

Panel:
Future of Religious Minorities: South Asian Perspective

Muslims were the largest religious minority in Indian subcontinent. When they demanded an independent homeland and struggled for Pakistan, other religious minorities in Muslim majority provinces supported the Muslim cause thinking that since Muslims themselves were an overall minority, they would take care of the non-Muslim communities. After Pakistan's creation, the dream of smaller religious communities, unfortunately, did not materialise.

This panel will examine various aspects and issues faced by non-Muslim communities in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and other South Asian countries; interfaith dialogue; religious freedom; and future pathways. The debate in the panel will focus on the following major questions:

1. What has been done to improve the status of religious minorities and how can we improve the current situation confronted by religious minorities in the region?
2. How can equality and justice be brought into the lives of minority communities in South Asian states?
3. How will these measures bring peace and harmony in the region?

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