

MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN INDIA: PROFILE, PROBLEMS AND WAY FORWARD

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ABSTRACT

The recent slogan of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, "SABKA SATH, SABKA VIKAS AND SABKA PRAYAS", signifies development for the whole country. In a developed country, the benefits acquiring from the growth and development are equally shared by all the sections of the society. India has approximately 48.3% women population but empowerment of women in the critical infrastructure like education, health, employment, politics, services, security, ICT literacy, and leadership for 21st century skill requirement is still an unfulfilled dream. The problem is more severe in case of Muslim women. The backwardness of Muslims in India is a well-established fact but the prolonged backwardness has culminated a "sustenance" crisis. This paper provides an overview of poor participation of Muslims and especially Muslim women in the growth and development of the country.

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