



The Revolutionary Pen: Ideological Contribution of Maulana Azad's Journalism in Nationalism and Freedom

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Abstract

A salient weapon that change the society, Politics, make history, spread of ideas, exposes injustice and bring revolution without violence and so on known as Pen. Similarly the salient figure of India Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was one of the most important figure during colonial era, used his salient weapon as a tool to challenge the injustice and inspire a sense of national pride. As a writer and thinker, his important journals like Al-Hilal (1912) and Al-Balagh (1915) had a big impact on shaping political ideas during a key time in the movement for independence, work as powerful voice against British rule. This paper looks at how his journals helped build a spirit of nationalism in mother land, He gave efforts to brought Hindus and Muslims in same thoughts and ideology, and finally he was success in his goal and encouraged resistance against British control. The study shows how Azad changed the idea of journalism from just reporting facts to being a way to wake people up. Through powerful editorials, writing, and commentaries, he brought together Islamic values with democratic principles, stressing freedom, fairness, and self-dependence as both religious and national responsibilities. His understanding of Islam broke down barriers between different groups and offered a message that was relevant to both Muslims and others, countering the British efforts to create divisions in Indian society. Azad's writing also criticized British policies, highlighting issues such as unfair treatment, racial bias, and lack of basic rights. His brave words led to many restrictions, legal actions, and even jail time, showing both the strength of his powerful ideas and how much the colonial government feared their influence. Even with these challenges, his writings reached many people, inspiring young revolutionaries, leaders, and the general public with a vision of working together for a shared goal. The paper also places Azad's contributions within the broader context of nationalist journalism in India, comparing his work with that of other leaders like Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Mahatma Gandhi. It argues that Azad's unique strength was his ability to connect faith with politics, turning journalism into a powerful tool for spreading ideas and mobilizing people. In the end, the research shows that Maulana Azad's writing played a major role in India's freedom struggle and helped create the basis for a diverse, democratic nation. His journalism, filled with deep thought and strong moral beliefs, remains a powerful reminder of how ideas and words can change history.

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1. Introduction

In the realm of Indian nationalism, the role pen (writing) emerged as a salient weapon for ideological expression and mobilization, particularly during the freedom struggle against British colonial era. Work as a model figure during his tenure. He was the person who influence or inspire the people of this movement, He was the pivotal member of many movements in freedom struggle. He played key role in Dharasana satyagrah in 1931. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad stands out for his profound impact through his writings. His journalism not only articulated the aspirations of a diverse populace but also championed the cause of secularism and unity



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against communal divisions. The divide and rule ideology of Britishers were exposed by these writings. He was totally against two nation theory. As Azad navigated the complex socio-political landscape, he skillfully integrated the narratives of various marginalized communities, thereby fostering a sense of collective identity. This integration is crucial, as seen in insights from existing research that reveals the pivotal role of minority voices in shaping nationalist discourse, which remains relevant in examining how representative figures articulate communal identities in the context of broader societal conflicts (Iqbal, 2018). Furthermore, understanding Azad's contributions necessitates analyzing the dynamics between secular leaders and religious authorities prevalent in contemporary India. The history of India's fight for freedom is closely linked to the power of writing. Through newspapers, pamphlets, and passionate editorials, journalism became a key tool for awareness people, raising patriotism, and questioning the British rule. Among the great thinkers who used writing as a means of change, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad stands out. He was a scholar, leader, and journalist, blending knowledge with action in a way that made his writing both compelling and impactful. His work wasn't just about reporting events; it was a moral and ideological effort to define Indian nationalism and support the movement for independence.

