

**Report of One-Day Workshop on Curriculum Review  
for Diploma in Guidance and Counselling  
Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), MANUU, Hyderabad**

**Date: 31st July 2025**

The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad, organized a One-Day Workshop on 31st July 2025 to review and finalize the curriculum and syllabus of the proposed one-year (two-semester) Diploma Programme in Guidance and Counselling. The workshop was organized under the initiative of the Faculty of Education, CDOE, and convened by Dr. Shaikh Wasim.

**Objectives of the Workshop**

The workshop was designed with the following objectives:

- To critically review the draft curriculum and syllabus of the Diploma in Guidance and Counselling.
- To incorporate expert insights and align the programme with current academic, professional, and societal needs.
- To ensure that the structure, content, and evaluation methods are comprehensive, balanced, and learner-centered.
- To make the programme practical, skill-oriented, and aligned with the objectives of distance and online education.

**Experts Present**

The workshop benefitted from the presence of eminent experts:

- **Prof. Ramesh Ghanta**, Eminent Educationist.
- **Prof. Shaheen Altaf Shaikh**, Head, Department of Education & Training, MANUU.

**Faculty Members Present**

The faculty members of CDOE actively participated and contributed to the deliberations:

- **Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed I. Patel**
- **Prof. Sumi V.S.**
- **Prof. Sayyad Aman**
- **Dr. Sameena Basu**
- **Dr. Shaikh Wasim (Convenor)**

## Proceedings of the Workshop

The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Razaullah Khan, Director, CDOE, who greeted the experts and participants, underlined the importance of the proposed Diploma Programme, and highlighted its relevance in meeting the contemporary educational and societal needs.

Following this, Dr. Shaikh Wasim, Convenor, introduced the objectives of the workshop and presented the draft structure of the Diploma in Guidance and Counselling, including the programme objectives, credit distribution, course outlines, evaluation scheme, and practical components, for review and discussion.

The experts and faculty members engaged in **thorough deliberations** on the following areas:

1. **Programme Objectives and Relevance** – The experts emphasized equipping learners with both theoretical knowledge and practical counselling skills.
2. **Course Structure and Content** – Each course was carefully examined to ensure clarity, academic depth, and relevance. Suggestions were made to refine modules related to psychological foundations, guidance services, counselling techniques, ethics, and practicum.
3. **Credit and Evaluation Framework** – Recommendations were made to balance theory and practice, with greater emphasis on internal assessments and skill-based evaluation.
4. **Practical Component** – Case studies, field-based assignments, and reflective journals were suggested to strengthen the applied dimension.
5. **Distance Education Perspective** – The integration of self-learning materials, online interactive sessions, and multimedia resources was emphasized to suit the CDOE model.

## Outcomes of the Workshop

- **Prof. Ramesh Ghanta**, Eminent Educationist, who provided valuable academic and institutional perspectives, ensuring the curriculum aligned with MANUU's vision and the needs of learners.
- **Prof. Shaheen Altaf Shaikh**, Head, Department of Education & Training, MANUU, whose vast experience in teacher education and curriculum development enriched the review process.

The deliberations and suggestions were highly constructive, leading to refinement of the PPR, curriculum, course design, and evaluation framework, ensuring that the Diploma Programme will be:

- **Comprehensive and balanced**, combining theory with practice.
- **Skill-oriented and learner-centered**, with a focus on employability and professional competence.

- **Aligned with societal and institutional needs**, preparing learners to provide effective guidance and counselling services.

### **Conclusion**

The workshop concluded with a consensus that the revised curriculum of the Diploma in Guidance and Counselling is academically robust, professionally relevant, and suitable for distance and online learners.

The session ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Shaikh Wasim, Convenor, who expressed gratitude to the experts, faculty members, Director, and participants for their valuable contributions in shaping this important academic initiative.

**Dr. Shaikh Wasim**  
**Associate Professor**  
**Workshop Convenor**

**Prof. Razaullah Khna**  
**Director, CDOE**