

TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
On
**'NEED OF INTER-RELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING
FOR PROMOTING PEACE AND HARMONY'**



March 19-20, 2022
at G.M. Momin Women's College, Bhiwandi, Mumbai

PROGRAMME

DAY-1: MARCH 19, 2022

REGISTRATION: 9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M.

INAUGURAL SESSION 10:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

Recitation from the Holy Qur'an:

Welcome Address: **Dr. Tabassum Sheikh**
Co-ordinator of the Conference

Introduction of IOS: **Prof. Z.M. Khan**
Secretary General, Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi

Words of Wisdom: **Dr. Nisar Shaikh**
I/C Principal, G.M. Momin Women's College, Mumbai

Introduction of Theme: **Prof. Hamidullah Marazi**
Convener, IOS Forum for Inter-Religious Understanding, New Delhi

Inaugural Address: **Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar**
Spiritual Leader and Founder, Art of Living, Bengaluru

Keynote address: **Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmani**
General Secretary, All India Muslim Personal Law Board, New Delhi

Address by Special Guest: **Prof. Rajesh Kharat**
Dean, Faculty of Arts, Mumbai University, Mumbai

Address by Guests of Honour: **Prof. Imtiyaz Yusuf**
Associate Professor, ISTAC, Malaysia

Prof. Akhtarul Wasey
Former President, Maulana Azad University, Jodhpur

Maulana Khalil-ur-Rahman Sajjad Nomani
Islamic Scholar, Mumbai

Mr. John Dayal
Member, National Integration Council, New Delhi

Prof. Dr. Paramvir Singh
*Harbans Singh Deptt. of Encyclopaedia of Sikhism, Punjabi University,
Patiala*

Maulana Hassan Nadvi
University of Cairo, Egypt

Release of books:

- 1. Principal Foundations for Global Peace (A Way Forward for Better Future)** – edited by Prof. M. Afzal Wani
- 2. Inter-Religious Understanding for Advancement of Human Rights (for All)** – edited by Prof. M. Afzal Wani

Presidential Address:

Prof. M. Afzal Wani
Vice Chairman, Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi

Vote of Thanks:

Prof. Haseena Hashia
Asst. Secretary General, Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi

Lunch Break:

12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

Business Session-I	1:30 P.M.–3:00P.M.
Theme:	Indic Religions and Peace
Chairperson:	Dr. Amita Valmiki, Mumbai
Co-Chairperson:	Prof. Srinivasan Iyer, Mudurai
Moderator:	Prof. Abdur Rashid Bhat, Kashmir

Speakers:

Dr. Uzma Naheed
Member, United Nations' GDF (Global Dialogue Foundation), Mumbai

Prof. Fahim Akhtar Nadwi
Head, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, MANUU, Hyderabad
Topic: Concept of Peace in Islam

Prof. Ramendra Pati Panday
Asstt. Professor, Deptt. of Biotechnology, S. R. M University, Sonipat
Topic: The Buddhist Tradition of Harmony

Dr. Daljit Kaur
Assoc. Professor, Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi
Topic: Sikh Gurdwaras: Epitome of Peace and Harmony

Ms. Simmin Bawa
Head, Deptt. of Philosophy, Jai Hind College, Mumbai
Topic: The Pathway to Peace and Harmony: A Buddhist Perspective

Dr. Rina Avinash Pitale Puradkar
Asstt. Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, R.J College, Mumbai
Topic: Revisiting the literature of Varkari Saints for Interfaith Dialogue for promoting Peace and Harmony

Iymen Nazir
Research Scholar, Deptt. of Religious Studies, Central University of Kashmir, J&K
Topic: Interfaith Dialogue among Indian Religions

Asra Aslam & K Sajad Ahmad
Research Scholars, Department of Islamic Studies, BGSB University, Rajouri, J&K
Topic: Islam and Peaceful Co-Existence: An Appraisal of Mithaq-i-Medina

Business Session-II 3:00–5:00P.M.
Theme: Semitic Religion and Peaceful Living
Chairperson: Prof. Mohammad Habib
Co-Chairperson: Dr. Nazir Ahmad Zargar, Kashmir
Moderator: Dr. Radha Kumar, Mumbai

