

## Report on "National Education Day" organized by Faculty of Education

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National Education Day is celebrated on November 11 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad who served as the first Minister of Education of Independent India from 1947 to 1958 in Prime Minister's Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru's Cabinet. Azad laid the foundation of India's Education System and to recognize his efforts, November 11 was chosen as national Education Day.

In lieu of the aforesaid purpose, the faculty of Education, Integral University, Lucknow organized a guest lecture on the topic "The Contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in Indian Education System" held on 11 November from 10:00 am onwards which was hosted successfully. The theme for this year's National Education Day was "Changing Course, Transforming Education". This theme highlights the need to reform the education system and make it adaptable to the current times.

The Eminent Resource person was Prof. Fakhre Alam, Head, Department of Urdu, Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti Language University, Lucknow-UP.

The programme was hosted by Baby Shaheen Akhtar and Daniya Zafar, M.Ed. 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The lecture commenced with a welcome speech by Dr. Md. Ali Imam, Professor, Faculty of Education who welcomed Resource person, Dr. Fakhre Alam, Dr. A.K. Lodi, Head and Faculty Members with all the participants. He also shed some light on the concept of National Education Day and its historical background. This day is celebrated to enhance and improve the quality of education for students in the country. The day also commemorates Azad's contribution to laying the foundation for an independent Indian Education System. Further he invited the Chief Guest to share his knowledgeable Experience and thoughts among everyone.

Prof. Fakhre Alam enlightened everyone about the importance of National Education Day. He stated that celebrating National Education Day is a tribute to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. As a pioneering thinker and intellectual, his role in the struggle of freedom is inspiring. He was passionate about the Education sector and worked to promote Social Fraternity. Azad was one of the most influential leaders of the time and believed deeply in socialism and secularism. He served in the Indian Independence Movement as well. To remember his legacy, the Ministry of Minority Affairs established Maulana Azad Education Foundation in 1989. He was awarded the honor of Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honor in 1992. He also explained briefly about the early life of Azad. As a young man, Azad composed poetry in Urdu, as well as treatises on Religion and philosophy. He rose to prominence through his work. As a journalist, publishing works critical of the British Raj and espousing the causes of Indian Nationalism. Azad wrote many books including India wins Freedom, Ghubar-e-khatir, Tazkirah, Tarjumanul Quraan etc. moving further on his contribution to the

education sector, Azad helps to establish educational institutions such as Jamia Millia Islamia and IIT Kharagpur. The UGC, AICTE, IIT for higher education, the University Board of Education and the Secondary School Board were established during Azad's tenure. He also established Sahitya Kala Academy, Lalit Kala Academy, ICCR, Sangeet Natak Academy and CSIR. Azad was also a strong advocate of universal primary education. Girls Education, free compulsory education for all children under the age of 14, vocational training and technical education.

The event was further followed by a Skit performed by students of B.Ed. 1<sup>st</sup> year in which they emphasized on the importance of education especially for girl child. Every individual has the equal right to achieve literacy and goals of education irrespective of their economic class, creed or colour. Education should be equal for all. Moving on, Mohd Nadeem and Umama, Students of B.Ed. 1<sup>st</sup> year presented a soft exhibition on the biography and important works of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. They explained in brief the birth of Azad, his life, role as a freedom fighter and contribution in the Indian Education System. Further Aqsa and Rinky, Students of M.Ed. 1<sup>st</sup> year students gave a speech and expressed their views on Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and National Education Day.

At last, Dr. Ekhlak Ahmad, Faculty of Education presented a vote of thanks and expressed his gratitude to the respected Chief Guest, Prof. Fakhre Alam, Dr. A.K. Lodi, Head, along with Faculty Members, Coordinators, Participants and all the Supporting Staffs for making the event a successful one. The aim of the programme was to educate and help the students living with a positive attitude. The purpose of the programme is to celebrate the birth anniversary of Moulana Abul Kalam Azad and his contribution in the field of Indian Education system.

## Glimpses of the Day

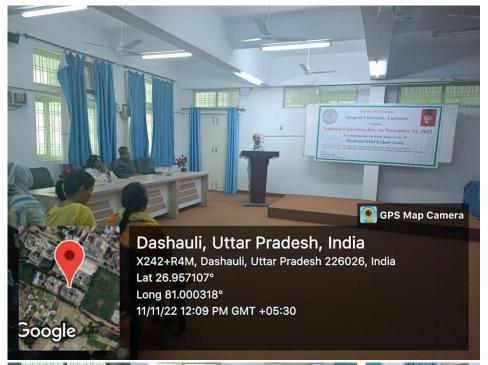




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With regards and thanks,

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