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'मुसलमान बहुसांस्कृतिक समाज में रहने लायक नहीं, ऐसी धारणा गलत'

जागरण संगठनदाता, नई दिल्ली: इंडियन मुस्लिम्स फ़ॉर प्रोग्रेस एंड रीफॉर्मर्स (आइएमपीआर) ने मुस्लिम समाज के लिए खुला पत्र लिखा है। इसमें समाज में बनती इस धारणा पर चिंता जताई है कि मुस्लिम बहुसांस्कृतिक समाज में रहने लायक नहीं हैं।

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परिणाम है कि टीवी बहस के लगभग दो हफ्ते बाद 'धार्मिक भावनाओं को ठेस पहुंचाने' के नाम पर हिंसा हुई, जिसे जायज नहीं ठहराया जा सकता यदि ऐसे ही चलता रहा तो जल्द ही हम बचे हुए हमदर्दों को भी खीं देंगे। हमारे उल्लाना की संकीर्ण विषयवृत्ति, आध्यात्मिकता से ज्यादा कर्मकांड पर चलकर भारत के मुसलमानों ने खुद को अंधा कर लिया है। इसी का

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Outreach

20000+

**Youth
Empowerment**

2400+

**Support
Services**

5000+

Media

5000+

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Meetings

IMPAR meeting with Finance Minister Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman

IMPAR President Dr MJ Khan met the finance minister Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman at her office in New Delhi and discussed issues related to growth in the economy and agriculture and other social and political issues.



Meeting with the Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Mr. Ajay Mishra

29 June 2022: IMPAR president Dr MJ Khan met the Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Mr. Ajay Mishra at his office in New Delhi and discussed the prevailing social and political situation and shared concerns on the increase in communalism and growing radicalism in the society. IMPAR stressed on the need for better understanding among the communities and appreciation of the common ethos and cultural values in making the India of tomorrow.



Field Activities

Youth Empowerment Program

The IMPAR Bulandshahr District team organized a Career counselling program on 30th June at FBM Girls Inter College. More than 250 girls participated and received advice on how to make the right career choice, current market opportunities, future job market, the importance of habits and discipline in life, and achieving success. While addressing the session Dr. MJ Khan, president IMPAR, emphasized on the growing importance of technology-based education, and data science.

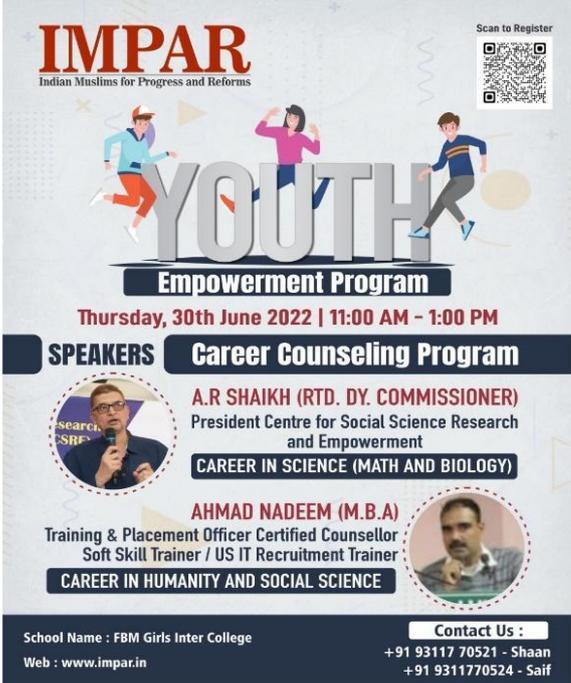
Mr. A.R Shaikh (Rtd. Dy. Commissioner), President Centre for Social Science Research and Empowerment explained a proper career pathway in science with the information on available courses, access, quality, and cost.

Mr. Ahmed Nadeem, a certified professional counsellor with rich industrial experience guided students on how to assess career and options available under social science and humanities.

Our respected guest and speaker Mr. Qamar Alam, President Mahila evam Bal Kalyan Control Board. Mr. Khusro Khan, Vice President, Sr. Alig Creative Form also joined online and shared their words of wisdom with the students.

Mr. Mohsin Khan, IPS, C.O. Gabhana Aligarh, and Mr. Ajay Chaudhary, IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police, Delhi guided students on careers in civil services and answered the student's queries.

We appreciate Mohammad Idris, entire executive team members and school administration for realizing the need of career counselling at school level in order to help the students to chart a career path and choose therewith.



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Indian Muslims for Progress and Reforms

IMPAR CAREER COUNSELLING PROGRAMME
Thursday, 30 - June- 2022



International Yoga Day

On 22 Jun 2022 IMPAR Regional Coordinator for Bundelkhand Region- Col Zahidullah Siddiquie was invited as a Chief Guest on International Yoga Day at the Landmark Towers Kanpur.



IMPAR organised district dialogue on progress and reforms at the International Academy of Scholars, Baghpat.

On 3rd July IMPAR held a dialogue session with the community people in Asara Village of Baghpat District, Uttar Pradesh at the International Academy of Scholars. Community reform and progress are the primary focus of IMPAR with an aim of improving social and economic status and seeking equality. Adv. Firoz Ghazi (Adv. Supreme Court) raises issues such as village education enrolment ratio, literacy rate, girls' education, the status of higher education, female participation in the formal economy, and so on. The community really needs to pay a greater emphasis on getting quality education as it plays an important role when it comes to defining and designing society, Mr. Ghazi Said. IMPAR strongly believes that any social reform is possible only through community participation; it's a bottom-up approach, hence the educated and responsible people within the community should come forward and make a difference through collective efforts.



IMPAR highly appreciated Mr Anis Ahmed and his entire team's vision, commitment, and efforts in changing the face of education in the village. Soon IMPAR will roll out its educational and youth empowerment programs in the district.

Advisory/Guidelines Issued

IMPAR Guidelines for Media Panellists

IMPAR is issuing these guidelines to help promote responsible behaviour and informed and healthy discussions, especially on issues related to politics and religion.

Provocative and socially unacceptable language, communal remarks and derogatory references led to communal disharmony, and disturbed the peace at large.

Nowadays news TV channels focus more on controversial and politically and ideologically divisive issues to attract more and more eyeballs. Though after the recent controversy, it's high-time TV channels should stop airing communally polarising shows, and same goes to the panellists.

