

MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL URDU UNIVERSITY
Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP)

MINUTES OF THE SECOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 15th September 2010

The Second meeting of the First Advisory Committee of the 'Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP)' – MANUU, was held on 15th September 2010 between 10:30 A.M to 1:30 P.M, in the Committee room of MANUU. Syed Shahid Mahdi former Vice Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi, and the senior member of the AC, CSSEIP has chaired the meeting as the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Mohammed Miyan, was away to attend an important meeting in New Delhi and hence had nominated Syed Shahid Mahdi to Chair the session. The following members of the committee were present and participated in the deliberations;

A) CHAIRMAN: Syed Shahid Mahdi, Former Vice-Chancellor, JMI, New Delhi.

B) MEMBERS:

- 1) Prof. Rekha Choudhary, Department of Political Science, Jammu University, Jammu.
- 2) Prof. E. Haribabu, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad – 500 046.
- 3) Dr. Ali Raza Moosvi, Reader (Geog), Directorate of Distance Education, MANUU, Hyderabad – 500 032.

C) SPECIAL INVITEE:

- 1) Prof. H. Y. Siddiqui, Faculty, Department of Sociology and Social Work, MANUU

D) CONVENOR: Dr. P. H. Mohammad, Director I/C, CSSEIP.

Other two members on the Advisory Committee - Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed and Prof. Fatima - could not attend the meeting.

Dr. P.H. Mohammad, the Director I/C – CSSEIP and the convener of the Advisory Committee, placed the agenda before the committee for their approval and explained the items mentioned in the agenda one by one.

The agenda for the meeting consisted of two parts: Part I Reporting Items and Part II items that were to be considered by the Advisory Committee for approval.

1. Part I - Reporting Items

The Director I/C made a detailed presentation about the following academic activities- major and minor research projects undertaken by the faculty members of the Centre, details regarding the structure and content of the M. Phil programme initiated by the Centre, seminars workshop organized by the CSEEIP and the seminars workshops in which the faculty participated and outreach activities since its inception in May 2007. The committee made the following suggestion regarding the activities of the Centre.

MPhil Programme:

The M.Phil programme was started in the year 2009. The programme is one year programme and has two components: course work in the first semester and dissertation work in the second semester. The students are required to do the following course during the first semester.

Courses:

- 1 Research Methodology (Paper 1)
- 2 Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies (Paper II).
3. Elective (in the area of the topic of M.Phil).

The Director reported that all of the five students enrolled in the M.Phil programme secured Maulana Azad Foundation fellowships.

- The committee strongly suggested that the focus area of the Centre highlighting the Muslim community should be more clearly stated. In view of this, social exclusion of Muslims will be conceptualized and contextualized. Thus a perspective focusing on social exclusion of Muslims in terms of how and in what ways: (1) State, its policies and institutions (2) Market, and (3) Culture including language like Urdu contribute to the process of exclusion will be developed to guide the research program of the Centre.
- The Centre should explore possibilities of collaboration with other Centres for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy in different regions of the country to evolve an all India project on artisans such as weavers among Muslims to study their problems and to suggest policy recommendations to the central government..
- The Centre's faculty should be involved as a team to carry out research in the projects that form part of the Centre's thrust areas, for example, areas as mentioned above.
- The papers submitted in the Conference that held in February 2010 should be published. However, the Committee advised the convener to consult Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed and Prof. E. Haribabu for his advises for editing and to select good quality papers for publication.

- The Committee felt that the translation of the Sachar Committee Report from English to Urdu should be completed in a reasonable period of time in consultation with the University authorities.

The Director I/C provided detailed information on some clarifications sought by the members. The Committee was satisfied with the progress that the Centre made in spite of constraints during the period and appreciated the efforts of the faculty members in the Centre.

2. Part II - Items for consideration and approval of the Advisory Committee

2.1 Introduction of Ph.D. Programme in Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy:

The Advisory committee approved of Centre's proposal to introduce the Ph.D programme. It felt that the introduction of the Ph.D is essential in view of the objectives of the centre as specified in the UGC document. The M.Phil programme already started would feed into the Ph.D programme.

2.2 To start the journal and to finalise editorial board and Advisory board for the Journal of Social Exclusion.

While approving the proposal to introduce the journal, the Committee has felt that an agency need to be identified to market the journal so that the journal can be widely circulated on subscription basis. Also the Committee felt an e- journal may be undertaken before introducing the printed version of the journal. The journal can be published once a year to start with and slowly make it a bi-annual one. However, the editor could be the Director (or the head) and the editorial responsibilities can be kept rotating keeping in the qualifications of the person. Guest editors may be invited to edit theme based issues of the journal and a suitable honorarium may be allowed.

2.3 Organizing orientation programmes:

The Committee approved the proposal and suggested to identify the associate institutions such as the Academic Staff College, CPDUMT, etc., to organize the orientation programmes.

2.4 Organizing sensitization programmes:

The Committee approved of the proposal and suggested that theme based panel discussions on the area covering the Social Exclusion and inclusive policies have to be telecasted in Doordarshan as part of the programme. The Centre may collaborate with the Instructional Media Centre of MANUU in this regard.

2.5 Organizing conferences/seminars on Social Exclusion:

While recognizing that the seminars/ conferences and workshop are academic activities the Committee approved of the proposal to organize the above mentioned events. However, the Conference themes need to be developed and the concept papers need to be sent to the Committee before finalizing the same so that the Committee members can give their inputs.

2.6 Research proposals on central themes of the CSSEIP

The Advisory Committee accorded approval to the proposal by the Centre to establish a National Resource Unit on Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies. In this regard the members advised to develop the proposal and send it to the members for their suggestions and comments. The Committee also felt that the CSSEIP-MANUU could network with the other similar centers in the country towards meeting this objective.

The items mentioned in the agenda were discussed in length and a formal approval was consented to all the items of the agenda with the appropriate suggestions/amendments and recommendations as following;

3. Any other items in the agenda:

- 3.1 Taking note of the centre's mandated focus is on Muslim community, the Committee suggested that all the faculty members shall be involved in evolving a central research programme, irrespective of their area of research.
- 3.2 The data on Muslims should be generated on the lines of the recommendations of the Sachar Committee.
- 3.3 Working paper series may be started and the papers and the series may be published after a due process of review.
- 3.4 The Committee felt that the faculty members may prepare scholarly essays at least a couple of essays every year in the area of their interest and these essays may be published.
- 3.5 The Advisory Committee deliberated on the status of the CSSEIP. After taking into account all aspects and the mandate of the Centre the Committee felt that the temporary nature of the appointment of the Centre's staff has been creating many difficulties regarding stability, and evolving any long term research and teaching programmes as the staff members are not certain about the future of the Centre. The Advisory Committee also noted that the University of Hyderabad made the CSSEIP located in the School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad a permanent centre and accordingly appointed faculty members in accordance with the norms of appointing permanent faculty.

Keeping the above aspects in view, the Advisory Committee made the following recommendation.

Keeping in view the objectives of the CSSEIP and activities mandated to it by the UGC, the Centre should be imminently made a permanent Centre and it recommends that the CSSEIP and all the positions created in the Centre should be absorbed by the University as part of its XII Plan and the services of the staff (both teaching and non-teaching) working at present in the Centre should be regularized with all the benefits.

As a step in this direction, the Advisory Committee unanimously agreed that its recommendation be placed before the appropriate decision-making bodies for consideration and approval.



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