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## Moonis Raza Memorial Lecture

By

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on

**Natural and Socio-Economic Components of Geography  
Synthesised in Regional Development Frame**

at

**5:00 pm Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Venue:

Auditorium, School of Social Sciences- I

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

## **Professor Moonis Raza: 1925-1994**

Professor Moonis Raza was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1925 in a village of Ghazipur district of Eastern Uttar Pradesh. He had his early education in Uttar Pradesh and subsequently joined Aligarh Muslim University for higher studies. He taught at Aligarh Muslim University as Lecturer and Reader for 14 Years before joining as Head of Humanities Department in 1966 and later as Principal of the Regional Engineering College, Srinagar (J & K). In 1970 Professor Raza joined Jawaharlal Nehru University as Officer on Special Duty and Professor of Geography at the Centre for the Study of Regional Development which he established in 1970. He served as the Chairperson of the Centre twice, during 1970-75 and 1978-81. Professor Raza was the first Dean of Students of JNU and also the first Rector of the University (1975-77). He became Director, National Institute of Education Planning and Administration (1981-84); Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi (1985-1990) and Chairman, ICSSR from 1990 till his death in July 1994.

He played the most important role in the Indian academic scene by giving the discipline of Geography in India a new identity and purpose by making the discipline evolve and become sensitive to issues of regional disparities in the process of development. While doing so, he along with his colleagues who belonged to different disciplines in social and natural sciences launched an interdisciplinary framework of Geography curriculum which today stands as a model for the development of teaching and research in Geography both in India and abroad. Professor Raza's commitment for the backward regions and vulnerable sections is visible in his numerous research work and publication. Professor Raza published eighteen books and numerous articles besides supervising two dozen doctoral research. He played a major role in building JNU and giving it a special character. His students and colleagues fondly remember him as an important educationist, administrator and planner of India.

## **About the Speaker**

Professor Mohammad Hashim Qureshi was born on January 7, 1942 in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India. He did his Bachelor and Master from Allahabad University. He started teaching at St. John's College, Agra in 1961. Prior to joining JNU in 1975, he taught at University of Jodhpur (1963-75). He had taught at Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, 1981-1983 and was Visiting Professor Bremen University, Germany in 1996. He has travelled to Canada, Turkmenistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Netherlands and South Korea for academic assignment. After retirement from JNU in 2007, he joined A. M. Khwaja Chair at Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi. He has written more than 50 research papers in journals and about 16 books in Hindi, English and Urdu. He has supervised 19 doctoral theses and 47 M.Phil. He is also known for his contribution in Geography teaching including that of writing NCERT textbooks. Prof. Qureshi was awarded Bhoogol Vachaspati by National Association of Geographers, India in its Annual Conference at Jammu in December, 2015. He is a widely travelled geographer and has been to U.K., Germany, Norway, Canada, U.S.A, Malaysia, Seychelles and Netherlands under exchange programme and attending International conferences. He is Vice President of Akhil Bharat Rachnatmak Samaj and Sadbhav Mission, New Delhi.

## PROGRAMME

- Welcome : Sachidanand Sinha  
Chairperson, CSRD
- Chair : D. P. Tripathi  
Member of Parliament
- Remembering  
Prof. Moonis Raza : Harjit Singh  
Professor of Geography (Retd.),  
CSRD, JNU
- Memorial Lecture : M. H. Qureshi  
Professor of Geography (Retd.),  
CSRD, JNU
- Vote of Thanks : Atul Sood  
CSRD, JNU