

Name: Prof. Jagan Nath Azad (Urdu: جگن ناتھ آزاد)

Date of Birth: 5 December 1918 – 24 July 2004

He was an Urdu poet, writer and [academician](#). He wrote over 70 books, including poetry collections, poems, biographies, and travelogues.

He was an authority on the life, philosophy and works of [Muhammad Iqbal](#). He served as President of the Iqbal Memorial Trust for a term of five years (1981–1985).

Azad was elected vice-president of [Anjuman Taraqqi-i-Urdu \(Hind\)](#) (a national body for the promotion of Urdu under the [Ministry of Human Resource Development](#)) in 1989 and President in 1993, remaining in this office till his demise.^[2]

He was at his writing desk until fifteen days before he died – of carcinoma and a brief illness – at the Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre in New Delhi, India on 24 July 2004. He was 84 and is survived by his wife and five children.