

MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL URDU UNIVERSITY
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I. Introduction

About the University

The Maulana Azad National Urdu University was established in 1998 by an Act of the Parliament as a Central University with an All India jurisdiction. The Mandate and Objective of the University is to promote and develop the Urdu language, provide higher, technical and vocational education in Urdu medium through distance as well as regular mode and to focus on increasing enrollment of Urdu speaking women in higher education and empower them with education and appropriate skill. The University has started functioning from 9th January 1998 with its headquarters at Hyderabad, Telangana. The University is fully funded by the University Grants Commission and functions under the aegis of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The President of India is the Visitor to the University. Shri Mumtaz Ali is the Chancellor and Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan is currently Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Purpose and Activities of the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP)

Establishment of the Centre: Evidence in the social history suggests that the social exclusion on the basis of caste, race, religion, gender, etc. generates tension, violence and disruption within a given social structure. A form of alienation where in certain social groups are denied from accessing to the resources - perpetuating inequality and deprivation in society

- the systemic exclusion experienced by the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and religious minorities in India is one example of the social exclusion. In this regard, it is the institutions of higher learning which can address the problem of social exclusion by studying, understanding and transcending the phenomena for policy evolution on the issues concerning the social exclusion. These kinds of centres will bring together diverse individuals, groups, and institutions to help understand the causes and consequences of social exclusion, and suggest remedies to fully include the excluded communities in the process of modernization and development of the country.

It was in this backdrop, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) established the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP) at its headquarter Hyderabad with the approval of the UGC in May 2007 to study the nature, extent and forms of social exclusion among some selective socially excluded groups at present and to suggest theoretical and policy formulations in this regard. The main thrust area of this Centre is to study religious minorities with specific focus upon the Muslims as a socially excluded group, exclusion of Urdu speaking population, while studying the other excluded groups such as dalits and tribes, etc. Its' activities include, teaching, research and action oriented programmes in collaboration with the reputed bodies and institutions working in the areas of social development among the socially excluded groups.

The Centre has emerged as one of the most vibrant centre in its domain by 2015. However, due to uncertainty of tenure of the teaching faculty, many of them moved to other departments in the university. Despite the problem of regular faculty members, Center has still been very active and has organised several programmes- workshops, Lectures and conferences to deal with the issues of exclusion and how to remedy the situation.

II. Faculty and Research Staff – A Profile

Sl.No	Name of he Faculty	Designation	Qualifications	Specialization
1	Prof. Rafiullah Azmi (Dept of History)	Director, in-charge (Since July 2023)	PhD JNU (International Studies/History)	India and the West Asian region
2	Dr. S. Abdul Thaha	Assistant Professor-cum-Asst. Director	PhD-History (Regional Studies)	Environmental and social history; Social Justice and Affirmative Action
3.	Dr. Ayesha Uzma	Assistant Professor-cum-Asst. Director	PhD (Women's Studies)	Women's Studies
4	Dr. Mohd. Kareem	Research Assistant	PhD (History)	Modern Indian History, Tribal Studies, Social Exclusion and Inclusion, Muslims Reservations and Affirmative Action

III Academic Programmes of the Centre

Centre has been actively pursuing Ph.d Programme and has currently four students on its roll, while it successfully awarded PhD Degree to 15 students. Centre has successfully awarded M.Phil degrees to 42 students but now this has been discontinued in the light of the UGC directive.

Faculty engaged in Teaching / Research

Sl.No.	Name	Course
1	Dr. S Abdul Thaha (Assistant Professor)	● Supervising PhD research scholars

The following Table Presents the details of the PhD Scholars who are on the rolls of the Centre's PhD Programme

S. No.	Name of the Research Scholar	Title of the Thesis	Regn. No.	Supervisor
1	Maqsood Ahmed	Multi Dimensional aspects of poverty amongst Muslims in Jammu: A case study of Gujjar and Bakarwal Tribal Communities	A191569	Dr. S.Abdul Thaha (Co-supervisor: Prof. Farida Siddiqui)
2	Farah Jaffri	Status of women in border conflict areas: A case study of Poonch district in Jammu and Kashmir	A191570	Prof. Afroz Alam (Co-Supervisor: Dr. K.M.Ziyauddin)
3	Sohel Akhter	The West Bengal Minorities Development and Finance Corporation: Its role in inclusive development of Muslims	A191571	Dr. S.Abdul Thaha (Co-Supervisor: Dr. A. Nageswara Rao)
4	Mohd Wasim Akram	Socio-economic, educational and political status of Muslims in Bihar: A study of Seemanchal (proposed)	A165111	Dr. S. Abdul Thaha

IV. Academic Contribution of the Faculty Members / Staff

Dr Shaik Abdul Thaha has published following work in the academic session of 2023-24.

Research Publications

Sl.No.	Name of Faculty / Staff	Title	Name of the Journal/Book
1	Shaik Abdul Thaha	Book: Barr-e-Sagheer Hind mein Muslim Khawateen ki Haisiyat (Status of Muslim Women in Indian Sub-Continent)	Edited a book with Farida Siddiqui, published by Dept of Publications, MANUU, Hyderabad, 2023 (ISBN-978939503623)
2	Shaik Abdul Thaha	‘Muslim Khawateen Pasmada Basti (Ghettowariat) ke Asrat: Ek Tasjiyati Mutala’ (Urdu), pp. 182-198	Farida Siddiqui and Shaik Abdul Thaha (ed), Barr-e-Sagheer Hind mein Muslim Khawateen ki Haisiyat (Status of Muslim Women in Indian Sub-Continent), Dept. of Publications, MANUU, Hyderabad, 2023 (ISBN-978939503623)

Adjudications, Memberships and Foreign Visits

S. No.	Name of the Teacher	Adjudications, memberships and Foreign Visits
1	Dr. S. Abdul Thaha	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Life Member in Indian History Congress• Life Member in South Indian History Congress• Life Member in Telangana History Congress• Life Member in Association for Social Exclusion Studies
2	Dr. Mohd Kareem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member, Indian History Congress• Member, South Indian History Congress• Member, Andhra Pradesh History Congress• Member, Telangana History Society

V. Outreach Programme - I (Village Adoption Programme)

The CSSEIP, MANUU has conducted sensitization programme to the elected representatives of gram Panchayat, Mandal (Taluq) level representatives, students, teachers, women, Muslims, SC and ST communities in the year 2023-24. It had organized 4 Sensitization programmes in the village meant for bringing awareness among programme participants from different social groups in Aloor village, Chevella Mandal, Rangareddy district, Telangana State. These programmes have become a huge success as the Outreach programmes of the Centre has brought a positive change among the villagers towards availing government schemes and other inclusive measures taken by the successive governments.

The number of beneficiaries for each sensitization programme

SC: 25

ST: 15

Women: 35

Muslims: 20

Youth: 50

State officials and Elected Representatives at Village and Mandal level: 25

Village Adoption Programme - Some Pictures



Interaction with ST (Erukula) Community in Aloor Village under Village Adoption Programme (June, 14, 2023)



Interaction with Muslim Community in Aloor Village under Village Adoption Programme (October 23, 2023)



Prof. P.H Mohammad, Director, i/c., having an interaction during sensitization programme for state officials and youth for sports and education in rural areas (May 4, 2023)



Interaction with Gram Panchayat staff on village development programmes implemented in Aloor (June, 14, 2023)

Outreach Programme - II (Reaching NGOs/Civil Society Organisations)

The Centre has also conducted its outreach activity in the old city of Hyderabad by organising an awareness programme for Muslim women having social issues related to young women's marriage and employment/livelihood activities. (February 17-18, 2024)



Visit to Syed Khamoshi Trust, Hyderabad for sensitization programme on Muslim young girls and their social issues in Hyderabad old city (17-18, Feb.2024)

VI Workshops / National Seminars / Lecture Series

CSSEIP, MANUU has conducted following Workshops, Seminar, Symposia and Lectures:

VI.I Workshops

- ❖ Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP) has organised a Workshop on “**Review of Literature for Researchers in Social Sciences**” by Prof. M.A.Kalam, eminent Social Scientist, on 16th June, 2023. Prof Kalam explained and discussed in detail various aspect of review of literature while emphasizing its importance for the research. In this workshop, several research scholars and faculty members participated. This session was very useful for the researchers.
- ❖ Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP) has organized a three –Day Research Methodology Workshop on “**Measuring Social Exclusion, Discrimination & Inequality** ” for PhD scholars in joint collaboration with the **Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), New Delhi** and Dept. of Economics, MANUU from 11-13 September, 2023.



