

National Seminar
on
The Idea of Peace, Humanism and Tolerance in Islam
25-26 September 2017,
Organised by India-Arab Cultural Centre,
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

The India-Arab Cultural Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, proposed to hold a National Seminar on *The Idea of Peace, Humanism and Tolerance in Islam* on 25-26 September 2017, organised by India-Arab Culture Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia. This Seminar is an attempt to bring together various vantage points to understand the idea of Peace and Humanism in Islam in a holistic manner and to provide a realistic assessment of the current dynamics. The proposed seminar will deliberate upon Islam and the notion of Peace, Humanism and Tolerance, from its advent. Besides being the major religious doctrine, Islam has been a source of ideology for many countries.

Islam makes strong moral claims, rooted in the sanctity of the individual and in the bonds that unite a community linking past and future generations with the living present. Over a long period culminating in recent years, small sections of society within Islam have ascended an ideology which leads toward conflicts and intolerance. However, the moot question that begs answer is they do not represent Muslims and Islam in proper perspective. Stereotyping Muslims making generalizations about Islam undermines the efforts of millions of Muslims and others who are struggling to challenge such typecasting of Islam & its followers.

The proposed seminar aims to discuss perspectives about Islam's universalism, pluralism, tolerance, emphasis on human rights, individual freedom, secular justice, social security through religiously mandated charity, emphasis on education for all, environment of academic inquiry and independence and emphasis on the moral way of living.

The seminar will also cover the factors that led to a decline on the emphasis of the humanistic aspects of Islam and a corresponding increasing emphasis on 'dogmatic' aspects and consequent increasing parochialisation; in response to both growing external and internal threats. The seminar will also emphasize on increasing

xenophobic aspects of political Islam that are corrupting the true message and spirit of the religion, which is a mercy to all humans.

It is in this context, the India-Arab Culture Centre will be organizing a two-day National Seminar on *The Idea of Peace, Humanism and Tolerance in Islam* on 25-26 September 2017, at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi-110025. The seminar will bring together a group of distinguished scholars from India.

Important Themes:

The seminar hopes to cover the broadly the following sub-themes. However these are not exhaustive by themselves and scholars working on allied themes are welcome to send in their proposal.

- The concept of Unity in the Holy Quran while celebrating diversity of faiths
- Islam; common heritage for Humanity.
- The humanist element in Islam
- Islam's relationship with the rest of the world
- The Importance of Secular Justice in Islam
- What Role models are promoted by Islam that furthers the cause of peace, humanism and forbearance.
- Political Islam and its deleterious effect on Islamic teaching.
- Contemporary debates on principle of Islam
- Responses to the emerging trends among Muslim

Papers are invited on the above themes from social scientists drawn from different disciplines such as history, sociology, political science, anthropology, and philosophy who are broadly interested in aspects Islam, Humanism and Peace, etc. We will be grateful if you could kindly participate in the seminar. Please send the title of the paper along with a 200-word abstract by 17 September 2017 to nrkhan@jmi.ac.in

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