindus and the Muslims so far as the affairs of the state were concerned'.

This was also the case in Mohammad Quli Qutb Shah's period when 'a characteristic of the Epoch was a spirit of camaraderie which existed between the Hindu and the Muslim sections of the population' and 'the whole policy of the Government seems to have been that of equality of opportunity for both the Hindus and the Muslims for practically all the officers of the state'. His court, continues the same historian, 'represented the culture of the Muslims and non-



Muslims alike, and while he seems prejudiced in his enunciation of the inferiority of the non-Shi'ah sects of the Muslims he is culturally at one with the Hindus and the Parsis as well as the man in the street so far as his appreciation of their way of life is concerned'. As a result, 'the whole outlook of the state as centered in the person of the Sultan was non-communal'.

Another aspect of this catholicity of approach was the Sultan's approach to Telugu. His father, who spent seven years as an honoured guest in Vijayanagar, imbibed a passion for the language and the same was the case with Mohammad Quli to whom Telugu was 'like a mother tongue' and who used Telugu words in his Dakhni-Urdu poems, offered patronage to its literary personages and whose firmans and official announcements were bilingual.

The Sultan thus made 'a deliberate attempt to synthesize cultures in the Deccan imbibing in the people of Hyderabad a relish of tolerance, love of spectacle, and mildness of nature'. It is not altogether accidental that one of his successors became a patron of the kuchipudi dance form.

Mohammad Quli Qutb Shah occupies a place in our history and his personality and contributions are studied with much benefit by anyone interested in the evolution of architecture, language and culture....

In the vocabulary of statecraft attempts at preponderance between political entities takes the shape of primacy, dominance, or hegemony. The principal feature of political geography of peninsular India in early 16th century was the primacy of the Vijayanagra Empire and (after the fall of the Bahmani kingdom) five smaller entities in the shape of Ahmadnagar, Bijapur, Bidar, Birar and Golkonda....

To a historian, or a student of geopolitics, the power equation of the Moghuls and the Qutbshahis on the one hand, and of the Moghuls and the Safavids on the other, sheds interesting light on the rules of the game of political chess

that have an abiding quality and transcend limitations of time and geography. Equally evident is the persisting nature of instrumentalities-threat or use of force, interference on pretexts of faith, use and misuse of trade and traders, and attempts to seek 'fifth columns' based on affinities of race or origin - that were used to further policy objectives.

Another set of historians, even normal citizens, would search for the perennial rather than the transitory in the legacy of the Mohammad Quli Qutb Shah and his successors and perhaps raise two questions: 'What kind of political and socio-economic culture did the successor states of Hyderabad inherit? Was there anything of value left by the state of Hyderabad and can it still contribute to the Indian polity?'



Contemporary Hyderabad has crafted with skill and success a place for itself in the new world of the 21st century. One can only hope that its inherited tradition of tolerance, co-existence, inclusiveness and cultural effervescence would continue to signal its uniqueness and remain an example for the country.

**Hum ko mita sake yeh zamane main dum nahin
Hum se zamana khud hai zamane se hum nahin**

Jai Hind.



Academy for Civil Service Examinations offers vigorous coaching for students from disadvantaged groups

The then Prime Minister in Great Britain, David Lloyd George has declared the Indian civil service the steel frame of policy and development. His statement still holds true.

Indian bureaucracy has provided the country a solid framework that has not only held the nation together and protected its democratic ethos but has also highlighted age old regional and social inequalities. It is the bureaucracy that has been the principle vehicle used by the government to address the issues of the marginalized and vulnerable populations in the country

However, the data on those who occupy positions of power shows a remarkable lack of representation from India's most disadvantaged sections. Even now, according to the Ministry of Personnel, there are only 15% women officers in the IAS since 1974. Muslims constitute less than 3% of the total. Of the more than 4500 IAS officers in the country, only 30 have Urdu as their mother tongue compared to 1758 with Hindi, 274 Tamil and 106 Malayalam.

To help improve these numbers and to better the chances of bright students from these under-represented groups, the Government of India had set up Residential Academies in five Universities in the country, four of whom are located in North India in AMU at Aligarh, JMI in Delhi, Ambedkar University in Lucknow and Jamia Hamdard again in Delhi. The only centre in South India is located at the Maulana Azad National Urdu University.



[A K Khan](#)

The CSE at MANUU, with its state of art infrastructure, library, computer centre and an eminent advisory board seeks to send large number of students into the civil service both at the central and the state levels. It also envisions a course structure that would allow serious candidates to take various examinations for senior positions in Banks, Railways, Armed Forces etc.

Towards this objective, the CSE conducts an online entrance examination to select the top 100 aspirants who will then undergo a rigorous 15-month training programme starting July 2017. All students must mandatorily stay in hostels at MANUU as the training goes round the clock and through the week. Monthly evaluation monitors attendance levels and performance in tests and quizzes.

The academy also runs specialized programmes for various other courses.

It will offer a three-year program for students of MANUU to prepare for the civil service even as they study at various undergraduate programmes in the University.

The CSE Academy will hold specialized workshops for school students to prepare them early for the examination. Lectures by eminent people and senior officers are conducted regularly. Prof Amitabh Kundu, Prof Faizan Mustafa, Prof Abusaleh Shariff, Dr M A Saleem, Dr Ausaf Sayeed, Ms Rasheda Husain, Mr G Sudhir and Mr Siraj Husain have addressed our students this year.

