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AEEDU Hosts Iftar Followed by Dinner at CISRS House, New Delhi



Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) hosted an Iftar in the Holy Month of Ramzan followed by Dinner on April 3, 2024. This was held at the CISRS House located at 14 Jangpura B, New Delhi.

This was attended by a cross-section of society, in which people from practically all walks of life were present and shared their bonhomie and good wishes. The event was marked by the presence of the founders of AEEDU; Dr. S. Y. Quraishi, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India; Dr. Najeeb Jung, Former LG of Delhi; and Mr. Saeed Mustafa Shervani, Managing Director, Shervani Group of Hotels. Other dignitaries present included Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, Former President SE University; Fr. Dr. M. D. Thomas, Director, Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies; Mr. Asif Habib, Industrialist and Businessman; Syed Nazakat, Founder, DataLEADS, Foundation; Dr. Hilal Ahmed, Associate Professor, CSDS, Delhi; Mr. Saud Akhter, Controller of Examinations, Jamia Hamdard; Mr. Ekramul Haque, Founder, Mission Taleem; Maulana Ataur Rahman Qasmi, Director, Shah Waliullah Institute; Mr. Farooq Siddiqui, National Head, AMP NGO Connect; and others.

Syed Mahmood Akhtar, CEO, AEEDU, thanked all the persons present in the Iftar and expressed gratitude for their presence and participation in AEEDU's efforts towards social philanthropy and charitable engagements, as symbolized in the exchange of good will during the Iftar.



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 Two Days Capacity- Building Programme on Communication Skills and Artificial Intelligence



In a collaborative effort to enhance the capacities of school teachers, Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU), jointly with Fatehpuri Muslim Senior Secondary School, organized two days Capacity-Building Programme on Communication Skills and Artificial Intelligence on April 19–20, 2024, at the school premises.

The programme began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. Mr. Nooruddin, Principal of the School, extended a warm welcome to all the participants while emphasizing on the importance of the programme towards better knowledge and communication skills of the school teachers.

The first two sessions were conducted by Prof. B. S. Butola, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, JNU and Research In charge of AEEDU. He explained the fundamentals of communication skills, providing participants with a solid foundation for effective communication. He further delved into communication etiquette, emphasizing the importance of professionalism and connectivity in all forms of communication.

The subsequent sessions were conducted by Ms. Neha, Assistant Professor, Jamia Hamdard. She introduced the participants to the basics of Artificial Intelligence and its wide-ranging applications. Ms. Neha further explored the application of AI in education, elucidating its transformative potential in revolutionizing teaching and learning methodologies.

The valedictory function was graced by Dr. Riaz Umar, Chairman of the Fatehpuri Muslim Senior Secondary School, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, School Manager, and Syed Mahmood Akhter, CEO, AEEDU, among others. The programme proved to be a valuable platform for enhancing communication skills and gaining insights into the applications of Artificial Intelligence in education.



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Meeting on AEEDU Funding Issues: PowerPoint Presentation by CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter

A meeting was held on April 24, 2024, at the AEEDU office to address the pressing funding issues faced by the organization. It was attended by Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, Dr. Najeeb Jung, Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, and Mr. Saeed Shervani, along with Janab Ameer Ahamad, Chairman, Manappat Foundation. CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter, Prof. B. S. Butola, and Mr. Mohammad Umair were also present in the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation delivered by CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter. In his presentation, the CEO discussed the important activities undertaken by AEEDU and laid out AEEDU's future plan. He emphasized the urgent need for financial support to sustain AEEDU's initiatives and achieve its objectives.

He also pointed out the necessity of creating a corpus fund to cover administrative expenses.

Mr. Ameer Ahamad assured of providing such support to AEEDU and requested for providing him a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation prepared by AEEDU. The request was immediately complied with.

Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah informed the meeting regarding locating a small piece of land in Haryana for constructing a Teachers' Training Centre. It was pointed out by the CEO that, as per policy, AEEDU was not to engage itself with the creation of any institution of such kind, however it could be taken up for discussion later on as proposed by Janab Shahid Siddiqui.

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AEEDU Organizes Counseling Session for Students and Parents

Addressing the issue of access of the underprivileged students to quality education and show them the way forward by providing proper counseling and quality education, the Alliance organized a session of such students and their parents on Saturday, April 27, 2024, in its office premises.

A total of 10 parents from Basti Hazrat Nizamuddin and 11 students studying in Delhi Public School, Modern School, and others were present. The coordinators were Mr. Anil Rajan and Janab Sarfraz Ahmed Saifi of the same locality. CEO AEEDU, Syed Mahmood Akhter, Research In-Charge, Prof. B. S. Butola, Project Officer, Mr. Mohamad Umair, and Technical Officer Mr. Juned Ahmed were also present in counseling session.

It was surprising to note that most of the students, who had been admitted under the EWS category in such good schools, had lots of problems related to academic performances were brought forth in the session. Lack of understanding in the school was a major problem. Lagging behind in English and Mathematics were other handicaps for them. Moreover school going children at Parental guidance/counseling were almost nil at their homes, partly because of uneducated parents or their lack of time and interest for their children's educational matters, partly because of sufficient space as required.

Prof. Butola and Syed Mahmood Akhter addressed these matters by way of suggesting greater involvement of parents and spending quality time with children. AEEDU assured to provide counseling, encouragement and help them to solve their problem to the best of their abilities and background.

CEO Mahmood Akhtar invited the children to make use of the Taleemi Markaz/ Common Study Centre located in the Molalla and managed by AEEDU. He also committed to provide two competent teachers—in English and in Mathematics—to coach these students during the evenings thrice a week in the Taleemi Makraz.

