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Indian Muslim Council - USA

Defending India's Freedom, Democracy and Pluralism

First Annual Convention



India after Gujarat: Democracy or Religious Fanaticism?

A day long event about the aftermath of the Gujarat pogrom and the alarming increase in religious fanaticism across India, threatening the tolerant, pluralistic and democratic foundations of the country.

Saturday June 28, 2003. 10:00 AM

Santa Clara Marriott

California Ball Room

2700 Mission college boulevard, Santa Clara, CA 95054

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Listen: To leading luminaries and the best minds in journalism, research and academia.

Participate: In interactive workshops. Discuss ways and means to end the communal menace in India.

Explore: The exhibition and stalls.

Registration \$30.00 per person.

Includes day long sessions, workshops and banquet dinner, which is the highlight of the convention. Early Registration ends June 21, 2003. Call (516) 567-0783 for more details. Register at: <http://www.imc-usa.org/convention>.

Confirmed Speakers

Fr. Cedric Prakash, A moral voice of great stature. Leader of Christian Forum for Human Rights.
 Praful Bidwai, One of the most widely read journalists in India. Former senior editor of The Times of India.
 Smita Narula, Senior researcher for the Asia Division of the international organization of the US based Human Rights Watch. Author of a number of Human Rights Watch publications, including the 'Human Rights Watch report on the Gujarat violence'.
 Dr. Lise McKean, Dy. Dir., Center for Impact Research. Author of 'Divine Enterprise: Gurus and the Hindu Nationalist Movement'.
 Dr. K.P. Singh, Convener International Association for the Advancement of Dalit people.
 Dr. Angana Chatterji, Associate Professor of Anthropology, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco.
 Prof. Raka Ray, Associate Professor of Sociology and South and Southeast Asia Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
 Imam Khalid Griggs, Civil Rights Leader and Imam of the community mosque in Winston, Salem N.C.
 Dr. Ahmadullah Siddiqui, President, International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR)
 Dr. Omar Afzal, PhD, Cornell University, Former editor of a number of Islamic publications.
 Dr. Shaik Ubaid, Founding President of Indian Muslim Council-USA and IMANNET.
 Ananta Krishna, Journalist and Human Rights Activist. Member of 'Stop Funding Hate' campaign.
 Manzoor Ghori, Founder and Chairman, Indian Muslim Relief Committee.
 Prof. Hari Sharma, President of INSAF (International South Asian Forum) and SANSAD (South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy)
 Asim Ghafoor, Founder and Managing Director of Washington, D.C. based AG Consulting Group. (NRI)
 Dr. Rahul Deepankar, President, Indian Buddhist Association of America and New Republic of India
 Raju Rajagopal, Executive member of Indians For Collective Action (ICA), Informal advisor to the American India Foundation (AIF) and member of Coalition against Communalism (CAC)
 Nishrin Hussain, daughter of the former MP of Gujarat, Ahsan Jafri, who was brutally massacred in Gujarat.
 Dr. Satchit Balsari, Physician and Humanitarian worker by training, Founding Director of Professionals for Human Security.
Leaders and representatives of Hindu, Sikh, Dalit, Christian and Muslim communities.

* Indian Muslim Council-USA (IMC-USA) is a Washington based advocacy group working toward safeguarding Indian society's pluralist and tolerant ethos. IMC-USA was established on August 15th, 2002 in the wake of the Gujarat carnage.

