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Press Invite/ Release

Rajmohan Gandhi to deliver a talk at Jamia Millia Islamia marking the institution of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan Annual Memorial lecture

Jamia Millia Islamia has instituted an annual lecture after the Frontier Gandhi, Bharat Ratna **Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan**. An introductory talk on Badshah Khan will be delivered by Rajmohan Gandhi on February 21 at 3.00 pm at the university's Noam Chomsky Complex.

The Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan Annual Memorial lecture has been instituted by the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, JMI.

Marking the occasion, Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor JMI shall unveil a rare portrait of Ghaffar Khan with Mahatma Gandhi in the Library of the Centre.

An exhibition on the life and times of Ghaffar Khan for which the Centre has collaborated with the Nehru Museum and Memorial Library will also be opened by the VC-JMI.

Shri Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi who has done a book on Ghaffar Khan, shall deliver his introductory lecture on Badshah Khan's life, works and contributions to freedom movement.

A close associate of Mahatma Gandhi and a votary of non-violence, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan also known as Badshah Khan was born in 1890. After partition, he spent more than 27 years in prison in his pursuit of Pakhtun autonomy, peace, and non-violence.

Khan visited India many a times as state guest and was conferred by the Indian government with its highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna in 1987.

Rajmohan Gandhi, author of *Ghaffar Khan: Nonviolent Badshah of the Pakhtuns* will offer insights into the life and achievements of the Frontier Gandhi. Drawing close parallels with the life of Mahatma Gandhi, his 'brother in spirit', Rajmohan looks at Ghaffar Khan with the spectacles of today rather than those of 1947, emphasizing that for people in the twenty-first century who live in the shadow of September 9/11, Badshah Khan's unwavering commitment to non-violence and Hindu-Muslim unity offers valuable lessons.

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