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“Whoever travels a path in search of knowledge, Allah S.W.T will make easy for him a path to paradise”

Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)

MESSAGE

The Al-Barkaat Institute of Education understands the critical role that training plays in the educational sector and is committed to instilling a strong research-oriented attitude in both staff and students. In today's quickly changing academic and professional scene, research is more than just an academic requirement; it is a style of thinking that fosters curiosity, ingenuity, and problem-solving skills. Encouraging student-teachers to conduct research helps them build critical thinking skills and adapt to a variety of classroom scenarios. It is gratifying to see that the Al-Barkaat Institute of Education has continually taken proactive steps to provide trainee teachers and teacher educators with a diverse set of abilities.



Signature
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From the Principal's Desk

At our B.Ed. College, we firmly believe that teacher education is not just about acquiring knowledge, but also about shaping character, refining values, and nurturing professional competence. As future educators, our student-teachers carry the responsibility of inspiring the next generation of learners. Hence, our efforts remain focused on equipping them with the skills, attitudes, and confidence required to thrive in today's ever-changing educational landscape. I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated faculty, whose guidance and commitment continue to shape the success of our college. To our students, I urge you to embrace this new session with dedication, enthusiasm, and a spirit of curiosity. Together, let us work towards achieving excellence and making meaningful contributions to society.

Wishing everyone a fruitful and inspiring academic journey ahead.

Dr. Rubina Shahnaz
Principal, ABIE

Editor's Message

With great pleasure, I present to you the latest edition of the Al-Barkaat Institute of Education Newsletter, a reflection of the vibrancy, dedication, and intellectual spirit that defines our institution. Each event and achievement captured in these pages is not just a record of activities, but a testament to our shared commitment to nurturing excellence, creativity, and social responsibility.

The past few months have been truly enriching for our campus community. From academic pursuits to cultural celebrations, ABIE has witnessed a harmonious blend of learning, reflection, and joyful togetherness.

We were honored to host an International Guest Lecture by Prof. Parwaiz Karamat from New Zealand, who shared thought-provoking insights on career planning and the role of technology in education. Such global exposure continues to broaden our students' horizons and strengthens their confidence in facing challenges of the modern world. Equally inspiring was the celebration of World Heart Day and Breast Cancer Awareness Programme, where faculty, students, and medical experts came together to highlight the significance of health and well-being—reminding us that education is incomplete without compassion and care for life itself.

At the heart of our institutional ethos lies a deep respect for our heritage. The celebration of Sir Syed Day and Iqbal/Urdu Day reminded us of the timeless contributions of visionaries who illuminated the path of knowledge, reform, and cultural pride. Their words and deeds continue to inspire us to build an education system rooted in values, yet forward-looking in vision.

Equally joyous were moments of youthful energy, such as the lively Fresher's Party “Jashn-e-Ibtidaa” and the vibrant Children's Day Celebration. These events were not mere gatherings but warm reminders of the bonds that unite our ABIE family. They celebrated talent, creativity, laughter, and camaraderie—values that make our journey together more meaningful.

On the academic front, our students demonstrated their brilliance through competitions like the Inter-Institute Speech Competition on Aatmanirbhar Bharat, where their powerful voices echoed a vision of self-reliant India. Rigorous unit tests and mock examinations were conducted to ensure academic preparedness, reflecting the seriousness with which our students and faculty approach the teaching-learning process.

Our faculty members, too, continue to make us proud. Their active participation in Faculty Development Programmes on NEP-2020 and Innovative Pedagogical Techniques in Management Education reinforced our commitment to lifelong learning. A special mention must be made of Ms. Shagufta's scholarly contribution through her book chapter on “Individual and Group Counselling,” which adds value to teacher education and guidance practices. Such achievements not only enrich our academic environment but also set benchmarks for our students to aspire toward.

