Sir Syed Day Celebration at AMU Murshidabad Centre

The Aligarh Muslim University Murshidabad Centre celebrated the 198th Birth Anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan with all traditional gaiety and enthusiasm.

Quran-Khawani was organized in the Mosque after Zohr namaz, in which a large number of teachers and students recited the Holy Quran, and prayed for the founder of Aligarh Muslim University.

The commemoration ceremony was organized in the evening. The event started with the recitation of a few verses of the Holy Quran by Mr. Yaser, a student of MBA Final Year.

Welcoming the distinguished guests, alumni, teachers, students and non-teaching staff to event, Dr. Badaruddoza, Director, AMU Murshidabad Centre recalled his association with AMU as a student and the importance of Sir Syed day in those days. He urged the students to study the life history of Sir Syed, to draw lessons from it, and to implement the learning in their day-to-day life.

Addressing the large gathering of local alumni and well-wishers of AMU, Dr. Badaruddoza asked them in Bengali language to take a pledge that each and everyone would strive hard to eradicate illiteracy and backwardness from the region.

The Chief Guest of the function, Prof. Syed Samsul Alam, Founding Vice Chancellor, Aliah University, emphasized on the need of adopting the teachings of Sir Syed in real sense.

Underlining the contributions of Muslims in various domains, Prof. Alam said, “We need not to underestimate our inherent competencies. Rather, we all should develop a sense of confidence on our capabilities to achieve desired goals.”

Mrs. Saira Shah Halim, the Guest of Honour, congratulated the entire ‘Alig’ community, spread all over the world, on the auspicious occasion. Sharing her experiences as a corporate trainer, she told the students that they should not worry about any kind of discrimination if they have the skill set that the corporate and industry requires.

Mrs. Halim further said that Sir Syed wanted to build an institution on par excellence with Oxford and Cambridge and to fulfill this dream he left no stone unturned. Sir Syed’s struggle, for establishing a modern educational institute in India, has some very important lessons for all, even today.

AMU Alumni and President of Old Boys’ Association Behrampore, Mr. K G Murtuza, speaking on behalf of Old Boys expressed the desire to work more closely with the Centre in future. He said that SS Day is the occasion to revitalize the bond of ‘Alig Fraternity’ once again.
A large number of distinguished personalities attended the event. Among them were Mr. Badaruddoza Khan, Honorable Member of Parliament and AMU Court Member; Mr. Md. Sohrab, Honorable Member of Legislative Assembly; Mrs. Arjuman, wife of Director AMU Murshidabad Centre; Mr. S M Nabi, Regional Manager, State Bank of India; Mrs. Dilburba Sarkar, Member Child Welfare Committee; Ms. Rajalaxmi, MBA Queensland University. More than one hundred old boys of AMU attended the function along with their families from entire West Bengal.

Prizes distribution for various competitions was also held in the event. In essay writing, Mr. Samantak Chakraborty (MBA 1st year) got the first prize while the second and third prizes were bagged by BALLB first year students Ms. Aditi (BALLB 1st year) and Nooreen Rahman (BALLB 1st year), respectively.

In self-composed poetry, Mr. S M Irfan Karimi (MBA 1st year) stood first, Mr. M. Shahnawaz Hashmi (MBA IIInd year) got second and Ms. Rida Ahmad (BALLB 1st year) got the third prize.

In solo-singing competition, Mr. Saif Husain (BALLB IVth year) got the first prize, Ms. Shabiha (MBA IIInd year) stood second and Mr. Saif Ameen (MBA IIInd year) bagged the third prize.

In Just-a-Minute, the first prize was won by Mr. Saif Husain (BALLB IVth year), Mr Kamran Fazal (BALLB IIInd year) got the second while Mr. Ajrudin (BALLB 1st year) stood at third position.

Students of BALLB, Ms. Rukaiyya Saleem, presented a nazm on Aligarh Movement and Mr. Saif Husain mesmerized the audience with a beautiful song. MBA student Mr. Shahnawaz Hashmi recited self-composed poetry while Ms. Shabiha and Swapnil sang a duet song.

A Souvenir was also released by the Chief Guest, Prof. Alam on this occasion. The Souvenir was designed and published by Dr. Syed Atif Jilani, Public Relation Officer, AMU Murshidabad Centre.

The life history of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the details of Aligarh Movement and the establishment of AMU Murshidabad Centre were shown with the help of a film presented by Dr. Aminul Haque.

The program was conducted by Assistant Professors Dr. Mohd. Arif, Mr. Monirul Islam and Ms. Shabnam Parveen. Dr. Md. Junaid, Course Coordinator, BALLB course proposed the Vote of Thanks.