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## Thought for the Month

And verily the Hour will come:  
There can be no doubt  
About it, or about (the fact)  
That Allah will raise up  
All who are in the graves.  
Yet there is among men  
Such a one as disputes  
About Allah, without knowledge,  
Without guidance, and without  
A Book of Enlightenment,  
(Disdainfully) bending his side,  
In order to lead (men) astray  
From the Path of Allah:  
For him there is disgrace  
In this life, and on the Day  
Of Judgment We shall  
Make him taste the chastisement  
Of burning (Fire).

Al-Ouran- 22: 7-9

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## FOCUS

The nineteenth-century Europe witnessed rapid progress both in natural and social science. Equipped with the weapon of knowledge and comparatively advanced military technology many European countries such as England, France and Holland acquired large colonial empires in Africa and Asia. The people of the above mentioned countries were conscious of their belonging to the nations which had become imperial powers. The feeling of belonging to an imperial power gradually gave rise to racist ideas about Europe's superiority over the Orient. As a result there arose a consciousness of 'we and they' that ultimately led to an erroneous pronouncement: 'we the civilized' and 'they the barbarians' which widely became acceptable in Europe.

Once the idea of Oriental inferiority, both on racial and intellectual planes, was established there developed a philosophy in Europe that it was the whiteman's burden to civilize the backward races of the Orient. According to the said philosophy the Orient was to be civilized both politically and religiously. The religious backwardness was to be removed by Christian missionaries and the political backwardness by the imperial rulers. The idea was that by adopting Christianity and by accepting the imperial rule as a permanent phenomenon the Orientals would become civilized.

Literature is the mirror of the age in which it is born. This philosophy of literature can be fully applied, at least, to the travel as well as imaginative literature of the nineteenth-century England. For instance, exhibiting the religious trend of his age Sir Walter Scott, in his *Talisman*, recreated the medieval scene of the Crusades or the struggle between Muslim 'barbarians' and the 'civilized, holy Crusaders'. The message he wanted to convey was that Muslims by virtue of their faith were avowed enemy of Christ and Christian civilization. Disraeli's *Tancred*, likewise, expressed the common political trend of his age in the form of Oriental desire to be occupied and ruled by the British. The idea of the Orient's willingness to welcome and accept the British occupation was further strengthened by Kinglake, Burton, Warburton, Doughty and Palgrave. Even blunt who journeyed among the Arabs in 1880s with avowed anti-imperialism and a mission for Arab independence could not wish away the idea of British protection of the Arab Caliphate which he recommended to rule in Arabia.

But was it really the desire of the Orient to be conquered and ruled by the British or was it merely a figment of the imagination of British writers and travellers or Britain's own imperialist plan to rule the Orient which found expression in their works?

In fact in the nineteenth century deliberate and concerted efforts were made by the British travellers to justify Britain's imperialist designs on the Orient as well as to popularize the idea that the British were capable of managing the affairs of alien nations including the Arabs. The same mentality was at work behind their criticism of the Ottoman rule in the Arab world.

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## Activities of the IOS Headquarters

### IOS distributes 900 meals during COVID-2019 lockdown

In pursuance of the instructions received from Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, asking all the associations having FCRA, for participation in the Government of India's endeavour to provide relief to the poor and homeless people in the wake of COVID-2019 outbreak in India.

The Institute of Objective Studies (IOS) took up an initiative and distributed 900 meal packets among the poor and needy people of Shram Vihar, Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi, on May 18, 2020, thus contributing to Government of India's endeavour to ease the pain of poor people in this time of crisis.

The effort of the IOS was widely acknowledged and appreciated.

### IIIT-IOS programme on personality development

The Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi, in collaboration with International Institute of Islamic Thought, USA, launched an online Personal Development Course in May 5, 2020 in which scholars from different Indian universities participated. The programme included lectures on "Akhlake-based/Ethical Leadership" by Prof. Dawood Al-Hidabi, professor of Education, International Islamic University, Malaysia; "Thinking Terminologies in

the Quran" by Prof. Jamal Badi, professor at Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Science, International Islamic University, Malaysia; and "The Importance of Arabic Language for the



Distribution of meal packets among poor's during COVID-2019 lockdown

Modern Muslim" by Prof. Dr. Munjid Bahjat, professor of Arabic Literature & Literary Criticism, International Islamic University, Malaysia. Each



Prof. Dawood Al-Hidabi speaking on Personality Development Programme

course lasted about one hour divided equally between presentation and question-answer.

This programme was aimed at to bring some clarity on Islamic thought in a multi-cultural, multi-lingual, multi ethnic world.

### 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the G.C. of the IOS

The 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Six-monthly) of the Governing Council (G.C.) of the Institute of Objective Studies (IOS) was held on 14.3.2020 (Saturday) at 10:30 a.m. in the Committee Room of the IOS at 162, Jogabai Main Road, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025.

