

KHWAJA GHARIB UN NAWAZ INTERFAITH CENTRE
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A BRIEF REPORT ON CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

Christmas Day celebration has special attractions for people apart from its significance irrespective of their faith. Khwaja Gharib Un Nawaz Interfaith Centre is deeply committed to its celebration. This year the celebration took place on 24th December 2003 at K.G.N. Compound, Bangalore – 32. Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Ali Khan was the speaker and Mr. Raya Raddi, Advocate, High Court of Karnataka and former Chairman of BAR Council of Karnataka, presided over the function. The function started with prayers offered by students of different faiths. Then one Hindu, one Muslim student spoke about the significance of Christmas and how they as Hindu and Muslim feel proud of the celebration. There was a dance programme given by Hindu and Muslim students. One senior student played the role of Santa Claus. The students enjoyed this.

Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Ali Khan referred to the role of IARF in encouraging such interfaith programmes. He spoke about the message of Lord Jesus Christ to mankind and how his message is relevant to people of different faiths. He made a particular reference to the recognition of Jesus Christ as a Prophet in Islam. Mr. Raya Raddi, in his presidential address said that the message of Lord Jesus is relevant to Hindus also. He also referred to a great Hindu social reformer Lord Basaveshwara and said whatever Lord Basaveshwara preached in his days is also the message of Lord Jesus.

Students were given cakes, when some children were asked as to in which religious function cake is offered, they instantly said it is in Christmas festival. The majority of the students were Muslims. They really enjoyed the programme and could understand the role of Jesus Christ in promoting peace and harmony.

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