

# **Tentative Programme**

## **Registration of Delegates**

9:00 AM to 9:30 AM

## **Welcome Address**

9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Director, Centre for Women's Development Studies & Director, Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, JMI

## **Introductory Address**

Dr. Sabiha Hussain, Convenor

## **Presidential Address**

Prof. Mushirul Hasan, Vice Chancellor, JMI

## **Keynote Address**

**Md. Shafi Qureshi, Chairman, Minority Commission**

(yet to be confirmed)

## **Chair**

Prof. Mushirul Hasan, Vice Chancellor, JMI

## **Tea Break**

10:45 AM to 11:00 AM

## **Day 1, Thematic Session I**

11:00 AM to 01:00 PM

### **Different Perspectives on Adoption Law**

#### **Chair**

Prof. Javeed Alam

#### **Speakers**

Perspective from Minorities – Dr. Asghar Ali Engineer,

Adoption from a Perspective of Christianity – Mr. Chiramel Jose

Contesting claims: The Jain Widow's Right to adopt

Adoption from the Bahai Perspective – Dr. A. K. Merchant

Mr. Atyab Siddiqui

#### **Lunch Break**

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

## **Day 1, Thematic Session II**

### **Adoption Laws – Issues, Contradictions, and Lacunae**

2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

#### **Chair**

Prof. Malini Bhattacharya

#### **Speakers**

Overview on Adoption in the Best Interest of the Child – Ms. Razia Ismail

Adoption Laws in India: Possible Alternatives – Ms. Kirti Singh

Shariat Act and Adoption – Dr. Kahkahshany Danyal

JJ Act and their Implications on Minorities – Mr. Colin Gonsalves

GAWA and adoption-Mr. Jagdeep Kishore

**Tea Break**

4:30 PM to 4:45 PM

**Thematic Session III**

**Recent Proposals for amendments**

4:45 PM to 5:30 PM

**Chair**

Dr. Kumud Sharma

**Speakers**

NCW and Adoption Law of Minorities – Mr. Yogesh Mehta

Dr. Jyotsana Chaterjee, Director, Joint Women's Programme

Lawyers Collective and Adoption Law of Minorities – Ms. Indira Jaisingh

**Day 2, Thematic Session VI**

**Adoption from Social Perspective**

9:30 AM to 11:15 AM

**Chair**

Prof. Farida Khan

**Speakers**

Ms. Shabnam Hashmi, Mr. Amodh Kanth, Prof. Poonam Batra (yet to confirm),  
Prof. Radha Kumar (yet to confirm)

**Tea Break**

11:15 AM to 11:30 AM

**Day 2, Thematic Session V**

## **Alternative Approach to Infertility**

11:30 AM to 01:00 AM

### **Chair**

Dr. Mary E. John

### **Speakers**

Adoption Artificial Reproductive Technology: A Critique – Prof. Imrana Qadeer, Sama Team and Dr. Meera Shiva

### **Lunch**

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

## **Day 2, Thematic Session VI**

### **Agencies and Institutions – Problems of Adoption**

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

### **Chair**

Prof. Zoya Hasan/Prof. Janaki Rajan

### **Speakers**

Problems of Adoption – Dr. Vineeta Bhargav

Adoption Guidelines: A Critique – Ms. Suneeta Swach, CARA

Ms. Tarini Bahadur- PALNA

Voices of the Adopted/Abandoned Children

### **Tea Break**

3:30 PM to 3:45 PM

### **Way Forward and Vote of Thanks**

Deputy Director, Centre for Women's Development Studies