

OBITUARY

Professor 'Azīz Ahmād

Professor 'Azīz Ahmād, Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Toronto, Toronto (Canada), died in December 1978 of cancer.

He was born on November 11, 1913 at Barabanki (India). In 1934 he graduated from the Osmania University, Hyderabad (India) and in 1938 did B.A. (Hons.) from the London University. On return to India he was appointed as a Lecturer in English at the Osmania University in 1938. He was first promoted as Reader and later appointed as Professor in the same University. In 1949 he migrated to Pakistan and was appointed Deputy Director, Department of Films and Publications, Government of Pakistan, later promoted as Director, which post he held till 1957 when he took up appointment as a Lecturer in Urdu (and Indian Islam) at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. In 1962, he was appointed Associate Professor, Department of Islamic Studies, University of Toronto, Canada. In 1965 he was appointed Professor in the same University which post he held until his death. In 1972 the University of London conferred on him the Degree of D. Litt. (*Honoris Causa*).

He is the author of:

1. *Studies in Islamic Culture in the Indian Environment*, O.U.P., 1964.
2. *Islamic Modernism in India and Pakistan 1857-1964*, London 1967.
3. *Muslim Self-statement in India and Pakistan 1857-1968*, (ed) Weisbaden 1970.
4. *An Intellectual History of Islam in India*, Edinburgh 1969.
5. *History of Islamic Sicily*, (still in MS.).
6. (ed.) *Religion and Society in Pakistan*, 1971.

He also has a number of novels in Urdu to his credit. Of these "Hawās" and "Marmar awr Khūn" were published in 1934; "Gurēz" in 1945; "Āg" in 1947 and "Aysī Bulandī Aysī Pastī" in 1948. An English translation of the last-named novel by Professor Ralph Russel of the London University was published by UNESCO in 1972. His last novel in Urdu entitled "Shabnam" was published in 1950. He is also the author of a book on the Poet of the East, Muḥammad Iqbāl styled "Iqbāl Aik Na'ī Tashkīl" (Hyderabad 1947, Lahore 1968).

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