The Academy works through a strong advisory board headed by Mr A K Khan, IPS, and chaired by the Vice Chancellor. The vision of the CSE Academy is to train a hundred students in the next five years to join the civil services in the country. It also aims at training 1000 students from the University and making them ready for taking competitive examinations at various levels.



[Amir Ullah Khan](#)



MANUU's Sixth Convocation

Treat Life with Dexterity of a Chess Player

Says Shah Rukh Khan



Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), the country's first and only Urdu university, conferred Doctor of Letters (D.Litt) to Bollywood actor and superstar Shah Rukh Khan on December 26, 2016.

He received this honour at MAANU's 6th convocation function held at the varsity's sprawling campus here in Hyderabad. While accepting the doctorate, Mr. Khan said that he felt doubly honoured as his mother came from Hyderabad and his father, a highly educated person, valued education a lot.

Mr Sanjiv Saraf, founder of Rekhta Foundation, an internet portal that is playing a key role in the revival of interest in Urdu language, was also conferred with Honoris Causa.

Recalling some important events in his life, Mr. Khan said his father gifted him many things, including a Chess set. "Chess can be a good master. It teaches you how to be cooperative. Even the pawns are important on a Chess Board. So don't ignore the pawns even if you respect the queen," he said. Mr. Khan said that diligence is something one learns from a typewriter, among the things that his father had gifted him. "Practice makes a man perfect, Always try to get perfection in whatever work you undertake," he said.

Addressing the students who received degrees in various streams, Mr. Khan said life is precious and every moment of should be spent with dignity. "Whatever you do, do it with dedication.

Achieve whatever goal you have set for yourself," he advised.

MANUU Honours Shah Rukh Khan and Sanjiv Saraf with Doctorate



In his address, Mr. Saraf described Urdu as one of the most expressive and rich languages of the world and underscored the need to preserve and promote it.

"It has the rich heritage of Vedanta and Sufism. This beautiful language is free from religious bigotry and extremism...We all need to save and promote this beautiful and sweet language of India," he said.

Mr Zafar Sareshwala, MANUU's chancellor, said that Mr. Shah Rukh Khan's acceptance of invitation for attending the convocation indicates that its significance is being across all sections of the society. Mr. Sareshwala called upon the students to use the university's degree as a launch pad in their career.

He also said that MANUU products should be recognised for their talent and expertise nationally and internationally. "Develop yourself in such a way that people should know you because of MANUU," he told the students. Dr Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice-Chancellor of MANUU, recalled that Shah Rukh Khan's mother and he belongs to the same Delhi College.

Dr Parvaiz enumerated several achievements of the university since its inception through an Act in Parliament in 1998. He said that promotion of approach and spirit through Urdu was among the important aims of the varsity. "Women education is one of the main areas where we focus," he said.



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The Vice-Chancellor also said that distance education through different centres had pitch-forked MANUU among the main centres of excellence which attract talents from across the country. About 44,235 students in Distance mode were declared given degrees while 2,885 received graduation and post graduation degrees. On the other hand, those who were awarded PhD and MPhil degrees stood at 276.

The event began and ended with singing of the national anthem.





Mr. Venkaiah Naidu is speaking with the students and staff after inaugurating the five-day workshop on Capacity Building of Working Urdu Journalists in Telangana and neighbouring areas

Mr. M Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, today cautioned against “unhealthy” competition in the media and said their power should be used for the social good.

Speaking as the Chief Guest at the inaugural session of the five-day workshop on Capacity Building of Working Urdu Journalists in Telangana and its Neighbouring Areas organized by Maulana Azad National Urdu University and Delhi-based Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, the Minister said, said that the development and empowerment of minorities and women is on the priority list of his government. “Muslims are the equal citizens of this country...Those who wanted to go to Pakistan are gone...There should be complete equality among all citizens...” he said.

The Minister who appeared in his spirits spoke in an imaginative mix of Hindi, Urdu, Telugu and English making the audience admire his repertoire and

Use media power for social good: Venkaiah Naidu

He reminded the audience the sterling role played Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in the freedom struggle. “We need to emulate his spirit,” said.

Mr. Naidu recalled the sterling role played by Urdu language in the freedom struggle of India and said that his government was committed to its development. “Urdu is an Indian language”, therefore, it should enjoy its due position in the country, he added.

He told the audience that comprised students, media persons, teachers and others that the BJP government would strengthen its stand on the development of Minorities and Women.

The Information Minister asked journalists to make of the new media effectively in connecting with the readership and audience.

In the mean time, Mr. Naidu released Special Edition of University’s Magazine “Al Kalam” on Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

Senior journalist Padmashree Alok Mehta underscored the media persons reflect the changing realities of life.

Prof Irteza Kareem, Director NCPUL, expressed deep remorse at the steep decline in the use of Urdu as a language of reading and writing. “Urdu is everywhere. At the same time it is nowhere,” he said and asked people to provide their children knowledge of Urdu.



