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Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)

#### **MESSAGE**

At the Al-Barkaat Institute of Education, we understand that quality training is the backbone of any successful educational system. Staying true to this belief, the institute has been deeply committed to nurturing a strong research-driven culture among both faculty and student-teachers. We recognize that the quality of education is directly linked to the competence of educators and that responsibility begins with teacher training institutions like ours. At the heart of our institute lies a shared vision to provide high-quality teacher education that is both progressive and inclusive. In



alignment with this vision, our faculty and student-teachers remain committed to upholding excellence in every aspect of teaching and learning. We continue to place strong emphasis on preparing our future educators with effective pedagogical techniques that address the needs of diverse learners in inclusive classroom settings.

As we move forward, we continue to shape educators who are not only academically prepared but also professionally smart to be ready to meet the demands of 21st-century classrooms with enthusiasm, empathy, and excellence.

Mr. Syed Muhammad Aman

Director, Al-Barkaat Islamic Research & Training Institute Executive Member, Al-Barkaat Educational Society

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### From the Principal's Desk

I extend a warm welcome to all the new comers of B.Ed. course through the 13th Volume of ABIE Newsletter Times. The present issue has encompassed the activities of first quarter of Academic Session 2024-25. The academic programs incorporate a range of innovative teaching strategies, such as differentiated instruction, peer-assisted learning, activity-based methods, and experiential learning. These approaches are designed not only to enhance student engagement but also to foster critical thinking, collaboration, and adaptability—skills essential for modern educators. One of the most encouraging aspects of this academic session has been the active engagement of our faculty in scholarly pursuits. Their participation in national and international seminars and their contributions through research publications in reputed journals highlight our commitment to academic inquiry and thought leadership. These efforts have significantly enriched the academic climate of the institute and served as inspiration for our budding educators.

It is truly heartening to witness the synergy between faculty and students, all working collaboratively toward a shared mission: to nurture well-rounded, competent, and compassionate teachers for the future. I invite you to explore the pages that follow and celebrate with us the accomplishments of our academic community.

**Dr. Rubina Shahnaz** Principal, ABIE

#### **Editor's Message**

It gives me immense pleasure to pen down this editorial for our institutional newsletter. In this issue, we have provided a concise overview of all the events held until September, 2024. The academic session began with a series of enriching activities that set a vibrant tone for the months ahead. The highlight of the session was the successful completion of internship program for the B.Ed. third semester students. This inaugural internship experience offered the students a practical platform to implement their theoretical knowledge while closely engaging with schoolchildren and classroom dynamics.

The institute also showcased its commitment to holistic development by organizing Guest Lecture and other impactful activities such as Plantation Drives, the "Tiranga Yatra" and celebrations of Hindi Diwas, Teachers Day, National Sports Day, Independence Day and World Heart Day.

Equally noteworthy was the one-week Faculty Development Program on "NEP-2020: Orientation and Sensitization". All faculty members of ABIE actively participated in this FDP, gaining valuable insights into the evolving education policy and its implications for teacher education. The faculty contributions and achievements also added to the institute's pride during this quarter. Mr. Himanshoo Kumar Sharma authored a research paper entitled "Role of Artificial Intelligence in Education." In his paper, Mr. Sharma explored how artificial intelligence is reshaping the educational landscape by transforming traditional teaching and learning practices. The paper highlights the integration of AI in classrooms, personalized learning opportunities, adaptive assessments, and the potential challenges of over-reliance on technology. His scholarly work provides valuable insights into how AI can be leveraged to build future-ready learners and enhance the quality of education. Similarly, Dr. Afshan Anees authored a book chapter titled "Education and Skill Development in India." These scholarly contributions reflect the institute's commitment to fostering a research-oriented culture among its faculty. Dr. Anees, in her chapter, addressed the evolving dynamics of skill development in the Indian context, emphasizing the importance of aligning education with the demands of the 21st-century workforce.

Adding further to the academic enrichment, I have actively participated in prestigious workshops, including the National Workshop on "Model Curriculum for Madrasa and NEP-2020" at AMU, Aligarh and an International Workshop on "AI Tools for Research Writing." Such engagements not only enhance the individual growth of faculty members but also elevate the collective academic profile of the institution. Together, these diverse academics, cultural, and research initiatives highlight ABIE's unwavering dedication to nurturing competent, compassionate, and socially responsible educators for the future.

