



Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi



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National Conference
on
"Pluralism, Identity Conflicts and Democracy in India"
February 19-20, 2019

Organized jointly by
Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia
and Interfaith Foundation, India

DAY & TIME	DETAILS
Day 1 Tuesday, February 19, 2019 9.00 am - 10.00 am	Registration Venue: Conference Hall, F. T. K. Centre for Information Technology, JMI
Inaugural Session: 10.00 am - 11.30 am	Recitation from the Holy Quran: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Shahnawaz Faiyaz</i> (Department of Urdu, Jamia Millia Islamia) Welcome Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prof. Tasneem Meenai</i> (Officiating Director, Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia) Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prof. S. M. Sajid</i> (Former Pro Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia) • <i>Prof. M. M. Verma</i> (President, Interfaith Foundation, India) Keynote Address: 'The Paradoxes of the Indian Polity' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Achin Vanaik (TNI Fellow, Retired Professor of International Relations and Global Politics, University of Delhi) Vote of Thanks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Binish Maryam</i> (Assistant Professor, Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia)
11.30 am - 11.45 am	Tea Break
Session I 11.45 am - 1.30 pm	State and Democracy: The Institutional Setting Chair: Prof. Rose Varghese (Former Vice Chancellor, National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kalamassery, Ernakulam; Former Dean, Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and Constitution: <i>Dr. Seema Singh</i> (Faculty of Law, University of Delhi) • Decentralization and Grassroots Democracy in India: <i>Prof. Narender Kumar</i> (Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University) • Civil Society and Democracy in India: <i>Dr. Ajay Gudavarthy</i> (Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University)
1.30 pm - 2.30 pm	Lunch Break



<p><u>Session II</u></p> <p>2.30 pm - 4.00 pm</p>	<p>Democracy, Pluralism and Citizenship</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Sucheta Mahajan (Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding Citizenship as Practice: <i>Prof. Anupama Roy</i> (Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University) • Pluralism and Secularism, <i>Prof. R. P. Singh</i> (Center for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University) • Multicultural Polities and its Governance: <i>Dr. Amir Ali</i> (Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University) • Religion and Working of Democracy: <i>Dr. M. D. Thomas</i> (Founder Director, Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies)
<p>4.00 pm - 4.15 pm</p>	<p>Tea Break</p>
<p><u>Session III</u></p> <p>4.15 pm - 5.30 pm</p>	<p>National Reimagining: Ideological Contestation in Indian Politics</p> <p>Chair: Prof. S. M. Sajid (Former Pro Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Idea of Nation and Nationhood: <i>Prof. Purushottam Agrawal</i> (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies) • The Idea of Minority Rights in Contemporary India: <i>Prof. Apoorvanand</i> (Department of Hindi, Faculty of Arts, University of Delhi) • The Crisis of Indian Secularism: <i>Prof. Rizwan Qaiser</i> (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia) • State and Identity Politics: <i>Dr. M. N. Thakur</i> (Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University)
<p>Day 2 Wednesday, February 20, 2019</p> <p><u>Session IV</u></p> <p>10.00 am -11.30 am</p>	<p>Venue: Mir Anis Hall, Dayare - Mir Taqi Mir, JMI</p> <p>Social Cleavages, Identity and Politics</p> <p>Chair: Justice Jaspal Singh (Former Judge, High Court of Delhi)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and Politics: <i>Prof. Asha Sarangi</i> (Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University) • Caste and Politics: <i>Maj. Gen. P. K. Sehgal Retd.</i> (Defense Expert) • Gender and Politics: <i>Dr. Mallarika Sinha Roy</i> (Women's Studies Programme, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University) • Religion and Politics: <i>Dr. Mujibur Rehman</i> (Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Jamia Millia Islamia)
<p>11.30 am -11.45 am</p>	<p>Tea Break</p>



Session V 11.45 am - 1.30 pm	Democracy and Development Chair: Prof. Anand Kumar (President, Society for Communal Harmony) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Movement in India: <i>Prof. Savyasaachi</i> (Department. of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia) (TBC)• State, Globalization and Marginality: <i>Dr. T. G. Suresh</i> (Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University)• Gandhi in Contemporary Times: <i>Shri S. N. Sahu</i> (Former Joint Secretary, Rajya Sabha)• Sustainable Development: <i>Dr. A. K. Merchant</i> (General Secretary, Temple of Understanding India Foundation)
1.30 pm - 2.30 pm	Lunch Break
Session VI 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm	Understanding Contemporary India: Critical Perspective Chair: Dr. Vipul Mudgal (Director and Chief Executive, Common Cause) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Media and Democracy: <i>Smt. Arfa Khanum</i> (Senior Editor, The Wire)• Social Media: From Social Exchange to Battleground: <i>Prof. Biswajit Das</i> (Director, Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia)• Role of Media Today: <i>Prof. Vikram Dutt</i> (Principal Academics, DME)
4.00 pm - 4.15 pm	Tea Break
Session VII 4.15 pm. - 5.15 pm	Valedictory Session Chair: Prof. M. M. Verma (President, Interfaith Foundation, India) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key Speaker: <i>Prof. Hema Raghavan</i> (Former Principal, Gargi College, University of Delhi)• Valedictory Address: <i>Prof. J. S. Rajput</i> (Former Director, NCERT)
5.15 pm - 5.30 pm	Rapporteur's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Habeebul Rahiman V. M.</i> (Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia) Vote of Thanks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi</i> (Associate Professor, Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia)