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TWO DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE SĪRAH OF PROPHET MUḤAMMAD ﷺ: FOSTERING MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG WORLD RELIGIONS

22-23 OCTOBER 2024

ORGANIZED BY
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL STUDIES

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora, J&K has been established through an Act No. XVIII of 2005 dated: 7th November 2005 passed by J&K State Legislature and notified by the State Government, through Jammu & Kashmir Government Gazette dated: 11-11-2005. While the university started functioning in November, 2005 the teaching programme was started in July 2006. The Chancellor of the University is the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and the executive authority of the University is its Executive Council with the Vice Chancellors of University of Jammu, University of Kashmir and Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University as members. The University is accredited by NAAC with Grade 'B' and is recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 2(f) and Section 12(b) of UGC Act. The Technical and nursing programmes offered by the University are approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Indian Nursing Council (INC). The University has the membership of Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The University came into existence with a mandate to advance and disseminate knowledge, wisdom and understanding amongst all segments of the society within and outside the State. It is also charged with creating an environment for learning, teaching and research in the sciences, technology, humanities and social sciences and that is in keeping with the highest standards of scholarship and higher education.

ABOUT THE CENTRE

The International Centre for Spiritual Studies (ICSS) is conceptualized and established to encourage studies and research on various aspects of spirituality/mysticism and to provide a spiritual response to the growing ideological conflicts and cultural and intellectual challenges of the world. ICSS is an academic and research oriented centre with a mandate of working on such issues that have largely marginalized the spiritual development of the present day human being. Besides, engaging with diverse spiritual traditions of the world, ICSS aims at exploring issues in the Comparative Study of Religions and mysticism. The Centre also envisions to a focus on such traditions that have been enriching the spiritual heritage of Kashmir.

VISION

To emerge as the Centre of Excellence in the region by attracting scholars across the world to study and contribute to the studies and research on spirituality in different religious traditions and to promote better understanding and response to spiritual crises of the postmodern man by encouraging peace and interfaith dialogue through spiritual paradigm. In this regard, the Centre envisions creating a model whereby moral and spiritual values would be accommodated in the curriculum for promoting an integral concept of education to be offered by the University to the students

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The world today is grappling with an alarming rise in religious and communal discord, most of which is fueled by misinformation and false propaganda. Islamophobic campaigns across the globe seek to misrepresent Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ as a promoter of religious bigotry and fanaticism. This distorted portrayal, often amplified by biased interpretations from certain orientalists, has hindered the pursuit of harmony and coexistence. These prejudiced campaigns are cultivating an environment that fuels conflict between civilizations instead of promoting meaningful dialogue. To protect human civilisation from the catastrophic fallout of such discord, it is essential to foster an environment of mutual respect and understanding among world religions.

The life and teachings of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ exemplify peace and tranquillity and serve as a profound model for promoting mutual respect, reverence, and unity within diversity. The manifestation of prophetic model of mutual respect and understanding among world religions is found in historical treaties like Ḥilf al-Fuḍūl in Makkah, Muwākhāt, Mīthāq al-Madīnah, Treaty of Ḥudaybiyyah etc. Similarly, the conduct of Saḥābah during their saty in Ḥabashah (Abyssinia) forms the basis of interfaith dialogue from an Islamic perspective. In Madīnah, Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ made a concerted effort to engage with Jews and other communities, thereby resulting in the enactment of Mīthāq al-Madīnah which is recognised as the world's first written constitution. This treaty underscores Islam's recognition of the fundamental principles of mutual collaboration in social and political spheres with diverse communities. Furthermore, Prophet's ﷺ dialogue with the Christians of Najrān and

delegations from different parts of the Arabian peninsula is yet another significant example of Prophetic model of fostering mutual respect and harmony among different religions.

In order to create a better appreciation of Prophetic model of fostering peace and harmony among world religions, International Centre for Spiritual Studies, IUST in collaboration with Aaraf Foods and Spices is organising a Two-Day International Conference in the month of October 2024 on the theme "The Sirah of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ: Fostering Mutual Respect and Understanding Among World Religions."

In light of the above, ICSS invites academicians and scholars to present their research papers in the said conference on the themes mentioned below.

Themes for Deliberations

- i. Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ and Abrahamic faiths
 - ii. Ḥilf al-Fuḍūl and the role of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ
 - iii. Mīthāq al-Madīnah and its importance in fostering mutual respect and understanding among world religions
 - iv. Treaty of Ḥudaybiyyah
 - v. The Christian and Jewish reverts to Islam and their confessions
 - vi. Approach of Orientalists to Sirah
 - vii. Muslim responses to the Western scholarship on Sirah
 - viii. Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ: Perspective of Indian scholars
 - ix. Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ in the poetry of Muslim and Non-Muslim poets
 - x. The Prophetic approach to interreligious dialogue
- Any other theme relevant to the Conference.

Conference Date: 22-23 October 2024

Submission of Abstract and Paper:

- Last date for submission of abstract: **20-8-2024**
- Last date for submission of paper: **1-10-2024**
- Word limit for abstracts: **200-250 words**
- Word limit for paper: **4000-4500 words**
- Link for registration: <https://forms.gle/nMKPwi4tfcW5xhs87>

Registration Fee:

- Faculty: Rs.1000
- Scholar: Rs.700
- Account No.: 0693040520000159

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