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Filmmaker Kabir Khan attends celebrations marking 30 years of MMAJ Academy of International Studies, JMI

To celebrate 30 years of its existence, Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar (MMAJ) Academy of International Studies organized a lecture in the memory of Prof. Rasheeduddin Khan, former Director of the Academy of Third World Studies.

Prof. Khan, father of noted filmmaker Kabir Khan, was the Director of the Academy from [1989-1991](#) when it was known as Academy of Third World Studies. Prof. Khan, a well-known academician and parliamentarian, was twice Member of Rajya Sabha.

Eminent scholar Prof. Balveer Arora, currently Professor Emeritus and Chairman for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Science, New Delhi and an expert on federalism, an issue that was close to Prof Khan's heart, delivered a lecture titled 'Renewing Indian Federalism for Challenges of the New Century'.

Prof. Kamal Mitra Chenoy from Centre for Comparative Politics and Political Theory, School of International Studies, JNU, was the Chairperson of the event. Prof. Rashmi Doraiswamy, Director of the Academy of International Studies, JMI inaugurating the event stated that this was the first time any anniversary was being celebrated at the Academy and that thirty years was a long time in the life of an institution.

Earlier, Prof. Doraiswamy welcomed Prof. Balveer Arora and Prof. Kamal Mitra Chenoy, Ms. Anusha Khan and Mr. Kabir Khan (daughter and son of Prof. Rasheeduddin Khan) and other dignitaries who attended the function. She invited Dr. Sabiha Alam, one of the senior most faculty members at the academy, to outline the major contributions of Prof. Khan in strengthening the foundations of the Academy in its initial years of establishment.

Prof. Chenoy recalled his time spent in JNU as a student with Prof. Khan. He mentioned how important Federalism as a theme was to Prof. Khan and how Prof. Khan always questioned terminologies such as 'quasi-federal', etc. He also talked about Prof. Khan's

efforts to broaden the field of study of federalism, stressed the need to study federal structures in other countries and learn from their experiences.

Prof. Arora eulogized Prof. Khan's contribution in building institutions such as Centre for Political Studies in JNU, Academy of Third World Studies in Jamia Millia Islamia and Centre for Federal Studies in Jamia Hamdard.

Prof. Arora displayed two of Prof. Khan's books - Federal India: A Design for Change and Bewildered India: Identity, Pluralism and Discord.

Ms. Anusha Khan and Mr. Kabir Khan shared their memories of Prof. Khan as a father and a teacher. Mr Kabir Khan recollected that whenever he had to do research for documentaries he was working on, he would go to his father, who would brief him or tell him what to read on the given topic. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. G. M. Shah.

MMAJ Academy of International Studies established in the year [1988](#) as the 'The Academy of Third World Studies', was subsequently named after one of the co-founders of Jamia Millia Islamia, Maulana Mohamed Ali Jauhar. The Academy got its present name in the year [2011](#) and has acquired broader focus since then.

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Prof. Rasheeduddin Khan (1924-1996) was an academician and parliamentarian, who was nominated to the Rajya Sabha twice. He was Professor in JNU and subsequently, Director of the Academy of Third World Studies from 1989-1991. He was author of several important works on socio-economic and cultural issues, including Dimensions of Federal Nation Building. He was an expert on federalism and established the Centre for Federal Studies at Jamia Millia Islamia.

Rasheeduddin Khan



