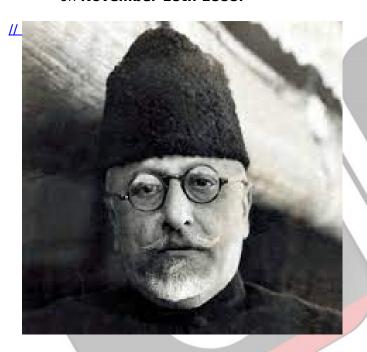


National Education Day 2024

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Recently, the **National Education Day (NED)** is observed annually on **11th November** to honour **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's** birth anniversary and his contributions to India's educational landscape. As **India's first Education Minister**, he played a crucial role in establishing foundational institutions and advocating for accessible and inclusive education.

■ The Government of India **first declared NED in 2008** to honour Azad's birth anniversary on **November 18th 1888**.



Achievements:

- He played a pivotal role in establishing the <u>University Grants Commission (UGC)</u>
 and <u>All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)</u>.
- Founded the <u>Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)</u>, <u>Sahitya Academy</u>, <u>Lalit Kala Academy</u>, <u>Sangeet Natak Academy</u>, and the <u>Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)</u>.

The Vision

• Launched **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur**, laying the foundation for India's premier technical education institutions.

Significance of National Education Day:

- Highlights education as a <u>fundamental right</u> essential for societal advancement and empowerment.
- Encourages students and educators to reflect on Azad's principles, fostering values of creativity and lifelong learning.
- Highlights educational issues, promoting discussions around reforms to address modern challenges in the Indian education system.

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