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Message from the Vice Chancellor

I am pleased to know that the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU is bringing out its Biannual Newsletter (April 2013). It documents the varied programmes and activities undertaken by the College in the last six months. It is gratifying that these programmes have been benefitting a large number of teachers who are drawn to these courses from all parts of the country. These courses go a long way in sensitizing the teachers to a range of socio-cultural issues and it enables them to attain professional development. It goes without saying that a competent teacher is the backbone of an educational institution.

I wish the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU every success in its future programmes.

Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah
Vice-Chancellor

ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY
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Director’s Message

It is a great pleasure to report the varied activities of the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU in the period (1 October 2012 to April 2013). Not only were all the allotted courses organized on time, a host of innovative activities were undertaken, as for example, the field visits to orphanage and home visits to the houses of resource persons. Both of these programmes were greatly liked by the Course Participants, as is evident from their impressions recorded on this issue.

I take this opportunity to thank the University administration, especially the Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar and Finance Officer for their valuable cooperation in the smooth functioning of our College. Dr. Faiza Abbasi, my colleague at the UGC Academic Staff College deserves special thanks for bringing out this Newsletter.

Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai
Director
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Academic Advisory Committee of UGC Academic Staff College
Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

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**Ex-Officio Members**

|   | Group Captain (Retd.)                      | Special Invitee                      |                                                                          |
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| 9 | Shahrukh Shamshad                          |                                      |                                                                          |
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| 10 | Mrs. Yasmeen Jalal Beg                     | Special Invitee                      |                                                                          |
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| 11 | Professor A.R. Kidwai                      | Member Secretary                     |                                                                          |
|    | Director                                  |                                      |                                                                          |
|    | UGC Academic Staff College, A.M.U., Aligarh|                                      |                                                                          |
UGC Academic Staff College, AMU: Towards Progress

The UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University is mandated by the Government of India to organize teacher training programmes for University/College lecturers from all over the country. 47 Academic Staff Colleges were established in 1987 in reputed Universities all over India and the ASC AMU is one of them. Today there are 66 ASCs in the country.

The prime objective of the ASC, AMU is to organize Orientation Programmes and Subject Refresher Courses for in-service teacher training. Since its inception the ASC AMU has organized a large number of such courses and benefited many teachers in Higher Education Institutes from 1987 to 2013.

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Till date the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU has trained 14154 University/College teachers the Orientation Programmes and Subject Refresher Courses. Apart from this, many more research scholars, faculty members, school and Madrassa teachers, academic administrators and students have been trained under various Interaction Programmes, Short Term Courses, Special Summer/Winter Schools and Workshops. Details of courses, their durations and the respective number of participants in all the courses organized between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013 are given below:
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Having conducted the above programmes which are the mainstay of our activities, we have also been engaged in some extension activities. The teaching training programmes for Iraqi Faculty Members and the ACCESS Programme in collaboration with the US Embassy, New Delhi are noteworthy amongst them. Detailed reports of all the programmes commenced during 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013 appear in subsequent pages of this issue.
“Teachers bring about social change” - Professor Hamida Ahmad

SRCs in Oriental Studies and Computer Applications conclude at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU

Aligarh, 16 September 2012 – Two Subject Refresher Courses in Oriental Studies and Computer Applications concluded at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU. 75 participants representing the states of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttarakhand had enrolled for these three-week long Courses. While the SRC in Oriental Studies included University and degree college teachers of Urdu, Persian, Arabic, Islamic studies and West Asian Studies the SRC in Computer Applications was open for teachers of all disciplines.

Professor Hamida Ahmad ex-Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, AMU and ex Member of the University Grants Commission, MHRD, distributed the certificates of participation. Speaking to the participants she said that no social change has ever been brought about by politicians. If teachers want they can inspire the students to live harmoniously and work towards bringing a social change. She said that teachers should never be arrogant to refuse to learn from a student because the opportunities to learn continue with life.

Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director UGC Academic Staff College, AMU said that following in the footsteps of Professor Hamida Ahmad the teachers of today should tirelessly contribute to nation building. He said that challenges
may seem difficult but they are not insurmountable. Some hard work with true loyalty to the right kind of values would make teachers a role model for their students.

The certificates distribution ceremony was facilitated by the respective course coordinators Professor Sagheer Beg, Dept of Urdu AMU and Dr. Ubaidullah Bokhari, Chairman Department of Computer Science, AMU. Feedback opinions were given by several participants from Bijapur, Bulandshahar, Kolkatta, Kollam, Lucknow and Pune. Dr. Faiza Abbasi, UGC Academic Staff College Faculty, moved the vote of thanks.

122\textsuperscript{nd} Orientation Programme for 50 teachers launched at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU

Aligarh, 21 September 2012 - The UGC Academic Staff College, AMU launched its 122\textsuperscript{nd} Orientation Programme for University/College teachers. 50 participants of various disciplines have joined the four-weeks long course including those who have arrived from Assam, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra and U.P. The participants from U.P. belong to Agra, Allahabad, Aligarh, Bulandshahar, Etah, Firozabad, Ghaziabad and Muzaffarnagar. It is noteworthy that the visitor friendly premises of the Academic Staff College at AMU have attracted 16 women participants and among the 25 participants using hostel facility one is handicapped.

In the inaugural session of this Orientation Programme Director, UGC Academic Staff College, Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai welcomed the participants and explained the various aspects of the course. He said that the ASC provides a
wonderful platform for representatives of diverse cultures to interact with one another and maintain the social fabric of our great nation, which is essentially pluralistic. The Aligarh Muslim University was established during to strengthen the socially and economically decimated minority community with due cooperation of the majority community in an elder brotherly manner. He said that it was the greatness of our founding fathers that in the post-Independence era too, the AMU could retain its character and till date its secular and multi-cultural nature is a matter of pride for all.

In this course the participants will be attending over 35 sessions to enhance their teaching skills and orient themselves towards making their contribution to nation building. Eminent resource persons from various fields will deliver lectures and interact with the participants. Some unique features of this course at the ASC, AMU include home visits to meet AMU Faculty members, guided tours to the AMU Campus, Maulana Azad Library and sites of historical and natural heritage such as museums and the AMU Fort. Cultural evening and special state cultural evenings will also be organized during this Orientation Programme, which will conclude on 16 October 2012.

'Teachers must avail themselves of the opportunities for continuous Professional Development' - Professor M. Shamim Jairajpuri

35 AMU Faculty Members completed a Short-term course on Stress Management at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU

Aligarh, 13 October 2012 - The UGC Academic Staff College, AMU organized a short term-course on Stress Management from 8 to 13 October 2012 for the Faculty Members and Research Scholars of various Faculties of AMU. 35
Participants including one Professor, five Associate Professors, nine Assistant Professors, one Guest Faculty and several Post Doctoral Fellows, DST Young Scientists and research scholars attended this course.

