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## **Report on One-Day Seminar on National Education Day 2024**

In celebration of National Education Day, a seminar on the theme “Empowering the Future: Maulana Azad’s Vision for Quality and Inclusive Education” was held today, November 11, 2024, at the Govt. College of Education, M.A. Road, Srinagar, under the dynamic leadership of **Principal Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz**. The program was organized by the P.G. Department of Education.

The seminar commenced with a prayer recited by the students of IASE, followed by a welcome address by **Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz**, Principal of the host college. In her address, she warmly welcomed the participants and distinguished guests, notably the Chief Guest, **Prof. Mohammad Mobin**, Vice-Chancellor of Cluster University Srinagar, and **Prof. Mufti Mudasir** from the Department of English, University of Kashmir. She presented mementos to the guests and highlighted the fact that this institution has a tradition of celebrating National Education Day every year since its inception. She noted with pride that Maulana Azad himself once visited this historic institution.

**Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat**, Head of the Department of Education and Coordinator of the seminar, provided the backdrop for the program. He emphasized that Maulana Azad was a visionary who prioritized education for the common man and described Azad as a modern thinker and a symbol of Hindu-Muslim unity. Furthermore, he noted that Maulana Azad was a strong proponent of free and compulsory education and the founder of several national-level institutions.

The Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Cluster University Srinagar, **Prof. Mohammad Mobin**, who served as Chief Guest, spoke on Azad's pivotal role in the development of the Indian education system and his instrumental contributions to establishing numerous educational institutions across the country. He also shared that after independence, Azad was offered many portfolios, yet he chose the portfolio of education for the nation’s greater good. Azad was awarded the Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian honor in India, in 1992. Prof. Mobin added that Azad firmly believed education is the ultimate solution to society’s challenges.

The keynote speaker, **Prof. Mufti Mudasir**, elaborated on the seminar's theme, “Empowering the Future: Maulana Azad’s Vision for Quality and Inclusive Education.” In his address, he explored Maulana Azad’s multifaceted personality, describing him as a scholar, theologian, journalist, linguist, literary expert, and a social reformer. He shared that Azad had a clear vision of an “Educated India” and highlighted Azad's belief that education should contribute to

character building and equip the nation to protect its newfound independence through social education.

This was followed by a declamation contest in which student participants from various colleges in Srinagar District shared insights on sub-themes of the seminar, including “Digital Education for Equity: Bridging the Digital Divide,” “Promoting Multilingual Inclusivity for Cultural Diversity,” “Quality Education for Every Learner: Standards and Accountability,” “Educational Reforms and Equitable Access,” “The Role of Community and Parental Engagement in Achieving Equity in Education,” “Education for Peace and Social Harmony,” and “Vocational and Skill-Based Education.”

In the valedictory session, all student participants were awarded certificates, and prizes were given to the top three positions, as selected by the jury members: Prof. Master Showkat Ali, Prof. Sheikh Irfan, and Dr. Mohammad Ashraf. The first position was awarded to [Seerat Un Noor](#) from A.A.A.M. Degree College Bemina, the second position to [Nuha Nabeelah](#) from Islamiya College of Science and Commerce, and the third position to [Hareem Farooq](#) from S.P. College. The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty members.

[Dr. Shaheena Rasool](#), Coordinator of Teacher Education, conducted the proceedings of the seminar, and [Prof. Goussia](#) from the Department of Education presented the vote of thanks. The proceedings of the seminar were documented by [Prof. Yunis Basit](#) and [Dr. Showkeen Bilal](#), faculty members of the Department of Education.

**Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat**  
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**Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz**  
**Principal**

## PHOTOGRAPHS



