

# State level Workshop by National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions

A State Level Workshop on “Educational Empowerment of Minorities: Challenges and Opportunities” was organized by National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI). NCMEI in collaboration with Rajasthan State Commission for Minorities on 22nd September, 2017 at Jaipur, Rajasthan with an objective to sensitize and apprise different stakeholders of educational rights of minorities and constitutional safeguards as enshrined in Constitution. The function was inaugurated by the Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Hon’ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment, Minority Affairs and Waqf of State of Rajasthan. The details of the officers who attended the State Level Workshop is at appendix – I.



2. Shri M.A. Khan, Deputy Director, Rajasthan State Commission for Minorities, Jaipur welcomed all the dignitaries and Members of Minority Communities present in the Workshop. He also put forward the aim and motive of the workshop emphasizing importance of education for society. Hon’ble Chairman, Rajasthan State Commission for

Minorities, Shri Jasbir Singh brought out the importance of education in transforming the society and that it is only vehicle for all round development of the society.

3. Shri K. C. Bairwa, Director, Minority Affairs addressed the gathering and outlined the work done by Rajasthan Government for welfare of minorities.

4. Hon'ble Member, NCMEI Dr. Naheed Abidi spoke about functions of NCMEI and its role in redressing the grievances of minority educational institutions. She quoted the *Esha Upnishad*, bringing out grandeur of scholarship hence education and learning in making a person immortal.



5. Hon'ble Member, NCMEI, Dr. Baltej Singh Mann said that Minority Institutions, State Governments and Central Government should work in tandem and should not project themselves as rival of each other. He further emphasized coordination between

different agencies catering to the interests of minorities so as to ensure effectiveness of Minority Educational Institutions (MEIs)



6. Hon'ble Minister Shri Chaturvedi spoke of traditional knowledge system of India and its significance for skills and generating employment. He also highlighted the work done by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Rajasthan Government for educational empowerment of minorities and spread of educational opportunities and employment among them.

7. Ms Saroj Punhani, Secretary, NCMEI presented a power point presentation highlighting the functions and powers of NCMEI wherein she elaborated Sections 10, 11, 12 A, 12B, 12C of NCMEI Act, 2004. She also explained how to apply for a Minority Status Certificate (MSC) or appeal for redressal of any grievances of Minority Communities against violation of their rights assured under Article 30 of the Constitution.

### **Second session**

An interactive session was held in second half of the Workshop which was presided over by Shri Jasbir Singh, Chairman, Rajasthan State Commission for Minorities, Jaipur. It embarked with a question by Mr. Atik of Jodhpur running 21 Institutions under Maulana Azad University regarding funding of MEIs by State Governments. In response to his queries, Shri M. A. Khan enlisted different schemes meant for financing MEIs.

Another participant Ms Anita Soni of Adina Institute sought clarification about procedure to get No Objection Certificate (NOC). In reply, Shri Khan said that an applicant may check state wise detailed procedure devised by Government in this regard which is available on website of State Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Representative of Anshen Group under Gyandeeep education Society asked if a single Minority Status Certificate can be obtained for different Institutions under same Trust/ Society. Dr. Mann and Dy secretary, NCMEI Shri Sandeep Jain clarified that separate applications should be

filed for each institution even if they are under the same Trust/ Society. These cases may be heard by the Commission as a batch case. Shri Jasbir Singh instructed his subordinates to review the mechanism to issue the MSC by State Government.

Shri Arvind Jain, a representative of Federation of Jain Institute, pointed out that laws made by state governments are not in commensuration with those made by central government. Dr. Mann replied that Commission will look into the matter and do the needful.

In concluding address, Chairman Jasbir Singh thanked the Hon'le Minister, the Members of NCMEI, State Authorities and participants for making the Workshop a grand success.

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**LIST OF OFFICERS**

1. Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment, Minority Affairs and Waqf
2. Dr Baltej Singh Mann, Member, NCMEI.
3. Dr. Naheed Abidi, Member, NCMEI.
4. Ms Saroj Punhani, Secretary, NCMEI.
5. Shri K. C. Bairwa, IAS, Director, Minority Affairs
6. Shri Jasbir Singh, Chairman, Rajasthan State Commission for Minorities, Jaipur
7. Shri Munawar Khan, Member, Rajasthan State Commission for Minorities, Jaipur
8. Miss Lilian Grace, Member Rajasthan State Commission for Minorities, Jaipur
9. Ms. Kashmi Kaur, Secretary, Rajasthan State Commission for Minorities, Jaipur
10. Shri M.A. Khan, Deputy Director, Rajasthan State Commission for Minorities, Jaipur
11. Mr. Sandeep Jain, Deputy Secretary, NCMEI.
12. Shri Jayprakash, Under Secretary, NCMEI.

