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One Day Workshop on Educational and Vocational Guidance at India International Centre, New Delhi

Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) organized a workshop on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at India International Centre, New Delhi. The primary objective of the Workshop was to provide guidance to Students belonging to the Underprivileged Sections, Teachers, Principals, and School Managers, helping them make informed decisions about their future. The workshop featured Mr. Anees Kutty, a renowned Career Guide, as the keynote speaker. The programme was graced by the presence of AEEDU Founders: Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, Dr. S.Y. Quraishi, Janab Shahid Siddiqui, Janab Saeed Mustafa Shervani, and the CEO of AEEDU. More than 65 Students and Teachers from seven different Schools in Delhi/NCR participated in the workshop.

Mr. Kutty commenced the program by engaging with the students and teachers and discussed the importance of four significant school exams: Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Sainik Schools, Rashtriya Military Schools (RMS), and Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC). He encouraged students to develop the habit of using Google for valuable information while cautioning against using it for negative purposes. He pointed out that the NCC is another significant pathway to a make career in preferred sectors of the Government on behalf of Students. He also discussed Clinical Psychology as a promising career option to be preferred specially by Girl students along with a Psychology as a subject to be picked up for being a teacher.

Lt. General Zameer Uddin Shah shared his personal journey of joining the Army and stressed on the crucial role of mathematics accordingly. He exhorted students not to be overly concerned about the selection process, citing examples of individuals from different backgrounds succeeding as the mode of Interviews/ Selection is very fair and fool proof. He advised students to remain true to their personalities during the selection process in all the examinations conducted by the Government, maintain psychological fitness, engage in physical activities such as sports, running, and swimming. He emphasized on the collective responsibility of every Indian to safeguard the nation and to look for a fulfilling which provides them with amenities and privileges. Additionally, he suggested that students should refrain from saying bluntly that they don't know about anything and instead express their willingness to find out the answer required.

Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (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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Dr. S.Y. Quraishi shared his educational journey, recalling how he transitioned from homeschooling to joining Anglo Arabic School in the 5th grade with no formal/structured education background. He recounted his initial struggles at the school in clearing the examination therein. However, within three months, he had risen to the top of his class. He stressed that dedicating five years to diligent effort can make the next 50 years significantly easier in one's career while joining the civil services. Students could aspire for and reach topmost ranks in the Indian Bureaucracy even Constitutional Posts.

Mr. Shahid Siddiqui highlighted that a degree in Mass Communication is not a prerequisite for a career in Journalism. He emphasized on the significance of strong general knowledge, analytical skills, effective questioning, and the ability to communicate well, particularly in the era of electronic media. He also stressed upon the importance of cultivating writing habits from the beginning and shared his personal journey in journalism, advocating for quality education and striving for excellence within the community.

Mr. Saeed Shervani praised Mr. Kutty for his exceptional guidance to both students and teachers. He shared his own journey as a Corporate Professional, emphasizing how he followed his passion despite facing academic challenges. Addressing the students, he stressed on the importance of determining what one truly aspires to become in life and urged them to follow their passions. He emphasized that they are Ambassadors of their Beliefs, regardless of their religious and cultural background. He also highlighted the significance of behavior and interpersonal relationships amongst students.

At the end, CEO, Syed Mahmood Akhter delivered the Vote of Thanks and offered grateful thanks to all the students and teachers who attended the program. He offered special appreciation to Mr. Anees Kutty for his keynote address and to the AEEDU founders, Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, Dr. S.Y. Quraishi, Janab Shahid Siddiqui, and Janab Saeed Mustafa Shervani, for their

valuable inputs and contributions. He also extended his thanks to the organizing members who worked tirelessly to organize the event.

Interactive Session: Mr. Anees Kutty with AEEDU Stakeholders at CISRS, New Delhi

Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) organized an Interactive Session for its stakeholders with Mr. Anees Kutty, founder of Anees Defence Career Institute on October 22, 2023, at the CISRS, Jangpura, New Delhi. The session was attended by Intellectuals, Educators, Journalists and University Professors, including AEEDU Founding Members, Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, Dr. S.Y. Quraishi, and Janab Shahid Siddiqui. In addition, several notable stakeholders participated in the programme such as Mr. Mamoon Akhtar, Mr. Athar Shahab, Syed Saud Akhter, Mr. Ekramul Haque, Dr. Raihan Akhter, Dr. Omair Anas, Janab Shafique Ul Hasan, among others.



At the outset, the Participants introduced themselves. Lt. Gen Zameer Uddin Shah, during his introductory remarks, focused on the importance of a strong educational foundation, underscoring with a solid base, so that children can naturally navigate their educational journeys. He emphasized upon the pivotal role of school education in achieving this goal. He stressed upon the individuals to focus on careers in the Government Services in order to create a niche for themselves in matter of a robust career for themselves along with a decent pay scale and amenities like residential facilities etc.

Mr. Shahid Siddiqui highlighted that the primary objective of AEEDU is to strengthen the existing institutions by way of facilitating in providing quality

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education through capacity-building programmes and online digital learning. He also focused on the need to modernize and strengthen Madrasa education and to bring it, at per as much as possible, with the National School Educational Standards and moral Education.

Dr. S. Y. Quraishi stressed on the vital role of education in societal progress, noting that progress is unattainable without it. He praised Mr. Anees Kutty for the latter's mission of mentoring students and offering educational and career guidance and informed that he had come all the way from Pune to Delhi. He focused on the urgent need to carry forward the message of Mr. Anees Kutty on a larger scale by way of having 100 such figures in educating and guiding the targeted students

Mr. Anees Kutty delivered a comprehensive presentation on Guidance and Mentorship for the underprivileged students cutting across religion and region. He shared the success stories of students at his Institute through a detailed presentation. He informed that the Delhi Government had recently established Shaheed Bhagat Singh Armed Forces Preparatory School in Najafgarh aiming to ensure that children from the poorest backgrounds get an opportunity to ideally and practically serve the country focusing on providing this opportunity to children from disadvantaged social strata.

Mr. Kutty appealed to the AEEDU founders and its stakeholders to motivate students to enroll in this school, citing the outstanding results achieved by the first batch. He presented multiple career options for children, highlighting the rigorous nature of the RIMC exam, which he referred to as the toughest examination in India. Mr. Kutty emphasized that English and Math is vital as well as mandatory for any examination related to the schemes of Government Services. He advocated for a comprehensive planning from A to Z rather than just

having Plan A and B. He also stressed upon the importance of certifying teachers with Google certifications. He advised against the so called ghetto mentality amongst the Minorities and Dalits, asserting that avoiding such practices leads to better results in all spheres. Mr. Kutty also emphasized on the necessity of integrating NCC into every school and college and suggested that AEEDU organize visits for children to premier institutes to inspire them. This was very important to impart a disciplined facet to the educational system mainly of the Underprivileged students.

Dr. Asiya Chaudhary gave a detailed presentation on the SURE (Stimulating Urban Renewal through Entrepreneurship) Workshop. The Workshop aimed towards enhancing soft skills among students particularly from the underprivileged aspiring to become entrepreneurs or pursue startup ideas. It incorporates a twelve-week program that provides important inputs in financial literacy and entrepreneurship, catering to two distinct groups based on: "consultants" and "Potential Entrepreneurs". She informed about the successful organization of such endeavors. She also shared the success stories of participants from her workshop, highlighting several individuals who have excelled in various fields.

Dr. Abdul Khaliq recounted his experiences and experiments with Hafiz children in Madras as to how he attempted to teach them Mathematics. The result was amazing, thanks to the strong commitment to education. He offered to collaborate with AEEDU for the cause of education for Underprivileged students.

Mr. Mamoon Akhtar, during his address, shared the incident that served as the catalyst for him to establish a school. It was motivated him to start a school. Initially, the school began with six students, but it has now grown

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include over 6,500 students and has gained international recognition for its excellence in infrastructure pedagogy and teaching Methodology.

