

MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL URDU UNIVERSITY

Al Beruni Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy
(ACSSEIP)

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (ACSSEIP,
MANUU) HELD ON 23rd NOVEMBER, 2016

The Fourth Advisory Committee meeting of the 'Al Beruni Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy' (ACSSEIP) – MANUU was held on 23rd November, 2016 at 11.00 AM, at Maulana Azad National Urdu University Campus, Hyderabad. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Registrar, MANUU, has chaired the session. The following members attended the meeting:

A) **CHAIRMAN**: Dr. Shakeel Ahmad – Registrar, MANUU, Hyderabad

B) **MEMBERS**:

- 1) Prof. Faizan Mustafa, VC, NALSAR, Hyderabad.
- 2) Prof. Adapa Satyanarayana, Department of History, Osmania University, Hyderabad (Retired)
- 3) Dr. Afroz Alam, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, MANUU, Hyderabad.
- 4) Dr. A. Nageswara Rao, Assistant Professor, ACSSEIP, MANUU, Hyderabad.
- 5) Mr. K.M. Ziyauddin, Assistant Professor, ACSSEIP, MANUU, Hyderabad.
- 6) Dr. S. Abdul Thaha, Assistant Professor, ACSSEIP, MANUU, Hyderabad.

C) **MEMBER SECRETARY**: Prof. Kancha Ilaiah, Director, ACSSEIP, MANUU, Hyderabad.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Registrar, MANUU, thanked the external members for giving their consent to be the members of Advisory Committee-ACSSEIP. The Chairman initiated the discussions of the Meeting and placed the Agenda before the Committee for discussions and approval.

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Prof. Kancha Ilaiah, The Director, ACSSEIP and the **Member Secretary** of the Fourth 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 consists of **Two Parts: Part I Reporting Items** and **Part – II items that were to be considered** by the Advisory Committee for approval.

Part-I: Reporting Items

Prof. Kancha Ilaiah, the Director of the Centre, made a presentation of the Centre's progress and activities since November 2011 to till date to the Advisory Committee. He explained about the key objectives of the Centre on issues of conceptualization, contextualizing and problematizing the exclusion and inclusion existed on the lines of religion and caste/ethnicity in the society. The Director also informed the Core research area of the Center - studying issues of Muslims in Indian context. He further informed about the successful efforts of the Centre in running M.Phil and Ph.D. programs. He further presented the Conferences / Seminars / Workshops / Symposia, Orientation-cum-Networking, Monthly Lecture Series / Distinguished Lecture Series conducted by the Centre and on the Research Projects carried out by the Faculty (sponsored Major and Minor Research Projects).

The Sponsored Research Programme (Sponsored by ICSSR), "**South Indian Muslims: Present and Future**" is a major achievement of the Centre and unique in itself as it is only this Centre that has taken up for studying Muslims of Five South Indian states. Prof. Ilaiah further explained the initiative to translate and publish important research outputs in the form of books and working paper series undertaken by faculty and research staff of the Centre. He also briefed the facilities of ACSSEIP Library, having the best collection of relevant books and journals in the area of Social Exclusion.

The Committee was also informed about the Academic Outreach in the form of networking with other Universities, Research Institutes, Policy Makers, NGOs, made by the Centre during the last Five years. For instance, Centre made significant contribution to increase the minority budget in erstwhile state of Andhra Pradesh, through its **Round Table Programme** by inviting representatives of all major political parties and bureaucrats, and civil society organizations. This achievement of the Centre was appreciated by **NAAC Peer Review Committee** members in its visit in 2016. The members of NAAC opined that Centres like

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The Approvals

PART-I

1.1 Approval of the previous meeting of the Third Advisory Committee Minutes held on 3rd November 2011.

The Committee approved the items of the Third Advisory Committee minutes held on 3rd November 2011 and activities done by the Centre till date (2011-2016) as the basic objectives were fulfilled. The Members formally approved the Minutes of the previous Advisory Committee on the following items.

- Appreciated the area of research undertaken for M.Phil and PhD programmes
- Organising orientation and sensitization programs on the Muslims' issues
- Organising conferences/seminars on social exclusion of religious minorities and dalits
- Publishing the Working Paper Series following the standard guidelines (ISSN)
- Research proposals on central theme of the Centre – focussing on Muslims
- MoU with Editorial Board for the Journal of Exclusion Studies

In view of the fact that a journal (Journal of Exclusion Studies) with the former Director of the Centre, Prof. Abdul Matin as Editor and the Centre's staff on the editorial board, has been started, the Centre proposes to enter into an MoU with the Dept of Sociology, AMU / Diva Publishers, New Delhi for collaboration.

1.2 Activities undertaken by the ACSSEIP, from November 2011 to till date

The Members were satisfied with the progress undertaken in the area of conducting research, publishing research outputs, organising conferences/seminars/lectures/symposia by the Centre in the last nine and half years and formally approved the activities. Prof. Faizan Mustafa and Prof. Adapa Satyanarayana expressed that the Centre has contributed in producing research base on Muslims, which is a kind of data base creation suggested by the Sachar Committee. Dr. Afroz Alam suggested for undertaking collaborative research work, which is the need of the hour.

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PART-II

2.1: Future Plans of the Centre: Major Research Programs and Activities

About collaborating with funding agencies for major research projects, Prof. Faizan Mustafa suggested to approach various institutions and organisations to seek major financial support for the future research projects. In addition to the UGC and ICSSR, they also suggested to approach the various Ministries viz., Social Justice, Minority Affairs, Women and Child Welfare, Tribal Affairs, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, etc. for financial support of the Centre's research projects. About the publication of the Centre, Committee Members suggested to publish the research work from national and international publishers for better outreach.

The Committee appreciated the initiatives in the form of research works, Sponsored Research Project and M.Phil and PhD programmes that focus of various dimensions of Muslim community. While discussing about the generation of empirical data on discrimination and exclusion faced by the community, it was suggested by the Members that the completed research works to be widely discussed and circulated amongst the civil society organisations and concerned government departments. The members further suggested the ways to influence the policy formulation processes by collaboration and active engagement with government agencies specially in the fields of Education, Employment and Health and their under-representation in political participation, etc.

The members suggested that the Centre may continue working on Muslims' issues and organising conferences / seminars / workshops by inviting the young researchers and eminent scholars working on Muslims. The Committee also advised to take interdisciplinary research with other Centres/Departments as collaborative studies. The Committee advised to take up specific studies on other religious minorities like Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, etc., in collaboration with scholars and institutions who worked on these areas. A specific suggestion was made that in Nizam and Deccani area a study could be conducted about the interface between Islamic culture and Christian culture for social inclusion and empowerment.

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