



CONCEPT NOTE

Call for Papers

International Conference on
**Educational and Economic Status of Muslims in India:
Challenges, Opportunities and Policy Recommendations**
(26th - 27th September, 2026)

Organized by
**Centre for Promotion of Educational and Cultural Advancement of Muslims of India
(CEPECAMI)**
Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Background and Context

Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) holds a unique place in India's higher education system, distinguished by its rich intellectual heritage and enduring academic prominence. Founded on the ideals of reform and progress, it has long been committed to the intellectual growth and educational advancement of Indian society, with a particular focus on the Muslim community. This responsibility is formally recognized in **Section 5(2)(c) of the AMU Amendment Act, 1981**, which mandates the University “**to promote the educational and cultural advancement of Muslims of India**”. This special provision gives the University a broader national duty to conduct research and outreach activities that uplift the lives of Muslims across the country.

In line with this mandate, AMU established the **Centre for Promotion of Educational and Cultural Advancement of Muslims of India (CEPECAMI)** in 1988. The center was set up to coordinate welfare efforts and to promote research and informed discussion on the issues of educational, cultural, and socio-economic challenges faced by Muslims.

Despite various efforts by both the Government and institutions over the years, Muslims in India continue to face serious challenges in education, employment, and overall socio-economic aspects, as highlighted by various committees and commissions appointed by the Government of India from time to time, such as Gopal



Singh Committee Report (1983), Sachar Committee Report (2006), Ranganath Mishra Commission Report (2007), Post-Sachar Evaluation Committee (Kundu Committee) Report (2014), etc. A key gap is the lack of reliable, region-specific empirical data, which makes it difficult to design effective and targeted policies.

In this context, the proposed international conference on “Educational and Economic Status of Muslims in India: Challenges, Opportunities and Policy Recommendations” aims to create a scholarly platform for critical engagement with these issues. The conference seeks to bring together academicians, researchers, policymakers, experts, and civil society actors to examine contemporary realities, generate empirical insights, and develop constructive policy recommendations.

Objectives of the Conference

- To examine educational inequality, marginalization, and the underrepresentation of Muslims at various levels of education.
- To assess economic exclusion as a wider issue, looking at unequal access to employment, consequences and the impact of the rise of the informal sector, spatial segregation, and the limitations of inclusion within the existing economic frameworks.
- To assess and analyze the data present on the conditions of Muslims of India and thereby identify the gaps within.
- To examine how data on the socio-economic conditions of Muslims is produced and used, identify the gaps and hidden dimensions that are often overlooked, and how political biases shape the way policies are made and implemented.
- To provide an open and constructive space for scholars, policymakers, and community voices to exchange views and ideas.
- To recommend and assist the Government in formulating policies and welfare programs for the development and progress of the largest minority of the country.



Thematic Areas

Education & Exclusion	Institutional bias, ghettoization, and the constant underrepresentation of Muslims in mainstream educational spaces.
Economic Challenges	The growing reliance on the informal sector, job insecurity, unemployment, and a lack of inclusive participation in labour markets.
Gender, Patriarchy & Intersectionality	Examining the multi-layered disadvantages faced by Muslim women both within the community and in society at large, and challenging dominant policy narratives about their progress and development.
Minority Welfare or Political Tokenism?	Evaluating whether government welfare schemes for minorities bring effectiveness for the upliftment of Muslims, or are they largely symbolic, narrow in scope, and disconnected from ground realities.
Politics of Data & Visibility	Reviewing the collection and use of data on Muslims, and dominant epistemic frameworks that shape the data, what gets counted, what gets left out, and how data gaps allow real problems to remain hidden or unaddressed.
Institutions & Power	Assessing whether educational institutions, civil society organizations, and NGOs act as agents to empower Muslim communities or reproduce existing hierarchies, exclusion, and inequalities.
Political Participation & Representation	Evaluating and assessing the political participation of Muslims in Indian democracy, power sharing, and their representation in Parliament, Assemblies, and local bodies.

Important Dates

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: 20th August, 2026 (Word limit- 300)**
- **Acceptance Notification: 25th August, 2026**
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline - 18th September 2026**
- **Email for Submission: cepecamiconference@gmail.com**
- **Language- English and Urdu**



Registration Fee:

- Faculty Members- ₹ 1000 (INR)
- Research Scholars and Students - ₹ 500 (INR)
- Foreign Delegates- \$ 50 (USD)

Travel and Accommodation:

- No Travel Allowance (T.A) will be provided
- Accommodation and local hospitality will be provided to the registered participants on first cum first serve basis.

Convenor

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