

Extension lecture at SP College

Need to have extensive research on Sheikh's (RA) works: VC

Srinagar, 18 May: An extension lecture was today held on the topic "Relevance of Sheikh-UI-Alam's (RA) philosophy in contemporary times" at the Seminar Hall of Sri Pratap College, Srinagar.

Vice Chancellor of the University of Kashmir, Prof. Riyaz Punjabi said that there was a need at scholarly levels, to decipher reality from all works relevant to Sheikh-UI-Alam (RA) and bring back the glory of Sheikh ul Alam's (RA) philosophy. "We have to distinguish between scholarship and mediocrity and bring back the deserved glory and scholarly authority to Sheikh ul Alam's (RA) works" asserted VC who also presided over the prestigious event.

Urging scholars, teachers and students to come forward and help the University to carry out research on the works of Sheikh ul Alam (RA). "Linguistic appraisal of Sheikh ul Alam's (RA) works is yet to be made. We live in an age where there are scientific principles of research and understanding and once applied to his works, new vistas of understanding from his works would be unravelled" he said.



Chairman, Sheikh ul Alam Chair – Prof. Basher Bashir, on the occasion gave a brief about life and works of Sheikh Ul Alam (RA). He stressed on the need to highlight the contribution of our elders in the field of learning and knowledge. Prof Basher also outlined future programs that Markaz e Noor was planning in days to come. "We plan to have many extension lectures and programs in the coming days; all on various facets of teachings of Sheikh ul Alam (RA)" he said.

Ghulam Nabi Gowhar, noted writer and one of the guest lecturers on the occasion, said that there was a dire need to scientifically analyse works of Sheikh ul Alam (RA) and to resurrect documents and books that present first hand description of what happened during the lifetime of Sheikh ul Alam (RA). "There is a need to take lead in research on the life and works of Sheikh Noor ud Din Noorani (RA).

Prof. Manzoor Fazili, another lecturer and scholar of repute in Political Science, mentioned the various facets of works of Sheikh ul Alam (RA) and how they were relevant to the issues that our society is confronted with in contemporary times. "Education was a priority in his works in consonance with prayer in the Holy Quran seeking increase in knowledge". He said that Sheikh ul Alam (RA) stressed on the need to act on the principles rather than just to have belief. "His message for the people for Kashmir was to build a just society built on values of morality.

While delivering the welcome address, the Principal of the S P College, Prof. Zahoor A Chatt expressed happiness that the college was commencing its activity calendar for 2010 with a series of extension lectures with this lecture being the first link in the series. He praised Sheikh ul Alam (RA) as not only a poet but a philosopher who advocated humanity. "Alamdar" the 3rd issue of the Journal of the Markaz e Noor Chair, edited by Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. N A Baba, was also released on the occasion. Prof. Syed Ajaz Hussain Rizvi delivered vote of thanks. Proceedings of the event were conducted by Staff Secretary of college, Prof. Mohammad Afzal Mir.