IMPAR 11 Points Advisory to Deal with the Current Crisis

12 June 2022 | New Delhi

As we know the situation is becoming alarming due to the recent spate of violence in different parts of the country and subsequent police crackdown, reportedly with excessive use of force. IMPAR is issuing the following guidelines to help the community deal with the situation;

1. Please do not be provoked by the speeches or instigations by misguided or vested elements and join agitation or stone pelting. In the civilised world there is no place for violent reactions.
2. In the case of blasphemy, with the action taken against the culprits the message is gone to the rest. Let the matter end here. Islam is not about the violent reactions but informed responses. Please learn from the life of our beloved Prophet (PBUH), who would respond to such offensives by gestures of peace and goodwill rather than violence.
3. Taking law into hands must be avoided at any cost. If there are hate speeches or hurting of religious sentiments the best course is to lodge multiple FIRs against the offenders. By doing violence you are doing more damage to Islam and the Muslim community than any good.
4. The community members need to be extra vigilant as anti-social elements may take advantage of the situation and creep in to create violence and the blame will come to the community, as reported by few digital channels today.
5. Please form 10-15 members Mohalla wise committees in case of bigger municipal corporation cities and 25-30 member city committees in case of smaller municipality level cities. This will serve as an important social safety network.
6. Please create WhatsApp groups to message them all in case of emergency. The committee may comprise prominent advocates, journalists, social workers, retired government officers, members of clergy etc.
7. If protests are to be done, these must be fully peaceful and with the permission of the police. The committee should meet the local police and give its letter for permission and seek police deployment to prevent any anti-social elements from entering.
8. Facebook live must be done from the protest sites and also at homes when police enter the house, either to question or arrest. This will be irrefutable record and evidence, in case of any excesses or any unfortunate incident happens.
9. In case of any unfortunate incident, community members must do thorough assessment of the damage and fact finding of the incident and based on that an objective report to be prepared. The same may be released to the media and circulated on social media for subsequent legal and other actions.
10. Please keep contact numbers of senior police and administration, public representatives and media persons to send them SOS in case of police crackdown without proper papers or procedures or high handedness.

Press Releases

IMPAR Appeals for Maintaining Peace

June 11, 2022 | New Delhi

IMPAR unequivocally condemns the violence in different cities and appeals to all to maintain peace. IMPAR specifically appeals to the Muslim community to keep patience and cooperate with the police for peace and normalcy. The prevailing turmoil does not augur well for either the community or the country. What started with the absurd comment by BJP spokesperson on the TV debate has turned into widespread violence, which must not spread further. We call upon the clergy and other Muslim community leaders to come forward to guide the misguided that violence in the name of religion or the 'hurt feelings' cannot be justified. The sufferings of the common man today on the streets and the families of protesters tomorrow on account of violent protests is no service to Islam. It only brings bad name to the community. The image of the country is also tarnished internationally.

IMPAR also calls upon the police and enforcement authorities to show patience and better understanding, and not use excessive force in cases of simple protests or stone pelting. The common Muslim is hurt, and his feelings are being exploited by religious bigots or vested interests. The police will do better job in punishing the instigators and provocateurs than the misguided protesters. IMPAR also calls upon the community organisations, clergy, and the scholars to spread true message of Islam. The life of the Prophet is full of instances where he responded violence by gesture of peace and goodwill. Those taking the matters to street are working against the spirit of Islam in the name of Islam. Such acts must be condemned as we all must condemn the comments of Nupur Sharma and likes.

Dr. MJ Khan
President, IMPAR

Time to weed Out Fanatics and Radicals Amongst Us

June 13, 2022 | New Delhi

I was reading an article by the noted journalist, Qamar Waheed Naqvi in the Satya Hindi.com, which is a compilation of a series of his recent tweets. I could not agree more with his views that what was needed to be done is exactly opposite to what we have been doing all these years. Cursing communal politics and parties and yet doing everything possible to unknowingly strengthening them. The lack of long-term political plans, absence of competent and committed leadership and dependence on weak, corrupt and casteist leaders in the name of secularism on one side and hypothecating our understanding of religion to semi-literate and narrow vision clergy on the other hand costed us dearly. Time is fast changing. An impression is being created that Muslims are misfit to live in multicultural societies. And they neither want to live in peace nor let live. We may keep on complaining about what right wing people and others are doing, but there are no takers. The narrow world vision and low on morality and spirituality and high on ritualism has almost blinded a large section of the Muslim community in India. Otherwise, how would one justify violence all of a sudden, almost two weeks after the telecast? It's time for the vast majority of moderates to stand up and speak against 5% fringe elements in both communities. We must not go soft on the fundamentals and fanatics, fearing their vituperative and aggressive attacks in social media. We need strong social leadership which could talk sense and act sensibly. The champions of hysterical speeches, these misguided mullahs can only deliver disaster. Indian Muslims have faced enough under this regressive religious leadership and mushroomed socio-cultural organisations. It's time to change. Time to call for weeding out radicals among us, whether they defame us on TV screens or create trouble in the society. The world is no longer willing to buy our victimhood theories. What happened in recent days can not be justified in the name of 'hurt sentiments'. We are fast losing sympathy in the society and will soon be left with no sympathisers. What are these great theological institutions and their proclaimed leaders doing today? Are these leaders only to collect zakat funds in the name of Madarsa? Do they have no responsibility towards poor Muslim, who is paying hefty price to the nonsense of these leaders, who would ignite fire and then go in hibernation? Only to emerge later, when situation cools down, to distributing little ration and issuing press statements or getting photographed for media? Should we privileged 5% not feel ashamed for the trouble we are creating for 95% helpless poor Muslim on the ground by our misplaced actions and statements? This is critical time, and we must read the bold writings on the wall and act sensibly and urgently, before it's too late.

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Going from Bad to Worst: Call for Urgent Action