Speakers:

Dr. Zabeen Anjum

Former Principal, Jamia Urdu College of Education, Aligarh

Topic: Prophet's Peace Mission: An Analysis

Dr. Nazar Ul Islam

Asstt. Professor, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, GDC, J&K

Topic: Peace and Conflict resolution in Islam: A perspective building

Dr. Javed Nadeem Nadvi

Asstt. Professor, Deptt. of Arabic, MANUU, Hyderabad

Topic: Islam: The Religion of Peace and Harmony

Dr. Kounsar Jabeen* & Prof. Hamidullah Marazi**

**Research Scholar, University of Kashmir, J&K*

***Former Dean, Social Science, Central University of Kashmir, J&K*

Topic: Role of Islam towards Peace and Progressive Behaviour

Sumna Sadaqat

Post Graduate Final Year Student, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, JMI, Delhi

Topic: Concept of Peace in Islam

Mahvish Fatima

Research Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, JMI, Delhi

Topic: Prophetic Model of maintaining Peace and Harmony

Afreen Showqat

Deptt. of Religious Studies, Central University of Kashmir, J&K

Topic: Islam and Peaceful Behaviour

Gulzar Ahmad Bhat

PhD Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Islamic University of Science and Technology, J&K

Topic: Peaceful Behaviour in Islam: A Study of Qur'anic and Hadith Perspective

Horiya Hussain

Research Scholar, Shah-i-Hamadan Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Kashmir, J&K

Topic: Interfaith Dialogue and Islamophobia: Challenges And Prospects

Niyaz Ahmad Lone

PhD Scholar, Islamic University of Science and Technology, J&K

Topic: Islam and Peaceful Behaviour

Juneefa Bilal,

Research Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Topic: Qur'anic Paradigm of Religious Harmony

DAY-2: MARCH 20, 2022

Business Session-III	9:30–11:00A.M.
Theme:	Personalities and Movements for Peace Promotion
Chairperson:	Dr. Manvinder Singh, Amritsar
Co-Chairperson:	Dr. Moid-uz-Zafar, Kashmir
Moderator:	Dr. Shahnaz Iqbal Qureishi

Speakers:

Dr. Harsha Badkar

Head, Deptt. of Philosophy, Wilson College, Mumbai

Topic: Significance of Philosophical understanding of Religious Pluralism: A Gandhian Perspective

Dr. Anupama D Mujumdar

Head, Deptt. of Philosophy, D. G. Ruparel College, Mumbai

Topic: Religion–Swami Vivekanand’s Perspective

Dr. Peshimam Nazeer Ahmed

Educational Consultant, Head Master (RTD), Osmani Higher Second School, Tirupattur, Tamil Nadu

Topic: Albiruni and his understanding of Indian Religion

Dr. Radha Kumar

Assoc. Professor, Deptt. of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, St Xavier’s College, Mumbai

Topic: The tales of Jatakas- An inspiration for harmonious living

Nazir Ahmad Sheikh

Research Scholar, Barkatullah University, Bhopal

Topic: Spiritual Dimensions of Peace in the light of Ghazali’s thought

Dr. Firdous Ahmad Sofal

Asstt. Professor, School of Education, Central University of Kashmir, J&K

Topic: Nonviolence and Education: Reflections from Basic Scheme of Education advocated by M.K. Gandhi

Dr. Mohammad Ajmal

Asstt. Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Topic: Contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to India’s Unity in Diversity

Dr. Arshi Shoab

Asstt. Professor, Women’s College, AMU, Aligarh

Topic: Dissemination of Peace and Harmony: A Study of Maulana Wahiduddin Khan’s Endeavours

Vrushali Gupte

Asst. Professor, Deptt. of Philosophy, SIES College, Mumbai

Topic: Revisiting Swami Vivekananda’s Universal Religion as Spiritual Cosmopolitanism

S.M. Rizwanah

Ph.D Scholar, Deptt. of Philosophy, Manipur University

Topic: Swami Vivekananda’s Concept of Universal Religion

Ambreen

Research Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, AMU, Aligarh

Topic: The Emphasis on Peace and Harmony in the Quran as reflected in the Tafsir of Maulana Azad

