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AEEDU is a non-profit organization, registered under Societies Registration Act 1860. It has been formed by a group of eminent persons from different fields who have achieved noteworthy positions in their respective spheres of Education, Culture, Administration, and Business, with a common Endeavour towards fostering education and its betterment leading towards appropriate vocational fulfillment.

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AEEDU Organizes Stakeholders' Meeting in Hyderabad to Explore Funding Opportunities

Hyderabad, October 3, 2024 – Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) convened a stakeholders' meeting at SEPL Hotel in Hyderabad to discuss issues related to education and explore funding opportunities. The meeting was attended by prominent personalities, including Dr. S. Y. Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner of India; Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel; Syed Mahmood Akhter, CEO of AEEDU; M. Shakeel, Business Head at KH Polychem; and Mrs. Farida Hussain, President of the All-India Women's Conference, Hyderabad. Business leaders, educationists, and representatives from the corporate and nonprofit sectors also participated in the meeting. Dr. Quraishi emphasized upon the importance of raising awareness about welfare schemes offered by Central and State governments. He recommended engaging state resident commissioners to enhance outreach and forming alliances with like-minded organizations to streamline efforts. Stressing the need for skill development, he proposed focused courses in English and personality development, particularly benefiting students from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).



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Mrs. Farida Hussain addressed the critical education gap among students in grades 8 to 12, advocating for targeted interventions during this crucial period. She suggested leveraging platforms like Rekhta to support Urdu medium schools and initiatives to bridge performance disparities between high-achieving and struggling students.

Mr. Suhel Khan, Managing Director of TWG Group, highlighted the importance of using data from NASSCOM to design effective skill development programs. He stressed the need for strong communication skills to enhance employability and proposed the creation of a YouTube channel to serve as an easily accessible repository of educational content for students.

Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel underscored the need for minority groups to unite in pursuit of equitable educational opportunities. He shared his university's recent success in admitting seven Muslim students, showcasing the power of inclusivity in education. Ms. Seema Sultana, Business Head of SEPL Hyderabad, offered to organize a three-day wellness awareness program for teachers, focusing on enhancing their mental and physical well-being.

At last, Syed Mahmood Akhter, CEO, AEEDU delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation covering AEEDU's past activities and its projected plan for the next two years. He emphasized upon the pressing need for securing funding to support AEEDU's office expenses and ongoing projects. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks.

AEEDU Organizes Interactive Session on Educational and Vocational Guidance with Renowned Career Counsellor Mr. Anees Kutty

New Delhi, October 9, 2024 – Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) organized an interactive session on Educational and Vocational Guidance at its office in Nizamuddin West, New Delhi. The keynote address was delivered by renowned career coach and mathematician, Mr. Anees Kutty. It aimed to offer students valuable guidance on their educational and career paths while shedding light on various academic opportunities.

Mr. Kutty interacted with a diverse group of students from schools including V.B.M. Senior Secondary School, Apeejay School, GB Pant SBV, Syed Abid Hussain Senior Secondary School, among others. Several students, including Abdul Ahad, Talha Khan, Abdus Samad, Amanullah, Farman Ali, Arzoo, and Khushi, participated in the session. The program began with a warm welcome from the CEO to the Keynote speaker and participants.



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In his opening remarks, Mr. Akhter highlighted AEEDU's significant initiatives to enhance educational access for underprivileged students across India. He spoke about the organization's ongoing efforts, including the establishment of study centres in various regions, providing academic guidance, and organizing teacher capacity-building programs.

Mr. Kutty engaged the students with an interactive and lively session, encouraging them to discuss their academic goals and interests openly. The students actively participated, asking questions about their career paths, and Mr. Kutty provided them with thoughtful and practical advice.

Throughout the session, Mr. Kutty emphasized on the importance of preparing for competitive exams, particularly the National Defence Academy (NDA) examination, advising students to aim for it until the age of 19.

He reassured them that even if they did not clear the NDA exam, their preparation would not be in vain, as it would open doors to other career opportunities. Subsequently, Mr. Kutty suggested AEEDU to consider starting coaching programs for students aspiring to attend institutions such as Navodaya Vidyalayas.

