

PARVAAZ: A CULTURAL FEST

The Maulana Azad National Urdu University's Lucknow Satellite Campus hosted a vibrant cultural Soiree "Parvaaz" on 16th October 2025, Thursday, showcasing the artistic prowess of its students. The event featured a diverse array of performances, including mime, duets, group songs, skits, and a one-act play, which manifested the students' creativity and talent. The program commenced with a warm welcome by the eloquent host Ms. Uzma Farhat (PhD, English).

The inaugural performance, a Pantomime by P Khaja Mainuddin (PhD, English) and Abdur Rahman of B.A III semester, effectively depicted the life cycle, setting the tone for the evening followed by a soulful duet by Areeba (B.A I sem) and Bade Saba (B.A III sem), who rendered a melodious rendition of "*Khairiyat Pucho*," captivating the audience with their vocal range and emotional depth.

The group song "*O desh mere*," performed by Bade Saba, Barira Khatoon, Nada Anis and Shamaila filled the audience with the feelings of patriotism and national pride. The skit "Mediocracy," performed by Bushra, Saqib, Mohd. Sami, Abul Aas, Md. Erfan, and Adil, offered a scathing critique on the use of social media and societal norms, using satire and humour to great effect.

The event culminated with a mesmerizing *MEHFIL-E-SAMA* by Sadia, Maria, Ashraf, Saqib, and Areeba, who rendered a soulful rendition of "*Chhap Tilak sab chini re*." The performances enthralled the audience throughout the evening that celebrated cultural diversity and artistic expression.

The *tour de force* of the evening was the one-act play "Chief ki Dawat," adapted from Bhishm Sahani's work, which showcased the students' acting abilities and their capacity to bring a narrative to life on stage.

The event was organised under the able guidance of Professor Huma Yaqub, Campus Incharge, and the tireless efforts of the Organizing Committee, comprising Dr. Adnan Bismillah (Co-ordinator), Dr. Noor Fatima (Convener), Dr. Reyaz Ahmad Ganaie (Co-Convener), Dr. Firdous Hameed Parey and Dr. Amina Ambreen. The committee's dedication and hard work were instrumental in making the event a grand success.

Prof. Huma Yaqub, In-charge of the Lucknow Campus, in her address commended the students for their outstanding participation. She emphasised that such cultural programs are essential for nurturing creativity, self-confidence, and a spirit of collaboration within the student community. She also appreciated the tremendous efforts of the organising committee.

Overall, the event was an exemplification of the university's commitment in fostering a holistic learning environment that nurtures both academic and extracurricular pursuits.