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Two-Day National Seminar

On

Interfaith Dialogue and Communal Harmony: Challenges and Prospects

(08-09 March 2023)



Organized by

Shah-i-Hamadan Institute of Islamic Studies

**University of Kashmir, Main Campus Hazratbal
Srinagar-UT J&K, India**

Concept Note

The expressions of religious belief system throughout the ages have resulted in diversity of thought and ideas which subsequently resulted in the disagreements within various religious groups. Under the dictum of 'follow one, respect all' the disagreements never led into conflicts. In today's globalized world there is a dire need to get engaged in inter faith dialogue and promote communal harmony. Islam duly recognizes this diversity given its religious philosophy, vision, world view and value system. Holy Quran in fact promotes dialogue among civilizations instead of the clash while persuading to come to common terms that exist between religions and endorse the commonalities instead of differences (Quran 3:64). Inter-religious dialogue leads to harmony among religious groups so as to create an environment of friendship and cooperation. As such the proposed theme is to ensure healthy and positive interaction between different religions with a view to curb the menace of religious intolerance, conflicts and hatred. To realize the said objectives, Shah-i-Hamadan Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Kashmir, is organising Two-Day National Seminar titled 'Interfaith Dialogue and Communal Harmony' scheduled to be held on 8th and 9th March, 2023. Owing the depth and diversity of the basic theme of the seminar; Social Scientists, Academicians and Research Scholars from all parts of the country are invited to contribute research papers and make this event a success so as to make the findings derived thereof more compatible to the requirements of the contemporary youth. The broader sub-themes of the seminar include:

1. Promotion of interfaith dialogue in various religious scriptures.
2. Importance of communal harmony for the unity of humankind.
3. Islam on religious tolerance and pluralism.
4. Freedom of religion: Secular and Religious contexts.
5. Purpose and necessity of interfaith dialogue.
6. Ethics of religious disagreement and debates.

We cordially invite scholars, researchers and students to the Two-Day National Seminar. The objective of this seminar is to gather leading academicians, scholars and researchers to share their knowledge and new ideas as well as to discuss current developments in their respective fields.

The selected papers will be published in edited book bearing ISBN (seminar proceedings).

Important dates:

Last date of submission of abstract cum full paper (3000-5000 words):	15-02-2023
Email for submission:	islamicstudies@uok.edu.in
Seminar dates:	8 th and 9 th March 2023

Registration Fee (paper presentation):

Faculty member:	Rs. 1500/=
Research scholar:	Rs. 700/=

The registration fee includes seminar kit, lunch and tea for two days. The registration form and guidelines about the mode of payment of registration fee will be communicated to the authors whose papers will be approved for presentation.

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