Mr. Ekramul Haque urged the audience to focus on practical and ground efforts rather than mere displays. He explained that Mission Taleem's vision is to leverage government schemes to benefit students, aiming for 100 percent enrollment by 2030. He emphasized upon the dire need for providing a robust progressive educational platform facilitated by the Alliance for economically backward students.

Syed Mahmood Akhter, CEO, AEEDU delivered Vote of Thanks and expressed gratitude to all the participants. He extended special thanks to Mr. Anees Kutty, Dr. Asiya Chaudhary, Mr. Ekramul Haque and Mr. Mamoon Akhtar for their inspiring talks and presentations. He also acknowledged the presence of AEEDU founders and Members for their important inputs, contribution and dedication towards serving underprivileged students.

Meeting on Entrepreneurship Opportunities with Prof. Asiya Chaudhary

A meeting took place at the AEEDU office in Nizamuddin West, New Delhi, on November 15, 2023, at 11:30 AM as a follow-up to the decision made on October 22, 2023 with regard to the presentation on the SURE Workshop by Prof. Asiya Chaudhary, focusing on the creation of entrepreneurship opportunities in the Vocational Sector for underprivileged students. The meeting was attended by Dr. S. Y. Quraishi, Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, Prof. Asiya Chaudhary, Syed Mahmood Akhter, Mr. Suhel Khan, Mr. Shafiq Ul Hasan, Prof. B. S. Butola, Mr. Mohammad Umair, and Juned Ahmed. The meeting was presided over by Dr. S. Y. Quraishi.

As the meeting started, Prof. Asiya Chaudhary emphasised upon the urgent need to incorporate entrepreneurship as a subject, like Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics, at the school level. Mr. Shahid Siddiqui shared his earlier suggestion in an Education Committee to introduce entrepreneurship as a subject tailored to local needs. He highlighted the challenges of bureaucratic resistance to new ideas, emphasizing the necessity of aligning skills with entrepreneurship and modern technology.

Dr. Asiya proposed the development of a curriculum intended for implementation during the summer vacation. Emphasizing an activity-based approach, she provided a detailed overview of her SURE workshop, specifically designed for commerce students. She shared the success stories, noting that after the first workshop, six participants initiated their businesses, and following the second workshop, nine participants started their entrepreneurial journeys.

Building on this, Mr. Shahid Siddiqui suggested the creation of an entrepreneurship program within AEEDU, targeting students beyond the 10th grade, particularly those from underprivileged and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Dr. Asiya mentioned that her program already addresses the needs of 25 to 40 percent of underprivileged students. However she suggested that AEEDU could design a program exclusively tailored for 100 percent underprivileged students.

Mr. Suhel Khan shared his experiences of his father's entrepreneurial journey. He proposed a focus on the economic backbone of Uttar Pradesh, underscoring the pivotal role of integrating modern technology into business. Recognizing the technological proficiency of today's youth, he suggested guiding and supporting them. He advocated for a program specially designed for students from the 9th to 12th grades.



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Mr. Shahid Siddiqui emphasized on the importance of incorporating financial management and marketing skills into the training module. The plan may be involved creating two modules, one for students from the 9th to 12th grades, and another for those beyond the 12th grade.

Dr. Asiya was requested on behalf of AEEDU to design a course at her convenience. S. Y. Quraishi suggested developing two courses: one basic and the other advanced. Mr. Shahid Siddiqui noted that the details would be discussed in a second meeting to finalize the course structure designed by Prof. Asiya Chaudhary.

Regarding the format of the program, the suggestion was to conduct it online, with a provision for at least a few offline sessions. Dr. Quraishi proposed having the first and last sessions offline, while others could be online. Mr. Shahid Siddiqui recommended approaching a school to provide a hall every Sunday for implementation.

Professor Butola gave a briefing about the ongoing research project of a civil society organization. Mr. Shahid Siddiqui emphasized upon building a network of schools to implement the programme on the ground. He also stressed upon involving AEEDU members in this initiatives.

