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Seventh Ravinder Kumar Memorial Lecture

by

Prof. Mushirul Hasan

on

Poets and Writers in Prison

Professor Talat Ahamd

Vice-Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia,
will preside

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Professor Ravinder Kumar was born in 1932 in Lahore. He studied history first at Panjab University and then at the Australian National University. He made a mark in the 1960s with two monographs titled *India and the Persian Gulf* and *Western India in the Nineteenth Century*. The latter established him as a front-ranking historian of modern India. The University of New South Wales, Sydney elected him to a professorship. During his tenure there, he made his mark as an inspiring teacher and research supervisor.

In 1980, he became the director of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library and under his stewardship it became a world class institution. Within two years he had a scheme of fellowships in place and soon thereafter the Centre for Contemporary Studies was established. Intellectually humble, Prof. Kumar made a mark in his field and is remembered by many for his friendly and endearing personality. In the passing of Prof. Kumar on 6th April 2001 India lost a valuable institution builder. Some of his important publications include – *The Bombay Textile Strike, 1919; The Leopard and the Tail; The Rowlatt Satyagraha in Lahore; From Swaraj to Purna Swaraj: Nationalist Politics in the City of Bombay, 1920-32*, and *Kashmiri Pandits: Looking to the Future*.

Professor Mushirul Hasan is a noted historian, former Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia, and former Director General of the National Archives of India. He was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India and the *Ordre des Palmes Académiques* by the French Government in 2010. Currently he is a Jawaharlal Nehru fellow at Nehru Memorial fund.

After completing his Masters from Aligarh Muslim University and Ph.D from Cambridge University, he became Jamia's youngest Professor at the age of 31 and went on to serve as the University's Dean, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor. Prof. Hasan has written several books on a variety of themes, from the intellectual history of Delhi in the 19th Century, to the *Kasbahs* of Oudh. Some of his well-known books are: *The Legacy of a Divided Nation: India's Muslims since Independence (1997)*, *Islam in the Subcontinent: Muslims in a Plural Society (2002)*, *From Pluralism to Separatism: Qasbas in Colonial India (OUP, 2003)*, *Making Sense of History: Society, Culture and Politics (Manohar, 2003)*, *A Moral Reckoning: Muslim Intellectuals in Nineteenth-Century Delhi (2005)*, *The Nehrus: Personal Histories (2006)*, *Partners in Freedom: Jamia Millia Islamia (2006)*, *Wit and Humour in Colonial North India (2007)*, *Moderate or Militant? Images of India's Muslims (2008)*, *Between Modernity and Nationalism: Halide Edip's Encounter with Gandhi's India (2010)*, *Faith and Freedom: Gandhi in History (2013)*, *Islam, Pluralism, Nationhood: Legacy of Maulana Azad (2014)*.