As we step forward, we will continue to embrace every opportunity with sincerity and ensure that ABIE continues to shine as a beacon of academic excellence, social responsibility, and holistic education.

**Dr. Shazia Amani**Editor-in-Chief, ABIE Times

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# **Vision**

The vision of the institute is to become an outstanding centre of learning, serving the needs of India and addressing the challenges in society.

## **Mission**

- To be a centre of excellence through its academic research and quality education.
- To develop the all round personality of students so that they could meet the challenges ahead with right types of skills and attitudes woven with social values and ethical standards.

# **Campus Buzz**

#### Plantation Drive at ABIE – Nurturing Green Dreams

Trees are the lifelines of our planet. They create a vibrant ecosystem, offering shelter and food for birds, animals, and even human beings. They not only sustain biodiversity but also play a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance. Recognizing the urgent need to combat challenges such as air pollution, deforestation, and global warming, the B.Ed. Department of Al-Barkaat Institute of Education organized a special programme titled "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" on 29th July 2024. On this occasion, the principal of the institute, Dr. Rubina Shahnaz, planted a sapling and emphasized the importance of tree plantation in combating pollution. She



remarked that planting trees is the most effective way to control environmental degradation, as life on earth is impossible without trees. She further urged everyone to plant more trees and take equal responsibility for their protection and care.

The event was graced by the presence of faculty members Mrs. Shagufta and Dr. Shazia Amani, along with all students of the B.Ed. department and non-teaching staff of the college. Their enthusiastic participation reflected the collective commitment of the ABIE family towards environmental sustainability.

The programme was successfully coordinated under the banner of the National Service Scheme (NSS), and the information was shared by the Programme Officer, Mr. Himanshu Sharma.

Through such initiatives, ABIE continues to in still awareness among student-teachers about their responsibility to protect nature and to contribute to a greener and healthier future.

## ABIE proudly salutes the Tiranga: Marching together, celebrating together!



In compliance with the directives of the Uttar Pradesh Government and under the banner of the National Service Scheme (NSS), the Al-Barkaat Institute of Education organized a spirited 'Tiranga Yatra' on 14th August 2024. The event was held with immense enthusiasm, reflecting the values of unity, patriotism, and respect for the nation's heritage.

The rally commenced from the college campus, with students proudly holding the tricolor flag and raising patriotic slogans that filled the air with energy and pride. Faculty members marched alongside, offering guidance

and encouragement, while also carrying the national flag to

inspire the participants. The presence and active involvement of non-teaching and technical staff further strengthened the collective spirit, ensuring smooth organization and meaningful participation.

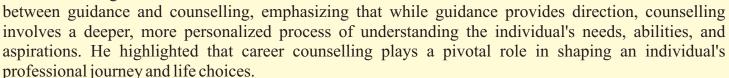
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The 'Tiranga Yatra' not only marked the celebration of Independence Day but also reminded everyone of their duties as responsible citizens.

#### **Guest Lecture on Career Counselling**

The Al-Barkaat Institute of Education organized a highly informative Guest Lecture on "Career Counselling" for B.Ed. students on 5th September 2024. The distinguished resource person for the session was Professor Sajid Jamal, from the Department of Education, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. The lecture was conducted in an offline mode and witnessed the enthusiastic participation of nearly 60 students.

The session began with an introduction to the significance of counselling in career planning and decision-making. Professor Jamal drew a clear distinction



Further, Professor Jamal explained the stages at which students require counselling and underscored the crucial role that teachers play in this process. He noted that teachers not only impart knowledge but also act as counsellors who can guide students toward making informed career decisions. He elaborated on the benefits of proper counselling, which include clarity of goals, confidence building, and effective achievement of life objectives.



The lecture also covered the key components of counselling, such as diagnosing the problem, collecting relevant information, conducting assessments, and finally adopting suitable remedial measures. By breaking down these steps, Professor Jamal provided practical insights into how counselling can be systematically approached for maximum effectiveness.

