

Religious Tourism is one of the most significant and enduring forms of travel, attracting millions of pilgrims and spiritual seekers worldwide. It encompasses pilgrimages, visits to sacred sites, spiritual retreats, and heritage tourism. Throughout history, religious tourism has played a crucial role in shaping cultural identities, fostering interfaith interactions, and contributing to economic development. India, known for its spiritual heritage, is a key destination for religious tourism. It offers immense socio-economic opportunities by adopting sustainable and inclusive policies. The religious tourism in India can contribute significantly to the overall cultural, economic and social development while preserving the rich spiritual legacy of the nation.

In the contemporary era, religious tourism is undergoing transformations due to globalization, digitalization, and changing travel preferences. The rise of eco-friendly pilgrimage routes, virtual religious experiences, and the increasing commercialization of sacred sites have sparked academic and policy debates. Additionally, religious tourism serves as a medium for interfaith understanding, cultural diplomacy, and community development, making it a crucial area of study.

The Department of Islamic Studies, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) Rajouri, Jammu & Kashmir, which lies at a

distance of 180 Km from Srinagar and 150 Km from Jammu and is connected with road transport, is organizing a Two-day National Seminar to explore the concept, Trends and Future Prospects of religious tourism. The seminar will provide a platform for scholars, policymakers, religious institutions, and tourism professionals to engage in meaningful discussion on the challenges, opportunities and future prospects in this evolving field.

#### **Sub-Themes:**

- Religious tourism in Islamic thought and other religious traditions
- Spirituality, faith and travel: The philosophical dimensions of religious tourism
- Pilgrimage as a form of social and cultural mobility
- Eco-friendly and sustainable religious tourism
- Digitalization and virtual religious tourism
- Economic impact of religious tourism on local communities, Infrastructure development and employment generation
- Role of government and private sector in promoting religious tourism
- Preservation of religious sites and heritage tourism
- Interfaith interaction through religious tourism

- Multidisciplinary aspect and Scope of religious tourism
- Safeguarding cultural sensitivities in religious tourism
- Future directions: religious tourism in the age of globalization
- Religious tourism as an industry
- Prominent religious sites: Makkah and Madinah
- Role and Contribution of Hajj Committee of India, State Hajj Committees and Awqaf
- Religious tourism sites in Jammu & Kashmir
- Scope of religious tourism in Pir Panjal region of Jammu & Kashmir

Academicians, Research Scholars, Experts and Professionals are invited to send their research papers on relevant themes pertaining to the seminar on the below E-mail:

[seminarislamicstudies2025bgsbu@gmail.com](mailto:seminarislamicstudies2025bgsbu@gmail.com)

#### **Important Dates:**

- The last date for submission of full paper including abstract is 13<sup>th</sup> of April, 2025
- The notification for the acceptance of the paper is 14<sup>th</sup> of April, 2025

#### **Presentation:**

The time slot for the presentation would be 10 minutes only.

### Registration fee:

- Participation only: Rs. 500/-
- Participation, Paper Presentation and Publication: Rs. 1500/-

The last date for registration would be 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2025.

The registration form and guidelines about the mode of payment of registration fee will be communicated to the authors separately, whose papers would be approved for presentation.

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### Guidelines for the Paper Submission:

1. Kindly ensure that the text of your paper should not exceed 3000 words.
2. You are requested to divide your paper into the following sub-headings: **Title page, Abstract, Introduction, Main Body, Conclusion, End Notes and References.**
3. You are also requested to be judicious about the citation of the sources which you may consult in the preparation of your papers.
4. The font size of the **heading of your papers should be kept as 14** that of the **sub-headings 12 (bold)**, rest of the text as **12** and that of the **reference section 10**. All fonts should be in the **Times New Roman** only. The authors who are presenting their papers in the **Urdu script** should preferably use **Inpage Noori Nastaliq in 14 font size** and those who are presenting their papers in **Arabic script** should use **Sakal Mujallah in 14 font size**.

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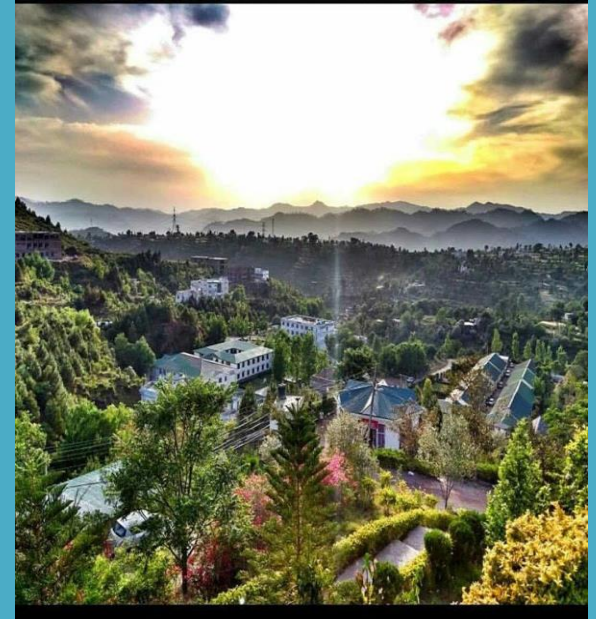
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## Two Day National Seminar Religious Tourism: Concept, Trends and Future Prospects 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2025



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