The following were present:

1. Dr. M. Manzoor Alam
2. Prof. M. Afzal Wani
3. Prof. Z.M. Khan
4. Prof. (Ms.) Haseena Hashia
5. Prof. Ishtiyaque Danish
6. Mr. Mohammad Alam
7. Dr. Major Zahid Husain
8. Prof. Shamim A.

Ansari

9. Mr. Abdul Basit Ismail
10. Mr. Ibrahim Alam

11. Prof. Syed Jamaluddin
12. Mr. Ateeq Ahmad Bastavi
13. Prof. Eqbal Husain
14. Prof. Mohd. Fahim Akhtar Nadvi
15. Dr. Md. Aftab Alam

Dr. M. Manzoor Alam, Chairman, IOS welcomed the members and special invitees and the meeting started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an by Maulana Ateeq Ahmad Bastavi.

The GC was decided that soft copies of the reports, procured from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, should be sent to all the members of G.C. for their perusal.

The National Seminar on "Religious Interactions and Cultural Encounter in Medieval India", which was to be organised by the IOS on

March 26, 2020, has been postponed due to outbreak of COVID-19.

New date for organising this programme will be worked out and announced at the earliest.

Further, it was decided that the lecture on *"Aryans in India and Iran: A synthesis of linguistic, literary, archaeological and genetic evidence"*, delivered by Prof. Rajesh Kochhar, should be translated in Hindi and the same will be published in booklet form.

Regarding the research project on "Laqad Karamna Bani Adam" (Dignity of Humanity), it was decided that the booklets (in Urdu) containing not more than 24-28 pages for younger generation, between the age of 18-32 years will be prepared on 60 topics and all these booklets will also be translated in various Indian languages.

Prof. Ishtiaque Danish will firstly prepare a booklet, which will be followed by other writers.

In regard to the project on "Challenging Trends of 21<sup>st</sup> century in the field of climate (Water, global warming, deforestation etc.) as well as technology (artificial intelligence, concentration of wealth, cyber development, social structure)", it was decided that a Three-day conference on "Environmental, Social and Religious Consequences on Human Evolution" in collaboration with Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Basic Sciences, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi will be organised by the IOS on August 10-12, 2020 at JMI, New Delhi.

Further, 13 lectures (under Future of Civilisation/Post-human Age series)

will be organised on Philosophy of Science and Evolution of Human.

For developing an 'Index' by the IOS to be called as 'World Government Index' or 'Best Government Index' or 'Peoples Government Index', as proposed by Dr. Kaleem Alam, it has been decided that Prof. (Ms.) Haseena Hashia, Prof. M. Ishtiaque and Mr. M. M. Khan will discuss this matter in detail with



A view of the Governing Council meeting

Dr. Kaleem Alam on Skype/IMO and take a final decision on it.

The members of the G.C. and special invitees were requested to go through the 'Note' and give their feedback in a week, about the "Note on the proposed international conference on "Search Global Peace Foundations".

Prof. M. Afzal Wani, Prof. Haseena Hashia and Prof. Ishtiaque Danish will have a meeting to discuss about the prospective date for this conference as well as about the collaboration with any institution/university, if possible.

Mr. Abdul Basit Ismail informed that he will talk to the management of St. Xaviers Collage of Kolkata to collaborate for organising this programme, if possible, which may be organised between October and December, 2020.

The 'Concept Note' about the interfaith conference was presented and approved by the GC.

Under the project entitled *"Kalimatullah Hiya Al-Ulia (Allah ka Kalima hi Buland Hai)"*, it has been reported that (a) 17 booklets under the theme *"Seerat-e-Nabwi"* have been completed and sent to Press, (b) 8 booklets under the theme *"Huqooq"* and 6 booklets under the theme *"Ausaf-e-Hameedah"* have been completed and rest of the formalities is underway. The work on remaining booklets is continuing.

Report about the progress in regard to Translation of IOS books from English to Urdu and Hindi as well as Translation, review and editing of IIIT books

The progress reports of the translation of IOS books as well as the translation, review and editing of IIIT books were gone through by the G.C. members and special invitees, who expressed their satisfaction on the progress.

The programmes organised by the IOS during September, 2019 to February, 2020

In regard to the programmes organised by the IOS during September, 2019 to February, 2020 a detailed report was presented before the Governing Council (G.C.) of the IOS, which, after going through it, expressed its satisfaction on the same.

The hits of IOS Data Bank and 'Nuqta-e-Nazar'

The reports about the hits of IOS Data Bank and Nuqta-e-Nazar' were presented before the G.C. of the IOS, which expressed its appreciation of the work.



The Chairman, IOS desired that the members of the IOS should write at least one article either in English or in Urdu every year for uploading these articles on the IOS website under 'Current Affairs'/'Nuqta-e-Nazar'.