Mohammad Haziq

Guest Faculty, MANUU, Hyderabad

Topic: Swami Vivekananda on Universality of religion: An overview

Rukhshanda Shaheen

Research Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, AMU, Aligarh

Topic: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's Theory of Religious Universalism

Ansa Antony

Graduate Student, S.Y.B.A, Deptt. of Philosophy, Wilson College

Topic: Devasahayam Pillai: A Case of Inter Religious Study

Sohail Ashraf Mir

Research Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, AMU, Aligarh

Topic: Fatehullah Gulen: His perspectives on Interreligious Dialogue

Swaleha Rehman

Research Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, AMU, Aligarh

Topic: Religious Pluralism in the thought of Abul Kalam Azad: A Critical Appraisal

Business Session-IV

Theme:

11:00–12:30P.M.

Religious Understanding for Preserving Peaceful and Harmonious Society

Chairperson:

Prof. G. N. Khaki

Co-Chairperson:

Dr. Shivani Sharma, Chandigarh

Moderator:

Dr. Anupama Majumdar, Mumbai

Speakers:

Dr. Amar Singh

Asstt. Professor, Deptt. of Philosophy, University of Mumbai.

Topic: What is the role and impact of religion in Social harmony?

Dr. Zabeen Anjum

Former Principal, Jamia Urdu College of Education, Aligarh

Topic: Prophet's Peace Mission: An Analysis

Ms. Ujala Amin* & Dr. Naseem Gul**

**PhD Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, BGSB, University, Rajouri*

***Asst. Professor, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, BGSB University, J&K*

Topic: The message of peace and communal harmony in the teaching of Sufis

Poojita Goswami* & Rumit Walia**

**Scholar, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati, Assam*

*** School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies, IGNOU*

Topic: Peace, Youth and Interfaith Leadership: Value based peacebuilding by advancing religious peace ideals

Mumim Ahmad Khan

Research Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, AMU, Aligarh

Topic: Ottoman Inter-Religious Understanding for Promoting Peace and Harmony with Special Reference to Millet System

Muneeb Ahmad

Research Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, IUST, J&K

Topic: An Islamic Cum Hindu Approach to Inter-religious Dialogue

Oroos Nasim

Research Scholar,

Topic: Sufism and Peaceful Dialogue

Saba Irshad Ansari

PhD Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, AMU

Topic: Ahimsa and Jihād-I Ma'nawī: Drawing Parallels Between The Two Imperatives

Aadil Hussain Malik, Mohd Zahid Itoo & Showkat Ahmad Wagay

Research Scholars, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, AMU, Aligarh

Topic: The Concept of Peace and Harmony in Islam: Relevance in Contemporary Conflict Ridden Society

Shakeel Ahmad Lone

Research Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, AMU, Aligarh

Topic: *An Islamic Perspective of Peace and Communal Harmony*

Chaudhary Nida Sagir Ahmad

Research Scholar, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Topic: Religious Harmony: A fresh Concept in the age of Globalization

Business Session-V

12:30–2:00P.M.

Theme:

Role of Education for Promoting Peace and Dialogue

Chairperson:

Prof. Seshadri

Co-Chairperson:

Dr. Afroz Ahmad Bisati, Kashmir

Moderator:

Dr. Jeremiah Graham

Speakers:

Prof. Paul Mojzes

Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies, Rosemont College, Pennsylvania

Topic: Turbulence in Interreligious Relations: Focus on Christianity and Islam

Dr. Sheikh Idris Ahmad

Head, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Government Degree College, J&K

Topic: An Islamic Approach of the Interreligious Dialogue with reference to Inclusivism and Exclusivism

Dr. Ziauddin

Asstt. Professor, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, AMU, Aligarh

Topic: Respect for Other's Religions

Dr. Kuruvilla Pandikattu Joseph

Professor of Philosophy, Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune

Topic: Fraternity, Solidarity and Forgiveness: The Need for Religious Dialogue for Human Survival

