



Press Release

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**MANUU helps Bihar Madrasas to transform
5 Day Training Programme ends in Patna**

Patna:

Government of Bihar has taken up a unique project of Adolescence Education Program (AEP) to bridge the gap between Madrasa and Schools. Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) is supporting this effort by providing critical training to the Madarsa Resource Centres.

As part of the initiative MANUU organized 5 day training program from August 1 to 5 for Madrasa principals from 30 districts of Bihar in Patna. Around 950 Madrasa Principals attended the training which concluded today.

Mrs. Safina Noor, Secretary, Minority Welfare Department while addressing the valedictory today morning said that about 75 percent girls are enrolled in Madrasas and they should be given special attention in this program. She motivated the Madrasa Principals for the efficient conduct of the program.

According to Prof Mohd Shahid, Project Director from MANUU, the quality of education in 2500 Madrasas is being strengthened through 50 Madrasa Resource Centers. Over 7000 Madrasa teachers will be trained in the new pedagogy. It is an attempt to provide conducive environment and opportunities to adolescents' boys and girls in Madrasas so that their creative thinking, critical approach and intellectual abilities can be triggered. The cultural background & Islamic context of the Madrasas are carefully taken care of.

Earlier, Mr Mohammad Zama Khan, Minority Welfare Minister, Bihar Government in his address during the inaugural stated that AEP in Madrasas of Bihar is a unique initiative and ambitious project of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for inclusive development, which is not exemplified in any other part of the country.

Mr Amir Subhani, Development Commissioner, Bihar Government said that the AEP program provides students and teachers with a better understanding of contemporary and future situations. Mr. Faizi, Director, Minority Welfare Department and Mr. Saeed Ansari, Secretary of Madrasa Board were also present.

Prof. Mohd Faiz Ahmad, Project Coordinator, MANUU and Dr Nadeem Noor, UNFPA also spoke. Faculty members and Assistant Project Coordinators Dr Shafayat Ahmad, Dr Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad , Dr Mohd Afroz Alam, Chand Ansari, Sonu Rajak and the facilitators actively coordinated the program.

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