

Call for Papers
National Seminar on “*Issues of Muslim Minority Education*”
4-6 November, 2009
New Delhi.

Department of Educational Administration of NUEPA is organizing a **National Seminar on “*Issues of Muslim Minority Education*”** on 4-6 November, 2009 in NUEPA, New Delhi.

Among various minority groups Muslims occupies an important position in Indian Society. However, their literacy rate (59.13 percent) as per Census 2001 is lower than the national literacy rate (65.38 percent) and also lowest among all the religious minorities.

The report of the Sachar Committee has also found that the Muslim community is lagging much behind than other religious groups of India in most development indicators. The community is relatively poor, illiterate, has lower access to education, lower representation in public and private sector jobs, and lower availability of bank credit for self-employment. It is therefore desirable that the stakeholders such as policy makers, planners, administrators, educators, parents and community leaders sit together, discuss these issues and share experiences to identify bottle necks. The proposed seminar is an attempt in that direction as it will provide a good platform to review the existing situation of Muslim Minorities, their programmes and implementation strategies and to learn from success stories.

It is visualized that the main outcomes of the seminar will be a set of implementable strategies that will explore the possibilities to make the State and stakeholders more sensitive and responsive to the needs of diverse social and religious groups for overall development of the Country and to influence the future policies in a positive way.

The main objectives of the Seminar are as follows:

- To discuss key issues on Minority Education flagged by Sachhar Committee.
- To study the action taken at various levels for policy formulation and implementation of the Sachhar Committee’s recommendations
- To get feedback from the field.— Sharing Best practices, innovative initiatives, mainstreaming efforts and
- Minority participation in Secondary, Higher and Professional Education.

The Themes and Sub-Themes of the Seminar are as follows:

1. Policies & Programmes of Minority Education;
 - a. Policies: Historical perspectives
 - b. Critical Review of Education Policies on Muslim Minority Education
 - c. Committees and Commissions on Minority Education: Recommendations, Implementation, Beneficiaries perception & Feedback
 - d. Programmes for Minorities & their implementation
2. Government Schemes & Voluntary Efforts:
 - a. Management of Incentive Schemes, Programmes, Scholarships, schemes;
 - b. NGOs & Promotion of minorities
3. Access and Participation:
 - Participation:(a) in all levels of school education
(b) in Hr. Education, Professional & Technical Courses
 - Vocational Education
 - Teacher Preparation Programmes
 - Language Issues: focus on Urdu
 - Gender and Education
 - Subject choices and Employability
 - Attitude and perception towards Education
 - Equity, Equality and Quality in context of Globalization
 - Madrasah Education
 - Poverty and Education
4. Issues in Planning and Management of Muslim Minority Education Institutions:
 - Best Practices in Educational Leadership in Minority Muslim Managed Institutions:
case Studies
5. Employment & Education
 - Globalization and Impact on Education and Employment of Muslims
 - Education and Employment
 - Social & Economic Issues
6. Any other relevant issue affecting Education of the Muslim Minority.

Papers are invited for the National Seminar on Issues of Muslim Minority. The abstract of the paper may kindly be submitted by 30th September 2009 and full paper by 15th October 2009 of 3000 to 5000 words.

Travel & stay will be looked after by NUEPA in case of accepted papers.

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