RUN FOR UNITY

MANUU observed National Unity Day by organizing a 'Run for Unity' at the campus on October 31, 2016 on the occasion of birth anniversary of India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, as part of National Unity Week (October 31 to November 6, 2016). The objective is to spread the message of unity, safety and security. Dr. Shakeel Ahmed, MANUU Registrar, flagged off the Run from the health centre. Students, teachers and employees of the University participated in the Run. Sardar Patel is known as the Iron Man of India because of his role in the freedom struggle and consolidating Independent India. "We must follow him because of his great sacrifices and the contributions he has made for his country", Dr. Shakeel Ahmed said. NSS Coordinator, Dr. Mohammad Fariyad said that the principles followed by Sardar Patel are more relevant today than ever before. "Sardar Patel always spoke about national unity and integrity. It is our turn now to put his ideals into practice," he said.



Students participating in the run

FOUNDATION DAY

Create Wealth to Develop India: Dr. Saraswat

Dr V K Saraswat, internationally known scientist and NITI Aayog member, underscored the 'creation of wealth' in the country so as to sustain development and take it to the next level.

Delivering the Maulana Azad National Urdu University's 19th Foundation Day lecture on January 9 Dr Saraswat, a winner of numerous global and national awards, said that the progress of the country could not be left to borrowing of technology and improving upon it. "We need to focus on developing our technologies and massively changing those that we import. That would lead to creation of wealth...the road to development is full of perils; we should take risks," he advised.

Dr Saraswat who has worked under Dr A P J Abdul Kalam on developing Agni, Prithiv and other missiles said that India could make progress in the field of defense technologies in spite of restrictions from the US because it demonstrated an unbending will. It is the determination to win the technology race that led the country to a globally enviable position. Still, he said, the country is required to fill in huge gaps in agricultural and industrial production. "We are good in eating food but not so good in cooking food...We need to fill that gap," he added..

He drew parallel between Abdul Kalam and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that both believe in the road to innovation.

Dr Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice-Chancellor, referring to India's 'Freedom at midnight' said that the country was standing at the threshold of second midnight journey. "The students have to take the lead from here and carry it forward," he said.

Dr Shakeel Ahmad, Pro Vice-Chancellor, presented memento to the guest while Dr Ameena Tahseen, Director in-charge Centre for Women Studies, conducted the proceedings. Mr Mir Ayoob Ali Khan, Media Consultant, proposed the vote of thanks.



Preview Theatre Inaugurated

Preview Theatre at Instructional Media Centre in MANUU was inaugurated by Mr. Naveen Chand, IPS, Commissioner Cyberabad on August 18, 2016. Mr. Naveen Chand extended his good wishes for the bright future of the University and its pass outs. He was quite impressed with the combination of traditional and modern courses being offered at MANUU through Urdu Medium. After inspecting the studio and various other facilities available at the Instructional Media Centre, he said that these facilities can be compared to any of the latest television studio. He also praised the academic ambiance of the University. Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice Chancellor, said that preparation of study material in Urdu is the primary task of the University. Dr. Shakeel Ahmed, Registrar MANUU, Mr. Kartikeya, DCP, Mr. Ramna Kumar, ACP were also present. Earlier, Mr. Mujahid Ali, In-charge of IMC, presented a brief introduction of the Centre. A documentary outlining the mandate and progress made by the University was also screened on the occasion.



Mr. Naveen Chand, IPS, Commissioner Cyberabad unveiling the plaque of Preview Theatre, Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Mr. Kartikeya, DCP, Mr. Mujahid Ali and others are also seen

Seminars on Gender and Development Social Empowerment Key to Progress

Women in India would remain backward until they are not socially empowered, Prof Susheela Kaushik, eminent social scientist', said at the inaugural function of a seminar held on September 19, 2016

The seminar was on Re-thinking Empowerment: Gender and Development in India. Prof Kaushik said, "as long as woman remains socially backward the slogan of her empowerment in politics, economy and education would be meaningless."

The two-day seminar was organized by the Department of Women Studies in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi.

Prof Kaushik who is considered an authority on women studies, regretted that the subject has been badly neglected in the country at a time when the problems related to women are on the rise. "Have justice been done to women? Have their problems been resolved? We need to look at the gender issue afresh to find out where we stand and what is the way forward," she averred.

"Look at the Khap Panchayat. Which one is more powerful-- Panchayat Raj or Khap

Panchayat?" she asked and added that the gender empowerment does not mean fight against men. It is struggle against dominance of one gender over the other.

Dr Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice-Chancellor, in his presidential remarks, gave example from botany to buttress his point that female play the central role in plant growth. The Vice Chancellor underscored the need to focus on value based education. "No movement can succeed without women playing a pivotal role. Mother has to teach her daughter that she is no commodity.

She should teach the son to respect woman. Justice gives way to justice and injustice to injustice. We need to change our outlook in regard to empowerment of

women," he said.

Prof. Shahida Murtuza, Seminar Coordinator and Head Department of Women Studies, introduced the subject as well as the guests to the audience. Dr Amrendra Pani, Seminar Convener from AIU, welcomed the audience, while Dr Afroz Alam, Head Department of Political Science, conducted the programme. Dr Parveen Qamar, Assistant Professor Department of Women Studies proposed the vote of thanks.



[Prof Kaushik](#)

Equality training should begin at home

The sense of equality between male and female children should start at an early stage by involving both of them in the household chores, Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice-Chancellor, said on September 20, 2016. Inaugurating a two-day handicrafts exhibition cum sale, organized by the

Centre for Women Studies at the Campus, the Vice-Chancellor said the home should become the first training ground for gender equality and justice. A number of women entrepreneurs had put their work on show at the exhibition which was warmly received by visitors, students and staff.