The session was interactive, with students engaging actively and seeking advice on career-related concerns. The audience greatly appreciated the resource person's practical inputs, clarity of thought, and encouragement to approach career decisions with confidence and foresight.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks to Professor Jamal for his valuable contribution. Overall, the lecture proved to be highly enriching and motivating, equipping the future educators of ABIE with knowledge and strategies that will not only shape their own careers but also enable them to counsel and guide their future students effectively.



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#### **Teachers' Day Celebration**

"Great teachers inspire, motivate, and leave a legacy that time cannot erase."

Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5th September 2024 with great enthusiasm at Al-Barkaat Institute of Education to honour the invaluable role of teachers in shaping society. The students expressed their gratitude through speeches, poems, and cultural performances dedicated to their mentors. The atmosphere was filled with respect, affection, and joy as students highlighted the importance of teaching as a noble profession. Faculty



members appreciated the heartfelt efforts of the students, making the day memorable and meaningful.

#### **National Sports Day Celebration**



On 29th August 2024, the B.Ed. Department of Al-Barkaat Institute of Education joyfully celebrated National Sports Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. The day was marked by a spirit of enthusiasm, unity, and healthy competition as a variety of sporting events were organized for student-teachers.

The sports activities included Kho-Kho, 100-meter race, 200-meter race, Lemon Race, Carrom, and Skipping Rope, each designed to encourage active participation, teamwork, and physical fitness. The playground and

campus buzzed with energy as students cheered for their peers,

demonstrating camaraderie and sportsmanship. The Lemon Race and Skipping Rope events added a fun element to the celebration, while the track events showcased the stamina and determination of the participants.

Addressing the participants, Principal Dr. Rubina Shahnaz underlined the significance of sports in building character and discipline. She remarked that sports not only keep individuals physically fit but also instill qualities such as patience, perseverance, leadership, and respect for rules—all of which are vital for shaping responsible teachers and citizens. She urged the students to adopt a lifestyle that balances academic excellence with physical well-being, as "a sound body is the foundation of a sound mind."



The celebration was further enriched by the presence and

encouragement of faculty members Mrs. Shagufta, Dr. Tabassum Qamar, Dr. Shazia Amani, and Dr. Afshan Anees, along with non-teaching staff, whose active involvement ensured the smooth conduct of the program.

The event was organized under the supervision of Mr. Himanshu Sharma, Programme Officer of the National Service Scheme (NSS), who highlighted that sports play a crucial role in developing a sense of national integration and community bonding.

At the end of the program, winners of various events were felicitated with words of appreciation, while all participants were acknowledged for their active involvement and sporting spirit.

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#### **Independence Day Celebration**

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The Al-Barkaat Educational Society, Aligarh, proudly celebrated Independence Day on 15th August 2024 with immense patriotic fervour and devotion. The ceremony began with the hoisting of the national flag, followed by the collective singing of the national anthem, which filled the campus with the spirit of unity and pride.

The students of Al-Barkaat Public School added vibrancy to the celebration by presenting a series of cultural performances. They delivered inspiring speeches,



recited patriotic poems, and sang melodious group songs, each performance reflecting gratitude towards the great leaders and freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the nation's independence. The program

reminded everyone of the timeless values of freedom, sacrifice, and responsibility.

The celebration was honoured by the presence of distinguished personalities. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Prof. M. Shafey Kidwai (Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Professor, AMU, Aligarh). Other dignitaries included Prof. Syed Muhammad Amin (President, Al-Barkaat Educational Society), Dr. Ahmed Mujtaba Siddiqui (Joint Secretary, Al-Barkaat Educational

Society), Mr. Syed Muhammad Aman (Executive Committee Member, Al-Barkaat Educational Society, Aligarh), Dr. F.U. Siddiqui (Coordinator, Al-Barkaat Educational Institutions), Dr. Rubina Shahnaz

(Principal, Al-Barkaat Institute of Education), and Ms. Sabiha Khan (Principal, ABPS+2, Aligarh). Their presence greatly motivated the students and staffalike.

In their addresses, the dignitaries emphasized the historical importance of Independence Day and urged the younger generation to imbibe values of unity, peace, and dedication to the nation. They highlighted the role of students as future leaders who must contribute positively to the progress of society and the country.



