

## Event Report

### **Samosa-e-Khaas – A Competition Where Samosa Meets Fusion**

Organized by

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As part of the Talimi Mela 2025 celebrations commemorating 105 years of Jamia Millia Islamia, the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management (DTHM), Faculty of Management Studies, organized an exciting culinary event titled “Samosa-e-Khaas: A Competition Where Samosa Meets Fusion” on October 31, 2025. The event celebrated innovation and creativity in traditional Indian snacks through a fusion-based culinary competition open to all students of Jamia. The event was organized in collaboration with Mezbaan-e-Sayyah (Tourism Youth Club), DTHM, JMI.

The competition aimed to encourage students to experiment with flavours, ingredients, and presentation styles while maintaining the cultural essence of the beloved samosa. Participants were invited to reimagine the classic dish by blending it with international or regional cuisines, thereby reflecting the idea of culinary fusion and global harmony through food.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various departments of Jamia. Each team showcased unique variations of samosas - from Indo-Mexican to Spanish, Middle Eastern fusions to local regional twists - impressing the judges with their creativity, taste, and presentation. The vibrant atmosphere was filled with aromas, energy, and a spirit of friendly competition, fostering learning and collaboration among students.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Sarah Hussain, Head, Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, who appreciated the students' enthusiasm and innovation. She mentioned that cooking is a life skill and should not be considered a gender specific role. The judging panel included Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management's faculty members - Dr. Vijay Kumar, Dr. Nusrat Yasmeen along with Prof. Sarah Hussain, who evaluated the dishes based on creativity, taste, presentation, and fusion concept. Awards were given to Ms. Sana Khaliq and Ms. Mehroonissa from the Department of Hospital Management and Hospice Studies for 1st position, followed by Mr. Majid and Mr. Yusuf from the Department of Foreign Languages in 2<sup>nd</sup> position, and Ms. Ariba and Ms. Huma from the Jamia Senior Secondary School securing 3rd position. All the participants received certificates and a token of appreciation. Such events help in building harmony and foster interaction among various areas of specialisations including Management, Sciences, Humanities, Law, and Education etc.