Dr. Shakeel Ahmed, Registrar, said showcasing the work of women artisans and entrepreneurs will encourage them to scale higher heights in their endeavour. The entrepreneurs should not only focus on the quality of their craft but also presentation, he added.

Dr. Ameena Tehseen, Director, Centre for Women Studies said that she proposes to offer training to girls and women in handicrafts at MANUU.



[Dr. Ameena Tehseen](#)

International Symposium on Networks in the Deccan Region is confluence of Cultures, say experts

Two international experts outlined the influences of the Deccan found in India and foreign shores and emphasized the need to bring the region into focus with a view to informing the world how it served as a confluence of multiple civilizations over the ages.

Prof. Patrick Manning, Andrew W. Mellon, Professor of World History at the University of Pittsburgh, traced the history of trans-migration between

Africa and India, more specifically in the Deccan, over millennia and said the plateau, because of its rich natural resources, has been the centre of attraction for numerous racial and ethnic groups.

On the other hand, Dr Navina Haidar, Curator of Islamic Art, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, brought into focus the opulence of the Deccan showcasing rare paintings and other artefacts.

The duo delivered keynote addresses-Prof Manning on the wide array of networks of the Indian Ocean and Prof Haidar on Deccan's Opulence---at the opening session of a symposium 'Networks in the Deccan,' a journey through historical, cultural and commercial connectivity of the region. The symposium was organized by Haroon Khan Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, a unit of Maulana Azad National Urdu University. Dr Haidar said that through the study of artifacts, especially the paintings, the Deccan plateau could be easily described as the confluence of numerous races, faiths and their cultures. "A few centuries ago you have had the Bahmani rule in the north of Deccan and the Vijayanagara

empire in the south. The two lived and influenced the peoples and cultures of each other's domains. This factor is abundantly available in the study of artefacts of the region," she said.

Prof. Rila Mukherjee, noted historian with the University of Hyderabad, explained the importance of the symposium subject and underscored the need to understand the region better.

Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Pro Vice-Chancellor of MANUU who presided over the opening session of the symposium, said that studying the historical and cultural background of the Deccan is like trying to understand India as one unit. "Today I have learnt a lot on the background of the Deccan from where Maulana Azad National University is operating," he said.

Prof Salam Farooqui, Director HKS CDS, explained the works that have been undertaken by the Centre in the last few years while Mr. A. Subash, Assistant Professor, outlined the theme of the symposium. The event was conducted by Mr. Abdul Majid, Assistant Professor, at the Centre.

Mortal remains of Georgian Queen found in Goa-- ASI expert

The 16th century connection between Goa, a part of the Deccan peninsular, and Georgia, was brought to light by N Taher, Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Hyderabad Circle, when he revealed that the mortal remains of Georgian Queen Ketevan have been found in the picturesque coastal state of Goa. Referring to a long research project spread over 22 years Dr N Taher, said, "We have been able to establish that the remains found in St Augustine Complex in Goa were that of Queen Ketevan of Kakheti in Georgia."

Ketevan was the queen of Kakheti during the 1600s. The city was attacked and her husband killed. The Persian ruler Shah Abbas seized the kingdom and took Ketevan a prisoner. She was held in Shiraz for 10 years where she died a mysterious death. Her remains were smuggled out of Iran to Goa. Later Ketevan was canonized as a saint by the Georgian Orthodox Church.

Georgia wanted to find where the relics of their Queen were. The investigation was started by ASI and 26 years later it was revealed that her remains are in Goa. It was for the first time that DNA testing was done on a bone relic in India at CCMB, Hyderabad. The lecture was organised by H. K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, a research institution of MANUU on September 22, 2016. The lecture titled Personality of a Monument: A Case Study of St. Augustine Complex in Deccan's Old Goa, threw new light on the history of Goa.

The lecture was also significant as it encompassed facets of disciplines such as archaeology, history, genetics, and chemistry. It was reflective of the multi-disciplinary character of academics that the Centre focuses upon. The lecture also formed an important part of the Centre's geographical jurisdiction of five states in the Deccan-Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Goa.

The lecture was chaired by Registrar Dr. Shakeel Ahmad. Dr Salma Ahmed Farooqui, Director, Centre for Deccan Studies, welcomed the guests and introduced her work to the audience.

Dr. Taher delivering the lecture



TEACHERS DAY

BE DREAM GIVERS



Mr. Sadatullah Hussaini delivering Teachers' Day lecture

In a world where accessibility to knowledge has been taken over by Internet, the teacher should change his role to a dream-maker and motivator for students to achieve greater goals, said eminent social scientist Sadatullah Hussaini who is also the Director for Study and Research, a New Delhi-based NGO, on September 6, 2016.

Delivering the Teachers' Day lecture at the University, Mr. Hussaini said that the days of a teacher being the knowledge giver were over. "The knowledge is available on various digital platforms. An enterprising student could find required information on his own. Therefore, a teacher has to go beyond his traditional role and become a person who prepares a student to dream big and set greater objectives in life... He has also got to be a motivator, a person who inspires children to put the world on the path that leads to ending exploitation and equitable distribution of wealth."