16 June 2022 | New Delhi

The communal situation is getting from bad to worst. It's time for the nation and for all of us to stand against radicalism and show maturity. The prevailing situation does not augur well for the democracy or the economy. The growing radicalism on both sides and its manifestation, and inaction by the authorities in some cases and hyper action in others, is not sending good signals. Peace and justice is prerequisite to the social harmony and economic development. For Muslim community, the worrying situation is that general perception in the society, as gauged by social media reactions, is at new low. Whatever little sympathy Muslim community got due to the nonsense utterances of the BJP leaders, we lost no time in reversing the situation by street agitations. Predictably, there is over reaction by the State machineries and heavy use of force and a large number of cases, some unjustified, being slapped. While instigators and provocateurs may escape, heavy cost will be paid by the families of many innocent agitators. We as a community have still not learnt what works for us? There are campaigns demanding the arrest of Nupur Sharma. Can we really afford her arrest? Are we ready to face massive potential backlash? Can we not see her popularity graph on social media? While we demand arrest of Nupur Sharma, and rightly so, but I am yet to come across a single Muslim, demanding the arrest of Tasleem Rahmani, who provoked the debate? The poor Muslim on the ground is paying huge price due to the deeds of such characters, but have we even condemned them? Let's learn today, or at a hefty cost tomorrow, that neither the one sided business will work, nor the 'My way or the High way'? To put it bluntly, the community has got no political leverage with the current regime. But the community is full of issues where the government support is needed. We wish to defeat BJP, but love all those acts and individuals, who help it harvest the rich political crop, election after election. We doubt the integrity of those who talk sense and workable solutions, but, admire as great self-styled 'secularists' and blindly follow the polarising agents, who give clarion calls to defeat BJP only to strengthen it. Have we ever analysed what are the intentions or implications of their radical utterances, hysterical speeches and tear shedding videos? It is quite profitable to give screaming speeches, to be liked by the right wing for political help to them, and be loved by the community as great secular warriors. It is difficult to tread moderate path, which gets you on firing line of both sides. IMPAR faces this challenge from day one. Our vocal extremists want the world to change for us without we changing an iota. I recall early days of IMPAR, there was a dedicated debate on one English channel, "Why IMPAR"? The well meaning anchor asked the five member IMPAR panel that you wished the world to change for you, what are you willing to change? There was complete silence. Even today we have no answers. There will be plethora of Hadith produced against any social reforms initiated. The essence of religion is forgotten. It has been confined to skullcap. We continue refusing to read bold writings on the wall. The trends obtaining indicate to more problematic days ahead, unless we change our thoughts and actions and become wiser and more circumspect in our approach. One of my non muslim friends was sharing yesterday the reactions of his three industry colleagues, where one of them mentioned that he will recruit no Muslims for the potential trouble it may create, the other, a drone manufacturer, said he will avoid selling to Muslim clients and the third one confided that he has got only one Muslim employee out of 2,000, and he plans to exit him as well. When my friend asked him that this will be questioned in a secular country, he responded that it's his company and he is free to decide, making it an unwritten policy? Imagine the future of Muslim youths, when perceptions in the private sector, which accounts for 95% plus new jobs, touch such new low? We must not allow our image and our future hypothecated to the interests driven extremists and low IQ emotional exploiters. Let's not count on the Arab world and be so jubilant on what recently happened. Resurgent India will be unwilling to accept it. The common Hindu is upset and is getting increasingly radicalised and aggressive. We must have trust in our systems and institutions, no matter what flaws. There is no other way, but to improve our conduct and contribution and work hard to win over the hearts of common man. The overdose of religion and resultant bigotry have destroyed great societies. We can be no exception. The world is unwilling to listen that Islam means peace and the Muslims are most peace-loving people. We must show it in action from our conduct and character.

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Appreciation of Administration for Patience to Maintain Peace

June 19, 2022 | New Delhi

IMPAR congratulates the State Governments, police and civil administration in showing tremendous patience against the rioters, who indulged in large scale arson, train burning and damaging Government properties, while protesting against the Agnipath Scheme of the Government of India. While police took the actions where it was must, but in general it took sensible stand and not went after indiscriminate arrests, lockup thrashing and slapping cases under draconian laws against the aggrieved youths. This not only helped in controlling the agitations and violence quickly, but also earned much appreciation. Ideally any major policy decision should precede by large scale communication for people to understand and adjust to the impact or prepare to avail the benefits. In democracies, Governments take policy decisions keeping in view the general good of the people, but sometimes a section of the society misunderstands or is genuinely impacted negatively, and In such cases protests are a natural outcomes. And in case, experts, affected parties or public at large have concerns the same must be addressed by the Governments. A general sense of justice and well-being is prerequisite to the effective functioning of the democracy. While we congratulate the State Governments and police officials for the sensitive handling the crisis caused by the announcement of the Agnipath Scheme, we hoped the similar kind of sensitivity on the part of the administration in handling the agitators, who were on the streets protesting against the blasphemous remarks by two politicians. After all stone pelting crimes cannot be greater than burning the train bogies and destroying Government properties. Justice should not only be done but must also be seen done for the faith of people in the system. The PM's landmark slogan "sabka saath, sabka vishwas, sabka vikas" must also be seen in action on the ground, at least by the BJP ruled state governments.

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IMPAR Condemns the Heinous Act of Crime in Udaipur

June 28, 2022 | New Delhi

It's extremely painful and disgusting to see the horrific act of crime, committed by two religious' bigots in Udaipur in the name of religion. IMPAR condemns such acts of bigotry and demands that police must take toughest possible action against such extremists and radicalised fanatics, who deserve no sympathy. Such criminals should have no place in a civilised society. These religious extremists who commit such inhuman crimes in the name of religion, have in fact, no understanding or faith in the religion, which teaches tolerance and forgiveness. The life of the Prophet itself is full of the examples of compassion and forgiveness. And the so-called followers of the religion show ugly face of intolerance and extremism, and committing such crimes in the name of religion itself or what they believe blasphemy. They are in fact the worst enemy of the religion and not worthy of living in a multicultural society. The time has come for the nation to rise against religious fanaticism and all forms of extremism. There should be policy of zero tolerance against such bigots, who would not let the society live in peace. It's also time for the Muslims in India and the world over to understand the root cause and rise against fanatic Wahabi form of Islam, created and exported on the behest of global powers. Enough price the Muslim community has paid for a tiny section among it following the extremist ideology. It's also the time that Indian Muslims must urgently and collectively initiate a strong campaign against such teaching material and working of such institutions, who are propagating extremism and creating such mindsets, before it's too late.

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प्रेस विज्ञप्ति: इम्पार ने उदयपुर में जघन्य अपराधिक कृत्य की निंदा की

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उदयपुर में धर्म के नाम पर दो धार्मिक कट्टरपंथियों द्वारा किए गए अपराध के जघन्य कृत्य को देखना बेहद दर्दनाक और घृणित है। IMPAR धार्मिक कट्टरता के ऐसे कृत्यों की निंदा करता है और मांग करता है कि पुलिस को ऐसे चरमपंथियों और कट्टरपंथियों के खिलाफ सख्त से सख्त कार्रवाई करनी चाहिए, जो सहानुभूति के पात्र नहीं हैं। सभ्य समाज में ऐसे अपराधियों की कोई जगह नहीं होनी चाहिए। धर्म के नाम पर इस तरह के अमानवीय अपराध करने वाले इन धार्मिक चरमपंथियों को वास्तव में उस धर्म में कोई समझ या विश्वास नहीं है, जो सहिष्णुता और क्षमा सिखाता है। पैगंबर साहब का जीवन ही करुणा और क्षमा के उदाहरणों से भरा है। और धर्म के तथाकथित अनुयायी असहिष्णुता और उग्रवाद का बदसूरत चेहरा दिखाते हैं, और खुद धर्म के नाम पर ऐसे अपराध करते हैं या जिसे वे ईशनिंदा मानते हैं। वे वास्तव में धर्म के सबसे बड़े दुश्मन हैं और बहुसांस्कृतिक समाज में रहने के योग्य नहीं हैं।