## Lecture on Trends in Islamic Finance in GCC Region

The Institute of Objective Studies organised a lecture on "Trends in Islamic Finance in GCC Region" at its conference hall on March 5, 2020. Two papers on the topic were presented by Sheeba Naaz and Yusra Zainab, research scholars respectively at the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Introducing the subject, Director, Historical Research Projects, IOS, Prof. Syed Jamaluddin, said that he met both the researchers at JMI and evinced keen interest in their research projects on Islamic banking. He thought it appropriate to invite both of them

to the Institute to share their findings with the scholars and those who were either working in the field or were interested in knowing more on the mechanism of Shariah-compliant banking. He expressed the confidence that the outcome of the researches of these two researchers would pave the way for further study of the subject.

Presenting her paper on "Evolution of Saudi's Capital market and Islamic Finance", Sheeba Naaz pointed out that the financial markets' contribution was significant in the development of any nation's economy as it facilitated the efficient allocation of resources and the working of modern economies. It bridged the gap between investors and the lenders. Describing Saudi Arabia as a very young and dynamic economy, she said that its capital

market had witnessed a remarkable growth in the last few years with new players in the market which could be seen as a consequence of market reforms made by Saudi Arabia in view of its vision 2030.

She noted that 2018 was a remarkable year which witnessed a lot of development in the capital market. The status of Saudi Arabia had recently been upgraded from a frontier market to an emerging market. This could be a milestone in the history of the country's capital market. Growth in the capital market had contributed to

products like "sukuk" (an Islamic financial certificate similar to a bond in western finance that complies with the Shariah), "takaful", etc. She held that Saudi Arabia's share in Islamic finance was growing as a result of its strategic shift from a state of rentier economy to a diversified economy. Islamic finance as compared to conventional finance was in its growing stage which was gaining momentum day after day, particularly after the financial crisis of 2008, she added.

In her paper on "Institutional development in the field of modern Islamic economies and finance – An Assessment", Yusra Zainab, observed that in the early years of Islamic history, the Islamic financial market was driven by a simple economic model based on partnership, profit-sharing contracts and awqaf. This system of interest-free resource mobilization, she said, became dormant as

western financial institutions took over the Arab world. Over the past fifty years, this system had been experiencing a revival with the increasing economic activities in the oil-rich Muslim countries that had been desirous of developing an alternative Shariah-compliant system of financing.

This led to the evolution of an Islamic financial system dependent on several supporting institutions and financial intermediaries that worked in line with the financial institutions in the western world. She traced the development of important supporting institution in the Islamic financial system. She also explained how they developed and evolved in the GCC Region. She said that the private sector and consumers were contributory



L-R: Ms. Sheeba Naaz, Dr. M. Manzoor Alam, Prof. Javed Ahmad Khan, Prof. Z.M. Khan and Ms. Yusra Zainab

its share in Islamic finance. She opined that Islamic finance was growing moderately globally because of people's shift to more ethical, halal and real asset-based finance, especially after the financial crisis of 2008. Islamic finance industry's total worth consisted of major chunks of banking, capital market and "takaful" (an insurance system devised to comply with Shariah laws, in which money is pooled and invested). This was estimated to be USD 2.05 trillion in 2017 corresponding to 8.3 percent growth in assets in terms of USD. She said that the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries dominated Islamic finance all over the world.

Being one of the member countries of this organisation, Saudi Arabia had a big untapped potential for financial

factors behind the evolution of the Shariah-compliant Islamic financing.

However, there was a need to set up a regulatory mechanism to ensure smooth functioning of the system. She said that there were four phases of Islamic economics and finance. These were development of Islamic finance, development of conceptual frame work-1950-76, experimentation-1975-1990 and recognition-1990-till date.

The chairman, IOS, Dr. Mohammad Manzoor Alam recalled a meeting called by the then Union Finance Minister, P Chidambaram on participatory banking for all. The issue of interest-free Islamic banking came up at the meeting that was attended by several stakeholders. This was also attended by the representatives of banking and financial institutions from UAE and Malaysia. Chidambaram was very much impressed by the idea of Islamic banking and he asked the then Reserve Bank of India Governor, Raghuram Rajan to explore the possibilities of such a proposition. It was almost decided that Shariah-compliant banking would be implemented on an experimental basis.

But the project was grounded due to change of guard at the Centre, he concluded. Presiding over the seminal Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, Prof. Javed Ahmad Khan, said that it was a happy augury that 50-70 students were doing work in this field in Jamia Millia Islamia. Keeping the interest among students in view, an Islamic banking course had been introduced in Jamia. Researches in the capital market in Saudi Arabia had led to the opening of its capital market to the outer world. He said that it was the

Muslim scholars who developed the alternative system of banking.

Secretary General, IOS, Prof. Z.M. Khan described the area of Islamic banking as important and asked the young researchers to feel free to put forward their suggestions. The IOS was always open to such suggestions. He asked them to approach the Institute in case of any difficulty with regard to research in economics. The IOS was ready to help them in every possible way, he added.

The seminar began with the recitation of a Quranic verse by Hafiz

as the great role that Islam played in the making of global human civilization.

The event was well-attended by over hundred students from different colleges of Hyderabad.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

27 sessions were conducted during the five-day program. Several eminent personalities were Guest Speakers for the main sessions of the five-day Winter School Program. Each session began with lectures on the main issues and challenges faced by Muslim Community.

