

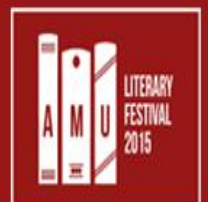
AMU PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE AND LITERARY FESTIVAL 2015

22nd -24th February,2015

University Literary Club,

Cultural Education Centre,

Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh



THE UNIVERSITY

Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) is one of the premier Central Universities of India. Founded in 1875 as Mohammadan Anglo- Oriental College, by the great social reformer Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, it metamorphosed into a full-fledged University in 1920. Today, AMU has around 30,000 students who hail from all across India, Middle- East, South East Asia, and Africa. The University has 12 Faculties which comprise of around 300 Departments of study.

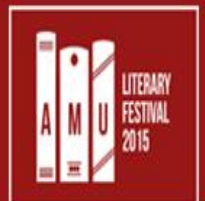
Some of our prominent alumni are Hamid Ansari (Vice- President of India), Prof. Irfan Habib (noted Historian), Naseeruddin Shah (noted Actor), Javed Akhtar (noted lyricist and Urdu poet), Anubhav Sinha (noted film director). Some of our prominent faculty members include Prof. AbulKalamQasmi (Department of Urdu, SahityaAkademi Award winner in Urdu), Prof. A. R. Kidwai (Department of English, Visiting Professor, University of Leicester, UK), Prof. Shafey Kidwai (Department of Mass Communication, Convener, Urdu Committee, Bhartiya Gyanpith, former member, Sahitya Akademi), and others.

CULTURAL EDUCATION CENTRE

As the name suggests, the Cultural Education Centre is the hub of literary and cultural activities of the University. Currently, it has ten clubs under its ambit which cater to a diverse range of tastes of the University students. These clubs include University Literary Club, University Drama Club, University Film Club, University Fine Arts Club, Western Music Club, Fusion Music Club, Hindustani Music Club, Eco Club, Club for Short Evening Courses, and University Hobbies Workshop.

UNIVERSITY LITERARY CLUB

University Literary Club is the centre for the diverse literary activities of the University students. The various literary activities that are pursued by the club are Public Speaking, Recitation, Creative Writing, Journalistic Writing, Quiz and Group Discussion. An important venture of the club in the recent years is the Urdu Promotion Forum, through which we have organized various events related to Urdu literature and aesthetics. These events include Dastan Goi (the Urdu form of oral story telling), Bait- Baazi, poetry sessions, etc. The major flagship event of the literary club is the All India Sir Syed Memorial Debate, one Of India's oldest and most reputed traditional debating events. Another important event organized by the University Literary Club was an interactive session with noted short story writer Prajwal Parajuly and a book release ceremony of his debut collection of short stories ***Gurkha's Daughter***. The event was widely covered in the media, and prominent newspapers such as The Times of India and The Hindu carried out detailed reports about it.



AMU PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE AND LITERARY FESTIVAL, 2015

This year the University Literary Club is organizing the AMU Parliamentary Debate and AMU literary Festival from 22nd to 24th February, 2015. We are writing this to extend an invitation to you for participating in the above mentioned events.

AMU PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

The Schedule is as follows:-

- 22 February- Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Finals
- 23 February- Semi- finals
- 24 February- Finale.

TEAM CAP

There shall be a team cap of 16 teams in the event, and registration shall be granted on first come first serve basis. Please mail us your registrations latest by 15 February, 2015. We shall confirm your registration as early as possible.

PRIZES

The winner and the runner-up teams will be provided with cash prizes, certificates and other exciting prizes. The winning team will also be provided with a winner's trophy. The semi- finalists shall be provided with certificates and other prizes. Please keep visiting our event page for receiving updates about the prizes and other relevant information.

RULES OF THE DEBATE

- ❖ The debate shall be held according to the 3 on 3 Asian Parliamentary Debate model.
- ❖ Two teams (one being the Government and the other Opposition), comprising of three members each, shall compete against each other at a time.
- ❖ The topics of the debate shall be allotted 45 minutes prior to the starting of the debate, along with the allotment of Government or the Opposition side.
- ❖ The speakers in the Government side shall be named as Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Government whip, whereas those on the opposition side shall be named as Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Opposition whip.



- ❖ Each speaker shall be allotted six minutes to speak. The speaking order shall be as follows:-
- ❖ Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Prime Minister, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Government whip, Opposition whip.
- ❖ During the speech, in between the first and the fifth minute, the opposing team of the speaker may ask a question. However, it shall be the prerogative of the speaker whether he/she accepts the question or not. If the question is accepted, it must be replied to in not more than 15 seconds.
- ❖ At the end of the speeches of all six speakers, there will be two reply speeches- one made by a speaker from the Government team, and the other by the Opposition team. This speech shall be of three minutes. Please note that the reply speech cannot be made by the Government or the Opposition whip, and has to be made either by the Prime Minister/ Leader of Opposition or the Deputy Prime Minister/ Deputy Leader of Opposition.
- ❖ The reply speech shall be made by a speaker from the Opposition team, followed by the speaker from the Government team.
- ❖ The Debate shall be in the English Language only.
- ❖ The Decision of the Judging panel will be final and binding on the teams.

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for the event. We shall provide you lodging, food and intra- campus transport facilities, free of cost, at the AMU campus.

Please fill the **registration form** (on page 5) with all the required details, scan it and send it to us on:

parliamentarydebateamu@gmail.com or

Write to us at

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AMU LITERARY FESTIVAL 2015

Alongwith the Parliamentary Debate another important event that is being organised by us is the AMU Literary Festival 2015. This will be the one of a kind literary festival to be organised by a University. The major themes that will be discussed in the event are Indian English Writings, Poetry reading sessions, Literature in Translation, Non- fiction writing, Films as a medium of social change, and recent developments in the literatures of Urdu and other vernacular languages.

Guests who have already confirmed their participation in the event are Basharat Peer (noted novelist, journalist and scriptwriter of the Bollywood movie Haider), RakhshandaJalil (noted short story writer and translator), Rana Ayyub (award winning journalist of Tehelka), Aseem Ahmed Abbasee (Hindi poet and lyricist in famous Bollywood movies like Table No 21, Bittoo Boss, BajateyRaho, etc), Sharad Gupta (Political Analyst, DainikBhaskar), YaseenAnwer (Founder Poets Corner and Organiser Delhi Poetry Festival) and K. P. Sasi (noted documentary filmmaker on social issues). Other important personalities who are expected to attend the festival are ShamsurRehmanFarooquie (noted Urdu writer), Javed Akhtar (noted poet & lyricist) Dr.Shashi Tharoor (Member of Parliament, former Union Minister, and writer), Urvashi Butalia (noted Feminist writer and Director, Zubaan Books), Neelesh Mishra (Political analyst and lyricist), and many more.

An important feature of the Literary Festival will be the book fair, where atleast ten Publishing Houses and reputed bookstores shall showcase and sell their books.