The entire program was conducted smoothly under the leadership and guidance of the principal Ms. Sabiha Khan with wholehearted support from the faculty and staff members. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and the distribution of sweets, leaving the participants inspired and filled with patriotic zeal.

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#### **Celebration of Hindi Diwas at ABIE**

On 14th September 2024, the Al-Barkaat Institute of Education (B.Ed.) joyfully celebrated Hindi Diwas with active participation from students, faculty, and staff. The event served as a reminder of the cultural significance and unifying role of the Hindi language in India. Students enthusiastically expressed their thoughts, poems, and speeches, reflecting on the richness of Hindi literature and its importance in preserving national identity.



## "Hindi Diwas reminds us that respecting our language means respecting our culture."

On this occasion, the Principal, Dr. Rubina Shahnaz, addressed the gathering and emphasized that Hindi is not only our national language but also a bridge that connects people across different regions of the country. She further highlighted that the purpose of celebrating Hindi Diwas is to promote respect for the language, encourage its



practical usage, and inspire younger generations to preserve its heritage while embracing modernity.

The program witnessed the gracious presence of faculty members Mr. Himanshu Sharma, Dr. Tabassum Qamar, Dr. Shazia Amani, and Dr. Afshan Anees, along with the support of the non-teaching staff. Each member contributed to the vibrancy of the celebration by sharing insights on the role of Hindi in education, administration, and everyday communication.



The event was organized under the able guidance of Ms.

Shagufta, whose efforts ensured that the program was both engaging and meaningful. The celebration fostered a sense of linguistic pride and inspired the audience to acknowledge Hindi as not just a language of communication but as an integral part of India's cultural identity.

The program concluded with a collective resolve to continue promoting Hindi in academic as well as social spaces, reaffirming its relevance in today's globalized world. The event left everyone with a deeper appreciation of the language that unites the nation.

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## **World Heart Day Celebration**

"Strong hearts build strong futures—choose wellness today"

On the occasion of World Heart Day, the Al-Barkaat Institute of Education (ABIE) organized an insightful awareness programme on 29th September 2024, on the theme "Use Heart for Action". The event was aimed at highlighting the importance of heart health and the collective responsibility to prevent cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), which continue to be one of the leading causes of mortality worldwide.

The programme emphasized the urgency of raising awareness on preventive measures, early detection, and effective management of heart-related ailments. Through discussions and interactive sessions, students and faculty were reminded of the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle that includes balanced nutrition, regular physical activity, stress management, and periodic health check-ups.

On this occasion, the Principal, Dr. Rubina Shahnaz, addressed the gathering and encouraged everyone to take proactive steps toward safeguarding their health. She highlighted that "caring for one's heart is not just a personal responsibility but a commitment to our families and society at large." Her words inspired participants to reflect on their lifestyle choices and to take mindful actions in maintaining overall well-being. The presence of all faculty members, staff, and students added to the significance of the event, fostering a spirit of unity in promoting health awareness. The programme concluded with a pledge by participants to spread awareness about cardiovascular health and to adopt heart-friendly practices in their daily lives.

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## **Student Buzz**

### Unit test of B.Ed 2nd was held from 26 September to 30th September 2024

#### **Internship of B.Ed students**

The Internship of B.Ed third semester students (Session – 2023-25) has been successfully completed in the different sections of the Al-Barkaat Public School, Aligarh which was held from 10th to 20th July 2024 under the supervision of experienced mentors and faculty members. This practical exposure gave students the opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge in real classroom settings, enhance their teaching skills, and understand classroom management. The program also emphasized lesson planning, student engagement, and co-curricular involvement. The internship served as a significant milestone in the professional journey of budding teachers, equipping them with confidence and firsthand teaching experience.

#### Orientation Programme for B.Ed. I year

One-week Orientation Programme for the newly admitted students B.Ed. First-Year students, was organized at Al-Barkaat Institute of Education from 18th September. The program aimed to familiarize the fresh batch with the vision, mission, and academic culture of the institution. Faculty members



warmly welcomed the students and guided them about the curriculum structure, teaching-learning methodologies, co-curricular activities, and institutional values. The teachers emphasized the importance of professional commitment, discipline, and holistic development during their journey in teacher education. The interactive sessions created an encouraging atmosphere, helping students feel motivated and prepared to embark on their academic journey at ABIE.