**Day 1: 25th February, 2020**

Venue: Dr. Mohammed Hyder Khan Convention Centre, Malakpet, Hyderabad

The first day began with the Inaugural Session followed by the business sessions.

The Inaugural Session was conducted at Dr Mohammed Hyder Khan Convention Centre,

Malakpet, Hyderabad.

The program started with Qirat by Maulana Hafiz Noorullah.

Dr. Mustafa Shareef, Director, Daratul Ma'arif was the chief guest on the occasion. He encouraged the students and stressed the need for inculcating the habit of reading THE Quran, learning Arabic Language and Hadith to be guided on the right path and gain success in life and hereafter.

Dr. Mohammed Iftikharuddin, Director MESCO, who presided over the function, introduced the program to the gathering and explained the reasons behind organizing such a program.



A view of the inaugural session of winter school at Hyderabad

Athar Husain Nadwi. While Dr. Syed Nakhat Hussain Nadwi, in-charge, Arabic Section, IOS, conducted the proceedings, Prof. Syed Jamaluddin proposed a vote of thanks.

## IOS and MESCO organises Winter School on Islamic Studies

A five-day Winter School Program for High School and College Students on Islamic Studies was organized by Muslim Educational Social and Cultural Organization (MESCO), Hyderabad in collaboration with Institute of Objective Studies (IOS), New Delhi from 25th February, to 29th February, 2020 at Hyderabad.

The main aim of the Program was to acquaint students with the fundamental teachings of Islam as well



The Inaugural session concluded with Dua by Maulana Hafiz Anas.

## Business Session

Dr Muhammad Mateenuddin Quadri, Member, Telangana State Public Service Commission delivered lecture on "Islam as Faith and Civilization". With his mind-blowing insight into the topic he caught the participants' attention during his session.

Dr Abdul Majeed, Former Professor and Head (Retd.) Department of Arabic, Osmania University, delivered a lecture on "Revelation and its Application: Focus on the Quran and Sunnah As Sources of Shariah Which Leads to Emergence and Development of Fiqh."

Professor Haseena Hashia, Assistant Secretary General IOS, delivered a lecture on "Women in Islam" and highlighted the values and culture of women in Islam comparing it with the present-day situation in the society

With these two eye-opening sessions the program concluded at 4:00 p.m.

## DAY TWO: 26th February, 2020

Venue: Dr. Mohammed Hyder Khan Convention Centre, Malakpet, Hyderabad

## Business Session 1

Dr Syed Iftekhhar Hussain, Head of the department, MESCO-ALEEF, delivered a lecture on "Jama wa Tadween Quran". He highlighted the compilation of the Quran in the form of the book.

Moulana Mohd Ghayasul Islam Rahmani, Former Director, MESCO-

ALEEF, delivered a lecture on "Jama wa Tadween Hadith". He explained Prophet Muhammad's teachings and encouraged the students to further Islamic teachings of care and love for others for the sake of wellbeing of society and to gain the pleasure of Allah.

## Business session 2

Mr. Lateef Atear, Deputy Secretary Academics, TMREIS (Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society) delivered a lecture on "Muslim contribution to Medicine, Mathematics and Sciences". It was an interactive session that every student present in the Auditorium enjoyed



A view of the audience in winter school at Hyderabad

listening to and learnt many things which they were unaware of. His main purpose was to make the student community aware of the Muslim intellectual contribution that led to inventions in the field of medical and engineering sciences.

## Business Session 3

The lecture on "Aqeeda: Tauheed, Risalat, Akhirat" by Ms. Syeda Zohra Fatima, Joint Secretary, Tanzeeme Niswan Kul Hind Tameer-e-Millat was so heart touching and inspiring that it made the audience to remember the day of Judgment and the need to prepare for success in Akhirat.

Mr. Mohammed Abdul Saajid delivered a lecture on "Non-Muslims in Modern Islamic State: Citizens or Ahle Kitab". He discussed the rights of non-Muslims in an Islamic State.

## DAY THREE: 27th February, 2020

Venue: MESCO Education Complex, Mustaidpura, Karwan, Hyderabad

## Session - I

Mr. Mohd Bilal Sufi, General Secretary, Minhaj-ul-Quran International, delivered a lecture on "Non-Muslims during the time of the Prophet (PBUH)". He spoke on the life-style of the Prophet (PBUH) and his gesture towards non-Muslims.

Dr Syed Ameer, Principal MESCO New Model School, Himayath Nagar, spoke on "Non-Muslims during the time of Prophet and Rashidun Caliphate".

## Session- II

Maulana Ahmed Noor Aaini, Moallim, Al Mahaad Ul Aali Al Islami delivered a lecture on "Non-Muslims under Muslim rule in India". He discussed

about the treatment meted out to the non-Muslims during Muslim rule in India.

