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## AEEDU Organizes Interactive session at Nizamuddin Dargah Common Study Centre

New Delhi: January 1, 2025 – Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) organized an interactive session at the Nizamuddin Dargah Common Study Centre on the occasion of New Year. This study center plays a vital role in catering to the academic needs of underprivileged students, supported by two dedicated and qualified teachers, Mr. Mohd Amaan Hussain and Ms. Muskan.

The programme was attended by AEEDU officials, including CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter, Mr. Mohammad Umair, and Mr. Mohd Ayaz Khan, as well as prominent AEEDU members such as Syed Mahboob Islam Nizami and Mr. Shamim Uddin. The highlight of the event was the participation of the students and their teachers.

The program commenced with a warm welcome and inspiring words from Syed Mahmood Akhter, who praised the students and teachers for their commitment to education. During the session, students showcased their learning by reading excerpts from their textbooks. The teachers shared their experiences, highlighting the academic progress of the students.

They emphasized that while the students are working diligently to improve their academics, there is a need for special sessions on personality development to enhance their overall growth. In response, Syed Mahmood Akhter assured the teachers that efforts would be made to organize such sessions, potentially with the involvement of Madam Iqra Quraishi. The event concluded with a heartfelt dua made by the Imam Sahab, praying for the success of the center and the students. At the end, refreshments were distributed among the students, marking a joyous and motivating start to the New Year.



## AEEDU Organizes Counselling Session with Iqra Quraishi for Students and Parents

New Delhi: January 10, 2025 – Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) conducted a counselling session with well-known career counselor and Personality Development Trainer Madam Iqra Quraishi at its office. The session was attended by over 20 students and parents, including teachers from AEEDU’s Dargah Study Centre. AEEDU officials, including CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter, Project Officer Mohammad Umair, Mr. Mohd Ayaz Khan, and Mr. Juned Ahmad, were also present.



The programme commenced with an interactive session where students and parents shared their challenges. Students discussed the difficulties they face at home and school, while parents highlighted issues related to their children's education and upbringing. The interaction provided valuable insights into the obstacles faced by both groups, laying the foundation for targeted solutions.

Addressing the attendees, Madam Iqra Quraishi emphasized upon the importance of personality development along with academic achievements for success in life. She proposed organizing separate counselling sessions for parents and students, which AEEDU could facilitate at its office or other locations. She also suggested establishing a weekly personality development counselling clinic to support ongoing growth and development. The session concluded with a consensus to plan similar programmes on a regular basis to maximize their impact.

## AEEDU Delegation Visits Lucknow, Meets with Maulana Khalid Rasheed Farangi Mahli

Lucknow, January 18, 2025 – A delegation from the Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU), including CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter and Project Officer Mohammad Umair, visited Lucknow and held a meeting with Maulana Khalid Rasheed Farangi Mahli. Maulana Khalid Rasheed, a respected scholar and a member of AEEDU, warmly welcomed the delegation at his office.

During the meeting, Syed Mahmood Akhter provided a detailed overview of AEEDU’s vision and activities. He highlighted the organization’s flagship programs, including the establishment of common study centres, capacity-building initiatives for teachers, and various educational programs conducted periodically, such as vocational and educational guidance sessions



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Subsequently, he highlighted the significance of collaborative efforts in advancing AEEDU's mission of educational and economic empowerment for the underprivileged. He emphasized on the need for Maulana's valuable guidance and support to help achieve these goals.

Mr. Mohammad Umair presented AEEDU's brochure along with copies of its newsletters to Maulana Khalid Rasheed Farangi Mahli. He took a moment to see the materials and expressed his appreciation for AEEDU's impactful work. He appreciated AEEDU's impactful initiatives and commended the organization's commitment to education and development, assuring the delegation of his support and guidance.

## AEEDU Delegation Visits Mumtaz PG College in Lucknow to Discuss the Preparations for Educational Conference

Lucknow, January 19, 2025: A delegation from the Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU), including CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter and Project Officer Mohammad Umair, visited Mumtaz PG College to meet Janab Athar Nabi Sahab and his team. The purpose of the visit was to discuss preparations for the upcoming Golden Jubilee Conference organized by Mumtaz PG College under the aegis of Anjuman Islahul Musleem in collaboration with AEEDU, scheduled to be held on February 8, 2025.

