

Seminar on authentication of Shaikh-ul Aalam's poetry

Markaz-i Noor, Shaikh-ul Aalam Chair in collaboration with Radio Kashmir, Srinagar organised a seminar at the auditorium of Radio Kashmir, Srinagar on 9th February, 2011. The seminar was attended by scholars from different parts of the state. They discussed the modalities to be adopted for authenticating the text of Shaikh-ul Aalam's poetry. A number of scholarly papers were presented at the seminar. The seminarists included Prof. Muhammad Ashraf Wani, Prof. A.R.Rahi, Prof. Masgoob Banahali, Prof. A.R.War, Mr. Gh. Nabi Aatish, Syed Iftikhar and Mr. Aijaz Ahmad Kakru. The seminar was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (DR) Riyaz Punjabi while the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Dr. Asgar Samoon was the chief guest. In his presidential address, Prof. Punjabi called upon the scholars and writers to make the institution strong so that ambitious projects of research on luminaries like Shaikh-ul Aalam ^(R.A) are carried out in a systematic manner. He elaborated and elucidated the message of Shaikh-ul Aalam ^(R.A) who he presented as the symbol of our socio-cultural ethos in Kashmir. Dr. Asgar Samoon while assuring full support from the divisional administration, appealed to writers, intellectuals and other sections of civil society to put their heads together to spread the grand message that the Shaluks of Shaikh-ul Aalam ^(R.A) carry. Prof. Basher Bashir, Chairman, Markaz-i Noor, Shaikh-ul Aalam Chair in his welcome address presented briefly the modus operandi to be adopted by the Centre for authentication of Shaluks. Director, Radio Kashmir, Mrs. Rukhsana Jabeen presented the vote of thanks and extended support of her organisation for the endeavour. She announced that from April, 2011, Radio Kashmir, Srinagar shall start a weekly programme on Shaikh-ul Aalam ^(R.A). The function took off with the recitation of Shaluks by Masarat, A young girl from Chrari Sharief while Dr. Aziz Hajini, co-ordinator, Markaz-i Noor, Shaikh-ul Aalam Chair anchored the function.