

Dr K.R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and
Minorities Studies

Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Two-Day National Conference

On

Caste, Religion and Reservation

With Special Focus on Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians

Time and Date:

9.30 AM, Tuesday, 19 November
10 AM, Wednesday, 20 November, 2013

Venue:

Tagore Hall
Dayar-e-Mir-Taqi-Mir
(Near Vice Chancellor's Office)
Jamia Millia Islamia
New Delhi

PROGRAMME

19.11.2013

10 AM – 10.40 AM

Inaugural Session

Chair: Prof S.M. Sajid, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Prof Azra Razzack

Director's Welcome Address

Dr Padmanabh Samarendra

Convenor's Note: *Cast(e) of Hinduism*

Prof S.M. Sajid

Vice Chancellor's Address

10.40 AM – 11 AM

Tea

11AM – 1.20 PM

Academic Session I

Caste, Religion and Reservation – Key Issues

Chair: Justice Rajinder Sachar, Former Chief Justice, High Court of Delhi, Delhi

Prof Kancha Ilaiah
MANUU, Hyderabad

Caste, Religion and Reservation: An Overview

Dr P.S. Krishnan
Former Secretary,
Government of India

*Reservations for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes
of Muslims (BCM) in India as Part of Their Holistic Development*

Dr Prakash Louis
Patna Jesuit Educational
Association

*Dalit Christians' Struggle for Schedule Caste Status: Issues and
Perspectives*

Prof Imtiaz Ahmad
J.N.U., New Delhi

Can there be a Category Called Dalit Muslims?

1.20 PM – 2 PM

Lunch

2 PM – 3.30 PM

Academic Session II
Religion, Caste and Ambedkar

Chair: Prof Vidhu Verma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Prof Tulsi Ram
J.N.U., New Delhi

भारतीय धर्मों में जाति व्यवस्था

Dr Ramesh Kamble
University of Mumbai, Mumbai

Ambedkar's Critical Theory of Caste and Religion

Dr Ramesh Bairy T S
IIT, Bombay, Mumbai

Limits of Secularizing Caste: Ambedkar and the Caste Question

3.30 PM – 3.50 PM

Tea

3.50 PM – 5.30 PM

Academic Session III
Caste and Entitlements

Chair: Prof M. Mujtaba Khan, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Dr Ajay Gudavarthy
J.N.U., New Delhi

Reservations and Stigma

Mr Prashant Negi
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

*The Promise of Equality: A Quantitative Assessment of
Affirmative Action for the Scheduled Castes*

Mr Mujibur Rehman
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Ambedkar, Islam and Indian Dalit Muslims

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Academic Session IV

Doctrinal Claims on Social Plane: Caste in Islam, Sikhism and Christianity (Part I)

Chair: Prof Rumki Basu, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Dr Arvind Kumar *Changing Occupations, Continuing Perceptions: Biradaris and Exclusion in Purani Dilli*
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Dr Masood Alam Falahi *Islam and Caste: An Analytical Study of Indian Muslims from Historical and Ethical Perspective*
KMCUA-F, University, Lucknow

Dr Santosh Kumar Singh *Between the Devil and the Divine: Exploring the Caste-Religion Dynamics among the Ravidasis of Punjab*
Bharat Ratna Dr B.R.
Ambedkar University, Delhi

11.30 AM – 11.50 AM

Tea

11.50 AM – 1.20 PM

Academic Session V

Doctrinal Claims on Social Plane: Caste in Islam, Sikhism and Christianity (Part II)

Chair: Prof Savyasaachi, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Prof Surinder Singh Jodhka *How to Make Sense of Caste Among the Sikhs?*
J.N.U., New Delhi

Dr Sanal Mohan P *Social and Religious Experience of Dalit Christians in Kerala: A Historical Analysis*
M.G. University, Kottayam

Mr Thomas Franklin Caesar *Demand of Scheduled Caste Status by the Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims*
Advocate, Supreme Court of India,
National Council of
Dalit Christians, Delhi

1.20 PM – 2 PM

Lunch

2 PM – 3.30 PM

Academic Session VI
Language of caste and concerns of citizens

Chair: Prof Rizwan Quaiser, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Prof Satish Deshpande *Caste, Religion and Entitlements: The Problem of
University of Delhi, Delhi Commensurability of Languages*

Dr Khalid Anis Ansari *The Idea of Indian Secularism: Towards a Post-Minority
Glocal University, Saharanpur Critique?*

Mr Mushtaq Ahmad *The Presidential Order of 1950: A Fraud on the Constitution*
Advocate-on-Record
Supreme Court of India, New Delhi

3.30 PM – 3.50 PM

Tea

3.50 PM – 5.30 PM

Round-Table

Moderator: Prof Ashwini Deshpande, University of Delhi, Delhi

Mr Ali Anwar, Member of Parliament, President, Pasmanda Muslim Mahaz

Mr. A.C. Michael, Member, Delhi Minorities Commission, Delhi

Fr Z. Devasarayaj, Secretary for Commission on SC/BC, Catholic Bishops' Conference of India

Mr Mushtaq Ahmad, Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi

Vote of Thanks