

Resolution of measures for taming the growing tide of hatred and animosity against Muslims in the country

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Nowadays hatred and religious bigotry has cast a shadow in our country. In the name of clothing, food, faith, festival or language and economy etc Indians are pitted against their own countrymen. Instead of engaging youths in constructive works, they are being used as a tool to wreak havoc in the country. And the most unfortunate part of this sad saga is that the government of the day is patronizing these destructive activities. It has left no stone unturned in poisoning the minds and hearts of the members of the majority community.

Besides that the national media has become an effective tool to spread sensation and provocation. Baseless propaganda against Muslims, Muslim rulers and Islamic culture etc. has reached its zenith. The government of the day instead of taking legal action against hate mongers has been patronizing them.

The Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind is deeply concerned that the anti-Muslim and anti-Islamic propaganda in our country is tarnishing the image of our beloved country across the world. Sadly bigotry, narrow-mindedness and religious extremism etc has become a symbol of India in the eyes of international community. As a result of which anti-India forces are getting an opportunity to advance their nefarious agenda on the international platform.

In this scenario the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind keeping in mind the integrity and development of the country wants to draw the attention of the Government of India to tame the growing tide of hatred and animosity in the country that is against the basic principles of democracy, equality and justice etc.

It should be borne in mind that maintaining one's political dominance by inciting the religious sentiments of the majority community is a grave disservice to the country. Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind view that the way national unity is being sabotaged in the name of fake nationalism is not only harming the Muslim alone but is causing a grave threat to the security and integrity of the country.

This meeting of the Governing Council of the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind appeals to all the peace loving and patriotic forces to forge unity for fighting the extremist and fascist forces at the political and social level instead of getting reactionary and sentimental. We should make concerted efforts to spared brotherhood, peace and tolerance etc. in the country.

If these fascist forces and their proponents think that Muslims will succumb to their oppression and tyranny. They are living under delusion.

India is our country. We are born and brought up in this country. Our forefathers has not only made this country strong and stable, but also sacrificed their lives for its security and survival etc. Therefor we cannot condone injustice and discrimination against Muslims or any other class or community of the country.

The Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind specifically warns the Muslim youth and Muslim student's organizations that they are targets of internal and external hostile elements. Every tactic is being used to disappoint, provoke and mislead them. Therefor don't get discouraged by it, and don't lose patience. Instead, keep faith in Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind and its leaders.

(2) Resolution regarding eradication of Islamophobia

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The incidents of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate crimes are on the rise in the country. Islamophobia is not only a reflection of religious hatred; it is a rather to get intoxicated by the feeling of hatred against certain religious community.

It is an international tragedy against the human rights and democratic values and universal brotherhood. Due to this, the minority community is facing religious, social and political extremism.

Our country has never been under its impact so much in the past. But today the reins of the country have fallen into the hands of those people who want to alter the centuries-old identity of the country. To them our shared culture and tradition have a little value. They hanker for power only.

Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind while expressing deep concern about this situation feels the need to take the following measures:

(1) According to the 267th report of the Law Commission that was published in 2017, a separate law should be enacted to specifically punish the instigators of violence and efforts should be made to ban any activity aimed at social and economic isolation of all minorities especially the Muslim minority.

(2) In order to promote tolerance, peace and coexistence etc. among different faiths, 15th March as designated by the United Nations shall be observed as the day of Islamophobia every year. On this occasion a message of human dignity shall be disseminated across the world and display our common commitment for the eradication of all forms of racism and religious discrimination.

(3) To address this situation, the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind has set up a permanent department called the "Justice and Empowerment Initiative for Indian Muslims", with prime objective to develop an strategy for the establishment of peace and justice in the country.

However, the fact remains that this menace can not be tackled by establishing a single department. Rather it requires concerted efforts at every level. Therefore Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind urges all its units to be a part of this movement and to participate in its work with interest.

(3) Resolution expressing deep concern over the attempts to deprive constitutional rights and enforce a uniform civil code

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Matters covered under the Muslim personal law such as marriage, divorce, khula, inheritance etc. are not framed by any society, individual or group etc. Nor are they parts of culture and customs etc. But they are essential parts of Islam like prayers, fasting and Hajj etc. derived from the Holy Qur'an and hadiths. Therefore, any change in the rules or regulations sanctioned by Islam or preventing anyone from following them is against the basic principles of Islam and sheer interference in the provision guaranteed in Article 25 of the Constitution of India.

But the present government intends to abolish Muslim personal law by enacting a uniform civil code sidestepping the true spirit of the country's constitution.