Ms Nousheen, lecturer in MESCO Institute of Management and Computer Sciences delivered lecture on "Globalisation: Definition and Impact". She spoke about the effects of globalization on the younger generation.

## Session- III

Session III started with "Islam and Multiculturalism: Modern debate and Islamic position" by Dr Tahseen Bilgrami, Deputy Director, Maulana Azad National Urdu University. By

her outstanding presentation the participants were encouraged to know more about the multicultural nature of democratic India.

The last lecture of the business session III, "Islamic state in the modern world", by Maulana Habib Ahmed Al Hussaini, Director, Minhaj Ul Quran International India. His speech on the Islamic state in the modern world gave an overview of what exactly the Islamic State needs to do towards the development of Society and the modern world.

#### **DAY FOUR: 28th February, 2020**

Venue: MESCO Education Complex, Mustaidpura, Karwan, Hyderabad

#### **Business Session 1**

Business Session I started with a lecture by Dr. Saleha Firdous on the topic "Non-Muslims Under Muslim Empires". She highlighted Muslim emperors' contribution to the development of the world, especially India.

Lecture 2 on the topic "Non Muslims under the Muslim Empires – Umayyads of Spain, Abbasids, the Ottomans" was delivered by Mr. Mohd. Naseruddin. He highlighted in detail about the role of Muslim Empires, their kindness towards non-Muslims and their development.

Lecture 3 on "Islam & Knowledge" was delivered by Mr. Hamid Hussain. He highlighted contribution of Islam to the development of human beings and importance of the Quran.

#### **DAY FIVE: 29th February, 2020**

Venue: Dr. Mohammed Hyder Khan Convention Centre, Malakpet, Hyderabad

#### **Business Session 1**

The first lecture, on "Islam and Secularism" was delivered by Ms Salma Khan, lecturer MESCO Degree College. She explained the importance of secularism from Islamic point of view and highlighted the life of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and his style of living.

The second lecture, on "Islam and Terrorism" was delivered by G. Q. Haquani, lecturer and superintendent, MESCO. He justified his topic by proving that Islam does not spread terrorism but spread peace and humanity.

The third lecture, on "Islam and Modernity/Westernization" was delivered by Ms. Aquila Khamooshi, Member, Muslim Personal Law Board. She enlightened the audience with her valuable lecture and discussed ways of

its components and also explained the socio-economic outcomes of globalization.

Mr. Mohd Abdul Saleem, research scholar, Osmania University, delivered a lecture on "Contribution to Humanities and Social Sciences by Muslim Scholars".

#### **Valedictory Function**

The valedictory function of the five-day Winter School Program was organized at Dr. Mohammed Hyder Khan Convention Centre, Malakpet, Hyderabad on 29th February, 2020 from 2.00 pm to 3.00 p.m.

With positive feedback from the audience the program ended with dua.

Dr. Fakhruddin Mohammed, Honorary Secretary, MESCO & Chairman, MESCO Group of

Institutions welcomed the gathering.

Mrs. Faqrunnisa Faheem, Director Academics, MESCO Group of Schools, presented report on the five-day Winter School Program.

Dr. Ghouse Mohiuddin Ali, President, MESCO delivered presidential

address and insisted the

students to adopt the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in their thoughts and deeds so that they can continue to be good in academics and become good human beings by serving and loving the humanity - the essence of Islam.

The Chief Guest of the function, Mr. Mohd. Raheemuddin Ansari, Chairman, Telangana State Urdu Academy, addressed the gathering and encouraged the students to get acquainted themselves with the Islamic knowledge which is essence of life.



Dr. Fakhruddin Mohammed speaking during winter school at Hyderabad

protecting society from the adverse effects of modernization and westernization and showed the right path towards success as per Islam.

#### **Business Session 2**

Moulana Mohammed Azam Nadvi, Moallim, Hadith wa Fiqh, Al Mahad ul Aali Al Islami delivered a lecture on "Islam and Liberation Movement".

Dr Kaleem Ahmed Jaleeli, assistant professor, Nizam College, delivered a lecture on "Critics of Globalization". He spoke about the globalization and



Keynote address on "The Way Ahead: Regenerating Knowledge in Islamic Perspective" was delivered by Mr. Syed Jaleel Ahmed, President, All India Majlis Tameer-e-Millat.

Certificates to the Participants and mementos to the Guest Speakers and other dignitaries were distributed by the Chief Guest and the Keynote Speaker of the Function.

Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Saleha Firdous, Principal, MESCO Degree College, Mustaidpura, Hyderabad.

#### **Services of Prof. M. A. Quddus recalled at IOS Condolence Meet**

A condolence meeting was held at conference hall of the Institute of Objective Studies on June 4, 2020 to mourn the death of the coordinator of the IOS Patna Chapter, Prof. M.A. Quddus. Recalling his association with the IOS, Assistant Secretary General of the Institute, Prof. Haseena Hashia, said that he had been keenly involved in its activities since its inception some 34 years ago. Later on, he made Patna chapter a hub of intellectual activity by organising seminars, symposia, discussions and lectures. Participation of the academia of Patna made the chapter's activities more meaningful. She observed that Prof. M.A. Quddus was an embodiment of warmth, gentleness and humanity. He endeared himself to his students at Patna University. His tenure as Dean and Principal of erstwhile Commerce College, Patna was marked by several reforms, she added.