Participation certificates were given by the Chief Guest Professor M. Shamim Jairajpuri, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad in a function held at the Audio-visual Hall of the Social Science Faculty, AMU. Speaking at the function he said that teachers should always avail opportunities of professional development. He expressed happiness over the fact that 35 AMU teachers and scholars successfully attended the course. Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director UGC Academic Staff College, AMU welcomed the guests and congratulated the participants for doing the course. He reiterated the commitment of the Academic Staff College in organizing courses that will help faculty members in India and abroad to improve themselves and keep abreast with the latest issues and challenges in higher education.

Course coordinator Professor Akbar Hussain, Department of Psychology, AMU presented a report of the proceedings and said that stress is a silent killer which plays an important role in developing many diseases like hypertension, ulcers and even cancer. He said that in this short-term course eminent resource persons from Aligarh and Delhi gave lectures on managing stress in various ways like diet and nutrition, yogic relaxation and Unani approach. He expressed his gratitude to the Director and staff of the Academic Staff College. UGC Academic Staff College Faculty Dr. Reshma Jamal delivered the vote of thanks.

“AMU is committed to international students and teachers seeking training here”- Brig. Syed Ahmad Ali,
Aligarh, 25 October 2012 - In its first ever venture to train foreign teachers, the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU successfully completed the Teaching Training Programme for Iraqi Faculty Members. 49 senior Iraqi teachers, mostly Professors from different universities and colleges of Iran in Baghdad, Basra, Babylon, Karbala, Kufa, Mosul, Musaib and Tikrit attended this one-month long Course. The group included seven female teachers and represented various disciplines of studies like Agricultural Sciences, Zoology, Humanities, Physical Education and Sports, Clinical Biochemistry, Pathology and Anesthesia.

During this course the participants were given exposure to the functioning of the relevant departments of studies where they attended lectures, seminars and visited libraries and laboratories. Some general lectures on communication skills, counseling and mentoring, personality development, teaching techniques, Information and Communication Technology, research methodology, academic writing and e-resources and digital library were delivered by eminent resource persons. In order to make these foreign delegates aware of the culture of India and the academic nature of AMU, visits were also organized to Agra, the AMU campus, Maulana Azad Library, K. A. Nizami Center for Quranic Studies, Sir Syed Academy, Ibn-e-Sina Academy, University Museum and the AMU Fort.

The Pro Vice Chancellor of AMU Brigadier Syed Ahmad Ali gave out the participation certificates to all the Iraqi Teachers at the Valedictory Function held at the UGC Academic Staff College. Endorsing the national commitment to come
up as a knowledge capital especially for Asian countries, he said that AMU would do its best to bring excellence in its training facilities. Welcoming the move of the Iraqi Higher Education Ministry in sending its teachers for Training to AMU he said that this could be a long-term relationship between the trainees and the training organization, which could be maintained through e-mail etc. He conveyed the best wishes of the Lieutenant General Zameer Uddin Shah, Vice-Chancellor, AMU to all the Iraqi Faculty members. Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director UGC Academic Staff College, congratulated the Iraqi teachers on completing the course and assured them of further fruitful collaboration. He expressed gratitude to the AMU administration for cooperation in implementing the course.

Mr. Sadeq Mohammad Mahdi, Administrative Officer, Office of the Cultural Counselor, Embassy of Iraq, New Delhi, thanked the Aligarh Muslim University for its noble gesture in organizing this course and presented the compliments of the Iraqi Consulate. Professor Badar Alam Iqbal, Ex. Dean, Faculty of Commerce, AMU was the Course Coordinator and facilitated the certificate distribution ceremony. Mr. Majeed Ahmad Majeed from the Embassy of Iraq and Dr. Iqbal Siddiqi, Advisor to foreign students at AMU also graced the occasion. Dr. Faiza Abbasi, ASC Faculty and Co-Coordinator of this training programme, welcomed the guests and conducted the proceedings.

Quranic Arabic Teaching Training Programme for AMU School teachers
launched at UGC Academic Staff College, AMU

“Dissemination of knowledge is a noble job”- Professor Mohd. Kaleem Khan,
Dean Student’s Welfare, AMU
Aligarh, 6 November 2012 - The UGC Academic Staff College, AMU launched the Arabic Teaching Training Programme for the Quran and Arabic teachers of the AMU Schools. This ten days course is being implemented in collaboration with MESCO an NGO from Hyderabad under its ALEEF programme. 29 teachers including 13 female teachers have been attending this course. These teachers belong to AMU Girls’ High School, AMU City Girls’ High School, STS High School, AMU ABK High School, AMU City High School and Abdullah Nursery and Primary School and some others from the local schools.

Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director UGC Academic Staff College, hailed the programme as concrete step towards the proper teaching and dissemination of the Holy Quran. Maulana Shahnawaz Akhtar Qasmi and Maulana Shahbaz, the resource persons from MESCO, Hyderabad told that the two major components of the programme would be Arabic Grammar and Tajweed. They expressed the hope that the training programme will enable people in reading the Quran with its correct pronunciation so that the meaning of the words remains unchanged in delivery.

Speaking at the Valedictory Function on 16 November 2012 Chief Guest Professor Mohd. Kaleem Khan, Dean Students Welfare, AMU said that the dissemination of knowledge is a noble task and congratulated the participants on taking this training. Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU said that the responsibility of teaching the Quran should be taken seriously in the interests of the community by the teachers. Guest of honour Mrs. Samina Yasmeen, Director Distance Programme, MESCO
Hyderabad, apprised the audience of the future programmes of MESCO and thanked the Aligarh Muslim University for Organising the Training Programme.

The course was attended by teachers from AMU Girls’ High School, City Girls’ High School, Qazipara, City Boy’s High School, STS High School and Aligarh Muslim University ABK High School. Course Coordinator Dr. Faiza Abbasi, facilitated the distribution of certificates and ASC Faculty Dr. Reshma Jamal welcomed the guests and proposed the vote of thanks.

“For scaling new heights a well trained support staff needed” - Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, Vice Chancellor, AMU

Training Programme for Academic Administrators of AMU held at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU

Aligarh, 1 December 2012 – The Training Programme for Senior Personal Assistants and Section Officers of AMU was organized at the UGC Academic Staff College in which 45 officials of the various Departments of AMU participated. In this one-day Training Programme Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Deputy Secretary, University Grants Commission, Govt. of India, gave lectures and held interactive sessions on higher education and the University system in India. He explained to the participants the importance of the art of effective note making and the liaison between a central University and the UGC.

In his Inaugural address Lt. General Zameer Uddin Shah Vice Chancellor, AMU said that to be able to do things a well-trained staff is the primary requirement and he urged the participants to give an honest day’s work while attending the training. Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director UGC Academic Staff
College, Aligarh Muslim University thanked the Aligarh Muslim University administration for organizing the course. He said that although the provision for such courses for non-teaching staff exists under the UGC Academic Staff College, this was the first time it was actually held and with such cooperation more such courses will be organized. The Pro-Vice Chancellor of AMU Brigadier Syed Ahmed Ali said in his concluding remarks that there is no age for learning and the biggest room is the room for improvement. He also expressed his gratitude to the UGC Academic Staff College for giving an opportunity of learning to the PAs and SOs of AMU.

