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ON
ABU RAIHAN AL-BERUNI AND PRESENT WORLD
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ABU RAIHAN AL-BERUNI, THE FIRST
INDOLOGIST
AND HIS RELEVENCE IN PRESENT WORLD

Abu Raihan Al-Beruni is counted among the few renowned scholars, thinkers, philosophers, geographers, Historians of the world who have got world fame and recognition. His observations, researches and literary works in the field of History, Geography, Physics, Mathematics, Philosophy and Literature are still relevant and used as authentic resources.

Abu Raihan Al-Beruni was born on 5th September 973 AD/ 362 AH in a village in the province of Khwarzam presently in Uzbekistan. He got his elementary education in the Khwarzam from renowned scholars like Abu Mansoor bin Ali bin Iraqi etc. Later on, he proceeded on a journey and enriched his knowledge. During this period, he stayed in Gurgan and Iraq and then returned to Khwarzam and for a long period he remained attached to the court of Al-Mammon, the ruler of Khwarzam Dynasty.

When Sultan Mahmood Ghaznavi conquered that area he asked Al-Beruni to accompany him to Ghazni. He accepted the offer and came to Ghazni. He also accompanied Mahmood Ghaznavi in his expedition to India. During his stay in India, he contacted

scholars, Ulema and Hindu Philosophers. He learnt Sanskrit also and authored the well-known book Mali'l Hind. Abu Raihan Al-Beruni wrote a good number of books, articles in Arabic and Persian which have great importance and got world wide recognition. He breathed his last in Ghazni on 13th December 1048 AD / 440 AH.

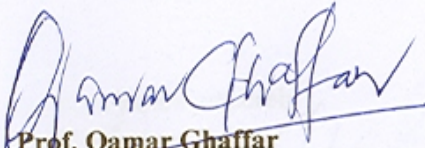
Department of Persian, Jamia Millia Islamia in collaboration of Department of Arabic, JMI has decided to organize an International Seminar to introduce the new generation the personality and world famous works of this great scholar of 4th century AH.

We hope, by the grace of God, we will be able to hold this International Seminar successfully.

Themes/ Topics of the International Seminar on Abu Raihan Al-Beruni

1. Place of Abu Raihan Al-Beruni to Literature.
2. Political, Social and Cultural conditions of Al-Beruni's Period.
3. Relation of Al-Beruni with the courts of Khwarzamsahi and Ghaznavi rulers.
4. Abu Raihan Al-Beruni and India.
5. Importance of Al-Beruni's ideology in geographical problems.
6. Role of Al-Beruni in introducing India to the world.
7. Authenticity of historical observations of Al-Beruni.
8. The Place of Abu Raihan Al-Beruni in mathematical science.
9. Al-Beruni as a scholar of Arabic language and literature.
10. His book Mali'l Hind its literary importance.
11. Classification of Abu Raihan Al-Beruni's works.
12. Discussions of Al-Beruni with Indian Scholars.
13. The teachers of Al-Beruni.
14. Observation of World by Al-Beruni.
15. Al-Beruni and the West.
16. Place and Recognition of Al-Beruni in the West.

17. Importance of Al-Beruni's observations in the Natural Sciences in the present times.
18. Place of Al-Beruni in Arab World in the past and present time.
19. Inaccurate Works of Al-Beruni that related in his name.
20. Observations of Al-Beruni contemporaries regarding literary place of Al-Beruni.
21. Contacts of Al-Beruni with Abul Hassan Ali.
22. Introduction of important research sources regarding recognition of Al-Beruni.
23. Causes and factors of world recognition of Al-Beruni
24. Iranians & Aryan contacts of Al-Beruni.
25. Any other topic related to the seminar.



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