



Press Release

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Contribution of Non-Muslim Scholars in Islamic Studies is praiseworthy – Prof. Akhtarul Wasay

Hyderabad:

Non-Muslims Scholars played an important and praiseworthy role in the promotion of different aspects of Islamic studies in India. Munshi Nawal Kishore of Lucknow not only printed Holy Quran in his famous press but also provided the study material for Madrasas. The first Persian language newspaper itself did not come from Iran but was published from Calcutta by Raja Ram Mohan Roy. Eminent Scholar & Padma Shri, Prof. Akhtarul Wasay, Chairman, Khusro Foundation, New Delhi expressed these views today at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) while delivering keynote address in the inaugural of National Seminar “Contribution of Indian Non Muslims to Islamic Studies (A Legacy of Composite Culture)” organized by Department of Islamic Studies in collaboration with Islamic Fiqh Academy India (IFAI), New Delhi, Khusro Foundation, New Delhi and Henry Martin Institute (HMI), Hyderabad.

Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice-Chancellor, in his presidential address expressed the need to promote interfaith understanding on the basis of knowledge. The contributions of Munshi Nawal Kishore also needed to be recognized, he added.

Eminent Islamic Scholar, Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmani, General Secretary, IFAI too concurred that non-Muslim scholars in India did a great job in the contribution of Islamic studies and they have a large collection of works on Quran, jurisprudence, Prophet’s biography, Naat writing (Poetry in the praise of Prophet Mohammad) and Islamic history. There is a need to develop better relations between Hindus and Muslims on the basis of common moral values of both religions, he suggested.

Dr. Packiam T. Samuel, Director, HMI, and Prof. Iqtidar Mohd. Khan, Head, Dept. of Islamic Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi also spoke. Wall magazine prepared by the students was also released

Prof. Mohd. Fahim Akhtar, Head, Department of Islamic Studies delivered the welcome address whereas Prof. Mohammad Habib proposed vote of thanks. Dr. Md. Irfan Ahmed convened the inaugural session.

International Science Conference held at MANUU

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Millets like Jowar, Bajra, Ragi and others are rich in minerals and Protein. They have anticancerous, Antioxidant and antidiabetic properties, said Dr. Ratnavathi, Director Incharge, Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR-ICAR) Hyderabad yesterday at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU). She was speaking as the chief guest in the inaugural session of two days International Conference “Sustainable Development through Science and Technology” organized by School of Sciences (SoS), MANUU. Prof Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice Chancellor, MANUU presided over.

In her presentation, Dr. Ratnavathi explained about the importance of this forgotten cereal. She also highlighted the Government plans on Millets production and its export to other countries.

Talking about science and its sustainable development, Prof Ainul Hasan in his address highlighted the usage of Science and Technology for the reconciliation of the Society and its development. MANUU should strengthen the science stream by introducing more and more Science related programs and the school of sciences will soon be starting Masters Programmes in Medical Imaging Technology, Medical Lab Technology and in other disciplines, he informed.

About 140 Scholars from Russia, Malaysia, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Spain etc. Participated online in the conference.

Prof. Salman A. Khan, Dean, SoS, delivered the welcome address. The conference convenors - Prof H. Aleem Basha briefed about conference whereas Prof S. Maqbool Ahmed proposed vote of thanks. Dr. Ira Khan, Assistant Professor (Botany) convened the inaugural session.

On the occasion of National Science Day today an invited lecture "Future of Science, Technology and Innovation: Impacts on education, Skills and Work" by Prof. Anil Kumar Chaudhary from Central University of Hyderabad was also held. Prof Shakeel Ahmed delivered presidential address.

Five technical sessions were held during the conference. Dr. Shakarchur Mukharjee, M.S University of Baroda, Dr. Yunus Wani, Jeddah University, Dr. Saurabh K Varma, CSIR-NGRI, Dr. Subhash Kaul, KIMS, Hyderabad, Dr. Vishnu D. Rajput, Southern Fedral University, Russia, Prof. Sirajuddin, KSA and Prof. Pradeep Kumar, CS&IT, MANUU chaired the technical sessions.

Prof. Shugufta Shaheen, OSD1, MANUU was the chief guest in the valedictory session held today. Certificate were also distributed to the participants.

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