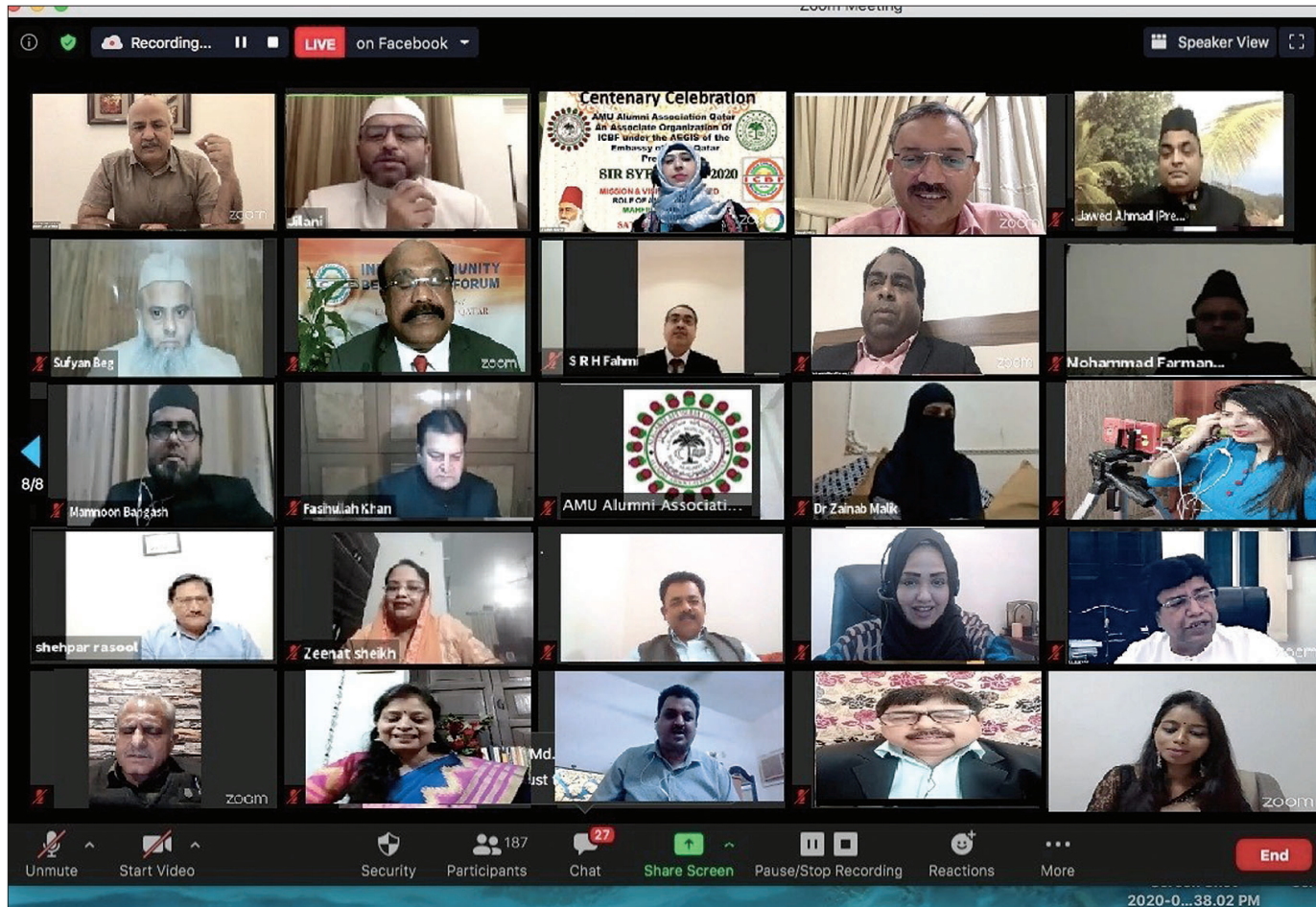


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Participants at a virtual gathering hosted by the Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association Qatar (AMUAAQ) to celebrate Sir Syed Day 2020. This year also marked the 203rd birth anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, on 17th October.



A general view of the Sir Syed Hall (South) of Aligarh Muslim University.

