

Biography of Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman

Family Background:

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman (born on September 10, 1972) belongs to a very respected family of Indian Unani Physicians. During the Changezi Massacre, his forefathers migrated from Mashhad (Iran) via Gurdeez (Afghanistan) to India during the reign of Sultan Shamsuddin Iltutmish (1211-1235). In India, this family was acclaimed later on by the appellation of 'Gurdeezi Saadat' and it received many honorific titles from Mughal Emperors. Many of its members are still remembered for their participation in the Independence Struggle of 1857. Great-grandfather Hakim Syed Karam Hussain was a famous physician of Tijara, Alwar (Rajasthan), famous as Ra'is-i Tijara. He had to his credit, more than two dozen books. Grandfather, Hakim Syed Fazlur Rahman was also a writer and the leading Unani practitioner. Father, Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman has also made extensive and highly significant contributions in the field of Unani Medicine. He authored 25 books and wrote more than 150 papers. Many scholars and institutions have cited his works. He became short term Consultant to World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for South East Asia Region, on the assignment of which he visited Bangladesh in 1996. Hamdard University, Karachi, Pakistan invited him as Visiting Professor in 1997. In recognition of his scholarship, he was chosen for the 1995 President's of India Award for Persian literature given to him for his in-depth study of Primary Source-material in Indo-Persian.

Academic Background:

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman is a young scientist working in the field of Pharmacology. As a scholar, he has to his credit 3 published books and more than 43 research papers/articles in both national and international journals. He edited 4 magazines and contributed one important chapter in a book of Pharmacology. He had been a member of Panel of Reviewers, Indian Journal of Pharmacology during 2001.

Dr. S. Ziaur Rahman has been very active academically. He has attended 16 International Conferences, 25 National Conferences and 27 Workshops/Training Programs. He organized himself one international conference. He is involved with and/or member of 20 learned educational bodies including International Brain Research Organization & International Society for Neurochemistry. Many scholars and institutions have cited his works. Noteworthy is the international recognition of his expertise in Pharmacology, when he was awarded with Servier Young Investigator Award of International Union of Pharmacology (IUPHAR) in 1999 and WHO Fellowships to attend 2nd Asian Course on ED & RDU in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) and Second

International Conference on Improving Use of Medicines (ICIUM 2004) in Chiang Mai (Thailand). He visited Greece, Holland, Malaysia, Kenya, Hong Kong, Thailand and France for academic purpose. He is the founder trustee and treasurer of Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine & Sciences, Aligarh (<http://www.ibnsinaacademy.com>) and an Associate Editor of its quarterly newsletter (NISA). He designed and created a site for all those persons who are interested in Pharmacovigilance, Toxicovigilance, Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring and Pharmacoepidemiology (<http://www.medbeats.com.sopi>). This site is also served as an official website of Society of Pharmacovigilance, India. In addition, he is the editor of the same society's journal (Indian Journal of Pharmacovigilance). He is a director of another authentic website for medical scientists (<http://www.medbeats.com>). Being a member of Board of Studies (since March 1999), Dept. of Pharmacology, J. N. Medical College, AMU, Aligarh, he has now become a member of Faculty of Medicine (since 6.9.2001 for a period of 2 years).

In one of the foreword of his book, former Vice-chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU, Aligarh) Mr. M. Rahman remarked, "I am very happy to note that Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman has taken a keen interest in compiling the relevant facts and figures pertaining to the evolution of Non-Resident Students' Centre. It has been a painstaking and fruitful task very well accomplished within a short span of time. This work also exhibits Dr. Rahman's commitment to the ideals of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan (Founder of AMU) and the tenacity with which he has overcome many difficulties in his way shows his balanced personality and constructive outlook". "I wish Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman crowning success in all his endeavors and I do hope that he will one day produce an outstanding work in his own subject of study". *Grey Matter* (The Co-curricular Journal of JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, 2003) in the College Report mentions, "The Department of Pharmacology has created a name for itself in the field of Pharmacovigilance, thanks to the efforts of Prof. K. C. Singhal and Dr. S. Ziaur Rahman".