

### **Conference organized by Markaz-i Noor, Shaikh-ul Aalam Chair**

Markaz-i Noor, Shaikh-ul Aalam Chair organized an impressive function at Ibne Khuldun auditorium Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir on June 11, 2011. The function attended by distinguished academicians, writers and senior professors of the University was presided over by Prof. Talat Ahmad Vice Chancellor. Finance Minister of J&K Mr. A.R. Rather and Minister for Higher Education Mr. Abdul Gani Malik graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Guest of honour respectively. The main subject deliberated upon in the function was “Shaikh-ul Aalam as Alamdar-i Kashmir”. Highlighting the significance of teaching of revered Kashmiri Saint Hazrat Shaikh Noor-ud Din Wali<sup>(RA)</sup> in eradicating social evils, Chief Guest Mr. A.R. Rather urged to make the Kashmiri youth aware about the philosophy and poetry of Alamdar commonly known as “Shruks”. He said that the message of Shaikh-ul Aalam<sup>(RA)</sup> is quite relevant even today and the history has proved that its significance will never fade away because of its universal appeal which transcends the boundaries of time and space.

While addressing the function Minister for Higher Education Mr. Abdul Gani Malik said that the objective of higher education is not only to make the students learn and study various subjects but to construct knowledge. He said that State Government is determined to strive for raising the moral standards of students through their academics as well as the teachings of great religious personalities like Shaikh Noor-ud Din Wali<sup>(RA)</sup> for betterment of the society.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Talat Ahmad while delivering his presidential address on the occasion asserted that the real beauty of Kashmir lies in its morals of land. He called upon intellectuals and thinkers to strengthen the institutions in Kashmir and portray in the message of Shaikh-ul Aalam<sup>(RA)</sup> the spiritual leader of Kashmir.

Registrar University of Kashmir Prof. Syed Fayaz Ahmad while speaking on the occasion hailed the efforts of Shaikh-ul Aalam Chair. He congratulated the Chairman and Coordinator of the Chair for organising impressive and result oriented programme on Shaikh-ul Aalam.

Chairman, Markaz-i Noor, Prof. Basher Bashir said that he is keen to see the Chair flourishing by way of producing the standard research works on Shaikh-ul Aalam<sup>(RA)</sup> which could attract and satisfy the intelligentsia and also popularize the message of Alamdari-i Kashmir among common masses. He said that the Chair has a proposal to establish the Shaikh-ul Aalam<sup>(RA)</sup> International Cultural Centre (Rahkay).

On this occasion Mr. A.R. Rather released the annual journal of the Centre “Alamdar”. Minister for Higher Education Mr. Abdul Gani Malik unveiled the wall hangings with containing Shaluks of Shaikh-ul Aalam. Vice Chancellor Prof. Talat Ahmad released the maiden issue of “Noor” the Newsletter of Markaz-i Noor, Shaikh-ul Aalam Chair.

On this occasion an extension lecture was delivered by prominent critic and writer Mr. Mohammad Yousf Teng. Various aspects of the life of the Shaikh –ul Aalam<sup>(RA)</sup> were highlighted by the speaker. The proceedings of seminar were conducted by Dr. Aziz Hajani.