



National Interfaith Summit

DECEMBER 11, 2021

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PROGRAM

9:15 a.m. – 11 a.m. IST

9:20 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.: Networking

9:35 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.: Welcome Note

Scott Ticknor, Deputy Principal Officer, US Consulate, Mumbai

9:40 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.: Opening Keynote

Lifeways and Living Together: A Peacebuilding Perspective on Interfaith Dialogue

Dr. Kaushik, Hon. Director and Professor, Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia

10:10 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.: Panel Discussion

Women's Agency in Interfaith Engagement

PANELISTS:

Syeda Hameed, Padma Shri awardee and Women's Rights Activist, New Delhi

Sushobha Barve, Executive Director at Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation, New Delhi

Joan Rebello, Chairperson, Vikalp Trust, Goa

Moderator: Urmi Chanda, Interfaith Studies prof. doc. candidate and Sr. Program Coordinator, Seeds of Peace India, Mumbai

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.:

Break

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

TRACK 1: Paper presentation

Bridging the Old, Modern and Post-Modernity: Bhagwad Gita's relevance for all times- Past, Present and Future

Dr. Sangeeta Srivastava, Principal and Chief Academic Officer, Sardar VallabhBhai Patel Vividhlakshi Vidyalaya and Shri T. P. Bhatia College of Science, Mumbai

TRACK 2: Workshop

I See You Now: Challenging opinions based on stereotypes

Payal Gupta, Samvaad Interfaith Dialogue Facilitator, Cohort of 2021 and CEO, Celebratory Network, Mumbai

TRACK 3: Short-format talks

(i) The Preserved Tablet (The Islamic view on interfaith affection)

Dr. Syed Zafar Mehmood, President, Zakat Foundation of India, God's Grace Foundation and Interfaith Coalition for Peace, New Delhi

(ii) Interfaith Dialogue and Climate Change

Siddhartha, Founder, Pipal Tree and Fireflies Ashram, Bangalore

(iii) Musical Interlude | Naad-Samvaad: Discovering faith through music

Girija Venkatesh, Educator, Bangalore

(iv) Science catching up to the need of dialogue and faith

Jayesh Jain, LEAD fellow, Bhopal

(v) Pūrṇam: An experiment in fostering dialogic spaces

Naveen Vasudevan, Co-founder, Ritambhara and Founder, Purnam

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.:

Break

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

TRACK 1: Paper presentation

Dialogue of Life, a starting point for dialogue between faith communities in Asia: A Christian Perspective

Dr. [Fr.] Elvis Fernandes, Samvaad Interfaith Dialogue Facilitator, Cohort of 2021 and Convenor, SADBHAV, Goa

TRACK 2: Workshop

Awakening to Wholeness

Arun Wakhlu, Founder Director and Chief Mentor of Pragati Leadership Institute, Pune

TRACK 3: Short-format talks

(i) An Architecture for Dialogue

Alexandra Foster, Design professional, Washington, DC

(ii) Uniting Faiths: Respecting the Difference (From the teachings of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura)

Dr. Jayanti Ranganathan Chavan, Founder President, TD Singh's Institute of Science and Religion, Navi Mumbai

(iii) Musical Interlude | Bhakti Aur Ishq: In Search Of Love through Kirtans, Qawwalis and Words of Seekers

Isheeta Chakravarty, Musical Artiste and Performer, Mumbai

(iv) राजस्थान में अंतरधार्मिक सद्भाव बनाने में सूफी संत राम देव पीर का योगदान (The role of Saint Ram Dev Pir in fostering interfaith harmony in Rajasthan)

Bhanwar Meghwanshi, award-winning writer and peace activist, Bhilwara

(v) Indic Centrism: A pathway to peace

Abhishek Thakore, Founder, The Blue Ribbon Movement, Mumbai

3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.:

Break

4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

4:05 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.:

Closing keynote

Faisal Khan, Peace Activist and Leader,
Khudai Khidmatgar, New Delhi

प्रेम और शांति का कोई विकल्प नहीं है

(There is no alternative to love and peace)

4:35 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.:

Concert

Vedanth Bharadwaj and Bindhumalini
Narayanaswamy, Renowned musical artistes

5:15 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.:

Vote of thanks

Fr. Josh Thomas, Executive Director, Seeds of Peace,
New York

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