

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-912
ANSWERED ON – 27/07/2026

INSTITUTIONAL OUTREACH BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES

912. SHRI BHASHYAM RAMA KRISHNA:

SHRI VIJAY CHINTAKAYALA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the major seminars, conferences and outreach programmes organised by the National Commission for Minorities during 2026;
- (b) the key research studies commissioned or completed by the Commission during the said period and their objective;
- (c) whether the findings and recommendations of such studies have been considered for policy formulation or implementation of minority welfare programmes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken to strengthen engagement with State Minorities Commissions and minority communities through institutional outreach initiatives?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) : The details of seminars and conference organised by National Commission for Minorities (NCM) are at Annexure.

(b) to (d): NCM has conducted a study on the subject “Contribution of Jain Community in the Field of Education” during 2026. The study documents the historical evolution, institutional contribution and educational philosophy of the Jain community in India. It captures the role of Jain trusts, philanthropists, educational institutions and community organisations in promoting learning, research, scholarships, value-based education and inclusive access to education.

(e): National Commission for Minorities (NCM), in discharge of its advisory and facilitative mandate, organized Conference of State Minorities Commissions on 19 May 2026 at New Delhi, which was attended by representatives of State Minorities Commissions, along with officials of State Governments and Union Territories. The Conference served as a platform to deliberate on institutional strengthening, administrative coordination, grievance redressal mechanisms, and the exchange of best practices for enhancing outreach and improving the delivery of welfare measures for minority communities.

Annexure to part(a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No 912 for answer on 27.07.2026 on the subject "Institutional Outreach by the National Commission for Minorities"

Details of the seminars, conference and outreach programmes organized by National Commission for Minorities during 2026

1. National Seminar on "Buddhism in Modern India: Navigating Cultural and Social Pathways" (27.02.2026, New Delhi)

The National Commission for Minorities (NCM) organized a national seminar on "Buddhism in Modern India: Navigating Cultural and Social Pathways" on 27.02.2026 in New Delhi. The Seminar was graced by Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs, and Hon'ble Minister of State for Minority Affairs. The seminar focused on heritage preservation, education, youth engagement and the role of Buddhist philosophy in promoting peace and social harmony. The seminar brought together policymakers, scholars, spiritual leaders, and community representatives to deliberate on the evolving role of Buddhism in India's socio-cultural landscape.

2. National Seminar on "The Contribution of the Jain Community to the Indian Economy, Education and Philanthropy" (23.04.2026, Indore)

National Commission for Minorities (NCM), in collaboration with Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV), Indore, organized a National Seminar on "The Contribution of the Jain Community to the Indian Economy, Education, and Philanthropy" on 23.4.2026 in Indore. The Seminar was graced by Hon'ble Minister of State for Minority Affairs. The seminar brought together scholars, academicians, industrialists, philanthropists, students, and members of the Jain community to discuss the community's significant role in nation-building.

3. National Seminar on "Parsis in Modern India: Navigating Cultural and Socio-Economic Pathways" (09.05.2026, Mumbai)

National Commission for Minorities (NCM) organized a National Seminar on "Parsis in Modern India: Navigating Cultural and Socio-Economic Pathways" on 09.05.2026 in Mumbai. The Seminar was graced by Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs, and Hon'ble Minister of State for Minority Affairs. The seminar focused on the preservation of Parsi heritage, socio-economic development, demographic challenges and the community's invaluable contribution to nation-building. The seminar brought together ministers, policymakers, scholars, industrialists, academicians, and members of the Parsi community to discuss issues related to cultural preservation, demographic challenges, and socio-economic development.

4. Conference of State Minorities Commissions (19.05.2026, New Delhi)

National Commission for Minorities organized the Conference of State Minorities Commissions on 19th May 2026 at New Delhi to discuss minority welfare, protection of minority rights and inclusive development. The Seminar was graced by Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs, and Hon'ble Minister of State for Minority Affairs. The Conference deliberated on best practices, challenges faced by State Commissions and the role of minority communities in nation-building. The conference brought together representatives from State Minorities Commissions, State Governments, Union Territories and minority communities to strengthen coordination and welfare mechanisms across the country.
