

**Government of India**  
**National Commission for Minorities**

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**Press Note**

National Commission for Minorities (NCM) celebrated 'Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi, in commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Prophet Mohammed on 12th September 2024 with religious leaders, scholars and other representatives of all community. Chairman, NCM, Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, in his opening remarks welcomed all the participants and spoke about the preaching of the Prophet Mohammed and its importance for all religions. Thereafter, the Maulanas, Teachers and community representatives spoke about the significance of this auspicious day and highlighted that the event is not only religious observance but also reflection of strong cultural and historical ties to the Prophet's life and teachings of love, tolerance and brotherhood.

The main speakers were Mufti Gulzar Sahib, Mufti Mehmood, Maulana Arshad Naqvi, Dr. Ahmed, Abdul Shami, Saleem Engineer and Maulana Javed Qasmi, Ms. Syed Shahezadi besides Rabbi Ezekiel Issac Malekar representing the Jew community, Ms Rajkhowa from the Bahais, Shri Kersi K. Deboo from the Parsi community, and Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde, from Jain community, Ms. Salma Francis, Father Thomas from the Christian community, Bhai Lali Singh, Prof. Harbans Singh from Sikh community. All participants resolved to celebrate diversity, combat the divisive forces like negative messaging on social media, for strengthening the bonds of unity and Sarv Dharm Sadbhav.

Appreciating all the participants, the Chairman assured to hold such events in future to share the message of brotherhood and for the need for working for inclusivity and development of all communities under the clarion call of the Government for Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Prayas.

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