It's important to dream big, remain truthful, says Delhi Dy CM Sisodia

The Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association Qatar (AMUAAQ) celebrates the Sir Syed Day 2020 virtually

OUR education systems should help inculcate an attitude among students that inspire them to dream big and remain truthful, honest and happy, since a healthy attitude towards all aspects of life matters a lot, Deputy Chief Minister of the Indian state of Delhi, Manish Sisodia has said.

Sisodia was addressing a virtual gathering hosted by the Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association Qatar (AMUAAQ), to celebrate Sir Syed Day 2020. This year also marked the 203rd birth anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, on 17th October.

The Delhi Deputy CM, who is known for his pioneering work in overhauling the education system in Delhi, was the chief guest at the event, while the Indian Ambassador to Qatar HE Dr. Deepak Mittal was the chief guest from Qatar.

Sisodia, in his address, hailed the remarkable work done by Sir Syed, the 18th-century thinker and philosopher who founded the institution of modern learning in Aligarh, a city in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh.

Stressing the importance of education in all spheres of life, Sisodia said there was a need to build universities and colleges like Oxford and Cambridge. Praising alumni groups for generously supporting educational projects in India, he said: "We need to introduce a framework based on attitude-skill-readiness for the next learning stage. However, if we focus only on the readiness part, leaving the attitude and skills behind, the purpose of education will only be half-served."

Learning these skills in



Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia (left) and Indian Ambassador to Qatar HE Dr. Deepak Mittal address the event as the chief guests.

schools, he noted, "becomes extremely important for preparing the students to live their lives happily and responsibly. Skills like listening, asking, doing things, expressing are necessary".

Sisodia thanked the AMU alumni in Qatar for inviting him and congratulated them for hosting the event that was held under the managing committee of AMUAAQ and presided by Jawed Ahmad.

In his address, Dr. Deepak Mittal said that Sir Syed Ahmed Khan was one of the greatest educationists in the world and added that he felt honoured to be a part of the event.

THE GOOD WORK

"Keep up all the good works," the Indian ambassador told the community leaders on the occasion. Praising the AMU alumni association's contributions in education, community service and sports, he congratulated them for the university marking its 100 years of service in education, and

the special occasion of Sir Syed Day this year. He also thanked Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia for joining the event.

The AMU Alumni Association Qatar is an associate organisation of the Indian Community Benevolent Forum (ICBF) that works under the aegis of the Embassy of India in Qatar.

The guest of honour on the occasion was Prof. MM Sufyan Beg, principal of Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology (ZHCET) and chairman, Alumni Affairs Committee Aligarh. PN Baburajan was the special guest while Waseem Ahmad Kazi and Prof. Shepher Rasool, vice chairman of Delhi Urdu Academy, were the guest speakers. Dr. MS Bukhari attended the programme as the patron, while Mohammad Wajuddin, a senior editor with The Times of India, was invited as a guest speaker.

THE STRONG BOND

It's not uncommon to see people noting how no graduates

of any other university love their alma mater as strongly as the AMU alumni. The Qatar chapter of the alumni is one of the most active and prominent associations. This was clearly reflected as more than a thousand alumni and well-wishers of AMU connected on the evening through the Zoom App and via Facebook live. Dr Na-deem Zafar Jilani, an AMU alumnus and medical director, Sidra Child Advocacy Program Doha, Qatar, and Dr Ashna Nusrat, chief joint secretary, AMUAAQ, compared the event and welcomed the guests.

Dr Jilani also anchored the second part of the event, Mahfil-e-Sukhan (mushaira), while Prof. Shepher Rasool presided over the programme. Mamnoon Ahmad Bangash started the proceedings with the recitation of verses from the holy Quran.

Jawed Ahmad, president of AMUAAQ and project manager at Technical Department, Qatar Petroleum Group, delivered the welcome address that included a

brief about Sir Syed Ahmed Khan. He reiterated a long-standing demand to confer Bharat Ratna on Sir Syed Ahmed Khan in recognition of his contributions to education and communal harmony.

Prof. MM Sufyan Beg spoke about the vision and mission of Sir Syed exhorting all 'Aligs' to come together to fulfil the AMUAAQ's mission towards the community and alma mater.