देश को धार्मिक कट्टरता और सभी प्रकार के अतिवाद के खिलाफ उठने का समय आ गया है। ऐसे धर्मांधों के खिलाफ जीरो टॉलरेंस की नीति होनी चाहिए, जो समाज को चैन से जीने नहीं देंगे। यह भारत और दुनिया भर के मुसलमानों के लिए भी मूल कारण को समझने और इस्लाम के कट्टर वहाबी रूप के खिलाफ उठने का समय है, जिसे वैश्विक शक्तियों के इशारे पर बनाया और निर्यात किया गया है। चरमपंथी विचारधारा का पालन करने वाले अपने एक छोटे से वर्ग के लिए मुस्लिम समुदाय ने पर्याप्त कीमत चुकाई है। यह ऐसी शिक्षण सामग्री और ऐसे संस्थानों के कामकाज की समीक्षा करने का भी समय है, जो अतिवाद का प्रचार कर रहे हैं और इस तरह की मानसिकता पैदा कर रहे हैं, इससे पहले कि बहुत देर हो जाए।

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Communication with the Key Stakeholders

Letter to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India by Dr MJ Khan

Dr MJ Khan,
President

Dated: 14 June 2022

Sh. Narendra Modi Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
New Delhi

Respected Prime Minister,

We wish to congratulate you for steering the nation on the path of progress and inclusive development. India is today being seen with awe and hope by the major powers of the world, thanks to the well-crafted and balanced stand on major global issues and increased participation in humanitarian aid. On the domestic front, the economy is back on track, after the Covid19 recession, with substantial spending on major Government schemes and flagship programs, which has massively benefitted the poor sections of the society. However, there are grave challenges on account of the deteriorating communal situation with certain media channels driving the divisive agenda and certain leaders making irresponsible statements. The entire nation is worried about the unchecked growth of communal hatred and mistrust being brewed with certain news channels competing in serving the hate contents, day in and day out. Provocative and offensive statements, working against the constitutional values, must be punished. We would like to emphasize that violent protest in any part of the country by any community isn't the appropriate way to express anger or grief. Strict actions must be taken against the individuals instigating such acts and misleading the people. While misplaced agitation and aggression are unjustified, the disproportionate and excessive use of force, and in some cases apparently illegal actions by the States, are sending the wrong signals. Justice should not only be done but be seen as being done. India is widely respected as a vibrant and secular democracy, governed by the rule of law, such incidences and

injustice bring great dismay. It is unfortunate that our country has seen a sharp spurt in such incidents one after another. This has serious implications for democracy, pluralism, social harmony, and peace besides the growth and development of the country. The way system is handling this whole incident must not affirm a preconceived notion within the community that their right to justice is being compromised. There is a sense of insecurity among Muslims and a section of the society with the fringe elements and religious bigots increasingly asserting. They need to be reined in and deradicalized with the sense of urgency. Peace and justice is prerequisite to growth and prosperity of the nation. All communities must have full confidence and sense of justice and must participate and contribute for fulfilling the leadership's vision of inclusive development of the country and making India a greatly respected nation. IMPAR delegation comprising of 10-12 prominent Muslims would like to meet you and share it's concerns and offer to work closely with the government. Thanking you and looking forward to your high office's timely intervention and kind encouragement. With esteemed regards

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Letter to Hon'ble CM Yogi Adityanath Ji by Dr MJ Khan

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Indian Muslims for Progress and Reforms

Dr. MJ Khan
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Dated: 14 June, 2022

Yogi Adityanath ji
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Uttar Pradesh
Lucknow

Respected Yogi ji

We wish to congratulate you for the leadership in putting the State on fast growth trajectory with many new projects and large size investments flowing in. There is also general perception of improved law and order situation and also improved delivery of the Government programs and schemes on the ground. You have guided the state on the path of progress and inclusive development. Scheme like One District-One Product (ODOP), added to the employment generation significantly, as a result Uttar Pradesh is now rapidly moving towards becoming the biggest economy in the country.

However, there are grave challenges on account of the deteriorating communal situation with certain media channels driving the divisive agenda and certain leaders making irresponsible statements. The entire nation is worried about the unchecked growth of communal hatred and mistrust being brewed with certain news channels competing in serving the hate contents, day in and day out. This increases the challenge for the State machinery in maintaining law and order.

Uttar Pradesh has remained the epic center of many riots and disgraceful events in the past. We cannot refuse to acknowledge the gravity of this incident. Strict actions must be taken against the religious bigots instigating such acts and misleading the people. While misplaced agitation and aggression are unjustified, the disproportionate and excessive use of force, and in some cases apparently questionable actions by the States, are sending the wrong signals. Justice should not only be done but be seen as being done.

India is widely respected as a vibrant and secular democracy, governed by the rule of law. Any incidences of injustice bring great dismay. This has serious implications for democracy, pluralism, social harmony, and peace beside the growth and development of the state. The way system is handling this whole incident must not affirm a preconceived notion within the Muslim community that their right to justice is being compromised.

There is a strong sense of insecurity among Muslims and a section of the society. All communities must have full confidence and must participate and contribute to fulfilling the leadership's vision of a prosperous and thriving state. We hope that the UP administration will deal with this matter with greater sensitivity, and actions will be taken against the erring police officials. Government must take cognisance of the videos of police violence circulating in social media.

Thanking you and looking forward to your high office's urgent and effective intervention.

With esteemed regards



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Media Coverage

IMPAR's views on violence in different cities following two BJP leaders' remarks on the Prophet were reported in India News Stream.

June 11, 2022: Resorting to violence in the name of 'hurt feelings' unjustified, says IMPAR on Prophet remarks row

New Delhi: Indian Muslims for Progress and Reform has unequivocally condemned the violence in different cities following two BJP leaders' remarks on the Prophet and appealed to the Muslim community to keep patience and cooperate with the police for peace and normalcy.

" The prevailing turmoil does not augur well for either the community or the country. What started with the absurd comment by a BJP spokesperson on the TV debate has turned into widespread violence, which must not spread further. We call upon the clergy and other Muslim community leaders to come forward to guide the misguided that violence in the name of religion or the 'hurt feelings' cannot be justified," IMPAR president MJ Khan said in a statement here.

The sufferings of the common man today on the streets and the families of protesters tomorrow on account of violent protests is no service to Islam. It only brings a bad name to the community. The image of the country is also tarnished internationally, he said.

IMPAR also called upon the police and enforcement authorities to show patience and better understanding, and not use excessive force in cases of simple protests or stone pelting.

"The common Muslim is hurt and his feelings are being exploited by religious bigots or vested interests. The police will do better job in punishing the instigators and provocateurs than the misguided protesters," IMPAR said

The organisation also appealed to the community organisations, clergy and the scholars to spread true message of Islam underlining that the life of the Prophet was full of instances where he responded violence by gesture of peace and goodwill.

Those taking the matters to street are actually working against the spirit of Islam in the name of Islam. Such acts must be condemned as we all must condemn the comments of Nupur Sharma and likes," The IMPAR president stated.

<https://www.indianewsstream.com/religion/resorting-to-violence-in-the-name-of-hurt-feelings-unjustified-says-impar-on-prophet-remarks-row/>

IMPAR के तरफ से की गयी शांति बनाए रखने की अपील, प्रेस विज्ञप्ति जारी...

