

# Report on "National Education Day"

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Venue: Pherozeshah Mehta Auditorium,

Pherozeshah Mehta Building,

Ground floor, Mumbai university.

Time: 9.30-1.30

21<sup>st</sup> November,2016:

Today, Department of Education in collaboration with St. Xavier's Institute of Education and Smt. Kapila Khandvala college of education organised an event to celebrate National education Day which is observed on every 11<sup>th</sup> of November.

National education day is an annual observance in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Azad, the first education minister of independent India, who served from 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947 until 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1958.

The Program began with the "University song" followed by a prayer song "Shaarde Maa" sung by M.ed (Mumbai university) students. The event was marked by the presence of many respected dignitaries like Dr. Sunita Magre(HOD, Dept. of Education), Dr. Shefali Pandya, Dr. Sudha Pingle, Dr. Ashwini karwande, Dr. Smitha Gupta, Dr. Sybil Thomas, Dr. Gauri, Dr.Vini sebastian, Mrs.Kalpana Chavan, Dr.Shadab palaoji, Mrs. Preeti Shivaramakrishnan, Dr. Bijoy k Thomas.

The M.ed students of Mumbai university presented a Powerpoint presentation to highlight the importance of education day followed by a video played which projected Maulana Abul Azad insights on education.

Thereafter Sunita Magre formally invited all present in the event. She went ahead and emphasized that educating/teaching is a teamwork since success is also a team effort and not an individual's only effort who may on the contrary concentrate to work for one's success and own benefit in terms of economic and social status. She aspires and dreams of every teacher taking steps to strive for selfless teachings which would ensure the upliftment of the society, of the country as a holistic growth.

The M.ed students of Mumbai university highlighted the vision of department of education, Mumbai university being, to create a community of excellent teacher educators rooted in tradition, equipped for the future after which one of the students presented a speech of Maulana Abul Azad's in his own words. The speech was beautifully rendered, once again reinforcing Azad's vision onto those present in the event. Thereafter there was a speech delivered in Marathi from the same department which detailed Abul Azad's life and his inspiring selfless service towards the field of education and India's freedom movement.

The event then proceeded to present the various programmes organised by SXIE beginning with a quiz competition based on education which was indeed fun-filled and enjoyed by all. They then had an impressive powerpoint presentation on the modern education system and how it evolved from traditional approaches and how technologically driven is the current education system. Later on a skit was also performed which focussed on the traditional approaches and modern approaches of classroom learning and how effectively and enjoyably can learning

be imparted and made. It was a thought provoking skit which had a message that learning should be more experiential learning activity based rather than adopting rote learning which is not healthy.

Towards the other half, the SMT Kapila khandvala college of education came forward and presented various programmes, first being a dance performance on the song "O re chiraiya", which conveyed a very important message of how important it is to empower woman and how education acts as an important tool to empower them. They also had a game called "Dumb Charades", which required the participants convey a educational word assigned to them only through actions. The last show was a beautiful fashion show with "Education & Disciplines" as it's theme. It showed how Inter related and dependant are each discipline and how each discipline compliment the other.

Towards the end, Father Blaise Dsouza had a valedictory speech. He addressed the serious issue of less female students being a part of education and said how empowering one woman will help in empowering the entire society. He also views educating/teaching to be a sacred deed and that each and every teacher should strive for a selfless teaching with whole heartedness full of love, care, sacredness and a bright vision to transform and build a rich bountiful society.

The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks on behalf of department of education and with all of us paying tribute to our country by singing our National anthem. Post the event, there was a lunch organized thus bringing the event to be successful endeavour!