



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**‘Living in Peace and Harmony in a Multicultural World:  
The Risale-I Nur Perspective’  
1-2 February, 2012**

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You are cordially invited to the  
Inauguration of the Two Day International Conference

by

**Janab Arif Mohammad Khan**

(Former Union Minister, Govt. of India)

At

Auditorium 1, JNU Convention Centre  
on Wednesday, the 1st February, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

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# PROGRAMME

Reception of the Guests	:	09.30 am
Welcome Address	:	10:00 -10:10
Prof. M.A.Islahi, Chairperson Centre of Arabic & African Studies, SLL & CS, JNU		
Introduction to the Conference	:	10:11-10:20
Dr. Mujeebur Rahman, Convener of the conference		
DVD Presentation	:	10:21-10:40
on Bediuzzaman Said Nursi		
Inaugural Address	:	10:41-11:00
Guest of Honour Janab Arif Mohammad Khan Former Union Minister, Govt. of India		
Address by Chief Guest	:	11:01-11:10
Riza Akcali Ex-Minister and Member of Turkish Parliament		
Address by Distinguished Guest	:	11:11-11:15
Abdullah Yeginand Mehment Nuri Gulec Living Student of Nursi		
Key Note address	:	11:16-11:36
Prof. Faris Kaya Secretary General Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture, Turkey		
Presidential Remarks	:	11:37:11:50
Prof. R.N.Menon Dean School of Language, literature and Culture Studies, JNU		
Vote of Thanks	:	11:51-11:55
Dr.Md.Qutbuddin Assistant Professor, CAAS, SLL&CS, JNU & Mehmet Necim Can President of Cihangir Foundation		

## Paper Presentation Sessions :

### Day 1, Session A1: The Methodological and Educational Aspects :

Hall A (Auditorium1), 01:30-03:30 pm

Chair : Prof. Bilal Kuspinar, Canada

1. Prof. Colin Turner, Durham University, UK  
The Mecca Medina Paradigm: The Nursian Perspective on Reform
2. Prof. AkhtarulWasey, Department of Islamic Studies, JamiaMilliaIslamia, New Delhi  
Bediuzzaman Said Nursi
3. Dr. Farida Khanam, Department of Islamic Studies, JamiaMilliaIslamia, New Delhi  
Bringing Faith, Meaning and Peace to Life in a Multicultural World: The Risale-I Nur's Approach
4. Dr. ZubairHudawi, Registrar, JamiaDarul Huda, Calicut, Kerala  
Education and Empowerment through Education: Lessons from Said Nursi for Muslims in India
5. Abida Quansar, Ph.D scholar, Department of Islamic Studies, JamiaMilliaIslamia  
Bringing Faith, Meaning and Peace to Life in a Multicultural World: The Risale-I Nur's Perspective

03.30-04.00 Break for Salat/Coffee, Tea

### Session A2 : Modernity, Globalization and Reform

Hall A (Auditorium1), 04:00-05:30 pm

Chair: Prof. Colin Turner, Durham University, UK

1. Dr. Mohammad SanaullahNadwi, Department of Arabic, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh  
The Mind Matter Intrigues: Nursi's Critique of Positivism and Materialism
2. Dr. Mohammad Ajmal, Center of Arabic and African Studies, JNU  
Globalization and the Thought of Unity in Diversity of Nursi: The Role of Risale-I Nur
3. Prof. Hamid Nasim Rafiabadi, Director, Shahi Hamadan Institute of Islamic Studies,  
University of Kashmir, Srinagar.  
Bediuzzaman Said Nursi and the Theory of Clash of Civilizations-A Critical and Comparative Study
4. Dr. Md. Qutbuddin, Center of Arabic and African Studies, SLL & CS, JNU  
Reform and Education: A Comparative Study of "Bediuzzaman Said Nursi"  
(with reference to Risale-I Nur) and "Sir Syed Ahmad Khan".

