



**School of Pedagogical Sciences,
Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam
&
Department of Education,
University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram**
jointly organises

NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY 2020

11th November, 2020 (Wednesday)
10.30 AM to 1.00 PM

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REMEMBERING MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD - THE BUILDER OF MODERN INDIAN EDUCATION

National Education Day is an annual observance in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of independent India. Government of India has decided to observe National Education Day on 11th November of every year since 2008 onwards.

Maulana Azad (11 November 1888 - 22 February 1958) was a striking personality among the ranks of Muslim thinkers and political activists who advocated Indian nationalism based on the unity of all religio-ethnic communities. An outstanding politician of the Gandhian School, Abul Kalam Ghulam Muhiyuddin (pen name Azad meaning 'free') was born in Mecca. His mother was an Arab and his father, Maulana Khairuddin, was a Bengal Muslim of Afghan origins.

Azad mastered several languages, including Urdu, Persian, Hindko, Arabic, and Hindi. As a young man, Azad composed poetry in Urdu as well as treatises on religion and philosophy. He started a journal in Urdu named 'Al Hilal' in 1912. Azad rose to prominence through his work as a journalist, publishing works critical of the British Raj and espousing the causes of Indian nationalism. Azad became a leader of the Kilafat Movement. He actively engaged to organize the Non-cooperation movement in protest of the 1919 Rowlatt Acts. Azad committed himself to Gandhi's ideals, including promoting Swadeshi (indigenous) products and the cause of Swaraj (self-rule) for India. Azad was one of the main organizers of the Dharasana Satyagraha in 1931. He served as Congress President from 1940 to 1945, during which the Quit India rebellion was launched and Azad was imprisoned for three years. Amidst communal turmoil following the partition of India, he worked for religious harmony. Maulana Azad was a scholar and a senior political leader of the Indian independence movement. He was one of the most prominent Muslim leaders to support Hindu-Muslim unity, opposing the partition of India on communal lines. Maulana Azad was a prolific writer in Urdu, Persian and Arabic notably amongst which is 'India Wins Freedom', his political biography, translated from Urdu to English. Maulana's translation of Quran from Arabic into Urdu in six volumes published by Sahitya Academy in 1977 is indeed his 'Magnum Opus'. Azad's tomb, located next to the Jama Masjid in Delhi, is to be renovated and restored as a major national monument.

Maulana Azad's Educational Contributions

The name of Maulana Azad is written with golden letters in the annals of history. He was the first to raise the issue of the National System of Education which is the bed-rock of the National Policy on Education, 1986. As India's Education Minister, Azad oversaw the establishment of a national education system with free primary education and modern institutions of higher education. Among the new institutions he established were the three National Academies, viz. the Sangeet Natak Academy (1953), Sahitya Academy (1954) and Lalit Kala Academy (1954), the Indian Council for Cultural Relations having been established by him earlier in 1950. As Chairman of the Central Advisory Board of Education, he advocated universal primary education, free and compulsory, for all children up to the age of 14; girls' education; vocational training; agricultural education; and technical education. He established the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 1956 by an Act of Parliament. On the technical education side, he strengthened the All Indian Council for Technical Education (AICTE). The Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur was established in 1951 followed by a chain of IIT's at Bombay, Madras and Kanpur and Delhi. The School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) came into existence at Delhi in 1955.

Moulana Azad guided the destiny of our Nation for several years. The wealth of the nation, according to Maulana Azad, is not in the country's banks but in it's primary schools. At this moment, the nation is on the threshold of a new education policy that ushers in path-breaking changes in the system of education. 'National Education Day' is a day to pledge to work on the re-organization of the present system of education in the country.

About the Programme

School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, and Department of Education, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, jointly celebrates national education day in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Sri. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the great visionary and first education minister of independent India. As part of the celebration, an online gathering of eminent speakers, teachers and students will be organised on 11th November 2020, Wednesday. The programme will be an enriching experience to the academic community at large. We cordially invite you to join the online programme and enlighten yourself for a sustainable and empowered life.

Programme Schedule

Time	Event	Speaker
10.30 – 10.35	Welcome	Prof. (Dr.) Jaya Jaise Dean (Education) , School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University
10.35 – 10.45	Presidential Address	Prof. (Dr.) Minikutty A. Head, School of Pedagogical Sciences Mahatma Gandhi University
10.45 – 11.00	Inaugural Address	Prof. (Dr.) Sabu Thomas Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Mahatma Gandhi University
11.00 – 11.15	Keynote Address	Prof. (Dr.) V. P. Mahadevan Pillai Hon'ble Vice Chancellor University of Kerala
11.15 – 11.30	Felicitation	Dr. Varghese K. Cherian Member, Syndicate, Mahatma Gandhi University Principal, St. Joseph's Training College, Mannanam Alumnus, School of Pedagogical Sciences , Mahatma Gandhi University
11.30 – 11.45	Introducing the theme & the Invited Guest	Prof. (Dr.) Bindu R. L. Dean (Education) & Head, Department of Education, University of Kerala
11.45 – 12.30	Theme presentation Theme: EDUCATION AS 'HUMANITY'S GREATEST RENEWABLE RESOURCE	Prof. (Dr.) Mohan B. Menon , D.Litt. Former Deputy Vice Chancellor, Wawasan Open University, Malaysia
12.30 – 12.45	Reflections of Participants	
12.45 – 12.55	Presentation commemorating birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad	
12.55 – 1.00	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Sindhya V. Assistant Professor , Department of Education, University of Kerala

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