टीवी डिबेट पर बीजेपी प्रवक्ता की बेतुकी टिप्पणी से जो शुरू हुआ वह व्यापक हिंसा में बदल गया, जो आगे नहीं फैलना चाहिए। हम धर्मगुरुओं और अन्य मुस्लिम समुदाय के नेताओं से पथभ्रष्ट लोगों का मार्गदर्शन करने के लिए आगे आने का आह्वान करते हैं कि धर्म या 'भावनाओं को आहत' के नाम पर पत्थरबाज़ी करने को उचित नहीं ठहराया जा सकता है।

डेस्क: IMPAR स्पष्ट रूप से विभिन्न शहरों में हिंसा की निंदा करता है और सभी से शांति बनाए रखने की अपील करता है। IMPAR विशेष रूप से मुस्लिम समुदाय से धैर्य रखने और शांति और सामान्य स्थिति बहाली के लिए पुलिस के साथ सहयोग करने की अपील करता है। हिंसा की घटनाएं न तो समुदाय के लिए और न ही देश के लिए शुभ संकेत है।

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IMPAR पुलिस और प्रशासनिक अधिकारियों से भी धैर्य और बेहतर समझ दिखाने का आह्वान करता है, और साधारण विरोध या पथराव के मामलों में अत्यधिक बल का प्रयोग नहीं करने की अपील करता है। आम मुसलमान आहत है और उसकी भावनाओं का धार्मिक कट्टरपंथियों या निहित स्वार्थी द्वारा शोषण किया जा रहा है। गुमराह करने वाले प्रदर्शनकारियों की तुलना में भड़काने वालों को दंडित करना बेहतर संदेश देगा। IMPAR सामुदायिक संगठनों, धर्मगुरुओं और विद्वानों से इस्लाम का सच्चा संदेश फैलाने का भी आह्वान करता है। पैगंबर का जीवन ऐसे उदाहरणों से भरा है जहां उन्होंने शांति और सद्भावना द्वारा हिंसा का जवाब दिया। मामले को सड़क पर ले जाने वाले वास्तव में इस्लाम के नाम पर इस्लाम की भावना के खिलाफ काम कर रहे हैं। इस तरह के कृत्यों की निंदा की जानी चाहिए जैसे की हम सभी को नूपुर शर्मा जैसों की टिप्पणियों की निंदा करनी चाहिए।

<https://www.nbc24.in/impar-on-muslims-riots>

IMPAR Appeals for Maintaining Peace published in Indian PSU

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June 11, 2022

IMPAR unequivocally condemns the violence in different cities and appeals to all to maintain peace. IMPAR specifically appeals to the Muslim community to keep patience and cooperate with the police for peace and normalcy. The prevailing turmoil does not augur well for either the community or the country. What started with the absurd comment by BJP spokesperson on the TV debate has turned into widespread violence, which must not spread further. We call upon the clergy and other Muslim community leaders to come forward to guide the misguided that violence in the name of religion or the 'hurt feelings' cannot be justified. The sufferings of the common man today on the streets and the families of protesters tomorrow on account of violent protests is no service to Islam. It only brings a bad name to the community. The image of the country is also tarnished internationally.

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हमारे बीच के कट्टरपंथियों को बाहर निकालने का समय

डॉक्टर एम जे खान, अध्यक्ष, इम्पार, 14, JUN, 2022

सत्य हिंदी डॉट कॉम में प्रसिद्ध पत्रकार कमर वहीद नकवी का एक लेख पढ़ रहा था, जो उनके हालिया ट्विट्स की एक श्रृंखला का संकलन है। मैं उनके विचारों से पूरी तरह सहमत हूँ कि मुस्लिम समाज को जो करने की आवश्यकता थी हम उसके ठीक विपरीत अभी तक करते आये हैं।

सांप्रदायिक राजनीति और सांप्रदायिक पार्टियों को कोसना और फिर भी जानकार या अहमकाना हरकतों से उन्हें ही मजबूत करने के लिए अब तक कार्य करते रहे हैं।

दीर्घकालिक राजनीतिक योजनाओं की कमी, सक्षम और प्रतिबद्ध नेतृत्व की अनुपस्थिति और कमजोर, भ्रष्ट और जातिवादी नेताओं पर एक तरफ धर्मनिरपेक्षता के नाम पर निर्भरता और दूसरी ओर धर्म की हमारी समझ को अर्ध-साक्षर और संकीर्ण दृष्टि वाले मौलवियों को गिरवी रखना काफी महंगा पड़ा है।

समय तेजी से बदल रहा है। यह धारणा बनती जा रही है कि मुसलमान बहुसांस्कृतिक समाज में रहने के लायक नहीं हैं। दक्षिणपंथी लोग या दूसरे क्या कर रहे हैं, इस लिए हम भी वैसा कर सकते हैं, हमारे इस तर्क को बाजार में अब कोई लेने वाला नहीं है। हमारे उलेमा की संकीर्ण विश्वदृष्टि और आध्यात्मिकता से ज्यादा कर्मकांड पर भारत के मुसलमानों को चला कर समुदाय के एक बड़े हिस्से को लगभग अंधा कर दिया है। नहीं तो टीवी डिबेट के लगभग दो हफ्ते बाद अचानक हुई हिंसा को कैसे जायज ठहराया जा सकता है?

नरमपंथियों के विशाल बहुमत के लिए समय आ गया है कि वे दोनों समुदायों के 5% कट्टरपंथी तत्वों के खिलाफ खड़े हों। सोशल मीडिया में अपशब्दों और आक्रामक हमलों के डर से हमें धार्मिक उन्मादियों और कट्टरपंथियों पर नो तो चुप्पी मारनी चाहिए न ही नरम होना चाहिए।

हमें मजबूत सामाजिक नेतृत्व विकसित करने की जरूरत है जो समझदारी से बात कर सके और समझदारी से काम ले सके। उन्मादी भाषणों के हिमायती ये गुमराह मुल्ला तबाही ही मचा सकते हैं। भारतीय मुसलमानों ने इस संकीर्ण सौच के धार्मिक नेतृत्व के तहत काफी कुछ झेला है और हमारे बड़े बड़े इदारों ने भी सिर्फ गुमराह और अंध भक्त बनाने का ही काम किया है। इसे बदलने के लिए समय आ गया है।

हमारे बीच कट्टरपंथियों को बाहर निकालने का आह्वान करने का समय, चाहे वे हमें टीवी स्क्रीन पर बदनाम करने वाले स्वम्भू नेता और मौलवी हों या समाज में फसाद फैलाने और दुश्चारी पैदा करने वाले ठेकेदार। दुनिया अब हमारी मज़लूमियत की कहानी को खरीदने को तैयार नहीं है। हाल के दिनों में जो हिंसा हुई उसे 'भावनाओं को ठेस पहुंचाने' के नाम पर जायज नहीं ठहराया जा सकता।

हम समाज में तेजी से सहानुभूति खो रहे हैं और यदि सिलसिला ऐसा ही चलता रहा तो जल्द ही हम बचे हुए हमदर्दों को भी खो देंगे। ये बड़े बड़े धार्मिक इदारे और संगठन और उनके घोषित नेता आज क्या कर रहे हैं? क्या ये नेता सिर्फ मदरसे के नाम पर जकात जमा करने के लिए हैं? क्या इन नेताओं की मूर्खता की भारी कीमत चुकाने वाले गरीब मुसलमान के प्रति उनकी कोई जिम्मेदारी नहीं है, जो आग लगाकर सोने चले जाते हैं? और बाद में जब स्थिति शांत हो जाती है तो प्रेस बयान जारी करने या मीडिया में फोटो खिंचवाने के लिए हाज़िर हो जाते हैं ?

