

Lecture On “Shaikh-ul Aalam and Economy of Kashmir”.

An extension lecture on the topic “Shaikh-ul Aalam and Economy of Kashmir” was organized by Markaz-i Noor, Centre for Shaikh-ul Aalam Studies in collaboration with Amar Singh College (ASC) at Bukhari Hall of Amar Singh College, Srinagar on 28th of May, 2012.

During the Lecture well known economist and Industrialist Shakeel Qalander spoke on the relevance of the teachings and principles of Shaikh-ul Aalam in the present socio-economic scenario and underscored the need of collaboration between various institutes of Higher Education and Schools so as to propagate the message of Sufi Saint who he said left a bearing in almost every sphere of our lives.

While underscoring the need to introduce subjects and topics on Shaikh-ul Aalam in schools and college curriculum the then Minister for Higher Education Mr. Abdul Gani Malik, who was the chief guest on the occasion said, “ The research and study being done at the Markaz-i Noor, Shaikh-ul Aalam Chair on the works and philosophy of Shaikh-ul Aalam is highly appreciable and it should now start collaboration with various degree colleges and even schools of the Valley and organise more such programmes and lectures so that the message of the great saint is spread far and wide across the region”. “However”, he added “At the same time it is the responsibility of people like us in the higher education to find out essays and themes on Shaikh-ul Aalam which can be introduced in college curriculum and even in schools so that the teachings of Shaikh-ul Aalam become an essential component of the lives of our future generation. This will make the curriculum more relevant and portray the rich socio-cultural ethos of this region. Calling upon the students studying in various institutes of higher education to conduct more and more research on various dimensions of the great Sufi Saint the Minister said “Shaikh-ul Aalam’s teachings and philosophy should be the basis of or any socio-economic development in the offing. It is Shaikh-ul Aalam who had said food is subservient to the forests and after more than 600 years we realize the essence of this saying when forests are fast diminishing and there is shortage of food. Therefore it is time for us to ponder over these issues and try to seek answers to the problems confronting us in the life, in the teachings and economic model based on self-sustenance laid down by the great Sufi Saint.