Meeting to Discuss Module on Entrepreneurship

An interactive meeting was held on December 8, 2023, at 11:30 AM at the AEEDU office. The meeting was convened as a follow-up to the meeting held on November 15, 2023, in the AEEDU Office in order to develop a course on Entrepreneurship on behalf of AEEDU, focusing on the creation of entrepreneurship opportunities in the Vocational Sector for underprivileged students. The meeting was attended by Prof. Furqan Qamar Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, Prof. Asiya Chaudhary, Syed Mahmood Akhter, Prof. B. S. Butola, Dr. Raihan Akhtar, Mr. Salman Raghob, Mr. Shikwat Ali, Mr. Mohammad Umair, and Mr. Juned Ahmed. Prof. Furqan Qamar presided over the proceedings.



As the meeting initiated, AEEDU extended a warm welcome to all participants. It was suggested that the program should not limit its scope to secondary students alone but rather be inclusive of all members within the underprivileged segment of society.

Prof. Asiya Chaudhary delivered a comprehensive presentation on the program she has developed. During her presentation, she emphasized the importance of fostering creativity, cultivating interpersonal skills, providing education on financial literacy, encouraging risk-taking and decision-making skills, promoting effective time management, and instilling a mindset of always preparing for alternative plans.

She proposed the following structure for the programme divided in to 12 sessions.

1. Introduction: Starting your business
2. Experience Sharing: Prerequisites and Future Directions

3. Types of Business
4. Introduction to Business Model Canvas
5. Legal Requirements to Start a Business
6. Government Support for Entrepreneurs
7. Funds and Finance
8. Basics of Costing, Pricing, and Accounting
9. Communication Personality and Presentation Skills
10. Marketing
11. Presentation of Business Plan and Strategies
12. Presentations and Display

In addition to these sessions, Professor Asiya recommended incorporating various activities to enhance the learning experience. These activities include Choosing individual's Own Adventure, Job Skills Mock Interview, Tour of Tycoon, Self SWOT Analysis, Studying a Star Entrepreneur, Engaging in a Business

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Plan Shark Tank Game, Conducting a Town Data Review, and others.

Following the presentation, Prof. Furqan Qamar expressed his appreciation for the appealing idea. He emphasized the importance of making the program inclusive for everyone, not just limited to teenagers or secondary students. Highlighting the existing trend, he noted that nearly every college or university incorporates entrepreneurship programs under the National Skill Development Mission. He further proposed the identification of various entrepreneurial avenues. Professor Asiya replied that the program primarily focuses on developing soft skills in entrepreneurship due to the diverse range of participants involved. Prof. Qamar suggested that the specificity of the program could be tailored to the demand in a particular area.

Mr. Shahid Siddiqui emphasized the importance of targeting individuals already involved in economic activities but lacking knowledge on how to scale them up. Dr. Raihan Akhtar informed the meeting about the Young Investor's Meet scheduled for January in Delhi. He requested AEEDU to present some projects and suggested introducing the program in schools that serve as backups for AEEDU.

Meeting with Dawoodi Bohra Community Delegation

An interactive meeting with the Dawoodi Bohra Community Delegation held at the AEEDU office on December 8, 2023, at 4:30 PM. The meeting was attended by Dr. Najeeb Jung, Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, Mr.



Saeed Shervani, Syed Mahmood Akhter, Dr. Raihan Akhtar, and Mr. Salman Raghieb and the Dawoodi Bohra Community Delegation. The delegation was led by Janab Qusai Bhaisaheb Jamaluddin, Secretary to His Holiness Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin. Other members were Janab Murtaza B S, Janab Shabbir Bhai Sonewala, Janab Najmuddin Fidvi, Janab Huzaifa Bhai Bahabrawala, and Janab Ismail Haidar Ali. Dr. Najeeb Jung, Vice President of AEEDU, presided over the proceedings.