Ravees Ahmed Rather

Research Scholar, School of Education, Central University of Kashmir, J&K

Topic: Role of Islamic Education towards Peace and Progress of the Society

Rizwan Ahmad Shah

Research Scholar, School of Education, Central University of Kashmir, J&K

Topic: Islamic Education: A Beacon to Promote Peace

Chinmay S. Bapat

Asstt. Professor, Deptt. of Psychology, R. J. College of Arts, Science & Commerce

Topic: From Intergroup Differences to Coalition Building: Peaceful Coexistence in Multicultural Environments

Dr. Jaspreet Kaur Sandhu

Professor, Deptt. of Encyclopedia of Sikhism, Punjabi University, Patiala
Topic: Interfaith Understanding and World Peace: A Sikh Perspective

Ashaq Ahmad Ganai* & Prof. Nighat Basu**

**Research Scholar, Deptt. of Education, Central University of Kashmir, J&K*
*** Professor Deptt. of Education, Central University of Kashmir, J&K*
Topic: Sufism and Peaceful Dialogue

Ab. Majeed Ganaie

Research Scholar, Deptt. of Religious Studies, Central University of Kashmir, J&K
Topic: Trialogue among Abrahamic Religions: A Guide for the Perplexed

Lunch Break: 2:00 –3:00 p.m.

Business Session-VI	3:00–4:30P.M.
Theme:	Miscellaneous
Chairperson:	Prof. D. A. Gangadhar, Varanasi
Co-Chairperson:	Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Bhat
Moderator:	Dr. Sheikh Jamil, Kashmir/ Dr Leila Chamankhah, USA

Speakers:

Prof. Syed Jamaluddin

Director, IOS Centre for Historical and Civilisational Studies, Delhi
Topic: Lost in material pursuits whither should man go? Role of 'ulama in character and peace building

Dr. Omkar Bhatkar

Head, St. Andrew's Centre for Philosophy and Performing Arts (SAPP), St. Andrew's College, St. Dominic Road, Mumbai
Topic: Saints, Statues, Scriptures and Syncretism of Everyday Life: A Leaf from Goa's Organic Civility

Dr. Amita Valmiki

Head, Deptt. of Philosophy, R. J. College of Arts, Science and Commerce
Topic: Re-envisioning the Notion of Religious Pluralism and its Exigency in Contemporary Times

Dr. Nadeem Ashraf

Asstt. Professor, Deptt. of Sunni Theology, AMU, Aligarh
Topic: The Rights of Non-Muslims in a Plural Society

Dr. Kamal Ashraf Qasmi

Asstt. Professor, Dept. of Islamic Studies, Aliah University, Kolkata
Topic: *Baahmi Mazhabi Afham-o-Tafheem ki Zaroorat: Daur-e-Hazir ki Ashad Zaroorat*

Mr. Z. A. Naik*, Dr. K. Mir & Mr. Mohd Azam*****

Research Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, BGSB University Rajouri, Jammu & Kashmir-185234
Topic: Revisiting the Concept of Mu'alafatul Qulub in Zakat Distribution: A Move towards Religious Harmony

Firdosa Akhter* & Gowhar Quadir Wani**

**Senior Research Fellow, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, AMU, Aligarh*
***Lecturer, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Islamic University of Science and Technology, J&K*
Topic: Philosophy of Human Dignity: An Islamic Perspective

Gawhar Ahmad Khan* & Bilal Ahmad Bhat**

**Research Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, J&K.*

***Research Scholar, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Islamic University of Science and Technology, J&K*

Topic: Peace as basis of Prosperity with special reference to Sirah of Prophet Muḥammad (SAW)

Valedictory Session 4:30- 5:30P.M.

Moderator:	Prof. Hamidullah Marazi <i>Convener, IOS Forum for Inter-Religious Understanding, Delhi</i>
Valedictory Address:	Prof. Abdul Aziz Barghout <i>Dean, ISTAC, Malaysia</i>
Resolutions:	Prof. Haseena Hashia <i>Asstt. Secretary General, Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi</i>
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Vote of Thanks:	Mr. Shaikh Nizamuddin <i>Member, General Assembly, Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi</i>