This session of the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind warns the Government of India that Muslims of the country cannot accept any change in Muslim Personal Law. That is why when the Constitution of India came into force then under the fundamental rights, it was guaranteed in an unequivocal term that every citizen of the country has the fundamental right to practice and propagate a religion of his/her choice. Therefore, we demand that a clear ordinance be issued regarding the protection of Muslim personal law keeping in view the basic provisions of the Constitution of India.

If the government of India makes an attempt to enforce a uniform civil code, the Muslims of India and other sections of society will not tolerate this great injustice and will be compelled to take all possible steps within the constitutional framework.

On this occasion, we draw the attention of Indian Muslims that the door of undue interference in the shariat only opens up when Muslims deny to abide by shariat injunctions. If Muslims adhere to the shariat in their practical life, then no power on this earth, can prevent them from doing so. Therefore all Muslims should firmly practice shariat injunctions and not succumb to the pessimism and

The Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind appeals to Indian Muslims to remain steadfast in following Islamic law and do not get disappointed and subdued.

(4) Resolution about the educational and economic rights of minorities

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Educational and economic backwardness of the Indian Muslims is not hidden from anyone. The Sachar Committee report truly reflects the educational backwardness of the Indian Muslims. The policy of the government as well as inappropriate and irresponsible attitude of the Muslims are equally responsible for this economic and educational backwardness of the community.

Therefore, this session of the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind draws the attention of the Central and state Governments to take necessary steps to improve the educational and economic condition of the Muslims. At the same time this session strongly urges the Muslims to move forward in the field of education and economy with full vigor. Please think over providing education and proper training to children that is more important than serving food and drink.

The special message of today's session is to set up separate schools and colleges for the education of Muslim boys and girls. So that Islamic value and belief can be protected.

(5) Proposal regarding Gyanapi mosque and Mathura Eidghah

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This governing body meeting of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind expresses its deep concern and disgust over the ugly attitude of forces hostile to peace and tranquility of the country as well as political parties patronizing them for repeatedly raking up controversy regarding the old places of worship. Gyanvapi mosque, Mathura Eidghah and other mosques are currently under such hate campaign. This will result in disturbing peace, order and integrity etc. of the country.

The Ayodhya issue has already severely damaged social harmony and peaceful communal fabric of the country. Now these conflicts will provide fresh impetus for further confrontation and the negative politics of majority domination.

Keeping old controversies alive and trying to rectify the alleged so called historical mistakes will be disservice to the country. In this regard, the Varansi Civil court has supported divisive politics while ignoring the special provision of places of worship Act 1991. It has explicitly disregarded the Act which stipulates that the place of worship will remain intact as it existed on 15th August, 1947. The Varanasi Civil Court has completely ignored the decision of the Apex Court regarding Babri mosque. The Apex Court has specifically mentioned about the protection of other places of worship in the country.

This session of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind draws the attention of the ruling dispensation that reviving the differences of history will not be conducive to the peace and order of the country. The Supreme Court in its ruling about Babri Masjid has described the Worship Act as the basic spirit of the constitution of India. This decision of the Apex court explicitly conveys the message that the government, political parties and religious groups should keep away from reviving the controversial issues of the past. Only then it will redeem our pledges to the constitution, otherwise it will be called a great disloyalty to the constitution.

(6) Resolution regarding Muslim endowments

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This governing body meeting of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind expresses its concern over the protection of waqf properties and their proper utilization of income.

A long period has passed since our country gained independence. But a proper system is not in a place to manage income and expenditure of the endowment. Besides that there are a number of waqf properties which have been forcibly taken over by the governments. This session of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind demands from the government that:

1. Section 107 had been added to the Waqf Act 1995 which exempted waqf properties from the Limitation Act of 1963. This amendment will be useful only if it is enforced from the past as most of the waqf properties which are illegally occupied and their matter is sub-judice are related to past.

Since the Supreme Court has ruled in its judgment that the exemption from the Limitation Act will not apply to properties prior to 1996. This law needs to be amended and its enforcement time shall cover from the past so that illegally possessed property can be recovered.

(2) Waqf properties in all states should be exempted from rent law.

(3) In places where the waqf board has not been formed and where the posts of officers and functionaries of the waqf board have fallen vacant, the waqf board should be formed immediately and new appointments should be made at the earliest. A full time CEO should be appointed in all the Waqf Board offices across the states. Special cadre of Indian Endowment Services should be formed like that of IAS and IPS.

