Inauguration of Rayse AMU Murshidabad Academy

Prof. Anwar Khursheed, University Engineer, AMU inaugurated the Rayse AMU Murshidabad Academy at AMU Murshidabad Centre. The Academy is established under the aegis of Murshidabad Centre Educational and Welfare Society and is supported by AMU Alumni Association, Washington DC.

In his address, Prof. Khursheed congratulated the entire fraternity of Murshidabad Centre for initiating such outreach programs. He said that starting such an academy is an appropriate step towards spreading computer literacy among school children. Citing the example of Bridge Course for Madrasa teachers pioneered at AMU, he submitted that Madrasas form the largest chain of unorganized educational institutions in India. He emphasized on the need to integrate Madarsa education with modern education for the progress and development of not only Muslims but also the entire nation. Prof. Kursheed was accompanied by Mr. D A Nizami, staff member, AMU Building Department.

The President of the Society and Director of Murshidabad Centre Dr. Badaruddoza, explained the aims and objectives of the Academy. Expressing gratitude to Honorable Vice Chancellor of AMU, Lt. Gen. Zameeruddin Shah, Dr. Badaruddoza said that all credit goes to the administration team of AMU for their guidance and active support. He also conveyed sincere thanks to Mr. Sayed Naved, President of AMU Alumni Association, Washington DC. Addressing a huge gathering of school Principals, teachers and students, Dr. Badaruddoza pointed out that the condition of school education in the region is pathetic. It requires major interventions at the grassroots level instead of making namesake investments in infrastructure and changes in curriculum. He explained that in today’s competitive world our children are not getting the required set of skills that are demanded. He emphasized that modern challenges can be effectively tackled with more focus on computer education. He further elaborated that Rayse AMU Murshidabad Academy will impart keyboarding, computer-basics and Internet skills along with word-processing, spreadsheets, and presentation making dexterity to children. In order to challenge the high drop-out rate of students, especially girl students, the Academy will also teach google docs, google sheets and some aptitude games that will help in sustaining the interest of children.
Mr. Zulfikar, Headmaster, Qasimnagar High School said that local population has high expectations with AMU. This outreach program is another initiative of the University to reach out to the underprivileged sections of the society.

Earlier as per the traditions of Aligarh Muslim University, Mr. Irfan Karimi, MBA final year student recited a few verses of the Holy Quran. B. Ed. student Ms. Darakshan welcomed the guests.

The program was conducted by Dr. Syed Atif Jilani, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration. Assistant Professor Mr. Asraful Islam Ansari presented the vote of thanks.

The formal classes in the Academy will start from October 23, 2016 with an initial intake of 100 students.