Government efforts towards modernization of Madrasa with special reference to *NaiManzil* Scheme

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Abstract:

Madrasa has a long history in India. The traditional education system of Muslims in Pre-Independence India is largely facilitated by Madrasa. Presently, there are an estimated 35,000 Madrasas in India, big as well as small with an enrolment of about 1.5 million. In the era of globalization and modernization traditional institution like Madrasaneeded advancement in the system of education by mainstreaming such institution with modern system of education so as to meet the requirement of this competitive age. With the passage of time a lot of efforts were taken by government and non-governmental organization to mainstream such Madrasa with modern system of education. This research paper is an effort to analyze the government efforts towards modernization of Madrasa with special reference to NaiManzil Scheme of Ministry of Minorities, Government of India.

The study is a part of the research project on Mainstreaming Madrasa Passout with contemporary education system. This research study organized its methods varying from quantitative and qualitative aspects of analysis in terms of theoretical understanding of Nai-Manzil and values of education in societies particularly for minorities. The empirical data collected from the selected universe in the form of samples (selected universities) have been analyzed through both qualitative and quantitative techniques.

The study found that schemes like NaiManzil have brought a prominent change towards modernization of Madrasa in India. The scheme has enough potential to link Madrasa pass outs with Mordern education system of India. The situation demands replication of this scheme at Pan-India level to bring a greater change in the Madrasa system of Education.

Key Words: *Madrasa*, *History of Madrasa*, *NaiManzil Scheme*, *Bridge Course*.

It has been well recognized that despite the presence of thousands of Madrasas in India and passage of more than 70 years of Independence, there is a low level of literacy

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