

2nd International Conference
“The Life and Teachings of Syed Ali Bin
Usman Haujvery (Daata Sahib) and its
impact on Society”
(Lahore Garrison University, Lahore)

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The second international conference was held on 11th and 12th September 2018 in Lahore Garrison University on “The Life and Teachings of Sayed Ali Binn Usman Haujvery (Daata Sahib) and its Impact on Society”. This conference was held with a joint venture of Department of Islamic Studies Arabic (LGU), PHEC and Khana-e-Farhang Iran, Lahore.

The objective of the conference is to promote peace in the society by propagating the teaching of Sayyed Ali Hujvery (R.A). Moreover it will create harmony among the people and minimize hatred feelings in the society. The students and scholars will be able to understand the importance of the saints’ contribution in building peaceful society and will present the true picture of Islam.

The students and the faculty belonging to Pakistani society have great concern with the growing extremism in the country. They are feeling uncomfortable, stressed and strained due to the situation. This conference will help minimize their frustration and exterminate extremism. Our province Punjab is facing sectarian intolerance due to external elements which promote terrorist activities in the society. The conference will enhance harmony among the sects and negate violence and terrorism in the society.

1st Day Opening Session:

Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeedi started the conference praying Almighty Allah reciting the verses of Holy Quran stating “Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction.” He further said that it is a matter of privilege for us to arrange such a great conference for the harmony and peace in the society. He welcomed the guests who were from Pakistan and abroad. He stated that we have selected 15 topics out of 60 and we have guests from Karachi, Peshawar, Quetta Balochistan, Sindh, Khabar Pakhtoonkha. Our guests include more than 60 full professors, HODs and Assistant professors. We are obliged with the company of Mr. Moeen Nizami; a well known scholar, Mr. Dr. Sultan Shah; head of the department of GC University Lahore and respected Mr. Dr. Sajjad from Islamabad who has approved our M.Phil Islamic studies program in university.

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From the previous conference some recommendations which were approved by the respected Vice Chancellor are: the Approval of Sufi Chair, the approval of distant learning program, and Ulama khutaba course. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeedi further stated that the Islamic department is the heart of the University. The impact of this department is like the effect of heart in the body. We will keep on doing such beneficial tasks and programs for the benefit of Pakistan, for University and the students there in. Every society has challenges, and the biggest challenge which our society faces is the deterioration of the moral character.

He further stated that the verses which were being recited have mentioned the purified heart in them; this sort of heart is the gift of Allah Almighty. The deteriorated morals have ended up in disrespect of humanity. Because of the mentioned extremism it was important to spread the message of Ali Hujvery (R.A). The respected V.C has helped us a lot in the whole process. Another required thing is that the Madaris should play their role and the Khankahs should perform their act. But unfortunately the corruption crept into these departments, and the worldly lust manipulated both of the sections. In these circumstances it was important to spread the teachings of Ali Hujvery r.a, and we all should be benefited by them.

Ammar Zia from Lahore Garrison University recited a Naat. Later respected Saeed Ahmad Saeedi introduced Sheikh Tahir Anjum as a great supporter and helper in all causes of the university. He further introduced Muhammad Arshad Achi Bhai and Mehmood Nizami for their guidance and thanked all of them. Then he invited the respected Vice Chancellor for his words.

Respected Vice Chancellor welcomed all guests, the guests from Khana Farang Iran, the Sponsors of the conference, the dean of Islamic studies department and the students to the event.

He stated that:

- It is a matter of privilege to attend this conference.
- He thanked the participants of Khana Farang for being the sponsors of the event.
- He further stated that this conference is the next episode of the previous one.
- He rightfully stated that holding conferences is not a difficult task; the difficult task is to implement whatever comes up as a consequence and the conclusion.
- He said that I am glad that the Khana Farang have come up as a sponsor and many participants in the conference, this is the success of the harmony being promoted by the university.

- He enjoyed the remarks of the Khana Farang claiming that Allah Muhammad Iqbal belongs to them. He said that we respect Khana Farang for the stance against super power. In this modern time they have shown that they believe in Allah.
- He said that we are thankful to our sponsors that they are consistent and always stand beside.
- The Arabic, Urdu, Persian and English translation of the “Kashful Mahjoob” are available, we can study and propagate Ali Hujvery r.a teachings as it is easy today to spread it through media, face book etc.
- He appreciated the efforts which Islamic Department had put in. he said that Islamic department always come up with new ideas.
- Distant learning of the students of Madrissa is a distinctive program of the University.
- Modern technology should be introduced in different places and to the students of madrissa as well. We want these distant learning programs to reach remote areas. This is a noble cause introduced by Lahore Garrison University Islamic department.
- He again thanked everybody and all of the participants.

