



University of Mysore
Centenary Year (1916-2016)

UGC-Human Resource Development Centre
(UGC-HRDC), Manasagangotri, Mysuru



and
National Foundation for Communal Harmony
(NFCH), New Delhi

(An Autonomous Organization with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi)

One Day National Symposium on
“Interfaith Dialogue”

29th February 2016

Inaugural Function

Chair : *Prof. K.S. Rangappa*, Ph.D., D.Sc., FRSC., FNASc.
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,
University of Mysore, Mysuru

Inauguration by Chief Guests : *Prof. B. Sheik Ali*, Ph.D., D.Litt.
Renowned Historian & Former Vice-Chancellor,
Mangalore and Goa Universities

Poojya Swami Muktidananda Maharaj
President
Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru.

Most Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Vazhapilly
Bishop of Mysore, Mysuru.

Presence : *Shri Shib Charan Goshal*
Joint Secretary cum Finance Officer,
National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH),
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi, Ph.D
Director, UGC-Human Resource Development Centre,
Director of National Symposium,
University of Mysore, Mysuru

You are cordially invited

Venue : Maharaja's College Centenary Hall
University of Mysore, Mysuru-570005

Date : 29.02.2016
Time : 10.00 AM

NFCH, Govt. of India,
New Delhi.

UGC-HRDC
University of Mysore.

INVITED SPEAKERS

Session I : **“Interfaith and Harmony under the Indian Constitution ”**

(11.45 to 12.30) **Prof. C.K.N. Raja**, Ph.D
Former Professor of Law, University of Mysore, Mysuru.

Session II : **“Peace, Harmony and Development”**

(12.30 to 01.15) **Prof. R. Balasubramaniam**, Ph.D
Founder and President
Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement & Vivekananda Institute
for Leadership Development (V-LEAD), Mysuru.

Lunch (01.15 p.m. to 02.00 p.m.)

Session III : **“Islam : Peace and Harmony”**

(02.00 to 02.45) **Prof. A.K. Pasha**, Ph.D
Former Chairman, Centre for West Asian Studies and
Director, Gulf Studies Programme,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, (JNU), New Delhi.

Session IV : **“Contribution of Christianity towards
Peace and Harmony”**

(02.45 to 03.30) **Fr. Dr. Archibald R. Gonsalves**, Ph.D
Visiting Professor
Moral Theology, Bioethics, Spirituality, Goa

Tea (03.30 p.m. to 03.45 p.m.)

Session V : **“Contributions of Jainism for establishing
Peace and Harmony”**

(03.45 to 04.30) **Dr. Navin Kumar Srivastav**, Ph.D
Joint Director, International School of Jain Studies
New Delhi.

Session VI : **“Practising Interfaith : My Life is My Message :
Reflections on the Life of Mahatma Gandhi”**

(04.30 to 05.15) **Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi**, Ph.D
Director, UGC-Human Resource Development Centre
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Valedictory Function

Chair : **Prof. C. Basavaraju**, Ph.D. **Time : 05.15 p.m.**
Registrar, University of Mysore, Mysuru.

Chief Guests : **Rev. Dr. Dayananda Prabhu**, Ph.D.
Chair in Christianity , University of Mysore, Mysuru.

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- To motivate young scholars and researchers.
- To take part in peace building services.
- To provide a perspectives of the Indian Constitution in promoting secular values, peace, harmony and equal respect towards all faiths.

Themes of the Symposium

Broad Themes

- The role of NGO's in promoting communal harmony.
- The role of Religions in promoting communal harmony.
- Philosophy of Religions
- History of Religions
- Core values of Religions
- Challenges and Opportunities of Religion
- Religion for good governance
- Importance of Religious Traditions in contemporary Indian societies
- Importance of Religion in maintaining communal harmony and peace
- Religion and Spirituality
- Promoting leadership in creating religious traditions
- Active participation of Youth in promoting communal harmony: Inclusively and Innovatively

Expected Outcomes of the Symposium

The expected outcomes of the symposium are:

- More people will know how to help to prevent the spread of violence at the time of communal disturbances and understand the actual role of religion in establishing peace in the community.
- Will create better understanding between different religious communities and communicate this message of what life is like for people affected with communal violence and life without violence.
- Will create understanding about the common goals of all religions in securing peace and harmony in the pluralistic society.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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Inauguration :	10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
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About University of Mysore

Established on 27th July 1916, University of Mysore is the sixth oldest in the country and the first in the state of Karnataka. The university was founded as a result of the efforts of the benevolent and visionary Maharaja of erstwhile Princely State of Mysore His Highness Shri Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar (1884-1940), and the Dewan Sir M. Visvesvaraya (1860-1962).

The university is now celebrating the centenary year of its existence and this was inaugurated by the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee on 27th July 2015. A renowned international scientist and researcher Prof. K.S. Rangappa is currently the Vice-Chancellor under whose leadership the centenary celebrations are being held, and 103rd Indian Science Congress was hosted which the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated on 3rd January 2016. The Congress was attended by 10 Nobel laureates and about 15000 delegates across the country and the world.

