

Press Release

Jamia Millia Islamia celebrates National Education Day

Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI) today celebrated National Education Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of the first Education Minister of India, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

The Department of Educational Studies, JMI organised an online panel discussion on the contribution of Maulana Azad. The faculty members and students of all the programmes run by the Department participated in the discussion.

Prof. Aejaz Masih, the Head, Department of Educational Studies said that Maulana Azad was not only a good orator but also a great thinker and scholar. He was a great supporter of Hindu Muslim unity and to him nation was above religion.

The guest speaker was Dr. Khalid Mubashshir, the Assistant Professor in the Department of Urdu, JMI. Dr Mubasshir, while highlighting the contributions of Maulana Azad, said that Maulana Azad wanted that the sense of insecurity should be done away with among minority communities. He was a staunch supporter of composite culture and wished to strike a balance between modernity and tradition. He believed in the freedom of press and that education must focus more on personality development than earning livelihood.

Dr. M. Jawaid Hussain, the Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Studies talked about the educational thoughts of Maulana Azad and his contributions in developing a national system of education in Independent India. He underscored that despite being raised in a religious family and trained in theology, Azad was eclectic in his educational ideas which represented the best communion of tradition and modernity. Azad tried to reconcile tradition and modernity with his 'transmodern' thoughts. He also highlighted that Azad's five point programme of making elementary education free and compulsory, social education of adults, expanding quality secondary and higher education facilities, emphasis on technical and scientific education, and enriching the cultural life of the community, found resonance in subsequent educational policies and programmes. At the end, he tried to contextualize Maulana Azad's thoughts on reconciling religion and education, culture and education, and tradition and modernity.

Dr. Sajjad Ahmad, the Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Studies, threw light on the philosophical thoughts of Maulana Azad and how he initiated the process of modernisation in madrasas.

Prof. Harjeet Kaur Bhatia, Department of Educational Studies, also showed a video on the contribution of Maulana Azad.

Dr. Harpreet Kaur Jass, the Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Studies, gave instances from the parliamentary speeches of Maulana and stressed the need that these speeches should be familiarised with students.

Dr. Arshad Ikram Ahmad, the Associate Professor, Department of Educational Studies, convened the discussion and extended a vote of thanks at the end of the discussion.

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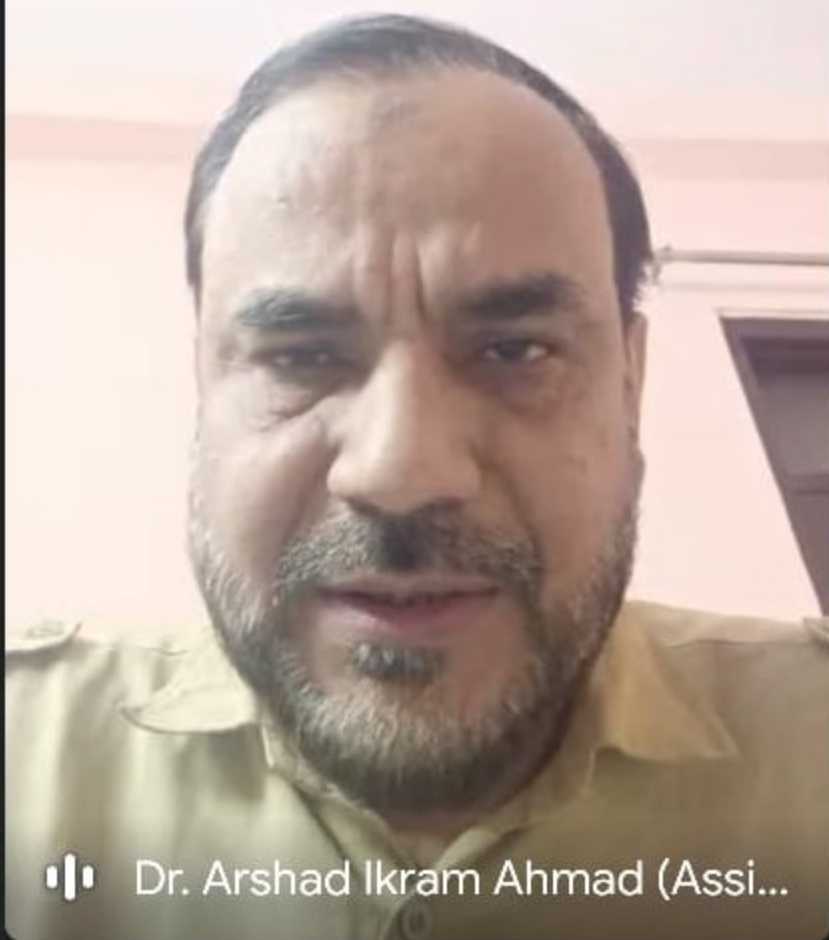


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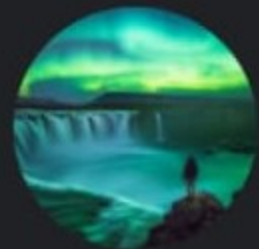
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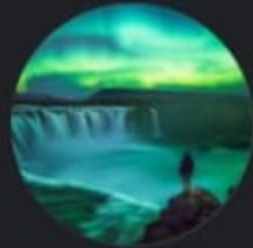
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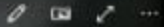
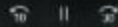
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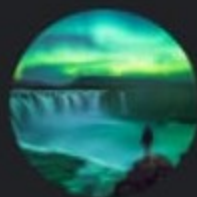
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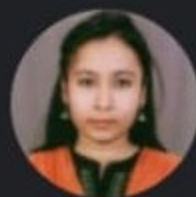
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