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The Chairman of Islamic department Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeedi sb then said that when “the rulers leave the path of Knowledge, the religious scholars when do not act upon what they know and the Fuqaraa’ (the poor) do not rely on Allah then the prosperous countries turn into the barren lands.

The life of Ali Hujvery (R.A) is the centre of the qualities. Some of the sects they own Sahaba, some own the Prophet ﷺ, some claim to be Monotheist and some claim to love the descendents of the Prophet; whereas all these when all these combine together they make the original belief of Islam. Sufia came in this area where no Islamic government was, the society was broken into cast system. At that time Hazrat Khawaja Moeen Uddin Ajmeri came into this area. The one who conquers the hearts is the original conqueror. The Sufia win the hearts. The teachings of Hazrat Ali Hujvery are still alive. Whenever people talk about Lahore, they talk about Hazrat Ali Hujvery, and through Ali Hujvery (R.A) it through Tonsa Shareef reaches Golra Shareef.

If it is the movement of Hijrat or the war of Independence of 1857 Sufia always understood the requirements of that particular time. Hazrat Khawaja Nizamuddin Awlia said that if someone does not have a Sheikh he should read “Kashful Mahjoob” and this book would lead him to the right path.

Then respected sir Saeedi invited Mr. Moeen Nizami from LUMS for further talk.

Mr. Moeen Nizami from LUMS said that:

- He first of all congratulated the Islamic department and Lahore Garrison University for the establishment of this conference. He further said that whenever I come here I always see great Professors and scholars of different universities which is not a common part at other places.
- All scholars are given equal and full opportunity to present their research and thoughts to the audience.
- He further added that initiating a conference is a difficult task; inviting presenters from all over, looking into all abstracts and then arranging all what is required is a difficult task. But I am sure that these efforts of Dr. Saeed Ahmad would bring very positive results. Every good result is a step towards betterment.
- Khana Farhang had always played a positive role in the national history of Pakistan. The efforts which Khana Farhang has played in the preservation of Persian Language is a gold medal in their neck.
- Lahore Garrison University is an active University, and collaboration of this university with Khana Farhang is a good fortune.
- We, the people of subcontinent would not be able to get the pure soul of religion of Islam if we had not got the Sufias in our this territory. Sufias had brought the message of religion in this area. Khawaja Moeenuddin Chishty’s efforts for the conversion of people in this area cannot be ignored.
- For the last 200 centuries enemies has tried their best to create doubts about Tassawwuf.
- The main purpose of the sufiism is to change the hearts. When the original sufias saw that there are some other clans

who apparently have taken the get up of sufias but they are actually full of worldly lusts, so they wrote different books and define the main criteria of being sufi. So the one who follow the original texts of these books, he is infact a sufi.

- We therefore on seeing a portion of the actors in Sufism cannot deny the original people, a portion of misleading belief cannot be labeled to the original sufis. Sufias have always promoted purity and love in the society.
- In the present era the sufism's face has been distorted, and the powers which are against Islam are trying to show that Sufism does not belong to any religion.
- We have founded Pakistan on the name of Islam, and unfortunately for the last many decades it has not been felt by the universities and the governments that Sufism should be made part of the education system.
- The people who are related to literature in Iran have taken up Tasawwuf as their topic. The Isna Ashria (the believers of the twelve Imam) are little distant from Tasawwuf but still they understand its importance. We Pakistani have to admit they we have not paid off to the concept of tassawwuf.
- Punjab University Lahore, Universities in Sindh and Faisalabad, have introduced Sufi chair. Instead of many threats Faisalabad University is continuously writing about Sufism.
- The efforts for Sufism in Punjab University and Government College University are very scanty. LGU is a good addition to this effort. LGU should add a Sufi chair in it.
- Syed Ali Hujvery's language was Persian, he wrote his book in this language, this book Kashful Mahjoob is the encyclopedia of tassawwuf.
- Persian language is 70% used in Urdu. Our national anthem is all in Persian Language.
- The two third of the poetry of Allama Iqbal is in Persian language. Our upcoming generations feel it difficult to

understand Allama's poetry in Urdu, then how come they would be able to understand his Persian Poetry.