Dr. Najeeb Jung provided a brief overview of AEEDU's history for the delegation emphasizing upon the crucial role of education in today's context. He highlighted that minority communities like Christians and Sikhs have followed their tradition of prioritizing education but unfortunately Muslims have faced many challenges in

following their rich tradition. Dr. Jung further highlighted AEEDU's positive observations during their visits to the South, where commendable work was being done in the field of education. He expressed that AEEDU's efforts represent a modest initiative aimed at fostering collaboration and building a strong association with the delegation.

Mr. Shahid Siddiqui expressed his heartfelt congratulations to Syedna for being honored with the highest civilian award from Pakistan. He conveyed a longstanding appreciation for Syedna's impactful work, highlighting the qualities of professionalism, organization, and unity that serve as an inspiration not for India but for the world. Delving into the historical context, he highlighted the decline in educational achievements in the north post-1947, potentially due to

the migration. However, he pointed out the current positive trend in the south. He further highlighted that the primary focus is on ensuring quality education. Efforts are directed towards teacher education, implementing smart classroom initiatives in madrasas and minority schools. To facilitate these endeavors, Research Advisory and Education Committees have been established, alongside a ten-point program. While mentioning preparing an entrepreneurship program set to launch soon, he sought guidance from the community and strong association with them.

Mr. Saeed Shervani shared insights into his educational journey and expressed a keen interest in forging collaborations with the Bohra community. He also expressed his interest to visit Mumbai, meet with Syedna, and explore educational institutions of the community. Additionally he extended an invitation for someone from the Bohra community to join the governing body of AEEDU.

Janab Qusai Bhaisaheb Jamaluddin expressed gratitude to AEEDU members and extended an invitation to visit Mumbai, tour the university, and to meet with His Holiness. He highlighted His Holiness vision of having at least one Hafiz in every family to bring blessings in the house and family. He also valued green environments that foster education and desires peace and development.

First Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) was held on December 21, 2023, at 3 p.m. via Zoom to discuss various agenda points, including approval and adoption of the audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended on March 31, 2023, along with approval of the appointment of the auditors for 2023–24. The meeting was presided over by Dr. S. Y. Quraishi. 40 members attended the Meeting

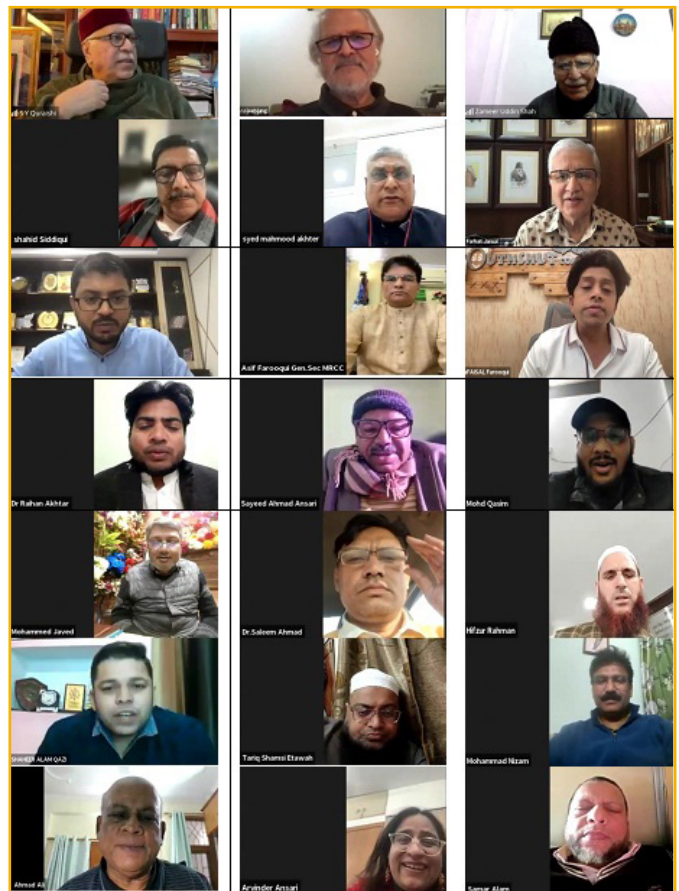
The proceedings commenced with a welcome from Syed Mahmood Akhter, CEO, AEEDU. He extended greetings to all the members present and initiated the session by encouraging new members to introduce themselves.

CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter provided a comprehensive overview of key activities undertaken by AEEDU. This encompassed the National Conference on Education and Nation Building, which took place at Jamia Hamdard on July 2–3, 2022; the Workshop on Teacher's Empowerment held at the India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi, on July 23, 2022; the Capacity-Building Programme for Madrasa and School Teachers held at Azam Campus; and the AEEDU (South) Interactive Meet on Converging Resources to Empower Educational

Institutions & Community in Bangalore on August 28, 2022. The CEO further highlighted the notable success of the National Conference on Education and Development held at Integral University, Lucknow, on April 29–30, 2023. Additionally, he mentioned the recently conducted Workshop on Educational and Vocational Guidance for Students, Teachers, and School Managers at the India International Centre, New Delhi, on October 21, 2023, and the Interactive Session with Mr. Anees Kutty and AEEDU Stakeholders at CISRS, New Delhi, on October 22, 2023.

Dr. S.Y. Quraishi encouraged all members to actively respond and record their reactions to any circulated messages from AEEDU. He shared his plans to engage with the Imams of Mewat and Vicinity for educational awareness, citing the successful implementation of the pulse polio program by these Imams in the region.

Prof. Furqan Qamar proposed to approve and adopt the audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended on March 31, 2023 together with auditors' reports. The proposal received approval from all the members and statements along with auditor's report were duly adopted. The CEO proposed the appointment of auditors for the financial year 2023–24 who happened to the same as for 2022-23. It was approved by all the members present on the video meet.



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Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah inquired about the progress regarding the meeting with the delegation of the Dawoodi Bohra Community. Mr. Shahid Siddiqui responded that they have extended an invitation for a visit to Mumbai. Once the appointment is confirmed, a discussion on funding will take place during the visit. Gen. Shah expressed the importance of this meeting, expressing optimism that the Dawoodi Bohra Community will indeed provide assistance.

Mr. Asif Farooqui emphasized the importance of having a clear agenda when meeting with donors. Dr. Raihan Akhter mentioned organizing a young investor meet in January 2024, which could potentially result in funding

for AEEDU. Mr. Shahid Siddiqui requested arrangements be made for a meeting with them.

Mr. Farhat Jamal recommended preparing a well-designed PowerPoint presentation in addition to a brochure. He offered his services to AEEDU in order to prepare the presentation.

Mr. Shahid Siddiqui proposed the idea of presenting awards annually to individuals who have excelled in education to recognize their services. He suggested identifying award categories and establishing an authentic award committee to implement it.



Initiation of First AEEDU Common Study Centre

Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) started its first Common Study Centre at Jamiatul Quran Nizamia, Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi on December 29, 2023, after Friday Prayers. AEEDU officials were present along with the owner of the premises, Janab Syed Mehoobul

Islam Nizami, Imam Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya. The place can accommodate about 25 students and has sufficient space to also accommodate teachers, mentors, and representatives of AEEDU during the study period.

Interactive Session with Students at City Public Library, Sadar Bazaar, New Delhi

AEEDU officials visited the City Public Library based in Masjid Shahgul, located at Sadar Thana Rd., Green Market, Sadar Bazaar, New Delhi, on December 31, 2023. An interactive session took place in the library between the AEEDU officials, namely Syed Mahmood Akhter, CEO, Mr. Shamim Uddin, and Mr. Mohammad Umair, and the students who had assembled in the study centre. The session was marked by the active participation of the students, both of the level of postgraduate/ PhD and the school students studying in classes fifth to tenth.

AEEDU's objectives with regard to supporting Quality Education for the Underprivileged Students along with Vocational Guidance were explained in detail to the students and others.