1.1. Overview of Maulana Azad's role in Indian journalism and its impact on nationalism

Ghulam Mohi Uddin popularly as Maulana Abul Kalam Azad emerged as a pivotal figure in Indian journalism during the early 20th century, using the written word as a potent instrument for fostering nationalism and unity within a fragmented society. As social activist, freedom fighter, poet and later politician played multifaceted position in his entire life. His publications, notably *Al-Hilal*, presented a platform not only for a critique of colonialism but also for the exploration of a cohesive national identity that transcended religious and regional divides. In 1914 it was banned by British government followed by Urdu newspaper *Al-Balagh* 1916 and was expelled to Ranchi. Azad's journalistic endeavors underscored the importance of education and empowerment, aligning with broader movements advocating for women's rights and communal harmony, as seen in contemporary studies addressing the intersections of gender and education in post-colonial India. Furthermore, his ability to navigate the treacherous waters of political discourse established a literary legacy that significantly contributed to the ideological foundation of the Indian independence movement, fostering a sense of collective struggle against imperial oppression. Thus, Azad's journalism played a transformative role in shaping the contours of Indian nationalism. Born in 1888 into a family of scholars, Azad received his education in the traditional Islamic way and was skilled in Arabic, Persian, and Urdu. He was exposed to reformist Islamic thinkers such as Jamal al-Din al-Afghani early on, which helped broaden his understanding of the world. These influences inspired him to write about rational thinking, social change, and political action. By the time he was twenty-four, Azad had become one of the leading voices in Indian journalism, especially through his Urdu weekly *Al-Hilal*, which was published from 1912 to 1914. The newspaper had a large readership, was known for its clever writing, and was very critical of British rule. Because of this, it became very popular among nationalists but also a target of the British authorities. The government saw the paper as a threat and eventually banned it. Azad was also arrested and put in jail. However, the banning of *Al-Hilal* actually made Azad more famous, and he became a symbol of resistance against colonial rule. Azad believed that the fight against colonialism was not just about politics, but also about morality and culture. He used religious language and references from the Quran to frame the struggle for freedom as something sacred. This helped him reach Muslim readers who might not have supported a movement led mostly by Hindus. At the same time, he promoted the idea that India's identity was formed through the mixing of cultures over time, and he worked against ideas that tried to divide Hindus and Muslims. His belief in a shared Indian identity became a key part of his political ideas. He argued that true independence meant protecting the rights and dignity of all communities and ensuring peace among them. The strength of Azad's writing was

not just in his ideas, but also in his style. His Urdu writing used a mix of classical grace and urgent journalism, blending poetic expressions, historical facts, and logical arguments. This made his writing both deep and powerful. While other leaders focused on speeches and organization, Azad used the printed word as his main tool. He spoke out against colonialism, challenged false ideas about community divisions, and shared dreams of a free India that could unite people from different backgrounds. His later magazine, *Al-Balagh*, continued this mission until it was also banned by the British government. Azad's journalism was more than just a part of the freedom movement. It also laid the groundwork for many of the values that would shape India after independence. He supported freedom of the press, civil rights, education for all, and leaders who served the people. These ideas were part of his writing and later informed his role as India's first Minister of Education, where he helped build the country's educational and cultural systems. Therefore, his journalism can be seen as a way to prepare for his later work as a political leader. This paper argues that Azad's journalism was not something extra to his political life, but rather a central part of his thinking and shaping of ideas. By looking at his major journalistic works, especially *Al-Hilal* and *Al-Balagh*, and placing them in the context of early 20th-century Indian politics, the study shows how Azad used the press to develop an idea of nationalism that was against imperialism, inclusive, and based on moral values. It also looks at how his writing influenced discussions about unity among communities, changes in the constitution, education, and political leadership. Ultimately, Azad's journalism represents a kind of intellectual activism that combined the strength of tradition with the needs of modern times, and his influence continues to impact conversations about secularism, rights for minorities, and the role of media in democracy. By focusing on Azad's contributions as a journalist, this research brings back the importance of journalism in the study of India's freedom movement. It shows how the powerful writing of Maulana Azad helped shape the ideas behind India's freedom.

2. The Ideological Foundations of Maulana Azad's Journalism

The ideological foundations of Maulana Azad's journalism played a pivotal role in molding the Indian nationalist movement during the struggle for independence. Azad's writings emphasized the unity of various religious and cultural communities, advocating for a cohesive national identity that transcended sectarian divides. His journalistic endeavors sought to empower marginalized voices, particularly those of Muslims, thus redefining their role within the broader narrative of nationalism. This commitment to inclusivity and equity echoes the complexity of local conflicts in India, where identities have often been essentialized in the media discourse, as seen in research exploring tensions between Bengali Muslims and the Bodo Tribe (Iqbal, 2018). Azad's vision for a united India was not only a response to colonial repression but also aligned with contemporary debates on education and empowerment, reminding readers of the critical intersections between social identity and political agency. Through his revolutionary pen, Azad championed a nuanced understanding of freedom that encompassed both communal harmony and individual liberty.

