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Centre For Internal Quality Assurance

Celebrated
National Education Day
Birth Anniversary of Dr. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
on
11th November, Thursday 2021, 6PM

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Report of the event

Objectives of the Event:

- ✚ To celebrate National Education Day and its relevance
- ✚ To commemorate birth anniversary of Dr. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- ✚ To sensitize stakeholders on the educational values and National development

Participants: 69 (Officers, Faculties, learners, coordinators from various LSCs, Academic counsellors, scholars, academicians and interested partakers joined the celebration)

Background of the Event:

Every year since 2008, November 11 is celebrated as the National Education Day to mark the birth anniversary of India's first Education Minister Abul Kalam Ghulam Muhiyuddin. Fondly known as Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, he served as the education minister of independent India from 1947 to 1958. He was posthumously honoured with Bharat Ratna in 1992. Apart from holding the rank of India's education minister, Abul kalam Azad donned many hats of being a journalist, freedom fighter, politician, and educationist. Here are five lesser-known facts about the late education minister who transformed the education system of India.

With this backdrop, CIQA organized a virtual celebration of National Education Day coupled with commemoration of Dr. Azad's Birth anniversary on 11th Nov 2021 at 6pm.

Event Flow: The virtual celebration progressed through the following sessions- Smt. Priyanthi Bagchi compered the event. She began with the significance of the celebration and the initiative of CIQA, NSOU to organize such extension activities.

Welcome Address: Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director, CIQA was invited for the formal opening and welcome speech. Prof. Ghosh cheerfully greeted all attendees. He highlighted upon Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's exemplary contributions to the field of education and institution building paved the way for the country's modern system.

Now, all educational institutions in the country mark the day with seminars, essay-writing, workshops and events on the importance of literacy and India's commitment to education.

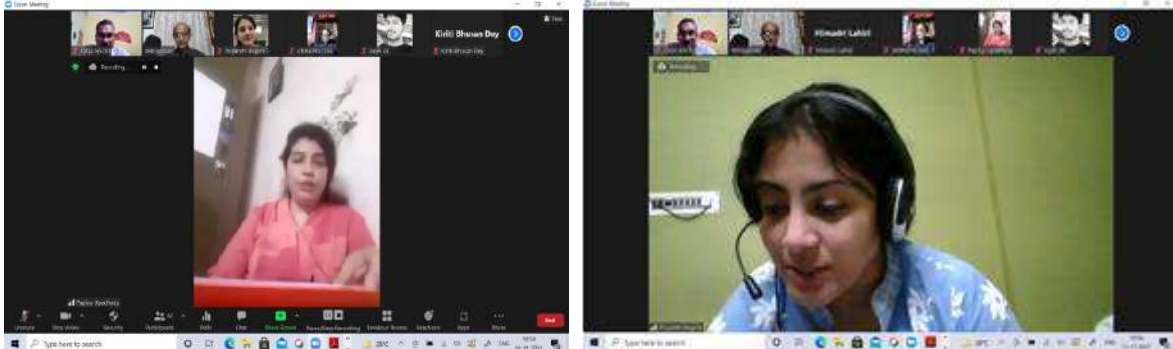
Address by the Speaker: Prof. Himadri Lahiri, Professor of English, NSOU was invited for his address on this occasion. Prof Lahiri's eloquent and enriched address encircled life and contribution of Dr. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. He talked on the initiatives taken by Dr. Azad as the first Education Minister of Independent India. He focused on avenues opened by

Dr. Azad for education and social, political, cultural, literary, scientific and a superstition-free India. Prof. Lahiri hinted read out few scriptures of Dr Azad giving relevance to present day context of Education and national development.



His brief speech touched upon Dr. Azad’s influence and inputs on nationalism, diversity, culture, inclusion, basic education, women education etc. He stressed upon not to mark this day as a ritual of celebration only but rather sensitize ourselves to further to build a resilient education system and develop a strong Nation.

Address by the Speaker: Prof. D.P Nag Chowdhury, Professor of Education, NSOU was another speaker of this event who diligently spoke on Education and Dr. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Prof. Nag Chowdhury expressed that Dr. Azad is responsible for shaping the modern education system of the country. The first IIT, IISc, School of Planning and Architecture and the University Grants Commission were established under his tenure as the education minister. The most prominent cultural, literary academies were also built including the Sangeet Natak Academy, Lalit Kala Academy, Sahitya Academy as well as the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.



Vote of Thanks: Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Asst Prof of Education, NSOU was invited to summarize the speeches delivered by the speakers and propose the formal vote of thanks. Dr. P. Upadhyay thanked one and all at NSOU: Hon’ble V.C., Registrar, Finance Officer, Director, CIQA Directors of Schools of Studies, Heads of the Deptts, Officers, Staff and all the participants for making the celebration meaningful and successful.

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Vote of Thanks: Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Asst. Professor of Education, NSOU

Comperre by: Smt. Priyanthi Bagchi, Asst. Professor of Economics, NSOU

---Report prepared by Dr. Papiya Upadhyay