‘AMU is committed to becoming an International Training Center’ - Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, Vice Chancellor, AMU

Teaching Training Programme for Iraqi Medical Faculty Members Concludes at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU

Aligarh, 12 December 2012– A Teaching Training Programme for Medical Faculty Members from Iraq concluded at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU. This one-month long course was organized at the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU. Ten Iraqi doctors from Baghdad, Tikrit and Wasat took training in disciplines like Microbiology, Pathology, Community Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Radiology. Faculty members with relevant specializations were exposed to advanced techniques such as laparoscopy, colonoscopy and research with electron microscope. 43 eminent resource persons from 12 Departments of studies took sessions in classrooms and laboratories for the Iraqi Medical Faculty Members.
The Chief Guest at the Valedictory function Lt. Gen (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, VC AMU said that he was happy that such a course had successfully completed at AMU for Iraqi Faculty members and looked forward to AMU becoming an International Training organisation. Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College said that JNMC is one of the shining jewels of the AMU where a suitably designed course could meet the expectations of all the trainees. He expressed gratitude to all the resource persons of the JNMC for making the programme successful. Course Director Professor Ashraf Malik, Principal, JNMC welcomed the guests and hailed the collaborative effort of the JNMC and Academic Staff College towards achieving international acclaim. He apprised the audience of the proceedings of the course emphasizing the fact that for each Course Participant the training schedule was tailor made according to their individual academic requirements. The Guest of Honour Dr. Thamir Mohammad Al Mahdi, Embassy of Iraq, New Delhi, congratulated his fellow countrymen and said that bilateral cultural relations between the Republic of Iraq and Aligarh Muslim University were very valuable.

Course participants Dr. Sameera Abdullah Hussain, Dr. Ezeddeen Fakhreddeen Bahauddeen and Dr. Azhar Abdul Fattah gave feedback opinions saying that the course was useful for them and they were moved by the warmth and simplicity of Indians. They were thankful for a wholesome experience during their stay that included visits to various centers, museums, historical monuments and biodiversity parks. Course Coordinator Professor Seema Hakim, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, JNMC, AMU, facilitated the distribution of certificates. Professor M H Beg, Dean, Faculty of Medicine moved the vote of thanks and Dr. Faiza Abbasi, UGC Academic Staff College Faculty conducted the programme.
“Teachers are the pillars of the welfare nation we want to build” - Mr. M K Sherwani

Three Subject Refresher Courses Concluded at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU

Aligarh, 22 December 2012 – Three Subject Refresher Courses in English, Human Rights and Library and Information Science concluded at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU. 130 University and College teachers from twelve states of India attended these courses, which had begun on 3 December 2012.

While distributing the participation certificates the Chief Guest Mr. M K Sherwani, IRS and Visitor’s Nominee to the Executive Council of the Aligarh Muslim University, in his profound address to the gathering of teachers said that the teachers should engage their students. Speaking on the role of a teacher in nation building he said that if we want to build the nation we want which shuns corruption and crime then teachers have a crucial role to play which makes them the pillars of the society. He expressed gratitude to Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director UGC Academic Staff College for providing a platform to address a microcosm of India with all its plurality. Professor Kidwai congratulated the Course Participants on completing the courses and thanked the course coordinators for giving a heartening experience to these teachers in higher education, which will help them in their professional development.

While giving their feedback opinion of the courses and the time spent at the UGC Academic Staff College the Course participants – Dr. Vishwas Kole from Jalgaon, Maharashtra, Dr. Tarun Shrivastava from Meerut, Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Soofi from Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir and (Ms) Baby Rity Phukan from Tinsukia, Assam
said that as they leave for their homes they are feeling enriched in their subjects and during their stay they found that this institution represents a true picture of India’s unity in diversity where boundaries of region, culture and ethnicity do not exist. The respective course coordinators facilitated the certificate distribution ceremony where Professor A. P. Vijapur, Chairman Department of Political Science, AMU coordinated the SRC in Human Rights, Dr. Naushad Ali PM, Associate Professor Department of Library and Information Science, AMU coordinated the SRC in Library and Information Science and Dr. Mohammad Rizwan Khan, Associate Professor, Department of English, AMU coordinated the SRC in English. ASC Faculty Members Dr. Reshma Jamal and Dr. Faiza Abbasi welcomed the guests with floral bouquets.

‘Criticism and Counter Criticism’ a book edited by Mohammad Asim Siddiqui and Abdur Raheem Kidwai released by Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, Vice Chancellor, AMU

Aligarh, 24 December 2012 - A book entitled *Criticism and Counter Criticism* published by Viva Books and edited by Mohammad Asim Siddiqui and Abdur Raheem Kidwai was released by the Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, Vice Chancellor, AMU at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU. This book is a tribute to the three doyens of the English Department, AMU Professor Asloob Ahmad Ansari, Professor Masoodul Hasan and (Late) Professor Zahida Zaidi.

In his presidential remark the Vice Chancellor Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah pointed out that books about Criticism and books, which get criticized, always catch the attention of readers. Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai talked
about the glorious tradition of teacher-taught relationship of Aligarh Muslim University. In his special address Professor Shamim Jairajpuri, Founder Vice Chancellor of Maulana Azad National Urdu University, highlighted the need to give a boost to research activities in the university. He also recalled the time when teachers were always available for giving guidance to students.

While introducing the Book Mohammad Asim Siddiqui outlined the new standards of Criticism in today’s time. He said that criticism today tries to break away from empiricist-idealist paradigm and attempts to look even at old texts from a fresh critical perspective. The reason is that meaning of a text is not fixed. This book, he informed the audience, is divided into four sections namely “Revisiting the English Canon”, “The American connection”, “On to the counter-canon and “Aligarianonia”. The last section evaluates the English Criticism produced at the Aligarh Muslim University.

After releasing the book the Vice Chancellor also presented a copy of the book to the Contributing authors present, Editors and the honored faculty. ASC Faculty Dr. Reshma Jamal proposed a vote of thanks and Dr. Faiza Abbasi conducted the Programme.

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**Two new Subject Refresher Courses launched at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU**

Aligarh, 30 January 2013 - Two new subject refresher courses in Women’s Studies and Research Methodology in Agricultural Sciences were launched at the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University today. 80 participants from different parts of India representing the states of Assam, Bihar, J&K, Odisha,
Rajasthan and U.P. have joined these three weeks long courses. The SRC in Women’s Studies is open to all and 50 Course participants from Faculties of Arts, Life Science, Medicine, Sciences and Social Sciences have joined. The SRC in Agricultural Sciences is being attended by 25 participants representing the disciplines of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Agronomy, Biotechnology, Botany, Environmental Science, Soil Science, Wildlife Science and Zoology.

Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU welcomed the Course participants at an inaugural function and explained to them that the Subject Refresher Course aims to refresh the knowledge of the participants. He said that in addition to this, life on the ASC campus facilitates interaction amongst people from all over India and news of linguistic, religious and caste or gender based friction is very painful. This opportunity should be utilized to resolve them by developing friendly relations.

