

## **PRESSURE ON EDUCATIONISTS TO BE ROLE MODELS UNDER INCREASING WESTERNIZATION**

To commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Awardee Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, who served the nation as first education minister of independent India for more than ten years from 1947 to 1958, a function was held by Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University Bathinda. Speaking on the occasion to a capacity full venue, Prof B D Sharma (Retd) spoke on the evolution of relationship between the student and teacher along with its impact on the society. "A teacher today not only needs to become a role model but a torch bearer to bring the young students out of the darker zone, which is surrounded by the West, said Sharma. He also answered various queries raised by the students and faculty during interactive session.

Professor Mohan Paul Singh Ishar, Vice Chancellor of MRSPTU, Bathinda congratulates the students and faculty on this occasion and said teachers are the parents who guide you without any ulterior motive.

Speaking on the occasion Professor R K Bansal, Dean Student Welfare of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University said that Government is striving hard to enlarge the base of education and its fruit to a percentage matching the developed countries. He further said that in India subsidized education is provided, as expenses on Higher education are not matching with the incoming fee, as compared to developed countries where it is too expensive. Paying rich tributes to Sh Abul Kalam Azad, Prof Bansal said that it was during the tenure of Azad, when first IIT, IISc, School of Planning and Architecture besides setting up of University Grants Commission, the UGC was completed. Azad was instrumental in establishing Sangeet Natak Academy, Lalit Kala Academy, Sahitya Academy and Indian Council for Cultural Relations ICCR, so that the spirit of competition and quality enhancement stays on the scene. Azad also advocated universal Primary education and girl education along with free and compulsory education for all children upto the age of 14 besides Vocational Training and Technical Education.

Professor Gursharan Singh, the Campus Director of Giani Zail Singh Campus College and Dean Academics of MRSPTU presided over the function. He told that students need to be put through such motivational lectures often and appreciated the interest exhibited by the students particularly during the interactive session. Besides students, Professor Savina Bansal, Professor of Electronics and Dean (R&D) MRSPTU, Professor Charanjit Singh, Professor Naveen Single, Professor Surinder Singh, Professor Veerpal Kaur, Professor Rakesh Singla and Professor Anupam Kumar Professor and Dean GZSCCET were also present. The Chief Organizer of the function, Professor Seema Sharma, Head Chemistry also spoke on the occasion and asked the students to have zeal and inquisitiveness in taking challenging assignments in life, to shape their personality.