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AEEDU Officials Visit NCERT and NIEPA

In a proactive move towards exploring data and survey reports related to Enrolments and Dropouts of Underprivileged, Professor B. S. Butola, Research Advisor, AEEDU along with Mr. Mohammad Umair, Project Officer, paid a visit to the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

At the outset they went to the NCERT, where they engaged in discussions with Senior Programme Manager of All India School Education Survey Mr. Mohd. Arif Sadiq. The focus was primarily on reports elucidating enrolment patterns and the landscape of vocational education within schools. He graciously provided two reports, fostering a deeper understanding of the educational landscape in India.

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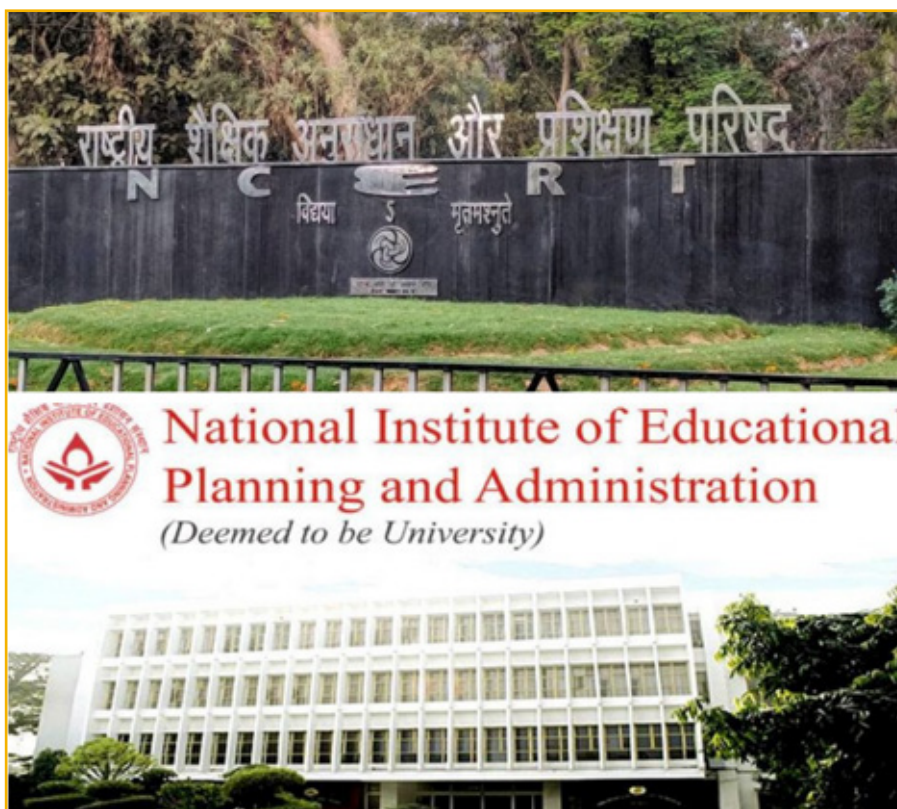
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Subsequently, AEEDU Officials proceeded to NIEPA, where they met with Dr. Ravi Prakash Singh, Hindi Editor. Their discourse emphasized on the reports shedding light on dropout rates among the Muslim community. Dr. Singh talked about a report titled "The State of Muslims in India: A Data-Driven Analysis" authored by Professor Arun C. Mehta. This comprehensive document outlined the nuances of Muslim dropout trends in India, serving as a pivotal resource for informed decision-making.

The insights gleaned from these interactions hold immense significance, potentially serving as foundational pillars for the execution of the AEEDU's 10-point educational programme with its emphasis on 100% Enrolments and 0% Dropouts.