The Education and Training Department at MANUU organized the lecture to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, first Vice President of Independent India. Dr Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice Chancellor of MANUU, who presided over the function, lamented the degradation in values in the society and asked the teachers to build the character of students beneficial to the nation and world at large.

The chaotic conditions in the world demand that people returned to the values contained in religious scriptures, he said.

Dr Shakeel Ahmed, Registrar of MANUU, said that the contribution of parents and teachers in one's life was immeasurable. "A teacher should impart knowledge in a manner that touches the hearts of students," he said.

Mr. Hussaini said that pursuit of carriers with focus on gathering material benefits has led to decline in concepts of love and concern for the disadvantaged sections of the society. "A teacher should be like a gardener who should focus on the potential growth of 'the seed' rather than 'manufacturing' of degree holders," he averred.

Prof Fatima Begum, Dean School of Education, described Radhakrishnan as a great philosopher and scholar who 'worked as a 'live-bridge' between the East and West.

Prof Siddiqui Mohammed Mahmood, Head, Department of Education and Training, conducted the meeting. Dr. Athar Hussain, Asst. Professor proposed the vote of thanks.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Dr Aslam Parvaiz, Vice-Chancellor of Maulana Azad National Urdu University, appealed to the public on December 2, 2016 to discard the word 'disability' from their vocabulary because of its 'hurtful connotations.' Speaking at the rally to commemorate the day of People with Disability (PwD) he said, "The idea of disability should be conveyed as 'difference', a kind of diversity." The Persons with Disabilities (PoW) Cell at MANUU organized the two-day event. It is observed the world over as the U.N. International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The primary aim of the events was to bring people with and without disabilities together in dialogue and activities. Gulzar's immensely popular film Koshish which was made in 1972 was screened which was followed by a discussion on how physical disabilities affect people. Dr. Parveen Jahan, Chairperson, PwD Cell, spoke of the significance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Over 100 people including staff members and students attended the screening of the film and participated in the lively discussion.





Mr. M V Krishna Rao, Mr. M K Raina, Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Dr. K P Singah and Mr. Anis Azmi with students who performed in exhibition on 1857

Students should spread knowledge and love

Maulana Azad National Urdu University celebrated Republic Day by hoisting the national tri-colour and organizing an exhibition on 1857-the First War of Independence.

After hosting the flag, Dr Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice-Chancellor, told the MANUU community that it should work harder in making the University a spring of knowledge and love to serve the entire nation. "Times demand that we focus on the factors that bind our nation and promoting them," he said.

Mr. M K Raina, awarding winning theater personality, asked the students to rediscover India by working among the underprivileged sections of the society. "Go to the areas where the poor live. Go to the places where villagers live. See what you can gain from them. Also, ensure you impart knowledge which could serve them better," he said.

Mr. M V Krishna Rao, former Director General of India Nepal and Tibet Borders Guarding Force and Hyderabad City Police Commissioner, took the audience back to the 1857 war where all communities fought together against the tyrannical colonial rule. He said that the time has come for the country to demonstrate that kind of unity. "We are a leader in the world affairs. We need to improve upon that position and at the same time serve our people, irrespective of their caste, creed and religion, better. We are one people, one nation. We should demonstrate that position again and again," he said.

The exhibition was organized by the university in collaboration with the Delhi-based NGO Safdar Hashmi Memorial Trust (Sahmet) that was founded in memory of theater personality Safdar Hashmi.

Mr Anis Azmi, Chief Consultant, Centre for Urdu Culture Studies, who organized the exhibition, said that he was amazed at the talent available at the university. These talents have to be spotted and groomed, he added.



M V K Krishna Rao

Orientation Program For Deeni Madrasa Teachers

Dr. Mohammed Aslam Parvaiz, MANUU Vice Chancellor, asked the educational institutions to keep themselves abreast with the changing trends and demands in education and related methodologies. "Not keeping a watch on them could imperil the education system as such," he opined. He has promised to make all possible attempts to link the pass outs of Deeni Madrasas (religious schools) to modern education. The Vice Chancellor was speaking at the inaugural session of the 10-day training programme on "Modern demands and the role of Madrasa Education" at MANUU on February 7. Centre for Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers (CPDUMT) of MANUU organized the orientation programme in collaboration with National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, New Delhi.

Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rehmani, a renowned Islamic scholar, said in his key-note address that there was no restriction on getting modern education and making use of available resources. The condition is that the modern education should be used for the good of the society. Historically Islam has supported use of education and resources according to the needs of the time, he added. Dr. Irteza Kareem, Director, National Council for the Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), has highlighted the details of the orientation programme. He said, "There are large numbers of Deeni Madrasas

in India whose focus is on traditional knowledge. It is the responsibility of NCPUL to keep them abreast with the modern knowledge and arts," he said. Deeni Madrasas should be made aware of the current issues. They should make use of the resources available to find out solutions to complicated issues. "This orientation programme is an attempt in this direction," he added. Prof. H. Khatija Begum, Director, CPDUMT, welcomed the guests. Prof. Siddiqui Mohd. Mahmood conducted the meeting and Dr. Misbahul Anzar proposed vote of thanks.



Prof. Irteza Kareem



A K Khan inaugurates Cricket Club

Mr. A K Khan, Director General, Anti-corruption Bureau, Telangana State, has advised the students of Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) to carry the 'sportsman' spirit in classrooms as well as in the life outside the campus.

have been playing cricket in MANUU for a long time, it was on October 13 that they saw the opening of the MANUU Cricket Club.

