

National Commission for Minorities has played a pivotal role in ensuring the protection, welfare, and empowerment of religious minorities.

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National Commission for Minorities celebrated the Minorities Day on December 18th 2025. The community leaders from six minority communities – Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jains, and Zoroastrian (Parsi) spoke on the occasion.

The Guest Speaker Dr. Michael V. Williams of Mount Carmel School reminded the gathering why Minority Day matters, underlining the Christian community's long and quiet contribution to nation-building through education and healthcare—institutions that serve far beyond denominational boundaries.

Md. Tauhid Alam of Jamia Hamdard set minority welfare within the broader framework of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Vikas, and emphasized that governance today is all about inclusion. Prof. Harbans Singh of Khalsa College drew message from Gurubani to explain how coexistence and collective prosperity are not slogans but lived traditions.

Acharya Yeshi Phuntsok and Dr. Indu Jain spoke candidly about the challenges faced by Buddhist and Jain communities, seeking responsive redressal from the National Commission for Minorities. Veteran Parsi leader Shri Marazban Nariman Zaiwalla closed by detailing minority-focused programmes and the NCM's role as a bridge—bringing India's many communities onto a shared civic platform.



Open Session for Minority Community

A sizeable gathering from minority communities participated actively in the event. During the open session, several queries were raised, covering issues ranging from Minority Certificates to the implementation of various government schemes. The interaction reflected strong engagement and a shared commitment to addressing concerns through dialogue.

Creating an Inclusive Society

Ms Alka Upadhyaya, Secretary, NCM, elaborated on the government schemes aimed at uplifting minority communities. She stated that minority communities have made invaluable contributions to the nation's rich social, cultural, and economic fabric. National Commission for Minorities has been working tirelessly to build an inclusive and equitable society.

She spoke about the various initiatives for the upliftment of minority communities, including schemes related to education, skill development, financial support, and empowerment.

She emphasized that government actions are guided by the vision of ensuring that no one is left behind and that all communities, irrespective of their background, have equal opportunities for progress and prosperity. She also underlined the importance of continuous dialogue among different communities.



Ms Upadhyaya, Secretary, NCM further stated that since its inception, the National Commission for Minorities has played a pivotal role in ensuring the protection, welfare, and empowerment of religious minorities in India. She assured that the voices of minorities are heard, their issues addressed, and their aspirations fulfilled through continuous engagement with State Governments, stakeholders, and minority communities.

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