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"He who brings up two daughters well, educating and treating them kindly, will be with me in Paradise like these two fingers."

Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)

MESSAGE

Our mission of founding Al-Barkaat Institute of Education is based on the conviction that the quality of education in any institution is directly impacted by the expertise of its faculty members. The teachers instill in their students not only knowledge but also values, creativity, and a lifetime love of learning provided they are well-trained, driven, and equipped with contemporary pedagogical techniques. Therefore, the function of teacher training institutions like ours goes beyond only teaching academic content; it also involves developing well-rounded individuals who can lead, innovate, and create a nation. I encourage everyone involved students, instructors, alumni, and well-wishers to work together to further our objective as we go forward. We will reaffirm our dedication to developing teachers who will respect the principles of knowledge, honesty, and social service.



Signature
Mr. Syed Muhammad Aman

Director, Al-Barkaat Islamic Research & Training Institute
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From the Principal's Desk

This academic year, the institute has made remarkable strides in empowering future educators by offering holistic training that goes beyond textbooks. Through a series of skill-building sessions, workshops, and seminars, our faculty and student-teachers are being equipped with a diverse set of professional competencies. Special emphasis has been placed on the use of Information and Communication Technology enabling our stakeholders to stay relevant in a fast-evolving digital world.

Our commitment to continuous improvement is reflected in every initiative we undertake like promoting lifelong learning, integrating modern teaching tools, or fostering innovative thinking, the Al-Barkaat Institute of Education remains at the forefront of progressive teacher education.

With warm regards,

Dr. Rubina Shahnaz
Principal, ABIE

Editor's Message

It gives me immense pleasure to present this edition of the Al-Barkaat Institute of Education (ABIE) Newsletter, which captures the vibrant academic, cultural, and professional endeavors of our institution. The year unfolded with patriotic fervor as the 76th Republic Day was celebrated across Al-Barkaat Educational Institutions with pride and enthusiasm. The tricolor waved high as students, faculty, and guests came together to honor the ideals of the Indian Constitution. The inspiring address by Prof. Mohammad Shameem reminded everyone of their civic duties and the enduring strength of India's democracy. Continuing the spirit of social awareness, ABIE observed World Cancer Day 2025 on February 4 under the global theme "United by Unique." The event served as a poignant reminder of the importance of early detection and preventive health practices. The principal and faculty encouraged students to become advocates of health awareness, fostering a compassionate and informed community.

The institute also proudly celebrated International Women's Day, organized by the Women Cell under the theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress." The event featured thought-provoking speeches, soulful poetry, and a captivating skit on Ahilya Bai Holkar, all of which underscored the power and resilience of women. The participation of B.Ed. and M.Ed. students added depth to the celebration, turning it into a reflection of empowerment, equality, and hope. On the professional front, the Mock Interview Drill conducted by the Placement Cell prepared our B.Ed. students for their future careers, instilling confidence and honing their communication and presentation skills under expert guidance from the faculty panel.

Academically, our faculty members brought laurels to ABIE through significant research publications in the edited volume "Climate Vulnerability and Sustainable Development Goals" by Nitya Publications, Bhopal. Dr. Rubina Shahnaz and Dr. Tabassum Qamar jointly authored a research paper titled "A Study of Environmental Awareness among Pre-Service Teachers." Their paper offers valuable insights into the level of environmental consciousness among future educators, exploring how teacher training programs can nurture environmentally responsible attitudes. The study emphasizes the role of pre-service teachers as key agents of change in promoting sustainability and environmental stewardship in schools and communities. In another noteworthy contribution, Mrs. Shagufta and Dr. Afshan Anees co-authored a paper on "Education and Environmental Awareness," focusing on how educational institutions serve as powerful platforms for fostering environmental literacy. Their work highlights innovative pedagogical practices and curriculum integration strategies that encourage learners to adopt eco-friendly behaviors and sustainable lifestyles. Adding to this collective achievement, Mr. Himanshu K. Sharma contributed a research paper titled "A Comparative Study of Environmental Awareness among Rural and Urban Undergraduate Students." His study provides a nuanced understanding of the differences in environmental awareness between rural and urban youth, emphasizing the need for equitable access to environmental education and community engagement initiatives across socio-economic and geographical contexts. His findings suggest that localized, culturally relevant educational interventions can bridge the awareness gap and create a more informed, action-oriented generation.