The meeting took place on the premises of Mumtaz PG College. Prior to the proceedings, the AEEDU delegation toured the campus, visiting classrooms, laboratories, seminar halls, and the hostel. They deeply were impressed by the dedication of the college faculty to education and the institution's well-maintained infrastructure.

As the meeting progressed Janab Athar Nabi Sahab, Manager of Mumtaz PG College, extended a warm welcome to the delegation. Syed Mahmood Akhter provided an overview of AEEDU's initiatives, highlighting capacity-building programs and the establishment of seven common study centres across India. Addressing a query about the follow-up to AEEDU's earlier conference at Integral University, Mr. Mohammad Umair explained that feedback forms had been sent to all participants. He emphasized that AEEDU structured its activities based on participant feedback and suggestions made by speakers during such conferences.

In a significant step, Syed Mahmood Akhter proposed establishing a common study centre at Mumtaz PG College. In a positive response, Janab Athar Nabi Sahab graciously offered space for the initiative.



It was decided that the study centre would be inaugurated during the Golden Jubilee Conference on February 8, 2025. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to fostering educational excellence and strengthening collaborations for the betterment of underprivileged communities. The establishment of the study centre at Mumtaz PG College is expected to significantly benefit students by providing enhanced learning resources and opportunities.

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### AEEDU Organizes Interactive Session on Personality Development and Life Skills

New Delhi, January 24, 2025 – Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) conducted an interactive session on personality development and life skills at its office at 6 :00 PM. The session was taken by well-known Personality Development Trainer Madam Iqra Quraishi. It was attended by 17 students from 8th to 12th and their parents. AEEDU officials and teachers from AEEDU’s Dargah Study Centre were also present on the occasion. The purpose of the session was to focus on students and parents from underprivileged communities, exploring the possibilities of organizing regular personality development programs, separately for parents and students. Way forward Towards proper parental guidance to the poorest section of the students explored.

Madam Quraishi commenced the session with a self-introduction and an engaging activity, encouraging participants to share their understanding of “personality development” and their expectations from similar initiatives. This activity set the tone for an interactive and open exchange of thoughts.

During the open interaction segment parents and students shared their daily life experiences, challenges, and aspirations. Madam Iqra Quraishi provided valuable insights to both parents and students on key aspects of personality development and life skills. A significant part of the session focused on the development of communication skills, where students were encouraged to introduce themselves in English. While most students demonstrated good efforts, it was observed that further training was needed to refine their communication skills, particularly in using appropriate gestures and posture.

The session emphasized on the importance of conducting regular personality development programs for sustained growth, empowerment and better educational avenues. Both students and parents expressed great pleasure and committed to participating in all upcoming such sessions. AEEDU plans to schedule such sessions at regular intervals to ensure the holistic development of its beneficiaries. The initiative reflects AEEDU’s dedication to enhancing life skills and communication abilities in underprivileged communities, paving the way for improved educational and personal outcomes.



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### AEEDU in Collaboration of Mumtaz PG College organizes Educational Conference at Lucknow

New Delhi, February 8, 2025 – Mumtaz PG College, in collaboration with the Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU), organized an Educational Conference in Lucknow, underscoring the critical role of quality education in national progress. The event was held under the auspices of Anjuman Islahul Muslimeen as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Mumtaz PG College and brought together distinguished scholars, former bureaucrats, and academicians to discuss the future of education in India.

The conference highlighted the need to strengthen both basic and higher education, with a particular emphasis on research and professional courses aimed at equipping students with the essential skills required in an evolving job market. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, and notable personalities from various fields, fostering discussions on educational reforms and advancements.



residing over the event, Dr. S. Y. Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner of India, stressed the importance of educational institutions in societal development. He called upon affluent individuals to invest in education, asserting that better education guarantees a better society and creates employment opportunities. Presenting statistical data, he shed light on the educational disparities among Muslims, particularly the challenges faced by Muslim women in accessing quality education.

Dr. Najeeb Jung, former Lieutenant Governor of Delhi and ex-Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia, called school education the foundation of national progress. He advocated for teacher training and mental preparedness, urging the community to integrate education with cultural values and employment opportunities. He expressed his happiness that 60% of students at Mumtaz PG College are female, signifying a positive shift in gender representation in higher education.

Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, former Deputy Chief of Army Staff and ex-Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, underscored the significance of English proficiency, information technology, and artificial intelligence in today's competitive world. He emphasized the necessity of ensuring quality education for every child to bridge existing educational gaps.

