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International Conference

On

**Gender, Community and Violence : Changing Mindsets for Empowering
the Women of South Asia**

Organized by

**Dr KR Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies
Jamia Millia Islamia**

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SWAN (South Asia Women's Network)

Date

15-16 April, 2015

Venue

**Mir Anees Hall, Jamia Millia Islamia
(except Inaugural Session)**

Programme

Tuesday, 14th April, 2015

Arrival of Delegates

Wednesday, 15th April, 2015

0900 Registration of Delegates (Venue : Ansari Auditorium, Jamia Millia Islamia)

1000 Inaugural Session : Venue : Ansari Auditorium

Chair: Professor, Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia

Welcome Address: Professor M Shafiq, Dean Social Sciences and Director, Dr. K R Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia (5 minutes)

Introducing the theme: Convener, Dr. Sabiha Hussain, K R Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies (5 minutes)

Objectives and Outcome of the Conference: Convener, Professor Veena Sikri, Ambassador, Founder & Convener, South Asia Women Network (SWAN) and Vice Chairperson, South Asia Foundation (SAF-India), New Delhi (5 minutes)

Address by Vice Chancellor: Prof. Talat Ahmad(10 minutes)

Keynote Address: HE Mrs Rula Ghani, First Lady of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (30 minutes)

Vote of thanks: Professor Mujtaba Khan, founding Director of Dr.K R Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies and Director of Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia (5 minutes)

1100 : Tea-Break

1130 to 1300 : **Venue : Mir Anees Block, Administrative Block, Jamia Millia Islamia**

Thematic Session I : **Violence against Women: Impact and Challenges in its elimination, including through seeking justice**

Chair : Hon'ble Ms Shinkai Karokhail, Member of National Assembly of Afghanistan

Speakers :

1. Prof. Vasanthi Raman, Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS), New Delhi
2. Ms Anuradha Koirala, Founder and Director, Maiti Nepal, Kathmandu
3. Ms. Warisha Ahmed, Advocate, Delhi High Court
4. Ms Meenakshi Rai, RENEW (Respect, Educate, Nurture and Empower Women), Thimphu
5. Dr. Smita Patil, IGNOU
6. Ms. Banasree Mitra Neogi, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Dhaka

1300 to 1400 : Lunch

1400 to 1530 : Thematic Session II : **Governance and Its Structures**

Chair : Hon'ble Ms Mariyam Shakeela, Former Minister for Health and Gender, Government of Maldives

Speakers :

1. Professor Susheela Kaushik, Founder of Women Studies Centre, Delhi University, New Delhi
2. Professor, Amena Mohsin, International Relations Department, Dhaka University, Bangladesh
3. Ms. Temsukala, CDMS, Jamia Millia Islamia
4. Ms. Habiba Sarobi, Adviser to CEO of Afghanistan, Kabul
5. Professor Yin Myo Thu, International Relations Department, University of Yangon, Yangon, Myanmar

1530-1545 Tea Break

1545-1715 : Thematic Session III : **Education : New Approaches for Changing Mindsets**

Chair : Dr Syeda Saiyidain Hameed

Speakers :

1. Dr. Kaushiki, Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, JMI
2. Ms. Zulaikha Rafiq, Executive Director, AWEC (Afghan Women's Education Centre), Kabul, Afghanistan
3. Ms Shalini Joshi, Nirantar, New Delhi
4. Ms. Shirley Joseph, DU
5. Dr. Tasneem Athar, Director, CAMPE (Campaign for Popular Education), Dhaka, Bangladesh
6. Professor Nasreen Rustomfram, TISS, Mumbai
7. Professor Navid Shahzad, Academic Advisor, Lahore Grammar School System (LGS), Lahore

Thursday 16th April, 2015

Venue : Mir Anees Hall, Administrative Block, Jamia Millia Islamia

0945 to 1115 : Thematic Session IV : **Women as Factors for Tolerance and Peace**

Chair : Professor Tasneem Meenai

Speakers :

1. Hon'ble Shinkai Karokhail, Member of the National Assembly of Afghanistan, Kabul
2. Professor, Aneesa Shafi, Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir, Srinagar
3. Ms. Neha Dabhade, Centre for Study of Society and Secularism, Mumbai
4. Ms. Indira Shrestha, Chief Executive, Shtrii Shakti, Kathmandu, Nepal
5. Ms. Manjree, Nelson Mandela Centre for P & C Resolution, JMI
6. Ms. Mome Saleem, Reseachr Coordinator, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad

1115-1130 Tea Break

1130-1300 : Thematic Session V : **Media, Art and Culture : Important Tools for Chanqing Mindsets**

Chair : Ms Mariana Baabar, Diplomatic Editor, The News, Islamabad

Speakers :

1. Ms. Madeeha Gauhar, Artistic Director, Ajoka Theatre, Lahore
2. Dr. Waheed Nazeer, JMI
3. Ms. Sepali Kottegoda, Executive Director, Women and Media Colleeitve, Colombo
4. Dr. Maher Fatima Hussain, JMI
5. Ms. Yin Min Han, Editor Incharge of WCDI Magazine, Yangon, Myanmar
6. Dr. Sabeena Kidwai, MCRC, JMI
7. Mr. Afaq Ahmad, CDMS, JMI
8. Ms Kesang Chuki Dorji, Managing Director, KCD Productions, Thimphu

1300-1400 : Lunch

1400-1515 : Thematic Session VI : **Women-centric Patterns for Socio-economic Empowerment and Development**

Chair : Ms Rokia Rahman, President, Bangladesh Federation of Women Entrepreneurs (BFWE)

Speakers :

1. Professor, Neetha Pillai, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi
2. Ms. Simin Akhter, Zakir Hussain College, Delhi University

3. Ms. Zakia Wardak, President Society of Afghan Women in Engineering and Construction, Kabul
4. Ms. Fathimath Afiya, Maldivian Network on Women's Rights, Male
5. Dr. Sujatha Samarakoon, Medical Consultant and Trustee, AIDS Foundation Lanka, Colombo
6. Ms Gomti, JMI

1515-1530 : Tea Break

1530-1700 : Thematic Session VII : Bringing Men on Board for Empowering women

Chair : Professor M Sajid, Former Vice Chancellor, Jamia Mills Islamia
Speakers :

1. Mr. Deepak Tamang, CEO, SEARCH-Nepal, Kathmandu
2. Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi
3. Ms. Hassina Sherjan, Founder and CEO, Aid Afghanistan for Education, Kabul
4. Dr. Arvind Kumar, Assistant Professor, CDMS,JMI
5. Ms Bharati Chaturvedi, Founder, Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group
6. Prof. Nilofer Khan, Dean Students' Welfare, and Director, Women Studies' Centre, University of Kashmir, Srinagar

1700-1745 : Valedictory Session and Adoption of Outcome Document

Chair : Professor Veena Sikri, Ambassador, Founder and Convener, South Asia Women's Network (SWAN)

Valedictory Soeaker :

Discussion and Adoption of Charter of Actionable Ideas for Empowering the Women of South Asia

Vote of Thanks and Formal Closing of the Conference : Dr Sabiha Hussain, CDMS, JMI