In every time in history, young people have been at the heart of big changes. Their energy, ideas, and desire to question the old ways make them the natural leaders of change. During India's fight for freedom, one of the strongest tools to awaken young people wasn't weapons or battles, but words. Among many thinkers who used this power, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad stood out as a journalist whose writing not only criticized British rule but also inspired a generation of Indian youth to dream of independence, fairness, and unity. His journey shows how journalism can move beyond just reporting news to become a tool of resistance and a source of hope. Azad's career as a journalist started when India was politically broken, socially divided, and controlled by British rule. His newspapers, *Al-Hilal* and later *Al-Balagh*, were more than just magazines—they were battlefields of ideas. With their clear editorials and thoughtful articles, these publications gave Indian youth courage and a clear mind. At a time when many young Muslims were hesitant to join the freedom movement,

Azad's words helped them see freedom as both a political and spiritual duty. He reminded them that freedom from colonial rule was not only about politics but also about morality and faith. This powerful way of thinking helped bring people together and inspired young readers to look beyond religious differences in the larger goal of freedom. For today's youth, Azad's work offers at least three important lessons.

First, it displays the value of standing up for what is right. Without threat he criticized the colonial power of his tenure, even though he knew it could cost him his freedom, his jobs, and even life also. His refusal to give up on truth, even when faced with punishment or being banned, shows young people that having strong beliefs, ideas and being honest are key traits of strong leadership.

Second, the art of writings in a systematic way highlights the importance of a united nation. When political forces tried to divide India along religious ways, Azad imagined a country where people of all faiths—Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, and others—could live as equals. He believed India's strength came from its many cultures, and that freedom could only be real if it made everyone equal. In today's world, where division is still a big issue, Azad's vision reminds young people that real progress happens through unity, Equality and teamwork, not through divisions or splitting up.

Third, His art of writing shows the role or power of education and thinking critically. He always urged young Indians to learn, question outdated beliefs, and support change. He thought that being smart and thinking deeply was the base of political freedom, a belief that later influenced his work as the first Education Minister of independent India from 1947 to 1948. For today's youth, who face problems like false information and shallow views, Azad's example shows how important it is to think deeply, read widely, and act with knowledge. What makes Azad's work especially meaningful for today's youth is his ability to mix tradition with modern ideas. He used Islamic knowledge and Indian culture, yet he presented his ideas in a way that connected with modern political movements. He showed that it's possible to stay true to one's identity while also supporting universal values like justice, equality, and freedom. For young people today, who are trying to understand their place in a global world, Azad's balance gives a model for connecting with the past and shaping the future.

At the last "*The Revolutionary Pen*" is more than just a story about journalism during India's freedom struggle. It is a call to today's youth to see how powerful ideas can be. Maulana Azad proved that one person with strong beliefs, ideas, brave heart and a pen could challenge big empires and dismantled, change how people see each other, and create the foundation for democratic values. His ideas and ability encourages youngsters not to think their voices don't matter, whether they speak through writing, media, activism, or new ideas. The fight for freedom is in the past, but the fight for fairness, unity, and progress is ongoing, and youngsters will always be the main drivers of that change. The great examples like Mahatma Gandhi articles Harijan, The Common sense Pamphlet of Thomas Pie who inspired the Americans colonists to declare freedom.

2.1. Exploration of Azad's philosophical beliefs and their influence on his journalistic approach

Maulana Azad's philosophical beliefs are deeply interwoven with his journalistic approach, reflecting a commitment to intellectual rigor and a progressive vision for India's nationalism. His ideology and understanding of knowledge as a tool for empowerment shaped his writings, emphasizing the importance of education in fostering an informed citizenry capable of engaging in democratic discourse. His advocacy for unity among diverse religious and ethnic groups stemmed from a belief in India's pluralism, which he articulated through articles that encouraged cooperation over division. This perspective resonates with contemporary discussions on communal identities and social justice, highlighting the alignment of his ideas with modern feminist and anti-colonial thought, particularly as seen in the works addressing gender and

educational policy within post-colonial contexts and consequently, his journalism not only informed public opinion but also sought to mobilize a collective ethos rooted in equality and freedom.

