## **National Commission for Minorities**

## **Press Release**

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The National Commission for Minorities (NCM) celebrated Christmas Day with great enthusiasm and festive spirit today, fostering an atmosphere of unity, peace, and harmony. The gathering, chaired by Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities, Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary and Officials of NCM were also present, featured a diverse panel of speakers, including Rev. George Christopher Masih, Rev. Fr. Gurmail Gill, Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew, Haji Mohd Nasir, Mohd Zahid, Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Mohd Riyaz, Dr. Amir Salman, Mr. Ranjeet Soni, Ms Salma Francis, Mohd Raheem and others from various faith traditions.

The occasion was marked by a special address highlighting the values of love, compassion, and brotherhood that Christmas represents. NCM Chairperson, Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, in their address, emphasized the importance of interfaith dialogue and mutual respect, urging the nation to come together in the true spirit of Christmas.

The Commission expressed its commitment to safeguarding the rights of religious minorities and fostering a culture of inclusivity across the country. As part of the Christmas spirit, the Commission also extended warm wishes to all citizens, wishing them peace, joy, and prosperity for the year ahead.

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