

MEETING NO 22

OCTOBER 10 ,2024

Interfaith meeting at CGO Complex, New Delhi(NMC Office)

Proceedings of the Meeting

A meeting was held on **10th October 2024** at the **Office of the National Commission for Minorities, CGO Complex, New Delhi**. The meeting was convened to deliberate on the **issue of interfaith harmony** and to discuss the **role of the Minority Commission and the Global Punjabi Association** in promoting communal harmony, mutual understanding, and inclusive national development.

Participants

The meeting was attended by the following distinguished personalities:

1. **Dr. Iqbal Singh Lalpura Ji** – Patron
2. **Col. Jaibans Singh** – Vice President
3. **Dr. Jaswinder Singh Dhillon** – Honorary Secretary
4. **S. Shatrujeet Singh**, Tikka of Kapurthala
5. **Bhai Naunihal Singh**, Descendant of Bhai Daya Singh (Panj Piare)
6. **Bhai Gurpreet Singh**, Descendant of Bhai Dharam Singh (Panj Piare)

7. **S. Ajitpal Singh**, Former Captain, Indian National Hockey Team
8. **S. Ramneek Singh Maan**, Former General Secretary, HSGMC
9. **Prof. Gurmeet Singh**, Former Vice-Chancellor, Pondicherry University
10. **S. Kuldeep Singh Khalon**, Former President, AISF
11. **S. Jatinder Singh Sahni**, New Delhi
12. **S. Arunpal Singh Marwaha**
13. **S. Surinder Singh Sahni**
14. **S. Kulbir Singh**, Former AGM
15. **Members and Officers of the National Commission for Minorities**

Deliberations

The meeting commenced with a welcome to all participants. The Chair highlighted the importance of **interfaith harmony** in the present social and national context and emphasized the constitutional responsibility of institutions like the **National Commission for Minorities** in safeguarding minority rights and fostering peaceful coexistence.

Detailed discussions were held on:

- Strengthening **interfaith dialogue** across communities
- The proactive role of the **Minority Commission** in conflict prevention and resolution

- Contribution of the **Global Punjabi Association** in promoting cultural unity, social harmony, and national integration
- Encouraging community-level initiatives, educational programs, and outreach activities to promote mutual respect and understanding among different faiths

Several participants shared their experiences and insights, stressing the historical role of Sikh institutions and leaders in promoting equality, tolerance, and service to humanity. Emphasis was laid on collaborative efforts between civil society organizations, religious bodies, and government institutions.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded with a consensus that sustained dialogue, inclusive policies, and joint initiatives are essential for maintaining interfaith harmony. It was agreed that the National Commission for Minorities and the Global Punjabi Association should continue working closely to advance these objectives at both national and grassroots levels.

The participants appreciated the constructive nature of the discussions and reaffirmed their commitment to promoting peace, unity, and harmony among all communities.