

**ONE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “DEPICTION OF PARTITION IN URDU  
LITERATURE”**

**Organised by the  
Department of Sociology, MANUU, in Collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National  
Centre for Arts (IGNCA), (Janpada Division), Ministry of Culture, Government of  
India, on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 10:00 A.M. Venue at Saiyid Hamid Library Auditorium,  
MANUU.**

**CONCEPT NOTE**

As we all know that India was partitioned into two independent nation states – India and Pakistan - in August 1947. In this connection the country had witnessed an unforeseen mass violence devastating millions of lives across the Indian sub-continent. The communities those had coexisted in the land since the history known to us had started resorting to violence against each others in a terrifying outbreak of communal and sectarian violence in the wake of the partition. Nisid Hajari<sup>1</sup>, in his celebrated work “Midnight’s Furies” (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), a fast-paced new narrative history of Partition and its aftermath, writes that, “Gangs of killers set whole villages aflame, hacking to death men and children and the aged while carrying off young women to be raped. Some British soldiers and journalists who had witnessed the Nazi death camps claimed Partition’s brutalities were worse.....”

Given this, although there is a vast literature spawned raising debates over how the deeply intermixed and profoundly syncretic culture of the great nation was unravelled so easily, it is a matter of grave concern to remember those dark periods as they offer us to be vigilant to thwart any such thing from happening in the future. In this connection it is reminded that August 14<sup>th</sup> every year is observed as ‘Partition Horrors Remembrance Day’ as designated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. In view of this it falls on the responsibility of the academia and the civil society to join hands, bringing to the core the struggles and sacrifices of our people of those days and remembering the them. In this background the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, has a bold initiative seeking collaboration to forge an alliance of academic institutions/central universities organising seminars/exhibitions across given themes, providing a platform for academic discourses remembering the struggles and sacrifices of our yesterdays’ heroes.

It is against this backdrop, and while the country celebrates its 75 years of independence under the program of “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”, that the Department of Sociology – MANUU, in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, organises a one day national seminar on “Depiction of Partition in Urdu Literature” covering one of the themes enlisted in the concept note shared by the IGNCA.

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<sup>1</sup> as quoted by William Dalrymple in ‘The Great Divide – The Violent legacy of Indian Partition published in ‘New Yorker’ on June 29, 2015 issue)

The following eminent scholars covering different disciplines in MANUU, have been invited to speak in this national seminar, dwelling upon different dimensions of depiction of partition of the country in Urdu literature.

1. Prof. Mohd. Naseemuddin Fareez, Consultant, DDE, MANUU (formerly the Dean , SLII
2. Prof. Shagufta Shaheen, Professor & HoD, Department of English, MANUU.
3. Prof. Abul Kalam, Department of Urdu, MANUU,
4. Dr. Ameena Tahseen, Associate Professor & HoD, Department of Women Education.
5. Dr. Md. Ehtesham Akhter, Guest Faculty, Department of Sociology, MANUU.

Date and Time of the Seminar: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 10:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M

### **Local Organising Committee of the One – Day National Seminar:**

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#### **Seminar Convener**

**Prof. P. H. Mohammad, Head, Department of Sociology, MANUU.**

#### **Conference Co-Convener:**

**Dr. Md. Ehtesham Akhter, Guest Faculty, Department of Sociology, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad.**

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