As we reflect on these milestones, this newsletter stands as a testament to the dedication, creativity, and intellectual vigor of the Al-Barkaat community. Together, we continue to stride forward—nurturing minds, inspiring change, and shaping the educators of tomorrow.

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

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

76th Republic Day Celebration at Al-Barkaat Educational Society

The Al-Barkaat Educational Institutions celebrated the 76th Republic Day with great enthusiasm, pride, and patriotism. The campus was filled with the spirit of unity as students, faculty, and guests gathered to honor the Constitution of India and the values it upholds.

The celebration began with the flag hoisting ceremony by Prof. Mohammad Shameem, a distinguished professor from the Department of Tuberculosis and Chest Disease, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University. As the tricolor unfurled gracefully, the school choir led the gathering in singing the National Anthem, filling the atmosphere with a sense of reverence and national pride. This was followed by an energetic march-past by the students, symbolizing discipline, unity, and respect for the nation.

The program continued with a warm welcome address by Dr. Ahmad Mujtaba Siddiqui, Joint Secretary of ABES, who reminded everyone of the significance of Republic Day as a celebration of India's democratic ideals. Prof. Shameem delivered an inspiring speech, urging students to become responsible citizens and contribute to nation-building with sincerity, integrity, and dedication. The celebration ended on a high note with the soulful rendition of the Al-Barkaat Tarana by the school choir, echoing the values of unity, knowledge, and service.



Cancer Awareness Programme – World Cancer Day 2025



On February 4, 2025, Al-Barkaat Institute of Education observed World Cancer Day, aligning with the global theme “United by Unique” for the 2025–2027 campaign, which emphasizes personalized and patient-centred care. The programme began with opening remarks by the Principal, highlighting the importance of early detection, prevention, and collective action in combating cancer. A short yet impactful speech was then delivered by Ms. Ambreen (B.Ed. I Semester), who spread awareness about cancer, its causes, and the need for lifestyle changes to reduce risks.

The event concluded with a motivational address by the principal and faculty members.

Student Buzz

International Women's Day Celebration

To commemorate International Women's Day and align with the global theme “Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress,” the Women Cell of Al-Barkaat Institute of Education (ABIE), Aligarh, organized a speech competition and skit performance to highlight the significance of women's empowerment, rights, and social equality. The programme commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Shazia Amani, Women Cell In-charge, who eloquently set the tone for the day by emphasizing the transformative role of women in education and society. She highlighted that empowering women in every sphere is not only a matter of justice but also a vital strategy for holistic progress and sustainable development. Dr. Amani also reminded participants of the need to foster resilience, determination, and leadership qualities among women to ensure their rightful place in decision-making spaces, both within the community and beyond.

The heart of the celebration was the speech competition, which drew enthusiastic participation from five B.Ed. I Year students and four M.Ed. internship students from the Department of Education, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU). The young speakers delivered insightful and thought-provoking speeches on varied aspects of women's leadership, gender equality, and the role of women in shaping societal progress.



The presentations were evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges comprising Dr. Rubina Shahnaz (Principal, ABIE), Mrs. Shagufta, and Mr. Himanshoo K. Sharma (Senior Assistant Professors, ABIE). They assessed the students on parameters of content, clarity, delivery, confidence, and thematic relevance, ensuring fairness and encouragement.

The results reflected the high standards of performance. The First Prize was awarded categorically to Ms. Shaireen Khan (M.Ed. Intern) and Ms. Zainab Fatima (B.Ed. I Year) for their articulate delivery and strong engagement with the theme. The Second Prize was also given to Ms. Kajal Sharma (M.Ed. Intern) and Ms. Sabrina Fatima (B.Ed. I Year), whose speeches displayed depth of thought and a clear passion for women's rights. The programme further featured a skit presented by seven B.Ed. II Year students, which depicted the inspirational life of Ahilya Bai Holkar, one of India's most revered female leaders.



At the conclusion of the programme, certificates of participation and achievement were distributed to all student participants, acknowledging their dedication, creativity, and enthusiasm.

Mock Interview Drill at ABIE

The Placement Cell of Al-Barkaat Institute of Education (ABIE) organized the Mock Interview Drill in which the session was designed to provide B.Ed. second-year students with a simulated interview experience, equipping them with the confidence and skills required for real job placements.

