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Two- day International Conference on:

Pluralistic Society: Islam & Muslims

(تکثیری معاشرہ: اسلام اور مسلمان)

Highlights

Presently, a new state of affairs has emerged on the global arena. The new development is better known as diversity. The expansion of human population is phenomenal. This population is pluralistic in nature & consists of varied religious identities. People belonging to these diverse religious & cultural identities are known to establish social relationship & make mutual deals. These diverse religious identities play active political roles & have their interference in the formation of respective governments. However, it is most often observed that minority groups which have their presence in diverse society get raw deal. India is no exception to this trend. The present state of affairs has cast a blanket of dissatisfaction, uncertainty & disappointment over the aspirations of minority communities, especially Muslims, in India. It is no less than a compulsion to ponder over the issue under the guidance of Shariah (the Islamic jurisprudence).

It is an issue of vital importance to know how Islam leads in these situations & what solution it offers. The ancient Islamic law does not offer ample information regarding this issue. It is only because the situation in those days was different from what we find today. Under these circumstances, it is the need of the hour that Muslims intellectuals & intelligentsia should join their heads & hammer out a solution to the emerging social problem. It would surely help Muslims find a way-out.

In-order to move ahead in this way, the Department of Islamic Theology, Aliah University, Kolkata-16 (W.B) has decided to hold a two-day International Conference on 14 & 15 March 2015 (Saturday & Sunday) with collaboration of the Islamic Fiqh Academy (India) New Delhi on the theme of '**Pluralistic Society: Islam and Muslims**'. All personalities of knowledge and researchers are hereby called upon to participate in this Conference with their scholarly articles.

Sub-topics of Conference are as follows:

First Theme: Pluralistic Society: Guidance from the Noble Serah

- Rights of the Minorities in Mohammad's Era. Principals and the Prophet model
- Migration to Abyssinia (Habsha) – Muslims as Minority: Cause & Effect
- An Analytical Study of Mithaq-al-Madinah (The Madinah Charter) vis-a vis minorities
- Farewell Sermon (Khutba hajjat al-Wida): Elucidation of Human Rights

Second Theme: Pluralistic Society & Islamic History

- Rights of Religious Minorities in an Islamic State: Historical Analysis
- Promotion of Religious Education & its Centres in a pluralistic society
- Influence of Islam on the Pluralistic Society of the Sub-Continent
- Rights of Non-Muslim Minorities under Muslim Rulers in India: Historical & Analytical Study

Third Theme: Pluralistic Society & Inter-Community Relationship

- Socio-cultural Relationship between Muslims & Non-Muslims
- Marriage between Muslims & Non-Muslims in the light of Shariah
- Responsibilities of 'Ulama' (Religious Scholars) & Leaders in a Pluralistic Society
- Role of Women in the formation of an Ideal society
- Beliefs of other Religions & Islamic view-point
- The Role of Modernization in the stability of the society.

Forth Theme: Pluralistic Society & Europe

- Rights of Muslim Minorities in a Non-Islamic States – Stand of European Countries
- Minority rights and the West

Fifth Theme: Pluralistic Society & Indian Muslims

- Pluralistic Society & Rights of Muslims (as granted by the Indian Constitution– background & foreground)
- Backwardness of Muslim Minority in a diverse Society: reasons & Solutions
- Pluralistic Society & modern education among Muslims: Trends & Limitations
- Role of Indian Islamic Seminaries (Madaris) in the development of society
- Indian Muslims in the backdrop of Global Politics

Sixth Theme: Pluralistic Society & Muslim Minorities

- Governmental & National point of view regarding the implementation of the Rights of the Minorities
- Duties & Responsibilities of Muslim Minority in a Pluralistic Society
- Rights of the Muslim Minority in a Pluralistic Society (Review of the state of affairs)
- Religious Rights of the Muslim Minority in a Pluralistic Society: Issues & Problems
- Educational Problems of the Muslim Minority in a Pluralistic Society: Exact State of Affairs
- Economic Problems of Muslim Minority in a Pluralistic Society: Impediments & Problems
- Muslim Minority in a Pluralistic Society & freedom of expression.
- National & Community Problems-Role of Muslim Minority
- Muslim Personal Laws in a Pluralistic Society: Ways of their Implementation
- Muslim Minority & Media in Pluralistic Society
- Problems & their solutions of Muslim Minority in India.

Important instructions:

- Please mention the views of others as well as yours clearly in the paper.
- References and quotations must be as per the International Standard.
- Papers can be written in Arabic, Urdu, Bengali & English language.
- Please send your research paper only in typed form.
- **Last date of submission of Abstract: 15- 11- 2014.**
- Send one recent colour passport size photograph & short bio-data along with Abstract.
- **Last date of submission of full research paper: 30- 12- 2014.**
- Already published & presented paper in any conference/ seminar will not be accepted.
- The research papers submitted for the conference are subject to review evaluation by the academic committee of the conference.
- If the committee find need to amend the research, it will return it to the researcher for proper amendments before its being put in final list.
- It would be permissible for the academic committee to reformulate the research of researches received by it with the condition that it will not disrupt the research.
- The participated researches will not returned to their authors whether approved for publication or not and academic committee will not be under obligation to provide any justification for non-approval.

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