3. The Role of Journalism in Mobilizing Nationalist Sentiment

The influence of journalism in shaping and mobilizing nationalist sentiment is profoundly illustrated through the work of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, whose writing served as both a catalyst and a beacon for the Indian independence movement. Azad's journalistic endeavors transcended mere reporting; they actively engaged the populace in a dialogue about national identity and collective purpose. His emphasis on multiculturalism and unity, as depicted in his autobiography, underscores a vision of India that is inclusive and diverse, essential for galvanizing a fractured society towards common goals. In addition, Azad's political activities, driven by his evolving understanding of Islam and its potential for fostering communal harmony, played a crucial role in rallying support against colonial rule. By advocating for Hindu-Muslim unity, he harnessed the power of journalism to inspire solidarity, positioning it as an essential tool in the struggle for freedom and self-determination.

3.1. Analysis of key articles and publications by Azad that galvanized public opinion against colonial rule

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's journalism serves as a pivotal force in shaping nationalist sentiments during the colonial period, especially through his key articles that challenged British authority and inspired public consciousness. His writings deftly navigated the intricate socio-political landscape, addressing communal tensions while advocating for unity among Indians against colonial rule. By engaging with significant movements such as the Khilafat, Azad sought to encourage collaboration between Muslims and Hindus, recognizing the necessity of a united front in the struggle for freedom. Furthermore, his critique of colonial narratives, particularly in the portrayal of immigrant communities, reflects a deep understanding of the historical context that fueled societal divisions. Azad's ability to articulate these complexities galvanized widespread support and highlighted the need for collective action against imperial oppression, solidifying his role as a transformative figure in the discourse surrounding Indian nationalism.

Reflection on the lasting legacy of Maulana Azad's journalism in the context of Indian nationalism and freedom movements

The enduring legacy of Maulana Azad's journalism is fundamental to understanding the ideological fabric of Indian nationalism and the broader freedom movements. Through his publications, Azad not only addressed the pressing socio-political issues of his time but also fostered a sense of unity among diverse communities, emphasizing shared struggles against colonial oppression. His articulation of ideas in the Urdu and English press highlighted the need for an inclusive nationalism that transcended communal lines, which remains relevant in discussions surrounding contemporary sociopolitical dynamics, particularly as different communities navigate identity and belonging in post-colonial India. Furthermore, Azad's focus on education as a powerful tool for empowerment aligns with modern feminist discourses that advocate for the education of women and girls, linking it to sustainable development and democratic participation. Thus, his journalistic efforts continue to inspire new generations advocating for social justice and equity.

Knowledge, Culture, and Progress: Azad's Role in India's Educational Transformation

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad helped build the country's modern education system. Worked as India's first Education Minister from 1947 to 1958, his ideas focused on promoting science and technology along with

education for everyone, combining traditional values with modern progress as known *Emperor of Learning*, some of his major contributions mentioned below as

Promotion of Scientific and Technical Education

According to the ideological view of Azad he stated that India's growth, development depended on science and technology. During his time, he set up top-class institutions to train researchers, students in field of science and technology, His several influential and foundational ideas which guide the India in field of science and technology. We remember His revolutionary pen which laid the foundation and strong base of nation and continue to guide for batter feature.

Universal Primary Education

MaulanaAzad highly supported free and compulsory education for children upto age of 14 years. He also believed in educating girls, and stated that a nation couldn't thrive without educating women. Thus the seeds of present India was sown by him.

Adult and Social Education

He initiated different programs to improve literacy, set up libraries, and started night schools to spread education, the aim was to become youth educated, regards, he established *the Board of Adult Education* to promote education in uneducated youth especially in rural areas. He believed education will help students get jobs and support the country's development.

Institutions and organizations

During his tenure, helped shape India's education system by starting or improving many important institutions.