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Interaction with Imams and Community Leaders at AEEDU Office

Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) convened a meeting of Imams of Mosques from Haryana and Himachal Pradesh along with Community Leaders on January 16, 2024, at the AEEDU Office. The meeting aimed at devising comprehensive strategies to achieve 100 percent enrolments along with 0 % dropouts of students coming from the minorities/underprivileged strata.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. S. Y. Quraishi, President, AEEDU and attended by Maulana Ataur Rahman Qasmi, Chairman of Shah Waliullah Institute, Maulana Mohammad Asghar Qasmi, Imam and Khateeb of Jama Masjid, Ambala, and Maulana Mumtaz Ahmed Qasmi, Imam and Khateeb of Shimla. It was also attended by AEEDU officials namely CEO, Mr. Syed Mahmood Akhter, Prof. B. S. Butola, Mr. Mohammad Umair, and Mr. Juned Ahmed.



The meeting emphasized upon formulating robust action plans to ensure that every child, regardless of his/her socio-economic background, has unrestricted access to quality education and remains engaged in the learning process. In this regard, it was decided to conduct a thorough survey in identified locations, led by the Imams, to assess the current status of enrolment and dropout rates, followed by a comprehensive education campaign based on providing quality education to the underprivileged including the minorities.



AEEDU Hosts Republic Day Gathering

Celebrating the 75th Republic Day a special gathering was convened at the AEEDU Office. The event was attended by notable personalities like Janab Syed Mahbooul Islam Nizami, Imam of Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia, Mr. Shamim Uddin, Former Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Suhail Hashmi, Social Worker, Mr. Khurram Karim, Research Scholar, Mr. Mohammad Umair, Mr. Juned Ahmed, from AEEDU.

CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter extended a warm welcome to the guests and greeted them on the occasion of celebrating the 75th Indian Republic Day. He further stated that the occasion served as an opportunity for sharing heartfelt best wishes with the fellow citizens. Further discussions held on this occasion emphasized on the values of

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unity, progress, and commitment to the principles enshrined in the Constitution. Participants expressed their dedication to uphold the constitutional ethos of the country, and to foster a spirit of inclusiveness and harmony within communities.

AEEDU Governing Body Maps Out Ambitious Plans for Educational Development

A virtual meeting was held — via Zoom on Sunday, February 18, 2024 — of the Governing Body of Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU). It was convened to discuss the organization's notable achievements in 2023–24, along with charting a roadmap for future endeavors.

Chaired by Dr. S.Y. Quraishi, President, AEEDU, the meeting witnessed the participation of esteemed members, including Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, Dr. Najeeb Jung, Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, Prof. Furqan Qamar, Mr. Farhat Jamal, Mr. Athar Shahab, Mr. M. Asif Farooqui and the CEO, Mr. Syed Mahmood Akhter.

Key highlights of the meeting included a comprehensive review of AEEDU's activities throughout the previous year, with CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter outlining milestones such as holding the National Conference in Lucknow, and impactful workshops on educational and vocational guidance organized during 2023-24

The AEEDU's pursuit of its 10-point Educational programme, aimed at achieving 100 percent enrollment and zero percent dropouts amongst underprivileged students, garnered significant attention, with discussions focusing on engaging the stakeholders, including imams, and leveraging partnerships for support.

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Funding and finance emerged as a critical agenda item; with members deliberating on various avenues to secure resources. The AEEDU leadership exhibited a proactive approach towards sustaining its initiatives and scaling new tenets like developing Entrepreneurship Modules.

AEEDU Proposes Collaboration with Jamia Tahfeez ul Quran Educational Trust at Nuh

CEO AEEDU, along with DYWA (Delhi Youth Welfare Association) office bearers, visited Noor-e-Mewat

to the underprivileged.

Encouraged by the enthusiasm and brightness of the Madrasa Students, (both boys and girls) he outlined AEEDU's key objectives, including the establishment of a Taleemi Markaz/ Common Study Centre within the Madrasa premises.

Noor-e-Mewat Taleemi Markaz has a rich library with a collection of over 3000 books in Arabic, Urdu, Hindi, and English languages; providing a conducive environment for educational growth. CEO, AEEDU expressed optimism regarding the prospects for establishing a fruitful partnership with the Madrasa, leveraging resources and expertise to uplift educational standards in the region.