I sincerely thank the contributors, organizers, and participants whose efforts have brought each of these events to life. I also extend my gratitude to our Principal, Dr. Rubina Shahnaz, for her unwavering guidance, and to my colleagues for their constant support.

May this edition inspire us all to continue striving toward excellence, with open minds, compassionate hearts, and the courage to embrace innovation.

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

International Guest Lecture

The Placement Cell of Al-Barkaat Institute of Education (ABIE) successfully organized on 5th October 2024 an **Online International Guest Lecture**, on the topic “*Opportunities Available to Students and Career Planning*” on the Zoom platform.

The session began with a warm welcome address by **Dr. Afshan Anees** (Convener of the Programme), who formally introduced the distinguished resource person, **Prof. Parwaiz Karamat**—Director of FIANZ Training Academy, International Education Consultant, and associated with a Wellington-based organization in New Zealand.

Prof. Parwaiz Karamat delivered an insightful lecture highlighting the importance of technology in the life of teachers and its growing influence on education. He also shed light on the various challenges faced by educators in adapting to technological advancements and suggested effective strategies to overcome them. A major highlight of his lecture was guidance on **career planning and decision-making**, where he emphasized the critical aspects, students must keep in mind while choosing their career paths. His practical suggestions and global perspective provided valuable takeaways for both students and faculty. The session was attended by all faculty members of ABIE, along with B.Ed. first-year and second-year students, who actively engaged in the discussion and benefitted from the international exposure.

Online International Guest Lecture
on
**“Opportunities Available to
Students and Career Planning”**
(5th October 2024 from 12:15pm to 01:30pm)



Guest Speaker
Dr. Parwaiz Karamat
Director FIANZ Training Academy,
International Education Consultant with
Wellington based organization New Zealand

World Heart Day Awareness Programme



On the occasion of **World Heart Day**, the **Al-Barkaat Institute of Education (ABIE)** on 30th September 2024 organized an awareness programme on the theme “*Use Heart for Action*”. The event focused on raising awareness about the importance of heart health and the urgent need to prevent, detect early, and manage **cardiovascular diseases (CVDs)**, which remain one of the leading causes of mortality worldwide.

On this occasion, **Dr. Rubina Shahnaz**, **Principal, ABIE**, addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle, balanced diet, regular exercise, and stress management as essential steps

to care for one's heart. She reminded students and faculty that educators, as role models, must encourage communities to prioritize health and well-being.

Sir Syed Day Celebration at ABIE

Al-Barkaat Institute of Education commemorated **Sir Syed Day on October 17, 2024**, in honor of the birth anniversary of the great reformer and visionary, **Sir Syed Ahmad Khan**. This day holds deep significance for AMU alumni across the globe, who observe it as a festival celebrating knowledge, enlightenment, and social reform. Sir Syed's legacy transcends communities, embodying his contributions not only to Muslim society but also to the larger idea of India. The event aimed to recognize his sacrifices and immense efforts toward the educational and intellectual upliftment of the nation.

The program was gracefully hosted by the students of B.Ed. and it followed by their thoughtful speeches which highlighted Sir Syed's vision of modern education, scientific temper, and social progress.



The **Principal of ABIE** shed light on Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's life as a scholar, reformer, and institution-builder. She emphasized his role in establishing the **Scientific Society in 1864** and later the **MAO College in 1875**, which eventually grew into the prestigious Aligarh Muslim University. Quoting Sir Syed, she reminded everyone of his timeless message: *"Follow the path which leads to the wealth of knowledge and do so with an open mind and heart."* The program concluded with the rendition of the **AMU Tarana**, filling the atmosphere with pride and reverence for his remarkable legacy.

Fresher Party "Jashn –E- Ibtidaa"

On **22nd October 2024**, the campus of **Al-Barkaat Institute of Education** came alive with excitement and cheer as the **Fresher's Party** was organized to welcome the newly admitted students of the **B.Ed. Batch 2024–2026**. The celebration was a perfect blend of fun, creativity, and warm camaraderie, hosted with enthusiasm by the **B.Ed. III Semester students**. The program provided a memorable platform for juniors to showcase their talents while marking the beginning of their two-year journey at ABIE.

