

Short Term Course on Data Analysis/SPSS and Minitab Concluded at Aligarh Muslim University Murshidabad Centre

Aligarh Muslim University Murshidabad Centre for the first time, since its establishment, successfully conducted a 'Short Term Course on Data Analysis/SPSS and Minitab' under the aegis of Centre for Academic Leadership and Education Management (CALEM) at the UGC Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. Eminent resource persons delivered lectures and side-by-side provided hands-on training to the participants on using SPSS and Minitab for Data Analysis.

World renowned personalities in Statistics Prof. Qazi Mazhar Ali, Chairman, Department of Statistics & O.R. and Prof. Asish SenGupta, Professor, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata were the resource persons for the concluding day of the course. Prior to the start of the technical session, Dr. Faiza Abbasi, Assistant Director, UGC HRDC, distributed the feedback forms to the participants and described the importance of such courses in the career development of faculty members.

Dr. Badaruddoza, Course Coordinator and Director, AMU Murshidabad Centre introduced Prof. Ali as one of the very few 'Aligs' who have got their Ph D from Oxford. Prof. Ali, in his session, explained the utility of statistics in every walk of life. He elucidated the concept of framing of hypothesis with simple examples. Prof. SenGupta delivered a talk on the applications of statistical analysis and the recent international developments in the field of Statistics and Operations Research.

The **Valedictory function** of the course was held in the Academic Block in the evening with Prof. Ali as the Chief Guest and Prof. SenGupta as Guest of Honour. Dr. Badaruddoza, felicitated the guests with bouquet, memento, and shawl. Dr. Faiza Abbasi, in her address, presented an account of the objectives of HRDC and the role it is playing in developing academic leadership in teachers of colleges and universities. Two course participants, Dr. Rashid Usman Ansari, AMU Murshidabad Centre and Dr. Swati Mollah, Dumkal College, shared their experience during the course.

Prof. SenGupta, and Prof. Ali also address the participants. Prof. SenGupta promised to deliver lectures in such courses at AMU Murshidabad Centre in future also. Prof. Ali expressed satisfaction over the arrangements made at the Centre and in Kolkata for the resource persons coming from Aligarh and congratulated the Director for organizing the course successfully in maiden attempt. Dr. Badaruddoza, elaborated the need for organizing such courses in Murshidabad. He said that Murshidabad is one of the most educationally backward districts of West Bengal and AMU shares a great responsibility to change this picture. He requested Prof. Ali and Dr. Abbasi to assign other similar courses in coming days.

In the end, certificates were distributed to the participants along with a book (as a gift) titled: Higher Education: Issues and Challenges edited by Prof. Abdul Rahmeen Kidwai, Director UGC HRDC, AMU.

The program was conducted by Dr. Syed Atif Jilani, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration. It came to a conclusion with AMU tarana.