SPECIAL EFFORTS

PN Babu Rajan, president of the ICBF, said that AMU alumni have been taking part in various community initiatives in association with the Indian Embassy. He cited their active participation in food distribution campaign in India and in Qatar, and their joint work with the ICBF and the Indian Embassy for the Vande Bharat Mission.

MS Bukhari, in his address, hailed the AMU alumni team for their tremendous efforts towards community services.

Farman Khan, general sec-

retary, AMUAAQ, briefed the gathering about the activities undertaken by the association, especially their work on women's empowerment and in fighting child abuse etc.

Mohammed Wajuddin, a senior journalist with The Times of India, enlightened the audience on the life of Sir Syed

Ahmed Khan and his vision and mission.

Faisal Naseem, vice president of AMUAAQ, thanked the attendees for participating in the event.

The evening concluded with mushaira where Shepher Rasool, Johnny Foster, Ahmad Ashfaq, Maqsood Anwar Maqsood, Dr Arti Kumari, Wasi Ahmad Wasi, Ashfaq Deshmukh, Amreena Kaiser, Jyoti Azad Khatri, Zeenat Sheikh, Moscha Gupta, and Raquim Azmi mesmerized all with their unique styles of recitation.

Those who attended the event included Fasiullah Khan, president, AMU Alumni Delhi/NCR; Shahabuddin Ahmad, chairman, Bazm E Sadaf; Avinash Gaikwad, GS-ICBF; Omar Peerzada; Asfahan Khan (USA), Pushkin Agha (Vertex UAE); Irfan Mohammad Khan, president, AMU Alumni Kuwait; Sarosh Karim (USA); Aftab Pathan, president, AMU alumni Western UP; Danish Ali Khan; Khalid Rizvi, president, AMA-UK; Gufran Ali Khan; Rasheed Chisti; Dilip Kutty; Ameer Luth Fe; Khalid Saifullah (Mazameen); Khalid Hussain; Najmul Hassan Khan, JMI president, and Anjum Hussain among other community representatives.

Finally, the vote of thanks was delivered by Mamnoon Ahmad Bangash.



Padmanabhan Nair, the child prodigy who has made it to the World Book of Records of UK, Limca Book of Records, The India Book of Records, and The Asia Book of Records

Six-year-old Doha expatriate out to 'conquer the world'

Just by looking at the picture of a dinosaur, he can tell if it's a 'reptile' or a 'bird', and has other features of the dinosaurs on his fingertips

SIX-YEAR-OLD Padmanabhan Nair, a Grade I student of Birla Public School (BPS) Qatar, has set a series of records – World record, Asia record and India record.

The child prodigy has made it to the World Book of Records of UK, Limca Book of Records, The India Book of Records, and The Asia Book of Records.

This young genius, who is

also slated to make it to the Guinness Book of World Records, has achieved the wonderful feat of identifying the maximum number of dinosaurs (41 in a minute and 97 in five minutes).

Padmanabhan, whose current height reads 125cms on the scale, can easily identify more than 130 names of dinosaurs without a flaw.

The Qatar resident took a

fancy for this extinct species when he chanced upon a story book that featured dinosaurs. Since then he has been asking

Padmanabhan, whose current height reads 125cms on the scale, can easily identify more than 130 names of dinosaurs without a flaw

his father to provide more and more resources to pursue his passion. His father, of course, has happily obliged – providing all of that and literally fan-

ning the spark of curiosity in his son. Today, just by looking at the picture of a dinosaur, this youngster can tell whether it's a 'reptile' or a 'bird', and can easily count several other features of the dinosaurs on his fingertips.

Padmanabhan's parents and their family friends, as well as his teachers, all keep encouraging him to continue learning more about dinosaurs – they provide him with books, materials and references from websites. They also help arrange for him consultations with biology teachers and department heads of schools.

Birla Public School principal and faculty are very proud of the achievements of their star student and are a big support in his journey towards excellence.

Padmanabhan's father, Jayaprakash Nair works with Teyseer Services Company in Qatar as a bid manager and his mother, Jyotilekshmi is a mathematics teacher. The family hails from Alleppey district of the southern Indian state of Kerala.

Sky, we can say for sure, is not exactly the limit for the little Padmanabhan. With his achievements, he truly stands tall. Very tall.