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Devi Mahatmya says –

Vidya: Samastaas-tava Devi Bheda:

Streeya: Samasta: Sakala Jagatsu.

That is, all the Vidyas are the expressions of the various forms of the Goddess and all the woman power of the world is also her reflection. In our culture, respect for daughters has been paramount.

— श्रीमद् भगवद् गीता
Prime Minister

Chairman Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, graced the Sardar Joga Singh Ji Kalyana Karnataka Awards-2024 as the esteemed Chief Guest.



The Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme



This Central Sector scheme integrates five previous initiatives—'Seekho Aur Kamao,' 'Nai Manzil,' 'Nai Roshni,' 'USTTAD,' and 'Hamari Dharohar'—to provide comprehensive support.

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About NCM



भारत सरकार
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
राष्ट्रीय अल्पसंख्यक आयोग
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES

NCM Act, 1992:

Section 16. Power to remove difficulties.

(1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Central Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:

Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act.

(2) Every order made under this section shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before each House of Parliament.

February 23, 2025

**Chairman Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura met with the
Sikh Minority community at Nirmal Ashram, Pushkar,
Ajmer, Rajasthan**



February 22, 2025

**Chairman Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura bowed his
head at the historic Gurdwara Bhai Dharam Singh Ji
Panj Pyara's birthplace in Saifpur, Hastinapur, Meerut**

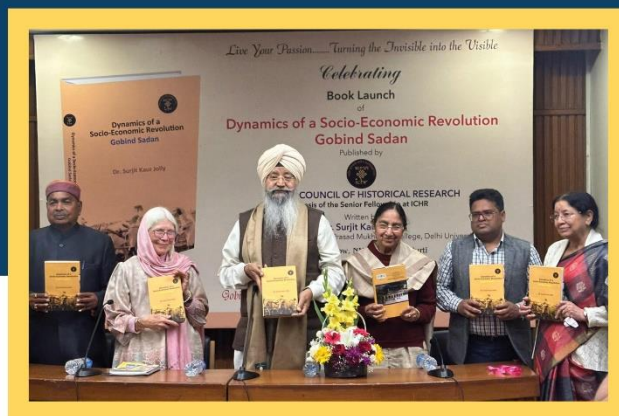


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February 21, 2025

**Chairman Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura participated
as the Chief Guest at the book launch of Dynamics
of a Socio-Economic Revolution**



February 15, 2025

**Chairman Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura held
a key meeting with Sikh minority leaders**



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February 12, 2025

Chairman Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura held a meeting with the Christian community
The Chairman emphasized inclusivity and support.



February 11, 2025

Chairman Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura attended the inauguration ceremony of the Annual Sports Meet as the Chief Guest at Anand College for Women, Jethuwal, Amritsar



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February 06, 2025

Chairman Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura visited Sambhal and met with prominent social, educational & religious leaders of notified minorities e.g. Sikh, Jain, Christian, Muslim and engaged with them to discuss community issues.



February 02, 2025

Chairman Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura participated as the Chief Guest in the Educational and Economic Awareness Seminar held at the India Islamic Culture Center, Delhi.



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February 01, 2025

**Hon'ble Chairman Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura
held a productive meeting with the
Muslim minority community at his residence**



Minorities of India: Contributors to a Stronger Nation

Part - 2 (Science)



Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Aerospace scientist and India's 11th President, Kalam led missile development and played a pivotal role in Pokhran-II nuclear tests, inspiring millions through his vision for a developed India.



Dr. Tessy Thomas

India's "Missile Woman," Dr. Tessy Thomas led Agni missile projects, becoming the first woman to head a missile project in India's DRDO, breaking gender and scientific barriers.



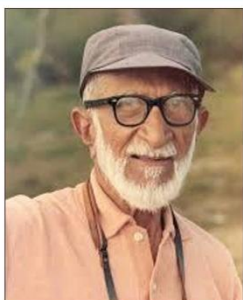
Narinder Singh Kapany

an Indian-American physicist, is renowned as the "Father of Fiber Optics." He pioneered fiber optics research and coined the term, revolutionizing telecommunications, medical imaging, and internet technologies through his groundbreaking innovations.



Dr. Syed Zahoor Qasim

Marine biologist who led India's first Antarctic expedition, Dr. Qasim significantly advanced oceanography and helped establish India's polar research initiatives and marine science institutions.



Dr. Salim Ali

India's pioneering ornithologist, Salim Ali revolutionized bird study in India, authored landmark books, and played a key role in shaping conservation policies and establishing bird sanctuaries.



Suresh Chand Jain

was an Indian physicist known for his contributions to solid state physics. He served as DRDO director and received the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize in 1966 for his impactful research.

