

Nizamia issues fatwa against excess revelry during Milad-un-nabi

Hyderabad, February 03: A leading seminary of the city said on Thursday that the Muslims cannot be permitted to play music, sing and dance as a part of Milad-un Nabi (birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammed) celebrations on February 5.

Concerns have been expressed by a section of the community if such large-scale celebrations, a trend seen only in the past few years, has the sanction of the religion. Responding to a query posed by one Hamid, the 135-year-old Jamea Nizamia located in Shibli Gunj, Hussainialam, issued a fatwa barring the devout in indulging in any kind of celebration that is beyond the parameters of the Sharia or the Islamic law.

"Playing music at volume that could cause inconvenience to others is not allowed. If there is apprehension that reading the Koran loudly could disturb others, it should not be allowed," said the fatwa.

The edict signed by six senior functionaries of the Jamea also told the Muslims that making models of Kabatullah or the house of God in Mecca and dome of Prophet Mohammed's resting place in Madina 'is against the respect that is reserved to them.'

The fatwa, however, said the birthday of the Prophet was an occasion of joy for all the Muslims. The Muslims organize meetings to remember the Prophet, mass feeding camps and other charitable events. "But the expression of happiness should be within the limits of the Sharia," it said.

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