Janab Shahid Siddiqui, former Member of Parliament and Editor of Nai Duniya, spoke about the role of media in raising awareness about educational reforms and influencing policy changes.

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Prof. (Dr.) Abbas Ali Mahdi, Vice Chancellor of Era Medical University, Lucknow, discussed the importance of research and skill development in advancing educational standards.

Prof. Irteza Karim from the Department of Urdu at the University of Delhi highlighted that true backwardness stems from a lack of education and stressed the need for tangible implementation of educational reforms. He urged for a practical approach to addressing educational challenges rather than mere discussions.

Janab Saeed Mustafa Shervani, Managing Director of Shervani Group of Hotels, remarked on the remarkable advancements in modern educational institutions and highlighted the necessity of adopting evolving teaching methodologies to keep pace with global trends.

Janab Hafiz Karnataki, a renowned scholar from Karnataka, emphasized the significance of education from an Islamic perspective and paid tribute to the contributions of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in the field of education. He urged for unity within the community, asserting that collective efforts could lead to significant educational progress.

During the event, Syed Mahmood Akhtar, CEO of AEEDU, outlined the organization's key objectives, which include enhancing teachers' capacities through structured training programs, establishing common study centres across the country, promoting skill development initiatives, and launching entrepreneurship programs with international collaborations post-Ramadan.



He reaffirmed AEEDU's commitment to fostering educational development and ensuring accessibility for all sections of society.

A notable highlight of the event was the inauguration of the AEEDU Common Study Centre, which aims to offer specialized courses in general management, financial management, and marketing. The initiative is expected to equip students with practical skills essential for career advancement and economic empowerment.

The conference concluded with a resounding consensus on the urgent need for systemic improvements in education. The speakers collectively emphasized that investing in quality education, skill development, and research is imperative for national progress.



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### AEEDU Inaugurates its 8th Common Study Centre at Mumtaz PG College, Lucknow



Lucknow, February 8, 2025 – The Alliance for Eudemonic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU), in collaboration with Mumtaz PG College, inaugurated its 8th Common Study Centre at the college premises. The inauguration ceremony, held immediately after the conclusion of the Educational Conference organized as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Mumtaz PG College, was a landmark moment in AEEDU's ongoing efforts to promote educational excellence and accessibility.

The new Common Study Centre was formally inaugurated by Dr. S. Y. Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner of India, in the presence of AEEDU founders, key officials from AEEDU, and dignitaries from Mumtaz PG College. The centre aims to offer academic guidance for Underprivileged Students.

Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Quraishi applauded AEEDU's initiatives in expanding educational opportunities and emphasized the critical role such centres can play in nurturing Underprivileged Students.

The inauguration marked a significant step forward in AEEDU's mission of making quality education accessible to marginalized sections of society, reflecting the collective commitment of AEEDU and Mumtaz PG College towards educational and economic upliftment.



### AEEDU Distributes Desktops to its Common Study Centres

New Delhi, February 15, 2025: In a significant step towards enhancing digital accessibility and learning opportunities, the Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) distributed desktop computers to its Common Study Centres. This initiative was made possible through the generous support of IILM University and its Chancellor, Dr. S. Y. Quraishi, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India, who is also the President of AEEDU. A total of 11 desktops were received by AEEDU for distribution, aimed at strengthening the digital infrastructure of the Common Study Centres, thereby facilitating better access to educational resources for students. The distribution took place in the presence of in-charges from various study centres, who received the allocated desktops on behalf of their respective institutions.

The distribution of desktops was carried out as follows: Janab Syed Mehboobul Islam Nizami Sahab, Imam of Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin, received two desktops for the Common Study Centre at Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi.



Mr. Mohammad Javed Sahab received one desktop for the Common Study Centre at Masjid Shahgul, Sadar Bazaar, New Delhi. Mr. Khalil Ahmad Sahab was allocated two desktops—one for the Common Study Centre at Shah Waliullah Library and another for the Common Study Centre in Nuh, Haryana. Mr. Zaki Anwar Sahab received two desktops for the Common Study Centre in Kithore, Meerut.

