

Shaikh-ul Alam Chair KU organizes lecture at Kulgam

Srinagar KU June 15 : Markaz-i Noor, Shaikh-ul Alam Chair university of Kashmir today organized an extension lecture on the theme "Birthplace of Shaikh-ul Alam" at town Hall Kulgam southern township of Kashmir . .

A large number of people including reputed writers, intellectuals, principals of various educational institutions, district level officers attended the function. Prof. A.R.Yousuf, Dean Academics, University of Kashmir was the Chief guest at the occasion and the MLA Kulgam, Mr.M.Y.Tarigami presided over the function. Well known senior writers Mr. Naji Munawar, Head Department of Kashmiri, Kashmir University, Dr. Shad Ramzani and Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Mr.Farooq Ahmad Khan were also on the presidium.

Dr. Basher Bashir director Shiekhul Alam chair in his welcome address gave a brief of the functioning and future plans and programmes of the Chair. He said that the university authorities especially the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Riyaz Punjabi is quite keen to see that the Chair flourish by way of producing standard research works on Shaikh-ul Alamiyat which could attract and satisfy the intelligentsia and also popularize the message of Alamdar-iKashmir among the common masses especially the youth.

Well known writer and researcher, Mr.Gh.Nabi Aatish presented his paper on the topic "Birthplace of Shaikh-ul Alam". Quoting different historical sources and internal evidences from the poetry of Shaikh-ul Alam in his research paper Mr. Aatish said that Khee, Kaimoh, Kulgam, DadorKoot and other places in Kulgam are of historical importance so far as the childhood and early years of Shaikh-ul Alam's life are concerned. It was due to his leadership qualities, right perception of truth that a cultural assimilation could take place in this region very smoothly and without any feel of ideological shock in the minds of people.

While discussing the different facets of the multidimensional personality of Shaikh-ul Alam and his contribution to Kashmir society Head Department of Kashmiri, Kashmir University, Prof. Shad Ramzani said that Alamdar-i Kashmir is a true symbol of Kashmiriyat which we can boast upon. Quoting verses of Shaikh-ul Alam Prof .Shad highlighted its relevance in the contemporary situations.

Mr.Naji Mumawar reiterated the need of establishment of the Shaikh-ul Alam Cultural Centre. He said that he has developed quite many expectations with the Shaikh-ul Alam Chair ofKashmir University and hope that after taking the different sources into account it would bring out the authentic text of the Poetry of Shaikh-ul Alam. In this regard he spoke about some sources of the Poetry of Almdar-i Kashmir. Chairman Markaz-i Noor informed the speaker and the audience that the University has already considered his point and Vice-Chancellor has approved the list of names of experts who would be requested to review the text of Shaikh-ul Alam's Poetry, to be compiled by the Shaikh-ul Alam Chair.

Senior writer Mr. Nazir Kulgami also spoke about certain sources and important places of the area associated with Shaikh-ul Alam and other famous Rishis of Kashmir.

The chief guest Prof. A. R. Yousuf in his thought provoking lecture emphasized on the point that the righteous path practiced and shown by Shaikh-ul Alam needs to be followed so that humans could overcome worldly problems and attain the spiritual heights. Shaikh-ul Alam, while expressing his experiences of metaphysical nature, has used such type of metaphors and similes which in itself speak of his artistic skills and mastery over the language. Since every Shuluk of Shaikh-ul Alam's Poetry is an organic poetic unity and as such no single phrase or a line should be discussed out of its context,

Prof Yousuf stressed. Such a trend is bound to create confusions in the minds of the people having no direct access to the original text. Mr. M. Y. Tarigami in his address lauded the contribution of Shaikh-ul Alam to the society . Mr tarigami announced a a sanction of ras 1 lac out of his constituency fund to the chair at KU.

He thanked the University for organizing such a grand function at Kulgam. A book written by Dr. Hasrat Hussain and entitled, “Islam main Aurat ka Muqam” was released by the chief guest, Prof. A.R. Yousuf.

Chairman Shaikh-ul Alam Chair presented the vote of thanks while as Mr. Nisar Rahi from the Chief Education Office Kulgam conducted the proceedings of the programme.