

Dr Md. Zahidul Haque, Professor in Urdu has specialization in Poetry especially in the Classical Urdu Poetry of 18th Century. He obtained Graduation Degree from the AMU, Aligarh and M.A, M. Phil and Ph. D in Urdu from the JNU, New Delhi. He has been outshining during his student life by securing all through first class along with topper's positions. He was Junior and Senior Research Fellow of UGC during M. Phil and Ph. D research work.

Having keen interest in the Classical Urdu Poetry, he is involved in the comparative, critical and sociological study of the classical texts. Apart from this, he specializes in Comparative Literature, Urdu Linguistics, History of Urdu Language & Literature and Urdu Journalism & Mass Media. He is actively involved in teaching for the last twenty years. He has been associated with the University of Delhi and SDBI College, University of Calcutta in the past. He is associated with the University of Hyderabad for last fifteen years now and presently working as a Professor in the Dept. of Urdu, University of Hyderabad. He has successfully guided 13 Ph. D theses and 29 M. Phil Dissertations so far and presently eight research scholars of Ph. D are working under his supervision.

He has six books and more than 50 articles, more than 15 chapter in books, few book reviews and translations published in reputed international and national level UGC CARE listed journals to his credit. His books include "Inamullah Khan Yaqeen : Ahad aur Shaeri" (2007), "Bisaat e Naqd" (2015), "Pas e Arz e Hunar" (2017), "Dunya Ajab Bazar Hai" (2017), the transliterated poetry collection "Haasil e Sahra Navardi" (2018) and "Atharveen Sadi Mein Urdu Ghazal Ka Fikri Nezam" (2021).

He has also been member of the Text Book Committee and Syllabus Revision Committee of SCERT, Patna, Bihar. He has been member of BoS and Examination Board in many universities like Patliputra University, University of Delhi, Dhaka University, Bangladesh, Dr BAMU, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra, Magadh University, Bodh Gaya, Bihar, University of Kashmir etc.

He has participated and presented papers in more than 30 International and 50 National level seminars and conferences. He has also been delivering special lectures in many prestigious institutions like BHU, Varanasi, MMTTC, AMU, Aligarh, MMTTC, MANUU, Hyderabad, MMTTC, Dr BAMU, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra, MMTTC, University of Kashmir, NTM, CIIL, Mysore, MANUU, Hyderabad, APDUMT, JMI, Dept. of Art, Culture & Languages, Govt. of NCT of Delhi and UTRC, Lucknow etc to name a few.

He started writing Ghazal at a very young age but got into it seriously after his graduation. His Ghazals are published in various magazines and newspapers like Sadaf international, Kitab Numa, Fikr o Tehreer, Siasat, Munsif, Rahnuma e Deccan, Aawaz e Mulk etc to name a few.

He has participated and presented his Ghazals in many International and National level Mushairas like the Mushaira Jashn e Bahar, Bazm e Sadaf International Mushaira, Jashn e Telangana, International Mushaira organised by the Bihar Urdu Academy, Maulana Azad National Urdu University Mushaira, University of Hyderabad Mushaira etc are some of the important names to be mentioned.

He is recipient of the **Imdad Imam Asar Research Award (2007)**, the **Second Award in the year 2016** by the **Bihar Urdu Academy, Govt. of Bihar** and **Haider Bakhsh Haideri Award by the West Bengal Urdu Academy, Govt. of West Bengal** for the year 2021. He also received the prestigious **Chancellor's award (2018)** of University of Hyderabad for young faculty members for overall contribution in teaching & research.

He has travelled to Bangladesh, Qatar and almost every part of India in connection with academic activities like Seminars, Symposia, Literary Festivals and Conferences.

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