Mr Khan told the MANUU students about the rich history of Hyderabad which boasted of players like Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, M L Jaisimha, Abid Ali, Abbas Ali Baig, Mohammad Azharuddin and VVS Laxman etc. "What it requires is your devotion. Show it and you will go places," he said.

After inaugurating the MANUU Cricket Club, Mr Khan took to the field and batted different strokes to the neat bowling of the students. "I am impressed with the calibre of your players. They know how to bowl and field," he told the MANUU authorities.

Dr Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, MANUU Vice Chancellor, assured the students of all possible facilities to allow them to hone their sporting skills. "The University will support you in developing your sporting skills," he said.

The campus of MANUU which is spread over 200 acre has a cricket ground where national tournaments can be held. Though the students

Dr Parvaiz appreciated the efforts of MCC Committee Members and the Coach Mr.Hafeez Malik. He advised the budding cricketers to fully utilize the facilities available and perform well to get success.



Mr. A K Khan shaking hands with cricket players of MANUU Cricket Club
Dr. Mohammed Aslam Parvaiz and Dr. Shakeel Ahmad and others

APPOINTMENTS



Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Registrar, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, took charge as the Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University on December 1, 2016. He had been appointed as Registrar of the University on February 1, 2016.

Dr. Ahmed has extensive experience in Education Management and Administration. He has earlier worked with the UGC as its Joint Secretary, and Deputy Registrar with Jamia Hamdard and Delhi University. Dr. Ahmed is on the management committees and boards of numerous colleges and educational institutes across the country. He has written a book, Human Resources Development in Universities, in 1999. His research papers and articles have been published in several journals and other publications.



Prof. Rihan Khan Suri, CEO-India, Middle East & Africa with Green Circle Eduvision Ltd. New Delhi is appointed as Advisor, Training and Placement Cell of MANUU in October 2016.



Dr. Abusalah Shariff, has been appointed as Professor-Chair, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Chair of MANUU. He is a well known economist and demographer, has been working on various aspect of human development and inclusive growth.

Dr. Shariff is also the Chairperson, Centre for Research and Debates in Development Policy, and Chief Economist at the National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi. He was advisor to the Indian Prime Minister during 2004-2006 to review the inclusive growth policies in the context of minorities.

Later he also served as a Member of the Committee of Ministry of Home Affairs on the reorganization of the Indian States during 2010. Before tackling that assignment, he worked as Senior Research Fellow at the Asia office of International Food Policy Research Institute, New Delhi.

Dr. Khilendra Pal Singh, Joint Secretary (Central Universities), University Grants Commission, New Delhi took charge as the Finance Officer of MANUU on December 1, 2016.



Dr. Akhtar Parvez, has been appointed as Librarian of Sayyid Hamid Central Library, MANUU. He assumed charge on January 2, 2017. Dr. Parvez has earlier worked as Librarian at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Indore from July 1, 2011 to December 30, 2016.

He has about 27 years of experience of working in prestigious institutions, both in government and private sector.

Prof. Amir Ullah Khan, has been appointed as consultant, CSE Residential Coaching Academy in November 2016 with the objective of rejuvenating the academy achieving best possible results.



He has earlier worked on development issues primarily in the Health, Education and Agriculture sectors. He has been a Researcher for the Ministry of Finance and the UNDP at Project LARGE (Legal Adjustments and Reforms for Globalising the Economy). He is senior policy advisor to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

He is currently a member of the Board of Governors at the Digital Empowerment Foundation, Welham Girls School and the Presidency University, Bangalore. He is also a member in the Telangana Government's Commission of Inquiry on Socio Economic Conditions headed by Mr. G Sudhir, a former IAS Officer.



HONOURS

Prof. Kancha Ilaiah delivers keynote address at London Seminar



Prof. Kancha Ilaiah, Director, Al-Beruni Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, MANUU was invited to deliver keynote address in an International Seminar at London on August 25, 2016. The London Institute of South Asia (LISA) organized the seminar on "Religion, Terrorism and Caste Oppression in South Asia" at Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, Russell Square, London. "His (Prof. Kancha Ilaiah's) contribution to this seminar was highly appreciated by all participants for its originality and clarity", says Saeed Ismat, Chairman, LISA.

MANUU teacher helps Prison Inmates

Mr. Rafi Mohmad, Assistant Professor, Department of Education and Training, went to Cherlapally Central Prison, Hyderabad and spoke with inmates. He offered psychological counselling and training tips as a resource person. In Phase - I of the programme called Sudhaar, he extended his services as a resource person for psychological counselling and in Phase-II which was known as Unnati he participated in the Training of the Trainers programme (ToT). This programme is an Initiative of Prison Department of Government of Telangana and Sahayam Counselling centre, Osmania University, to bring about a change among repeated offenders and criminals through Cognitive, Motivational Strategies and Self regulation.



Bawazeer wins National Blind and Deaf Championship in Judo



Mr. Hassan Ali Bawazeer of ITI, MANUU, has won the 5th National Blind and Deaf Judo Championships Award. Bawazeer has participated under 55 kgs weight category in the Junior Blind Judo Championships - 2017 held during January 14 - 18, 2017 at Scottish High International School, Gurgaon, Haryana, and secured first positions.

