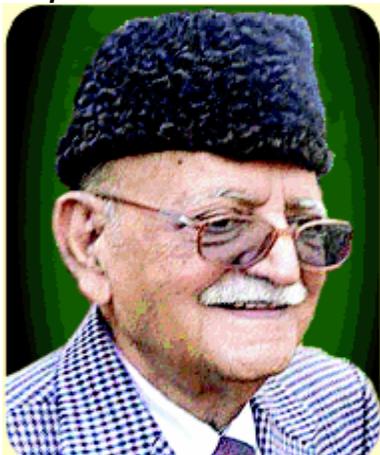


## Stephanian VC Professor Mohammed Amin



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Padma Bhushan 2012

BA St Stephen's 1946

Vice Chancellor 1990 - 1993

Jamia Hamdard University

Chairman Governing Body The Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education and Sports Sciences

Member Advisory Board Archaeological Survey of India

Chairman DU Sports Council 1972

*Passed away 15.12.2012*

*Adapted from a tribute by Naved Masood*

**Professor Mohammed Amin** former Vice Chancellor Jamia Hamdard and for long Vice Principal of St Stephen's College passed away at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital .

After his M.A in History from AMU in 1948 he was asked to join St Stephen's College as Lecturer in History in his alma mater from where he did his **BA 1946**. He remained with the College till 1991 when he took over as the second Vice Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard. but his forte was teaching and not research - and a *great teacher he was*. Possibly, he was amongst the last in the vanishing breed of *academics who were legends*. In this he was in the company of stalwart teachers like Sushobhan Sarkar and Bhabhatosh Datta (Presidency College Calcutta) Amarnath Jha and P.E Dastur (Allahabad University) and Babar Mirza and Hadi Hasan (AMU)

*( and TeacherGiants like Professors U N Singh , TR Seshadhri , P Maheshwari , RC Shukla , BM Bhatia , JL Gupta , CB Gupta , HY Mohan Ram, Amba Prasad , Romila Thapur , DS Kothari , Sudhir Bose , Frank Thakur Das and Randhir Singh ) .*

Though generations of Indian bureaucrats, politicians and intellectuals coming out of St Stephen 's were the main beneficiaries of his pedagogy, people like me ( Naved ) who had occasion to see him in action as teacher for a very brief while (when he was a Guest Lecturer in the National Academy of Administration at Mussoorie in 1977 for three days) wished that they had studied under him for a longer spell .

In real life he was an affable man, ever willing to listen and to share what he knew. A great raconteur, he was full of anecdotes with a knack of finding middle ground in contentious situations. His students adored him - it was that adoration which got him a Padma Bhushan in 2012.

If he had neglected research, this was more than made good by his illustrious son, **Professor Shahid Amin** of Delhi University - one of the most eminent names in Modern Indian History and a rare Rhodes Scholar who chose to be an academic in India ( *He was DU's Dean Alumni 2003 – 2006* ) His daughter **Ghazala**, besides being a teacher at *Jesus and Mary College* is a noted TV and stage personality .