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ACT XXI OF 1860

No. 32 of 1920 - 1921.

I hereby certify that The Academy
of Sciences of United Provinces
of Agra and Oudh

has this day been registered under Societies
Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

Given under my hand at Lucknow
this fourth day of December
One thousand nine hundred and thirty
five (45 only).

[Signature]
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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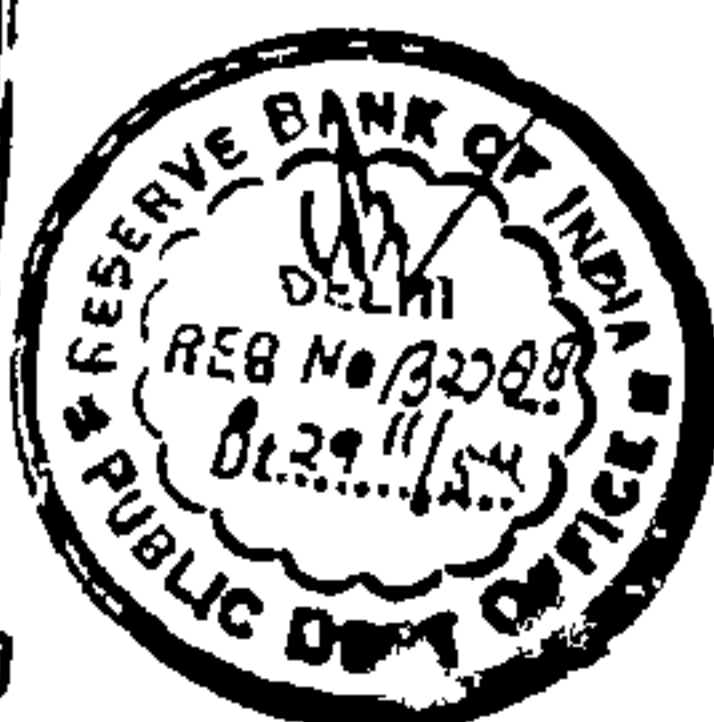
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I hereby certify that the name of the Society
 hereto "The Academy of Sciences of the United Provinces
 of Agra & Oudh." has this day been altered to "The National
 Academy of Sciences, India" and registered under the
~~Companies Act, 1913~~ Societies'
 Registration Act, XXI of 1860. ✓

Given under my hand at Lucknowthis Fifth day of December

One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.



Mehtam
 Deputy Registrar of Joint Stock Companies
 United Provinces of Agra and Oudh.

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To,

The President,
 The National Academy of Sciences, India,
 Allahabad.

Foundation Fellows

A. C. Banerji
Luxmi Narayan
André Well
M. N. Saha
Ch. Wali-Mohammad
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An account of the inaugural function

The inaugural function of the Academy took place on March 1, 1932 at Vizianagaram Hall, Allahabad. His Excellency, Sir Malcolm Hailey, Governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, and Patron of the Academy, presided over the function.

On this occasion messages of goodwill from eminent scientists from all over the world were read out by Prof. MacMohan, General Secretary. These included messages from Prof. Albert Einstein, Lord Rutherford (Cambridge), Prof. A. Sommerfeld (Munich), Sir A. S. Eddington (Cambridge), Prof. R. A. Millikan (California), Prof. M. Seigbahn (Sweden), Prof. R. Goldschmidt (Berlin), Sir J. C. Bose (Calcutta), Sir C. V. Raman (Calcutta), Prof. E. S. Goodrich (Oxford), Sir P. C. Ray (Calcutta) and Sir James Walker (Edinburgh).

Prof. M. N. Saha, President of the Academy, delivered his Presidential Address in which he traced the history of science in the East and West, the Baconian hypothesis, the scientific world picture and what science can do for India. Professor

Saha, emphatically quoted Sir Malcolm Hailey, who had earlier stated that 'there are definite limits to the extent to which the efforts of our research workers or students can be directed to the problems of economics and utilitarian value and I am also well aware that coordination of their labours cannot be directed from outside. It must be voluntary effort, or at the most, it must be advice given by some Academy of Science' ... but ... 'if it could be proved to the public that science workers were contributing some at least of their energies in this direction (welfare of people) then, I believe, we should have a far more effective case in calling for that public support and private liberality on which the future progress of scientific work must depend'. Saha himself lamented that 'In India, unfortunately, science evokes no hopes in the hearts of her political leaders. Millions of our people live a miserable life of poverty and semi-starvation, but the causes of poverty have never been scientifically investigated'. He went on to say that 'the fact remains that there is an under-production of foodstuffs, and

other necessities of life and whatever is produced, is unequally distributed'. Regarding the manners in which these problems may be dealt with, he emphasized that 'For the development of industries and agriculture in the country, the natural resources of power must be fully developed and exploited. This requires a more intelligent and well educated group of politicians who can put forward a 'Five-or-ten years plan' for constructive national development and possess the will power to carry it through'. Finally, regarding the role of the Academy, he said 'An Academy of Science can do a great deal by educating public opinion, undertaking particular problems, and bringing out scientific workers in various fields of discussion and cooperative research.'

Sir Malcolm Hailey, Governor of United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, delivered the Inaugural address and strongly advo-

cated the autonomy of science, support to scientific institutions and freedom to the scientific worker to go about his pursuits; yet he cautioned that though society will not concern itself with these pursuits, it would surely 'be asking whether science cannot do something more definite to ensure human happiness' and in the context of the display of great 'emotional irrationalism on a larger scale than the world has ever seen before ... can science do anything to rectify the psychology of fear which now seems to dominate the world ... fear of national ruin, and fear of material insecurity both to the individual and to the collections of people'.

Prof. A. C. Banerji, one of the General Secretaries read the Report of the Academy and Prof. K. N. Bahl, Vice-President of the Academy and Principal Drane proposed the Vote of thanks.

National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad— Presidents and Years of office



M. N. Saha
(1931–32)



K. N. Bahl
(1933–34)



N. R. Dhar
(1935–36)



B. Sahni
(1937–38 and
1943–44)



S. M. Sulaiman
(1938–40)



D. R. Bhattacharya
(1941–42)



K. S. Krishnan
(1945–46)



A. C. Banerjee
(1947–48)



P. Parija
(1951-52)



P. L. Srivastava
(1955-56)



P. S. Gill
(1957-58)



M. S. Randhawa
(1959-60)



S. Ghosh
(1961-62)



P. Maheshwari
(1963-64)



B. N. Prasad
(1965)



K. Banerjee
(1966-67)



R. K. Saksena
(1968)



M. L. Dhar
(1971-72)



R. N. Tandon
(1975-76)



B. D. Nag Chaudhuri
(1977-78)



Hari Narain
(1979–80)



B. Ramachandra Rao
(1981–82)



S. Z. Qasim
(1983–84)



T.N. Khoshoo
(1985–86)



M. G. K. Menon
(1987–88)



M. S. Swaminathan
(1989–90)



A. P. Mitra
(1991–92)



V. S. Srivastava
(Present President)

The photographs of Erwin Schrodinger (1941), H. R. Mehra (1949–50), S. Ranjan (1953–54), A. C. Chatterji (1969–70), S. H. Zaheer (1973–74) were not available.