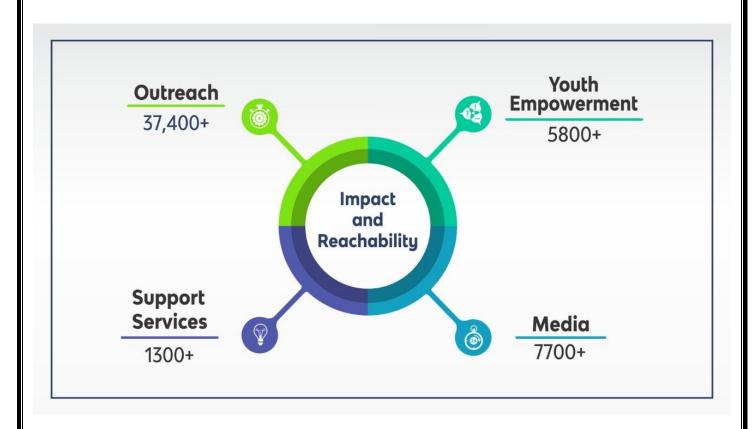


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IMPAR Community Reforms and Development Agenda

In India, Muslims are approximately 200 million, representing roughly 15% of the total population of India. However, the contribution of Muslims in social, economic, and political spheres is dismal. This has been a cause of serious concern for a long time. Though concerted efforts have been made in the past to bring about change, the situation remains largely unchanged. Indian Muslims are at crossroads, facing a plethora of challenges, from low representation in education and employment to increasing social, political, and economic marginalization. The community also faces challenges in the context of cultural identity, concerning the image and perception of Indian Muslims. Such challenge causes biases and affects its physical safety and security and access to opportunities. It further narrows down access to basic amenities and social welfare programs. Muslims today are perceived as a misfit to live in multicultural societies. There is an overdose of religiosity and uninvited propagation of the so-called 'Islamophobia'. Education is the Architect, which creates the masterpiece of Life. Widening educational and economic opportunities in a cost-effective manner for its citizens is a national priority for India. It is a serious point for chewing the cud that any such positive change in the Muslim community's status can be achieved only through internal reforms. The Government, political class, media, and social organizations can benefit from a better understanding of the barriers to access and inequity faced by Muslims in India. However, any meaningful change in the condition of the Muslim community is possible by its own resolution and determination to cultivate positive thinking, undertake social reforms, and navigate new paths. The paths of going for modern education, inculcating multicultural values and national ethos, adopting Indian traditions and modern outlook, and cultivating social service in its actions and orientation. As the world's outlook is changing constantly in every sphere of life, it becomes vital to remember that the mental conditioning created to look 1000 years back for every current issue or crisis is not going to work. The current issues and complexities require a response based on the best understanding of the prevailing socio-political, economic and technological realities. In order to deal with the current scenario looking backward for solutions to future challenges has not worked in the past and will not work in the future. Unfortunately, an overdose of hysterical speeches has made us believe that solutions lie in religion or in the past. We need to unlearn this learning. Either we work on long-term plans to engage with the majority community and address the key irritants through community reforms and positive social and political actions, and create an environment and appreciation or keep on cursing, complaining, and doing post-mortem and crisis management. Political protection and legal actions cannot improve opinions and also cannot create respect in society. This can neither widen prospects for us, nor broaden social and political, or economic opportunities for the community. The help of fellow citizens, service to society, and contribution to the nation can only generate respect and goodwill. The time for emotional speeches is over and the approach of 'my way or the highway' can no longer be working. We need to look at our social practices and introspect, if those are not the essentials of Islam, but a cause of inconvenience or irritation to others, shall we not review them? Let's remember that in a multicultural society perceptions matter. If image and perceptions are negative, nothing else will work positively. IMPAR has accordingly prepared a social reforms agenda to initiate the change, and thus better the inter-community relations, and social and political environment. "There has come to you enlightenment from your Lord. So whoever will see does so for [the benefit of] his soul, and whoever is blind [does harm] against it. And [say], "I am not a guardian over you." Quran 6:104 (Translation into English by Saheeh International) Points to ponder on to creating a safety network and conducive environment for the community's social-economic growth and development. Massive level awareness needs to be conducted and mobilisation of the community done to create desired impact and bring about needed change.