- He suggested that we should make Persian an integral part of our universities. It is very good to know that in Turkey there are Persian specialists in all universities.
- Another important suggestion by the respected speaker was that we should discourage the Roman style of writing in Urdu. he was afraid that it could happen that in this way Urdu may forget its relation with its forefathers like Persian and Arabic language.
- The book Kashful Mahjoob is as comprehensive as the personality of its writer Ali Hujvery r.a.
- The two gardens are well known in tassawwuf. One is in Baghdad; whose leader is Junaid Baghdadi, and Ali Hujvery is also tagged with the same clan. Whereas the second garden of tassawwuf is in Subcontinent and its leader is Bayazeed Bastami, and this garden also contains another flower named Abu al Hassan Kharkani r.a. If we want to see the complete personality of both of these gardens; we need to see Ali Hujvery r.a.
- Everyone who likes tassawwuf can quench his level of thirst with the reading of Kashful Mahjoob.
- Hazrat Ali Hujvery r.a has thrown light on fake sufis in his book, and never owned the deeds of such people. He never certified those who stayed away from the original tassawwuf.
- Syed Ali Hujvery is still alive in relevance to his teachings. Ali Hujvery r.a has no tree of existing descendents neither any Khankah, but still his teachings are the part of all Khankahs and many sufis.
- His existence today is because of his purity to his Lord and the religion. He has given us the lesson to live in the heart of others even if you differ from them.
- He is a constructive sufi, this sort of sufi always face lot of challenges.

- We can find 30 different translations of Kashful Mahjoob only in Urdu Language. Similarly it has 2 translations in Sindhi language and at the same time many in other languages as well.
- The love, which is the message of Islam, is desperately needed today. A true sufi is always at his work, he never sits idle.
- In the end he thanked the university and its administration, and made dua that may Allah establish all those objectives for which this conference has been organized.

Respected Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeed thanked Mr. Nazami and invited the Director of Khana Farhang for his message, he said that:

- Hazrat Ali Hujvery r.a is Syed and is from the descendents of Hazrat Husain r.a. He belonged to the 5th Hijry, and is of the time of Abu Saeed Jami and Mansoor al Hallaj.
- He introduced us to the light of wisdom. And his great book is in Persian. He visited many places to gather this knowledge. This sort of writings are in fact the voice of the hearts.
- Syed Ali Hujvery's writing establishes relation between Allah and his people. Lahore having the tomb of this great personality is able to get congratulations.
- Data Gang Baksh was not the man of worldly affairs, his excellence was because of some other reasons.
- He said that I am very happy to participate in this conference and I congratulate the university for the organization of this conference.
- Dear Obaid Zakaria and Mr. Saeedi have made lot of efforts for the conference, I thank them a lot.

In the end of this session, Dr. Saeed Ahmad thanked the participants and announced that now shields would be given to the speakers. He invited the chief guest the worthy vice chancellor of LGU Maj. General Obaid Bin Zakaria(H.M) to present shields to the speakers.

- First of all Professor Moeen Nizami got his shield from the vice chancellor.

- Then Mr. Sheikh Muhammad Tahir Anjum got his Shield and bag from the respected chief guest. Dr. Saeedi further added that today's tea and Lunch has been sponsored by Mr. Sheikh Tahir Anjum.
- Mr. Mumtaz Ahmad Tahir who brought the news paper named "Aftab" with a complete story of the conference got his shield.
- Ahmad Marjani got his shield from the vice chancellor.
- Respected Ali Akbar Razai was invited to get his shield from the chief guest.
- In the end Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeedi thanked every participant on the behalf of the University.

1st Session:

The first session was started with a praise to Holy Prophet ﷺ (Naat).

- The president for this sitting was Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Qadri.
- The senior deputy President for the sitting was Mr. Dr Muhammad Arshad, Associate Professor Islamic Department Sialkot.
- The deputy president was Dr. Sayed Bacha Agha.
- The moderator for the sitting was Dr. Khizar Noshahi.
- Then Khawaja Ghulam Kutub uddin Faridi was invited to sit on the stage representing the guests.

Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeedi then invited **Muhammad Ahmad Qadri** for his remarks:

- Mr. Muhammad Ahmad Qadri said that I have been given limited time as has been announced by Dr. Saeedi. Today's topic is very important because it is need of the time.
- The teachings of Ali Hujvery should be spread in other languages as well.

