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**Lucknow 05<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Eminent Urdu Scholar, Poet, Critic and Journalist, Syed Taqi Hasan Abedi from Toronto, Canada visited Integral University on Thursday to deliver a Scholarly lecture on “Contribution of Urdu poetry in freedom struggle and opportunities and challenges faced by Urdu Language.

Apart from having deep interest in urdu literature, Dr Abidi is a well-known Physician in Toronto. Speaking on the occasion, he covered a period of last 200 years of the growth of Urdu poetry and its contribution in Indian national movement. He emphasised the importance of Urdu language in Indian National Fabric and made it clear that Urdu took birth in Indian soil and Hindus and Muslims alike have contributed in the growth of its literature. While narrating the services of Hindu writers and poets he mentioned the names of Pandit Brij Narayan Chakbast, Ratan Nath Sarshar, Munshi Nawal Kishor etc. the fatherly figures of Urdu, who belong to the soil of Lucknow. Dr Taqi also mentioned that Urdu is facing lot of challenges during present date socio political scenario.

The Vice Chancellor of the Integral University, Prof SW Akhtar also addressed the audience. While welcoming Dr Taqi in the University, he described the importance of mass revival of interest in Urdu literature. In his typical scholarly manner he explained the present status of urdu and highlighted the need to learn and propagate this sweet language which has given the sweet song “Saare Jahan se Acha Hindustan Hamara” to us. The program was addressed by Dr Mr Anees Ansari, Retd IAS who highlighted the importance of urdu. The program was highly impressive and all senior professors, HOD, Deans and students appreciated the issues raised by learned speakers and it was unanimously felt that the cause of Urdu is to be taken up as a mass movement.

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