- 1. Masjids and Madarsas as Community Service Centres Masjids should be much more than just a place of worship. This is actually an Islamic concept. The Masjide-Nabawi used to be the centre of community activities and not just a place of worship. We must revive this concept and ensure that mosques function as centres of social service, awareness creation, and welfare activities as well. We must open up and invite people of other faiths on a weekend, to visit our masjids and madrasas, and discuss and understand Islam. Madarsas must be geared up taking social services of cleaning cities, serving bus and rail passengers, feeding people, awareness campaigns, planting trees on a weekly basis, and also inviting prominent people of all faiths to tea parties to visit and discuss issues of common concerns. Masjids and Madarsas should further organize events of INTER RELIGIOUS DIALOGUES with clergy, priests and monks of other faiths to exchange knowledge, and doctrines of theology.
- 2. Loudspeakers and Prayers on Road and Parking We should soften the Azaan sound, especially for morning prayers. It should not disturb people in the neighbourhood, not to mention we might have schools or hospitals in close vicinity. Today mobile phones are available to set alarms. Also, it is commonly observed that on Fridays and on the occasion of Eid, in many places, namaz is offered on the roads, due to capacity limitations. Similarly, many namazis carelessly park their vehicles on the roads, especially on Fridays. By occupying public spaces, we are causing inconvenience to others and violating the rights of the common man. Parking can be done at distances and if need be two or more shifts of Friday or Eid prayers can be organized. Our Namaz should be an occasion for others to remember their gods and join us in spirit to invoke God's blessings.
- 3. Qurbani in Open and Display of Meat The essence of sacrifice seems forgotten, and it has been turned into annual ritual while fulfilling the call of religious duty. While fulfilling our religious obligations we should not forget that cleanliness, and respecting others' religious sentiments must be an important part of our belief. Qurbani in open and blood flow or display of animal organs in open in shops or sharing slaughtering photos of Qurbani is not good. Similarly, cruelties to animals in transport, slaughter, or in their general welfare, meat is considered impure. A wrong impression about Muslims is created in a multicultural society. Qurbani is a representation of the spirit of sacrifice.
- **4.** Bridging the Gap of Castes and Maslaqs Muslims are seen as a racial identity rather than a group of people who share a concrete set of theological values. Also in the social sphere, Islam has abolished all distinctions and privileges. All mankind is one vast universal brotherhood. Again, there is a complete absence of caste, class, and sects. Islam is based on universal teachings, equality, and brotherhood through Oneness of the Sources of Guidance alone: But, we are suffering deeply from the feelings of castes and sects. Reforms are required to address this cause of friction and fight.
- 5. Hijab means Modestly Covering A principle of modesty includes character and conduct as well as dress for both males and females. Both men and women are commanded to lower their gaze and "guard their modesty. Modesty rules are open to a wide range of interpretations. But, in the last few decades, under certain external ideological influences, created by geo-political reasons, the concept of Hijab has been imposed as women wearing black tents from top to bottom. This is neither compliant with the essence of Hijab in Islam, nor is it to work in the multicultural world of today.
- 6. Symbols and Rituals are no Islam Islam is based on intention and connecting man directly with the Creator, who Himself declared in the Holy Quran, as being closer to man than his jugular vein. The central message of Islam is to break free from symbols and rituals, but over time our practices have become more ritualized and rigid than most other religions. We must not be fanatical in our practices, and instead of understanding and practicing the essence of Islam, must not be confining it to symbols and rituals. The Qur'an also warns believers to "Beware of extremism in your religion" (5:77). In short, Muslims are supposed to be "a justly balanced nation" (2:143).

- 7. Registering Marriage and Talaq In his own lifetime, Muhammad (SAW) improved women's position in society. Many modern Muslim societies continue to value his example, which they cite when pressing for women's rights. Today, Islamic legal and social systems around the world fall much short of women's rights by varying degrees. The treatment of women in Indian Muslim societies is much worse, and the freedom given is quite often, secretly or openly being misused, through misinterpretations of Hadiths. Islam empowers women with honor and dignity. Thus to protect the rights and dignity of women, the compulsory registration of Niqah and Talaq, compliant with the legal system of the country, must be ensured.
- **8.** Cultivating Positive Thinking and Role in Nation Building Our thinking, decisions, and collective actions today will determine our tomorrow. There is a high level of negativity, pessimism, and regression in our thoughts and actions, conditioned by emotional speeches, a sense of victimhood, and negative propaganda, administered overdoses by short-sighted clergy and self-serving petty political functionaries. This does not augur well for our future and the future of the nation. The changes that are long due and inevitable, must be initiated now. Society will appreciate and admire our role and contribution to nation-building. Isn't it the time to change and also play a catalytic role in the process of change?
- 9. No Reason to glorify Muslims Rule of 700 Years Muslims of India neither has a role nor a reason to relate to, regret or celebrate the so-called Muslim rule of 700 years. It's part of world history. There is neither scope for glory, nor apology for Indian Muslims. The contributions of these or any rulers of the past can neither be negated nor can wrongs be undone. They ruled here they built here, and they are buried here, unlike the British who took away the enormous wealth of India. Neither Buddhists need to be apologetic for what Ashoka did in Kalinga, nor do Hindus for what Pushyamitra Shung did or the Muslims for what the likes of Nadir Shah or Shah Abdali did. We need to put an end to this and appreciate the multicultural, diverse, and inclusive nature of Indian society. Let us live in the present to gift our future a better living.
- 10. Celebrating Common Values We, the Indian Muslims are blessed to be born and live in a hugely diverse society, which is a big blessing in today's global work culture philosophy and emerging knowledge-based economy. We have shared values and must celebrate common language, customs, culture, food, and etiquette, as Hindustani Muslims. We have a common ethos and common ancestors. The recent inclination of Muslim youths and the adoption of more Arabic culture, and language into our day-to-day life will only broaden the social and cultural gap. Our religious, social, and political leaders must understand and appreciate, and help us adopt and contribute to the shared values and common culture.
- **11.** Understanding the Meaning of Politics Our extremely skewed understanding of politics as getting an election ticket or helping a party win or defeating a political party has played havoc. Politics is about having a vision and roadmap for the next 20-25 years and working tirelessly towards empowering people, improving lives, and transforming society for the good of the nation. Do we have any politicians in our community and do we really do politics or are simply vote brokers for our masters? Sir Syed is an example of a reformer and a real politician. We must work for the advancement of the social and financial transformation of the community to gain respect and dignity which comes with the idea of serving the society, and not winning an election or defeating a person or a party.
- **12.** Movement for Education Knowledge wields the power to bring 'change'. As knowledge societies are emerging and the knowledge-based economy and services sector expands globally, modern education is gaining ever-increasing centrality. The world is getting increasingly driven by the power of ideas. As we all are part of a global society it is important to note that translating the sea of opportunities into social and financial gains would require quality higher education. India is exploding with opportunities, as the country races ahead to become a \$5 trillion economy by 2030. But, our share in higher education is less than 3% and in premier institutions such as IITs and IIMs is less than 2%. Therefore, a nationwide movement needs to be launched on sensitizing the community on availing the available opportunities, being equipped with technical and digital skills, and also fostering essential soft skills.