For further proceedings Assistant Professor Dr. Sayed Aftab Alam was called on the stage, he said:

- He started his conversation with “Bismillah” and added that I praise Almighty Allah that I am participating in this Ali Hujvery conference.
- He said that due to the prophet ﷺ we have been given with the universal religion Islam.
- A human being is the combination of two things. One is his body and the other is his soul. The needs of body are in the materialistic things but the soul is not materialistic and its needs are also non material.
- The material can be replaced with other things but the non material cannot be replaced.
- Material is the reason of quarrels around, we should rely on the non material things.
- Now a days world is focusing on the material things. But Ali Hujvery r.a has made us focus on the original thing and that is the non material the soul.
- Now human has reached space, he thinks that once he has conquered the material he has achieved his destination, but unfortunately the family fabric has been broken. Children long to meet their parents and to sit with them.
- The real advancement for human being is the progress of soul. The betterment is Salah is the real achievement. The meaning of Salah are to make dua. And thus Salah means to praise Allah. It has been instructed in our religion to establish the system of Salah. That all society and in all life we should praise Allah.
- By praising we establish the love and peace. Holy prophet ﷺ never dispraised any one until or unless been instructed by Allah.
- When we establish the system of praise, we have established the system of Islam in fact.

Then Dr. Saeedi invited **Dr. Ahmad Raza** for his presentation, Dr. Ahmad said:

- He congratulated the Islamic department of LGU and the chief organizers of the conference.

- He presented his article on the harmony of Sufia. He said that sufia always selected that society which was multidimensional, and people of different perceptions were used to live there.
- He said that from 2002 I always keep Kashful Mahjoob in my reading, and I feel like sitting in the company of Ali Hujvery r.a.
- If we want to conquer the heart, we have to be kind hearted towards others. Sufias remained balanced in their lives. They always loved others and never broke the hearts.
- Sufias always spread the beneficial knowledge and to provoke balance in the lives of people they always presented their own character.
- The Sufias spread the teachings of humanity. In the present era to keep the society away from extremism we have to promote Tassawwuf.
- That person should be made Sheikh who has intellect, knowledge and love of Allah.
- Hazrat Data Gang Buksh resided in Lahore, he loved every one and never distinguished between an Muslim and a non Muslim, and molded their hearts with love.
- The one and the only way to promote peace in the world is Tassawwuf. In the present era the original face of Islam can only be presented by portraying tassawwuf as Islam. We have great work on tassawwuf in LGU.

Then Dr. Saeedi called upon the **Assistant Professor Dr. Muhammad Karim Khan** from Imperial University Lahore.

- He started his conversation from saying salam to the president of the sitting and all the audience.
- He said that Ali Hujvery r.a in Kashful Mahjoob has talked about the improvement and betterment of the society.
- His way of writing is, that first of all he quotes Quran, then he gives quotation from Hadith, then gives sayings of Sahaba and in the end he gives his own understanding.
- He has presented 3 arguments in his article:

- To understand that what the hindrances in the purification of society are, then make a plan to eradicate them. The basic hindrances are: a) to follow the personal desires. b) the desires being endless and c) lack of the people who mend the way of society.
- There are four things which sow the seed of corruption in the society:
 - The foul language
 - Love for the worldly wealth
 - To be proud of one's forefathers
 - To have a balanced approach towards the women members of the society.
- Then he suggested that what are the ways to mend the ways of the society.
 - We should focus on the religion.
 - We should keep on repenting.
 - We should keep good company. Until and unless we will not adopt good company we cannot meet success.

After Dr. Muhammad Karim , Saeed Ahmad Saeedi sb called **Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Azmi:**

- He thanked University and administration to conduct this conference.
- He said that the time changes, nothing is permanent but change. But there are some particular things which remain same, like star, moon and sun. Similarly Kashful Mahjoob is also one of those things which stay permanent, and its impact on the heart is unique. Although things mentioned in Kashful Mahjoob are also present in other books, but this book always has its own impact.
- Lahore is known as city of Data. All Pakistan is getting light of guidance from the teachings of Ali Hujvery r.a.
- The shrine of Ali Hujvery r.a. has economical aspects as well. According to one survey government of Pakistan get

32 hundred million from this shrine this includes other services there as well like parking fee etc.

- Almost 10,000 people eat food daily from here, and a hospital of 95 beds is also adjacent to this shrine, almost 500,000 people get their treatment from here. 16 dispensaries are also functional with this place. Many pays of different government mosques are given from the account of the Shrine of Ali Hujvery.
- Every year many conferences are held and many books are written on Ali Hujvery r.a.

Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeedi then called upon **Dr. Muhammad Ali** who added:

- He wrote his article on the impact of the Shrine of Ali Hujvery r.a on sub-continent.
- The impact of Sufia on the respect of humanity is unique.
- Their aim is to divert people to the right path, this is the reason that why Ali Hujvery r.a wrote the book Kashful Mahjoob.
- Hazrat Ali Hujvery r.a. always promoted humanity, equality, harmony in his life. This is why people of subcontinent accepted Islam.
- It was peak of Hinduism in Lahore, and people were used to worship idols when Hazrat Data came to this area. During this time of darkness calling people to Islam is a matter of great success.
- He denied cast and creed, he gave the formula of cultural diversity.
- Hazrat Ali Hujvery r.a has a great role in the formation of Pakistan; he promoted the real soul of Islam. He started to feed the hungry and initiated the “Langer” (the food at no cost for general public), people were used to get food above all creed and clan.

Then **Dr. Farhat Jabeen Virk** was invited by respected Dr. Saeedi for his words, he said:

- He said that the teaching of Ali Hujvery r.a is universal.

- Even today people are getting benefit from the sayings and personality of Ali Hujvery r.a
- He said that the poets also got light from Tassawwuf. In Sufi poets Khawaja Meer Dard has his own status.

The next speaker who was called by Dr. Saeedi was **Dr. Muhammad Atif Aslam Rao**, he added:

- He thanked Almighty Allah that we all gathered for praising Hazrat Ali Hujvery r.a.
- He also praised the efforts of Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeedi on conducting this conference.
- He added that Hazrat Ali Hujvery r.a is the saint of 5th century. He is well known in sub-continent.
- In Pakistani universities scholars do Ph. D on Fiqh, Tassawwuf, Tafseer, it is need of the time that universities should conduct more Ph. Ds on the topic of Ali Hujvery r.a.

He gave some recommendations:

- Ph. D should be done on the usage of Ahadith in Kashful Mahjoob.
- He further added that scholars can write articles on the mentioned Quranic verses and Ahadith in Kashful Mahjoob.
- He said that it is very unfair that the personality of Ali Hujvery is such a great and multidimensional but still we have not done any valuable research on him.
- He further suggested that if we want to eliminate extremism from the society, then we have to promote the teachings of Ali Hujvery r.a.

Then Dr. Saeed Ahmad invited **Nayab Gul** the lecturer in LGU, and a Ph. D scholar at the same university for her presentation. She said:

- This is the speciality of Islamic teachings that they get fixed in all times. The teachings of Syed Ali Hujvery are the combination of the Shariah and Tareekat.
- He always solved the problems of people and kept on showing them light of Islam.

- She said that the teachings of Sufia are the source of comfort for people. The value of these teachings have enhanced in present era. The teachings of Ali Hujvery r.a. has a great impact on the teachings of all time.

Then **Mrs. Ruqayya Chaman** was called for presentation of her article. She said that:

- Tazkiyya (purification of soul) is the basic task given to humanity by their Creator. It has been stated in the holy book that “he got succeeded who did purification of his soul.”
- If we have not developed a purified soul, all of our worships are useless. Love for Allah prevails in the hearts because of Tazkiyya.
- When we say “La” that means that there is no one except Allah. Now all of the worships are solely for one and the only Allah.

Then **Waqas Ali Haider** came for the presentation of his article. He said:

- Allah has created this world for human being. Allah has mentioned the supremacy of human in Quran.
- The teachings of Holy Prophet ﷺ are the key to the safe existence of humanity on this earth.
- The one who would follow the teachings of Islam would serve the humanity in fact. Hazrat Ali Hujvery r.a laid the foundation to serve humanity.
- Ali Hujvery r.a. explained that the hidden secret of human being is his inner self. In Kashful Mahjoob he focused on the topics which enhance the self of a human.
- We would be a man of character if we follow the teachings of Kashful Mahjoob.

Then Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saedi invited the honorable guest **Khawaja Ghulam Qutubuddin Faridi** from Raheem Yaar Khan. He said that:

- I am thankful to Lahore Garrison University and Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saedi for this invitation.