The course coordinators of the SRC in Research Methodology in Agricultural Sciences and SRC Women’s Studies Professor (Retd.) Wazahat Hussain, Former Chairman Department of Botany, AMU Professor Sheerin Musavi, Director, Center for Women’s Studies, AMU and ASC Faculty Members Dr. Reshma Jamal and Dr. Faiza Abbasi attended the Inaugural Function.

‘Publish as many research papers as possible in journals of repute’ Professor M. Irfan, Dean, Faculty of Life Science, AMU

Short-Term Course on Plant Tissue Culture and Molecular Biology concludes at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU
Aligarh, 3 February 2013 - A short-term course on Plant Tissue Culture and Molecular Biology was organized by the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University in collaboration with the Botany Department, AMU. This six-days long course was attended by forty research scholars including twelve female participants. They came from the Departments of Botany, Biochemistry, Agricultural Microbiology and Zoology. During this course eminent resource persons delivered lectures and gave demonstrations in the laboratories. The topics included genetics, DNA and protein sequence analysis and role of biotechnology in agriculture.

Professor M. Irfan, Dean Faculty of Life Sciences distributed the certificates to the participants and urged them to publish their work in reputed journals. He said that hard work should become a routine habit of a research scholar. Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU congratulated the participants on completing the course and lauded the inputs of the Botany Department in the successful commencement of the course. This course on advanced techniques in Plant Tissue Culture and Molecular Biology was coordinated by Professor M. Anis, Chairman, Department of Botany. He said that the knowledge imparted to the research scholars in this course would help them develop better plant cultivars that would contribute to national food security. Dr. Anwar Shahzad, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany gave valuable assistance in designing the academic and scientific content of this course. UGC Academic Staff College Faculty, Dr. Faiza Abbasi, moved vote of thanks.

Subject Refresher Course in Physics launched at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU
Aligarh, 7 February 2013 – A Subject Refresher Course in Physics has been launched at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU. 26 University and College teachers from AMU and neighboring districts have been enrolled in this three weeks course. During this course eminent resource persons will deliver lectures on new techniques and trends in research and development. Some of the topics to be covered are Quantum mechanics, concepts of cosmology and nanotechnology. Some sessions will also be devoted to developing teaching excellence such as the use of multimedia in teaching and new trends in pedagogy.

Speaking at the Inaugural Function Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College welcomed the participants and apprised them of the glorious traditions of the Aligarh Muslim University. He said that since inception the doors of this institution have been open to all Indians. During this course the Academic Staff College will also organize tours to AMU Campus, Library and Museum. The programme was attended by Course Coordinators Dr. Shakeel Ahmad and Dr. Isar Ahmad Rizvi, Associate Professors, Department of Physics; and ASC Faculty, Dr. Faiza Abbasi.

‘We will make AMU the top University of India’ Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Book by Professor Shameem Jairajpuri on eminent personalities of AMU released at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU
Aligarh, 19 February 2013 – Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, Vice Chancellor, AMU released a book titled *Yaad-e-Meherbaan wa Raftagaan* by Professor M. Shameem Jairajpuri, former Vice Chancellor Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad. In a book release function held at the UGC Academic Staff College the chief guest Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, commended the author on bringing a book in Urdu with a realistic account of the eminent personalities. He said that he shares the pain of the author that amongst the fellows of the Indian National Science Academy only 2% are Muslims. He informed that the figure of the Muslim representation in the armed forces is even lower and reiterated his commitment to correcting the situation. He called upon the AMU team to work towards making it the top University in India and to contribute to nation building.

Speaking at the function Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College introduced the author as an eminent scientist who has penned 30 English books on Zoology, which have been published by reputed international publishing houses. He felicitated the author on his third book in Urdu and said that Professor Jairajpuri’s contribution to the promotion of Urdu and science is remarkable as two decades ago he founded the MANUU from a scratch.

Professor Masoodul Hasan, Ex. Dean, Faculty of Arts, AMU and Ex. Chairman, Department of English termed the pen sketches in the book as informative and reflective. He congratulated his wife Professor Durdana Jairajpuri on the achievement of her husband. Some observations about the book were expressed by Dr. Abu Sufiyan Islahi, Department of Arabic, AMU and Editor, Tehzeeb-ul-Akhlacq. ASC Faculty Dr. Reshma Jamal moved the vote of thanks and Dr. Faiza
Abbasi conducted the programme. The programme began with recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran by Maulana Sabir Ahmad.

**Two new Orientation Programmes launched at the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh**

Aligarh, 22 February 2013—Two new Orientation Programmes have been launched at the UGC Academic Staff College. 96 University/College teachers from all over India have enrolled in these courses. They represent states like Assam, Maharashtra, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, and West Bengal. Participants have also come from Pondicherry and Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. During this course eminent resource persons will deliver lectures on issues of national interest and broaden the perspectives of the participants towards becoming better teachers. Visits will also be organized to sites of cultural and environmental significance.

Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director UGC Academic Staff College welcomed the participants and introduced the objectives of the course. He said that a nation does not become great by increasing its GDP. He said that true greatness of a nation lies in the welfare of its people. This course will help the participants in becoming better teachers as well as sensitize them towards gender equity, sustainable development and national integration.

UGC Academic Staff College Faculty Dr. Reshma Jamal and Dr. Faiza Abbasi assured the participants of their cooperation in ensuring their comfortable stay. These Orientation Programmes will conclude on 21st March 2013.
Subject Refresher Course in Physics concluded at the 
UGC Academic Staff College, 
Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Aligarh, 27 February 2013 - A Subject Refresher Course in Physics concluded at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU. 26 University/College Teachers were enrolled in this three weeks course.

Chief Guest Professor Arunima Lal, Dean Faculty of Science, AMU gave out the certificates to the course participants. Speaking at the valedictory function she said that she is proud that the Physics Department, AMU has contributed positively in reaching out to the physics teachers of other places. Professor A R. Kidwai congratulated the participants and assured them of similar services in future too. He expressed gratitude to the Dean, Chairman and Course Coordinators for making the course a success. Professor Wasi Haider, Chairman Department of Physics said that it was a pleasure to have the course participants in the Department of Physics. He said that this should be considered as the beginning of a long-term relationship between the Physicists of the region and the Physics Department of the Aligarh Muslim University.

Course coordinators Dr. Shakeel Ahmad and Dr. Isar Rizvi, Associate Professors, Department of Physics facilitated the Certificate Distribution Ceremony. Dr. K.P. Tiwari, Agra gave his feedback opinion on behalf of the participants. He said that the course was designed in a very effective manner and all the participants have learnt much from the eminent resource persons who delivered the lectures. ASC Faculty Dr. Reshma Jamal welcomed the guests and Dr. Faiza Abbasi conducted the programme.
'Aligarh is an academicians’ paradise’ - Professor Faseeh Ahmad Siddiqui, Former Dean, Faculty of Science, AMU

Orientation Programmes 123 and 124 concluded at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU

Aligarh, 21 March 2013 – The Orientation Programmes 123 and 124 concluded today at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU. 96 University/College Lecturers from all over India had enrolled for these four weeks courses. During the course eminent resource persons delivered lectures on the subjects of social awareness and teaching methodology. Visits were also organized to AMU campus, MA Library, museum and an orphanage.

