Aligarh Muslim University Murshidabad Centre celebrated the 201st Birth Anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan with traditional customs, joy and enthusiasm. The celebrations which started on October 17, 2018 with “Clean Campus, Green Campus” drive concluded with a “Free Health Check-up Camp” organized on October 26, 2018.

The Sir Syed Day - 2018 function was held on October 25, 2018 in the Campus with Prof. Mohammad Hanif Beg, Pro-Vice Chancellor, AMU, Aligarh gracing the function as Chief Guest and Prof. Anwar Khursheed, Coordinator, Nodal Office AMU Centres as the Guest of Honour. The better half of Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mrs. Parveen was also present on the occasion along with other dignitaries including Prof. Atmanand, Director MDI Murshidabad; Mr. Md Sohrab, Ex-MLA; Mr. Sajahan Biswas, Managing Director, Jahangir Bidi Factory; Mr. Anil Kumar Singh, General Manager, HSCL; Mr. Waquar Ahmad Khan, General Secretary, AMU Old Boys’ Association, Kolkata.

Dr. Amir Jafar, Director-in-charge, AMU Murshidabad Centre delivered the welcome address and delineated on different academic, co-curricular and out-reach programs of the Centre. He pointed out that the Centre has made significant improvements in different areas. He informed that recently the Centre has organized two UGC sponsored Academic Leadership Training Programs, observed the Swachhta Pakhwada, conducted Induction programs for fresh batches of MBA, BALLB and B. Ed. students. He said that the Centre is committed to the secular ethos as enshrined in the Constitution and is making significant strides in that direction.

The Chief Guest of the Sir Syed Day function, Prof. M H Beg, Pro-Vice Chancellor, AMU reflected on different aspects of the life of Sir Syed. He said that Sir Syed established MAO College because of his firm determination, integrity and vision. He is the role model for students to emulate. His teachings and thoughts are even more relevant now than they were in those days. Prof. Beg further added that Sir Syed gave the message of universal brotherhood and tolerance.

Prof. Anwar Khursheed, Coordinator, Nodal Office AMU Centres pointed out the struggles and difficulties that Sir Syed faced in his educational mission. He said that it was never an easy task for Sir Syed to convince others to support and donate for the cause of English education, especially after the revolt of 1857. It was through his personal conviction and determination that Sir Syed overcame all the hindrances and laid the foundations of Aligarh Movement.

Prof. Atmanand, Director, MDI Murshidabad, urged the students to be a reflection of Sir Syed in true sense. He said that AMU is now an international brand and the image of this brand is reflected through the achievements and accomplishments of its students and teachers.
Speaking on the importance of Sir Syed and his mission, Mr. Md Sohrab, Ex-MLA said that there is a dire need to have rational social leaders in India who follow the path of secularism as preached and practised by Sir Syed.

Mr. Sajahan Biswas, Managing Director, Jahangir Bidi Factory lamented on the need for creation of and proper funding of educational institutions in India. He said that locals in and around Murshidabad District have high expectations from AMU Murshidabad Centre - being a Central Government institute. He urged all stakeholders to pool their resources together for the further development of the Centre.

AMU Alumnus and General Secretary, AMU Old Boys’ Association, Kolkata, Mr. Waqaur Ahmad Khan said that Sir Syed wanted the development and creation of Scientific temperament among the masses. He elaborated that Sir Syed not only devoted his time and energy but also put all his resources and assets for the creation of an educational institute that was based on the model of Western institutions like Oxford and Cambridge.

A Souvenir on Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was released by the Chief Guest Prof. M H Beg on this occasion. The bi-lingual Souvenir in English and Urdu includes articles from different parts of India and abroad, highlighting various aspects of the life and work of Sir Syed. Dr. Syed Atif Jilani edited the Souvenir while Mr. Mohammad Umair was the Joint Editor.

Certificates were distributed to winners of Swachhta Pakhwada competitions and Sir Syed Week events. Dr. Nigamananda Biswas, Associate Professor, Department of Business Administration proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The function concluded with a cultural program in which traditional songs, ghazal and skit were presented, reflecting Sir Syed’s personality and his efforts. The program was conducted by Dr. Syed Atif Jilani, Dr. Md. Sarwar Alam and Mr. Shamsul Rahman.

Earlier, on October 17, Quran Khawani was held in the Centre mosque. The Centre also observed “Clean Campus, Green Campus” Drive. Students, Faculty members and nonteaching staff actively participated in different initiatives such as cleaning of surroundings, hostels, faculty building, administrative block and academic blocks. For spreading awareness about cleanliness a “Poster Making Campaign” and a “Campus March” was also organized.

On October 26, a free “Health Check-up Camp” for held in the Centre. The Camp was inaugurated by the Pro VC, AMU Prof. M H Beg in presence of Prof. Anwar Khursheed and Dr. Amir Jafar. A team of seven doctors from Kolkata, alumni of Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh gave free consultations and medicines to students, staff members and local people. The team comprised of Dr. Ahsan Ayub Khan (ENT), Dr. Md Jamal Khan (Paediatrics), Dr. Maqbool Khan (General Physician), Dr. Noor M Siddiqui (Medicine), Dr. Imran Khan (General Physician), Dr. Rehan Khan (Dentist), Md. Habibur Rahman (Optician), and Mr. Naushad Alam (Assistant).