In-charge of the Urdu section, Maulana Shah Ajmal Farooq Nadwi, presented a brief life-sketch of Prof. M.A. Quddus and offered dua for his maghfirat and prayed to Allah to grant

him a place in Heaven. Prof. Quddus was born on December 7, 1937 in Bihar. He pursued his higher studies at Patna University and joined its commerce faculty as a lecturer. Later he served as reader, professor and head



Prof. M.A. Quddus

of the department of commerce. He was also of financial advisor, member of the Syndicate and the Senate of Patna University. He is credited to have guided as many as 20 Ph.D. scholars. Besides, more than a hundred students of MBA submitted their dissertation projects under his supervision. His areas of specialisation included management marketing, finance, accounts and auditing. He published research articles in reputed newspapers like the Economic Times and the journals like the Indian Journal of Commerce. He authored control of commercial banks in India and translated De Paula's Auditing in Urdu. He also produced Lessons in Auditing for Correspondence Course for Patna University. He visited USA, UK and the kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Describing the death of Prof. M.A. Quddus as a personal loss to him, the Chairman of the IOS, Dr. Mohammad Manzoor Alam said that his life was devoted to the promotion of education in the community. He ceaselessly worked for the wellbeing of humanity and uplift of Muslim community. It was his cherished wish that Muslims should excel in socio-economic,

political and educational fields. Expressing profound grief over the demise of Prof. Quddus, he said that the void created by his death was difficult to fill. In a condolence message, Dr. Alam prayed for his soul seeking heaven for it and conveyed his deep sympathies to his bereaved family. He prayed to Allah to give strength to the family to bear this loss.

Among others the assistant finance secretary, Mohammad Alam and the member of the governing council of the IOS, Ibrahim Alam, members of the staff of the Institute and

FANA attended the condolence meet.

#### **Activities of the IOS Chapters**

##### **CALICUT CHAPTER**

#### **IOS Calicut Chapter organises seminar on "Ismail Raji Al-Faruqi and the Integration of Knowledge"**

Institute of Objective Studies (IOS) Calicut Chapter organised an academic seminar on "The contribution of Dr Ismail Raji Al-Faruqi to the Integration of knowledge" on Saturday, February 8, 2020 here at its auditorium. The seminar was formally opened by Dr R Yusuf, the principal of Irshadiya College Feroke, Calicut. A PhD from IIU, Kuala Lumpur, he said that Al Faruqi was a thinker, writer and proposed the idea of Islamisation of knowledge as the first step towards a critical reappraisal of the sources of western knowledge.

Dr Al-Faruqi was born in Palestine and his family went through horror and displacement due to Zionist invasion.

Initially he was immersed in Arab nationalism, but latter shifted to Islam



as he wanted to encounter the threats posed by the west to Islamic culture and civilisation. Dr Yusuf observed that once Al-Faruqi said in the beginning he had been an Arab, a Palestinian and a Muslim, but later understood that basically he was a Muslim. He questioned the alleged value neutrality of knowledge and conversely argued that the knowledge coming from West was not value-neutral.

KC Saleem, who translated Al-Faruqi's "Tawhid, its Implications for Thought and Life" into Malayalam in 1985, said that the great scholar was able to revive and re-interpret the comprehensive nature of the term Ummah and his articulation of Tawhid is one of most beautiful expositions of the unity of God in Islam. Dr Al-Faruqi argued that Muslims failed in modernising themselves because they relied on models imported from the West.

Khalid Musa Nadvi, faculty of Islamia College, Kuttiadi delivered the key note speech. He said that Dr Al-Faruqi's theory of Islamisation of knowledge influenced students and youth from 1980s till today and made them self-confident about their role in history. He added that some of the courses currently offered by many Muslim educational institutions are inspired by the idea of Islamisation of knowledge.

PV Shuhaib from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, presented a paper on the Work Plan of Integration of Knowledge.

CA Rauf in his paper critiqued the Brahmanical interpretation of Indian sociology.

Zeba Sherin went for a comparison between Islamic and western legal systems.

A paper on the principle of integration of knowledge was presented by KP Fathima Sherin. Nasiha binth Hussain dealt with the problems of rewriting Indian history.

Prof. P Koya, the Coordinator, moderated the discussion and A A Vahab, the Secretary welcomed the audience.

### **KOLKATA CHAPTER**

#### **IOS Kolkata organises Winter School on Islamic Studies**

The Winter or Summer Schools are opportunities for students to gain

academicians yielding great ideas and results.

The Institute of Objective Studies (IOS) Winter School programme in Islamic Studies, was started with a view to imparting basic but deep knowledge to university/college students pursuing professional disciplines like BA and Masters in business studies, science, computer science, engineering and medicine etc.

