



# **International Webinar on Inter-religious Dialogue for Peace and Harmony**

**Date : February 17 to 18, 2021**

**Jointly Organized by  
Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (CIID)  
Department of World Religions and Culture (WRC)  
University of Dhaka**





# Programme Schedule

## First Day: February 17, 2021

(Time is precious. Kindly limit your presentation within the allotted time.)

### Masters of Ceremony



**Professor Dr. Arun Kumar Goswami**

Professor, Dept. of Political Science  
Jagannath University. President,  
CTEF, Bangladesh Chapter.



**Dr. Fr. Tapan De Rozario**

Associate Professor  
Dept. of World Religions and Culture, D.U



**Dr. Mohammad Jahangir Alam**

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**Dr. Md. Shaikh Farid**

Associate Professor  
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**Dr. Abu Sayem**

Associate Professor  
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**Dr. Shafi Md. Mostofa**

Assistant Professor  
Dept. of World Religions and Culture, D.U



## Inaugural Session; Moderator : Dr. Fr. Tapan De Rozario

9:20 am - 9:40 am

Recitation from Holy Books

Holy Quran, Holy Geeta  
Holy Bible, Holy Tripitak

## Introduction to International Webinar on Inter-religious Harmony

10:00 am - 10:15 am



### Inaugural Address

**Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman**

Honorable Vice Chancellor  
University of Dhaka

9:40 am - 10:00 am



### Welcome Address

**Professor Dr. Fazrin Huda**

Director  
CIID, Dhaka University

10:15 am - 11:15 am



### Keynote Address

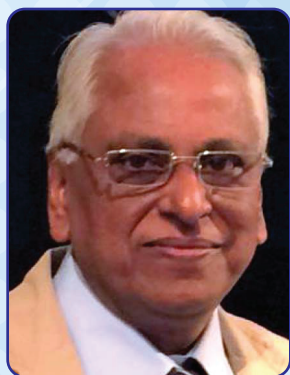
**Professor Dr. Syed Anwar Hossain**

Dept. of History  
University of Dhaka



**11:15 am - 12:15 pm**

**Paper:** INTERRELIGIOUS EDUCATION & EXPOSURE:  
A Practical Approach to Understanding & Peace-Building



### Keynote Address

#### Dr. Vincent Sekhar

(Former Director, Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions(IDCR), Chennai, and Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy Arul Anandar College (Autonomous) Karumathur - 625514, Madurai Dt. Tamil Nadu State, INDIA

**12:15 pm - 12:30 pm**



### Words of Appreciation

#### Dr. Fr. Soosai Lawrence S.J. Jeevan Sangham

Dumuhan, Bodhgaya, Bihar, India-824231

Prayer and Lunch Break- 12:30pm - 1:30 pm

### Session : I Religion and Peace Building: Methods and Theories



### Moderator

#### Dr. Mohammed Jahangir Alam

Associate Professor  
Dept. of World Religions and Culture, D.U

**1:30pm - 2:00 pm**



**Paper:** Early 19th Century Eid and Muharram's Procession and Painting of Dhaka : A Paradigm of Interreligious Harmony

#### Professor Dr. Nazma Khan Majlish

Dept. of Islamic History & Culture  
University of Dhaka



**2:00 pm - 2:30 pm** : **Paper:** Religion and Peace Building: The Contemporary Perspectives



### **Professor Dr. Arun Kumar Goswami**

Professor, Dept. of Political Science  
Jagannath University. President,  
CTEF, Bangladesh Chapter.

## **Second Session**

**Theme: Religion and Peace Building: Methods and Theories**



### **Moderator**

### **Mr. Mohammad Elius**

Associate Professor  
Dept. of World Religions and Culture, D.U

**2:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Paper:** Understanding peace, harmony and human fraternity :  
Islamic perspectives



### **Dr. Mohammed Jahangir Alam**

Associate Professor  
Dept. of World Religions and Culture, D.U

**3:00 pm - 3:30 pm** :

**Paper:** Examining the Policy of UNESCO on Interreligious  
Dialogue and Peacebuilding



### **Dr. Md. Shaikh Farid**

Associate Professor  
Dept. of World Religions and Culture, D.U



**3:30 pm - 4:00 pm :**

**Paper:** Hindu Elements in the Muslim Architecture of Bengal (1576-1757)



**Abu Bakkar Siddique, PhD**

Researcher, Dept. of Art History  
Erciyes University, Turkey

**4:00 pm - 4:30 pm :**

**Concluding Remarks of the Session**



**Professor Dr. Arun Kumar Goswami**

Professor, Dept. of Political Science  
Jagannath University, President,  
CTEF, Bangladesh Chapter.

**Second Day  
February 18, 2021**



**Moderator**

**Dr. Md. Abu Sayem**

Associate Professor  
Dept. of World Religions and Culture, D.U

**10:00 am - 11:00 am : Keynote Address**



**Paper:** Conversion and religious intolerance in the Kyrgyz Republic : Opportunities for dialogue

**Indira Aslanova,**

UNESCO Chair of World Culture and Religions, Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University (KRSU) Chairman of the Research Center for Religious Studies, Kyrgyzstan.



**Session I : Theme : Covid-19 Pandemic and Religious Practices**  
**11:00 am - 11:30 am :**

**Paper:** Crisis and Acts of Inter-faith Fraternity



**James Ponniah**

University of Madras.

**Session II : Theme: Unlocking the Potentials of Interreligious Dialogue :  
 Challenges of South Asia**



**Moderator**

**Dr. Md. Shaikh Farid**

Associate Professor  
 Dept. of World Religions and Culture, D.U

**11:30 am - 12:00 pm :**

**Paper:** Prospects of Interreligious Dialogue: A Case of Bangladesh



**Mr. Mohammad Elius**

Associate Professor  
 Dept. of World Religions and Culture, D.U

**12:00 pm - 12:30 pm :**

**Paper:** Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh :  
 A Challenge for South Asian Peace and Security



**Dr. Shafi Md. Mostofa**

UNESCO Chair of World Culture and Religions, Kyrgyz Russian Slavic  
 University (KRSU) Chairman of the Research Center for Religious Studies,  
 Kyrgyzstan.

## Lunch and Prayer Break 1:00:pm -- 2:00 pm

### Session III: Theme: Environment and Religious: Prospects and Retrospective



#### Moderator

#### Professor Dr. Arun Kumar Goswami

Professor, Dept. of Political Science  
Jagannath University. President,  
CTEF, Bangladesh Chapter.

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm :

**Paper:** The Environmental Impacts of Hindu Religious Rituals on the Ganga River Water : An Overview



#### Professor Dr. Fazrin Huda

Director  
CIID, Dhaka University

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm :

**Paper:** A Christian Response Toward the Burning Issues : Environment, Ecology, Global Warming and Integrated Development



#### Dr. Fr. Tapan De Rozario

Associate Professor  
Dept. of World Religions and Culture, D.U



**3:00 pm - 3:30 pm :** **Paper:** Multifaith Dialogue on Ecological Crisis: Necessity of Cooperation among religious Leaders from Global to Local



**Dr. Md. Abu Sayem**

Associate Professor  
Dept. of World Religions and Culture, D.U

## *Reflections of the participants*

**3:30 pm - 4:00 pm :**



**Valedictory speech**

**Professor Dr. Kazi Nurul Islam**

Founder Chairman  
Dept. of World Religions and Culture  
University of Dhaka

**4:00 pm - 4:30 pm :**



**Vote of Thanks**

**Professor Dr. Fazrin Huda**

Director, CIID