### February 2: Session B1, Human Nature, Faith, Youth and Women's Issues

Hall B (Committee Room), 09:30-11:15 am

Chair: Dr. S.M. Pasha, Department of Political Science, JMI, New Delhi

1. Prof. M. AslamIslahi, Center of Arabic & African Studies, SLL&CS, JNU  
Said Nursi, An ardent Ideologue of the "Faith" (With special reference to the Damascus Sermon)
2. Prof. Alparslan ACIKGENC, Yildiz Technical University, Department of Philosophy, Turkey  
Conception of Human as the Ground of Social Tranquillity: A Quranic Perspective as reflected in the

Risale-I Nur The Purpose of the Creation of Human

4. Abdul Majid Sayem, Engineering student, NIT, Srinagar, Kashmir  
Bediuzzaman Said Nursi as a passionate Guide to Youth
5. Neha Gupta, Ph.D scholar, Centre of Persian and Central Asian Studies, JNU  
Imaging Muslim Women in Nursi's Masterpiece

### Session A3 : Said Nursi and Risale-i Nur (Arabic Session)

Hall A (Auditorium 1), 09:30-11:15 am

Chair : Prof. Aslam Islahi, Chairperson

Centre of Arabic and African Studies, SLL&CS, JNU, New Delhi

1. Ihsan Qasim Salehi, Risale-I Nur Research Centre, Istanbul, Turkey  
Risale-I Nur a Comprehensive Model for introducing Islam to Modern man
2. Ahmad Farhat, Arab Thought Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon  
Illuminations of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi
3. Prof. Zubair Ahmad Farooqui, Zakir Bagh, New Delhi  
Secrets of Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim as unravelled by Bediuzzaman Said Nursi
4. Prof. Mohammad Ayub Nadwi, Department of Arabic, JMI, New Delhi  
Dialogue: Nursi's method to bring peace in a multicultural Society.

Break

### Session B 2: Multiculturalism, Peace and Harmony

Hall B (Committee Room) 11:30-01:00 pm

Chair : Prof. Zikrur Rahman, Director, India Arab Cultural Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

1. Prof. Thomas Michel, Georgetown University, USA  
Worship of God as the Basis for Human Peace and Harmony: A Risale-I Nur Perspective
2. Dr. Mujeer Rahman, Centre of Arabic and African Studies, JNU  
Living in Peace and Harmony in a Multicultural World: The Risale-I Nur Perspective: Relevance for Indian Society
3. Dr. Samina Yaqoob, S. H. Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar  
Peace among Contemporary Civilizations: An Analysis with special reference to Nursi's Contribution
4. Dr. Abdul Qudoos, Department of Arabic, Assam University, Silchar, Assam  
Muslims in India and their Coexistence: Problems and Remedies in the light of Said Nursi's Teachings and Thoughts
5. Sheikh Jameil Ali, Department of Arabic, Islamic Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar  
Bringing Faith, Meaning, And Peace to Life in A Multicultural World: The Risale-I Nur's Response to Some Modern Social and Political Challenges in the Muslim World, A Study of Said Nursi's Approach

### Session - A 4 : Contribution of Nursi to change and other issues (Arabic Session)

Hall A (Auditorium1), 11:30-01:00 pm

Chair: Prof. Shafiq Ahmad Khan Nadwi, Department of Arabic, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

1. Maulana Saeed al-Azmi Nadwi, Principal Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama, Lucknow  
Role of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi in the upbringing of new generation in Turkey
2. Dr. Abdul Majid Qazi, Department of Arabic, JMI, New Delhi  
The Principle of Avoidance as reflected in Risale-I Nur
3. Ali Katioz, Researcher and writer, Istanbul Foundation for science and Culture, Turkey  
The Purpose of the Creation of Human
4. Dr. Nasim Akhtar Nadwi, Department of Arabic, JMI, New Delhi  
Nursi's contribution to establish Justice and Peace in a Multicultural World
5. Dr. Obaidur Rahman, Baba Gulam Shah Badshah University, Kashmir  
Nursi's Concept of Humanism, Freedom and Social Justice as reflected in the Risale-I Nur