He also encouraged students to consider preparing for renowned institutes like BITS Pilani, the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), and the Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI), which offer excellent opportunities for academic growth. He placed special emphasis on mathematics, describing it as a subject that holds vast potential for success in competitive exams and various career fields.

Mr. Kutty offered AEEDU to send their teachers to Pune for training at his institute, completely free of cost. This aims to enhance the teaching capabilities of teachers and further strengthen the educational support provided to students.

Lt. Col. S. J. M. Jafri, who participated in the session, also interacted with the students and guided them in many aspects. The session was attended by AEEDU officials, including Syed Mahmood Akhter, CEO of AEEDU, Professor B.S. Butola, AEEDU's Research In-Charge, Mr. Mohammad Umair, Project Officer at AEEDU, Other participants included Dr. Mahfooz Alam and Mr. Mohammad Kashif, among others. Mr. Kutty was accompanied by his team, including Mr. Shahrukh Khan and Mr. Asif.



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AEEDU holds meeting to discuss Educational and Social Initiatives

New Delhi, October 10, 2024 – A meeting of AEEDU office bearers was convened by Dr. S.Y. Quraishi, President of AEEDU, on October 10, 2024, at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The meeting, attended by key members including Dr. S. Y. Quraishi (President, AEEDU), Mr. Ekramul Haque (Coordinator, Mission Taaleem), Ms. Iqra Qureshi (Director, Personality Development and Career Counselling, Jamia Hamdard), Syed Mahmood Akhter (CEO, AEEDU), Prof. B.S. Butola (Research in charge, AEEDU), and Mr. Mohammad Umair (Project Officer), focused on reviewing ongoing educational and social initiatives.

During the meeting, Mr. Ekramul Haque provided an overview of Mission Taaleem's work over the past 10-12 years. The organization has facilitated the admission of approximately 31,000 EWS students in schools across Delhi and other states through its efficient and cost-free methodology. Volunteers address parent requests by approaching schools and, if necessary, pursuing legal action to ensure students' rights without financial burdens on families.

Additionally, Mission Taaleem has successfully secured fee refunds, amounting to up to ₹60,000 annually for some EWS students, by employing similar legal interventions.



The organization also supports access to government welfare schemes such as the Laadli Yojana, aiding girls under seven years of age with benefits of up to ₹1,00,000 for students in classes 1, 6, 9, and 11. Furthermore, they advocate for widow, divorcee, and differently-abled pensions. Mr. Haque highlighted the organization's open-door policy at their Kabir Nagar office and stressed the importance of required documentation, which is detailed on their website.

Ms. Iqra Qureshi shared her extensive experience in career counselling spanning 15 years. She emphasized the importance of counselling both parents and students to combat dropout rates, disinterest in studies, and the challenges posed by modern distractions such as excessive mobile phone and YouTube usage. She expressed her willingness to collaborate with Mission Taaleem's counselling Centres and AEEDU's study Centres in Delhi, offering her expertise to enhance their impact.

Dr. S. Y. Quraishi commended the initiatives spearheaded by Mission Taaleem and Ms. Iqra Qureshi, particularly their commitment to education and welfare. He suggested reconsidering the organization's nomenclature to foster inclusivity and broader community acceptance.

The meeting concluded with support for the initiatives discussed, reaffirming AEEDU's commitment to its mission of educational and social upliftment.

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AEEDU Officials Meet Dr. Rahman Khan to Discuss Research Progress and Future Initiatives



New Delhi, October 26, 2024 – An important meeting was held between Dr. Rahman Khan, former Union Minister of Minority Affairs, Prof. B. S. Butola, and Syed Mahmood Akhter at Dr. Rahman Khan's residence to discuss the research advancements and future plans of AEEDU.

The discussion also covered the conceptual evolution and the role of civil society and NPIs in shaping India's socio-economic landscape.

A particular focus was placed on the pressing issues of declining enrolment and increasing dropout rates among students from vulnerable groups, especially those belonging to the Muslim community. These trends underscored the need for immediate interventions to support educational opportunities for underprivileged children.

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Dr. Rahman Khan praised AEEDU's research efforts and offered valuable suggestions for broadening the scope of their studies. He recommended conducting research on the donations and contributions received by India under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) to analyze their patterns and impact. Additionally, he advised procuring data on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contributions, particularly those directed towards educational institutions managed by minority communities, to better understand their role in supporting educational development.