The event began with a **welcome speech**, setting the tone for the day, followed by a lively **skit performance** that brought laughter and joy to the audience. An engaging **introduction round** gave the juniors an opportunity to present themselves in unique ways, helping break the ice between seniors and juniors. The seniors further entertained everyone with a melodious **group song** dedicated to their juniors. Adding a creative touch, **Samiya and Ruqaiya** performed a humorous act that, apart from evoking laughter, also conveyed an important message on student life and values.



The highlight of the day was the **Talent Hunt competition**, where selected juniors displayed their skills in music, dance, poetry, and dramatics, earning cheers and appreciation from their peers. This was followed by the **final round of a questionnaire**, which tested the wit and confidence of the participants. A lighthearted **fun game** added to the jovial atmosphere, ensuring every junior felt included in the celebration. A concluding **skit performance** wrapped up the entertainment segment, leaving the audience in high spirits.

Towards the end, the Principal and faculty members addressed the gathering with motivational speeches, reminding students to balance joy with responsibility and to make the most of their academic journey ahead. The much-awaited title announcements added to the excitement—

- Ms. Zainab Fatima was crowned Miss Fresher,
- Ms. Sabrina Fatima earned the title of Miss Confident, and
- Ms. Nida Khan was honored as Miss Evening.

Celebration of Urdu Day



On November 9, 2024, the Al-Barkaat Institute of Education celebrated Iqbal Day, also known as Urdu Day, to honor the legacy of the great poet-philosopher Allama Muhammad Iqbal. The program, hosted by the B.Ed. students, reflected their admiration for Urdu language and culture.

The event featured **Nazm recitations** that highlighted the richness and emotional depth of Urdu poetry, followed by **student speeches** on the relevance of Urdu and Iqbal's enduring philosophy of *Khudi* (selfhood). Teachers of ABIE extended warm wishes and shared insights into Iqbal's contributions as a thinker, reformer, and educationist.

The program concluded with the recitation of Iqbal's timeless verse:

*"Khudi ko kar buland itna ke har taqdeer se pehle
Khuda bande se khud poochhe, bata teri raza kya hai."*

The celebration left participants inspired to uphold the values of knowledge, self-confidence, and cultural pride that Iqbal envisioned.

Celebration of Children's Day

On 14th November 2024, the Al-Barkaat Institute of Education joyfully celebrated the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, observed nationwide as Children's Day. The event brought together B.Ed. (1st and 2nd year) students along with alumni, creating a vibrant and memorable gathering. The programme was gracefully anchored by **Dr. Tabussum Qamar**.

The celebration began with a soulful **Qirat recitation** by **Nida Khan**, followed by a melodious **group song**. To add a spirit of fun and togetherness, interactive games such as **Musical Chairs** and **Musical Words** were organized, sparking joy and laughter among all participants.



The event concluded on a sweet note with a cake-cutting ceremony, symbolizing unity and celebration, after which refreshments were shared among students, alumni, and faculty members. The day truly reflected the values of love, care, and enthusiasm that Pandit Nehru cherished for children and youth.

Student Buzz

Speech Competition on “Aatmanirbhar Bharat” under Sewa Pakhwada

The Department of B.Ed., Al-Barkaat Institute of Education, organized an Inter-Institute Speech Competition on “Aatmanirbhar Bharat” on 1st October 2024 as part of the Sewa Pakhwada celebrations. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of B.B.A., B.A., and B.Ed., who expressed their insightful views on the vision of a self-reliant India.