Located on 739 acres of picturesque land containing a sprawling Kukkarahalli lake surrounded by verdurous trees extending to an area of 261 acres, the main campus is named as 'Manasagangotri' – external flow of the mind – by the Poet-laureate 'Kuvempu', the former Vice-Chancellor, and the first 'Jnanapeeta' awardee. The campus houses 54 Departments, 75 Postgraduate courses and several Diploma courses. There are three Postgraduate centres – one each in Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagar. 218 colleges are affiliated to University where more than 1 lakh undergraduate, and about 10 thousand postgraduate students pursue higher education in addition to over 10 thousand postgraduate on the university campus.

Third time accredited by NAAC with 'A' grade and a score of 3.47 on a 4-point scale, University of Mysore has been awarded among others Institution of Excellence (IOE) status with 100 crores grant ; University with

Potential for Excellence (UPE) with a grant of 50 crores; Centre of Potential for Excellence in a Particular Area (CPEPA) with 4.3 crores ; Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence (PURSE) with 9 crores and 13 UGC/SAP departments and 4 DST-FIST supported departments.

About National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), New Delhi

NFCG is an Autonomous Organization with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi which among other objectives, mainly provides assistance for the rehabilitation of child victims of different kinds of societal violence, promotes communal harmony and national integration either independently or through state governments or NGOs, etc., and confers Awards on Individuals and Organizations for their outstanding contribution towards fostering communal harmony & strengthening national integration. Besides these, the Foundation also sponsors and conducts research studies and brings out publications on themes related to communal harmony and national integration.

The activities of the Foundation are carried out through interest received on its investments made out of its corpus and donations received. The Foundation is actively networking & partnering with concerned State Governments, different ministries and departments, educational institutions, NGOs and voluntary organizations etc. to effectively implement its schemes. Public Sector Enterprises and other organizations and individuals are generously supporting NFCH to expand its activities in pursuit of noble cause.

About UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (UGC-HRDC), University of Mysore.

Identified by UGC in 2013 for the 'State-of-the-Art' status, the UGC-Academic Staff College (now being renamed as Human Resource Development Centre),

University of Mysore was established in July 1987 along with 44 other colleges across the country. Reviewed and ranked by NAAC in 2012 as 5th Top-ranking college among 66 colleges with 63 grade points. The UGC Review Committee which had earlier reviewed its functioning in 1997 had adjudged it as the best ASC, and had recommended the upgradation as First Order Academic Staff College. Known for the quality of its programmes, the quality of facilities, punctuality, discipline and transparency, ASC has been organizing programmes not only for Academic Staff but also for Principals of the affiliated colleges, researches, students, and Academic Administrators.

The Human Resource Development Centre is also known for its linkage with the academia across the country, administration, industry, Media and NGO's from where it draws Resource Persons – eminent and experienced. Until January 2016, the HRDC had conducted 333 Refresher Courses (RCs) in various subjects, 108 Orientation Programmes (OPs) and 86 other programmes. More than 21000 teaching and non-teaching have undergone training in our Centre. It has also provided 187 Reading Materials and 202 CDs/DVDs to the teacher participants who attended the Refresher Courses, Orientation Programmes and Short Term Courses. This HRDC is known for the promotion of inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary courses.

About the Symposium

“INTERFAITH DIALOGUE” offers insights into the central human and spiritual concerns of different religious Faiths – while the means are diverse, the ends are the same. Peace, harmony and happiness of human life that each religion of the world propagates ought to be expounded and communicated to the society at large so that peace and harmony prevail and human progress is achieved. The academia is duty-bound to engage in spreading human values of all Faiths and we are happy

that the NFCH, Govt. of India, New Delhi collaborated with University of Mysore, Mysuru in this noble mission.

The progress and happiness of any country is intertwined with peace and harmonious existence of the society. In a multi-faith, multi-religious and a multi-cultural country like India, respecting each other's faith and value systems is especially important as the country is marching towards growth and sustainable development for all. Mutual understanding, equality of respect, love, tolerance, kindness, compassion, moral living, spirit of oneness of humanity are some of the core values that each religion of the world essentially share.

Symposium Objectives

- To create an environment where people will know more about preventing the spread of violence at the time of communal unrest
- To create understanding about the role of people in achieving peace at the time of unrest
- To ensure active participation of local community with a view towards realizing their duties towards achieving communal harmony
- To strengthen the sense of unity in diversity amongst citizens of the country and to take active participation in the activities fostering Communal Harmony
- To understand and disseminate the contribution of all religions in promoting peace and communal harmony and
- To gain a better understanding of the factors involved in the preparation and training of future leaders to special situations in the event of communal violence in the country.

Focus Areas of Symposium

- The role of all religions in promoting peace and communal harmony.
- The role of NGO in establishing Peace & Harmony.