- He said that I have been benefited by the speakers. This is a very beneficial seminar on the topic of Tassawwuf.
- Allah has created human beings for his worship. This is the point of view of Tassawwuf. Allah says in Quran that (human being should have a concept that) our worships, and spending in the way of Allah, our lives and deaths are for Allah's sake only.
- The worshipping doesn't mean that we only prostrate to Allah, but this means that we should hand over lives and all belongings for Allah's sake. Allah says that who is there to give loan to Him, and in fact the loan is that handing ourselves to Allah.
- The one who handed over himself to Allah then Allah handed over Himself to that person, mean that Allah helps him in all walks of life.

Then the moderator of the session **Dr. Khizar Noshahi** was called upon by Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeedi for his words:

- He said that I had to present an article, and the topic of my article was the places where Ali Hujvery r.a. has visited during his preaching of the religion of Islam.
- There was a time when it was not allowed to work on Tassawwuf in universities. He appreciated that Khawaja Ghulam Qutubuddin Faridi has organized many seminar on tassawwuf.
- He further stated that Allah says that you remember Me, I will remember you. So all those who remembered Allah throughout their lives, Allah always keep their remembrance alive among people.

Then **Dr. Muhammad Arshad** the senior vice president of the sitting was called for his speech. He said:

- He thanked Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeedi for the invitation, and appreciated on the conduct of such a successful conference on the topic of Syed Ali Hujvery.
- He said that there are some books that we can further write some articles on them, similarly there are certain

personalities that we can write on them ever after passing many decades and centuries. Similar is the personality of Hazrat Ali Hujvery and his book Kashful Mahjoob.

- Many people desire to be called Sufi, but in actual they are not. When we meet the real sufias in our life then the falseness of the fake sufia become prominent.
- To call for the truth and virtue and to forbid from unlawful is the quality of the Prophets and their follower Muslims. It is in Quran that the hypocrites call people to bad deeds where as Muslims call everyone to lawful and good acts. Sufia were also from the same category of calling to good and prohibiting from bad. Ali Hujvery r.a was also from the same clan who attached people to the right and promoted virtue.
- It is stated in Kashful Mahjoob that people do not participate in righteousness but still they desire to claim the rewards. Similarly some people are not sufis but they claim to be the one.
- He further added that in mid eighties I read Kashful Mahjoob word by word. May Allah purify our soles and let us benefited by this book.

As a last speaker of the session Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeedi invited **Dr. Syed Bacha Agha** the vice president of the sitting to express himself. He said that:

- Due to lack of time I would express myself in short.
- Ali Hujvery r.a said that when people work for their lusts Allah Taala deprive them from His blessings.
- He said that the key to the door of hell is worldly lusts and desires. It is obligatory and compulsory for a person to be his own ruler. He should not let his Nafs (the inner desires) rule him.
- It is of immense importance that all those in Pakistan and out of Pakistan who criticize Tassawwuf should be told that the actual miracle of a real sufi is that he always and in all conditions follow the Shariah of the Prophet ﷺ.

- Who so ever was used to see the face of Ali Hujvery r.a, was used to accept Islam.
- He further added that during the time of my studentship I was used to save money and was used to travel from Karachi to Lahore for the sake of the Shrine of Ali Hujvery r.a and to see the grave of Allama Iqbal r.a.
- If we want to get out of the problem of extremism and terrorism, it is very important that we should implement the teachings of Tassawwuf in the Islamic state.
- He said that it is the responsibility of the Scholars to promote that the spiritual revolution comes through the teachings of tassawwuf.
- Through tassawwuf we make matter the slave of spirituality.

In the end of the 1st session Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeedi requested respected Mr. Qutubuddin Faridi to distribute certificates and bags among the participants. Mr. Sayyed Aftab, Mr. Dr. Ahmad Raza, Mr. Dr. Muhammad Karim, Mr. Dr. Mukhtaar Ahmad Azmi, Mrs. Dr. Farhat Jabeen, Mr. Dr. Muhammad Ali and Dr. Ahmad Qadri received shields and bags from respected Qutubuddin Faridi.

Dr. Khizar Noshahi gave shield and bag to Dr. Atif Aslam and to Nayab Gul.

Dr. Khizar Noshahi then gave Shield and bag to Dr. Qutubuddin Faridi. Dr. Bacha Agha also helped Dr. Khizar Noshahi is giving away shields and bags.

Dr. Ruqayya Chaman received bag and shield from Dr. Bacha Agha.

Dr. Khizar Noshahi received bag and shield from Bacha Agha.

Dr. Muhammad Arshad presented certificate, shield and bag to Bacha Agha.