- **13.** Using Zakat and Bank Interest for Good The annual Zakat fund is considered to be the single largest fund globally. But, its use if skewed, inefficient, and consumption-oriented. There is a need for greater transparency and greater productive use to create sustainable means of livelihood and economic empowerment for the poor class of society. Similarly, the Indian Muslim community is losing a huge amount of money on account of bank interest on deposits, due to the Shariah-compliant banking system not being available here. Can we create a movement and develop a system to better channel the zakat funds and also the huge bank interest amounts for human welfare?
- **14.** Promoting Dialogue and Rational Thinking For better understanding, social inclusion, and integration, dialogues are important, especially when living in a culturally diverse society. We need to promote interfaith and intra-faith dialogues, open communication, and informed discussions, based on logic and facts. The Indian Muslim community, unfortunately, is gripped by a tendency to react without proper knowledge and reasoning and treats simple queries or questions as an assault on religion. This can be seen from the behavior of Muslim Panelists on different TV channels. Healthy dialogues should be encouraged to find common ground, not the differences, or claim superiority over another.
- **15.** Saying no to Hysterical Speeches The Indian Muslim community has been cruelly exploited and paraded on the emotional platform by our short-sighted clergy and petty political leaders through hysterical speeches, dragging them into the past with stories of atrocities, which only created deep negative and fortified regressive thinking. As a result, Indian Muslims developed into an emotionally loaded, inwards-looking, and permanently complaining community. These speeches lack facts and figures and objectivity with no contents or takeaways, and the answer to every contemporary issue is given by quoting a Hadith. We need to give confidence and create positivity with a practical and progressive approach, rather than showing a bleak future by propagating doomsday theories.
- **16.** Bridging the Gap between Islam and Muslims Undoubtedly Islam is a perfect religion based on divine signs and confirming modern science. Islam calls for unity, integration, education, impactful living, social contribution, charity, rights, and equality. But why we are missing the quality in our individual lives and social spaces? Are we practicing a self-designed narrow version of Islam, missing essence and spirituality and focusing on symbols and rituals? Islam and Muslims seem to be in opposite directions. It is said that Islam is more in the lives of the western world than in Muslims. It's time that our ulemas need to be sensitized to teaching meaning, message, and essence, rather than emphasising to follow only the calendar of prayers and festivals, as the complete Islam.
- 17. Renouncing all forms of Extremism Indian Muslims are blessed to be born in a hugely diverse society and exposed to multiple cultures, religions, and social systems. Islam stands for peace and moderation, and intellectual response, rather than intolerance and violent actions. Whatever is happening in the Muslim world, Indian Muslims are standing to pay the price; whether Taliban treatment of women or the killing of a teacher in France. Today, Islam is being perceived as a violent religion, and Muslims are the most intolerant people, no matter how much we shout and claim that Islam is the religion of peace. We must shun the feeling of religious superiority. Extremism in any society ultimately destroys its practitioners only. We must look toward the future by renouncing all forms of extremism, bigotry, and seclusion and promoting tolerance and piety.
- 18. Adopting Simple and Moderate Lifestyle The simplicity of Islamic life lies in living an impactful and balanced life from social and religious perspectives. Religion is ease so let's not make life complicated on account of religion. In essence, an individual's peace of mind and healthy living is dependent to a great extent on the balance of thoughts, perspectives, attitudes, attributes, behavior, conduct, etc., and moderation in food, spending, and lifestyles. Islam advocates the Middle Path and teaches balance in thoughts and actions. Islamic texts encourage the Muslim to adopt a simple, dignified, balanced, and moderate lifestyle, and emphasize the value of healthy social life and contributing to society. This also calls for 'nature-adjusted living', which means timely eating, timely sleeping, early waking up, prayers, and charity for spiritual development.

- 19. Caring for People and Environment What you contribute to society is important, not what you possess. We must believe that what we claim 'ours', we are only trustees. Our success and our wealth are not by our hard work alone but by the direct or indirect contribution of the family, society, nation, and the environment. Being a Muslim, it is our primary duty to be good and strive for spreading goodness. And it all may start with a basic act of feeding the poor and needy, cleaning your house and your locality, planting trees, preserving nature, saving water, avoiding excessive consumption, etc. Seek the opportunity where we can contribute and bring positive change. The Prophet (PBUH) said, "He is not a believer whose stomach is filled while the neighbor to his side goes hungry."
- 20. Cultivating Scientific Temperament There is no conflict between Science and Religion. In fact, to best understand religion one must study science. The invention of computer systems and today's digital technologies have made it easy to understand the religion and what was explained 1400 years back by our beloved Prophet (PBUH), including Lohe Mahfooz (iron disc) storing every bit of information of every individual, showing video of every hidden act, everything that exists bows to the Creator, means life in everything. Today we know that every atom has got life with electrons on movement, which means everything that exists is alive. The study of science can promote logical thinking and scientific temperament. This will help economic progress and act as an antidote to overdose of religiosity and emotions.
- **21.** Understanding and explaining meaning of Kafir and Jihad Kafir and Jihad are the most misunderstood words today and are a cause of anger and agitation by Non-Muslims. Kafir sounds quite a derogatory, prejudiced, and hateful word. It is generally held that a person who is not a Muslim is a Kafir. The actual meaning of Kafir is a non-believer in one God, the Creator, and Sustainer. Anyone who believes in the Almighty by any name is not Kafir. Many Muslims also believe Kafir means non-Muslims. Similarly, Jihad is also commonly understood by Muslims and non-Muslims alike as an armed struggle or fighting with the sword against non-Muslims. Jihad is primarily to fight against the self-evils to purify the soul, rather than taking sword in hand against non-believers. Armed struggle is permitted, where the ban on practicing faith or other such extreme situations arise.
- 22. Redefining the Role of Moulvis With limited understanding of Islam and narrow world vision, and competition to consolidate hold on the community, the clergy is navigating Muslims to the rituals and narrowness, than giving real understanding of Islam and its essence, and thus teaching nothing to build character and conduct or social service orientation for Talibs to be useful to the society. Listening to them quite naturally creates a mindset, which does not go well for living in multicultural societies. They fall short on the willingness to find opportunities to learn more about religion and role in changing world dynamics. This also creates intolerance towards a secular state and encourages dreaming a religious monopoly. When the purpose of life is assumed and narrowed to renouncing the worldly life for the Hereafter, the social and economic progress, and progress in research and technologies will naturally stop.
- 23. Documentation and Compliance of Rules In the modern world, having all documents and certificates of citizenship, property, vehicles, marriage, qualifications, skills and entitlements, etc., are must in order to live with peace and avail of social and economic opportunities. The documentation is required for establishing citizenship, accessing government welfare programs, schemes, subsidies, education, or travel. Completing documents is easy now with online applications and field outreach programs. Equally important is to ensure compliance with the government rules and regulations, something the Indian Muslim community is found lacking. We invite more trouble due to legal ignorance, absence of documents, and failure to comply with rules and regulations.

