

OBITUARY

Dr. Yusuf Husain Khan

Dr. Yusuf Husain Khan, a former Professor of History, Osmania University and a younger brother of the late Dr. Zakir Husain Khan Ex-President of India (d. 1969), died on 21 February, 1979 at Delhi at the age of 77 years. Originally hailing from Qā'imganj (distt. Farrukhabad, India), the home of Bangash Pathans, he was born on 18th September, 1902 at Hyderabad (Deccan, India) where his father Fida Husain Khan, had settled and was practising as a lawyer. Educated at Etawa, Aligarh and the Jāmi'a Milliyya (Muslim National University), Delhi from where he graduated in 1926, he obtained his D. Litt. from Sorbonne-Paris in 1929. His doctoral dissertation entitled *L'Inde Mystique au Moyen - Age* was published the same year in Paris. At Sorbonne one of his supervisors was the celebrated Orientalist the late Professor Louis Massignon.

On his return to India from France in 1930 he was appointed Reader in the Osmania University, Hyderabad/Deccan, in the Department of History where he ultimately rose to be Professor. After his retirement from the Osmania University in 1957 he served as Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh for seven years (1958-1965). At the instance of the late Mawlawī 'Abd al-Haqq, Secretary Anjuman Taraqqī-i Urdū, he undertook to translate the *Lectures* of the famous French Orientalist Garcin de Tassy on Urdu language and literature under the title *Kutabāt-i Garcin de Tassy*, (ed. Awrangābād 1935). The Urdu translation, since reprinted, comprises 15 lectures.

His other works are:

- 1) *The First Nizam: life and times of Nizamul-Mulk Asaf Jah-i-Awwal*, London 1963, Bombay 1966. Its first edition bears the title "Nizamul-Mulk Asaf-Jah I."
- 2) *Glimpses of Medieval Indian Culture*, (1957).
- 3) (ed.) *Selected Documents from the Aligarh Archives*, (Bombay 1967).