1. University Grants Commission (UGC) – (1953) To regulate and fund higher education institutions
2. Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) He played a central role in establishing IIT Kharagpur in 1951, the first IIT, and laid the roadmap for others
3. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Set up to oversee technical education and maintain standards
4. Sahitya Akademi, Lalit Kala Akademi, and Sangeet Natak Akademi. He supported creation of these academies to preserve and promote India's literature, fine arts, and performing arts.
5. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Strengthened under his guidance to promote research in applied sciences
6. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore – Expanded and modernized under his support.
7. School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi – Encouraged to promote architectural education
8. Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) – (1950) Founded by him to promote India's cultural exchange with the world.

India is now frequently seen as a knowledge-based country, and a lot of this can be traced back to the ideas and policies introduced by Maulana Azad. The worldwide reputation of IIT graduates, the research output from Indian universities, and the rising literacy rates all have their origins in his vision. His strong belief in providing free education to children aligns with today's government efforts to boost literacy and promote digital education. Additionally, his approach of balancing scientific growth with the protection of cultural

heritage still influences India as it competes on the global stage while keeping its traditions alive. His role and ability in education went beyond just starting schools and colleges. He also shaped a way of thinking about learning that included inclusivity, modern ideas, and values. He believed that without education, true independence couldn't be achieved, and without scientific advancement, real progress would be impossible. Now, as India moves forward as a developing nation, its achievements in science, technology, and culture show how right Azad was. His ideas remind us that education is one of the most powerful tools for changing a nation, and the foundation he built is still helping India grow into a more advanced country. Azad strongly believed in bringing people together despite their differences. He thought education was the best way to build a strong nation. He focused on teaching materials that would encourage people to respect each other, appreciate different cultures, and live peacefully. In a country as varied as India, his vision helped education act as a unifying force, bringing people closer and helping shape a shared sense of national identity and social unity.

Legacy of Learning: Honors that Keep Maulana Azad's Vision Alive"

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (1888–1958) is a unique figure in modern Indian history, known as a freedom fighter, scholar, statesman, and educationist. His role in the political liberation of India and spreading intellectual awareness was significant. However, his most enduring contribution may be the strong foundation he laid for education when he became the first Education Minister of independent India. The Government of India and many other institutions have honored his exceptional service with awards, honors, and memorials, keeping his vision alive. These honors not only celebrate his achievements but also inspire future generations.

Bharat Ratna: The Nation's highest award

One of the most significant honors given to Maulana Azad is the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award. Even though he died in 1958, the Government of India gave him this award posthumously in 1992. This honor reaffirmed his efforts in shaping the nation's education system, promoting harmony among communities, and leading India during its early years after independence. Awarding him the Bharat Ratna acknowledged his vision for a literate, modern, and united India, which was crucial for the country's progress.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy

In the field of education and sports, the Government of India introduced the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy in 1956–57.

This prestigious award is given annually by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to the university that performs best in sports. The creation of this award reflects Azad's belief that education should not only focus on academics but also include physical health, discipline, and teamwork. Naming the award after him shows the Government's recognition of his comprehensive vision for education, which combined intellectual and physical growth.

National Education Day

Another lasting tribute to Maulana Azad's educational philosophy is the designation of his birthday, November 11, as National Education Day.

Since 2008, this day is observed nationwide to honor Azad's contributions to building India's modern education system. Schools, colleges, and universities across the country celebrate this day through events like seminars, debates, essay competitions, and cultural activities. These events focus on the importance of education in national development. This annual observance serves as both a tribute and a reminder of Azad's

insistence on free and compulsory education for all children up to the age of fourteen, which formed the basis of today's Right to Education (RTE) Act.

Institutions and Foundations

Beyond government awards, many educational institutions and foundations have been named after Maulana Azad to honor his legacy. These include:

Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT), Bhopal – a top institution for engineering and technology

Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad – promoting higher education in Urdu and modern sciences

Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) – established by the Ministry of Minority Affairs to improve educational opportunities for educationally disadvantaged groups, especially minorities

These institutions embody Azad's vision of inclusive education, cultural preservation, and technological advancement.

Scholarships and Memorials

In addition, various scholarships and memorials have been set up in his name to continue his mission of educational empowerment.