- **24.** Shunning Protectionism and Victimhood Living in a multicultural society, we must appreciate and contribute to the advancement of all through our positive social actions. We must shun protectionism or seek special favours and mix up in society to create understanding, and generate goodwill and appreciation, which will act as an antidote to negative feelings, discrimination, and communalism. Muslims are the actual victim of the "victimhood mindset". There is a strong tradition of denial, protectionism, and playing victimhood in the community. We are not realizing how much damage this 'minority-ism mindset' has done. Instead of developing the capacity to compete, and avail opportunities open to all, we focused more on small minority space. Our actions, traditions, and literature, all will come under scrutiny, as the world opens more and moves into digital living.
- 25. Strategic Thinking and Transformational Approach the Indian Muslim community lacked visionary leadership as well as competent and credible think tanks and social-economic research institutions, which could have worked on long-term vision and strategic planning, worked closely with all key stakeholders and acted as a national platform for coordinated actions. This resulted in short-sighted plans, fragmented actions, and often impulsive responses to any situation. In the absence of an institutional support system and regular overdoses of emotional dialogues, we never seriously thought over the real issues, and put strategic thinking or planning for our current issues and future challenges. This resulted in our general approach as transactional and never long-term or transformational. It's time to analyse situations seriously and strategically for better outcomes. We need to understand and appreciate the fast-evolving world order and invest our intellect in creating the future.

Meetings

IMPAR Mumbai Council Meeting with Dr MJ Khan-President IMPAR

On 14th September 2022, In a meeting with the Mumbai City Council, Dr. MJ Khan discussed and outlined the working agenda and announced the appointment of the state coordinator for Maharashtra to take up the endeavours of IMPAR forward.



1st consultation meeting on the community reforms

On 17th September 2022, IMPAR hosted 1st consultation meeting on the community reforms agenda at India International centre in New Delhi. The deliberations were joined by Justice Iqbal Ansari, former Chief Justice, Patna High Court, Mr. Siraj Qureshi, President, India Islamic Centre, Justice IM Kuddusi, former Judge Odisha High Court, Mr. Khwaja Shahid, former Vice Chancellor, MAANU, Prof. SM Sajid, ex Registrar, Jamia Millia, Mr Javed Yunus, India Representative, Saudi Aramco, Mr. Siraj Chaudhry, Board Member, Tata Beverages Ltd. and Dr. MJ Khan, President, IMPAR among others. IMPAR team presented 25 points reforms agenda for discussions on phasing and prioritising and outlining the action strategy to bring about the positive impact on the ground. The same would soon be shared with impar members for comments and suggestions and later widely circulated before finalising. The objective of the reforms is to create better image of Muslims and understanding among communities and enhance role in nation building by addressing evils and bad practices that have creeped in our society.



Dr MJ Khan's meeting with the Karnataka Council

On 25th September 2022, IMPAR Karnataka Council warmly welcomed and had an interactive session with Dr MJ Khan- president of IMPAR. The meeting was held in Bangalore at BET college and at hotel Savoury. Very prominent persons of the Bangalore city joined both the meetings and extensively discussed social, political and economic issues in context of Karnataka and the country, and about IMPAR reforms and progress agenda and initiatives. Mr Roshan Baig, former Home Minister of Karnataka and Mr Mumtaz Mir, IMPAR State Coordinator did all the arrangements and welcomed the president on arrival at the airport.

Among other things, it was also discussed to conduct interfaith dialogue seminars, expand the IMPAR Karnataka council by adding prominent community members and take up social service activities like research, awareness on education, cleanliness, skill development, social welfare, environment, etc in the state.







Meeting of Dr MJ Khan and the members of the Chennai Council

On 27th September 2022, In Chennai Dr MJ Khan met IMPAR State Coordinator Mr Akbar Batcha and other EC members to discuss social and political issues. They also discussed about organising various programs in the state. The State Council is working on hosting a national conference "India's Multiculturalism and Minorities" in 1st week of Dec 2022. The same conference may be held in few other locations as part of IMPAR Interfaith Dialogue to promote better understanding among the communities.





Webinars

IKIGAI interactive webinar

It's an answer to your struggle for what your PASSION and PURPOSE are. Ikigai philosophy helps in understanding following themes: What you're good at, what you love to do, what you would like to contribute to the world, What career directions fit the above.

Interactive webinar on understanding the job market and industry needs

IMPAR under its job readiness series hosted a webinar on understanding the job market and industry needs where two of the prominent speakers focused upon the current scenario of job market and discussed the skill sets required to prosper in the emerging fields and their scope.





Field Activities

Documentation Drives

IMPAR organized documentation drives in 5 different Districts of UP. A Documentation Program that was launched to combat the lower participation of the community members in social and political activities well as their lower access to government schemes and welfare programmes. IMPAR has once again initiated the documentation drive through its District Councils teams.



