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Press Release

JMI hosts International Conference on “Dara Shukoh: Cultural Pluralism & Religious Syncretism”

A two-day International Conference on “Dara Shukoh: Cultural Pluralism & Religious Syncretism” began today at Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI). The conference is being organized by the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (NMCPCR), JMI in collaboration with Centre for Persian and Central Asian Studies, SLL & CS, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Dara Shukoh Research Foundation (DSRF) on November 28 &29, 2024.

The inaugural session of the conference was held at the Faculty of Engineering & Technology Auditorium and was graced by the presence of several distinguished individuals. Among them were Prof. Mazhar Asif, Vice Chancellor, JMI and conference’s Convenor; Prof. Md. Mahtab alam Rizvi, Registrar of JMI; and the esteemed Guests of Honor, H.E. Iraj Elahi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic Of Iran to India, and H.E. Sardor Mirzayusupovich Rustambaev, Ambassdor of the Republic of Uzbekistan to India. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Akhlaque Ahmad, CPCAS, SLL & CS, JNU, while Dr. Md. Shams Equbal, Director, NCPUL, served as a special guest. The event also saw the participation of faculty members from JMI and JNU, along with students and more than fifty guests from Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Iran etc.

Following the formal welcome extended to all distinguished guests, JMI Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif, presented his welcome address predominantly in Persian. His eloquent speech captivated the audience as he highlighted the character of Dara Shukoh and elaborated on his contributions. Additionally, he discussed the rich tapestry of India's inclusive culture, emphasizing that the nation not only embraced various religions and their adherents but also allowed them to thrive. “No other nation compares to India, a land that has given rise to individuals such as Kabir, Rahim and Raskhan, where the Ganga-Jamuni culture and inclusive mindset have thrived. The unique perspective of this country has fostered the emergence of figures like Dara Shikoh, who received affection from the populace”, said the Vice Chancellor

He further stated that the manner in which the Persian language was embraced and disseminated in India has led individuals from those regions to travel here to learn and comprehend the language from its source. India is distinguished by its respect for languages and cultures from around the globe.

Prof. Md. Mahtab alam Rizvi, the Registrar of JMI, provided an introduction to the conference. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Akhlaque Ahmad from CPCAS, SLL & CS, JNU, who elaborated on the contributions of Dara Shukoh in translating the Upanishads into Persian that helped in better understanding of religions, especially Sanatan . Additionally, Dr. Md. Shams Equbal, Director of NCPUL, highlighted the distinctive attributes of Dara Shikoh during his remarks.

The inaugural session ended with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr Mohsin Ali, Associate Professor at JMI and Trustee Member, DSRF.

Researchers and speakers from both India and foreign countries will present their addresses over the course of the two-day conference. The event will feature the presentation of over 120 research papers across twelve academic sessions.

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Two-Day International Conference (27-28 November 2024)
 On
Dara Shukoh: Cultural Pluralism & Religious Syncretism
 INAUGURAL SESSION (27 November 2024, 10 am)

 Guest of Honour H.C. Sankar Ministry of External Affairs Ambassador of Bangladesh to India in the Republic of India	 Special Guest Dr. Md. Shamsul Hossain Director, ICPSI, New Delhi	 Introduction to the Conference Prof. Md. Mahab Alam Razi Regina, JNU, New Delhi	 Chief Guest Shri. Harsh Malhotra Ji Member of Law Commission of India Road Transport & Highways	 Welcome Address Prof. Marfat Araf Vice-Chancellor, JNU, New Delhi	 Keynote Address Prof. Akhbar Khan ICPSI, JNU	 Guest of Honour H.E. Inqilab Ambassador of India to Bangladesh in the Republic of India	 Moderator Mr. Siddique Hossain Director, ICPSI, JNU, New Delhi
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Venue: Faculty of Engineering, Auditorium,
 Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.













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Ambassador of Republic of
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Shri. Harsh Malhotra
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