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SEMINAR REPORT

on

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad: A visionary Educationist and a Revolutionary Leader

on

10th November 2015



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REPORT OF THE SEMINAR

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The College of Teacher Education, Bhopal organized a seminar on 'Maulana Abul Kalam Azad: A visionary Educationist and a Revolutionary Leader' on 10th November 2015 to revere the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, a distinguished scholar, great statesman and the first education minister of independent India. Prof Wadudul Haque Siddiqui, Principal, CTE- Bhopal, was the Patron, Dr. Jeena KG, Assistant Professor, was the Seminar Convenor and Dr. Shabana Ashraf, Assistant Professor, was the organizing secretary of the seminar. The programme was started at 10:30 AM with recitation of holy Quran. More than 200 participants from different parts of country participated in the seminar. In his speech he first spoke about the multidimensional personality of Maulana Azad, gave short description about the University and then provided insight into the successful functioning of CTE, Bhopal and the accomplishments of its students in various competitive exams.

The inaugural session was graced by Prof. Tariq Zafar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of M.P. Bhoj Open University, Bhopal. In his inaugural address, he congratulated the organizers for conducting the seminar. He reminded the youth about Maulana Azad's message of Hindu-Muslim unity and motivated the students and teachers to work hard in their academic pursuits. After inaugural address, the souvenir release ceremony was done by the invited guests.



Souvenir Released by Invited Guests

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Dr. Mohd. Ahsan, Regional Director, RC – Bhopal, was invited as a resource person in the seminar and he spoke on the role of Maulana Azad as an education minister. He said that the educational vision and ideals of Maulana Azad serve as cornerstone to the New Education Policy. He said that it is the duty of every citizen to remember and spread the thoughts of Maulana Azad. He also motivated students to excel in their field to eradicate the problem of backwardness among Muslims. He also reminded Muslims that their own irrational and un-Islamic attitude was responsible for their decline in every walk of life by quoting the example of Jews who is minority and their contribution is high in the academic pursuits.

Dr. Iqbal Masood, Chairman, Muslim Welfare Society in his allocution expressed his concern over the commercialization of education and emphasized the need to translate the works of Maulana Azad in all regional languages of India so that his message can be made common to the people of India.

Dr. Ramesh Babu, Professor, RIE – Bhopal the delivered the keynote address. He applauded the organizers for selecting the theme of the seminar and portrayed the picture of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad as revolutionary leader and explained his revolutionary thoughts before the audience. With his impressive speech he said how revolutionary and visionary was Maulana Azad and the pen name 'Azad' denotes freedom from narrow mindedness and intolerance. Azad not only a critic of existing system but also wanted radical changes in the present system. He said that though Maulana Azad died in 1958 his thoughts are still relevant today, affirming that the situations are not changed as wished by Maulana Azad or his ideas are failed to realize. He said that every individual must identify himself and learn to strike a balance between change and continuity. Also, he affirmed that dialogue is the best way to resolve any dispute. He said that Maulana azad was revolutionary in his thoughts and commented that he was an important Islamic scholar and had great respect for the Madarsahs however, he realized that they are not changing with time and recognized the need for suitable changes in their curriculum. He enlightened the students by quoting Maulana Azad's views "As a true Muslim, I have inherited Islam's glorious traditions of the last fourteen hundred years. But I have another equally deep realization, not hindered by Islamic spirit, that I am an Indian, and proud being an Indian. He remembered teachers that "not to flare up emotions but to flare up reasons" and advised students to "believe in reasons not in beliefs".

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After the inaugural session, the seminar theme was deliberated in to one technical session and sub themes into three parallel sessions. More than forty presenters presented their papers on different sub themes of the seminar. Prof. Wadudul Haque Siddiqui

chaired the Valedictory session and distributed certificates to participants. The report of the seminar was prepared by Dr. Jeena KG, convenor of the seminar. A few participants expressed their notion on the seminar in Valedictory session. Dr. Naushad Hussin proposed the vote of thanks.

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Convener Dr. Jeena KG Assistant Professor