## Farewell Party-"Goodbyes are not the end; they are new beginnings"

The Al-Barkaat Institute of Education bid an emotional and memorable farewell to the outgoing B.Ed. batch of 2022–2024 with a vibrant celebration organized by the juniors of Session 2023–25. The event was beautifully anchored by Ms. Bushra Malik and Ms. Sammiya Ayub, who kept the audience engaged with their charm and energy.

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The program began on a spiritual note with a soulful Qirat

recitation by Ms. Alisha Anjum, followed by a warm and heartfelt welcome speech delivered by Ms. Ruqaiya Begum. This set the tone for an evening filled with joy, nostalgia, and togetherness. Seniors were



formally introduced, and juniors extended their affection through a melodious group song presented in their honor, creating an atmosphere of love and respect.

To showcase talents, a lively talent hunt was organized for the outgoing batch, giving seniors a chance to display their creativity and spirit. This was followed by captivating solo performances by Ms. Sidra, Ms. Eram, and Ms. Nazia, which enthralled the gathering. Adding a touch of humour, Ms. Samiya presented a light-hearted

comedic act laced with an inspiring message, leaving the audience both entertained and thoughtful.

The most awaited segment of the evening was the title distribution, where seniors were recognized for their unique personalities and contributions. Titles such as Miss Farewell, Mr. Farewell, and Miss Evening were conferred, along with special recognitions like Teacher's Choice, Allrounder, Photogenic, and Pretty Smile. The excitement and applause that accompanied each announcement reflected the strong bond shared among students and faculty.



The farewell party was not just a celebration but also a moment of reflection and gratitude. It served as a reminder of the cherished memories, friendships, and lessons that the graduating batch will carry with them as they step into their professional journeys as educators. The evening concluded on a heartfelt note with warm wishes for the bright future of the outgoing students.

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# **Faculty Buzz**

# **Faculty Contributions in Research Paper Publications**

**Mr. Himanshoo Kumar Sharma** wrote A paper entitled "*Role of Artificial Intelligence in Education*" published in Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovative Research (JETIR) with ISSN- 2349-5162 Volume 11, Issue 8 August 2024. The paper explored the transformative potential of AI in reshaping modern educational practices.

**Dr.Afshan Anees** wrote A book Chapter entitled "Education and Skill Development in India" is published in edited book "Management of Knowledge & Information Services: A Conceptual Approach" Published by EDSOL INFORMATICS, Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

# Faculty Participation in FDP/ Workshop/ STC

**Dr. Shazia Amani**, Assistant Professor at Al-Barkaat Institute of Education, actively participated in a Two-Day National Workshop on "Model Curriculum for Madrasa and NEP-2020", held on 10th–11th August 2024. The workshop was organized by the **Centre for Promotion of Science**, **Aligarh Muslim University**, **Aligarh.** It provided a valuable platform for academicians, researchers, and educationists to discuss the integration of traditional madrasa education with the progressive framework of the National Education Policy 2020.

**All the faculty members** of Al-Barkaat Institute of Education successfully participated in a **one-week Faculty Development Program (FDP)** on "NEP-2020: Orientation and Sensitization" held from 4th to 12th September 2024. The program was organized by the UGC Malviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. This FDP aimed at enhancing teachers' understanding of the **National Education Policy 2020** and equipping them with innovative pedagogical approaches, curriculum reforms, and best practices in teacher education.

**Dr. Shazia Amani**, also actively participated in a **Two-Day International Workshop** on "AI Tools for Research Writing", held on 28th–29th September 2024, organized by Manuscriptpedia, Kanyakumari. The workshop focused on the emerging role of artificial intelligence in enhancing academic writing, research productivity, and scholarly communication. Experts demonstrated various AI-driven platforms that assist in literature review, plagiarism detection, data analysis, and drafting high-quality manuscripts.

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# **Upcoming Events**

• International Guest Lecture 05<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

• Sir Syed Day Celebration 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

• Fresher's Party 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024

• Urdu Day Celebration 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

• National Education Day 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

• Children's Day Celebration 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2024