The session proved fruitful in fostering a deeper understanding on serious issues faced by both the students and parents and suggesting remedial action on behalf of AEEDU.



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Sabeer Bhatia Delivers Keynote Address on Education and Technology at India International Centre

Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) organized a talk on "Education and Technology: A Paradigm Shift," by Mr. Sabeer Bhatia, co-founder of Hotmail and ShowReel, on May 26, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the India International Centre. The dais was shared by Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, Prof. Furqan Qamar, Mr. Javed Yunus, and Syed Mahmood Akhter, CEO, AEEDU. It was attended by individuals from diverse backgrounds, including professors, school teachers, students, entrepreneurs, and others.

The program commenced with participants' registration which was substantial. The formal proceedings began with an introductory address by Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, followed by Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, who delivered the welcome address and introduced AEEDU. Dr. Kavita A. Sharma and Prof. Furqan Qamar provided brief addresses, sharing their perspectives on education and technology. Mr. Javed Yunus during his address discussed the life and journey of Mr. Sabeer Bhatia. It set the stage for the keynote address by Mr. Sabeer Bhatia.

Mr. Bhatia, during his speech, captivated the audience with his insights on how technology can revolutionize education. He emphasized the need for innovation. He also shared his journey of becoming a successful techpreneur.

Following his speech, an interactive session was held, allowing the audience to engage directly with Mr. Bhatia and other speakers. This session included a wide range of questions from the participants that were answered by Mr. Bhatia and other speakers.

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The programme concluded with a PowerPoint presentation by Mr. Syed Mahmood Akhter, CEO of AEEDU, which provided an overview of AEEDU’s ongoing projects and future initiatives.

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AEEDU Governing Body Meeting to Address Critical Funding Needs and Explore New Initiatives

The Governing Body of the Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) convened a virtual meeting on June 25 to address significant funding challenges and explore new initiatives. It was chaired by Vice President Dr. Najeeb Jung and attended by AEEDU founders and other governing body members including Dr. K. Rahman Khan, Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, Mr. Saeed Mustafa Shervani, Mr. Farhat Jamal, Ms. Khair Ul Nissa Sheikh and Mr. Syed Mahmood Akhter.

CEO Syed Mahmood Akhter commenced the meeting with an overview of AEEDU's recent undertakings. Key events highlighted included an Iftar and dinner held at CISRS House on April 3, 2024, and a two-day Capacity Building Program at Fatehpuri Senior Secondary School on April 19-20, which focused on Communication Skills and Artificial Intelligence. A significant meeting with Janab Ameer Ahamad was held on April 24. The Meeting focused mainly on issues related to funding. Furthermore, a counseling session was organized for



students and parents on April 27, and an interactive talk with tech entrepreneur Mr. Sabeer Bhatia on May 26, which significantly boosted AEEDU's recognition, was underscored.

The financial instability of AEEDU was the main topic of the meeting. CEO revealed the current balance of AEEDU and emphasized on the urgent need for immediate funding to avoid the potential closure of operations within months. Despite sending funding appeals to Mr. Allana and His Holiness Syedna, responses have been delayed. Dr. K. Rahman Khan proposed securing a minimum of Rs. 4 lakhs per month through permanent contributors over the next few months, while Mr. Saeed Shervani highlighted the inadequacy of the current Rs. 1.5 lakhs monthly pledge from the Shervani Group alone, stressing the need for broader financial support to ensure sustainable operations.

Exploring potential funding sources, Dr. Jung suggested leveraging donor networks in Kerala, a region known for its generosity, with Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah and Mr. Ameer Ahamad facilitating these efforts. Ms. Khair Ul Nissa Sheikh offered a promising solution by providing 14,000 square feet of space at WTC Noida, rent-free for one year, to establish teacher training centre. The Governing Body decided to inspect this space within the next 10 days.

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Plans to commemorate AEEDU's two-year anniversary with a stakeholders' meeting were also discussed. This event aims to disclose significant research activities, including a comprehensive database on NGOs and analyses of enrollment and dropout rates, along with an entrepreneurship module developed by Prof. Asiya Chaudhary among the underprivileged sections of our society.

Ms. Khair Ul Nissa Sheikh proposed collaboration with Emarat Education, Skills, and Entrepreneurship Centre (EESEC) to establish a Skill Development Centre in Kashmir, funded by her family and operated under AEEDU's banner. To maintain momentum and address issues more effectively, the Governing Body agreed to increase the frequency of their meetings in every six weeks. The session concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



AEEDU Officials Attend Prize Distribution Ceremony at City Public Library

City Education and Charitable Trust (CEACT) organized a prize distribution ceremony on June 30, 2024, at the City Public Library in Sadar Bazar, New Delhi. The purpose of the event was to celebrate the achievements of participants in the Summer Camp in its various competitions.

Syed Mahmood Akhter, CEO, AEEDU graced the event as the Chief Guest. He was warmly welcomed by Janab Mohammad Sharifuddin Quraishi, President of CECT, who presented him with a flower and shawl. He also presented a memento to the chief guest along with Mr. Mohaamd Umair Project Officer at AEEDU.

In his keynote address, Syed Mahmood Akhter praised the participants for their outstanding performance in the Summer Camp. He highlighted the importance of nurturing confidence and enhancing communication skills among children which is essential for their success. He also expressed his happiness at the notable achievements of the Summer Camp, particularly commending the role of girls in hosting the program.

The highlight of the ceremony was awarding certificates to the participants of the Summer Camp and its various competitions. Syed Mahmood Akhter, along with Mohammad Sharifuddin Quraishi, presented the awards, acknowledging the hard work and dedication of students.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks. It not only recognized the participants' efforts but also underscored the commitment of CECT and AEEDU for fostering holistic development among children through such enriching programmes.