Employment and Scholarship Facilitation

APJ Abdul Kalam Excellence Award

Six More students from underprivileged backgrounds were given scholarships under the APJ Abdul Kalam Excellence Award by the Consultative Committee for Indian Muslims in the USA in association with IMPAR to encourage their academic pursuits and aspirations.



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Management
Babson College
Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh



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Hapur, U.P.



Junaid Feroz

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Guru Kashi University Punjab

Jammu and Kashmir



Emaad Ahmed

B.Tech in Biological science,
Bioengineering (1st year)

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
Khurja, Uttar Pradesh



Mohammad Arsalan
BCA (Computer Applications)
Govt Degree College Baramulla
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Ifla Mirza
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Mohd Kabeer Mansoori BSc Geology- 2nd Year Aligarh Muslim University place: Lucknow

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Press Release

IMPAR Welcomes RSS Muslim Outreach, Questions Timing of BJP States Overdrive

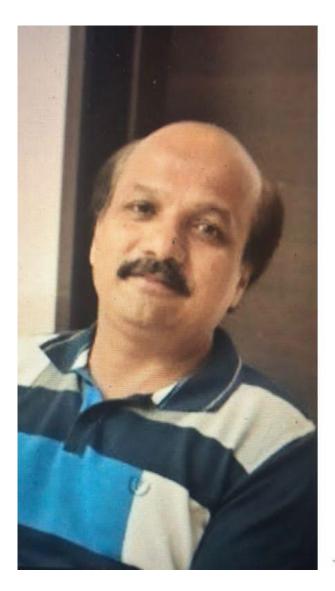
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The RSS chief recently met with five Muslims, and more importantly, his visit to a Masjid and a Madarsa in Delhi day before, is likely to send positive signals to people in India and around the world at a time when it appears that the divide between Hindus and Muslims is widening as a result of a number of unfavourable developments. Additionally, this will generate much-needed goodwill and have a positive effect in the direction of greater communication and relationships between the two communities for the good of the country as a whole. The relevance of the RSS outreach is owing to the ongoing barrage of remarks and actions that target Muslims across the nation, as well as a response to Muslim unease and certain unfavourable words made by a few gulf nations. These unfavourable developments do not bode well for India's reputation as the liberal diverse society and the largest democracy at a time when it is expanding quickly and is being viewed by the world as an emerging economic and technical giant. IMPAR hopes that the outreach does not remain confined to tokenism and goodwill gesture alone, but results into perceptible change on the ground. IMPAR would however like to point out to the overdrives by certain BJP ruled state governments such as UP, Assam, Karnataka and MP, which the Muslim community perceives as targeted and excessive. In a matured

democracy, any major governmental decisions or actions must precede adequate communication and dialogue with the affected or potentially affected people, no matter how justified the actions or prudent the decision. IMPAR therefore, calls upon the Hon'ble Prime Minister to send a clear signal to the party ruled states, to the cadre and also to a section of media against their precipitated actions or pursuing divisive agenda. This will be the test of Mr. Mohan Bhagwat's Muslim outreach program. But the Muslim community on its part must also positively respond to the goodwill gesture and initiate needed reforms to better serve the society and the nation Dr. MJ Khan President, IMPAR

IMPAR Field Expansion

IMPAR appointed and congratulated New State Coordinator for Maharashtra





Welcome and congratulations
To

MR AYYUB KHAN

IMPAR State Coordinator Maharashtra

Mr Ayyub Khan was born and brought up in Nashik, before settling in Mumbai. After completing his education in Sales and Marketing he worked for FMCG companies at different level of hierarchy.

He had long innings In Marico Industries and Olam International, his last designation was Vice President Sales and Marketing. Currently, he is working with Arac International as Executive Director based in Mumbai.

Media Coverage

IMPAR's 1st consultation meeting on the community reforms agenda at India International centre in New Delhi covered by various news groups –

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Apart from community reforms IMPAR has been working to empower the community by facilitating access to business and Startups opportunities. IMPAR BUSINESS SUMMIT 2022 will be hed on 19th October in new Delhi keeping in view to Empower socio economic development of the community. The goal of the IMPAR Business Summit is to examine the opportunities and problems faced by modern businesses and to help the community take advantage of those chances in order to recognize its full potential and make contributions to the development of society and the nation at large. The Summit is ideally placed to act as a potent forum for discussing global developments, policy concerns, trade and technological challenges, as well as emerging economic possibilities, idea incubation and fundraising options, the influence of digital business platforms, the ecosystem of support for entrepreneurship, startups, and business scaling up. The IMPAR Business Summit will emphasize prospects for local companies to go worldwide as well as India's growing digital revolution. The IMPAR Business Summit will be a genuine thought leadership event, functioning at the junction of economic growth, design, culture, technology, science, and policy, as well as sustainability.

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Don't look 1000 years back but to present for progress: Impar to Muslims



New Delhi: IMPAR (Indian Muslims for Progress and Reforms) is soon coming out with a set of proposals for reforms needed in the community, the underlying theme of which would be to make the community forward looking and shun the habit of going back 1000 years to find solution to the present problems.

The body representing Muslim intellectuals, professionals, entrepreneur, scholars, administrators, students and people from various other fields was formed in response to a particular situation during the first wave of Covid-19 which witnessed a sustained campaign by the media to demonise the community.

However, Impar after analysing the prevailing scenario soon reached the conclusion that beyond the immediate challenge, some more broadbased and comprehensive response was needed.

It was then felt by a cross section of Muslims that something should be done to dispel the misconceptions about the community and also to prepare it for reforms where needed. It noted that the community was facing various threats to its cultural, religious and physical security, and there were sustained attempts to vitiate the communal atmosphere of the country. This situation was further complicated by the social, economic and educational backwardness of the community.

