

# Jamia Centenary Celebrations 2020

## TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR

On

**INDIA'S INTERCONNECTION WITH WEST ASIAN  
COUNTRIES: HISTORICAL UNDERSTANDING OF  
SOCIO-ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND FUTURE  
PROSPECTS**

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## **CONCEPT NOTE:**

From the time immemorial, India and the countries of West Asia and North Africa (WANA) have been in constant interconnection with the exchange of knowledge, goods, ideas, and cultures. At this end of history, Indo-Arab relations have been on a distinctive trajectory with the massive movement of people from India to the Arab world and vice versa in the form of pilgrimage or labor migration. A large number of Indian expatriates in different parts of the region are the best example of sound relation between the two regions.

In the back drop of popular uprisings in the Arab world, the region has witnessed a great socio-political unrest. Historically, this region has remained a volatile one because of its many internal as well as regional issues, and remained the most happening place in many contexts. It has the privilege to be the cradle of civilization and the birth place of the most influential religions namely Islam, Christianity and Judaism. Ironically, the geo-strategic importance, enormous energy reservoirs and historical background of West Asia have been the curse for this region; all these have also incited and motivated several foreign invasions and forceful occupations in this region.

This two-day National seminar is an attempt to understand different aspects of Indo-Arab relations and to analyze interconnections as well future prospects in reviving socio-economic ties. There is a need for exchange of ideas and approaches at intellectual level. The conference will also focus on India's role in socio-Political affairs of the Arab world in view to protect its oil and gas needs and the aspirations of a large number of Indian expatriates living in the region.

The West Asia region plays a vital role in India's economy as it supplies nearly two third of India's total oil import, bilateral trade is also flourishing in recent years particularly with UAE and other Arab states of the Persian Gulf. Over the years millions of Indians mostly working class have migrated to the Persian Gulf region looking for jobs and they account for a sizeable share in the total remittances received from abroad that has changed the living standards and economic status of many families here in India. In recent years, we see a sudden decline in the

flow of migrant laborers and foreign relations with the Arab World; therefore it is very important matter to study and contribute in policy making accordingly.

**Major Themes:**

1. Historical and Political relations between India and West Asian Countries.
2. Socio-Cultural relations between India and West Asian Countries.
3. Nation Building/Shaping and reshaping of Boundaries in West Asia.
4. Religion and Culture in the Arab world: Similarity and Dissimilarity.
5. Indians in the Arab world: Challenges faced by expatriates.
6. Arabs in Indian Territory.
7. Arab Literature and Language in India.
8. Islamic and Arabic Teachings in India.
9. Energy security of India through West Asia.
10. Literary and Intercultural interactions between India and the Arab world.
11. Islamic Art and Crafts in India: Architectural importance.
12. India and the Arab Culture: Language, Art, Science, Music, Dance and Popular Culture.
13. India's Economic and Political interest in West Asia.
14. Relations between India and Saudi Arabia, UAE, Israel, Palestine, Turkey etc.

**NOTE:**

The conference is open to academicians and researchers from diverse academic and independent research backgrounds. Therefore the scientific committee of the conference would like to request scholars from different backgrounds like literature, social sciences and media etc to contribute well-researched papers. The medium of discussion during the seminar will be English.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Last Date of Abstract Submission: 20-02-2020**

**Confirmation of Abstract Selection: 24-02-2020**

**Last Date of Final Paper Submission: 11-03-2020**

**DATES OF SEMINAR: MARCH 18-19, 2020**

**VENUE: CONFERENCE ROOM, INDIA ARAB CULTURE CENTRE, JMI**

**Abstract Submission Guidelines:** All participants are requested to write the abstract within 300 words excluding a bio of 100 words and sent it to [cwasjmi.in@gmail.com](mailto:cwasjmi.in@gmail.com)

**Note: TA and Accommodation would be provided to outstation participants.**



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