The Chief Guest Professor Faseeh Ahmad Siddiqui, former Dean, Faculty of Science, AMU handed the participation certificates at the Valedictory Function. He hailed the virtues of the AMU and urged the participants to hold fast to whatever they had learnt in this paradise for academicians. Summing up the spirit behind Orientation Programmes at the UGC Academic Staff Colleges, Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU said that after completing an Orientation programme a teacher is better equipped to contribute to nation building and social uplift.

Dr. Kavita Ashok Gagrani from Kolhapur, Dr. Vikrant Upadhyay from Badaun, Dr. Anurag Paliwal from Etah, Dr. Sandhya Dwivedi from Kanpur, Dr. Shekhar Nayak from Maharashtra and Dr. Vijay Kumar from Agra gave their feedback opinions. They said that the ASC AMU was like a little India for them where all were treated with unforgettable love and care. They expressed special gratitude
at being entertained at the homes of resource persons in Aligarh under the novel initiative of Home Visits at the ASC AMU. Dr. Santosh Kumar Singh from Badaun, Dr. Bijoy Konwar from Assam and Dr. Deep Shikha from Gabhanawon prizes in a writing competition for describing their experiences of these home visits. ASC Faculty Dr. Faiza Abbasi thanked the course participants for their cooperation in making the home visits a success and Dr. Reshma Jamal welcomed the chief guest.

140 participants join three new courses launched at the UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Aligarh, 31 March 2013 - Three new courses for University/College teachers have been launched at the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU. 60 participants have enrolled in the four weeks Orientation Programme (OP 125) and 40 participants each have enrolled for the three weeks Subject Refresher Courses in Hindi and Research Methodology in Social Science. These course participants have come from Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, Jharkhand, Jammu& Kashmir, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala and all parts of U.P.

Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director, UGC Academic Staff College welcomed the participants as they represent a little India and explained the objectives of the courses. He said that the programme has been made meaningful by involving quality resource persons to deliver lectures. He also informed that
all round professional development of all the teacher participants is ensured by organizing visits to sites of composite culture, orphanage, biodiversity landscape and homes of AMU Faculty members.

Professor Asmer Beg, Department of Political Science, AMU and Mr. Ajai Bisaria, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, AMU are the Course Coordinators for the Subject Refresher Course in Social Science and Hindi respectively. Professor M E Zuberi, Chairman Department of Hindi, AMU and ASC Faculty Dr. Reshma Jamal and Dr. Faiza Abbasi were present at the function.
The English ACCESS Microscholarship Program commenced on 25th March 2011 at Academic Staff College, AMU. 200 non-elite students of 14 - 18 years of age selected from Aligarh Muslim University schools were divided into four separate homogenous batches, comprising boys and girls. The students had one and a half hour class, four days a week. This US sponsored two-year integrated program at AMU attempted to ‘include the excluded’ and supported indigenous minority and underprivileged students of Aligarh Muslim University Schools. For achieving its objective of bailing out educationally, socially and economically deprived sections of our society it enabled students to develop English proficiency through skills of English Language.

Access students learned how to utilize the opportunity of expressing themselves in English language in everyday situations, through activities like introducing self and others, greetings, making request and asking for help in English along with the lessons on vocabulary and items of grammar. Emphasis was laid on imparting oral communication through extempore speech, choral speaking, Jazz chants, interest talk, Mind Map sessions, debate and role plays. Students were exposed to the nuances of everyday patterns of communication and were able to develop the ability to use English as a lingua franca. The use of methodology of co-operative learning and team skills ability made the program unique. It witnessed their steady progress and confidence in using English in interpersonal, social and professional situations students drew upon 3758 books procured from RELO Access funds, New Delhi. Apart from the academic and
class room learning, the students got an opportunity to visit the **Kingdom of Dreams, Gurgaon, Nehru Planetarium;** New Delhi, birds’ sanctuary and biodiversity sites as a part of Excursion trips. These activities were followed by tasks and sessions on debriefing.

Students were largely benefited through the interactive sessions in **enhancement/midterm activities** including Yoga classes, creative activities such as best out of waste, aptitude test for career, music appreciation, poster making, slogan writing, pottery making. Lectures on general awareness on health and hygiene, democracy and youth, conservation of environment, physical education and plant protections were organized. Students benefitted also from the expertise of **Clement Jolin**, an expert on videography from United States. Literary competitions such as essay writing, paint a poem, elocution, and debate were organized to encourage the students to express themselves in written and spoken English. Students were motivated to do volunteer work for the community in general and for individuals in need. One of the **service learning projects** on School Drop outs received an overwhelming response.

Access students had 240 working days during 2011-2013. They also gained an awareness and appreciation for American culture, politics and democratic values as they keenly sketched posters on **US presidential elections**. The program gave them an opportunity and ability to compete for and participate in future U.S. exchange and study programs. Two of our access students (**Ms Hira Sultan and Mr. Mohd Ghazi**) were privileged to participate in **Access Student’s Workshop in Unites States**. RELO, American center distributed 110 **Amazon Kindle E-book** readers to Access students. Deputy Cultural Affairs Officer, US Embassy
Ms Adele Ruppe encouraged students for making the best use of Kindle during her interaction with them. RELO gave the responsibility to AMU Access team lead by Dr. Syed Faiz Zaidi, Dr. M. Amirullah Khan and Dr. Raashid Nehal for the Management of Kindle Mobile Initiative in India for Aligarh, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata and Kochi.

Eight Access teachers who are AMU faculty were actively involved in using both culturally appropriate and relevant teaching materials to train the students. Debriefing of the classroom instructions and assessment of the teachers was done weekly by Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director UGC Academic Staff College. Organizing in-house Teachers training sessions enhanced the skills and professional development of the Access Teachers; 82 hours training session were conducted by Access Trainers, Dr. Amirullah Khan and Dr Raashid Nehal. ELT specialist Ms Qaisra Sheeraz, Ms Rajni Badlani, Prof. F.U Khan, Scott Duarte, Dr. Douglas and Prof. Gordon Campbell delivered their training sessions to Access teachers. Access Program came to an end on 24th March 2013.

Professional development of the Access teachers was largely supported and facilitated by RELO; teachers successfully completed their online courses offered by various American universities. Series of Webinar on Shaping the Way We Teach English, facilitated by office of English Language Programs, Washington, DC gave new insights to our Access teachers.