For example, the Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) for minority students pursuing higher studies reflects his deep concern for marginalized communities and his belief in education as a means of social mobility. His name is also associated with libraries, auditoriums, and cultural centers across the country, ensuring that his contributions remain a visible part of India's intellectual and cultural landscape.

Legacy Beyond Awards

The honors given to Maulana Azad by the Government of India and other institutions go beyond mere recognition; they represent a continuous conversation with his vision.

His legacy lies in the idea that education is both a right and a responsibility, and that national progress depends on creating opportunities for all sections of society. The awards and memorials in his name remind India of its ongoing task – to achieve full literacy, universal access to quality education, and social harmony through knowledge.

Azad's legacy continues to live on in history books and through the awards, foundations, and observances that honor him.

The Bharat Ratna confirmed his place among India's greatest leader, the Maulana Azad Trophy reflects his vision of holistic education; National Education Day keeps his educational ideals alive every year; and institutions like MANIT, MANUU, and MAEF turn his dreams into reality. Together, these honors ensure that Azad's vision continues to guide India's journey toward becoming a fully developed nation. His life and legacy remind us that education, culture, and unity are the pillars on which a nation stands.

4. Conclusion

Maulana Azad's journalism serves as a monumental testament to the role of intellectual discourse in the struggle for nationalism and freedom in India. His writings not only articulated the aspirations of a diverse populace but also forged a cohesive narrative that transcended communal divides. By advocating for unity

and cultural renaissance, Azad significantly influenced the ideological framework of the Indian independence movement. The contributions of leaders like Azad underscore a critical understanding of how ideological narratives can galvanize collective action, reinforcing the value of media as a catalyst for social change. Ultimately, Azad's legacy in journalism remains a cornerstone for understanding the intersecting trajectories of nationalism and freedom in a rapidly evolving socio-political landscape. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's story as a journalist shows how writing can be a tool for freedom. When India was under British control, Azad showed that strong ideas, expressed clearly and honestly, could have as much power as any physical force in bringing people together. Through his newspapers, *Al-Hilal* and *Al-Balagh*, he not only showed how unfair British rule was but also gave hope and strength to Indians, especially young people, with a vision of freedom that went beyond religious or community divisions. Azad's ideas were built on three main parts. The first was his strong belief against colonialism. He was one of the most outspoken critics of British rule, which made him a target. The authorities tried to stop him with censorship, fines, and jail, but his message kept spreading, proving that truth can't be silenced. His courage reminds people that fighting for justice needs bravery even when facing difficulty. The second part was his idea of a united India, where all communities could live together.

During a time when people were being divided along religious lines, Azad rejected both division and separation. He believed that India's culture came from many different groups working together, and no one group owned the nation alone. This vision of unity remains a lasting legacy, especially in today's discussions about togetherness, religious tolerance, and diversity. The third part was his belief in the power of knowledge and education to free people. He encouraged his readers to think logically, reject empty beliefs, and support change. He thought that a well-educated and thoughtful population was essential for real freedom. This idea later helped shape India's education system after independence, but its start was in his writing. For today's youth, who deal with misleading information and manipulated ideas, Azad's message about the importance of smart thinking is more important than ever. Looking at Azad's legacy, it's clear that his journalism wasn't just about telling what was happening. It was a form of active thinking, where each article was meant to wake people up to the bigger picture. His writing had a strong sense of right and wrong, combined with good arguments, old wisdom, and modern hopes. This helped build the foundation of the freedom movement in India. The importance of Azad's journalism goes beyond the time of fighting for independence.

In today's world, where people are divided, the world is full of uncertainty, and trust in the media is fading, his example shows how honest writing can change things. He reminds us that the press, when honest and responsible, can protect democracy, bring people together, and push society forward. In the end, The Revolutionary Pen of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad is more than just a part of India's history. It shows the lasting power of words to fight against unfairness of British colonial era, inspire people to come together, and guide the path to freedom. His writings not only helped India achieve independence but also provide a guide for building a fair, educated, and united society. For today's youth, his legacy is both something to learn from and a challenge to use their own "pens" whatever form that might take with courage, wisdom, and responsibility in the ongoing effort to create a better world.

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