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## **Press Invite**

National Seminar on 'Islam in India: Politics, Society and Culture' at Jamia Millia Islamia

India-Arab Cultural Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia is organising a two-day national seminar on on 'Islam in India: Politics, Society and Culture' on December 15- 16, 2016.

Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia has kindly consented to inaugurate the National Seminar on December 15 at 10:30 am at the Conference Room, India-Arab Cultural Centre. Prof. Shahid Ashraf, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia will be the Chief Guest at the function.

The seminar aims at addressing issues pertaining to Islam in India since its advent in the subcontinent in the  $7^{th}$  century.

Distinguished scholars from across the country will attend the seminar which has lined an array of thematic sessions that include ---- history of advent of Islam in India; Islam's early spread in South India; Arab conquest of *Sindh*; early Muslim settlements; Islam as a political ideology, Islamic movements and Sufism and *madrassa* networks in India.

The seminar will reflect on these issues from the multidisciplinary vantage points of history, politics and sociology to understand Islam in India in a holistic manner and to provide a critical and grounded assessment of its current dynamics.

Two books, *India and Central Asia: Geopolitics, Economy and Culture* and *Sufism in India and Central Asia* edited by Dr Nasir Raza Khan, Associate Professor, India-Arab Cultural Centre will also be released on the occasion.

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