

## Some Events from the Life of (Late) Prof. Qazi Mohammad Ahmad \*



(20.07.1933 - 24.11.1993)

### **Founder**

Department of Geography  
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

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- ❖ **Date of Birth:** July 20, 1933
- ❖ **Place of Birth:** Qazivara, Gulaothi, Dist- Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ **Place of Death:** Passed away on 24.11.1993 at 6 pm at G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi after a brief illness of about one month.

### **Educational Qualification:**

- i. High School: U.P. Board, 1949.
- ii. Intermediate: U.P. Board, 1951.
- iii. B.Sc. (Hons): Geography, Geology and Botany (1<sup>st</sup> Position), A.M.U., Aligarh, 1954.
- iv. M.Sc. (Geography): A.M.U., Aligarh, 1956.
- v. B.Ed.: Specialisation in Teaching of Geography, A.M.U., Aligarh, 1957.
- vi. M.A./M.Sc.: Special Paper of Anthropogeography, 1958.
- vii. Ph.D.: "Land Use in the Districts of Gurgaon and Rohtak", A.M.U., Aligarh, 1973.

### **Career Profile:**

- i. Joined Jamia Millia Islamia as temporary Lecturer in Geography on September 16, 1958.
- ii. Interviewed for the permanent post of Lecturer on 31 July, 1960.
- iii. Confirmed on the post of Lecturer w.e.f. 01 August, 1960.
- iv. Interviewed for the post of Reader in Geography on 05 July, 1973 and joined as Reader on 09 August, 1973.
- v. Interviewed for the post of Professor and joined as Professor w.e.f. 06 December, 1983.
- vi. Superannuation on 20.07.93 then onwards on re-employment.

### **Position Held at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi:**

- i. Nazim-e-Matbakh (Kitchen Incharge) for one year w.e.f. 05.05.1966.
- ii. Officiating Proctor 16-20 Feb, 1968 on the request of the then Proctor Mr. Mujeeb Rizvi.
- iii. Member of Academic Council, J.M.I. for one year w.e.f. 01.12.75.
- iv. Proctor for two years through Executive Council, J.M.I. w.e.f. 16.11.75.
- v. Warden Incharge, 1977.
- vi. Officiating Dean, Faculty of Natural Science and Technology w.e.f. 15.06.82 for one month.
- vii. Officiating Dean, Faculty of Natural Science and Technology w.e.f. 12.01.84.
- viii. Chief Warden of Hostels and Kitchen w.e.f. 24.11.83 for two years.
- ix. Dean, Faculty of Natural Science and Technology for two years, 1984-85.
- x. Manager of Jamia Millia Sr. Secondary School w.e.f. 08.08.89.
- xi. Controller of Examination, w.e.f. 04.07.88 till 11.09.89.
- xii. D.S.W. through Executive Council, J.M.I. for 3 years w.e.f. 19.09.90 but resigned on 21.02.92.
- xiii. Cultural Coordinator in J.M.I. for Liaison with Association of Indian Universities w.e.f. 14.06.91.

### **Publications: (Books and Articles)**

- i. A Fourteenth Century Arab Accounts of India under Sultan Mohammad Bin Tughlaq - A Case Study of Historical Geography, Siddiqui Publishers, Aligarh.
- ii. Coal and its Bye Products (in Urdu), published by Talim-o-Tareqqi, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
- iii. On request of the Ministry of Education (dated 26.09.69) translated a book on Economic Geography in Urdu which was published by NCERT.
- iv. Vetted the manuscript of Africa and Asia (in Urdu) for Taraqqi Urdu Board.
- v. Vetted the specimen of the "Spirits and Purpose of Geography" in Urdu for Taraqqi Urdu Board.
- vi. Appointed as Vettor for "Physical Geography" published by NCERT.
- vii. Prepared a working paper of Geographical and Geological Terms in Urdu for the Standing Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, Ministry of Education and Youth Services. The meetings for the purpose were held regularly at Aligarh, Hyderabad, Chandigarh and Delhi between 1970 to 1983.
- viii. Measurement of Agricultural Efficiency in Haryana, The Geographer, Vol. XVIII, 1971.
- ix. Regional Variations of Sex Ratio in the Population of Haryana, The Geographer, Vol. XVIII, 1971.
- x. Contributed a number of geography articles for Children in Payam-i-Talim from 1964 to 1969 in Urdu like:
  - Several articles on coal and its bye-product.
  - Rubber in the present world.
  - Treasures of our earth.
  - Kashmir, etc.

### **Participation in Academic Activities:**

- i. Participated in the Summer School held at Nainital in 1965.
- ii. Participated in Autumn School held at A.M.U., Aligarh.
- iii. Attended International Geographical Seminar on Land Use in Developing Countries at A.M.U., Aligarh under the auspices of International Geographical Union w.e.f. 25-29 Nov. 1968.
- iv. Nominated by Jamia Millia Islamia to attend the conference of the Indian Council of Geographers in 1969.

- v. Attended one-month Winter Institute in Geography held at AMU in 1972.
- vi. Attended the Conference of Regional Science Association held at Calcutta as a sponsored candidate w.e.f. 19.12.74 to 21.12.74.
- vii. Attended a Symposium on “Problems of Agricultural Growth in India” sponsored jointly by the Department of Geography, Calcutta University and Eastern Regional Centre of the ICSSR w.e.f. Feb. 04-06, 1976.
- viii. Attended NAGI Conference at J.N.U. w.e.f. Dec. 26-29, 1981.
- ix. Attended Conference on “Food Systems of the World” w.e.f. Feb. 15-20, 1983 held at A.M.U., Aligarh.
- x. Attended Fifth Indian Geographical Congress held at A.M.U. Aligarh during August, 1983 and organised one of the technical sessions.
- xi. Attended a Seminar on Food Systems and Dry Land Agriculture during 27.09.1985.
- xii. Attended a Workshop on “Development of Question Bank in Geography” for Class X based on the NCERT syllabus at NCERT w.e.f. Feb. 09-15, 1993.
- xiii. Attended a Workshop on “Development of Question Bank in Geography” for Class X based on the NCERT syllabus at Chandigarh, w.e.f. March 30 to April 08, 1993.

**Positions held during Student Life at A.M.U., Aligarh:**

- i. University Proctorial Monitor for 1953-54, at A.M.U., Aligarh.
- ii. Hon. Secretary of A.M.U. Geographical Society, 1954-55.
- iii. Member Editorial Board of “The Geographer”, 1954-55.
- iv. Member preparatory committee for International Geographical Seminar held at A.M.U. in 1956.

**Members of the Learned Societies and Committees:**

- i. A-class Member of Indian National Committee for Geography, Calcutta, 1968.
- ii. Member of Preparatory Committee of the First Indian Geographical Congress held in Delhi, 1972.
- iii. Member of the Council of Second Geographical Congress, 1973.