AEEDU Celebrates National Education Day to Honor Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

New Delhi, November 11, 2024 – Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) organized an interactive session at its office to mark National Education Day and pay tribute to the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister and a pioneer of modern education.

The event was graced by the presence of AEEDU's CEO, Syed Mahmood Akhter, along with Prof. B.S. Butola, Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, Syed Karim, Mr. Mohammad Umair, Mr. Mohd Ayaz Khan, Juned Ahmed, Mohd Amaan Hussain, and Ms. Muskan. Four students from the Dargah Common Study Centre also participated in the event.

The session highlighted Maulana Azad's immense contributions to education and his vision of a progressive, inclusive India. Syed Mahmood Akhter, in his address, emphasized on the importance of education and encouraged participants to carry forward Maulana Azad's legacy by making education accessible to the underprivileged.

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Prof. B.S. Butola reflected on the transformative impact of education on marginalized communities and AEEDU's ongoing efforts to bridge educational disparities. Mr. Mohammad Umair, Project Officer at AEEDU, shared insights into the organization's initiatives, including its study centers and skill development programs. The students from the Study Centre expressed their gratitude to AEEDU for its support in creating educational opportunities.

AEEDU Hosts Second AGM (2023-24) and Stakeholders' Meet at C. D. Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre

New Delhi, December 1, 2024 – Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) organised its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and a Stakeholders' Meet at the C.D. Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre. The event brought together stakeholders, donors, and esteemed personalities dedicated to empowering underprivileged sections of society through education, research, skill development, and entrepreneurship.

The AGM commenced at 10:45 AM with a warm welcome from CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter.

Dr. S. Y. Quraishi, President of AEEDU, delivered the inaugural address, reflecting on the organization's accomplishments and outlining future objectives. Dr. Quraishi highlighted AEEDU's pivotal role in fostering education and skill-building opportunities and acknowledged the financial constraints under which the organization is functioning. He also emphasized on AEEDU's commitment to managing study centres across India despite these challenges. Furthermore, he shared promising developments, including generous donations such as 12 laptops from the Dawoodi Bohra community, pledges of support from Rotary Club, and an offer of 100 computers and laptops from IILM University.



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Mr. Saeed Shervani, Treasurer, AEEDU presented the Annual Accounts, duly audited by the CA Mr Sudir Gupta. The treasurer reported that AEEDU had managed to recover a ₹19 lakh deficit from the previous financial year.

The organization currently holds ₹2 lakh in its account. Mr. Gupta, AEEDU's Chartered Accountant, was there on dais to deal with the queries from participants in this regard. The general body unanimously approved the accounts along with the minutes of the previous AGM held in December 2023.

It was decided to dissolve the present Governing Body and to induct it afresh in the days to come. The AGM further empowered the Founder Members to reconstitute the Governing Body. Additionally, the reappointment of AEEDU's auditors was endorsed by the members. Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah praised AEEDU's efforts and requested the acting president to continue in his role. Janab Shahid Siddiqui stressed the need to reorient AEEDU's activities to solidify its position as a facilitator among nonprofit organizations.

The Stakeholders' Meet commenced at 12:00 PM, attracting a broader audience and featuring an impressive lineup of speakers and presentations. Dr. Quraishi welcomed participants once again, emphasizing AEEDU's critical contributions to improving education and skill development outcomes for underprivileged communities. This was followed by an engaging address by CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter, who showcased visuals of AEEDU's Common Study Centres, demonstrating their positive impacts on learning outcomes for underprivileged children.



Prominent speakers shared their experiences and insights. Mamoon Akhter narrated his transformative journey in Tikia Para, Kolkata, where he grew many schools starting with 6 students to 6,000 at present. Professor Furqan Qamar offered valuable suggestions to enhance AEEDU's efforts, while Iqra Quraishi proposed establishing Personality Development Centres across India and expressed her willingness to contribute on a voluntary basis.