This initiative underscores AEEDU's commitment to bridging the digital divide and ensuring equitable access to educational tools for underprivileged students. AEEDU extends its deepest gratitude to IILM University and Dr. S. Y. Quraishi for their invaluable support in this noble endeavour. The organization remains committed to fostering educational growth through collaborative efforts and innovative solutions, ensuring that students from underprivileged section of society have the resources they need to succeed in the digital age.



## AEEDU Team Visits Common Study Centre in Kithore, Conducts Meeting and Attends Mosque Inauguration

Kithore, February 28, 2025 – A delegation from the Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU), including Syed Mahmood Akhter, Mr. Mohammad Umair (Project Officer), Mr. Juned Ahmed, and Mr. Shamim Uddin, visited the Common Study Centre in Kithore. The visit marked a significant milestone as the study centre, undertaken by AEEDU in collaboration with Madrasa Islamia Arabia Darul Uloom, is now fully constructed and ready to facilitate modern education.

Upon arrival, AEEDU organized a meeting at the madrasa, attended by over 40 individuals. The session commenced with a warm welcome by Mr. Anwar Zaki, who introduced the AEEDU team to the attendees. Syed Mahmood Akhter delivered an insightful address, highlighting AEEDU's vision and activities. He elaborated on the objectives behind establishing common study centres, emphasizing the importance of modern education in empowering underprivileged students.

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Following the meeting, the AEEDU team visited the study centre, where they expressed happiness with the newly constructed and well-furnished classroom. The centre is set to offer classes in modern subjects, including Science, Mathematics, English, and Computer, providing students with enhanced learning opportunities. AEEDU extended its gratitude to Mr. Anwar Zaki and the madrasa administration for their generous support in providing a conducive space for the centre. Formal classes are expected to commence after Ramzan, and the centre will be officially inaugurated by the founders of AEEDU.

In addition to the educational milestone, the AEEDU team also participated in the Friday prayer at the newly constructed mosque, which was inaugurated on the same day. The visit concluded on a positive note, reinforcing AEEDU's dedication to promoting education and community development through collaborative efforts.

## AEEDU Governing Body Charts Ambitious Path for Educational and Skill Development Initiatives

New Delhi, March 19, 2025 – The Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) convened its first Governing Body meeting since reconstitution in a virtual session on March 19. Chaired by Dr. S. Y. Quraishi, the meeting brought together AEEDU Founders and distinguished members – including Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, Mr. Saeed Mustafa Shervani, Mr. Mohammed Asif Farooqui, Mr. Farhat Jamal, Mr. Siraj A. Chaudhry, Prof. Kavita A. Sharma, Ms. Riva Ganguly Das, Dr. Syed Zafar Mahmood, Dr. Shabana Nazeer, Mr. Adil Ahmad, and CEO Dr. Syed Mahmood Akhter – to review current initiatives and strategize on advancing the organization's educational and developmental mission.

President, Dr. S Y Quraishi, opened the meeting with a warm welcome and introduced new Governing Body members, including Dr. Shabana Nazeer, Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, and Ms. Riva Ganguly Das, recognizing their substantial contributions to education and public service. The proceedings were then handed over to AEEDU CEO, Dr. Syed Mahmood Akhter, who presented a comprehensive report on recent accomplishments and future plans.

He reported a generous Rs. 12 lakh donations from Janab Ahmad Rasheed Shervani, adding to a prior Rs. 7 lakh contribution. AEEDU has trained 250 teachers in AI, English, and STEM through partnerships with AMU and Dr. P. A. Inamdar University. The organization now runs eight digital-equipped study centres across four states and has received 11 desktop computers to boost digital learning. Parental counselling sessions have supported 50 families in reducing school dropouts. AEEDU is also advancing skill development in Bihar and will soon launch an entrepreneurship training program with Dr. Asiya Chaudhary, alongside initiatives in career counselling and innovation through Atal Tinkering Labs. Governing Body members provided valuable insights to strengthen AEEDU's initiatives.

