**Press Release**

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**Invention gives man reason to live: Prof. Qazi Siraj Azhar**

**MANUU organizes Third National Urdu Science Congress**

Hyderabad:

People who do not invent either vanish or go into obscurity. These were the thoughts expressed by Dr. Qazi Siraj Azhar, Associate Professor, Michigan University, USA at the inaugural session of the Two-day National Urdu Science Congress 2019 organized by the Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad on National Science Day. Prof. Azhar was speaking as the chief guest on this occasion.

The two-day congress is being attended by participants from as far away as Lucknow, Delhi and Maharashtra, besides faculty and students of MANUU. The participants include practitioners of science, academicians, students, Urdu writers with interest in science and other stakeholders.

Vice Chancellor, MANUU, Dr. Aslam Parvaiz, who presided over the inaugural once again emphasised the university’s efforts to provide textbook material in Urdu to the students of MANUU.

Dr. Qaisar Jameel, Head of the Department, Genetics, Bhagwan Mahavir Medical Research Centre, Hyderabad who has also been the former president of the Organisation for Women in Science in the Developing World, exhorted the students to have faith in their culture, traditions, and ethics if they want to succeed in life.

On this occasion, several books written in Urdu on different topics of science were also released.

Prizes were also distributed among students who participated in elocution, essay writing and other competitions on the topic “Science for people, and people of science” held in connection with National Science Day.

The congress is being jointly organised by the Centre for Promotion of Knowledge in Urdu and the School of Sciences.

Prof. Zahid Hussain Khan, retired professor of physics from Jamia Millia Islamia, and Dr. Qaisar Jameel, Head of the Department, Genetics, Bhagwan Mahavir Medical Research Centre, Hyderabad were the guests of honour on this occasion.

Dr. Abid Moiz, Consultant, Centre for Promotion of Knowledge in Urdu & Convener of the congress welcomed the guest & delivered introductory remarks. Prof. S. Najmul Hasan, Dean School of Sciences presented a report on Science competitions and announced the winners. Dr. Ameena Tahseen conducted the proceedings. Later, in the afternoon a special session was held to commemorate 25 years of publication of Urdu monthly “Science”. Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz it’s Founder Editor was felicitated by Bazm-e-Khawateen, a renowned Women’s Organization from Hyderabad.

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Note: News and photos are being sent through email.
Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz delivering presidential remarks. (L-R) Dr. Qazi Siraj Azhar, Dr. Qaiser Jameel, Prof. Syed Najamul Hasan are also seen.
Dr Qazi Siraj Azhar: Dr. Qazi Siraj Azhar addressing the inaugural session of National Urdu Science Congress. (L-R) Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Dr. Qaiser Jameel, Prof. Syed Najamul Hasan are also seen.
Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz delivering presidential remarks. (L-R) Dr. Ameena Tahseen, Dr. Abid Moiz, Prof. Zahid Husain and Dr. Qazi Siraj Azbar are also seen.
Book Release: Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Dr. Qazi Siraj Azhar, Dr. Abid Moiz, Prof. Syed Najamul Hasan, Prof. Mohd. Zafaruddin and others.