Mr. Awanish Kumar Awasthi (IAS), Chairman, Indian Blind and Para Judo Associations (IBAPJA) and Mr. Munawar Azar (World Referee), General Secretary, IBAPJA issued a certificate to Mr. Hasan Bawazeer.

Mr. Bawazeer had previously won Gold Medal at Junior level Inter-District Judo Championship held at Nizamabad in November, last year. He was coached by Mr. M. A. Aziz, a well known expert in martial arts.

Body Building Title Won

Mr. Mohd. Aslam of B.Tech Computer Science has won Naresh Surya Classic Body Building Championship - 2017. The body building competitions were organized by Telangana Amateur Body Builders and Fitness Association, Hyderabad. Dr. Shakeel Ahmed, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dr. K P Singh, Finance Officer congratulated the winner. He was coached by Mr. Seemab Azeem.



Mohd. Aslam with trophy is seen with Dr. Shakeel Ahmed, Dr. K. P. Singh, Seemab Azeem and Dr. M. Mazhar Quadri



MSU: Mr. Tajamul Islam, Department of English, has been elected as President of Maulana Azad National Urdu University Student Union (MSU) on September 8, 2016.

Mr. Arshad Alam (Business Management), Mr. Mohammad Ammar Azam (Education and Training), and Shahid Jamal (Business Management) were elected for the posts of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively. Mr. Muhammed Ali K, Department of English, was elected unopposed for the post of Joint Secretary while Mr. Mohd. Firoz as executive member (Polytechnic).

Students Union has taken charge on September, 22, 2016 following an oath taking ceremony. Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice-Chancellor, administered the oath of office to the office bearers at a ceremony held at DDE Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor asked the union to help in bettering academic and campus atmosphere. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Registrar, was also present. Earlier, Prof. P. F. Rahman, Dean Students Welfare, welcomed the gathering and Prof. H. Khatija Begum, Chief Returning Officer, presented a report on the elections.



MANUUTA: Dr. M. Junaid Zakir and five others were administered the oath as office bearers of Maulana Azad National Urdu University Teachers Association (MANUUTA) on October 26, 2016.

The other teachers given the oath were Dr. Malik Raihan Ahmad, Vice President, Mr. Shaheer Zaman, General Secretary, Dr. Sadatullah Shareef, Joint Secretary (Organizing), Dr. Bonthu Kotaiah, Joint Secretary (Publicity) and Mr. Sayyad Aman Ubed, Treasurer. The oath taking ceremony was graced by Mr Zafar Younus Sareshwala, Chancellor of the University.

Prof. Najamul Hasan, Chairperson, Election Committee, presented a brief report about the elections held on October 7. Mr. Sareshwala, speaking on the occasion, said that no mandate was required to do a good work. The University needs to focus on student-centric activities. "The identification of the potential among the students is the real responsibility of teachers," he said. Dr. Junaid Zakir, in his address, expressed the need to evolve a robust academic and administrative atmosphere in the University. Teachers owe the responsibility to train and help the students. Dr. H. Aleem Basha, election committee member, conducted the proceedings and proposed vote of thanks.



MAOA: Maulana Azad National Urdu University Administrative Officers Association (MAOA) unanimously elected new office bearers for the term 2016-18.

Mr. Abdul Rasheed Shaik was elected as President of the Association. Similarly, Dr. Aslam Parwez, Vice President; Mr Md. Imtiaz Alam, Secretary; Mr Mohd. Shakeel Ahmed, Joint Secretary; Mr. Mohd. Zahid Shaik, Treasurer and Ms Minhaj Fatima and Dr. Ayesha Siddiqua as Executive Members have also been elected.



MEWA: Mr. Shaik Naveed of the Department of Translation has been elected as President of Maulana Azad National Urdu University Employees Welfare Association (MEWA).

The other employees elected for different posts include Mr. Badavath Bikshapathi, Vice-President; Wajihus Shams, General Secretary; Ms Dharamjeet Kumar, Joint Secretary; Razzak Shareef, Secretary; Syed Yousuf Razvi, Organizing Secretary and; M. A. Nawaz, Treasurer. Mohammed Arif, Syed Ghouse and Khaja Maqtar Ahmed are the members of the Association. The elections for MEWA were held on October 27.

AWARDS

Nine receive Ph.D, Four M.Phil

SHAMSHAD BEGUM, Assistant Professor, part-time research scholar, Department of Education and Training with MANUU was awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Education in August 2016. She submitted her research on A study of Awareness and Attitude of Students and Teachers of Secondary Schools towards Environmental Education under the supervision of Prof. H. Khatija Begum, Head, Department of Education and Training.



MOHD. ABDUL ALEEM, was declared qualified in Doctor of Philosophy in Arabic. He completed his research on the topic A Critical Study of Araj ul Saba fi Madhil Mustafa under the supervision of Dr. Syed Alim Ashraf, Head, Department of Arabic, MANUU.



TAIYABA NAZLI, Assistant Professor part-time research scholar, Department of Education and Training was awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Education in October 2016. She submitted her research on An Investigation into the Anxiety, Frustration and Stress among the Students of Professional Courses - Growth in the Suicidal rate of Andhra Pradesh State under the supervision of Dr. Tariq Ahmed Masoodi, Assistant Professor Department of Education and Training.



