

MEETING NO 21

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~ Proceedings of the Inter-Faith Dialogue Programme ~

An Inter-Faith Dialogue on “Role of Youth in Inculcating Peace” was successfully organized by **Anand Group of Colleges, Jethuwal (Amritsar–Pathankot NH-54), Amritsar**, in collaboration with the **Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, India**, and the **Global Punjabi Association** on **Saturday, 28th September 2024 at 10:30 a.m.** in the **College Auditorium**.

The programme aimed at fostering mutual understanding, harmony, and peaceful coexistence among different faiths, while emphasizing the vital role of youth in building a peaceful society.

The event commenced with the **College Shabad**, invoking divine blessings and setting a spiritual tone for the programme. This was followed by **Shama Roshan (Lighting of the Lamp)**, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness and the pursuit of knowledge and peace.

A **Bouquet Presentation and Badges Ceremony** was held to formally welcome the distinguished guests. Thereafter, the **Welcome Address** was delivered by **Dr. J. S. Dhillon**, who warmly greeted the dignitaries, faculty members, students, and guests. In his address, he highlighted the importance of

inter-faith dialogue in today's world and appreciated the youth for their role in promoting peace and tolerance.

The **Keynote Address** was delivered by **Dr. Iqbal Singh Lalpura Ji**, Chairman, **National Commission for Minorities, Government of India**. He emphasized the constitutional values of unity, equality, and fraternity, and encouraged the youth to become ambassadors of peace by embracing dialogue, compassion, and mutual respect.

This was followed by an enlightening discourse on "**Hindu Scripture & the Concept of Peace**" by **Dr. Vinod Kumar Taneja**, who elaborated on how ancient Hindu scriptures promote harmony, non-violence, and peaceful living.

Next, **Sh. Mujahid Ahmad Shastri** presented the **Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's** dictum "**Love for all, hatred for none**", highlighting Islam's message of universal love, peace, and service to humanity.

A **documentary on the Golden Principles of Peace** was then screened, providing visual insights into the universal values of peace upheld by various faiths and cultures.

The academic session continued with **Dr. Inderjit Singh Goggani**, who spoke on "**The Concept of World Peace in Sikh Scriptures**", emphasizing the Sikh philosophy of universal brotherhood, selfless service, and justice.

Thereafter, **Dr. Emanuel Rai** delivered a thoughtful lecture on **“World Peace and Christianity”**, focusing on love, forgiveness, and compassion as core Christian values for achieving peace.

An interactive **Question and Answer Session** followed, during which students actively participated and engaged with the speakers, reflecting their keen interest and understanding of inter-faith harmony.

The **Honouring Ceremony** was then conducted to acknowledge and felicitate the esteemed speakers and guests for their valuable contributions.

The **Chief Guest, Brig. H. S. Boparai, VSM (Arjuna Awardee)**, addressed the gathering and shared his insights on discipline, unity, and the role of youth in nation-building and peacekeeping. His inspiring words motivated students to adopt values of tolerance, responsibility, and service.

This was followed by **Honouring of the Chief Guest**, expressing gratitude for his esteemed presence.

The programme concluded with the **Vote of Thanks** proposed by **Dr. Kawalbir Kaur Mahal, Principal**, who expressed heartfelt appreciation to all dignitaries, organizers, faculty members, students, and collaborators for making the event a grand success.

The event formally ended with the **National Anthem**, instilling a sense of patriotism and unity among all present.

Refreshments were served thereafter.

The programme proved to be highly meaningful and impactful, reinforcing the message that **youth play a crucial role in nurturing peace, harmony, and mutual respect in society.**