



Obituary

Professor Dr. Kamaluddin Ahmed *Pride of Performance* (1939-2014)



9th June, 2014 was a sad day for us all; colleagues, friends, students and admirers of Dr. Kamal, who breathed his last in the US where he had gone with his family for a short visit. A few days after his arrival in the US, he fell ill with jaundice from which he did not recover. Within three weeks after his diagnosis he was no more with us. It was very saddening and heartbreaking!

May his soul rest in peace.

Dr. Kamal was born in Delhi on 15th April, 1939. He did his masters in Mathematics from Punjab University, his DIC and PhD from Imperial College London (1965) in the field of theoretical

particle physics. The 1960s were exciting days in High Energy Physics (HEP) and Prof. Salam's group at Imperial was in the forefront of this activity. A large number of Pakistani students including Kamal were actively engaged in this field at Imperial at the time. These students later became pioneers of HEP in Pakistan at QAU. Dr. Kamal was an outstanding figure in this team.

He established himself as an excellent teacher and a competent research guide. He supervised a large number of M.Phil. and PhD students who admired and loved him. In recognition of his services he was given many prestigious awards and honors.



IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON
Theoretical Physics Group, 1963

Dr. Kamal had the unique distinction amongst Pakistani physicists, who did his postdoctoral at the world famous JINR, Dubna, Moscow (1966-67) and later at DESY, Hamburg (1974-75). His research interests covered many areas of HEP, Astroparticle Physics, Cosmology and the Early Universe. After his retirement from QAU (1999), he served at Hamdard University, COMSATS and very recently at the NCP.

With his demise, we have lost a friend, a colleague, an excellent physicist and above all a fine human being. Personally, it is a loss of a close family friend who shared his many ups and downs in life with us. Our association is spread over a long period of more than 50 years; first at PU where he was my junior, then a fellow research student at Imperial College London and later a colleague at

QAU, Islamabad.

I had the opportunity to visit his parents for the first time in 1960-61 when they used to live in Lahore near the railway station Nolakha Chowk. His parents were highly cultured folks who had migrated from Delhi where they were 'jagirdars' and thus called Nawabs, though Dr. Kamal never used this family name. His father was a barrister at law from London but he adopted to serve in education rather than in the legal profession.

Dr. Kamal leaves behind a widow and two sons.

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