



## Press Release

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### **Maulana Azad opposed blind adherence to Politics & Religion - Prof. Irfan Habib Two day event inaugurated at MANUU**

#### **Hyderabad:**

“Gaining Independence isn’t enough, we have to give up blind adherence to any politics and religion” Prof. Syed Irfan Habib, formerly with Maulana Azad Chair, NUEPA, New Delhi today quoted Maulana Azad while discussing Maulana’s view on taking forward the education and prosperity among the people of India in the inaugural session of a two day event on Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, first Education Minister of Independent India & Prominent Freedom Fighter. The event is being organized jointly by Maulana Azad Chair and Department of Mass Communication and Journalism (MCJ), Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU). Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice Chancellor presided over.

Speaking as the chief guest, Prof. Irfan Habib enlightened the audience about the extensive work done by Maulana and his idea of respecting every religion which promoted co-existence and peace in the society. He spoke extensively about Maulana’s love for Sir Syed’s writings and his knowledge which was beyond certificate and degrees. His understanding of literature, philosophy, journalism, language and culture.

The guest of honour, Dr Shaunna Rodrigues, Early Career Fellow, Columbia University, USA, talked about the aspects that shaped Maulana Azad’s life and his idea of Indian Nationalism. Rodrigues, through her deep work on Maulana Azad credits Maulana as the most important Political thinker upholding multi-religious composition of India.

Prof. Aziz Bano, Dean, School of Languages, Linguistic & Indology and Prof. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Registrar also spoke on the occasion as the guests of honour.

Prof. Syed Imtiaz Hasnain, Chair-Professor, Maulana Azad, MANUU introduced the guests. Prof. Mohammad Fariyad, Dean, School of MCJ delivered the welcome address and convened the programme. Prof. Ehtesham Ahmad Khan, Dept of MCJ & programme convenor proposed vote of thanks.

Large number of Faculty Members and Scholars were present at event.

Later, Prof. Syed Irfan Habib delivered extension lecture on ‘Maulana Azad: A Life in Struggle for a Composite and Pluralist India’ which was chaired by Prof. Mohammad Sajjad, AMU. Dr. Shaunna Rodrigues talked about ‘Azad’s Anti colonialism: World making, Non-Secular Progress, and Self-Respect in a Deeply Diverse India’ and the session was chaired by Dr. Amir Ali, Assistant Professor, JNU, Delhi.

### **MANUU awards PhD to Atiq Ul Rehman**

#### **Hyderabad:**

Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) has declared Mr. Atiq Ul Rehman, S/o Mr. Nazir Hussain qualified in Doctor of Philosophy in Arabic. He worked on the topic "The Book 'Al Seerah An Nabawiyya' by Shaik Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi : An Analytical and Descriptive Study" under the supervision of Dr. Talha Farhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Arabic. The viva-voce was held on 04<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

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