क्या हम 5% विशेषाधिकार प्राप्त लोगों को अपने गलत कार्यों और बयानों से जमीन पर 95% असहाय गरीब मुसलमानों के लिए पैदा की जा रही परेशानी के लिए शर्म नहीं करनी चाहिए? यह महत्वपूर्ण समय है और इससे पहले कि बहुत देर हो जाए, हमें दीवार पर साफ़ साफ़ लिखे को पढ़ना चाहिए और समझदारी के साथ तत्काल बदलाव के लिए कदम उठाने चाहिए।

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मौजूदा स्थिति लोकतंत्र या अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए शुभ संकेत नहीं है: डॉ. एम.जे खान

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नई दिल्ली: इंडियन मुस्लिम फॉर प्रोग्रेस एंड रिफॉर्म (IMPACT) ने देश में बढ़ती सांप्रदायिकता पर चिंता व्यक्त की है। इम्पार के अध्यक्ष डॉ. एम.जे खान ने कहा कि साम्प्रदायिक स्थिति बद से बदतर होती जा रही है। यह देश और हम सभी के लिए कट्टरवाद के खिलाफ खड़े होने और परिपक्वता दिखाने का समय है। मौजूदा स्थिति लोकतंत्र या अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए शुभ संकेत नहीं है। दोनों पक्षों में बढ़ता कट्टरवाद और इसकी अभिव्यक्ति, और कुछ मामलों में अधिकारियों द्वारा निष्क्रियता और दूसरों में अति कार्रवाई, अच्छे संकेत नहीं भेज रहे हैं। सामाजिक समरसता और आर्थिक विकास के लिए शांति और न्याय ज़रूरी है।

डॉ. एम.जे खान ने कहा कि मुस्लिम समुदाय के लिए चिंताजनक स्थिति यह है कि समाज में सामान्य धारणा, जैसा कि सोशल मीडिया प्रतिक्रियाओं से आंका जाता है, नए निचले स्तर पर है। भाजपा नेताओं की बकवास बातों के कारण मुस्लिम समुदाय को जो भी थोड़ी सहानुभूति मिली थी, हमने सड़क पर आंदोलन करके स्थिति को उलटने में कोई समय नहीं गंवाया। अनुमानतः, राज्य मशीनरी द्वारा अति प्रतिक्रिया और भारी बल प्रयोग और बड़ी संख्या में मुकदमों, कुछ अनुचित भी, लगाए जा रहे हैं। दंगा भड़काने वाले मुमकिन है बच जाएं, लेकिन कई निर्दोष आंदोलनकारियों के परिवारों को भारी कीमत चुकानी पड़ेगी। उन्होंने कहा कि हम एक समुदाय के रूप में अभी भी नहीं सीखा है कि हमारे लिए क्या अच्छा है और क्या भारी नुकसान का सबब, भड़काऊ तकरीरों से भावनाओं में बहकर इस्लाम के नाम पर इस्लाम का ही भारी नुकसान करते हैं।

डॉ. खान ने कहा कि नूपुर शर्मा की गिरफ्तारी की मांग को लेकर अभियान चल रहे हैं। क्या हम वाकई उसकी गिरफ्तारी का जोखिम उठा सकते हैं? क्या हम बड़े पैमाने पर संभावित प्रतिक्रिया का सामना करने के लिए तैयार हैं? क्या हम सोशल मीडिया पर उसकी लोकप्रियता का ग्राफ नहीं देख सकते? जबकि हम नूपुर शर्मा की गिरफ्तारी की मांग करते हैं, और सही भी है, लेकिन मुझे अभी तक एक भी मुस्लिम जनाब तसलीम रहमानी की गिरफ्तारी की मांग करते हुए नहीं मिला, जिसने बहस को उकसाया? उन्होंने कहा कि जमीन पर आम मुसलमान बहुत बड़ी कीमत चुका रहा है, लेकिन क्या हमने अपने बीच के ऐसे किरदारों की निंदा भी की है? आइए इस बात को आज समझ लें या कल भारी कीमत अदा करके?

इम्पार ने कहा कि हम बीजेपी को हराना चाहते हैं, लेकिन उन सभी कृत्यों और व्यक्तियों से प्यार करते हैं, जो चुनाव दर चुनाव बीजेपी को समृद्ध राजनीतिक फसल काटने में मदद करते हैं। हम उन लोगों की ईमानदारी पर संदेह करते हैं जो समझदारी और व्यावहारिक समाधान की बात करते हैं, लेकिन, महान स्वयंभू 'धर्मनिरपेक्ष' के रूप में ऐसे सभी कारिदों की प्रशंसा करते हैं जो धृवीकरण कराने वाले एजेंटों का आँख बंद करके अनुसरण करते हैं, जो भाजपा को हराने के लिए खुला आह्वान और ज़ज़्बाती तकरीरें करते हैं। डॉ. एम.जे. खान ने कहा कि क्या हमने कभी विश्लेषण किया है कि उनके प्रदर्शनों, कट्टरपंथी बयानों, टीवी में गरमागरम बहस करने, उन्मादपूर्ण भाषणों और आंसू बहाने वाले वीडियो के इरादे या निहितार्थ क्या हैं? ऐसे तत्व सांप्रदायिक शक्तियों की राजनीतिक मदद नहीं करते हैं? आज के स्तिथि में मध्यम पथ पर चलना कठिन है, जो आपको दोनों तरफ के कट्टरपंथियों के निशाने पर पर ले जाता है।

उन्होंने कहा कि IMPACT इम्पार पहले दिन से ही इस चुनौती का सामना कर रहा है। हमारे चरमपंथी चाहते हैं कि दुनिया हमारे लिए बदले बिना हमें एक इंच बदले, मुझे IMPACT के शुरुआती दिनों की याद आती है जब एक अंग्रेजी चैनल एक समर्पित बहस हुई थी की इम्पार क्यों बना (Why IMPACT)? एंकर ने पांच सदस्यीय IMPACT पैनल से पूछा कि आप चाहते हैं कि दुनिया आपके लिए बदल जाए, आप क्या बदलने को तैयार हैं? पूरी तरह सत्राटा छा गया। आज भी हमारे पास कोई जवाब नहीं है। शुरू किए गए किसी भी सामाजिक सुधार के खिलाफ बड़ी संख्या में हदीस का हवाला देकर इसके खिलाफ आवाज़ बुलंद की जाती है। आज हमने धर्म के सार को भुला दिया है और इसे धर्मचिन्हों तक सीमित कर दिया गया है।

