

National Education Day

Sunlight streamed through the stained-glass windows of Raidighi College, bathing the lecture hall in a mosaic of colors, much like the tapestry of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's legacy. On National Education Day, a unique collaboration between the Minority Welfare Cell, the Department of History, and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell had brought Dr. Shamir Isha, the esteemed scholar from St. Xavier's College, to dissect the enduring relevance of Azad's ideas for contemporary India.

Dr. Isha's words, woven with historical insights and poignant reflections, painted a vivid portrait of Azad, the freedom fighter, the scholar, and the visionary educationist. He delved into Azad's unwavering commitment to interfaith harmony, his championing of inclusive education, and his relentless pursuit of intellectual freedom. Dr. Isha's nuanced analysis resonated with the diverse audience, a captivating blend of students, faculty, and community members, their faces etched with rapt attention.

But the seminar wasn't just a nostalgic look back. Dr. Isha expertly bridged the historical gap, highlighting how Azad's ideals echoed in the challenges and opportunities of contemporary India. He spoke of the need for education to go beyond textbooks, to nurture critical thinking and a spirit of tolerance, values that echoed deeply with the pluralistic fabric of Indian society. He urged the audience to learn from Azad's unwavering advocacy for social justice and his passionate belief in the transformative power of knowledge.

The ensuing discussion crackled with intellectual energy. Students posed insightful questions, faculty members shared personal anecdotes, and Dr. Isha responded with wit and wisdom. The dialogue transcended academic boundaries, becoming a shared exploration of how Azad's legacy could be translated into action, into guiding principles for navigating the complexities of modern India.

As the seminar concluded, a powerful image emerged: a vibrant tapestry woven from the threads of history, education, and the timeless ideals of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Raidighi College, through this collaborative effort, had not only celebrated National Education Day, but had also sparked a crucial conversation about the future of education and the values that should guide it. In the echoes of Dr. Isha's words, and the animated voices of the participants, it was clear that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's legacy wasn't simply a memory; it was a living challenge, an invitation to build a just and equitable future for all, one inclusive classroom at a time.

*A Seminar on the Relevance of
Moulana Abul Kalam Azad to the
Contemporary India*

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Chief Speaker: Dr Shamir Isha
Dept of History, St.Xavier's College

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The poster features a portrait of Dr. Shamir Isha on the left, a line drawing of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad on the right, and the Raidighi College logo in the top right corner. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout, with the title in blue italics, the organizers in black, the event name in large bold letters, and the speaker information in a red box at the bottom.