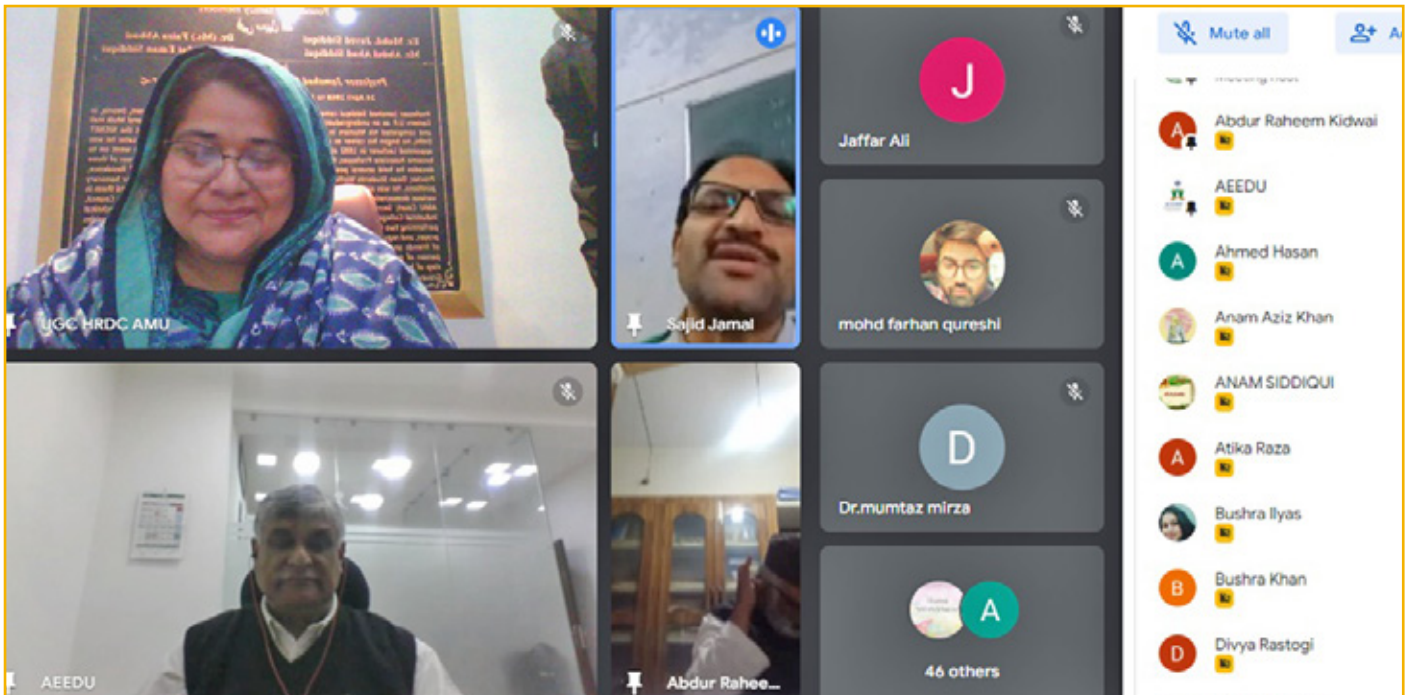


Taleemi Markaz run by Jamia Tahfeez ul Quran Educational Trust located at Nuh, Haryana on Sunday, March 4, 2024. . He engaged with approximately 50 students, presenting AEEDU's vision of 100 percent enrolment and zero percent dropouts, as well as, suggesting ways and means to provide quality education

The visit to the Madarsa in Nuh signified a significant step towards fostering educational inclusiveness and collaborating with local educational institutions.