उन्होंने कहा कि हम दीवार पर साफ़ साफ़ लिखे को पढ़ने से इनकार करते रहे हैं। जब तक हम अपने विचारों और कार्यों को नहीं बदलते और अपने दृष्टिकोण में समझदार और अधिक चौकस नहीं हो जाते, तब तक आने वाले रुझान अधिक समस्याग्रस्त दिनों की ओर इशारा करते हैं। मेरा एक गैर-मुस्लिम मित्र कल अपने तीन मित्र उद्योगपतियों की प्रतिक्रियाओं को साझा कर रहा था, जहां उनमें से एक ने उल्लेख किया कि वह संभावित परेशानी के लिए किसी भी मुसलमान को भर्ती नहीं करेगा, दूसरे, एक ड्रोन निर्माता ने कहा कि वह मुस्लिम ग्राहकों को ड्रोन बेचने से बचेगा और तीसरे ने स्वीकार किया कि उसके पास 2,000 में से केवल एक मुस्लिम कर्मचारी है, और वह उससे भी बाहर निकलने की योजना बना रहा है। डॉ. खान ने कहा कि जब मेरे दोस्त ने उनसे पूछा कि एक धर्मनिरपेक्ष देश में इस पर सवाल उठाया जाएगा, तो उन्होंने जवाब दिया कि यह उनकी कंपनी है और वे इसे एक अलिखित नीति बनाकर निर्णय लेने के लिए स्वतंत्र हैं? मुस्लिम युवाओं के भविष्य की कल्पना करें, जब निजी क्षेत्र में ऐसी धारणाएं बन जाएं, जो क्षेत्र 95% से अधिक नई नौकरिया पैदा करता हो? कब तक हम मुसलमानों की छवि और बच्चों के भविष्य को ज़ज़्बाती भाषण माफियाओं और कट्टरपंथियों के हाथों गिरवी रखते रहेंगे?

डॉ. खान ने कहा कि हमें अरब दुनिया पर निर्भर होकर कुछ हासिल होने वाला नहीं है और हाल ही में जो हुआ, उस पर बहुत खुश होने की ज़रूरत नहीं है। तेजी से विश्व पटल पर अधिपत्य जमाता भारत इसे स्वीकार करने को तैयार नहीं होगा। आम हिंदू तेजी से कट्टरपंथी और आक्रामक होता जा रहा है। हमें अपने देश के सिस्टम और संस्थानों पर भरोसा रखना होगा, चाहे कुछ भी खामियां हों। हमें अपने आचरण और योगदान को सुधारने और आम आदमी का दिल जीतने के लिए कड़ी मेहनत करने के अलावा और कोई रास्ता नहीं है। उन्होंने कहा कि धर्म की अधिक खुराक और परिणामी कट्टरता ने महान समाजों को नष्ट कर दिया है। हम कोई अपवाद नहीं हो सकते। हमें इसे अपने आचरण और चरित्र से ज़मीन पर दिखाना होगा।

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Going From Bad to Worst: Call for Urgent Action published in India Tomorrow, Isma times and Asia times

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NEW DELHI—The communal situation is getting from bad to worst. It's time for the nation and for all of us to stand against radicalism and show maturity. The prevailing situation does not augur well for the democracy or the economy. The growing radicalism on both sides and its manifestation, and inaction by the authorities in some cases and hyper action in others, is not sending good signals. Peace and justice are prerequisite to the social harmony and economic development.

For Muslim community, the worrying situation is that general perception in the society, as gauged by social media reactions, is at new low. Whatever little sympathy Muslim community got due to the nonsense utterances of the BJP leaders; we lost no time in reversing the situation by street agitations. Predictably, there is over reaction by the State machineries and heavy use of force and a large number of cases, some unjustified, being slapped. While instigators and provocateurs may escape, heavy cost will be paid by the families of many innocent agitators. We as a community have still not learnt what works for us?

There are campaigns demanding the arrest of Nupur Sharma. Can we really afford her arrest? Are we ready to face massive potential backlash? Can we not see her popularity graph on social media? While we demand arrest of Nupur Sharma, and rightly so, but I am yet to come across a single Muslim, demanding the arrest of Dr. Tasleem Rahmani, who provoked the debate? The poor Muslim on the ground is paying huge price due to the deeds of such characters, but have we even condemned them? Let's learn today, or at a hefty cost tomorrow, that neither the one-sided business will work, nor the 'My way or the Highway'? To put it bluntly, the community has got no political leverage with the current regime. But the community is full of issues where the government support is needed.

We wish to defeat BJP, but love all those acts and individuals, who help it harvest the rich political crop, election after election. We doubt the integrity of those who talk sense and workable solutions, but, admire as great self-styled 'secularists' and blindly follow the polarising agents, who give clarion calls to defeat BJP only to strengthen it. Have we ever analysed what are the intentions or implications of their radical utterances, hysterical speeches and tear shedding videos? It is quite profitable to give screaming speeches, to be liked by the right wing for political help to them and be loved by the community as great secular warriors. It is difficult to tread moderate path, which gets you on firing line of both sides.

IMPAR faces this challenge from day one. Our vocal extremists want the world to change for us without we changing an iota. I recall early days of IMPAR, there was a dedicated debate on one English language news channel, "Why IMPAR"? The well-meaning anchor asked the five member IMPAR panel that you wished the world to change for you, what are you willing to change? There was complete silence. Even today we have no answers. There will be plethora of Hadith produced against any social reforms initiated. The essence of religion is forgotten. It has been confined to skullcap.

We continue refusing to read bold writings on the wall. The trends obtaining indicate to more problematic days ahead, unless we change our thoughts and actions and become wiser and more circumspect in our approach. One of my non-Muslim friends was sharing yesterday the reactions of his three industry colleagues, where one of them mentioned that he will recruit no Muslims for the potential trouble it may create, the other, a drone manufacturer, said he will avoid selling to Muslim clients and the third one confided that he has got only one Muslim employee out of 2000, and he plans to exit him as well. When my friend asked him that this will be questioned in a secular country, he responded that it's his company and he is free to decide, making it an unwritten policy? Imagine the future of Muslim youths, when perceptions in the private sector, which accounts for 95% plus new jobs, touch such new low? We must not allow our image and our future hypothecated to the interests driven extremists and low IQ emotional exploiters.

