



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 **University Grants Commission (UGC)** and **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**.
- Founded the **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**, **Sahitya Academy**, **Lalit Kala Academy**, **Sangeet Natak Academy**, and the **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)**.
- 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 **fundamental right** 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.

Read more: [Abul Kalam Azad: National Education Day](#)

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