The primary objective of the drill was to help students reflect on both their verbal and non-verbal communication, develop effective interview strategies, handle challenging questions, and reduce the anxiety often associated with interviews. Such exercises also allow candidates to assess their preparedness while identifying areas for further improvement.

The interview panel consisted of Dr. Rubina Shahnaz (Principal, ABIE), Mrs. Shagufta, Dr. Tabassum Qamar, Dr. Shazia Amani and Dr. Afshan Anees. Students were evaluated on parameters such as subject knowledge, presentation skills, confidence, general awareness, and teaching methodology. Constructive feedback and suggestions were also shared to guide students in honing their professional skills.



National Science Day Celebration

The Al-Barkaat Institute of Education (ABIE) celebrated National Science Day on March 1, 2025 with great enthusiasm and intellectual spirit, highlighting the theme of scientific curiosity, innovation, and discovery. The celebration commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Rubina Shahnaz, Principal, ABIE, who emphasized the significance of science in shaping rational thought and sustainable development. Prof. Gunjan Dubey, Chairperson, Department of Education, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), was the Chief Guest of

the occasion. In her insightful address, Prof. Dubey inspired students to embrace scientific inquiry as a lifelong pursuit. She has discussed the contributions of Indian scientists and the importance of developing a questioning attitude among learners. The event featured a series of engaging activities and presentations by B.Ed. students, including science models, demonstrations, and thematic posters showcasing innovative ideas for classroom experiments. These exhibits reflected the creativity, understanding, and enthusiasm of the students, while also underlining the pedagogical value of hands-on experimentation in teacher education. The Science Lab In-charge, Dr. Shazia Amani, coordinated the event and guided the students in preparing their exhibits and presentations. The event aimed to promote scientific temper among B.Ed. students and inspire future educators to integrate inquiry-based learning into classroom practices.



Faculty Buzz

Faculty Contribution in Paper Publication in an Edited Book

The faculty members of ABIE achieved a significant milestone through their publications in an esteemed edited volume titled “Climate Vulnerability and Sustainable Development Goals,” published by Nitya Publications, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India (ISBN: 978-93-5857-899-7). The volume, edited by the dynamic and dedicated Dr. Ahmad Mujtaba Siddiqui, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, and Joint Secretary of Al-Barkaat Educational Society, brings together diverse perspectives on sustainability, environmental awareness, and education's role in combating climate change. In this book volume Dr. Rubina Shahnaz (Principal, ABIE) and Dr. Tabassum Qamar jointly authored a research paper titled “A Study of Environmental Awareness among Pre-Service Teachers.” In another noteworthy contribution, Mrs. Shagufta and Dr. Afshan Anees co-authored a paper on “Education and Environmental Awareness,” focusing on how educational institutions serve as powerful platforms for fostering environmental literacy. Adding to this collective achievement, Mr. Himanshoo K. Sharma contributed a research paper titled “A Comparative Study of Environmental Awareness among Rural and Urban Undergraduate Students.”

Faculty Contribution in Seminar and FDP

Mr. Himanshoo K. Sharma, Assistant Professor, represented the institution by presenting a research paper titled “Financial Literacy: Need of an Hour for Women & Empowerment” at the National Seminar on “Financial Literacy and Women's Economic Empowerment” organized by Mangalmay Institute of Management and Technology, Greater Noida, on 21–22 February 2025. His paper emphasized the crucial role of financial awareness in strengthening women's socio-economic independence and fostering inclusive development.

In addition to this scholarly contribution, Mr. Sharma also actively participated in a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “NEP-2020: Orientation and Sensitization” held from 17th to 25th February 2025. Organized by the UGC Malviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Aligarh Muslim University,

Upcoming Events

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| • Farewell Party | 05 th April, 2025 |
| • Special Lecture | 09 th April, 2025 |
| • First Mock Exam | 05 th - 08 th May, 2025 |
| • Criticism of Practice Teaching | 19 th - 24 th May, 2025 |
| • Second Mock Exam | 28 th - 31 st May, 2025 |
| • Internship of B.Ed. II Year | April - May, 2025 |
| • International Labour Day | 01 st May, 2025 |