



**Press Release**

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**Seminar on Islamic Studies today at MANUU**

**Hyderabad:**

Department of Islamic Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) in collaboration with Henry Martyn Institute (HMI), Hyderabad, is organizing Two day National Seminar “Islamic Studies: Concept, Present Scenario and Future”. The inaugural session will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April at Library auditorium at 10.00 am.

According to Prof. Mohd. Fahim Akhtar, Head, Dept. of Islamic Studies & Director, Seminar, Dr. Packiam T. Samuel, Director, HMI will be the chief guest and Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice-Chancellor will preside over the inaugural session. Prof. Abdul Ali, Former Head, Dept. of Islamic Studies, AMU will deliver keynote address. Prof. Iqtidar Mohd. Khan, Former Head, Dept. of Islamic Studies, JMI will be the guest of honour. Eminent scholars and teachers from various Universities are attending the seminar. Those with an interest in Islamic Studies are invited.

**Rani Dharajgeer donates Rs. 1 lakh to MANUU’s Deccan Centre**

**Hyderabad:**

Mrs. Rani Indira Devi Dhanrajgeer, Eminent Philanthropist & Ambassador of Deccani Culture donated Rs. One lakh to Maulana Azad National Urdu University’s Haroon Khan Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies (HKCDS). She has requested the centre to spend the amount in promoting deccani literature and to publish a magazine covering services of famous Urdu poets settled in Hyderabad during the period of Maharaja Sir Kishan Parshad. The proposed magazine will also cover History of Deccan including its literature.

Prof. Mohd. Naseemuddin Farees, Director, HKCDS and Prof. Shahid Naukhez Azmi, Joint Director, Centre thanked Mrs. Rani Indira Devi Dhanrajgeer for her gesture.

**Attempts to degrade other’s religion, threat to country : Rizwan Qaiser**

**Hyderabad:**

Attempts to degrade other religions or religious practices is a real threat to a democratic country like India. Contributions made by Indian Muslims in various fields is very significant but unfortunately it is not highlighted. Eminent historian, Prof. Rizwan Qaiser, Dept. of History, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi expressed these views at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad while delivering a lecture “Mainstreaming the Minorities in Historical and Contemporary Times” yesterday.

Tracing the History of advent of Islam and arrival of Muslims in India, he said that majority of Indian Muslims are natives, however since their forefather had embraced Islam as religion they are treated as “Outsiders”. Christianity is also a foreign religion for India but Indian Christians would not face this problem, he remarked.

The lecture was organized by Al Beruni Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy (ACSSEIP) and Department of Political Science of Maulana Azad National Urdu University in association with Department of History (MANUU) & Research Committee on Minority Studies, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi. The Lecture was chaired by Dr. Afroz Alam, Director I/c, ACSSEIP.

Prof. Qaiser explained the definition of minorities in both historical and contemporary perspectives. Communities are considered as minorities based on their power in socio-economic and political areas. If a community has lower population percentage but holds all powerful positions then it cannot be termed as minorities, he said. He highlighted how Muslims are being discriminated since 1857 and how this discrimination or exclusion was started in British Colonial era in a planned way and later after Independence it continued in a different form with certain political patronage. He favoured pluralistic culture against mono culturalism as this will be beneficial for the growth and development of the country. He also spoke about Indian multi culturalism and the impact of one culture on another, creating more social harmony.

Dr. Danish Moin, Head, Dept. of History was also present and Dr. K. M. Ziyauddin, Assistant Professor, Centre coordinated in organizing the lecture. Large number of students, research scholars and faculty members attended.

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***Prof. Rizwan Qaiser delivering the lecture. (L-R) Dr. Afroz Alam and Dr. Danish Moin also seen.***