① Communal Harmony of Bangladesh / Bangladesh as a role model of communal harmony

"We are two flowers Hindu-muslim in the same steam.
muslim is his/her eye-stone and Hindu is his/her life."

- Kazi Nazrul Islam

Bangladesh is a small country in south Asia. Bangladesh witnessed a great diversity of faiths and religions from the very beginning of her independence that took place in 1971. But this did not interfered with the peaceful pursuit of the ways of life of different ~~people~~ sections. With some exceptions and detached incidents the people of Bangladesh irrespective of their cast & creed have been living together since the last ~~four decades~~ fifty years. The present condition of communal harmony in the perspective of Bangladesh is utmost satisfactory even though out nation is consist of multi-

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religious, multi ethnic and multi lingual nation of about 168 million people. In Bangladesh there is a long tradition that this multi variety people inspect-ire of race, religion, living together without any hostility. Hindus, muslims, buddhists, christians, Bengalis, tribals all are seem to be following the same thread and living in this small delta. The people of this country have supplicated the immortal message of Chandidash

"Above all, the truth of man is not over him"

Community :-

A community is a social unit (a group of living things) with commonality such as norms, religion, values, customs or identity. community may share common place which is situated in a given geographical area (e.g. a country, village, town etc) or in a virtual place through communication platforms. Briefly, community is a group of people living in the same place or having a common particular characteristic.

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Features of community

Features of community are as follows:

(a) Human group living in a specific areas.

(b) organized peoples on the basis of language, caste, religion etc.

(c) The sense of civilitation is strong.

(d) community members find all kinds of social relationships within their community

communal Harmony :

"communal Harmony" refers to the ~~Pandi~~ Principle that different peoples within a community or society must live together peacefully and in pursuit of mutual goals. A person's attitude is sometimes called communal, who is ready to contradict & hurt to another community or from another religion.

In short "communal Harmony" refers to the harmony, acceptance and love among the people of various communities irrespective of

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their castes, races or religions.

Bangladesh as a role model of communal Harmony

"Bangladesh is the epitome of religious Harmony"

→ Pope Francis

@ constitutional provision :-

Communal Harmony has got a special Place in the constitution of Bangladesh which was enacted in 1972. According to the constitution of peoples republic Bangladesh is a secular state where everybody enjoys equal rights to perform religious activities freely and spontaneously

In Article 2(a) of the constitution of Bangladesh the title of the state religion has been stated as "the state religion of the republic is Islam but the state shall ensure equal status and equal right in the practice of the Hindu, Buddist, Christian and other religions"

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In Article 12,

The principle of ~~Secu~~ secularism shall be realized by the elimination of-

(a) Communalism in all its forms

(b) The abuse of religion for political purpose.

(c) any Discrimination or persecution of persons Practicing a particular religion

(d) granting political status to any religion.

In Article 41

Every citizen ~~will get~~ has the rights of perform, promotion any religion :

① Each religious community has ~~ri~~ the rights of protecting their religious places or building religious places

(b) Different religious people in Bangladesh

A chart of religion-based population in Bangladesh is given below.

Name	percentage.
muslim	90.40%
Hindu	8.50
Buddhist	0.60%
Christian	0.30%
others	0.20%

[Source: cencus - 2011]

(c) Tribes, minor races, ethnic sects and communities.

50 tribals and indigenous communities live in Bangladesh and they speak in 32 different languages of their own.

According to the cencus report-2011, the number of tribals in Bangladesh is about 1.15 millions which is 1.10% of the population.

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ⓓ Bangladesh as a model of Cosmopolitan Spirit

Historically, Bangladesh is a land of communal Harmony. Although communal riots have been observed in different parts of India, it is less common in Bangladesh. Apart from a few isolated incidents in Bangladesh, the practice of communalism is not common but in south asia, Hindu-muslim clash in India, Tamil-sinhalese clash in srilanka, shia-sunni clash in pakistan, ethnic cleansing in mayanmar is a common phenomena. Therefore, in true sense, Bangladesh deserves to be a model of non-communal consciousness in the world.

"Bangladesh is a secular state. Hinds, muslims Buddhist will perform their religion according to their way. None will deter the others. But in the name of Islam, it will not be allowed to loot the peoples of Bangladesh."

- Bangabandhu sheikh mujibur Rahman

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(e) Liberation war & secular Bangladesh

In the 1971 war of liberation, Hindus, muslims, Buddhists and christians of Bengal fought together against the pakistani Army of occupation for the country and snatched final victory which bears the mark of secularism. That is why Bongabandhu shiekh mujiborne Rahman said treat

This country is not belongs to Hindu or muslim
This country is belongs to those who thinks
about the country, who becomes very glad
after seeing the welfare of country, who
becomes very sad for country's any kind
of sorrow

-Bangabandhu Shiekh Mujibur Rahman

(f) Cosmopolitan profile of Bangladesh

1. Abiding by the constitutional provision

Peoples abide the section 2(A), 12, 41

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2. National festivals :-

⇒ Everybody performs their own religious activities

Muslim - Eid

Hindu - Puja

Buddha - Punnima

Christian - Big day

⇒ National festival Together

26 march, Bangla & English new year, 16th December, 21st February, Pahela falgun etc

3. Religion is free from Politics

⇒ Religion is not used in Politics

⇒ Democracy (Parliamentary govt)

⇒ All religion cast Participate in national election Peacefully

4. Equal state facilities

stated in Article 12, 23(a), 19(3), 27, 28, 29(2), 31, 32, 34

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5. Freedom in speech

→ Everyone can express their opinion freely.

Moreover "communal Harmony" inspired us for the movement of state language in 1952, movement in 1956, 1968, 1966, 1969, 1970 & 1971

(g) Weaks Points of communal Harmony in BD

⇒ Fragile basement of democracy.

⇒ using religion form political interest

⇒ Lack of tolerance & sympathy

(h) Our responsibilities

⊙ not to torture minorities for power

⊙ Ban the abuse of religion in Politics

⊙ implementing the non-sectarian spirit of liberation war.

⊙ positive role of media

⊙ Abandon religious orthodoxy (গোঁড়ামি)

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Conclusion

We are all children of one country mother. Thats why, we are tied to the same thread whether we belongs to same or different community. It is the duty of our political leader to ensure communal harmony in the land of Golden Bangla because communal harmony can bring national peace and that will helps to develop the country in the aspects of social, Political, economical matter. Also, it is our duty to work together to retain the image of Bangladesh as a role model of "communal Harmony".

"There is no room for communalism in Bangladesh"

— Bangabandhu sheikh mujibur Rahman

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