President of Impar MJ Khan says that the community reaction to most such situations, has been far from satisfactory, and it had rather helped the designs of the troublemakers only. This has only increased the sense of insecurity and added negative thinking in the community, which does not argue well for the future of the society and the nation."We need to deeply analyze the unfolding social and political realities and what it bears on the community. We also need to introspect and do strategic thinking to correct our course of actions and responses to the current issues and the situation unfolding," he said.

"And more importantly we should initiate the long-overdue social reforms in the community to preempt such situations, better our contribution, and improve the understanding and respect in the society. We need to reflect on our customs and practices, and our stand on key issues that are causing irritation and anger in the society," he said.

It was with these aims that Impar hosted its 1st consultation meeting on the community reforms agenda at India International centre here. IMPAR team presented 25 points reforms agenda for discussions on phasing and prioritising and outlining the action strategy to bring about the positive impact on the ground.

A concept note prepared for reforms notes, "As the world's outlook is changing constantly in every sphere of life, it becomes vital to remember that the mental conditioning created to look 1000 years back for every current issue or crisis is not going to work. The current issues and complexities require a response based on the best understanding of the prevailing socio-political, economic and technological realities. In order to deal with the current scenario looking backward for solutions to future challenges has not worked in the past and will not work in the future. Unfortunately, an overdose of hysterical speeches has made us believe that solutions lie in religion or in the past. We need to unlearn this learning."

Yesterday's deliberations were joined by Justice Iqbal Ansari, former Chief Justice, Patna High Court, Mr. Siraj Qureshi, President, India Islamic Centre, Justice IM Kuddusi, former Judge Odisha High Court, Mr. Khwaja Shahid, former Vice Chancellor, MAANU, Prof. SM Sajid, ex Registrar, Jamia Millia, Mr. Javed Yunus, India Representative, Saudi Aramco, Mr. Siraj Chaudhry, Board Member, Tata Beverages Ltd. and Dr. MJ Khan, President, IMPAR among others.

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इम्पार इंडिया इंटरनेशनल सेंटर में मुस्लिम सामुदायिक सुधार एजेंडा पर परामर्श बैठ किया

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नई दिल्ली : इम्पार ने कल नई दिल्ली स्थित इंडिया इंटरनेशनल सेंटर में मुस्लिम सामुदायिक सुधार एजेंडा पर पहली परामर्श बैठक का आयोजन किया। विचार-विमर्श में न्यायमूर्ति इकबाल अंसारी, पूर्व मुख्य न्यायाधीश, पटना उच्च न्यायालय, श्री सिराज कुरैशी, अध्यक्ष, इंडिया इस्लामिक सेंटर, न्यायमूर्ति आईएम कुद्दूसी, पूर्व न्यायाधीश ओडिशा उच्च न्यायालय, श्री ख्वाजा शाहिद, पूर्व कुलपित, मानू, प्रो. एसएम साजिद, पूर्व रिजस्ट्रार, जामिया मिलिया, श्री जावेद यूनुस, भारत प्रतिनिधि, सऊदी अरामको, श्री सिराज चौधरी, बोर्ड सदस्य, टाटा बेवरेजेज लिमिटेड और डॉ एमजे खान, अध्यक्ष, इम्पार व अन्य ने शिरकत की।

इम्पार टीम ने 25 सूत्रीय सुधार एजेंडा प्रस्तुत िकया तथा सुधार कार्यक्रमों को चरणबद्ध और प्राथमिकता के आधार पर जमींन पर उतारने की रूपरेखा पर चर्चा िकया। इसे जल्द ही टिप्पणियों और सुझावों के लिए इम्पार सदस्यों के साथ साझा किया जाएगा और बाद में अंतिम रूप देने से पहले व्यापक रूप से प्रसारित िकया जाएगा। सुधारों का उद्देश्य मुसलमानों की बेहतर छिव बनाना और समुदायों के बीच समझ पैदा करना और हमारे समाज में फैली कुरीतियों और बुरी प्रथाओं को दूर करके राष्ट्र निर्माण में मुस्लिम समाज की भूमिका को बढ़ाना है।

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IMPAR-welcomes RSS-Muslim outreach but questions government hyperactivity news covered Different news Channels

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नई दिल्ली: इम्पार के अध्यक्ष,डॉ एम् जे खान ने एक बयान जारी करके RSS मुस्लिम आउटरीच का स्वागत किया है लेकिन साथ ही सरकारी अतिसक्रियता पर सवाल भी उठाया है. उन्हों ने अपने बयान में कहा " ऐसे समय में जब हिंदुओं और मुसलमानों के बीच की खाई चौड़ी होती दिख रही है, कई नकारात्मक घटनाओं के कारण, हाल ही में पांच मुसलमानों के साथ आरएसएस प्रमुख की बैठक, और इससे भी महत्वपूर्ण कल दिल्ली में एक मस्जिद और एक मदरसे की उनकी यात्रा जो भारत और दुनिया भर के लोगों के लिए बहुत सकारात्मक सन्देश देने में कामयाब रही। यह बैठके बहुत आवश्यक सद्भावना भी पैदा करने में सक्षम रही ".

डॉ खान ने यह भी कहा " राष्ट्र की समग्र भलाई के लिए दोनों समुदायों के बीच बेहतर समझ और संबंध बनाने की दिशा में भी बहुत सकारात्मक प्रभाव डालेगी। आरएसएस की मुसलमानो से मुलाकात देश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में मुसलमानों के खिलाफ बयानबाजी और घटनाओं के निरंतर बढ़ने और समुदाय में प्रतिक्रिया के रूप में और हाल ही में कुछ खाड़ी देशों द्वारा कुछ अवांछित बयानों के कारण महत्वपूर्ण हो जाती है".

