Other Events

1. In line with the tradition of previous years, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Lucknow Campus organized various inter University/College competitions, namely, Poster making, Baitbaazi, Quiz, Reading Azad etc., to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of Independent India. The celebrations of Azad Day spanning over a week commenced from 7th November to 11th November, 2022. The first prize in Poster Making Competition was secured by Shafqat Siddiqui, (BA 5th semester, MANUU Lucknow Campus). The second prize went to Neha Sayeed, (MA English, 3rd semester, MANUU Lucknow Campus). The third prize was bagged by Mahvish Waseem, a student of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University, Lucknow (KMCLU). In the *Bait-Bazi* segment, the first prize in this competition was grabbed by Integral University team. The second prize was given to Karamat Hussain Muslim Girls' PG College team. The third prize was awarded to MANUU, Lucknow Campus team. In the *Reading Azad Competition* the first prize went to Md. Mashkoor Alam, (BA, 5th Sem) while the second prize was bagged by Iqra Fatima (BA 3rd Sem). Mohd Anas (BA Ist Sem) got the third prize in the competition.

2. The 76th Independence Day was celebrated at MANUU Lucknow Campus with full zeal and enthusiasm. All faculty members, students, research scholars and non-teaching staff were present during the flag hoisting ceremony held at 9:30 AM. Dr. Huma Yaqub, Incharge, Lucknow Campus hoisted the national flag. An online essay writing competition on the theme of "*Contribution of Women in the making of Modern India*" was held to celebrate the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav". Neha Sayeed (MA English 2nd Sem), Shafqat Siddiqui (BA 4th Sem) and Asma Hussain of (MA English 4th Sem) won 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively in English essay writing competition. Mariyam Bano (BA 4th Sem) and Iqra Fatima (BA 2nd Sem) stood 1st and 2nd respectively in Urdu essay writing competition. Winners of the competition were given certificates and mementos.

3. In observance of UGC guidelines for universities across India regarding the organization of Deeksharambh – Student Induction Programme for newly admitted students, Maulana

Azad National Urdu University, Lucknow Campus, conducted Deeksharambh- Student Induction Programme from 31st October 2022 to 5th November 2022.

4. A total of eight students of MANUU Lucknow Campus were selected to receive the Merit-Cum-Means scholarship sponsored by SEED (Support for Educational & Economic Development), US, with the support of The Quran Foundation, Hyderabad, and Helping Hand Foundation, Hyderabad. Students who received the scholarship are: Mohammad Anas of BA 2nd Semester; Mustafiz Alam and Abu Sazib BA 4th Semester; Shafqat Siddiqui, Jeyaurrehman, Md Ghufran and Tahira Tabassum of BA 6th Semester; and, Md Rabbani Rahi of MA English 4th Semester. On the occasion of the scholarship distribution ceremony, In-charge MANUU Lucknow Campus, Dr. Huma Yaqub congratulated all the students and emphasized the importance of scholarships in acting as an incentive for invigorating academic zeal and inquisitiveness amongst students.

5. International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women & Discrimination against Women Pakhwada was held from 25th November to 9th December 2022, in association with the Department of Women Education and MANUU Drama Club, MANUU, Hyderabad. In this regard, MANUU, Lucknow Satellite Campus organised Poster-making and Slogan-Writing Competitions on 7th & 8th December 2022 respectively. A large number of students actively participated in both the events. In the Poster Presentation category, the first prize was secured by Neha Sayeed (MA English 3rd semester). While Faiza Taqdees (MA English 3rd) semester bagged the second prize. In the slogan-writing Competition, the first prize was awarded to Faiza Taqdees, (MA English 3rd semester) and the second prize went to Shafqat Siddiqui (BA 4th semester).

6. MANUU, Lucknow Campus celebrated India's 74th Republic Day on 26th January, 2023. The flag-unfurling was done by the In-charge, MANUU, Lucknow Campus, Dr. Huma Yaqub at 9.30 AM in the presence of faculty members, non-teaching staff, and a sizable number of students. The flag-unfurling ceremony was followed by national anthem. Subsequently, Dr. Huma Yaqub greeted the gathering on this occasion and paid homage to the freedom fighters who laid their lives for the sake of country. Dr. Yaqub encouraged attendees to render their contributions in the development of this great country.

7. As part of the World Environment Day celebrations, essay writing and poster making competitions on the theme of climate change and environmental sustainability were organised for the students of the campus. Students from BA and MA courses participated in these competitions. In the essay writing competition in Urdu language the first and second positions were secured by Md Azam Reza (BA 6th semester) and Md Mashoor Alam (BA 6th Semester) respectively. In the Essay Writing Competition in English language the first position was awarded to Mohd Zeeshan (MA English 2nd Semester). In the Poster Making Competition the first position was secured by Faiza Taqdees (MA English 4th Semester) while the second position was won by Tahira Tabassum (BA 6th Semester).