(4) By activating the Waqf Development Corporation that was constituted for the benefit of endowments and economic development of the backward Muslim community, every possible steps should be taken to achieve the objective and an Action Taken Report (ATR) should be prepared regarding practical steps being taken in the matter.

(5) This session of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind demands from the government of India that all deserted mosques which are under the control of ASI and Wakf board

should be released without delay and prayers should be allowed in them. In those places where prayer is already taking place prayer should continue.

(6) An autonomous body of waqf Board should be constituted on the pattern of SGPC.

(7) The report of the Sachar Committee on Endowments should be presented in Parliament and steps should be taken keeping in view its recommendations.

(8) At the state level the government should activate all the units of the Waqf Board and conduct a fresh survey in accordance with the modern guidelines which should include shrines, mosques, Imam Bara and other endowment properties etc. The following statistics should be collected in the survey:

(1) How many endowments are in the possession of Muslim administration? (2). How many endowments are in personal possession? (3) How many endowments are in the possession of Non-Muslims? (4) How many endowments are in the possession of Central and State Governments? (5) What is their estimated value? And how much is the income?

The Chief Minister of each province should send a letter to the Chairman of the Waqf Board instructing him to complete the survey as soon as possible.

(9) This session of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind appealed to the trustees and management committees of the endowments to fulfil their obligations in protecting the endowments and do their utmost to prevent financial misappropriation and loss of resources.

(7) Resolution over strengthening of the Sadbhavna Manch

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In accordance with the clause (8) of the Constitution of the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, which refers to “Social Services”, it was decided in the session of the governing body committee of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind held at September 12, 1919 to form “Jamiat Sadbhava Manch” which has at least eleven members. Half of its members will be non-Muslims. The forum will include active members of the society and local leaders irrespective of religion and caste etc. The Forum shall convene a meeting every month to ensure the participation of the Non-Muslim brethren and will take under mentioned joint steps in accordance with the clause 8 of the Jamiat’s constitution.

- (1) A joint gathering of people of different religious sects.
- (2) Strive for the fulfilment of civic requirements.
- (3) To serve the workers, farmers and backward people.
- (4) Helping orphans widows and the oppressed section of the people.
- (5) Collective efforts to prevent drugs and obscenity.
- (6) Finding peaceful solutions through mutual dialogue and discussion to sensitive religious issues such as use of loudspeakers in places of worship and use of public places for worship etc.
- (7) Collective efforts to protect environment through plantation, saving water and sanitation.

This session urges the leaders of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind to strengthen this movement by forming Sadbhavna Committees in their respective areas.

Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind also announces on this occasion to organise more than one thousand Sadbhavna Sansad across the country to end the growing tide of hatred spread by the dharma Sansad and other groups. Representatives of every religions and caste shall be invited to participate in the Sadbhavna sansad.

(8) Resolution over dispelling misunderstanding regarding Islamic teachings and prevention of apostate activities.

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This meeting of the governing body meeting of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind feels that misconceptions about Islam are being spread through systematic planning. These misconceptions are affecting not only peace loving citizens of the country but our young generation are too being misled. These misconceptions are being created especially with regard to terrorism, extremism and unfair treatment of women etc.

Therefore our greatest responsibility is to dispel the misconceptions that are being spread among the people regarding Islamic teachings. Especially in the age of media the effective response against baseless propaganda against Islamic teachings, belief and tarnishing the image of Islamic movements can be done through the proper use of media. In this regard the following steps are urgently needed:

- (1) Preparing and broadcasting such messages through social media that highlight the virtues of Islam and Muslims.
- (2) To provide reading material in harmony with the temperament of modern educated minds so that they could refrain from succumbing to atheistic ideas and to organise training programmes for them at regular interval.
- (3) Conducting Islamic quiz on the topic of Islamic sharia and involving students of all religions and classes in it.

Today's meeting humbly appeals especially to the leaders of Jamiat Ulama, caretakers of Madrasa and general community organizations to display special attention in this regard to fulfil their responsibilities in the serving the cause of Islam.

(9) Resolutions regarding Palestine and the Islamic world

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This meeting of the governing body of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind expresses its deep concern over the Zionist atrocities committed against Palestinian people and the harassment of the worshipers at Al-Aqsa Mosque. Violence and widespread human rights abuses have become a hallmark of Israel. The killing of unarmed and vulnerable Palestinians and their children is characteristic of this terrorist and satanic regime. It is a manifestation of its expansionist policy that more than five million Palestinians have been rendered homeless.

The Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind urges the international community to take the following immediate steps to end this prolonged oppression:

(1) According to UN Security Council Resolution 1860 (2009), Israel should be forced to lift the 15-year-old blockade of Gaza and open the crossing points.

(2) In accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2334 (2016), Israel should be instructed to suspend all resettlement activities in the West Bank including East Jerusalem.

(3) Israel must immediately renounce all human rights violations and abuses in the Occupied Palestinian territories including the use of force demolition and forced evictions. It should be hold accountable for military violations of international norms.

(4) The free entry of worshipers in Al-Aqsa Mosque should be ensured and the Israeli occupation of it should end soon at the earliest.

(5) Ensure the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and force Israel to comply with UN resolutions and evacuate the occupied Arab territories.

(6) India has always supported the struggle of the Palestinians and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It has been a great tradition of the country that it has opposed the colonial power.

(7) This meeting of the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind expresses its deep concern over the situation in other countries of the Islamic world including Syria and Yemen etc. We sincerely appeal to the ruling class of Muslims to be compassionate while dealing with the situation and fulfil their responsibilities properly.

(10) Resolution for protection of environment

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Hygiene is of utmost importance in human life without which no civilized society can be imagined. All religions and ancient civilizations of the world have been emphasizing the importance of cleanliness. From an Islamic point of view cleanliness is called half of the faith. Filth also affects human rights of all races, including the right to life very severely.

In view of that this session of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind draws following attention of the concerned citizens of the country that

(1) Ensure self-hygiene, cleaning of house and surrounding areas a part of your individual and collective responsibilities.

(2) Imams of mosques, speakers and influential people should spread the message that filth is not just filth it is the root cause of thousands of epidemics.

(3) Oxygen Park and large number of tree planting is most important instruments to avoid air pollution. In the same way, water is a beautiful gift of nature to which the life of all creatures including human race is associated. That is why we need to look at how we can avoid wasting water throughout our lives. Especially the religious institutions that present themselves as ideals should adopt a system in mosques and places of worship that does not waste water unnecessarily.

Resolution regarding Hindi language

Urdu is our national language and we have deep relation with this vernacular language. This language is a custodian of our intellectual, historical and religious heritage. Besides that, it is the mother tongue of Muslims and our fellow countrymen. But that does not mean to avoid and ignore Hindi and other regional languages like Bengali, Tamil, Malayalam, Punjabi, Gujarati and Assamese etc. They are also our own languages. They are very useful for communication, mutual understanding and strengthening of relations with our brothers and sisters in different parts of the country.

Therefore, in accordance with the traditions and instructions of our ancestors, we appeal to the Muslim prayer leaders, religious preachers and scholars etc. to use Hindi and regional languages along with Urdu while addressing the gathering in Friday prayers and public events.

On this occasion it is worth quoting that speech of Maulana Hussain Ahmad Madani delivered on the occasion of 17th General Assembly of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind held in Hyderabad regarding making the Hindi as the national language of India. He said that “Muslims have been actively promoting English, a foreign language for more or less a hundred years. There is no valid reason for the Muslims to hate Hindi or take part in the movement to deny it to be accorded the status of an academic language. English language has crossed many seas to reach India. But the Hindi language did not come to India from foreign. It was born in this country and in many areas Muslims themselves took part in its creation and promotion etc.

Resolution regarding acrillege against Prophet Mohammad (SAW)

This meeting of the Ulama-i-Hind expresses grave concern over a series of hateful and blasphemous statements, articles and slogans against religious greats especially against the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). This is indeed very painful for civilised persons and other groups in the country.

Muslims who consider it as a part of their faith to respect every human beings, naturally feel deeply pained and anguished when someone commit blasphemy against the holy prophet. But how sad it is that the ruling elites respond coldly to their anxiety.

Of course the selfishness of ruling elites is a tool to advance the political motives by playing with the sentiments of the Muslim community. It is very shameful and deserving highest condemnation.

The Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind is fully aware that these kinds of incidents are taking place deliberately and with a systematic planning. Therefore this session of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind demands from the government to enact a law as early as possible that should end tarnishing the image of the of the religious leaders.

Therefore this session of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind demands from the government to enact such a law that should end such turmoil from the country and protect the dignity of religious greats.

In this regard Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind has filed a petition in the Supreme Court to implement the directions issued by the Supreme Court regarding the perpetrators of blasphemy against the Prophet. It is hoped that the Supreme Court will soon reiterate its directions in this regard and issue a warning to the Government of India.