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In order to facilitate the *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*, three-day Exhibition from 1st to 3rd October, 2021 based on *Mahatma Gandhi & Lal bahadur Shastri* was jointly organized by the Departments of Ancient History, Medieval History & Urdu, Hamidia Girls' Degree College, Prayagraj in collaboration with UP Regional Archives, Prayagraj. The Exhibition was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Prof. Heramb Chaturvedi, Dean, College Development, Faculty of Arts, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj. In this exhibition rare historical records on Mahatma Gandhi and Lal bahadur Shashtri were exhibited. It was followed by **Symposium**. The programme was started with *Hamd* presented by a student, Bouquet and momento were also presented to the guests by the students of the College.



Seated on the dias left to right - Mrs. Naseha Usmani, Asso. Prof. Dept. of Urdu, HGDC, Dr. Yusufa Nafees, Principal, HGDC, Prof. Heramb Chaturvedi, Dean, CD, UoA, Prof. Shabnam Hameed, HoD, Urdu, UoA, Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma, T.A. (History) & Mr. Harish Chandra Dubey, T.A. (Sanskrit)

Chief Guest, Prof. Heramb Chaturvedi appreciated the exhibition and considered it an extra ordinary effort to bring out historical facts and events. He emphasized that Gandhi ji and Lal Bahadur Shastri are still relevant in the present time. He highlighted the realities of their life and ideas. He explained Gandhi's ideology of *Satyagrah* in real sense. He gave various references related to it e.g. the autobiography written by Gandhiji, *My Experiments with Truth*. His Satyagarah was not passive resistance. Gandhiji also appealed to the public to maintain health and hygiene. He also said that Lal bahadur Shastri was very honest and followed the ideology of Gandhiji in his behavior.

Guest of Honour, Prof. Shabnam Hameed, HoD, Urdu, UoA valued the efforts of the College and Regional Archives in this connection. She said that Gandhiji's good habit of sanitization is praiseworthy. She complimented on Lal Bahadur Shastri's simplicity. She also suggested that the works done on the topic be translated in other languages also.

Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma, Technical Assistant (History) and Mr. Harish Chandra Dubey, Technical Assistant (Sanskrit) Govt. Manuscript Library were also spoke on the occasion and congratulated the Principal of the College. Dr. Shakra Talat, Technical Assistant (Persian) and Mr. Shailendra Yadav, Technical Assistant (Preservation) were also presented.

On this occasion of *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*, Dr. Zareena Begum, Asso. Prof., Dept. of Urdu presented her collection of Nazm, *Swatantrata Andolan Urdu Shayri ke Aine mein* and *Nuqush-e-Gandhi*. Dr. Nuzhat Fatima, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Medieval History presented her work on *Role of women of Allahabad in Freedom Struggle*. Dr. Saba Samreen Ansari, Guest Faculty presented her work on *Nazeer Banarasi*. Students also presented Nazm. Alumni of the College, Ms. Rozeena Ansari presented her transliteration of 75 Nazm on *Tahreek-e-Azadi*.

Earlier, Principal of the College, Dr. Yusufa Nafees delivered the welcome address. National Anthem was sung by the College students. Dr. Naseha Usmani, Associate Professor, Dept. of Urdu, HGDC was presented vote of thanks and also conducted the programme.