# Press Release

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### Attempt to rediscover Ibn Khaldun as Sociologist Seminar begins at MANUU

#### Hyderabad:

Department of Sociology, Maulana Azad National Urdu University is hosting a two day National Seminar cum Symposium in an attempt to rediscover the pioneering contribution made by the 14<sup>th</sup> Century Muslim Philosopher & Scholar Ibn Khaldun in the field of Sociology. The seminar is sponsored by ICSSR.

Speakers at the inaugural session of the seminar "Sociology of knowledge: A perspective from Ibn Khaldun", inaugurated today, rued at the neglect of Ibn Khaldun as the founding father of Sociology. Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice-Chancellor in his presidential address stressed the need to explore & revisit Ibn Khaldun through his original Arabic texts instead of Western translations. MANUU can take the initiative, he pointed out. We need to look at the issues with our own perspective, he added.

Noted Sociologist, Prof. M. A. Kalam in his keynote agreed that Ibn Khaldun is badly neglected for a very long time. He was a genius, born in 1332 in Tunisia, left his indelible marks as Historiographer, Demographer & Sociologist. However, much of his work was relegated because of lack of translation, he pointed out.

Ibn Khaldun treated Society as a living organism. Prof. Kalam described Ibn Khaldun as an important figure in Sociology & Muslim History.

Prof. Vinod Jairath, another eminent Sociologist, formerly with University of Hyderabad, addressed the inaugural as Chief Guest. He described the seminar as a bold attempt by the Department of Sociology. He advised the students and research scholars to look into the context of every idea. Comparison without a proper context is an exercise in futility, he remarked.

Earlier, Dr. Saheed, Assistant Professor, welcomed and introduced the guests. Prof. P. H. Mohammad, Convenor & Head of the Department and Dean, School of Arts & Social Sciences introduced the theme. Dr. Md. Ehtesham Akhtar proposed vote of thanks.

## India's way of teaching and learning is dialogic, says South Asian University president Prof Sharma in CLAI Conference

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India's way of teaching and learning was dialogic and sacred texts right from Vedas to Mahabharata and Upanishads had been in dialogues, said South Asian University president Kavita A. Sharma.

"Dialogue becomes essential in South Asia because of multiplicity of speakers and cultures", she observed while delivering a talk as Guest of Honor at the valedictory session of Biennial International Conference of Comparative Literature Association of India (CLAI) in Hyderabad.

Prof. Sharma further noted that in the South Asian pluralistic context, dialogue was a shared tactic to negotiate and contest.

Comparative literature at global level was in transition where center of gravity was shifting to Indian languages, said CLAI president Prof. E V Ramakrishna in the four-day conference jointly organized by CLAI and Dept. of English, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU).

Highlighting the need for dialogue in contemporary period, he expressed concern in his presidential address. "We live in a time where we have *vad* and *vivad* but hardly *samvad*", he remarked.

National Survey of India deliberately downplayed the number of Urdu speakers, like many other vernacular languages, remarked Prof. G. N. Devi while delivering Sisir Kumar Das Memorial Lecture in the conference yesterday.

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#### MANUU organizes Quiz Competition on Mahatma Gandhi

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Maulana Azad National Urdu University has organized Quiz Competition on Mahatma Gandhi as part of the ongoing 150th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi.

According to Dr. Feroz Alam, Convenor, Organizing Committee, 42 teams of 3 members each participated in the Quiz competition held on 13th March at DDE Auditorium, MANUU campus, Hyderabad. Students of D. El. Ed. 4th Semester Md. Sajid Alam, Md. Noor Alam and Md. Nizamuddin stood First, Shabana Moazzam, Sarfaraz Ahmad and Mirza Faisal Anwar of M. Ed. 4th Semester got Second position where as 4th Semester B. Ed. Students Md. Shafique Alam, Afzal Hussain and Wasim Ahmad secured Third position.

Mr. Anis Azmi, Chief Consultant, Centre for Urdu Culture Studies (CUCS) judged the performances. He appreciated the talent show cased by the students and declared the results. Dr. Md. Afroz Alam (Convenor, Quiz competition), Dr. Ahmed Raza, Ms. Ismath Fatima, Mr. Obaidullah Raihan and Dr. Wasim Raja were organizing committee members and the quiz masters.

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Dr. Aslam Parvaiz: Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz delivering presidential address. (L-R) Prof. M A Kalam, Prof. Vinod Jairath and Prof. P H Mohammad



Kavita Sharma: Prof. Kavita Sharma addressing the valedictory of CLAI conference. (L-R) Prof. Anis ur Rahman, Prof. Chandra Mohan, Dr. M. A. Sikandar, Prof. E V Ramakrishna, Prof. Naseemuddin Farees