AZEEZUNISSA was declared qualified in Doctor of Philosophy in Women Studies. She completed her research on the topic Mahroos Khwateen ke Masail aur Bazabaadkari - Riasat Andhra Pradesh ke Hawale se - Ek Taneezi Jaisa under the supervision of Prof. Shahida, Head, Dept. of Women Studies, MANUU.

MANORAMA KUMARI TALLA, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering, MANUU Polytechnic Bangalore, was awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Spatial Information Technology from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad in September 2016. She completed her research on Development of GIS Based Decision Support System for Optimal Analysis for Transportation of Solid Waste.



KHALEEQ UR RAHEMAN, was declared qualified in Doctor of Philosophy in Management. He completed his research on the topic Self Service Technology and its Perception on Service Quality - A Study of Select Banks under the supervision of Prof. M. Abdul Azeem, Head, Dept. of Management, MANUU



MD. SABIR ALI, Assistant Professor Physics, Polytechnic Darbhanga, was awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Experimental Nuclear Physics from Department of Physic, Aligarh Muslim University in August, 2016.



MOHD MUNTAZIM, Research Scholar, Department of Education and Training, was declared qualified in Master of Philosophy. He submitted his research on Jama Ashrafia Mubarakpur, Azamgarh ka Mutala Ehwal under the supervision of Dr. Najmus Saher, Associate Professor (Education).

MISBAHUL HAQUE, Research Scholar, Department of Translation, was declared qualified in Master of Philosophy. He submitted his research on A Critical Review of books translated in Urdu pertaining to the field of Education and Training under the supervision of Dr. Mohd Junaid Zakir, Assistant Professor, Department of Translation, MANUU.



ZAFFER ABDULLAH WANI, a Research Scholar with the Department of Urdu has been declared eligible for the award of Doctor of Philosophy in Urdu. His topic was Jammu-o-Kashmir ke Urdu Afsano par Adabi Tahreekat aur Ruhjanaat ke Asraat--Ibteda taa 2000 under the supervision of Dr. Mosarrat Jahan, Asst. Professor Urdu with MANUU.



MOHD. JAFAR, a Research Scholar with the Department of Urdu has been declared eligible for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Urdu. He has worked on Iran mein Urdu Muta'le-aat ka Farogh, Tanqeedi Jaiza under the supervision of Dr. Mosarrat Jahan, Asst. Professor Urdu at MANUU.



MINHAJ UL ABEDEEN, Research Scholar, Translation Studies was declared qualified in Master of Philosophy. He submitted his research on Islam ke alafa deegar Mazhabi kitabaon ke Urdu tarajim mein Arabi Alfaaz-o-Istelaahaat ka Istaemal - Ek Tajziyati Mutala under the supervision of Dr. Junaid Zakir, Assistant Professor, Department of Translation, MANUU.



ABDUL RAHMAN, Research Scholar, Department of Education and Training, was declared qualified in Master of Philosophy. He submitted his research on Implementation of CCE Scheme in Government Secondary School of Hyderabad city - A Study under the supervision of Prof. Fathima Begum, Dean School of Education and Training, MANUU.

Distressing situation in Assam

Calcutta, 31st May 1942

My dear Jawaharlal,

Your letter of 27th May from Wardha had reached me day before yesterday. I am sending this letter to Allahabad, so that you may get it as soon as you reach there.

When you were staying in Calcutta en route to Assam, you might remember that one day I had a sudden attack of giddiness while talking to you. At Allahabad too, this complaint had happened once, but I did not take any notice of it. Recently it has recurred many a time, specially when I work long. The remedy seems to be, that I should give up the work for a few days and take rest; but you know the circumstances cannot permit me to do so. Even if I am allowed to do so, how would it be possible to take rest after leaving work?

I am much disturbed over certain matters. I do not know what are your feelings now. My mind seems to be much oppressed, which burden I cannot remove in any way.

You write that you will ready after the 3rd June, owing to my present state of health, I think I shall not be able to leave on the 4th. I might be delayed for a few days. However, it is certain that we have to go to Wardha next week. If my complaint does not increase I may probably be able to leave on the 5th or 6th instant. In any case I shall let you know by telegram beforehand, so that you may also be able to leave Allahabad the same day.

The Medical Mission is working in Silchar satisfactorily. The local responsible men are praising its work. A number of refugees is coming to Goalundo. A unit has, therefore, been sent there also. Kiran Sankar Roy is going there for its opening ceremony.

The refugees from Burma are also pouring in sylhet and karimganj. Most of them succumb to epidemic diseases. The local Congress Committee had made arrangements for doctors. They were in need of medicines, clothes and male-nurses, which we have supplied them.

Owing to the air raid by Japan on the borders of Assam, a new situation has arisen in the whole province. People leave the cities for villages, where owing to rains a great danger of seasonal diseases is imminent. Moreover, the Marwari grain dealers have totally vacated the province, which has caused great dislocation of grain business. There is no purchaser of the Assam paddy, and no one is there to supply them with other kinds of grains which are needed by Assam. The military is purchasing away all the local stock of medicines, and there is a great dearth of necessary medicines.

These conditions required our utmost vigilance to relieve the distress of Assam. I have done whatever I possibly could immediately, and I hope I shall be able to help them sufficiently from Calcutta.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
Ananad Bhavan,
Allahabad

Yours sincerely,
A. K. Azad