Let's not count on the Arab world and be so jubilant on what recently happened. Resurgent India will be unwilling to accept it. The common Hindu is upset and is getting increasingly radicalised and aggressive. We have to have trust in our systems and institutions, no matter what flaws. There is no other way, but to improve our conduct and contribution and work hard to win over the hearts of common man. The overdose of religion and resultant bigotry have destroyed great societies. We can be no exception. The world is unwilling to listen

that Islam means peace and the Muslims are most peace-loving people. We must show it in action from our conduct and character.

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Five IMPAR Panellists, Qamar Agha Sb, Irshad Hussain, Athar Zia, Dr. Lubna Kamal and Maj. Ali Shah, joined the debate on extremism and hate crimes on NewsX, and made meaningful interventions.



News Link: <https://youtu.be/xI7wvUWYU78>

IMPAR condemns the heinous crime in Udaipur by Dr MJ Khan published in Special Coverage News

नई दिल्ली: IMPAR के अध्यक्ष डॉ एम जे खान ने कहा कि उदयपुर में धर्म के नाम पर दो धार्मिक कट्टरपंथियों द्वारा किए गए अपराध के जघन्य कृत्य को देखना बेहद दर्दनाक और घृणित है। IMPAR धार्मिक कट्टरता के ऐसे कृत्यों की निंदा करता है और मांग करता है कि पुलिस को ऐसे चरमपंथियों और कट्टरपंथियों के खिलाफ सख्त से सख्त कार्रवाई करनी चाहिए, जो सहानुभूति के पात्र नहीं हैं। सभ्य समाज में ऐसे अपराधियों की कोई जगह नहीं होनी चाहिए।

डॉ एम जे खान ने कहा कि धर्म के नाम पर इस तरह के अमानवीय अपराध करने वाले इन धार्मिक चरमपंथियों को वास्तव में उस धर्म में कोई समझ या विश्वास नहीं है, जो सहिष्णुता और क्षमा सिखाता है। पैगंबर साहब का जीवन ही करुणा और क्षमा के उदाहरणों से भरा है। और धर्म के तथाकथित अनुयायी असहिष्णुता और उग्रवाद का बदसूरत चेहरा दिखाते हैं, और खुद धर्म के नाम पर ऐसे अपराध करते हैं या जिसे वे ईशनिंदा मानते हैं। वे वास्तव में धर्म के सबसे बड़े दुश्मन हैं और बहुसांस्कृतिक समाज में रहने के योग्य नहीं हैं।

<https://www.specialcoveragenews.in/amp/delhi/impar-condemns-the-heinous-crime-in-udaipur-dr-mj-khan-1186264>

IMPAR condemning the Murder of the Tailor in Udaipur published in Sedi News

29/06/2022 Udaipur: Muslim organizations openly condemned

All the major Muslim organizations of the country have condemned the murder of the tailor in Udaipur. It includes from Impar to Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, All India Muslim Personal Law Board to Diwan of Ajmer Sharif Dargah. On Tuesday, after entering the shop of Kanhaiya Lal, a tailor in Udaipur, two accused killed him and posted his video on social media. There is widespread condemnation of this incident.

Indian Muslims for Progress and Reforms (Impar) President Dr. M.J. Khan has said that it is extremely painful and disgusting to see the heinous act of crime committed by two religious fundamentalists in the name of religion in Udaipur. IMPAR condemns such acts of religious bigotry and demands that the police should take strictest action against such extremists and fundamentalists who do not deserve sympathy. There should be no place for such criminals in a civilized society. These religious extremists, who commit such inhuman crimes in the name of religion, really have no understanding or belief in a religion that teaches tolerance and forgiveness. The life of the Prophet is full of examples of compassion and forgiveness. He said the so-called followers of religion show the ugly face of intolerance and extremism and commit such crimes in the name of religion itself or what they consider to be blasphemy. They are indeed the biggest enemies of religion and do not deserve to live in a multicultural society. The time has come for the country to rise up against religious fanaticism and all forms of extremism. There should be a zero-tolerance policy against such fanatics, who will not allow the society to live peacefully. It is also time to review such teaching material and functioning of such institutions which are propagating extremism and creating such mindset, before it is too late. It is time for Muslims in India and around the world also to understand the root cause and rise up against the staunch Wahhabi form of Islam, which has been created and exported at the behest of global powers. The Muslim community has paid a substantial price for its small section of people following the extremist ideology. -Dr. M.J. Khan, President, Impar (Indian Muslims for Progress and Reforms). Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind called the Udaipur incident against Islam and the law of the land. Jamiat general secretSEDI Maulana Halsimuddin Qasmi said that the killing was apparently done on the pretext of insulting the Prophet but it was against both the law and the religion of Islam. He said that whoever has done this incident cannot be justified in any way. It is against the law of the land and our religion. There is a rule of law in our country, no one has the right to take law in his own hands. Maulana Qasmi appealed to all the citizens of the country to restrain their emotions and maintain peace. The Muslims of India will never allow the mindset of 'Talibanization' to come to the fore in the country. No religion encourages violence against humanity. Particularly in the religion of Islam, all teachings serve as a source of peace. Zainul Abedin Ali Khan, Diwan, Ajmer Sharif Dargah, Ajmer (Rajasthan) All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) General SecretSEDI Hazrat Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rehmani said, defaming any religious personality is a serious crime. The government's inaction against this crime is nothing more than sprinkling salt on our wounds. But despite this, no one can be allowed to take the law into their own hands and declaring someone guilty and then killing them is a highly condemnable act. Neither the law nor the Islamic Sharia permit this. The Personal Law Board strongly condemns the brutal murder incident in Udaipur.

<https://sedinews.com/udaipur-muslim-organizations-openly-condemned-sedi-news/>

IMPAR condemning the Murder in Udaipur published in "The Reports" also:

News Link: <https://thereports.in/the-udaipur-incident-is-condemnable-those-who-carried-it-out-are-the-biggest-enemies-of-religion-impar/>

Ms Shamsravish Rein and Major Mohammad Ali Shah in Debate on NewsX on Foreign Islamist League Run Amok- talking about foreign funded organizations.



<https://youtu.be/1tBmXE6Zqiw>

Major Mohammad Ali Shah and Ms Shamsravish Rein and Mr Irshad Hussain debating on NewsX on Decoding The Religion Red Line- religious tolerance and intolerance and is there a line that can be drawn for any religion and what is the solution that needs to be judicially applied.



<https://youtu.be/-hOM3hjkWCo>

IMPAR media Panellists- Major Mohammed Ali Shah, Ms Lubna Kamal, Mr Tariq Haseeb and Mr Irshad talking about the real essence of Qurbani on the Awaaz news channel



<https://youtu.be/s1zEtZba-ts>

Action Plans for the upcoming Month

- Career counselling and job orientation program in Baghpat 14 July 22, and Hapur 21 July 22 Districts of UP
- Community Awareness and Sensitization Program, Sambhal and Amroha, District of Uttar Pradesh, July 21, 22

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