

Press Release

NMCPCR, JMI, organises a Special Lecture on "Ekatma Manav Darshan: A Philosophy of World Peace

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The Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (NMCPCR), Jamia Millia Islamia, organised a Special Lecture titled "Ekatma Manav Darshan: A Philosophy of World Peace" on 03 February 2026 at the Indo-Arab Cultural Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia.

The lecture was delivered by Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Former Member of Rajya Sabha and Chairperson, Ekatma Manav Darshan Research and Development Institute. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Prof. Abuzar Khairi, Officiating Director, NMCPCR.

In his address, Dr. Sharma reflected on the nature and causes of contemporary conflicts and emphasised the relevance of Ekatma Manav Darshan as a holistic framework for peace. He underlined that the roots of conflict lie within human behaviour, particularly in traits such as greed, anger, ego, and excessive materialism, which disrupt peaceful coexistence.

The lecture critically engaged with dominant Western perspectives on individualism and collectivism, highlighting their limitations in addressing sustainable peace. Dr. Sharma discussed how Indian philosophical traditions, particularly the thought of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, offer an alternative through the concept of Integral Humanism, which views the individual, society, nature, and the divine as interrelated and inseparable.

He further examined the impact of modern nation-state structures on global conflicts, contrasting politico-territorial nationalism with geo-cultural nationalism rooted in civilizational continuity. The lecture stressed the importance of dialogue, ethical conduct, and collective well-being over power-centric and militaristic approaches to conflict resolution.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Sudhanshu Trivedi, Faculty and Student Advisor, NMCPCR.

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