The competition was marked by passionate speeches

highlighting the significance of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the Government of India's mission to empower the nation through self-reliance. After a spirited contest, the winners were declared:

- First Prize: Ms. Nujba Fatima – B.A. I Semester (First Year)
- Second Prize: Ms. Shruti Upadhyay – B.Ed. III Semester (Second Year)
- Third Prize: Ms. Nishat Bi – B.Ed. I Semester (First Year)

The Principal of ABIE congratulated the winners and presented them with trophies and certificates. In her address, she emphasized the importance of Aatmanirbhar Bharat as a collective mission to strengthen the nation's economy, infrastructure, and social systems. She also highlighted the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's economic package of INR 20 lakh crore, which focuses on key pillars—Economy, Infrastructure, Systems, Vibrant Demography, and Demand—to accelerate India's journey toward self-reliance.

Speaking at the event, the principal remarked, “Self-reliance is not just a slogan but a way forward for building a stronger and more sustainable India. Our students must realize that they are the torchbearers of this vision.”

Reflecting the students' enthusiasm, Ms. Nujba Fatima, the first prize winner, shared, “This competition gave us an opportunity to think deeply about how youth can contribute to making India self-reliant. I feel inspired to play my part in this journey.”

The event also shed light on the commendable initiatives of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) in promoting sustainable development and self-sufficiency among tribal communities under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

The competition concluded on an inspiring note, leaving a deep impact on both participants and audience members. The active presence of all faculty, teaching, and non-teaching staff reflected the institute's commitment to nurturing patriotic values and aligning education with national priorities.

Unit Tests Conducted at ABIE

Al-Barkaat Institute of Education successfully conducted the First Unit Test for B.Ed. I Semester and the Third Unit Test for B.Ed. III Semester from October 25–30, 2024. The examinations were held with the objective of assessing students' academic progress, conceptual clarity, and preparedness midway through the semester. The smooth conduct of the examinations was ensured under the guidance of faculty members, with all protocols being followed meticulously.

Mock Examination

The Al-Barkaat Institute of Education conducted the Mock Examinations for B.Ed. I and II Semester students from December 9–16, 2024. The objective of these examinations was to provide students with a simulated experience of the university examination process, helping them to assess their preparedness and manage time effectively.

Faculty Buzz

The faculty members of Al-Barkaat Institute of Education actively participated in a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “*NEP-2020: Orientation and Sensitization*” conducted from 4th to 12th December 2024. Organized by the **UGC Malviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Aligarh Muslim University**, the programme focused on deepening participants' understanding of the National Education Policy 2020. It provided valuable insights into innovative pedagogical practices, curriculum reforms, and emerging trends in teacher education, thereby strengthening the professional competencies of educators.

Dr. Shazia Amani, Assistant Professor, Al-Barkaat Institute of Education, participated in a **week-long Faculty Development Program (FDP)** on “*Innovative Pedagogical Techniques in Management Education*” held from October 21–25, 2024, organized by Ojha Publications and Research. The FDP focused on equipping educators with contemporary pedagogical innovations tailored to management education. Sessions highlighted interactive teaching strategies, case-based learning, digital integration in classrooms, learner-centric approaches, and methods to foster critical thinking and problem-solving skills among students.

Al-Barkaat Institute of Education takes pride in the academic accomplishment of **Ms. Shagufta**, who contributed a chapter titled “**Individual and Group Counselling**” in the edited book **Basics of Guidance and Counselling** (ISBN: 978-93-6721-541-8), published by DOABA Publications, New Delhi. Her chapter underscores the vital role of both individual and group counselling in guiding learners through personal, academic, and social challenges. By addressing the significance of empathy, communication, and collaborative problem-solving, the work adds value to the field of teacher education and strengthens the institute's commitment to promoting holistic guidance practices.

Upcoming Events

- Republic Day Celebration 26th January, 2025
- World Cancer Day 04th February, 2025
- Online Guest Lecture 15th February, 2025
- National Science Day 01st March, 2025
- International Women Day 08th March, 2025
- Mock Interview Drill 29th - 30th March, 2025