

## OBITUARY

### PROF. IQTIDAR HUSAIN SIDDIQUI

We have received the sad news about the passing away of Professor Iqtidar Husain Siddiqui, former Chairman of the Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University on 28 November 2016 in Aligarh.

Dr. Siddiqui (1937-2016) was known for his devotion to and encouragement of historical studies and research of medieval Indian history. His own works such as *Afghan Despotism in India* (Aligarh, 1969) has assumed the status of a classic. His studies on Amīr Khusrow, Al-Bīrūnī and Ibn Baṭṭūṭah were well received by the academia. His other remarkable work *Indo-Persian Historiography upto the Thirteenth Century* (Aligarh, 2010) and its enlarged edition *Indo-Persian Historiography upto the Fourteenth Century* (2014) continue to inspire younger scholars as well as the senior ones. Even after retirement he continued to work and was recently studying the life and contribution of ‘Abdur Raḥīm Khān-i Khānān.

He never neglected the need to promote scholarship in Urdu language and one of his latest monographs on Sufism is in Urdu.

The academia, his colleagues and others miss him.

May Allah Almighty rest his soul in peace and provide solace to his family members – Amen!

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