

AMU Centre Kishanganj (2013-14) : A Report

The Hon'ble President of India accorded permission to start Kishanganj Centre on 31.10.2012. The Govt. of Bihar on 06.07.2013 handed over two buildings constructed for Minorily Hostel for Boys and Girls in which the University started classes of B.Ed. on 26.11.2013. Presently one year B.Ed. Professional course is running with 58 students and 05 teachers were appointed in the Centre. Dr. Raashid Nehal, Associate Professor Dept. of English is looking after the Centre as an OSD.

Land, measuring roughly 224.02 acres was allotted by Bihar Govt. and Govt. of India has sanctioned a sum of Rs 136.82 Crore for the Centre. Work on Boundary Wall and other constructions will start soon. From the academic session 2014-15, one more 2 years MBA course will be introduced and separate test shall be held in June/July 2014

Academic

I assumed charge as an OSD, AMU Centre Kishanganj on 18 Nov 13. The admission process for the B.Ed program was facilitated by COE, AMU was completed on 22 Nov. An induction program for one year B.Ed. Professional course was conducted by Dr. Mahmud Ali, Asstt. Professor, Dept. of Education, AMU followed by the commencement of classes on 26 Nov 13. In order to catch up with the academic schedule classes continued during winter vacation in addition to the extra classes conducted by the faculty. Maulana Asraul Haq, MP, Kishanganj, visited the centre on Jan 2, 2014 and addressed the students and staff community to bring quality education at the same time catering to the socio-economic needs of the local community.

Dr. Amirullah Khan conducted guest lectures on Spoken English on 31 Jan 14.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor Brigadier Ahmed Ali visited the centre on 21 Feb 14 and also inspected the AMU site at chakla.

Dr. Raashid Nehal presented a paper as a speaker on 'Technology Mediated Language Teaching through Kindle Mobile Learning Initiative in India: the Access Experience' at the International Teacher Educator Conference (Conference Theme: Innovation in English Language Teacher Education) 21 - 23 February 2014, Convocation Centre, Hi tech city, Hyderabad organized by the British Council in collaboration with the English and Foreign Languages University (EFL-U), Hyderabad.

Practice Teaching sessions started in February in three different schools of Kishanganj and semester 1 examination concluded from 5-26 March 14.

The office of the OSD organized a 2 day workshop on 'Guidance, Counselling and Soft Skills' on 4-5 April, '14 in order to cater to B.Ed student needs and requirements of the semester 2 syllabus. Dr. Shah Alam, Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychology and Dr. Raashid Nehal, OSD AMU Centre Kishanganj acted as resource persons for the workshop. The course materials were prepared on PPT and hard copy of the same was distributed to all B.Ed participants and also 24 teachers working in local schools.

3 scholarships were sponsored by Muslim Social Uplift Society (MSUS), Shamshad market, AMU for needy students. The second round of Practice teaching sessions followed by Practical examination concluded on 8 May 2014. Dr. Mahmud Ali, Asstt. Professor, Dept.

of Education, AMU visited the centre from 6-8 May '14 as an external examiner for Practical Examination for practice Teaching.

Administrative

After assuming charge civil, electrical and plumbing work began in Boys Hostel, office of the OSD, Girls hostel and Academic Block to facilitate the smooth functioning of academic and residential activities. Two grills and main gate was installed at Girls and Boys hostel respectively. Mess committee managed by the student community was constituted to initiate the dining activities both for Girls and Boys hostel. The office of the OSD facilitated the mess with necessary utensils and other necessary furniture. At the same time, OSD office monitored the construction of boundary wall, warden house located in the premises of the girls hostel.

The office of the OSD on the directions of VC AMU coordinated with District Administration for the inauguration of AMU land allotted at Chakla by Smt. Sonia Gandhi, UPA chairperson on 30 Jan 2014 along with the visits to the site by H.E., Governor of Bihar Dr. D. Y. Patil Union HRD minister, Shri Pallam Raju CM, Bihar Shri Nitish Kumar and State Education Minister, Shri P. K. Sahi and Maulana Asraul Haq, MP, Kishanganj.

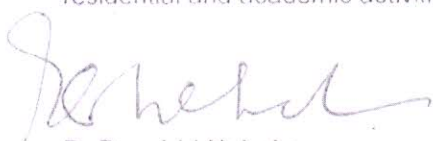
3 ROs and 2 water coolers attached with purifiers were installed for safe drinking water along with the photocopying facilities for the students in the hostel. 37 fans were installed in Academic Block, Girls Minority Hostel and in the office of the OSD.

In order to facilitate the teaching and administrative work classroom and hostel furniture, Projector, Laptop and public address system were procured.

Reading room and Common Room were created for Boys and Girls Hostel. Two LED TV 32" were installed in common room of the respective hostels.

A semi-professional librarian has been deputed to man the library of over 500 Books purchased to cater to the curriculum needs of the students.

The non-teaching staffs have been working on holidays to facilitate the administrative, residential and academic activities of the centre.



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