IMPAR के अध्यक्ष ने आगे कहा " ऐसे समय में जब भारत तेजी से बढ़ रहा है और दुनिया द्वारा उभरती हुई आर्थिक और तकनीकी महाशक्ति के रूप में देखा जा रहा है, ये नकारात्मक विकास उदारवादी बहुलवादी समाज और दुनिया के सबसे बड़े लोकतंत्र के रूप में इसकी छवि के लिए अच्छा नहीं है। IMPAR को उम्मीद है कि आउटरीच केवल सांकेतिकता और सद्भावना के इशारे तक ही सीमित नहीं रहेंगे बल्कि इसके परिणामस्वरूप जमीन पर प्रत्यक्ष परिवर्तन होता भी दिखेगा " .

डॉ खान ने चिंता व्यक्त करते हुए कहा "IMPAR कुछ भाजपा शासित राज्य सरकारों जैसे कि यूपी, असम, कर्नाटक और मध्य प्रदेश द्वारा एक के बाद एक कार्यवाही, जिसे मुस्लिम समुदाय पक्षपातपूर्ण, लिक्षित और अत्यधिक एकतरफा उसके विरुद्ध मानता है। यह चिंता का विषय है और संघ के प्रयासों पर संदेह पैदा करता है। एक परिपक्क लोकतंत्र में, किसी भी बड़े सरकारी निर्णय या कार्रवाई को प्रभावित या संभावित रूप से प्रभावित लोगों के साथ पर्याप्त संचार और बातचीत के बाद ही करना चाहिए, चाहे वह कार्रवाई कितनी भी उचित या विवेकपूर्ण क्यों न हो"।

इसलिए, IMPAR, माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी से पार्टी शासित राज्यों, कैंडर और मीडिया के एक वर्ग को उनके विभाजनकारी एजेंडे को आगे बढ़ाने के खिलाफ स्पष्ट संकेत भेजने का आह्वान करता है। यह श्री मोहन भागवत के मुस्लिम आउटरीच कार्यक्रम की भी परीक्षा होगी। लेकिन मुस्लिम समुदाय को भी अपनी ओर से सद्भावना के प्रति सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया देनी चाहिए और समाज और राष्ट्र की बेहतर सेवा के लिए आवश्यक सुधारों की पहल करनी चाहिए।

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नई दिल्लीः हाल ही में पांच विशिष्ट मुस्लिम व्यक्तियों के साथ आरएसएस प्रमुख मोहन भागत की बैठक और उसके उसके बाद फिर शुक्रवार को उनके द्वारा दिल्ली की एक मस्जिद और मदरसे का दौरा करने को लेकर सियासी और मजहबी गलियारों में अटकलों का बाजार गर्म हो गया है। हालांकि मुस्लिम समुदाय के लिए आर्थिक-सामाजिक हिंत में काम करने वाला संगठन इंडियन मुस्लिम फार प्रोग्रेस एंड रिफार्म (इम्पार) ने इसे दोनो समुदाय को एक दूसरे के प्रति नजदिकियां बढ़ाने को सकारात्मक कदम बताया है। इम्पार के अध्यक्ष डॉ. एमजे खान ने अपने जारी एक बयान में कहा है कि ऐसे समय में जब कई नकरात्मक घटनाओं के कारण हिंदुओं और मुसलमानों के बीच की खाई चौड़ी होती दिख रही है वैसे में आरएसएस प्रमुख के मुस्लिम समुदाय के विशिष्ट व्यक्तियों के साथ मुलाकात और उसके बाद एक मस्जिद और मदरसा का दौरा करने से लोगों में सकारात्मक संदेश गया है। आरएसएस प्रमुख का यह कदम भारत और दुनिया भर के लोगों के लिए बहुत सकारात्मक सन्देश देने में कामयाब रहा। यह बैठकें बहुत आवश्यक सद्भावना भी पैदा करने में सक्षम रही और राष्ट्र की समग्र भलाई के लिए दोनों समुदायों के बीच बेहतर समझ और संबंध बनाने की दिशा में भी बहुत सकारात्मक प्रभाव डालेगी। आरएसएस प्रमुख की मुसलमानों से मुलाकात देश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में मुसलमानों के खिलाफ बयानबाजी और सांप्रदायिक घटनाओं को कम करने कामयाब हो सकती है। आरएसएस प्रमुख की यह पहल भारत में एक समुदाय विशेष की प्रतिक्रिया के रूप में हाल ही में कुछ खाड़ी देशों से अवांछित बयान आने के संदर्भ में और महत्वपूर्ण हो जाती है।



ऐसे समय में जब भारत तेजी से बढ़ रहा है और दुनिया भर में उभरती हुई आर्थिक और तकनीकी महाशक्ति के रूप में देखा जा रहा है, वैसे में हमारे बीच सांप्रदायिक खाई बढ़ती है तो यह हमारे बहुलतावादी समाज और दुनिया के सबसे बड़ा लोकतांत्रिक देश के लिए ठीक नहीं है। इम्पार को उम्मीद है कि मुसलमानों तक आरएसएस के अपनी पहुंच बढ़ाना केवल सांकेतिकता और सद्भावना के इशारे तक ही सीमित नहीं रहेंगा बल्कि इसके परिणामस्वरूप जमीनी स्तर पर प्रत्यक्ष परिवर्तन होता भी दिखेगा।

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चिंता का विषय है और संघ के सद्भावना प्रयासों पर सवालिया निशान खड़ा करता है। एक परिपक्त लोकतंत्र में कोई भी कार्रवाई प्रभावित या संभावित रूप से प्रभावित लोगों के साथ सीधा संपर्क और बातचीत के बाद ही करना चाहिए, चाहे वह कार्रवाई कितनी भी उचित या विवेकपूर्ण क्यों न हो। इसलिए इम्पार माननीय प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी जी से पार्टी शासित राज्यों, कैडर और मीडिया के एक वर्ग द्वारा विभाजनकारी एजेंडे को आगे बढ़ाने के दौर में सीधा हस्तक्षेप करने का आह्वान करता है। इससे श्री मोहन भागवत के मुस्लिमों तक पहुंच बढ़ाने के प्रयासों को भी बल मिलेगा। इम्पार का यह भी मानना है मुस्लिम समुदाय को भी अपनी ओर से दोनों समुदायों के बीच सद्भावना बढ़ाने के प्रति सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया देनी चाहि तथा समाज और राष्ट्र की बेहतर सेवा के लिए आवश्यक सुधारों की पहल करनी चाहिए।