It is also an outreach programme in which we wanted to introduce the IOS to a new and larger audience, particularly students, who are future leaders in medical science, technology and business studies. These students are a bright section of the young generation with potential to become leaders and decision makers in their respective fields. It is, therefore, necessary to acquaint them with the fundamental teachings of Islam as well as the great role that Islam played in the making of global human civilization.

Furthering the important programme and series of the Institute of Objective Studies on Winter School, the national

postgraduate programme on Islamic Studies, the Kolkata Chapter of IOS jointly organised a 5-day course with Department of Islamic Studies, Aliah University of Kolkata from 10th to 14th February 2020 at Park Circus Campus of Aliah University.

Twenty two lectures on important Islamic sciences and subjects were delivered by eminent scholars and academicians in different business sessions, which were attended by 60 students of different colleges and universities of Kolkata, including non-Muslims and professionals.



A view of the seminar on Ismail Raji Al-Faruqi and the Integration of Knowledge

valuable learning experience that goes far beyond the structured classrooms and examination stress. They explore emerging areas, provide space to test new ideas and methods, help understand critical sites and situations, and create opportunities to learn. They create opportunity for learners. Faculty members help students understand the nature and orientation of the courses and enable them to make well-informed choices. Surely such schools are unique opportunities to expand horizons of learning, interact with a large group of enthusiastic and talented students, practitioners and

During the course of the Winter School a vast range of topics related to Islamic Studies was covered. The topics on which the lectures were delivered and discussions were held along with the open question-and-answer sessions included Globalization: Definition and Impact; Islam and Terrorism; Aqeeda: Tauheed, Risalat, Akhirat; Jama wa Tadween Qur'an; Jama wa Tadween Hadith; Non-Muslims under the Muslim Empires; Islam and Knowledge; Islam and Modernity; Islam and World Peace; Non-Muslims during the time of the Prophet (PBUH); Concept of Jihad in Islam; Islam in 21st Century; Islam as Faith and Civilization; Islam & Secularism; Muslim Contribution to Social Sciences; Islam and Multiculturalism; Muslim Contribution to Mathematics; Muslim Contribution to Medicine; Non-Muslims under Muslim rule in India; Development of Fiqh; Revelation and its Application: Focus on the Quran & Sunnah as sources of Shariah which led to emergence of Fiqh; and Women in Islam.

The above themes had been selected keeping in mind the special target students to teach them how Islam is relevant, and can become a major player in the world we are living. The focus was on being relevant, both religiously and professionally.

This Winter School was completed with the enthusiastic participation and scholarly contributions of eminent scholars and academicians from various universities and educational institutions. The resource persons who contributed in the Winter School in Kolkata included Prof. Z. M. Khan, Secretary General of Institute of Objective Studies; Prof. Amit Dey,

Deptt. of History, University of Calcutta; Prof. Samantak Das, Deptt. of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University; Prof. Haseena Hashia, Dept. of Geography, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; Dr. N. Sabah Ismail Nadvi, President, International League of Islamic Literature, West Bengal Unit; Dr. Sajjad Alam Rizvi, Deptt. of History, Presidency University; Ahmad Ali Qasmi, Deptt. of Theology, Jibreel International School; Dr. Ishtiaq Hussain, Deptt. of History, Aliah University; Dr. Maseehur Rahman, Deptt. of Arabic, Aliah University; Dr. Md. Shamim Firdaus, Aliah University; Mahtab Alam Nadvi, Dept of Theology, Jibreel International School; Prof. Fahim Akhtar Nadvi, Head of the Department of Islamic Studies, Maulana Azad

were also attended by important guests and were addressed by Prof. Amzed Hossein, Registrar, Aliah University; Prof. Mir Rejaul Karim, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Languages, Aliah University, and Dr. Sk. Ashfaque Ali, Deputy Registrar, Aliah University.

The inaugural session was on 10th of February 2020. It was attended by Professor Amit Dey from University of Calcutta, Professor Samantak Das from Jadavpur University, Professor Haseena Hashia from Jamia Millia Islamia and Dr. N. Sabah Ismail Nadvi. The Inaugural session was presided over by Prof. Z. M. Khan, Secretary General of Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi.

After the inaugural session, two interesting lectures "Islam and terrorism" and "Aqeedah: Tauheed, Risalat, Akhirat" were delivered by Professor Haseena Hashia and Mr. Ahmad Ali, respectively.

Professor Hashia made it clear in her speech that Islam is a religion of peace, it never encourages any form of

terrorism and any form of violence is against the teachings of Islam, while Mr. Ahmed Ali spoke on the importance of the three basic beliefs of Islam "Tauheed, Risalat and Akhirat" in the light of the Quran.

