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One Day Symposium

on

***‘Muslim Women in the Indian Subcontinent: Redefining Gender Roles,
Challenges, and Transformation’***

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Report

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On March 22, 2024, the Department of Economics, in collaboration with the School of Arts & Social Sciences and Department of Women Education, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, organized a one-day symposium. Held at the university's Incubation Centre, the symposium aimed to explore various dimensions of gender issues faced by Muslim women in the Indian subcontinent and to discuss strategies for their empowerment and transformation.

The program commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Mohammad Javed. Five distinguished speakers presented their insights at the Symposium:

Prof. Farida Siddiqui, Dean of the School of Arts & Social Sciences at MANUU, Hyderabad, spoke on 'Empowerment of Women through Riba-Free Microfinance,' highlighting its significance in fostering financial independence and socio-economic empowerment in the sub continental society.

Prof. AzraAbidi from the Department of Sociology at JamiaMilliaIslamia, New Delhi, addressed the challenges encountered by single Muslim women in her talk titled 'It's Not Easy to Be a Single Muslim Woman,' offering profound insights into their lived experiences.

Prof. Shahida, Director of the Centre for Women's Studies at MANUU, emphasized the importance of gender inclusivity in her talk on 'Gender & Inclusion: with special focus on Muslim Women,' advocating for representation and inclusivity of Muslim women across various spheres of society.

Prof. AmenaTehseen, Head of the Department of Women Education at MANUU, provided a comprehensive analysis of gender justice and the portrayal of Muslim women in Urdu literature in her presentation titled 'Discourse on Gender Justice & Muslim Women: In the Context of Urdu Literature.'

Dr. Ziauddin, Head of the Department of Sociology at MANUU, shed light on the intersection of gender politics and the experiences of Muslim women in India in his talk titled 'Gender Politics & Muslim Women in India,' highlighting the challenges they face and potential avenues for empowerment.

Prof. Kanchallaiah, former Director of CSSEIP at MANUU, presided over the session, delivering poignant remarks emphasizing the urgency of addressing the challenges confronting Muslim women and advocating passionately for women's empowerment and societal transformation.

The symposium provided a significant platform for academic discourse on crucial issues pertaining to Muslim women in the Indian subcontinent, offering attendees a deeper understanding of the multifaceted challenges they face and highlighting the imperative of redefining gender roles, promoting inclusivity, and striving for empowerment and transformation within the context of the region.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Mujahid.

Few Images of the Program:



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