Dr. Muhammad Arshad received bag and shield from Dr. Ali Akbar.

Dr. Anjum Shehzad received bag and shield from Dr. Ali Akbar.

Mr. Masood Ahmad received bag and shield from Dr. Tahir Anjum.

Dr. Sheikh Tahir Anjum made the closing dua.

2nd Session of the 1st day:

Dr. Professor Saeed Ahmad Saeedi introduced the guests of the second session. He thanked Sahabzaada Rafeeq Ahmad Mujaddadi, Muhammad Shoaib Mirza, Mr. Zia ul Haq Naqshbandi and professor Dr. Muhammad Khan for the participation and accepting the invitation.

The mic was handed over to Dr. Shehzad Qaisar who invited the first speaker **Professor Dr. Ahmad Khan Ashraf** from LGU.

He said that:

- Some people have their thinking beyond the human limitations. They are in fact a light to show the path to their followers.
- Kashful Mahjoob is an answer to the question of Abu Saeed Hujvery who was a friend of Ali Hujvery r.a.
- He said that today is a very difficult time. The true sufis are very difficult to find. People have stopped research work and started following to what is said.
- The question of Abu Saeed was that can you explain the exact meaning of tassawwuf. What are the stages of tassawwuf and what is its reality. Hazrat Hujvery r.a. gave a detailed answer with references from Quran, Hadith, Sahaba and saint's sayings and writings.
- Hazrat Ali Hujvery said that people portray to be the saints but in fact they are just following their inner desires. Hazrat Data never differentiated between tareeqat and shariat.
- He explained the tassawwuf in detail in his book and writes different realities of knowledge, Allah and Shariat.

Then Dr. Shehzad Qaisar invited **Dr. Samina Nadeem** for her presentation. She said that:

- Kashful Mahjoob is a remarkable writing of Hazrat Ali Hujvery r.a. It is a source of guidance for common people.
- Kahsful Mahjoob is being translated not only in Urdu but it has also been translated to other languages. Dr. Niclson also translated this book into his language.
- Islam and tassawwuf are one and the same things and lead to the welfare of humanity.
- Love is the feeling of heart and we should have a pure love for Allah. People while chasing the worldly love forget the original love of Allah.
- Hazrat Ali Hujvery r.a. said that the original reward for the pious people is that they will remain with Almighty Allah

forever. He condemned the pride of clan and cast. He gave the lesson of oneness of the Ummah of the prophet ﷺ.

Then **Dr. Rahila Khalid Qureshi** was requested to come and present her article. She said that:

- Tassawwuf is the part of Islam. The history of Tassawwuf is same as the history of Islam.
- The teachings of tassawwuf encircle the religious scholars and common people. It encompasses Ibn Seenā, Imam Ghazali and Ibn Khuldun.
- It is not only Pakistan, but tassawwuf prevails in other countries like Iran and Egypt as well.
- She said that the message of Ali Hujvery r.a was peace and tranquility. He was the instigator of love and peace and not the terror and war.
- Sufia purified the souls of people and gave them the message of love of Allah.
- We should stop the way of fake sufias. We should work hard to keep the Persian and other languages live. We have lot of literature in Persian and so as Kashful Mahjoob.

Then came **Dr. Shehbaz Manj** and presented his topic of Moral purification through mystical thoughts. He said that:

- This is not possible that Allah leave this world without His friends (the real followers, the sufias/ Aulias), he gave the reference of the hadith of the Prophet ﷺ that Allah maintains a specific number of pious people in this world and in some specific areas of world.
- Man should reconcile with Allah's will should have unpoluted relationship with Allah. A man should live a life which should be without any shirk and doubts.
- Man should only have a strong relationship with Allah Taala. He said that this world is for one day and we are keeping fast in that day.

Dr. Sayyed Muhammad Ismail then presented his article. He said that:

- Ali Hujvery r.a. is the first sufi of subcontinent who has written book for tassawwuf. This is the impact of his teachings and purified soul that people even after many hundred years are following what he said many centuries age. And they are coming to his shrine.
- He said that the book Kashful Mahjoob is a living miracle of Ali Hujvery r.a.
- This book explains the basic terminologies of tassawwuf and is a source of reference for the people coming after.
- The world is in crises today and to finish these crises we have to follow the teachings of Hazrat Ali Hujvery r.a.

