

Report on inaugural session of social and religious tolerance course

The inaugural session of social and religious tolerance course held on October 30, 2018 in the seminar hall of Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan. Mr. Abbas Rashid, Chief Executive Society for the Advancement of Education (SAHE) and Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) were the key note speakers of the Program.

The program started with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by Naat e Rasool (PBUH). Dr. Asif Ali, Vice Chancellor MNSUAM welcomed all the distinguished guests. Later, he shed light on the theme of the course and explained importance of the course in the current social, economic, cultural and political context of the country.

Mr. Abbas Rashid explained the background of the course and different sub-themes in detail which shall be covered in the course. He stated that lectures on different topics of the course shall be delivered by relevant experts from all over the country. In addition to lectures, panel discussions shall also be arranged on the topics for which list of panelists has already been prepared and experts from the relevant fields have been contacted. In addition to that students shall also interact with the community through Social Action Plans.

Dr. Shafqat from SDPI shared his views on the importance of Social and Religious Tolerance in the society. He stated that without creating social and religious harmony, a nation can not be united, and our enemies could take advantage of such type of situation in our country. Moreover, development of Pakistan is linked with harmony and peace of our country. He informed that Europe fought two great Wars and then they learned that they could not make progress without peace.

At the end after the question answering session, Prof. Dr. Irfan Ahmed Baig, Dean FoSS&H thanked all the distinguished guest for participating in such an important program.

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