

یونیورسٹی کا تعارف

مولانا آزاد نیشنل اردو یونیورسٹی ایک مرکزی ادارہ ہے جس کا قیام پارلیامینٹ کے قانون کے ذریعے 1998 میں عمل میں لایا گیا جس کا مقصد اردو زبان کی ترویج، روایتی اور فاصلاتی طریقہ سے اردو میڈیم میں فنی، سائنسی اور تکنیکی تعلیم کی فراہمی ہے جس میں خواتین کی تعلیم پر خصوصی توجہ شامل ہے۔ سال 2009 اور 2014 میں یونیورسٹی کو باترتیب NAAC نے "A" گریڈ عطا کیا ہے۔ گزشتہ چند سالوں میں یہ یونیورسٹی تعلیمی میدان میں ترقی کے ساتھ ساتھ اردو زبان کو فروغ دینے کی طرف بھی متوجہ ہے۔

شعبہ سماجیات

شعبہ سماجیات کے قیام کا عمل 2014 میں آیا۔ شعبہ سماجیات میں اردو جاننے والے طلبہ کے لئے سماجیات میں بی اے، ایم اے اور پی ایچ ڈی میں داخلے کے مواقع موجود ہیں۔ شعبہ میں کافی سینئر اور تجربہ کار اساتذہ موجود ہیں۔ شعبہ کا مقصد ہے کہ یہاں سے تعلیم شدہ طلبہ اچھے انسان بننے کے ساتھ ساتھ روزگار حاصل کرنے کے قابل بن سکیں۔ سماجیات میں ایم اے مکمل کرنے کے بعد کافی تعداد میں طلبہ اپنی صلاحیت کے مطابق روزگار منتخب کر سکتے ہیں، سرکاری اور غیر سرکاری اداروں میں سماجیات سے تعلق رکھنے والے طلباء کے لیے الگ الگ کاتی میں انتظامیہ سطح پر بہت سارے مواقع ہیں۔

کانفرنس کے بارے میں

ہندوستان میں علم سماجیات کی تعلیم اور تحقیق کے شعبہ میں زبان، ثقافت اور شناخت کو جس درجہ کی توجہ رکھتی ہے وہ حاصل نہیں ہو سکتی ہے۔ اگر ہم اسے دنیا کے سیاق و سباق میں دیکھیں تو معلوم ہوتا ہے کہ اس پر کافی توجہ دی گئی اور وسیع پیمانے پر اس کا احاطہ کیا گیا۔ مگر ہندوستانی سماج کے اندر اسے جس جوش و خروش کے ساتھ منظر عام پر لانا چاہئے تھا وہ نہی ہو سکا۔ اگر ہم دوسری طرف دیکھیں اور توجہ دیں تو صاف معلوم ہوتا ہے کہ ہندوستانی سماج کے اندر ہندوستانی سماجیات پوری طرح سے ذاتی نظام سے گھر اہوا ہے۔

مذکورہ بالا ضرورتوں کو اہمیت دیتے ہوئے مولانا آزاد نیشنل اردو یونیورسٹی کے شعبہ سماجیات نے دو دن کی قومی کانفرنس انعقاد کیا ہے جس کا مقصد اقلیتی برادری کو دھیان میں رکھتے ہوئے زبان، ثقافت اور شناخت کے مسئلہ اور مسائل پر خاص توجہ دینا ہے۔

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About the University

Maulana Azad National Urdu University was established by an act of Parliament in 1998 as a Central University with a twin mandate to promote education through Urdu Medium and to contribute to the women education. The head quarter is located at Hyderabad in a very beautiful campus sprawled over 200 acres. It has Seven Schools of Studies with twenty five (25) departments and several other centers of research and training as well as a Directorate of Distance Education. It also has three ITIs, colleges of Polytechnic and colleges of Education at different locations across the country.

The Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology was established in the year 2014. It made a steady progress introducing teaching programmes at Under - Graduate level, initially, in the academic year 2014-15, then the Post-Graduate (M.A) programme in Sociology in the successive academic year in 2015-16 and proceeding further with introduction of the research programme Ph.D., subsequently. The Department has a deep commitment of imparting sociological perspective addressing diverse aspects of contemporary society as well as looking back to historical patterns also. Thus it entails understanding specific features within different kinds of societies and exploring the social arrangements that the groups and societies make. Our staff have varied experience of teaching and research and have deep engagement with central sociological issues covering modernity, work, technology, consumerism, family, health, death, education, popular culture, social justice and social policy, religion, poverty and development, law, crime, ethnicity, gender and sexuality, etc., and would be involved in providing teaching and research in these diversified areas.

About the Conference

Background: There has been a spate of debates and discourses covering the theme of language in Indian society. Contestation between minority and majority languages and the people/communities associated with them, have been a recurring phenomenon all

through. In fact, it is taking note of this that the re-structuring of the post-independent nation has been taken place, say, along the linguistic lines thus providing more or less a stable federal structure. On the other hand, we come across several instances wherein language, culture and identity issues have created/continue to create situations of social ruptures, movements and discord. This is due to dominance of languages and cultures, numerical as well as in terms of power, over diverse linguistic and cultural realms of minority populations. As evident from the history of languages in the Indian society, many a languages and linguistic communities have succumbed to such hegemony and have either become endangered or extinct. Endangerment of languages means supplanting of cultures and identities of minority communities as well. Vanquishing linguistic and cultural diversity in the society may hinder overall social progress and fabric also.

The Context

The academic discourses pointing to these issues are scanty in the context of India. Particularly, the discipline of sociology, which offers a widespread debate covering the subject matter when looked at it from a world-wide context, suffers in India from a huge gap with lack of this ilk of sociological themes. In fact the attention to the intersection of language, culture and identity, should have been one of the priority themes of Indian sociologists, unlike confining more to the caste system as embraced by them as the grand narrative (as the emergence of huge body of literature on caste in Indian sociology, suggests this). It is for this reason, it is decided to bring together scholars, both young and senior, to deliberate the issues and challenges that confront linguistic minorities in India. Keeping this in view and given the significance of location of Department of Sociology in a minority language/medium university, namely MANUU, it is proposed to organise a two-day national conference on issues and challenges arising out of language, culture and identity in general and in the context of minority communities in particular. In this conference, along with discussing conceptual, theoretical and thematic issues concerning the theme, the issues pertaining to the linguistic minorities such as Urdu speaking communities will receive a special

attention. Interestingly, Urdu speaking communities are also identified predominantly as Muslims, which makes the understanding of the relationships between language, culture and identity - chosen as the theme of this conference - more interesting.

We invite abstracts and papers pertaining to the following sub-themes:

1. Socio-cultural and linguistic diversity in the Indian context: Issues and challenges
2. Impact of globalisation and marketisation on linguistic minority groups
3. Language based exclusions, assertions and social movements in India
4. Discourses of medium of instruction: English and other tongues
5. Language, culture and identity politics
6. Cultural nationalism, moral policing and social unrest
7. Language use, Language shifts and their impact on social and cultural fabric
8. Challenges confronting Urdu language and Urdu speaking communities

Abstracts and paper submission

Abstracts in English/Urdu (about 300 words) may be sent to the mail id: manuusocio@gmail.com by March 15, 2018, and full papers (about 5000 words) by March 21, 2018. Accepted papers will be put together into a book subsequently (However, the decision will be taken after the conference).

Accommodation and Hospitality

The outstation participants will be provided accommodation and hospitality in MANUU. Given the limited availability of funds, only a limited number of participants will be considered for re-imburement of travel by air/train. The delegates/participants may try their travel expenditure/s re-imburements from their parent origination/institution.