Access Teachers’ Professional Development:
| Dr. M. Amirullah Khan | Online course on *Teaching English to Teens*, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), 2010  
| | Online course on *Testing and Assessment*, (UMBC), United States, 2011  
| | Resource person *Management of Kindle Mobile Initiative in India* 2012-13 for Aligarh, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata & Kochi  
| | Online course on Access Teacher development program (ATDOP) University of Oregon, 2012 |
| Dr. Raashid Nehal | Online course on *EFL assessment*, Indiana University, United States, 2008  
| | Presented research paper entitled *Impact of peer evaluation Rubric on Oral performance of Access Learners* at 10th Asia TEFL Conference, Gurgaon, 2012  
| | Resource person *Management of Kindle Mobile Initiative in India* 2012-13 for Aligarh, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata & Kochi  
| | Online course on Access Teacher development program (ATDOP) University of Oregon, 2012 |
| Dr. Syed Faiz Zaidi | Participated in *Access Teachers workshop at Oregon State University, Corvallis, and Washington DC, United States 2008*.  
| | Online course on *Teaching English to Teens*, (UMBC), United Stated, 2010.  
| | Online course on *Critical Thinking for English language teaching Curriculum* University of Oregon, Unites States, 2011  
| | Presented research paper entitled *Applying Project based English language instruction to the young Access learners of Aligarh Muslim University* at 10th Asia TEFL Conference, New Delhi, 2012. Paper accepted for the conference on *ELT in Islamic World*, Tehran Iran and *Cam TESOL Conference in Cambodia* 2013.  
| | Coordinator, *Management of Kindle Mobile Initiative in India* 2012-13 for Aligarh,
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- Online course on Access Teacher development program (ATDOP) University of Oregon, 2012. |
| Dr. Vibha Sharma | - Online course on **Teaching English to Teens**, (UMBC), United States, 2010.  
- Online course on **Critical Thinking for English language teaching Curriculum** University of Oregon, Unites States, 2011.  
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| Mr. Malik Arshad | - Participated in **Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP)**, Texas, United States 2010.  
- Online course on Access Teacher development program (ATDOP) University of Oregon, 2012. |
| Dr. Shahla Ghauri | - Online course on **Teaching English to Teens**, (UMBC), United States, 2012. |
Autumn with the Iraqi Faculty Members

Come October 2012 and a very welcome group of 47 Iraqi Faculty members from Universities and Colleges of places like Baghdad, Basra, Mosul, Tikrit and Babylon landed in the wee hours of the morning at the IGI Airport, New Delhi. This contingent comprising men and women representing diverse disciplines in the Iraqi Higher Education Institutes headed towards the Aligarh Muslim University to attend a one month long teaching training programme at the UGC Academic Staff College. The city remained abuzz with their Arabic chatter for the coming days. The training programme included the following components:

a. **General for all teachers:** Skills of communication, academic writing, personality development, research methodology, teaching techniques, information and communication technology and use of e-resources and digital library were imparted.

b. **Subject based for specialists:** Teachers were exposed to advanced techniques and recent developments of their specific disciplines. This training took place in the departments of studies of the AMU.

48 teachers belonging to 18 disciplines ranging from Islamic History and Fine Arts to Anesthesia and Biochemistry participated in this course.

Later a group of 10 Medical Iraqi Faculty members (some with family members) arrived for a specific training in Medical disciplines from November 16 to December 15 2012. General classes were not held for them and the entire training course was conducted at the Medical College in the laboratories, operation
theatres, classrooms and Out Patient Departments. Visits were organized to the JNMC wards, ICU, CCU, Nursing College, Center for diabetes and the blood bank. Some common sessions were held on community health care at the rural and urban health centers, HIV and AIDS testing and the use of traditional medicines. At the Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, AMU also the Iraqi doctors studied the herbarium and the Unani Medicine system with great interest. Later the participants were given specialist training in research with Electron Microscope, Polymer Chain Reaction (PCR), Laparoscopy, Pap smear and other advanced techniques available at the JNMC, AMU.

For both the groups the courses were made holistic by including tours to Agra and Delhi to see the cultural and historic splendor of India. Local visits to the AMU Campus, M A Library, Heritage Museum, AMU Fort (Biodiversity Landscape), Center for Quran Studies and a National Book Trust India book fare were also organized.

It was a wonderful opportunity for cultural interaction while these teaching training programmes for the 48+10 Iraqi medical faculty members were hosted for two consecutive months at the small University town of Aligarh. In this project the Republic of Iraq was represented by the Ministry of Higher Education through the Delhi Cultural Office, Embassy of Iraq and the UGC Academic Staff College, implemented the course on behalf of the Aligarh Muslim University.
On the 6th March 2013, between 04:30 hrs to 05:30 hrs in the evening we visited the home of Professor Parvaiz Talib with six of my colleagues from OP - 123 and OP - 124. All of us belonging to different parts of the country and from various disciplines were looking forward to this visit. Being the student/teacher of the subject Sociology I can very well understand the meaning and importance of home, family, values, culture, relationships etc. It is well known to me that since 21 Feb 2013, I am staying away from my home and my family and in such a situation if one is helped to visit a home it provides a fresh lease of life to a person who has just started running through a phase of home sickness. By this time most of us were feeling home sick and it was expressed by each and everyone there. One thing I would like to mention here is that we have been asked to express our opinion in short regarding the Home Visits but I will run out of words if I will go for explaining my feelings in real terms.

What I have gained from this home visit:

1- I would surely like to mention here that before joining this profession I was working in Indian Air Force. I have worked in Indian Air Force for around sixteen and half years. During my engagement with Indian Air Force I stayed at
and served in different parts of the country and in the process I acquired my education from the different parts of the country.

2- Secondly I will not at all hesitate to mention here that though I came here in ASC, AMU, Aligarh in the capacity of an academician but I always considered myself only a trainee here, who has come to acquire more knowledge about his profession and also to learn some skills of the job. Needless to mention here that extracurricular activities play an important role in the life of a student. They provide a physical and mental health and toughness to the individual. Thus they are important for all round development of the personality. I has consider “Home Visits” as one of the best extracurricular activities organized by our UGC Academic Staff College, AMU, Aligarh during the ongoing orientation programme 123 and 124 in March 2013.

3- As I mentioned earlier that my subject is sociology and from this home visit I got a chance to witness best joint family structure at Professor Parvaiz Talib’s home. Several generations of his family are living under the same roof and share a strong bond with each other. Every member of the family plays his/her part with the best of his/her ability as informed by Professor Talib. I consider myself fortunate that I have visited such a beautiful home. I gained a lot from this visit and this has also increased my existing stock of knowledge about many things.

4- We were total seven participants from OP-123 and OP-124 belonging to three different states of India. This visit has also provided an opportunity to each one of us to learn about the culture, rituals and values of one another which at the end of the day we will be carrying to our homes. Thus one can easily say that
this home visit will help spread various culture and rituals in different parts of the country and will help in bringing a social change and it’s a great phenomenon.

5- Now the best that I have gained was a direct interaction with one of the best resource persons. As all of us know, in the class it is not possible to discuss each and everything with a resource person. So by getting a chance to visit his/her house I personally have cleared many of my doubts regarding various subjects and topics and Professor Talib was also very humble to us as he answered each and every query.

