

National Education Day observed at Central University of Orissa, Koraput



On the auspicious occasion of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's birth anniversary, the 'National Education Day' programme was celebrated by the Central University of Orissa, Koraput in both the campuses of the University (Landiguda & Sunabeda) at Koraput on 11th November, 2014. Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Vice-Chancellor of the University conveys the message for "National Education Day" celebration in a great spirit. Rich tributes were paid to the great freedom fighter, philosopher and eminent educationist Maulana Azad on his 126th birth anniversary celebrations at the campuses.

The programme was inaugurated by the Registrar of the University, Colonel R. S. Chauhan by lighting the lamp and garland of flowers to Maulana Azad, the first [education minister](#) of independent India who served from 15th August, 1947 until 2 February 1958. While inaugurating the programme Colonel Chauhan offered most respectful homage to his illustrious memory.

By elaborating his vision of education Colonel Chauhan Said "As the Minister of Education of free India, he felt that two tasks were of paramount urgency. The first



Colonel RS Chauhan delivering the inaugural address on the occasion of National Education Day

was the creation of nation-wide system of Basic Education for all children of school going age, and the second, the provision of facilities of the highest type of education in the technical field.”. He also emphasised the significant role played by Maulana Azad during the freedom struggle. “Maulana Azad was one of the front ranking leaders of both pre and post independent India. As a Muslim scholar and a prominent Muslim leader he espoused with great commitment, the cause of Hindu-Muslim unity and opposed the partition of India brought about on communal lines” he said.

On this occasion a Debate Competition on the topic of “Indian Education: Challenges in 21st Century” was organised in both the campuses of the University. Students are participated in the debate and put forth their valuable thoughts on the vision of Maulana Azad and Indian educations system.



Faculty members, Staff & Students of CUO present at the National Education Day Programme, organised at CUO Campus, Landiguda, Koraput

Concluding remarks was delivered by Prof. M. Altaf Khan, Controller of Examination. “Maulana Azad became one of the most important followers of Mahatma Gandhi and joined the Indian National Congress, participated in the Non-Cooperation Movement and also became the President of the All India Khilafat Committee. Under the influence of Mahatma Gandhi, Maulana became deeply committed to non-violence and also came very close to front ranking leaders like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Chittaranjan Das, Subhash Chandra Bose and others” Prof. Khan Said.

Finally vote of thanks was given by Dr. S. K. Palita, Dean, School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources. The Programme was attended by all the staff, faculty members and students of the University.

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