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AEEDU and Aligarh Muslim University Host Successful Capacity-Building Program for School and Madrasa Teachers

In a collaborative effort effected between AEEDU and UGC HRDC Aligarh Muslim University, a One-Week Online Capacity-Building Programme was conducted from March 4 to March 9, 2024. The program, conducted via Google Meet, aimed at enhancing the skills of school and madrasa teachers in the tenets of Effective Communication, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Machine Learning.

The course, coordinated by Prof. Sajid Jamal of the Department of Education at Aligarh Muslim University, attracted 61 enthusiastic participants from across India. Comprising three sessions daily, each spanning 1.30 hours, the program was structured into 16 sessions, excluding the Inaugural and Valedictory functions.

Esteemed professors and academicians such as Prof. Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Dr. Anjum Ahmed, Prof. Aasim Zafar, Dr. Mohammad Nadeem, Dr. Noora Abdul Kader, Dr. Faisal Anwar, Dr. Nusaiba Anzar, Dr. Mohd. Shakir, and Dr. Saleha Jamal of Aligarh Muslim University served as resource persons, providing comprehensive

insights and guidance throughout the program.

Dr. Faiza Abbasi, Director of UGC HRDC, and Syed Mahmood Akhter, CEO of AEEDU, jointly inaugurated the online program, while emphasizing its significance in elevating the quality of education. Prof. Sajid Jamal, in his role as coordinator, assured continuous support to the participants.

The sessions were diverse and engaging; covering topics such as Communication Skills, AI Tools in Teaching, Machine Learning Concepts, Communication Etiquette, Google Classroom Operation, Social Media Usage, Assessment Tools, and Soft Skills Tailored for Teachers.

The valedictory function, held on March 9, 2024, served as a platform for participants to share their enriched experiences and in providing positive feedbacks. Prof. M. M. Sufyan Beg, Former Chairman, Department of Computer Engineering, AMU, graced the event as the Chief Guest, joined by distinguished guests including Syed Mahmood Akhter, Prof. Asiya Chaudhary, and Dr. Raihan Akhter.

The success of this program strengthened AEEDU's status as a Facilitator and Enabler in the Capacity-Building of school and madrasa teachers, bolstered by partnerships with esteemed institutions like Aligarh Muslim University.

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AEEDU Delegation Visits Madarsa Darul Uloom, Kithore, Meerut

A delegation from Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) visited Madarsa Darul Uloom at Kithore, Meerut, on Sunday, March 10, 2024. The delegation, led by CEO, AEEDU, included Mr. Mohammad Umair, Project Officer, as well as Mr. Shamim Uddin and Mr. Zaki Anwar, Members and Stakeholders.



Upon arrival, the delegation was warmly welcomed by the Madarsa officials who organized a program aimed at fostering interaction with local members to discuss matters related to providing quality education within the Madarsa and beyond. Approximately 50 participants, including Madarsa officials and local stakeholders, attended the program.

During the session, CEO, AEEDU, spoke about, and elucidated the vision of the organization, emphasizing its commitment to foster quality education amongst underprivileged students. He discussed plans for establishing a network of Taleemi Markaz in identified places across India in collaboration with AEEDU stakeholders. Highlighting AEEDU's primary objective of achieving 100 percent enrollment and zero percent dropouts, he underscored the intention to establish a Taleemi Markaz within the Madarsa premises.

The Madarsa officials expressed their enthusiasm for AEEDU's initiative to establish a Taleemi Markaz, indicating their willingness to provide space within the Madarsa premises for such a Center.

The Madarsa, situated in a new building with some rooms currently under construction, currently enrolled 70 students. The AEEDU delegation had the opportunity to interact with some of these students, who displayed remarkable enthusiasm for learning and quality education. They showcased their talents through beautiful recitations from the Holy Quran and shared their educational aspirations and professional ambitions.

