# Minutes of III History Workshop for B.A. SLM Development Directorate of Distance Education

## Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad

(10 - 13 December 2018)

Third Workshop of DDE, History for the development of B.A. SLM, among other things, was conducted by the Directorate of Distance Education (DDE), Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, from 10 to 13 December 2018 at the Head Quarters of DDE. The following members were present in the workshop.

#### I. External Members:

- Prof. S. M. Azizuddin Hussain Professor (Retd.)
   Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi.
- 2. Dr. Parwez Nazir
  Centre for Advanced Study in History
  Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, U.P.
- 3. Dr. Ahmed Khan PGT in History, KMMS, Darbhanga, Bihar.

#### II. Internal Members From DDE:

- 1. Dr. Shaik Mahaboob Basha, Assistant Professor of History
- 2. Mr. Meer Abul Hussain, Guest Faculty

### Internal Members from Department of History, MANUU, Hyderabad.

- 1 Dr. Danish Moin, Head.
- 2 Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Kaw
- 3 Dr. Khalid Ponmulathodi, Assistant Professor
- 4. Dr. Khanday Pervaiz Ahmad, Assistant Professor
- 5. Mr. Ikramul Haq, Assistant Professor

The workshop began with Prof. P.F. Rahman, Director of DDE, welcoming all the members and briefing the significance of the workshop in the context of the new DEB regulations.

- 1. The third workshop which was supposed to be held during 12 14 November 2018 had to be postponed to December because of unavoidable circumstances (exorbitant air fare due to Diwali).
- 2. The expert members considered the B.A. syllabus; each of the six papers developed into not less 20 units, and expressed satisfaction at it.

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- 3. The expert members looked at the template of CBCS and made a suggestion. It is that to maintain continuity in chronology and also to enable the students to have the whole idea of Indian history, the paper titled "History of India (1750 A.D. - 1885 A.D.)" should be included in the syllabus of DDE: this will be along with the two other Elective papers offered in the Final Year of B.A. As per the requirements of DEB regulations, the experts committee elaborated the syllabus of the paper in question to enable it to reach the minimum required 20 units. For this, some improvements were made in the regular dept. syllabus paper while keeping its broader structure intact. The expert committee strongly recommended that B.A. History students may be encouraged to opt for this paper. Discussing the issue of mobility, the expert committee expressed that since the paper belongs to the final year, there will not be any practical problems.
- 4. The expert members carefully examined the existing B.A. material available with DDE and unanimously felt that it requires thorough revision.
- 5. Reflecting on agenda item number 1, the expert members opined that it is not advisable to undertake whole scale translation of IGNOU material as IGNOU itself is considering the revision of its syllabus and more importantly that there already exists good amount of material in Urdu available with DDE.
- 6. The expert members proposed that the existing material may be put to good use as a background to facilitate speedier writing of the material directly in Urdu. Therefore, it is resolved that the B.A. SLM writers will be provided with relevant assigned portions of the existing material in Urdu (wherever available) available with DDE for his her reference with a freehand being given to modify and update the material. In any case, the writer will not reproduce the material either in terms of language or content.
- 7. After a careful consideration of a number of names, writers of B A. SLM have been identified, contacted over the phone and their consent is taken. Various units have been assigned to them.
- It has been resolved that, given the urgency of material production for first year B.A.. writers of first year B.A. SLM shall be requested to submit the mater al by the end of March 2019. The deadline for submission of second and final year meterial is 31 May 2019 and 31 July 2019, respectively.
- 9. On 12 December 2018, the Hon. Vice-Chancellor graced the workshop at 3:45 pm. Also present were the Director, DDE and the Director of the division of Translation

and Publication. The V.C. was apprised of the state of work and he appreciated the same and encouraged to work further.

- 10. As the discussion with the V.C. was on, the experts raised the issue of honorarium being offered to writers of SLM: the expert committee members felt that the rates of remuneration are low and they needed to be reviewed and revised. The Director, DDE, and the Director of the division of Translation and Publication agreed to review and revise the same.
- 11. The following steps are suggested for the smooth processing of the production of material.
  - Whether typed or hand-written, the writers of SLM will send it to DDE first. 11.1.
  - The material will go to a Content Review Committee: " " Gred fremd" 11.2.
  - 11.3. A language Review Committee will examine it.
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Final Workshop for a longer duration shall take place/

- 12. The Expert Committee members reviewed the pace of writing of M.A. SLM, and expressed satisfaction at it. As a few members declined to write wher contacted while the workshop was on (although they jubilantly accepted the assignment earlier; and now suddenly declined), new members were included in their place.
- 13. The Expert committee members expressed satisfaction at the way the Assistant Professor of History, DDE; and the Guest Faculty of History, DDE, are working for speeding up the process of material production and quality assurance, and congratulated them for their industriousness.
- 14. The members were happy about the outcome of the workshop and hoped to meet soon.

The workshop ended with the co-ordinator of the workshop profusely thanking all the members for their kind cooperation.

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