

Minutes of the fourth Advisory Committee Meeting
Held on 10th April 2013 at 03.00 a.m. in the Committee Hall,
CPDUMT Building, MANUU Campus, Hyderabad

The following members were present

1.	Prof. Khalid Saeed, I/c. V.C	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Ahrar Hussain	Member
3.	Prof. Mohd. Shujath Ali	Member
4.	Prof. Misbahul Anzar	Member
5.	Prof. S.M. Rahmatullah, Registrar	Spl. Invitee
6.	Prof. R.S. Balaji, Finance Officer	Spl. Invitee
7.	Prof. Mazheruddin Faroqui	Member Secretary

Prof. Khaja Peer and Prof. H. Khatija Begum could not attend the meeting.

- Dr. Mohd. Shujath Ali, Deputy Director, Centre for Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers (CPDUMT), Maulana Azad National Urdu University, welcomed the Chairman and the members of the Advisory Committee of CPDUMT.
- The minutes of the last Advisor Committee meeting held on 23rd March 2011 was approved by the members of the Committee.
- The Director, CPDUMT, Prof. S.M. Mazheruddin Faroqui, presented a brief report of the activities of the Centre for Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers. He informed the members that the Centre has conducted eight orientation programmes during financial year 2012-2013, three in Andhra Pradesh, three in Maharashtra, four in Kerala and one on the MANUU Campus for Urdu teachers Kerala. In all, the orientation programmes spread over 40 days in which 72 resource persons imparted training to 366 Urdu language/medium teachers. He said that despite our solemn resolve to conduct a handsome number of orientation programmes and other activities to enhance the professional skills of teachers, we could not do enough because of fund crunch as there was no release of fund during this year for the Centre from UGC. However, he acknowledged the fact that the Vice Chancellor, Prof.

Mohammad Miyan has been kind enough to allocate an amount of Rs. Five lakh on 30.11.2012 and again permitted to hold four orientation programmes and sanctioned Rs. 1.5 lakh for each one which could pave the ways for conducting a total of eight orientation programmes.

- He requested the University authorities to do the needful to procure adequate budget for the Centre in the current financial year so that the Centre might discharge its duties satisfactorily. The Director said that there is much scope of activities for the Centre and it has also the potential to perform but unless essential financial help is provided, the Centre cannot achieve the set goals. He also requested the authorities to fill up the vacancies of the Assistant Director and Assistant Professor of the Centre and restore other positions to add to the potential and prospect of the Centre.
- During the discussion on the report, Prof. Aharar Huassain enquired about the causes of deleting the proposal of the Magazine which was earlier proposed to be published from Centre. When the Director cited the financial crunch as a reason, he emphasized that this proposal must not be retained whenever the Centre manages budget for the same as this is very useful and relevant proposal.
- While replying the question of Prof. Ahrar Hussain as to why the Centre does not conduct orientation programmes on the MANUU Campus, the Director again cited the small budget as a reason. He explained that a few staff members go to the outstation venue making lower expenditure than they are entitled, just to conduct programmes in a lowest possible budget as inviting 40 to 60 participants at MANUU would be a much more costly affair. He added that the Urdu medium teachers, particularly the lady teachers feel inconvenient to attend programmes at Hyderabad. It is a fact that majority of Urdu medium teachers are women. If we conduct in the concerned areas, more number of women teachers is benefitted. In a response of yet another question, he apprised that the Centre has conducted five orientation programmes for Kerala teachers alone and informed that there are approximately 2300 Urdu language teachers in Kerala.
- Prof. Khalid Saeed asked about the ways adapted to prepare programme schedules and also whether the Centre obtains feedback from the participants to improve the programmes. The Director replied that feedback is obtained from the participants after completion of every programme and the Centre tries to incorporate their reasonable suggestions in the schedules of upcoming programmes. He also informed that programme schedules are prepared keeping into account that which level of school or madrasa they belong to and in which subjects they require the tainting most as well as the local needs of the participants in terms of their syllabi and aptitude and potential.

- Prof. Ahrar Hussain said that there should be some incentive for the Urdu medium teachers in terms of promotion in service in order to attract the teachers to attend orientation programmes. In this connection, the Director informed that school education is generally in the purview of state governments and they adopt different provisions for promotion, however, Maharashtra and Kerala have provisions of granting promotion on ground of orientation programmes done. On this issue Prof. Khalid Saeed sought to know as to why the Centre did not consult these two states for getting its certificates recognised for the promotion of Urdu/Urdu medium teachers. The Director apprised him that once the Centre commits with these states, it would become incumbent upon it to impart training to one and all teachers of Urdu/Urdu medium which would compulsorily require a huge budget to fulfil its obligation while it is more than obvious that the Centre is hardly getting budget to conduct only a few programmes. He maintained that Centre shall certainly take initiatives if adequate budget is released and prospects for the coming years are bright.

The following items were put up before the CPDUMT Advisory Committee for its perusal / consideration / discussion / advice.

Items No. 01- Estimated budget for the year 2013-2014 were put up for perusal and consideration.

The Director, CPDUMT put up before the Advisory Committee the estimated budget of Rs. 57,00,000.00 for the financial year 2013-14 for perusal. It was divided under eleven heads consisting of different programmes aiming at professional development of Urdu /Urdu medium teachers. The members perused the budget and approved it.

Items No.-02 Topics / areas for orientation programmes for perusal and approval.

The Director put up a comprehensive list of 152 topics / areas which have been selected by the CPDUMT after consultation with various academicians, resource persons, senior teachers, management personnel and madrasa people in due course for orientation programmes. Some of them are finalised for a particular programme in consultation with the local coordinator/ coordinating agency with consensus. The members perused the topics and accorded their approval for the same.

Items No.03- Proposal to hold three seminars and one workshop during the year 2013-2014.

While discussing on the proposal, Mr. R.S. Balaji, the Finance Officer said that the University has an exclusive fund for conducting seminars and workshops and assured the Director that he might manage to grant the required amount for the same to the Centre and suggested to apply for the budget under this head separately.

(c) Any other item (s)

- The Director CPDUMT proposed that the Centre may convene a national level convention on the status of Urdu in India. Most of the members felt that it would be a big task to convene a national convention on the contemporary challenges of teaching and learning Urdu in different parts of country. The members agreed upon the suggestion that there should be three convections at regional levels and one on the MANUU Campus in which the stake holders can be invited from across the country.
- Concluding remarks were delivered by the Chairman, Prof. Khalid Sayeed.
- At the end of the meeting, Mr. Misbahul Anzar, the Assistant Professor, CPDUMT proposed the vote of thanks to all the participants of the meeting.