

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES

Government of India

Report

In response to draft message Thursday dated July 20,2023.

In response to the draft message of NCM under reference, a seminar was organised at **Anand Group of Colleges, Amritsar** on “**Uniform Civil Code (UCC) & Interfaith Unity**” in India on **Monday, July 24, 2023** at 11:00 am. The following resource persons, **representing various communities** were invited to present the view points of their community;

- I. Dr. Vishal Bhardwaj, Head Dept. of Sanskrit, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. (On Hinduism)
- II. Dr. M.M. Anand, Chairperson, Anand Group of Colleges, Amritsar. (On Hinduism)
- III. Dr. (Ms.) Subuhi Khan, Advocate Hon’ble Supreme Court of India and Chairperson Rashtar Jagran Abhiyan (on Islam)
- IV. Dr. Jaswinder Singh Dhillon, Former Vice Chancellor, Guru Kashi University, Bathinda, and National Advisor, NCM (on Sikhism)
- V. Prof. Sarchand Singh Khiala, Advisor NCM (on Sikhism)
- VI. Dr. Emanuel Rai, BBC Radio, Gospel Singer (on Christianity)

General Discussion Group:

- Shri. Surya Parkash Anand, Managing Director, Anand Group of Colleges.
- Dr. Kawalbir Kaur, Principal, Anand College of Education.
- Dr. Parvesh Saini, Principal, Anand College of Nursing, Amritsar
- Prof. Arwinder Daisy, Anand College of Education.
- Shri. Jeevkant Jha, Program Convenor, Rashtar Jagran Abhiyan.
- Shri. Santosh Thakur, Rashtar Jagran Abhiyan.
- Shri. Alambeer Singh, Sikh Scholar from Amritsar.

Observation Group:

The faculty members and students of Nursing College, College of Education and other guests participated and recorded their observation/comments.

Summary of Comments

1. If India has a uniform Indian Penal Code (IPC), it should must have Uniform Civil Code (UCC). It will be better if the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) be called Indian Civil Code (ICC) like IPC.
2. All religions, their religious Granths emphasize fatherhood of God and brotherhood of mankind. All religions advocate **Sarbat da Bhala** and welfare of humanity.
3. All the religions are based on equality, justice, kindness, and respect for human dignity. Those who want protection of daughters/women and mankind cannot go against Uniform Civil Code (UCC or ICC).
4. Extremism leads to Terrorism. No religion teaches extremism or terrorism. If we organise a national seminar on ‘Interfaith Unity’ under the umbrella of NCM and

devise the philosophic basis of Civil Code, it will be acceptable to all communities and religions.

5. A uniform Civil Code will act as a binding force, remove the differences, and pave the way for strong united nation.
6. Sikhism is the most modern religion and teachings of Great Gurus can form the basis of balanced uniform Civil Code for India. We can also take in to consideration the teachings of other Indian Religions for this purpose.
7. There are no contradictions in acceptance of Uniform Civil Code in any religion. Only the vested interests creating terror at social and political level.
8. An awareness campaign needs to be undertaken at national level by holding seminars, debates, symposiums, workshops, discussions etc.
9. The implementation of Uniform Civil Code (UCC) or in other words Indian Civil Code will empower the women, weaker sections of the society and the downtrodden communities consequently making the nation strong. It will also eradicate the extremism, terrorism, and fissiparous tendencies.
10. The implementation of Uniform Civil Code (UCC or ICC) will make India secular in the true sense and remove the illusions created by vested interests.

I will be happy to be any help to NCM for preparing the draft of Uniform Civil Code (UCC or ICC). Keeping in view the religious, social and ethical sentiments of all communities.

Thanking you.

Yours Sincerely,

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