



Press Release

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**India is a land of inclusiveness - Dr. Krishna Gopal
International Conference on Dara Shikoh concludes at MANUU**

Hyderabad:

Every country in the world boasts it's exclusiveness. However, India is the only country which encourages inclusiveness despite it's unimaginable and infinite diversity. Large part of Indian literature is based on dialogue. Dara Shikoh only restarted the stalled dialogue process. He also established libraries in Banaras, Delhi, Agra, Lahore, Srinagar. These views were expressed by Dr. Krishna Gopal, Eminent Scholar, Dara Shikoh Studies while delivering keynote address today at the valedictory of two day International Conference at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU). The Book "Deewan-e-Dara Shikoh" published by NCPUL was also released by Dr. Krishna Gopal. Mr. Mumtaz Ali, Chancellor was the Chief Patron and Prof. Syed Ainal Hasan, Vice-Chancellor presided over.

The conference "Majma-ul-Bahrain of Dara Shikoh Harbinger of Pluralistic Approach towards Religion and Spirituality" organized by Department of Persian & Central Asian Studies (DP&CAS), MANUU was supported by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL). The speakers in the two day conference spoke about the different aspects of the multi-faceted personality of Mughal Prince.

Continuing his address as the chief guest, Dr. Krishna Gopal said God created all human beings and Dara Shikoh conveyed this message. We want to be separate but it creates discord that's why we must embrace inclusion. Organizations like United Nations, UNESCO are looking for a way to remedy the separatism spread in the world, he added.

Mr. Mumtaz Ali pointed that Majma-ul-Bahrain brings our minds together to think and find out solution so that we can live in peace. He thanked and wished MANUU to conduct more conference as dialogue is a very important way to discuss our thoughts.

Prof. Ainal Hasan said human beings are highly ambitious. Today ambition is leading to disastrous situation, we should stop and discourage it. We carry several identities, but biggest identity should be Indian. On one hand when I reveal several identities such as mother tongue, religion, birth place, education etc., I carry one particular soul identity as an Indian and Krishna Gopal ji rightly said that let us not fight it out rather we should enjoy our identity, he said.

Prof. Aquil Ahmad, Director, NCPUL, Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR University, Prof. T V Kattimani, Vice-Chancellor, Central Tribal University of AP and Dr. Mir Asghar Hussain, Former Director, ED/EPs, UNESCO, Paris also spoke.

The Conference Director, Prof. Shahid Naukhez Azmi, Head, DP&CAS welcomed and proposed vote of thanks. Earlier, a documentary was also presented on the occasion.

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