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نی دبلی: ایک ایسے وقت میں جب ہندوؤں اور مسلمانوں کے در میان طبح پر حتی ہوئی نظر آر ہی ہے۔ ٹی منفی واقعات کی وجہ سے آر ایس ایس کے سر براہ کی حالیہ دنوں میں پانچ مسلمانوں سے طلاقات ہوئی۔ اس سے بھی اہم بات سے ہم ان کا کرشتہ روز دبلی کی ایک مبح مدر سے کا دورہ کرنا، سائج میں ایک بڑا بیغام مجیبے میں کا میاب رہا۔ اس سے ہندوستان اور دیا بھر کے لوگوں کو شبت بیغام ملا ہے۔

مید ما قابقی مطلوبہ ٹیر سکالی پیدا کرنے میں بھی کامیاب رہتی ہیں اور امید کی جان پاہنے کہ ملک کی مجموعی بہتری کے لیے دونوں براور یوں کے درمیان بہتر افہام و تقییم اور تعلقات استوار کرنے کی جانب بھی بہت شہت اثرات مرتب ہوں گی۔ مسلمانوں کے ماتھ آرائیں ایسی کی مشک میں مسلمانوں کے خلاف بیان بازی اور کمیو نئی میں واقعات اور ردعمل میں مسلمل اضافہ اور حال بی میں کچھ خلیجی ممالک کی طرف ہے کچھ غیر معقولہ بیانات کے طور پراہیت رکھتی ہے۔

ا پے وقت میں جب ہندوستان تیزی سے ترتی کر رہاہے اور زیااے ایک انجرتی ہوئی معاشی اور تکنیک پر پاور کے طور پر و کیھے رہی ہے، یہ منفی پیش رفت ایک ابرل تکثیری معاشر سے اور دنیا کی سب سے بڑی جمہوریت کے طور پر اس کی شبیبہ کے لیے انچھائیس ہے۔

آ ٹی ایم پیائے آر تو تع کرتا ہے کہ یہ رسائی سرف اشاروں اور خیر سگالی کے اشاروں تک محدود نہیں رہے گی بلکہ اس کے بیتیج میں زیمی سطح پرواضح تیدیلی مجسی آئے گی۔ آئی ایم پیائے آر بی جی بی نے زیر افقدار کچھ ریا تن عومتوں جیسے بویی، آسام، کرنانگ اور مدھیے پر دیش کی طرف سے ایک کے بعدا یک کارروائی، جے مسلم کیو ٹی اس کے خلاف منتصب، بدف پر مخی اور انتہائی یکھر فعہ مجھتی ہے۔

ہے تشویشناک بات ہے اور یو نمین کی کوششوں پر شکوک پیدا کرتی ہے۔ ایک پننہ جمہوریت میں کوئی بھی بڑا حکومتی فیصلہ یاکار وائی متاثر ویا تمکنہ طور پر متاثر ہ افراد کے ساتھ مناسب را بطے اور بات چیت کے بعد ہی کی جانی چاہیے، اس سے قطع لظر کہ کار روائی کتنی ہی کیوں نہ ہو۔

آ آبا ہجی اے آروز پراعظم سے مطالبہ کرتا ہے کہ وہ پارٹی کی حکمر آنی والی ریاستوں، کیڈرزاور میڈیا کے ایک جھے کوان کے تفرقنہ انگیز ایکٹڈے پر عمل کرنے نے خلاف واضح اشارہ جیجیںں سیرشری موہ بن بھا گوت کے مسلم آؤٹ ریچک پرو گرام کا بھی امتیان ہوگا۔ لیکن امت مسلمہ کو بھی خیر ساگل کا شبت جواب دیتا جا ہے اور معاشرے اور قوم کی بہتر خدمت کے لیے ضروری اصلاحات کا آغاز کر ناجا ہے۔

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News Covered by the Isma Times

he recent meeting of five Muslims with RSS chief has set off fresh round of rumour mongering on social media against IMPAR. Let me clarify that IMPAR has no role or reason to be dragged yet again in



Meeting of Muslims with RSS. IMPAR denies any link.

baseless and malicious propaganda. These five fellows had broken off from IMPAR precisely on this reason about a year back and formed a new body. The argument in that meeting was same. While they wanted IMPAR to engage with RSS and BJP, I was for engagement with the Government, and not with RSS/BJP. As a result, seven persons, including these five, quit IMPAR, and formed a new group AEEDU. They even poached key impar officials.

Today, instead of charging this new group, certain rumour mongering elements are at it again. Let me clarify that IMPAR has no political leanings. It was formed as an emergency response system to deal with corona jihad crisis. We were keen to close it down after the crisis period was over. But many members advocated for its continuity and to reorient its working to focus on awareness and advocacy, perception management and economic empowerment programs.

IMPAR is working precisely on that agenda. It's only organisation that issues monthly progress reports, which carry every minute details. But sometimes I wonder as if educated muslims believe levelling false charges, spreading baseless rumours and running vicious propaganda is the ultimate good deed in life and a passport to paradise?

-MJ Khan, President, IMPAR

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Action Plans for the upcoming Month

☐ IMPAR Business Summit
☐ Documentation drives.
☐ Cleanliness and awareness programs in different districts of UP.
☐ Career Counselling program
☐ Interactive Webinars
☐ Job/ Career Readiness
☐ Information Dissemination

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