8. Students of Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Lucknow Campus organized *Aafaque: A Cultural Evening* on 25th May 2023. The cultural evening aimed to showcase the diverse talents and creativity within the student community. It featured a range of competitions, including mimicry/stand-up comedy/imitation, singing, salad dressing, and games, which added excitement and entertainment to the evening.

9. Under the auspices of G20 University Connect Programme Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Lucknow Campus celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June 2023 to raise awareness about the impact of pollution on ecosystems and sustainable development. On this occasion a guest lecture was delivered by Dr. N. Manickam, Chief Scientist, Environmental Toxicology, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow.

10. MANUU, Lucknow Satellite campus, held a peer-to-peer interaction on the preparation strategies for National Eligibility Test (NET) and Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) exams on Thursday, 8th June 2023. Twenty-seven successful students from the MANUU Lucknow campus who cleared NET and JRF in the disciplines of Urdu, English, Persian and Arabic were empanelled and shared their experiences and preparation strategies in this interaction with the aspiring students. They appealed to the aspirant students to be consistent in their preparation and focus on the recent trends in the respective disciplines. The program coordinator, Dr. Srinivas Bandameedi, stated that this event facilitated aspiring students to learn from their peers.

11. The 77th Independence Day was celebrated at MANUU Lucknow Campus with full zeal and fervour. All faculty members, students, Research Scholars and Non-teaching staff were present in the flag hoisting ceremony held at 9:30 AM. Dr. Huma Yaqub, Incharge, Lucknow Campus hoisted the national flag.

12. A one-week Student Induction Program, Deeksharambh – 2023, was organised at Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Lucknow Satellite Campus, from 5th September to 11th September 2023. Dr HumaYaqub, Associate Professor of English, and In-charge of Maulana Azad National University, Satellite Campus Lucknow. Welcoming all the newly admitted students into various Undergraduate and Post Graduate Programmes, Dr Huma Yaqub emphasised the values the students ought to attain to emerge as responsible citizens to cater to the varied emerging needs of society.

13. The Office of the DSW, MANUU, organized an online Seerat Quiz competition on 10th October 2023 in which a good number of students of MANUU Lucknow Campus participated. Sidra Bano (BA 5th semester) won the third position in the competition for which she was also given a cash prize.

14. Observing the tradition of previous years, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Lucknow Campus organised various inter university/college competitions, namely, essay writing, poetry recitation, poster making, and *Bait Baazi* to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of Independent India. The celebrations of Azad Day spanning over a period of three days commenced from 09th November to 11th November, 2023. The first prize in essay writing competition was secured by Mohammed Fazil P, a student of M. A. Arabic, first semester, while the second prize went to Tahira Tabussum, a student of M. A. English, first semester, MANUU Lucknow Campus. The third prize was bagged by Mohd Qasim, a student of M. A. English, 3rd semester, MANUU, Lucknow Campus. In the poetry-recitation competition, the first prize was obtained by Sefa Ibrahim (MAUrdu 3rd semester). The second prize was given to Mohd Zeeshan, (MA English 3rd semester). The third prize was awarded to Vahid Ali, (MA Urdu 3rd semester). In the poster-making competition the first prize went to Tafseena Parveen, (BA from University of Lucknow) while the second prize was bagged by Sidra Bano, (BA fifth semester,). Eram

Fatima (BA 5th Semester MANUU Lucknow Campus) got the third prize in the competition.

15. Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Lucknow Campus organised a Mushaira titled 'Mehfil-e-Shair-o-Sukhan' on Thursday, 29th February, 2024. The celebrated Urdu poet from New Delhi, Iqbal Ashhar, was invited to embellish the gathering with his poetry. Another remarkable Urdu poet from the city of Lucknow, Dr. Tariq Qamar, also graced this event. Apart from them, another Urdu poet from the Lucknow Campus, Dr. Omair Manzar, also added colour and texture to this occasion.

16. One day educational tour was organised by MANUU, Lucknow Campus on 7th March 2024 to visit one of the masterpieces of the world's heritage, the Taj Mahal in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. This academic tour comprised undergraduate and postgraduate students, research scholars and faculty members of the Campus.

17. Several students of MANUU Lucnow campus were declared Gold Medallists for securing first position in their respective programs and batches. This includes: Tanveer Ahmad, Gold Medallist in MA Arabic (batch 2019); Mobashshera Laique, Gold Medallist in MA Urdu (batch 2020); Md Rahmatullah, Gold Medallist in BA (batch 2021); Mohammad Haroon, Gold Medallist in MA English (batch 2021); Arzoo Zahra, Gold Medallist in MA Persian (batch 2021); Ayesha Jalil Siddiqui, Gold Medallist in BA (batch 2022); Asma Hussain, Gold Medallist in MA English (batch 2022); Aale Zahra Zaidi, Gold Medallist in MA Persian (batch 2022); Mariya Khatoon, Gold Medallist in MA Persian (batch 2023).