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Academy of Professional Development of Urdu Medium organizes a special lecture on "The Role of Urdu Language and Teaching Professionals in Freedom Movement" on the occasion of 80th Independence Day

New Delhi, August 18, 2026

A special online lecture was organized via Google Meet on August 14, 2026, at 3:30 PM, under the aegis of Academy for Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi to mark 80th Independence Day. The topic of the lecture was ***"Role of Urdu Language and Teaching Professionals in the Freedom Movement."*** Dr. Safdar Imam Quadri, a distinguished Urdu researcher and critic from the Department of Urdu, College of Commerce, Arts and Science, Patliputra University, Patna delivered this significant address. Professor Jasim Ahmad, Honorary Director of the Academy for Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers, Jamia Millia Islamia, presided over the session.

The Academy expressed sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of JMI, Prof. Mazhar Asif and the esteemed Registrar, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, for all kinds of support in organizing a series of special lectures on various occasions.

The online address commenced with a recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Taj Muhammad, an M.Ed. student. Subsequently, Dr. Naushad Alam, the coordinator of the special online address, welcomed the attendees and esteemed guest speaker. Highlighting the significance of the address organized to mark the occasion of Independence, he apprised the audience of the Academy's history and its scope of activities.

In the next segment of the program, Dr. Wahid Nazeer, Assistant Professor at the Academy for Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers, Jamia Millia Islamia, presented a comprehensive introduction to the guest speaker. He noted that Dr. Safdar Imam Quadri's writings hold significant value in terms of both quality and quantity. He further remarked that Dr. Quadri is a multifaceted personality who, owing to his diverse academic and literary activities, enjoys considerable popularity in the Hindi literary world alongside the Urdu sphere. He possesses a vast circle of students, a fact that reflects his deep commitment and sincere dedication to the training of his pupils.

At the very outset of his address, the esteemed speaker noted that the topic comprised two parts: the first concerning the role of the Urdu language in the freedom movement, and the second regarding the role of the teaching community. Discussing the first aspect, he highlighted the extraordinary role Urdu played in

awakening the spirit of freedom and keeping its flame alive. He cited numerous examples from Urdu journalism, poetry, and short stories to illustrate the language's invaluable contribution to the freedom movement, making specific mention of the poetry and fiction produced under the influence of the Progressive Movement. He stated that the contributions of this significant Urdu movement to the freedom struggle are unforgettable. On this occasion, he also highlighted the monumental contributions of eminent and extraordinary figures such as Mahatma Gandhi, Sir SyedKhan, Prem Chand, Iqbal, Abul Kalam Azad, and Hali etc.

In the second part of the lecture, while paying tribute to the invaluable role played by Ulama (Islamic scholars) in the freedom movement, he noted that these scholars who were also educators were the first to declare liberation from British subjugation a religious obligation; this marked a revolutionary step in the course of the freedom movement. Highlighting the contributions of these educator-freedom fighters, he also paid homage to the unparalleled sacrifices of teachers such as Mufti Sadruddin Azurda, Imam Bakhsh Sahbai, Fazl-e-Haq Khairabadi, Maulvi Muhammad Baqir, Zakir Hussain, and Acharya Kripalani.

On this occasion, he also recalled the unparalleled sacrifices made by the country's spirited young heroes like Bhagat Singh and Ashfaqulla Khan, noting that their martyrdom had infused the nation's youth with a renewed zeal and energy for the cause of independence. In short, the speaker comprehensively covered the role of Urdu language and literature in the freedom struggle as well as the contributions of educators who were also freedom fighters, thereby providing the audience with fresh insights into the movement for independence.

In his presidential address, Professor Jasim Ahmad, Honorary Director of the Academy for Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers at Jamia Millia Islamia, remarked that the speaker had comprehensively covered various aspects of the topic. He further noted that Dr. Safdar Imam Qadri had provided significant details regarding the freedom movement that are largely unknown to most people. In this context, he particularly highlighted how Gandhi documented the issues faced by the rural population during the Champaran Satyagraha, noting that this served as an excellent example of empirical research. Commenting on the novelty of the subject, Professor Jasim Ahmad remarked that it aligned perfectly with the Academy's scope of work. He also expressed sincere gratitude to the distinguished speaker for a comprehensive and insightful discussion on this unique and significant topic.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Hina Afreen, Assistant Professor at APD-UMT, Jamia Millia Islamia. Urdu-medium teachers, teacher educators, research scholars, and students from across the country attended the online lecture. Dr. Naushad Alam conducted the proceedings of the program.

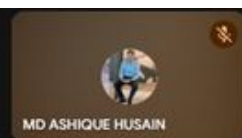
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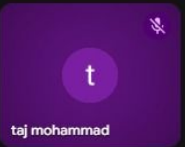
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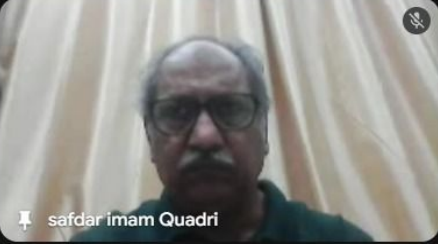
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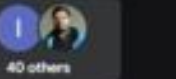
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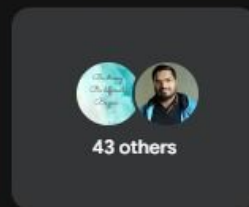
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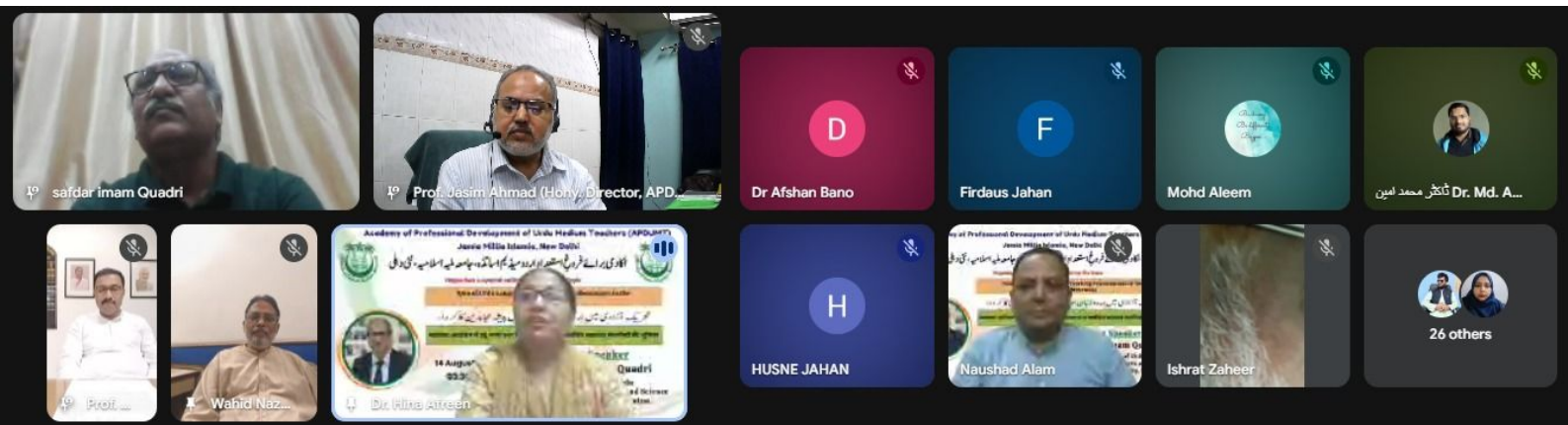
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