Then **Dr. Noor Hayaat** from Namal University was called for his presentation. He said that:

- Allah says that I have mentioned those in my book who prostrate in front of Allah and their foreheads are witness for their excessive worship.
- Ali Hujvery r.a writes some names of the people of suffa and said that these were the real friends of Prophet ﷺ. Kashful Mahjoob explains the greatness of the students at suffa.
- Hazrat Ali Hujvery r.a stated that we should be thankful to sahaba at suffa that they have preserved the religion for us. The time of Sahaba was the best time of the period of Islam.

At the end of the conference Vice Chancellor Major General (R) Obaid Bin Zakria addressed and thanked the participants, he said that:

- I thank Ali Akbar Razi, He is a dedicated and hardworking man. Khana Farhang always cooperated with our university.
- This is our second conference and they are here to support us.
- Nobody understands that if we will follow sufia we will get the wealth of this world and the success of hereafter.

Muhammad Raza Nazri from Khana Farhang addressed and said that:

- Islamic Republic of Pakistan is our neighbor and a historic country. We have a fast friendship with this country.
- My participation in this conference and saying few words about Ali Hujvery is a matter of privilege for me.
- This research work and conference on Ali Hujvery in collaboration with Khana Farhang is something worth doing.
- Both countries share common personalities like Mirza Ghalib, Allama Iqbal and Khusro etc.
- Ali Hujvery r.a. has written his book in Persian and this is a book full of knowledge.
- I hope that conferences like this would enhance cooperation between the two countries.
- I would always try to increase cooperation with Pakistan at all levels.

In the end **Mufti Muhammad Ramzan Sialvi** who is the Khateeb at Data Gang Bukhsh mosque made dua. The conference ended with eyes full of tears because of the spiritual dua of Mr. Mufti Muhammad Ramzan.

In end of the conference the Vice Chancellor gave shield to D.G Khana Farhang

Mr. Ijaz , Mr. Muhammad Abdullah Salaeh and Mr. Qamar Ali Zaidi were given shields by the respected V.C.

Then mufti Muhammad Ramzan Sayalvi , Muhammad Waris Ali, Ata ur Rahman , Sadia Tehseen, Farooq Haidar (late) were given bags and shields by the V.C.

The team of respected Saeed Ahmad Saeedi got bags and certificates.

Mr. Tahir Rizwi, Professor Nizami, Hafiz Javed, Dr. Sayyeda Sadia, Dr. Muhammad Arshad Awaisi, Dr. Ashghar Javed Alazhari, Dr. Muhammad Tahir, Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Akram, Dr. Muhammad Ramzan Najam, Dr. Muhammad Irfan, Mrs. Noor Saba, Muhammad Hassan Baig, Sajjad Husain, Kamran Khizar Noshahi, Ubaidullah , Bilawal Magsi, Sarwar Husain Naqshbandi, Muhammad Adnan, Abbas Ali Raza, Mr. Munawar, Mumtaz Sabwi, Abrar Hussain, Ateeq ur Rahman, Ghulam Muhayyuddin were given bags and certificates by the respected Registrar.

Recommendations:

- Some recommendations from the conference are suggested below:
- Continuous seminars and conferences should be conducted on the topic of Sufiism so that the real soul of Islam could be introduced to the upcoming generation.
 - The Students of the University should be introduced to the Sufi orders and should be encouraged living lives according to their teachings.
 - Different courses on Sufism should be started in university's Islamic department and certifications should be offered in this regard.
 - It was suggested that Islamic department should also make Persian Language compulsory to learn for Islamic studies student so that they could understand the basic literature of Tassawuf and Islamic literature in Persian language.
 - It was also suggested that we should discourage the Roman style of writing in Urdu, we are afraid that Urdu may forget its relation with its forefathers like Persian and Arabic Language.
 - It was also suggested that as these shrines of the sufis are an earning source for the government, they should also be taken care of, and should properly maintained.
 - Students should be taught of harmony and should be guided to live lives above cast and creed, as Ali Hujvery r.a gave the formula of cultural diversity.
 - It was suggested that Pakistani universities should produce more Ph. Ds on the topic of Ali Hujvery (R.A).
 - Some scholars suggested that we can write articles on the Quranic versed and Ahadith mentioned in Kashful Mahjoob.
 - We should use the Sufi chair in the university to eliminate extremism and terrorism from the minds of young generation.
 - It was suggested that the distant learning program from university should be done extensively and should spread the Islamic knowledge and Sufism to all of the students.