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AEEDU Team visits Fatehpuri Muslim Senior Secondary School

In a bid to extend its outreach efforts, the AEEDU team, led by the CEO, undertook a visit to Fatehpuri Muslim Senior Secondary School on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Accompanied by Mr. Mohammad Umair, Project Officer, and Mr. Shamim Uddin, Member, AEEDU, the team engaged in fruitful discussions with the school's officials, including Dr. Riaz Umar, President, Fatehpuri Muslim Senior Secondary School, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Manager, Mr. Nooruddin, Principal and Mr. Aamir Ameen Khan, Lecturer, History.

During the meeting, the CEO elucidated AEEDU's vision, showcasing its remarkable achievements and outlining future endeavors. Central to the discussion was the ten-point educational program, with a particular focus on enhancing teachers' capacities. Notably, the CEO introduced the Atal Innovation Mission, an initiative spearheaded by the Government of India under NITI Aayog, encouraging the school to apply for an Atal Tinkering Laboratory (ATL) to foster innovation among students.

Dr. Riaz Umar, President, Fatehpuri Muslim Senior Secondary School, shed light on the challenges confronting the school in delivering quality education. Seeking AEEDU's support, the school emphasized the need for capacity building amongst teachers, and requested assistance in acquiring computers to address technological gaps.

Despite constraints in providing financial support, AEEDU affirmed its commitment to bolstering the school's educational landscape. The CEO assured to facilitate mentorship, entrepreneurship training, and capacity-building initiatives for teachers, along with Motivational and Counseling Modules for students.

Responding to the school's request for capacity-building programs on Communication Skills and Artificial Intelligence, AEEDU agreed to organize workshops tailored to the educators' needs scheduled for April 19 and 20, 2024. These programs aim to empower teachers with essential skills to navigate the evolving educational landscape.

Finally, AEEDU officials had conducted a tour of the Jeevan Bakhsh Hall and the historical library, supposedly managed by the Delhi Waqf Board.

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Established in 1929, Fatehpuri Muslim Senior Secondary School holds historical significance, catering to over 400 students with its English-medium curriculum.

AEEDU Governing Body Discusses Recent Activities and Plans for Strengthening Activities

In a virtual meeting convened via Zoom on March 28, 2024, the Governing Body of the Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) deliberated on a range of topics aimed at enhancing the organization's impact and sustainability.

Chaired by President S.Y. Quraishi, the meeting was attended by esteemed members including Dr. K. Rahman Khan, Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, Dr. Najeeb Jung, and other prominent figures.

The meeting commenced with CEO, AEEDU providing an overview of recent activities undertaken by AEEDU. Highlights included the proposal to establish Taleemi Markaz in Nuh, Haryana, and Kithore, Uttar Pradesh, as well as the successful completion of an online capacity-building program for School/Madrassa Teachers in collaboration with UGC HRDC Aligarh Muslim University.

Financial constraints were acknowledged as a challenge- hindering further diversification and collaborative actions.

A pivotal discussion ensued on strengthening of AEEDU's Governing Body, with emphasis placed on amending certain provisions laid down originally in the organization's Rules and Regulations to ensure legal compliance and clarity. CEO, AEEDU proposed authorizing the President to get the necessary amendments in consultation with the Chartered Accountant in the Constitution of the Alliance without altering its basic framework. The Treasurer Mr. Saeed Shervani, while supporting the CEO's proposal, suggested getting them amended without any further delay in order to ensure that they are legally tenable and are properly worded.



The meeting noted with satisfaction AEEDU's growing reputation as a Facilitating and Enabling Organization certified and acknowledged by the Stakeholders and Educational Institutions, in successfully organizing various capacity-building programs for School and Madrassa Teachers, and subsequent requests for similar initiatives from various quarters.

The CEO provided an update on AEEDU's application for permanent registration of 12A related to tax exemption, with a hearing scheduled for April 4, 2024.

While assessing the PowerPoint Presentation Developed by AEEDU Office, Concerns over funding constraints were raised.

Discussions on sustainable revenue models took place and suggestions ranged from donation-based and interest-free loans (based on the Corpus) to be created. It was decided to take the PPT Presentation to important cities outside Delhi and to organize meetings with stakeholders.