On day two, six lectures were delivered. In the first lecture, Dr. N. Sabah Ismail, who was speaking on "Jama wa tadween Quran" said that there had been many divine books which were sent down by Allah but the Quran is the only Holy Book which is protected by Allah Himself. He asserted that the Quran was compiled as a book during the time of Prophet



Speakers on dais in winter school at Kolkata

National Urdu University, Hyderabad; Dr. Mohd. Shamim Akhter Qasmi, Head of Deptt. of Theology, Aliah University; Dr. Md. Shamim Firdaus, Aliah University; Dr. Enayatullah Khan, Aliah University; Dr. Shambam Begum, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Aliah University; Dr. Sumaiya Ahmed, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Aliah University; Prof Syed Abdur Rasheed, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Aliah University and Abdul Basit Ismail, Principal, Jibreel International School.

The inaugural and valedictory sessions that were held at the auditorium of the Park Circus Campus



Muhammad (S), therefore there is no doubt about its authenticity.

In the third lecture, Mr. Syed Abdur Rasheed shed light on the history of the compilation of Hadith. The fourth lecture was delivered by Dr. Sajjad Alam Rizvi of Presidency University who spoke on "Non-Muslims under the Muslim Empires." He explained that during Muslim empires non-Muslims had equal rights and opportunities.

In the fourth lecture, Dr Sumaiya Ahmed laid emphasis on the first teaching of Islam, "to read" and showed the importance of knowledge in Islam.

The fifth lecture was delivered by Dr. Ishtiaq Hussain of Aliah University on "Islam and modernity". He defined modernity in the light of Islam, a timeless religion which has always encouraged modernity and development.

In the last lecture of the day, Mr. Mahtab Alam Nadwi emphasised the importance of peace in Islam in the light of the Quran.

On day three, Mr. Syed Abdur Rasheed spoke on how non-Muslims were treated during the time of Prophet Muhammad. He also said that all human beings were equal in the sight of the Prophet and there was no discrimination during his time.

The second lecturer of the day was Dr. Masihur Rahman Nadwi from Arabic Department of Aliah University whose topic was "Concept of Jihad in Islam"

He said that Jihad is a word which has been misunderstood by many and explained its real meaning.

The third lecture of the day was delivered by Mr. Abdul Basit Ismail, whose topic was "Islam in the 21st Century". He clearly explained that Islam is not at all unsafe in the 21st century nor does it face any challenge. Rather Muslims must review their actions and their life.

The fourth lecture of the day was delivered by Mr. Mahtab Alam Nadwi who spoke on "Islam as Faith and Civilization". He said that Islam is a religion which is not confined to religious teachings alone. It provides guidance to human beings in all walks of life. He also explained that civilisation and religion are not different from each other.

The topic of the fifth lecture was "Islam and Secularism", in which Dr. Sumaiya Ahmad clarified that Islamic political system is based on secularism. Islam teaches us to respect the people of all faiths.

The last lecture of day was by Dr. Shabnam Begum, who spoke on Muslim's contribution in the field of social science.

Day Four started with a lecture by Professor Fahim Akhtar from Maulana Azad National Urdu University in which he explained how Islam promotes the concept of multiculturalism in different verses of the Quran which shows that multiculturalism is a Quranic concept and Quran asks its followers to maintain unity despite differences in religious beliefs.

The second and third lectures of day were delivered by Dr. Mohammed Shameem Firdaus of Aliah University, who spoke on Muslim contribution in the field of mathematics and medicine.

Dr. Firdaus stressed that the progress that we have witnessed in modern times in the field of science, technology and medicine is possible only because of the research which was done by Muslims in the past.

Fourth lecture of the day was by Dr. Inayatullah Khan, who spoke about Muslim rule in India and how non-Muslims were treated by Mughal rulers. He gave many examples of secularity of Akbar, Shahjahan and other kings.

The fifth lecturer of the day was by Dr. Mohammed Shamim Akhtar Qasmi who was speaking on the development of fiqh. He said that the

Quran gives Muslims orders, but does not often mention the method of practising those orders. It is fiqh, which provides us with the details of how to carry out a particular order.

The topic of the last lecture of the day was "Revelation and its Application". This lecture was delivered by Professor Mohammed Fahim Akhtar. Prof. Akhtar interpreted the Quran and Sunnah as the main sources of Islam.

On day five, before the valedictory session, a lecture was delivered by Mr. Ahmad Ali on the status of women in Islam. He explained how Islam does not differentiate between men and women in terms of respect and dignity. In Islam, women enjoy the same status, respect and rights as men.

This five-day Winter School programme ended with valedictory session on 14th February 2020. The session was presided by Professor Mohammed Fahim Akhtar, It was attended by many prominent personalities from the field of education.

In the valedictory session, the students expressed their views about the Winter School. They were full of praise and shared emotionally their learning experience. The event gave students a broad overview of Islam, while exposing them to major ideas.

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Apparently these were their own ideas or sheer creation of their ultra imaginative minds which had little or nothing to do with the actual realities of the Middle East. Their texts expressed most of their ideology and prejudices than the reality of the Orient. They used the Orient as a means of self expression, and as a mirror through which they saw their superiority and the inferiority of others, the non-European nations.

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