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VI.II National Seminar

The Centre at MANUU has Organized Two-Day National Seminar on “**Exploring the Dynamics of Women’s Marginalization in India: Prospects and Challenges**” during 19-20, February, 2024. Participants from different universities / institutions across the country presented more than 50 papers in the national seminar.



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VI.III Lecture Series Programme

The Centre has established a Popular/Special Lecture Series Programme (PLSP) and the Monthly Lecture Series Programme (MLSP) under which well known personalities of research and administration and the civil society networks shall be invited to deliver lectures on the topics covering the social exclusion. The objective of these programmes is to sensitize the campus community on the social exclusion issues and to evolve a debate on the particular subject seeking further research interest and policy support concerning the issue. The speakers invited are from different places in the country and also from the international bodies. The Centre and its faculty also share their thoughts over the issues so to understand the commonalities involved in the issues across Muslims and other countries. Also the Centre has its own forum of debate within the Centre faculty members who often sit the round table to discuss and share the ideas about the issues of social exclusion and various inclusive policies.

Following is the list of Speakers invited under this programme:

- ❖ Lecture on “ **Diversity versus Pluralism in G-20 Nations**” by Prof. M.A.Kalam, Eminent Social Scientist on 21st June, 2023 at 11.30 Am at Saiyid Hamid Library Auditorium, MANUU. Chaired by Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of MANUU Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan.
- ❖ Talk on “**Idea behind G-20: An Introduction and General Issues**” by Prof. M.A.Kalam, Eminent Social Scientist, on 22nd June, 2023, on 22nd June, 2023 at 3.00 PM at Committee Hall, 3rd floor, School of Arts and Social Science Building, MANUU, Chaired by Registrar, MANUU Prof. Ishtiaque Ahmed.
- ❖ Interaction on “**Encountering with day to day Discrimination in Rural Areas and Discrimination in Higher Education Institutions**” on 10th July, 2023 at 3:00 pm at CSSEIP by Nookathoti Ravi Kumar, Director, Jaanudi Centre for Literature & Culture Studies, Ongol (NGO).
- ❖ Special Lecture on “**Feminization of old age with special reference to Vrindavan**” by Prof. Rekha Pande, Eminent Historian from HCU on 9th October, 2023 at 11.00 am at Committee Hall, 3rd Floor, Lecture Hall Complex, MANUU. The Dean, School of Arts and Social Sciences, MANUU has chaired the session.



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- ❖ Special Lecture on “**Good Governance and Minorities: Role of Smart Policing**” by Dr. Jitender, IPS, Principal Secretary, Home Department, Telangana on 12th October, 2023 at 11.30 AM at Committee Hall, 3rd Floor, Lecture Hall Complex, MANUU. The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor has chaired the session.



Lecture on “**Good Governance and Minorities: Role of Smart Policing**” by Dr. Jitender, IPS, Principal Secretary, Home Department, Government of Telangana on 12th October, 2023

VII CSSEIP Library

The Centre’s Library has a good collection of books and monographs (including journals and magazines) related to various fields of social sciences in general and social exclusion in particular; the total number of books in the Centre is around 3000 plus. The library is regularly visited by the research scholars and faculty of MANUU, HCU, NGOs and other Universities.



A View of Centre’s Library

VIII Vision and Future Plans

CSSEIP is sincerely committed to emerge once again as vibrant centre in its mandated domain with the financial support of the UGC. The vision of the CSSEIP at MANUU is to become one of the top centres of excellence in research in Social Exclusion studies in the country by continuing its present strength of working on exclusion and inclusive growth, economic and social problems of the dalits and religious minorities and reorient and diversify its research in the new fields and also meet the challenges posed by challenges in development paradigm.

As the CSSEIP has initiated the **Village Adoption Programme** as part of which various activities concerning the village communities and their development have been studied and documented by bringing out a small volume. The CSSEIP-MANUU, would continue the programme further in the year 2024-25 as well and also undertake the Sensitization Programme for Elected Representatives and Political Leaders on "Social Inclusion Policies".

The Centre would undertake a number of studies/projects from government/ international development agencies. The Centre plans to continue close and effective interactions with the state/central governments and thereby provide key inputs into policy formulation. Centre would like to integrate its PhD program with the research work undertaken in the projects sponsored domain. Centre's faculty would continue to publish books, contribute papers on Social Exclusion/Inclusion and related topics in professional journals and edited volumes.

**DIRECTOR, I/C
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