11th Meeting (2024–25) of the National Commission for Minorities

Date: 12th February 2025

The meeting, chaired by Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, reviewed key agenda items and took the following decisions:

Key Directives and Discussions:

Sathiala Sports Complex (Punjab):

A letter is to be sent to the Chief Secretary of Punjab and the NCMEI, recommending the construction of a sports complex in Sathiala (Amritsar) to mark the 350th Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji in November 2025.

Sarv Dharm Samvad & Sadbhav Initiatives:

All States and Union Territories have been advised to periodically organize interfaith dialogues (Sarv Dharm Samvad) and communal harmony events (Sarv Dharm Sadbhav) involving religious leaders, NGOs, and district officials.

Chairman's Tours & Recommendations:

Ajmer, Rajasthan (4 January 2025):

Recommended appointing representatives from Sikh Community in the relevant board to help preserve Sikh cultural heritage.

Forwarded a petition from Bhartiya Jain Milan to the Ministry of Minority Affairs, recommending an increase in the scholarship age limit for minority children.

Patiala, Ropar & Una (11–12 January 2025)

Decided to write to the Ministry of Home Affairs urging early elections to SGPC, whose current term expired in 2016.

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Telangana & Karnataka (19–20 January 2025):

Recommended to the Chief Secretary of Telangana:

- A monthly honorarium of ₹7,500 for Granthis and Ragis serving at 44 Gurudwaras.
- Allocation of land for a Gurudwara and Sikh Cultural Centre in Hyderabad.
- Regularization of land and playground of Guru Nanak High School, Attapur.

Requested the Chief Secretary of Karnataka to allot category status to Sikhs in Bidar, enabling access to minority welfare benefits.

Institutional & Administrative Matters:

Event Management Proposal:

Recognizing limited viability, the Commission decided to re-examine the proposal for hiring an event management agency in consultation with the new Secretary, NCM.

RADA & NCHM Divisions and Young Professionals Hiring:

These initiatives are deferred until the completion of the SIU work study and availability of adequate manpower.

Printing and DTP Services:

The Commission approved continuation of printing services through Government e-Market-place (GeM), in line with procurement norms.

Review & Compliance Status:

CMS Portal & CPGRAMS:

No grievances pending beyond three months, indicating timely redressal.

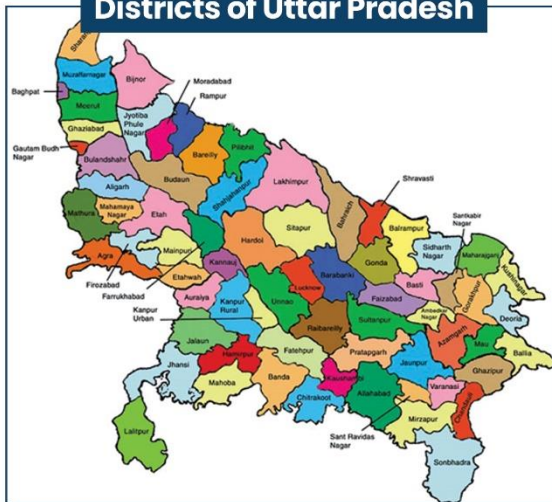
Upcoming Initiatives:

A Conference of State Minority Commissions is scheduled for March 2025.

Data of Minorities

Total Population	Minorities	Communities wise Breakup
199,812,341	39,903,467	Muslim- 38,483,967 Sikhs-643,500 Christian- 356,448 Buddhist-206,285 Jain-213,267

Districts of Uttar Pradesh



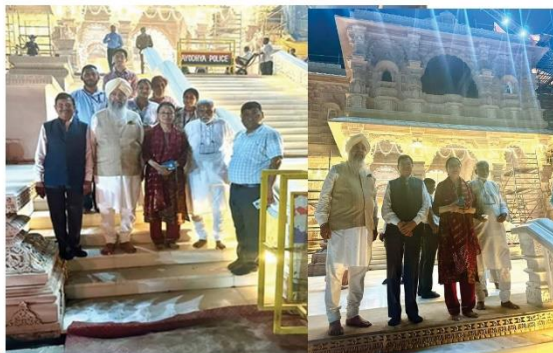
Grievances received during 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25*

2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25*	Total
745	955	734	447	2881

*Upto 11.02.2025

Reports to NCM pending for > 3 months(103)

- Chief Secretary - 17
- District Magistrate-49
- DGP/Commissioner of Police/Senior Superintendent of Police /Superintendent of Police - 25
- Other Authorities of Uttar Pradesh-12



Commission in Ayodhya, U.P.

Visit of Commission in Uttar Pradesh

- On 21-22 June, 2022 the Commission visited the state.
- On 23rd June, 2024 the Commission Member Ms. Rinchan Lhamo visited the state.
- On 4-5 July, 2024, the Commission Member Ms. Syed Shahezadi visited the state

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