Other speakers included Mufaddal Shakir, representing the Dawoodi Bohra community, who praised AEEDU's initiatives and extended his blessings, and Dr. Raihan Akhtar, who shared the successful completion of a ₹10 crore project in his hometown, Jaunpur. Mr. Samar Alam discussed the establishment of two Common Study Centres under AEEDU. It was further enriched by speeches from Mr. Asif Habib, Mr. Himanshu Gupta, Ms. Huma Khalil, Mr. Ameer Ahmad, Dr. Chandra Shekhar Pran, and several others. They all commended AEEDU's impactful work and shared valuable suggestions to enhance its initiatives.

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The event featured the release of two significant research data inventory and Entrepreneurship Module. Prof. B. S. Butola, AEEDU’s Research In-Charge, launched a research report documenting the organization’s impact and future strategies, and highlighted the paucity of data including census which is adversely impacting the research outcomes. Prof. Asiya Chaudhary from AMU introduced an Entrepreneurship Module named “BEST” aimed at fostering self-reliance among stakeholders and unemployed youth.

The AEEDU team, comprising Syed Mahmood Akhter, CEO, Prof. B.S. Butola, Research in charge, and Mr. Mohd Ayaz Khan, Project Officer, was invited to Vision International Academy by Mr. Ameer Ahmad, Chairman of the Manappat Foundation. At J.U. Islamia Inter College, the team was hosted by the school treasurer Mr. Khalil Ahmad and principal Masoom Ali Tyagi.



The team was warmly welcomed at Vision International Academy, Phulat by the school principal Dr. Abdul Azeem Durrani, who provided an overview of the academy's vision and achievements. The principal highlighted that the school caters to 273 students from grades 8 to 12, all of whom are Hafiz-e-Quran. Many alumni have successfully enrolled in premier institutions such as Jamia Millia Islamia, Aligarh Muslim University, and Jamia Hamdard. The academy, known for its holistic approach to education, draws students from seven states.

A heartwarming segment of the event involved children from AEEDU’s Common Study Centres, who were invited on stage to share their experiences. They expressed gratitude for the support they received from AEEDU in enhancing their educational skill. Teachers, including Mr. Mohd. Amaan Hussain and Ms. Muskan appointed by AEEDU to teach in the Common Study Centres, presented the remarkable progress being made at the Centres.

During the visit, the principal introduced the delegation to the students and presented a video showcasing the school's journey and accomplishments. Delegation members, including Syed Mahmood Akhter and Prof. Butola, addressed the students, inspiring them with their insights.

AEEDU Delegation Visits Vision International Academy, Phulat and J.U. Islamia Inter College, Kutesra

A delegation from the Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU), New Delhi, visited Vision International Academy, Phulat, and J.U. Islamia Inter College, Kutesra, Muzaffarnagar, on December 7, 2024, to explore and learn from the best practices implemented in these institutions, as well as, to explore the challenged faced by these schools.

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The delegation praised the academy for its innovative practices and emphasized that such models could serve as a benchmark for other institutions. The CEO proposed to facilitate a collaboration between Vision International Academy and Falcon Group of Institutions to provide online classes. Subsequently, the CEO made a video call to Mr. Abdul Subhan, the Managing Director of the Falcon Group of Institutions, which he graciously agreed to offer online classes for the students. The visit concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks.

At J.U. Islamia Inter College, Kutesra the AEEDU team received warm welcome from School Principal Mr. Masoom Ali Tyagi and treasurer Mr. Khalil Ahmad. The visit began with classroom interactions with students from grades 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12.



Members of Delegation engaged the students in discussions about academics, career aspirations, and personal challenges.

They offered practical advice and motivational insights to help students navigate their educational journeys effectively. An important highlight of the interaction was overwhelming majority of the girls students across all the classes and their confidence and concern about their studies and future plans. Following the classroom sessions, the delegation held a meeting with the teaching staff in the staff room to discuss the school's needs and challenges. The staff highlighted the urgent requirement for good English and Math teachers to address the academic needs of the students more effectively. They also emphasized on the necessity of a well-equipped chemistry lab to enhance the learning experience. In response, the delegation assured the school management of their commitment to making efforts to fulfil these needs. Principal Masoom Ali Tyagi, along with the staff members, expressed heartfelt gratitude for the delegation's valuable insights and their willingness to support the institution.



