

## **Minutes of Meeting of two months of action packed IMPAR journey held on Wednesday | Jun 10, 2020 02:30 PM**

1. Indian Muslims Progress and Reforms (IMPAR) organized a webinar on 10th June 2020 demonstrating the two months of action-packed performance of IMPAR journey. Mr MJ Khan, Convenor and member IMPAR spoke about the journey of IMPAR, how the idea evolved over the years and how the current socio-political circumstances made it pertinent to establish an organization like IMPAR. He informed the participants about the major work done in last two months, along with how many people have connected with IMPAR through different mediums.
2. The new IMPAR website was formally released by Mr Siraj Quraishi-President India Islamic Cultural Centre, Leadership Development Program for building the leadership among the Youth and women was initiated by Ms Sheeba Aslam Fehmi-social activist and commentator, Covid19 booklet highlighting community work was released by Mr Shamsheer Siddiqui ,MD, Evergreen International Ltd. Gurgaon.
3. IMPAR also launched the work plan and it was released by Mr H R Khan, former deputy governor RBI .The work plan for the coming months which includes monitoring of media contents and constructive engagement , analyzing the social, political and economic challenges and preparing action strategies by internal Working Groups, constituting Expert Groups to leveraging government programs and schemes,engaging with the central and state Governments and all the key Government Institutions, reaching out to top 1,000 corporate for CSR, jobs and skilling support, organizing series of meetings, expert lectures and round tables with thought leaders on a variety of subjects, holding dialogues with leaderships of all political parties, media and corporate houses, to create 10 new NGOs and 20 startups and adopting same number of existing ones each in 25 districts, creating monitoring center and (ERT) emergency response team with legal support system, organizing (RRF) reward, recognition and felicitation function with outstanding community work, organizing social actions, including cleaning drive, feeding poor and community service at public places. The report of the last two months of work done by IMPAR was also released.
4. Members lauded IMPAR's commitment at various areas of working like linking madrassa education with the modern education, policy intervention of having dialogue with the authorities and setting the legal committee. It was also suggested that there is a dire need of co-education among children of different faiths for the

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continuation of a pluralistic society. More of engagement with all sections of the society is required.

5. Promotion of Muslim sportspersons, artists need to be done at earnest because they serve as the community representatives and help in building the positive perception of the community.
6. Financial inclusion and digital literacy for Muslims also has to be taken very seriously as Muslims have been able to fully engage with this sector. IMPAR will have to work as facilitator for this.
7. It was suggested that IMPAR should organize some activities to commemorate 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
8. For improving the perception of the community, IMPAR should stand against the hate crime and hate speech, because it maligns the community. Secondly taking up issues of hate crime and hate speech would also give IMPAR a position of an action-oriented organization. Upgradation of Muslim community can happen by providing modern training to new generations of Muslims which will improve their standard of living.
9. It was decided a cleaning drive would be initiated in Old Delhi on 14 June and campaign for clean Eid-ul-Azha would be initiated by IMPAR. In the coming months, IMPAR would extensively work for cleanliness of mosque, temples, schools, churches.
10. It was also submitted that Muslims will have to work within the community for fighting communalism at non-political level. Glorious projections of the past will have to be forgotten in pursuit of a peaceful future. Being sensitive to each other's sentiments and being culturally united are the need of the hour. IMPAR should making literature available that puts Muslims in the positive light and instills a sense of secularism in all communities.
11. The house also urged for understanding how Islam has reformed and modernized at other places over the years. Along with instilling a feeling that we have to follow the law of the land sincerely.
12. The house suggested that women empowerment should be pursued and women should be given ample representation in the work IMPAR does.

The webinar was attended by more than 70 participants.

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