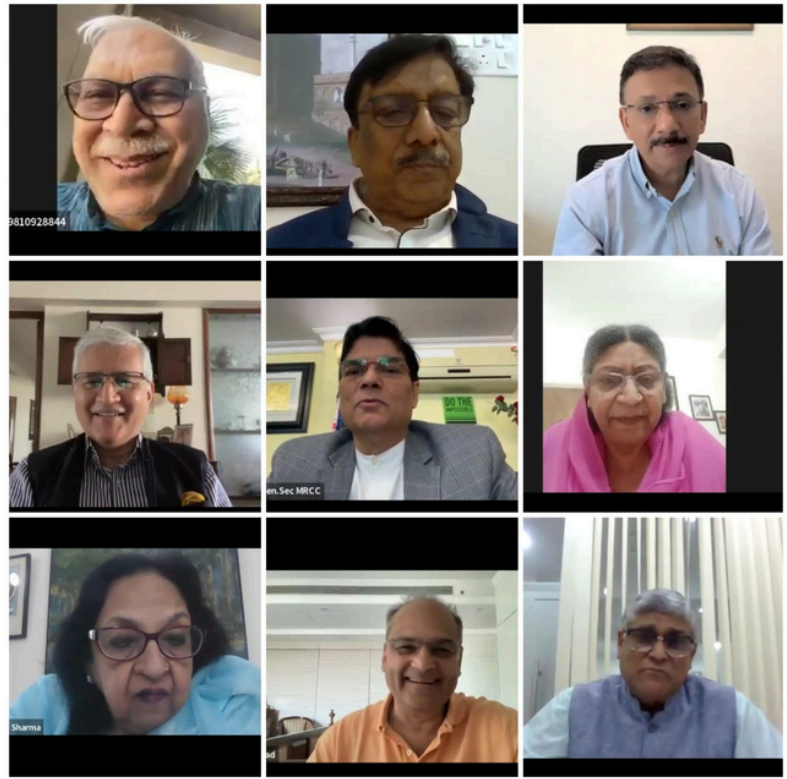
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Dr. Kavita Sharma and Dr. Quraishi announced donations of computers, while Dr. Shabana Nazeer emphasized support for EWS students. Ms. Riva Ganguly Das praised AEEDU's grassroots efforts and advocated for similar models in the Northeast. Mr. Siraj A. Chaudhry and Mr. Shahid Siddiqui highlighted the urgency of integrating AI and technology into training programs.

Mr. Farhat Jamal stressed the need for data collection on beneficiaries to assess impact, and Mr. Adil Ahmad suggested a structured proposal outlining AEEDU's funding requirements. Mr. Mohammed Asif Farooqui advocated for leveraging personal networks to support AEEDU's mission. A committee comprising Mr. Farhat Jamal (Convenor), Mr. Siraj A. Chaudhry, Mr. Adil Ahmad, and Mr. Asif Farooqui was constituted to assess project needs and align them with financial support strategies.



## ASEDU Governing Body Discusses Funding Strategy for Study Centre Expansion

New Delhi, March 29, 2025: Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) conducted a virtual meeting of its Governing Body Members on March 29, 2025, via Zoom to review ongoing initiatives and strategize future development, particularly focusing on funding support and expansion of AEEDU's Common Study & Skill Development Centres.

Chaired by Dr. S. Y. Quraishi, the meeting was attended by prominent members including Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, Mr. Saeed Mustafa Shervani, Mr. Mohammed Asif Farooqui, Mr. Farhat Jamal, Mr. Siraj A. Chaudhry, Prof. Kavita A. Sharma, Ms. Riva Ganguly Das, Dr. Shabana Nazeer, Mr. Adil Ahmad, and AEEDU CEO Dr. Syed Mahmood Akhter.

The CEO opened the session by acknowledging the successful Iftar event hosted on March 21 and welcomed three new members to AEEDU. He also highlighted recent updates from various study centres, particularly praising the Sitamarhi Centre in Bihar for its active academic and vocational training efforts.

Financial projections shared during the session estimated a two-year operational cost of Rs. 1.5 crore across all centres.

The CEO proposed an allocation of Rs. 4 lakhs for research and stressed the need for more partnerships, citing previous collaborations with AMU and plans to engage Jamia Millia Islamia and Jamia Hamdard.

The President recommended allocating 25% of AEEDU's budget to skill development and entrepreneurship.

Members advocated for establishing libraries at every centre and encouraged book donations and volunteer support. Suggestions were made to diversify centre usage by incorporating coaching, IQ testing, and additional skills programmes. Ms. Riva Ganguly Das proposed a five-year performance tracking model for AEEDU-trained students, while feedback from the Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin centre indicated significant student progress.

Mr. Adil Ahmad proposed an annual Rs. 2 lakh contribution by each member, personally or via networks—a suggestion widely supported. The focus going forward is to consolidate and showcase existing centres as replicable models for wider outreach.