Break for Lunch, Salat

### Session B 3: Scholasticism, Comparative Framework

Hall B (Committee Room), 02:00-03:30 pm

Chair: Irfan A Omar

Marquette University, USA & Dr. Syed Akhtar Hussain, CP & CAS, SLL & CS, JNU

1. Dr. Obaidullah Fahad Falahi, Department of Islamic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh  
Risale-I Nur: A model for Islamic Scholasticism
2. Md. Obaidullah Qasmi, Dept. of Arabic, Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi  
A Comparative Study between Said Nursi's Approach to Scientific Interpretation of the Holy Quran in his Risale-I Nur and Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanvi's in his Bayanul Quran
3. Mahmood Alam Siddiqui, CAAS, SLL & CS, JNU  
Reforms of Mohammad Abduh (1849-1905) and Said Nursi 1876-1960) A Comparative Study
4. Dr. Arafat Zafar, Department of Arabic, Lucknow University, Lucknow  
Coherence in the Quran: A study of Nursi's and Farahi's views

### Session A 5 : Interfaith Dialogue and Pluralism

Hall A (Auditorium) 02.00 - 3.30 pm

Chair: Prof. Faris Kaya

Secretary General, Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture

1. Irfan A Omar, Marquette University, USA  
Making Peace with the Self: Approaches to Interfaith Dialogue
2. Dr. S.M. Pasha, Department of Political Science, JMI, New Delhi  
The Relevance of interfaith dialogue in contemporary Times: A Nursi Perspective

3. Dr. Ghaus Mashkoor Khan, SLL&CS, JNU, New Delhi  
Contribution of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi in the Field of Religion and Philosophy in the light of Risale-I Nur
4. Dr. Md. Akram Nawaz  
The causes of Decline of Muslims and its solutions in the light of speech of Damascus of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi

Break

### Session A 6: Spirituality, Revivalism and Reform

Hall A (Auditorium1), 04:00- 05:15 pm

Chair : Dr. Mohammad Aslam Pervaiz  
Principal, Zakir Hussain Delhi College, Delhi University, Delhi

1. Prof. Bilal Kuspinar, Canada  
The Importance of Spirituality to Lead a Peaceful Life in Plural Society: Nursi's Perspective
2. Afsal Hudawi, Ph.D Scholar, Centre of Arabic and African Studies, SLL&CS, JNU  
Maktubat of Imam Ahmad Sirhindi and Risale Nur of Said Nursi: A comparative reading in promoting revivalist thoughts in India and Turkey.
3. Abdurrahman, Ph.D. Scholar, Center of Arabic & African Studies, JNU  
Reform and Education: A comparative Study of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi, (1876-1960) the pioneer of Nur movement and Maulana Qasim Nanautawi (1833-1880) of Deoband Movement

### Session B4: Dialogue and Co-existence (Arabic Session)

Hall 2 (Committee Room) 04:00-05:15 pm

Chair : Maulana Saeed Al-Azmi Al-Nadwi  
Principal, Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama, Lucknow and Chief Editor, Albass al Islami, Lucknow.

1. Dr. Wali Akhtar Nadwi, Department of Arabic, Delhi University, Delhi.  
Dialogue: An effective tool of peaceful coexistence: The Risale-I Nur Perspective
2. Quamer Shaban Nadwi, Ph.D scholar, Centre of Arabic and African Studies, SLL&CS, JNU  
Islamic Consciousness in the writings of Nursi : A study on Risale-I Nur
3. Dr. Wasiul Haque, New Delhi  
Peaceful coexistence in the multicultural world: The Risale-I Nur approach
4. Mohammad Ahmad, CAAS, SLL & CS, JNU, New Delhi  
Role of Bediuzzaman Saeed An-Nursi's The Rasaile-I Nur & the Role of Syed Abul Hasan Ali Al-Hasani An-Nadwi's Maadha Khasiral Aalam bin Hitatil Muslimeen in the Reform of Muslim Society in Twentieth Century: A Comparative Study"

Valedictory Session 05:15-06:00 pm

Hall A (Auditorium1).

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- ❖ Abdul Majid Sayem, Engineering student, NIT, Srinagar, Kashmir
- ❖ Abdul Quddoos, Dr., Department of Arabic, Assam University, Silchar, Assam
- ❖ Abdullah Yegin, Living Student of Nursi, TURKEY
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"Our enemies are ignorance, poverty and conflict.  
We shall wage holy war against these three enemies  
with the weapons of Industry, Learning and Unity"

Bediuzzaman Said Nursi



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