

NEWS (20th MARCH 2021)

Hamidia Girls' Degree College organised Akbar Allahabadi Memorial lecture sponsored by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, New Delhi on 20th March 2021 at 11:00 A.M. The theme of the Memorial Lecture was **"SHAMSUR RAHMAN FAROOQUI :SHAKHS,SHAYAAR AUR NAQQAD"**.

Prof. Siraj Ajmali, Department of Urdu, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh was the chief –speaker on this occasion. Prof. Ahmad Mahfuz, Department of Urdu, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and Prof. A.A . Fatmi, Former Head, Department of Urdu, University of Allahabad, Prayaagraj was the guest of honor on this occasion. Prof. Shabnam Hameed, Head, Department of Urdu, University of Allahabad, Prayaagraj was the presiding authority on this occasion.

The Chief speaker, Prof. Siraj Ajmali, Department of Urdu, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh praised the works of critic and shayar, Shamsur Rahmaan Farooqui. He said that the first memorial lecture on Akbar Allahabadi was delivered by Prof Farooqui at Hamidia Girls' degree college. He said that Prof.Farooqui's place in Urdu literature is non pareil. He is among the renowned critics. Prof Farooqui was deeply inspired by Ehteshaam Hussain, . Prof. Siraj Ajmali said that it is difficult to find an example of a multifaceted personality like Farooqi in the history of Urdu literature. Farooqi's name illuminated the literary horizon of the Indian subcontinent with its distinct majesty for more than five decades. The expression of his extraordinary creative, critical abilities occurred in almost all the genres of Urdu prose and poetry with distinctive grandeur. As a critic he was inspired by western critics and applied their critical standards on urdu poetry. He was never sardonic and he tried to bring reform in a very sedate manner.

On this occasion, Prof. Pankaj Kumar, Dean,College Development (UoA) who was the cheif guest of Mushaira-e-Asataza released the thirteenth edition of NAQSH-E-NAU, annual International Urdu Journal published by Department of Urdu, HGDC. Speaking on this occasion he said that Urdu Language is a sweet and popular language and account of its sweetness it has left behind its parent languages- Arabic and Persian.

Guest of honor, Prof A.A. Fatmi, Former Head, Department of Urdu, University of Allahabad said that according to Prof. Farooqui we cannot understand Urdu poetry without understanding the Renaissance of nineteenth century Urdu Poetry. Praising the contribution of Prof. Farooqui, he said that he was a versatile genius and large hearted. His contribution to the critical history of Urdu Literature is remarkable. He also highlighted that Prof. Farooqui counted Akbar Allahabadi among the six great poets of Urdu Literature.

Prof. Ahmad Mahfuz, Department of Urdu, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi said that Akbar Allahabadi was a popular poet and it is notable that even after 100 years of his death a memorial lecture has been organised. He said that Prof.Farooqui has left behind a rich legacy of criticism and poetry.

Presiding Authority of the programme,. Prof. Shabnam Hameed, Head, Department of Urdu, University of Allahabad recalled past meetings with Prof.Farooqui and said that he always encouraged and motivated his junior colleagues and young students. She presented brief account of Prof.Farooqui's academic & literary work.

The Programme started with the recitation of Hamd by Namra Moid , student of B.A.III year. Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by the Principal of the college, Dr.Yusufa Nafees. Mrs. Tazeen Ahsanulla, Manager of the college, gave blessings for the success of the program. Mrs. Naseha Usmani, Associate Professor, Department of Urdu, HGDC conducted the programme. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Zareena Begum, Associate Professor, Department of Urdu, HGDC