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Team AEEDU meets with Mr. Manish Gupta, AD at Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

New Delhi, December 11, 2024 – A team from AEEDU, comprising Mr. Mohammad Umair, Project Officer and Mr. Mohd Ayaz Khan, visited Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi, to meet with Mr. Manish Gupta, AD, at the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various items related to skill development and to follow up on previous meetings between AEEDU's founders and the Hon'ble Minister, as well as a subsequent meeting between Syed Mahmood Akhter and Secretary Shri Atul Tiwari.

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome from Mr. Manish Gupta, who immediately acknowledged AEEDU's efforts in promoting quality education and skill development. He conveyed high regards for AEEDU's initiatives and noted that the Hon'ble Minister also appreciates the organization's contributions.

Mr. Gupta provided an overview of various schemes run by the Ministry through its departments. When queried about the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) scheme, he explained that each district has a provision of one JSS Centre, emphasizing the Ministry's current focus on strengthening existing JSSs rather than establishing new ones.

However, he encouraged AEEDU to review the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) schemes, which include provisions for special proposals by institutions outside the regular schemes.

Mr. Mohammad Umair elaborated on AEEDU's various initiatives, which were commended by Mr. Gupta. When asked about funding opportunities for skill development courses under AEEDU, Mr. Gupta suggested exploring collaboration with the Sector Skill Councils (SSCs). He provided a detailed list of 36 SSCs, including the contact details of their CEOs, who could be approached for further guidance.



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Mr. Umair highlighted AEEDU's recently developed module on entrepreneurship for students, providing a set of the module and other documents, which is ready for implementation. He inquired about potential support from the Ministry for this initiative. Mr. Gupta suggested to contact the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), a premier organization under the Ministry engaged in training, consultancy, and research to promote entrepreneurship and skill development. He specifically mentioned Dr. Poonam Sinha, Director of NIESBUD, and proposed to meet with her to explore opportunities for launching the entrepreneurship module.

On the topic of special projects under PMKVY, Mr. Gupta suggested AEEDU and its Centres to develop and submit a detailed project proposal for skill development. Although the new version of PMKVY is yet to receive approval from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Mr. Gupta assured that special projects would be welcomed once the program is officially sanctioned.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with Mr. Gupta expressing his support for AEEDU's efforts and initiatives.

AEEDU Establishes Seven Common Study Centres across India

Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) has marked a significant achievement by setting up seven Common Study Centres in various locations of India. Since its inception on June 7, 2021, AEEDU has been committed to enhancing educational opportunities for underprivileged students, with a special focus on minorities and women. This initiative aims to bridge the educational gap in underprivileged communities, fostering academic excellence and career readiness among the most vulnerable sections of society.

These Common Study Centres provide a comprehensive support system for students. They offer access to educational resources and academic guidance ensuring holistic development.



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AEEDU team members regularly visit all Centres to motivate students and guide them in shaping their educational and career aspirations.

The seven Common Study Centres are strategically located across New Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar. Each center operates in collaboration with local partners. These Centres currently support hundreds of students. It reflects AEEDU's commitment to making a difference in the lives of underprivileged communities

These Centres address the specific challenges faced by students in their respective localities, with a focus on subjects like English, Mathematics, Science, and Computer Education.

To guarantee quality education, AEEDU has appointed qualified teachers at these Centres. Notably, Mohd Amaan Hussan and Ms. Muskan, alumni of Delhi Public School, are teaching English, Mathematics, and Science at the Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin Centre in New Delhi.

Similarly, Ms. Amana Khatoon, an experienced English teacher, provided consistent guidance to students at the City Public Library Centre for a month.

List of Common Study Centres (CSC)		
Name	Collaboration	Address
CSC-1	Jamiatul Quran Nizamia	Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi
CSC-2	City Public Library	Sadar Thana Rd., Sadar Bazaar, New Delhi
CSC-3	Shah Waliullah Library	Pahari Imli, Choori Walan Road, Delhi
CSC-4	Jamia Tahfeez ul Quran Educational Trust	Nuh, Haryana
CSC-5	Madarsa Darul Uloom	Kithore, Meerut
CSC-6	Modern Global School	Bilauli Chawk, Bachharpur, Sitamarhi
CSC-7	Modern Educational Private ITI	East Mahsaal, Pupri Road, Sitamarhi, Bihar

