Condolence Note on the sad demise of Prof. Marghoob Banhali

The faculty and research scholars of Markaz-i Noor, Centre for Shaikh-ul Aalam Studies (CSAS), University of Kashmir offers their sincere condolences on the sad demise of Prof. Marghoob Banhali, Former Head, Department of Kashmiri, University of Kashmir, who passed away on 27th April 2021 / 14th Ramadhan, 1442 at his Srinagar residence. Prof. Marghoob was a renowned scholar and litterateur, who dedicated his entire life towards literary and scholarly pursuits. During his long association with Kashmir University spanning over thirty years, he headed the Department of Kashmiri, besides also serving the Department of Persian and Central Asian Studies. He has authored more than 40 books comprising poems, prose, translation and critical analysis in Kashmiri, Urdu and English. For his immense literary contribution, he won numerous awards, including the Sahitya Akademi Award for Kashmiri literature in 1979 for his collection of poetry – Partavistan.
Prof. Marghoob had an abiding association with the Centre for Shaikh-ul Aalam Studies (CSAS) right from its inception in 1998. His extraordinary ability to popularise Hazrat Shaikh-ul Aalam (RA) is noteworthy and unprecedented. He was actively involved in the academic pursuits of our centre. He translated the 16th century Noor Namah of Baba Naseeb-ud-Din Ghazi (RA) into Urdu, which was eventually published by the Centre. His contribution to Shaikh-ul Aalam has been a source of inspiration for both scholars and faculty at centre.

Markaz-i Noor, Centre for Shaikh-ul Aalam Studies (CSAS) in its zoom meeting held under the chairmanship of Prof. G. N. Khaki made mention of Prof. Marghoob sb’s outstanding contribution towards the Centre and acknowledged the fact that he will be remembered for his vast erudition and scholarly accomplishments, and for his efforts in enriching Kashmiri language and literature. The Chairman equally recalled his deep attachment with the centre and express grief and sorrow on the demise of Prof. Marghoob sb and pray for his eternal peace. The meeting was attended by faculty and scholars of the centre. May Almighty Allah (SWT) grant him Jannat-ul-Firdous and bestow His Magfirah to the departed soul and patience to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

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