



CALL FOR PAPER

9th International Conference on

**Bridging the Soul:
Socio-religious Coexistence, Spirituality, and
Syed Ahmad Ullah's Philosophy
(ICBS 2027)**

Venue:

**BBA Faculty Auditorium &
Department of Islamic History & Culture
University of Chittagong**

Date: 17-18 January 2027



Jointly Organized by:
Department of Islamic History and Culture
University of Chittagong, Bangladesh
&
Darul Irfan Research Institute (DIRI)
Chattogram, Bangladesh.

Introduction

Syed Ahmad Ullah Maizbhandari (1826-1906), a highly renowned Islamic Jurist and Scholar of Islamic Studies, and famous Sufi master, founded the Maizbhandari Tariqa in the late 19th century. As the only Sufi order originating in Bengal, the tariqa has historically emphasized self-purification, tolerance, interfaith harmony, and socio-religious coexistence. It draws its legacy from profound spiritual teachings that have deeply influenced the South Asian mindset, fostering cultural synchronization and acting as an effective shield against religious extremism.

As part of the celebration of the bicentennial birth anniversary of Syed Ahmad Ullah Maizbhandari, Darul Irfan Research Institute (DIRI) will jointly organize an international conference with the Department of Islamic History and Culture, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. The title of the international conference is ***Bridging the Soul: Socio-religious Coexistence, Spirituality, and Syed Ahmad Ullah's Philosophy***. The conference aims to address the multidimensional impacts of Sufi thought in both historical and contemporary contexts.

This international conference will explore how Sufism, particularly the Maizbhandari Tariqa, responds to global and regional challenges of modern times. It will examine its relevance in the neo-reality of Bangladesh and its profound connection to ecology and eco-piety. By addressing these crucial areas, the conference will provide fresh insights into how the spiritual and social mindset of the present century can be reshaped to ensure inter-religious understanding and universal service to humanity. In short, through the lens of Maizbhandari Tariqa and the teachings of Syed Ahmad Ullah Maizbhandari, we want:

1. To explore the theoretical and practical implications of Sufism in South Asian mindset and socio-religious synchronization.
2. To foster discussions on eco-spirituality, the environment, and the ethical dimensions of Sufi thoughts.
3. To analyze the historical and contemporary role of Sufism in combating religious extremism.
4. To provide a platform for interdisciplinary research on inter-religious understanding, coexistence, and the role of the Maizbhandari Tariqa for the service of humanity.

We earnestly invite original research papers on topics including, but not limited to:

Main Theme

Bridging the Soul: Socio-religious Coexistence, Spirituality, and Syed Ahmad Ullah's Philosophy

Sub-Themes

- Sufism in South Asian Mindset
- Sufism and Socio-religious Synchronization
- Ecology and Environment in Sufi Thoughts
- Eco-spirituality and Eco-Piety
- Sufism and Neo-Reality in Bangladesh
- Sufi Thoughts against Religious Extremism
- Maizbhandari Tariqa and its Relation with other Tariqas
- Maizbhandari Tariqa and Inter-Religious Understanding
- Role of Maizbhandari Tariqa for the Service of Humanity

Important Dates

Abstract Due:	31 October 2026
Abstract Acceptance/Notification:	10 November 2026
Full Paper Submission Deadline:	10 December 2026
Registration Deadline:	20 December 2026
Conference Date:	17-18 January 2027

Submission Guidelines for abstracts

- An abstract must not exceed 200 words with 5-6 keywords.
- The abstract must be in MS Word format (Times New Roman, 12pt, justified)
- The abstract must contain researcher name(s), designation(s) and affiliation(s)
- A short Bio (must not exceed 200 words) and a Passport-size photograph of the researcher (s)
- The abstract must be submitted to **icbs2027.cu.diri@gmail.com** on or before 31 October 2026

Basic formatting of the manuscripts/articles

- Word limit is 5000-7000 words.
- All manuscripts must be in MS Word format - double spaced with one-inch (2.5 cm) margins, Times New Roman, 12 pt. Please attach file in MS Word.
- Quotations, notes, tables and figures should be prepared in accordance with MLA 9th edition.

Language: English and Bangla

Mode: Hybrid

Paper Submission

Please register and submit your abstract and full paper according to the guideline at **icbs2027.cu.diri@gmail.com**

Publication

All accepted papers will be published in the abstract book (ISBN: 978-984-35-9522-5) and will be distributed during the conference. Selected papers will be published in ***Darul Irfan Research Journal*** (ISSN: 2710-3595, eISSN: 3006-1520, with DOI number) after double blind peer review process.

For Paper Presenters

International paper presenters will be provided with accommodation and local transport facilities by the organizers but there will be no funding for international travel expenses.

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