6- In the subject sociology there is a term known as “Sanskritisation” which means it is a process by which castes placed lower in the caste hierarchy seek upward mobility by emulating the rituals and practices of the upper dominant castes. The same thing is happening here. It will bring a positive change among us and will help us to achieve higher positions in our field and life too. Indirectly it will help bring social change in the society.

7- I was offered a lot of homemade eatables, which were very tasty, so I felt like being at my own home, which provided a lot of mental peace to me.

So “Home Visit” was a priceless exposure for me, which had been arranged by UGC Academic Staff College, AMU, Aligarh. It helps us a great deal to learn a lot of things from a very experienced resource person. This activity should continue in future because we gain a lot from these visits with the regular classes.

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We had a scheduled visit to Orphanage on 24th April, 2013 in the 3rd Session as part of our daily programme at UGC Academic Staff College. It was a memorable visit for us because we had some practical experience by witnessing pitiable condition of some orphans in the Missionary of Charity, Aligarh. We saw 18 orphans who were below 5 years of age and were nurtured by some foster mothers who had been engaged by the Missionary. When we entered the room, where the orphans are kept, we found that all the children were sleeping and the caretakers were standing around them. It is remarkable that the mothers and sisters were so conscious and caring for those children. Probably this is why it is possible for those unlucky children to survive within the boundaries of the Missionary in the absence of the loving care of their respective parents.

Moreover, we noticed some physically deformed persons too. They were in different age groups including some women. Some of them were even mentally imbalanced. It is a great admirable enterprise on the part of Missionaries of Charity that it has taken all the troubles for the wellbeing of those orphans and undoubtedly they have been doing this for the sake of humanity. We took some biscuits, chips and mango Frooti for those orphans and distributed the same among them.
My experiences on a visit to an Orphanage

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The shelter home developed and run by the Sisters of Charity for the orphans, persons with special needs, old people and people with other illness is doing a commendable job and is worth appreciating. Living in our respective societies, we do know about the existence of such people, however, in general we become so engrossed/ engaged/ involved with our own lives that we tend to forget. The role played by UGC ASC, Aligarh in organizing such an exercise is worth applauding. These visits are for reminding us of and awakening the dormant feelings of our duties towards the society. We are indebted to society and duty bound to render all possible service to humanity.

This visit has been a learning experience for us and all of us shall take back with us this experience and the sense that there is always someone somewhere around us who needs our helping hand. It is the duty of the teaching community to highlight such issues and spread the message of love, compassion and responsibility among the masses. The message of social binding will strengthen our social bonds and if these activities are realized, it will gradually be the real sign of healthy and strong society.

I think that this visit is one of the most important components of ASC AMU curriculum and is a good example of importing and dissipating value education in society. This is one of the most valuable take home messages and we are sure that this will help in reminding us of taking everyone on board.

Role of Media in National Integration
The worst tragedy that has afflicted many nations across the globe is complete national disintegration. India is a democratic country, it appears as if India is not a nation but simply a crowd of separate individuals each differing from the other yet living together. There is much diversity in population, language, dress, habits and many other things. People differ from region to region. Owing to the vast migration in ancient and medieval times, the cultural landscape also shows a rich diversity.

National integration means unity of such diverse societies into one nation. It is a particular sentiment that binds together all the people, brings them under one umbrella, no matter what their religion, caste, language or histories. It is a strong connecting force whereby all kinds of people live together peacefully and can identify themselves as a part of single whole. ‘We belong to India, India is ours’ - is the feeling, which constitutes the very basis of National Integration. However, the worst thing is that India has been afflicted with total national disintegration. The history of India also presents a very poor record of National Integration. In the pages of history, we find innumerable instances to show that we suffered indignities and humiliations because of this unity. Even at times of national crises the whole nation could not pull together and the result was defeat. Rather they worked against each other and helped the enemy. The idea of nation, as apart from a community was perhaps foreign to those times.
The British regime in India made the first attempts at the unification of the country, however superficial. The English education, dress and habits as well as modern means of communication brought down to some extents the cultural differences. Indians for the first time began to feel a kind of bond amongst them. Another bond that bound the people was the subjugation under the British, which became very prominent towards the closing years of the British rule in India.

But as soon as the British left India divisive forces began to raise their ugly heads. Every state turned to itself and tried to look into the interest of its own. Though India is a free country, yet the spirit of unity which made people to think that they were one family and one nation has largely evaporated. The crying need of the hour is the national integration for a developing country like India. We Indians cannot afford to be parochial, narrow minded, provincial or communal because we have a great mission to accomplish. Keeping our feet firmly on the ground we should bring about the integration of the Indian people. Political integration has already taken place but emotional integration is a must for National Integration. Political freedom has brought in its wake new forces of fanaticism which threaten to destroy the noble concept of one people. Attachment to caste and community is getting priority over devotion to the motherland. Regionalism is raising its ugly head.

There are several obstacles in the way of National Integration of our country. The most formidable obstacles are linguistic affiliations, communalism and regionalism. India is a multilingual country, the language controversy started with Hindi being given the place of official language in India. In South India
people revolted against this and demanded secession from India. The constitution has been amended to meet the demand of these people. The state has been organized on the linguistic basis. Question of language is a sensitive one. People get very easily provoked over these issues. Communalism is another obstacle. There have been communal riots in the country before and even after partition. This is a poison deeply rooted in our polity. India cannot succeed in forging any unity if communalism continues. Casteism is an offshoot of communalism which is equally dangerous to National Integration. Another fissiparous tendency is regionalism. Aggressive regionalism has gravely undermined the feeling that the whole of India is the homeland of all her inhabitant. Regionalism creates a parochial outlook and narrow mindedness.

Every effort should be made to create emotional integration and a sense of unity. Publicity through every known medium is essential, that is through media. The process of educating public opinion should begin early in life, through schools and colleges, the young man should be taught that the whole of India should be one. Indian culture is basically one and the differences are only superficial. The very mentality of the young should be changed.

Text books should be suitably revised. Oneness of the people, rather than differences should be emphasized. Steps should be taken so that no caste or communal considerations influence the appointment of teachers. The words Muslim, Hindu, Khatriya, and Brahmin etc. should be dropped from the name of educational institutions where media can play their role. Also radio, television, press and cinema should also be used effectively to educate public opinions to promote. The cinema is one of the most potent mediums of publicity. Such films should be shown that depict the people of India as a single whole. The evils of
casteism, communalism and regionalism should be clearly brought through social films, features and newsreels and through television serials. The radio can also broadcast songs, dialogue, speeches and stories, which emphasize the national unity of India. In this way it can serve as effective means of National Integration. The Govt. has to play a vital role in this regard by giving suggestion to various agencies of media to integrate the nation by publishing or transmitting policy and programmes related to National Integration. The Govt. can also regulate the media by enforcing legal norms in case of transmitting or publishing any event, with non-integrating tendencies or elements within.

