



Press Release

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**MANUU join hands with UNFPA to empower madrasa students**

**Hyderabad:**

Maulana Azad National Urdu University today took a leap forward towards its mandate of reaching the unreached by entering into a partnership with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to implement a pilot project on Adolescence Education Program (AEP) in Madrasas of Bihar.

A formal launching ceremony of the project was held today morning at Conference Hall, Administrative Building, MANUU Campus.

Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice-Chancellor presided over and exchanged the documents with Mr Venkatesh Srinivasan, Assistant Representative, UNFPA in India.

Addressing the gathering Dr. Aslam Parvaiz described the project as a new beginning for MANUU. The endeavour to empower Madrasa students is part of MANUU's mandate, he said. Collaboration with UNFPA shall continue to streamline the marginalized sections. Inclusion and dissolution is important for smooth functioning of the society, Dr. Aslam Parvaiz remarked.

Mr. Venkatesh Srinivasan expressed the need to engage educational institutions with national bodies and professional organizations. He offered more collaborative ventures to MANUU including a new project on Media with the involvement of Department of Mass Communication and Journalism.

Dr. M A Sikandar, Registrar, described the pilot project as a mission and in complete consonance with University's mandate.

AEP aims at the training, capacity building and lifelong learning of adolescents studying at Wastania level (classes 6-8) Madrasas in four districts of Purnia division namely Kishanganj, Araria, Purnia and Katihar. The Purnia division has a very high concentration of Muslim population and represents one of the highly backward regions of Bihar commonly known as Seemanchal.

Earlier, Dr M. Vanaja, Project Coordinator, welcomed the guests. Prof. Mohd Shahid, Project Director, briefed about the proposal. He submitted that MANUU is keen into the project by the virtue of the exigency to get into such projects to empower Muslim community, more especially, to adolescent Muslims. He explained the demography of Purnia Division which is considered as one of the backward regions of Bihar. Dr Nadeem Noor, UNFPA, Patna, conceptualized the whole situation of marginalized communities in the country and the associated stigma of mainstreaming Indian Muslims. In the context he expressed his views on taking adolescent students of Madarsas to the extent where they can develop life skills for an active citizenship.

Prof. Faiz Ahmad, Project Coordinator, proposed the vote of thanks.

Deans, Directors, Heads of the Departments, Faculty Members and Students of MANUU beside the representatives from UNFPA, Jamia Millia Islamia and Bihar State Madrasa Education Board were present.



## MANUU wins Triangular Cricket Tournament

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Maulana Azad National Urdu University's cricket team registered one more emphatic win over University of Hyderabad to win the final match of first Triangular Cricket Tournament. MANUU beat HCU by 68 runs.

MANUU won the toss and elected to bat and scored 189 runs for the loss of 5 wickets in 25 overs. Shahidul Islam scored highest 51 runs with 8 boundaries and Mohd. Rafiqe Khan scored 48 runs with 4 boundaries and 2 sixes. For HCU, Rakesh took 2 wickets for 30 runs in 5 overs.

In reply HCU team was bundled out at 121 runs in 20.4 overs. Hari scored highest 48 runs with 7 boundaries. Zeeshan Jamali took 3 wickets for just 11 runs in 3.4 overs whereas Rafiqe and Farhan took 2 wickets each for MANUU.

Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice-Chancellor, MANUU presented the medals & trophy. In his address, he said that participation with the spirit of sportsmanship is more important than loosing or winning the game. In both cases, you learn and grow a lot in your life, he added. Silver Medals were given to the runner up, HCU cricket team. The First Azad Triangular Cricket Trophy and gold medals were presented to winning MANUU Team.

Earlier, Dr. M. A. Sikandar, Registrar, MANUU played some shots on the bowling of Prof. Abul Kalam, Chariman, Sports Monitoring Committee.

Prof. Abul Kalam while appreciating all the players of tournament commented that all three teams, Nizam CC, HCU and MANUU, showed maximum civility in language, behaviour and displayed more aggression in their performances which made the tournament a great success.

Mr. Muajhid Ali, Assistant Director I/c (DPE&Sports) presented a brief report of the tournament and conducted the function. Mr. Mohammad Musharraf Khan, Cricket Coach MANUU, Mr. Syed Muzaffar Ali, Former International Footballer & MANUU Football team coach, Dr. Mohammad Habeebullah and scores of students from MANUU and HCU were also present on the occasion.

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