Al Beruni Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion (ABCSSI)

MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL URDU UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON 5th May, 2026

The 9th Advisory Committee meeting of the Al Beruni Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion (ABCSSI), Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad was held on 5th May, 2026 at 11.00 am at CSSI, MANUU, Hyderabad. Prof. Shugufta Shaheen, MANUU has chaired the session. The following members attended the meeting:

Sl.No.	Name	Designation
1	**Prof. Shugufta Shaheen** (VC Nominee) Department of English MANUU, Hyderabad	Chairperson
2	**Prof. Sreepathi Ramudu** Director, CSSI, University of Hyderabad	Member (External)
3	**Prof. Aseem Prakash** Chairman, School of Public Policy and Governance, TISS, Hyderabad	Member (External)
4	**Prof. Afroz Alam** Department of Political Science, MANUU, Hyderabad	Member
5	**Dr Ayesha Uzma** Assistant Professor ABCSSI, MANUU, Hyderabad	Member
6	**Dr. S. Abdul Thaha** Associate Professor, ABCSSI, MANUU, Hyderabad	Special Invitee
7	**Prof. Danish Moin** Director (I/c), ABCSSI, MANUU, Hyderabad	Member Secretary

The Chairperson of the Advisory Committee, Prof. Shugufta Shaheen, MANUU, welcomed the members and expressed her sincere appreciation to the external members for their valuable consent to serve on the Advisory Committee of ABCSSI. She formally initiated the proceedings and placed the agenda before the Committee for discussion and approval.

Prof. Danish Moin, Director (In-charge), ABCSSI and Member Secretary of the Ninth Advisory Committee, presented the agenda and explained each item in detail to facilitate informed deliberations. He emphasized the Centre's focused engagement with minority communities, particularly in the areas of gender inclusion, including transgender persons, women, and persons with disabilities, in alignment with the broader vision of Viksit Bharat. The presentation also underscored the Centre's growing emphasis on entrepreneurship and skill-oriented initiatives aimed at fostering inclusive development and empowerment. He provided an overview of key academic and outreach activities, including conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia, networking and sensitization programmes, and distinguished lecture series, while also highlighting the Centre's well-developed library resources with its

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rich and specialized collection supporting advanced research in the domain of social inclusion.

AGENDA 1:

Approval of the Minutes of the Eighth Advisory Committee Meeting held on 29.04.2025

RESOLUTION:
The Minutes of the Eighth Advisory Committee Meeting held on 29.04.2025 were placed before the Committee for consideration. The members carefully reviewed the recorded proceedings and noted that the Minutes accurately reflected the deliberations, decisions, and recommendations made during the meeting and approved the Minutes.

AGENDA 2:

Approval of the Minutes of the previous DRC Meetings

RESOLUTION:
The Minutes of the two Departmental Research Committee (DRC) meetings held on 10-09-2025 & 24-03-2026, pertaining to the academic and research activities of the Centre were placed before the Advisory Committee for consideration. The Director informed informed the Committee that one research scholar Mr Asif Ali had withdrawn from the programme upon securing admission at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU). It was further reported that two research scholars Mr Salman Shah and Mr Jaffer Shameem, neither reporting to the centre nor to their supervisor, Dr. S. Abdul Thaha (Associate Professor), despite regular communication; they had even failed to attend two consecutive Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings. As per the recommendations of the DRC, their admissions were cancelled as per the MANUU Ph.D. Regulations due to non-compliance with academic requirements.

The Advisory Committee took note of these developments and after due consideration, approved the Minutes of the DRC meetings along with the actions taken therein.

AGENDA 3:

Approval of Two-Credit UG Syllabus on Entrepreneurship (Practical Component)

RESOLUTION:
The proposed two-credit Undergraduate (UG) syllabus on Entrepreneurship was presented before the Committee for consideration. The Committee emphasized that the course should be designed in a highly practical, experiential, and skill-oriented manner to enhance students' employability and entrepreneurial capabilities.

It was noted by the Committee, and the necessary modifications have been duly incorporated in the syllabus.

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AGENDA 4:

Consideration of allowing eligible faculty members to serve as Full-Time Ph.D. Supervisors

RESOLUTION:
The proposal to allow eligible faculty members from various Social Science Departments of the University, as well as faculty from the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), formerly known as the Directorate of Distance Education (DDE), to serve as Full-Time Supervisors for Ph.D. scholars was placed before the Committee.

The matter was discussed in detail, and the proposal was approved by the Committee.

AGENDA 5:

Establishment of a Social Entrepreneur Hub

RESOLUTION:
The proposal for establishing a Social Entrepreneur Hub under the Centre was discussed in detail, and the Committee appreciated the vision of promoting social entrepreneurship to advance social inclusion through innovative and sustainable approaches. It emphasized the need for collaboration with innovation ecosystems such as T-Hub for mentorship, incubation, and expert support, along with effective handholding of students and aspiring entrepreneurs. The Committee recommended integrating the Hub with academic programmes through structured internships and entrepreneurship training, including Capstone Projects addressing real-world challenges, and aligning its activities with government initiatives such as MSME, ESDP, PM Kaushal Yojana, and PM Vikas Yojana to enhance impact and funding opportunities. After deliberation, the proposal was approved in principle, with a direction to prepare a detailed project report outlining implementation, partnerships, and expected outcomes.

AGENDA 6:

Annual Action Plan for the Year 2026–27

RESOLUTION:
The Annual Action Plan for the Academic Year 2026–27 was presented before the Committee. The members carefully reviewed the proposed activities, programmes, and research initiatives outlined in the plan and appreciated the Centre's continued commitment to academic excellence and social relevance.

The Committee suggested that the Action Plan be made more focused, practical, and outcome-oriented, with clearly defined objectives and measurable deliverables. Emphasis was laid on enhancing field-based activities, community engagement, and policy-oriented research. The need to ensure better convergence between academic programmes and societal impact was also highlighted. The Committee further recommended that focus should be made on Centre's Outreach programs, like tribal village adoption program and storytelling.

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Any other Item with the Permission of the Chair

Under this item, the following suggestions were made by the members to further strengthen the academic, research, and outreach activities of the Centre:

- Enhancing the visibility and outreach of the Centre through social media platforms like FaceBook, Instagram, LinkedIn, etc., for systematic academic promotion and attracting the attention from researchers, NGOs and policy makers.
- Collaborate or engage with MANUU's programs like PWD Cell, NSS, Housekeeping Staff
- Formalizing institutional collaborations through MoUs or Letters of Engagement to strengthen long-term academic partnerships and knowledge exchange with TISS, HCU, etc.

The Committee took note of all the above suggestions and advised the Centre to take necessary steps for their systematic and phased implementation, in alignment with the Centre's objectives and institutional priorities.

The Advisory Committee meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by the Member Secretary (Director, i.c., of the Centre).

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1	**Prof. Shugufta Shaheen** MANUU, (VC Nominee)	**Chairperson**	5.5.26
2	**Prof. Asim Prakash** Aseem TISS, Hyderabad	Member	5/May/26
3	**Prof. Sreepathi Ramudu** Director, CSSI, University of Hyderabad	Member	Online
4	**Prof. Afroz Alam** Department of Political Science, MANUU, Hyderabad	Member	online
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