It has been said that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. India should be ever vigilant against the dangers of casteism, communalism, etc., if it wants to retain its hard won freedom. The nation must stand united to face the combined menace of enemies. In this connection it may be mentioned that a strong center is essential for national integration, which is obviously the media.
Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Director

Books:


Articles/Notes/Book Reviews and other Academic Work:

4. Published the paper “Bain al-Mazhabi Ifham awr Tafhim ke Bab mein Sir Syed ki Awwaliyat” in *Tahzibul Akhlaq*, special Number on Sir Syed, 31: 10 (October 2012), pp. 117-121.

5. Contributed a paper on Dr. Ubaidullah Fahad’s *Khuda Ki Basti Mein* at a programme organized by the Dept. of Islamic Studies, AMU on 21 November 2012.


7. Published the article “Quran Majidawr Mustashariqin” in *Tahzibul Akhlaq*, special issue No.1 on the Quran, May 2012, pp. 101-105.
8. Published the Urdu article “Haliya Angrezi Tarajim-Quran: Ek TanqidiJaiza” in the Special Issue on the Quran No. 2 on the Quran of *Tahzibul Akhlaq*, AMU in August 2012, pp. 172-184.


**Academic Distinctions:**

12. Delivered the Inaugural Address at the Workshop on the Assessment and Evaluation of SLM in open and Distance Learning, Centre for Distance Education, AMU, Aligarh on 11 April 2012.

13. Appointed Editorial Advisor of the English Literary Studies journal *Literary Perspectives*, Lucknow, India (ISSN: 0974-0368)

14. Appointed Member of the UGC Academic Advisory Committee of the UGC Academic Staff Colleges of 1) BPN Women’s University, Sonepat, Haryana. 2) University of Lucknow, UP and 3) MANNU, Hyderabad, AP.

15. Chaired a session of the National Seminar on Sir Syed on 01 October 2012 organized by Idara Tahzibul Akhlaq, AMU Aligarh.

16. Delivered Speech at the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations organized by the AMU on 02 October 2012.
17. Delivered Speech on Sir Syed at the Founder’s Commemoration Meeting at the AMU on 17 October 2012.

18. Chaired a session and delivered the paper “Angrezi Tarajim-i Quran Majid” at the Quran Seminar organized by Idara Ulum al-Quran, Aligarh on 21 October 2012.

19. Delivered the Key note address at National Testing Service (NTS) organized by the Dept. of Linguistics, AMU in August 2012 as Invited Speaker.

20. Delivered the Plenary Address on Literary Orientalism at the International Conference organized by the EFLU Hyderabad on November 19, 2012.

21. Chaired a session on the National Seminar on Sir Syed organized by Tahzibul Akhlaq, AMU, Aligarh on 1st October 2012.

22. Delivered a talk on Iqbal at the Urdu Day organized by the AMU Polytechnic on 22 November 2012.

23. Served as Observer for assessing MESCO Personality Development Workshop 16-21 November 2012 organized by the AMU.

24. Delivered two lectures as Resource Person on 1) The Higher Education in India and the UK and 2) Study of Literature at the Orientation Programme at the BSP Women’s University, Sonepat, Haryana on 24 November 2012.


26. Appointed Member, Advisory Board of the International Journal 3600 Management Review, BPS Women’s University, Sonepat, Haryana.
27. Chaired the Special Lecture on “Islam and Budhhism” at the Department of Sunni Theology, AMU on 21 March 2013.

28. Invited to deliver the Key-note Address at the National Conference on “Teaching, Learning and Evaluation in Urdu” on 21 May 2013 organized by the National Testing Service, CIL, Mysore at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

29. Chaired a session of the National Seminar on “Literary, Cultural and Historical Paradigms: Revisiting Translation Studies in India” organized by the Department of English, AMU, Aligarh on 23 March 2013.

30. Delivered 2 Lectures on the New Areas of English Studies at the SRC in English organized by the UGC Academic Staff College, BPS Women’s University, Sonepat, Haryana on 19 February 2013.

Dr. Reshma Jamal, Guest Faculty

Articles/Seminar Presentations


**Chapter in Book**

Dr. Faiza Abbasi, Guest Faculty

Articles/Abstracts/Papers/Book Reviews/Seminar presentations


National Conference on “Urban Biodiversity and Climate Change: Mitigation and Adaptation” October 8th to 12th, 2012 at VMCC Auditorium, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai, India.


Chapters in Books


Other Academic Work:

12. **Editor** UGC Academic Staff College, AMU News (Biannual Newsletter of the UGC Academic Staff College, AMU) Vol. 3 No. 1 (Oct 2012) and Vol. 4 No. 1 (April 2013)

13. ‘Naipaul Vs Karnad’ by Faiza Abbasi In: *The Hindu,* New Delhi, Friday November 9, 2012 **A Reader’s letter**


15. Delivered a lecture on ‘Biodiversity and Conservation’ in the UGC sponsored workshop on plant biodiversity at St. Andrew’s College, Gorakhpur on 1st November 2012

16. Facilitated Book release functions presided by VC, AMU at the ASC, AMU:
   b. ‘Criticism and Counter Criticism’ By Asim Siddiqui & Abdur Raheem Kidwai (24 12 2012)
   c. *Yaad-e-Mehrbaan wa Raftagaan,* by M. Shamim Jairajpuri (Feb 2013)
17. Held a nature awareness campaign on Bird Migration and water birds of Sheikha Lake: for 140 AMU School students under the EAMP (American Embassy programme at UGC, ASC, AMU) in December 2012.

18. Waterfowl Conservation Awareness Trail organized for the members of the AMU Ladies’ Club Feb 2013 and Ecological Conservation Awareness Campaign for the Students of the Ismat Literacy and Handicraft Society, AMU in April 2013

19. Served on the Committee for drafting the Convocation Report of the Aligarh Muslim University for the session 2013-13 to be read by the Vice Chancellor at the 60th Annual Convocation 16 Feb 2013

20. Invited to make the announcements of the 60th Annual Convocation of the Aligarh Muslim University at the Kennedy Hall on 16 Feb 2013
## COURSES SCHEDULE 2013 – 2014

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Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Zameer Uddin Shah, VC, AMU, handing over participation certificates to OP participants.

ASC participants at the NRSC Club to perform at the All India Poetry Recitation. From L to R: Prof. Nityanand Tiwari, former Chairman, Dept. of Hindi, Delhi University, Prof. Qazi Abdussattar, former Chairman Dept. of Urdu, AMU, Dr. Namita Singh, Former Principal, TR Degree College, Aligarh.

The group of 10 Iraqi medical faculty members on a visit to the Sheikha Lake, a biodiversity landscape.

Vice Chancellor, AMU Lt. Gen. Z U Shah Mrs. Sabiha Simi Shah and Ms. Diane Miller, from the American Center, New Delhi at the closing function of the US English Access Microscholarship Programme for AMU schools Run at the UGC Academic Staff College.

Participants from Assam, singing a *Jikir* at the special Assam Cultural Evening for the Course Participants of ASC, AMU.

The Ice Breaking session for SRC Hindi, Research Methodology in Social Science and OP 125 in progress.