

President of Turkey Honoured





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From the Vice Chancellor



t the outset let me congratulate all faculty members, staff and students on the high ranking that Jamia Millia Islamia has attained in the last one year placing the university firmly on the national and international arena in higher education. JMI was ranked 12th among 750 universities from across the country in the coveted National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2017 by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. It is also heartening that among engineering institutions our Faculty of Engineering and Technology has been put at the 20th position in the same ranking.

It is indeed a matter of pride for us that for the first time we have been ranked at 200 by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) University Rankings for Asia and 201-250 in BRICS ranking. We are among the top 1,000 institutions worldwide in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2018.

There has been a significant increase in academic exchange of faculty members, researchers and students with renowned international institutions. This is evident from the fact that JMI has conducted a large number of GIAN courses in the last two years and signed MoUs with various institutions both nationally and globally. JMI has the unique distinction of being the only university in the country to sign MoUs with all the three armed forces - the Army, the Air Force and the Navy - to enable their personnel to undertake graduate and postgraduate programmes through distance learning mode.

Keeping in view the job opportunities in emerging areas we have introduced nine courses from this academic session. These are Master of Library & Information Science, PG Diploma in Air & Space Law, Diploma in Korean Language, Certificate in Ticketing & Air Fare Construction, Certificate in Tour Guiding & Leadership, Certificate in Escorting & Tour Management, Certificate in Medical and Wellness Tourism, M.Sc. in Disaster Management and Climate Sustainability Studies and PG Diploma in Labour Law.

It has been our continuous endeavour to provide a conducive environment for our girl students who come from far-flung areas of the country. We have built two new hostels for women raising their residential capacity by more than 1,100 seats.

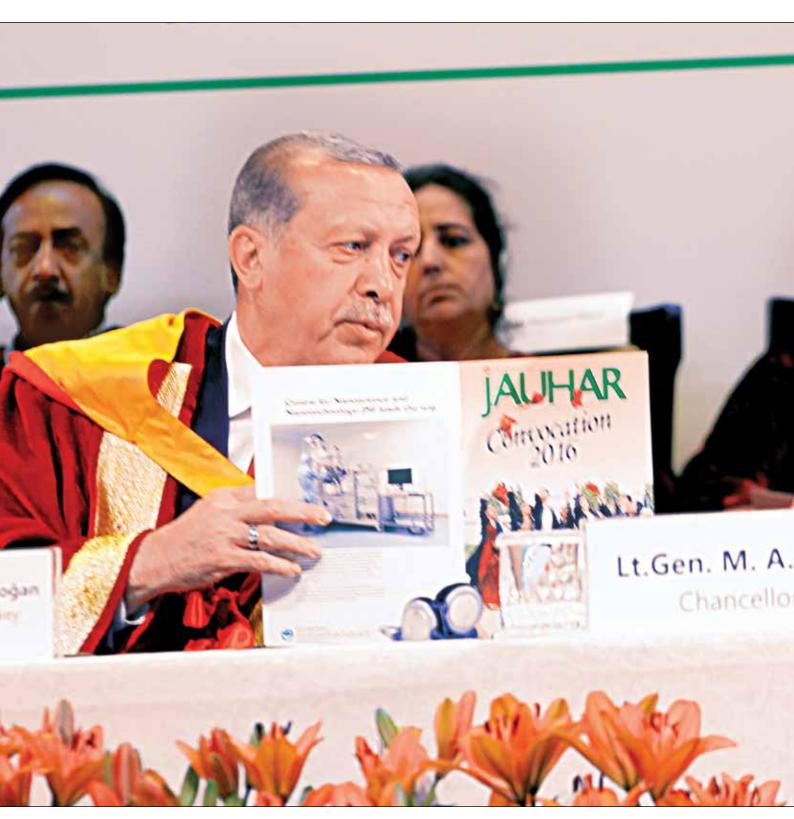
All this academic and infrastructural expansion has been possible due to the collaborative efforts of the entire JMI fraternity. I look forward to their continued cooperation in taking the university to greater heights.

While we keep embracing new research, pedagogical and curricular developments to match high academic standards, we hope that our students will make full use of these facilities to excel in whichever field or career they choose.

Prof. Talat Ahmad Vice Chancellor, JMI



HIGH HONOUR JMI confers Honoris Cau



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Building on its relations with Turkey, Jamia Millia Islamia felicitated the President of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, with the Degree of Doctor of Letters

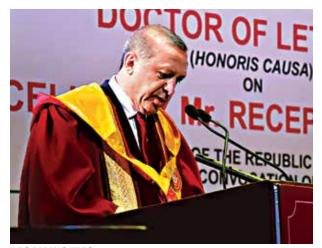
t was a red-letter day for Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) and for its special relationship with Turkey when the University conferred the degree of Honoris Causa on the President of the Republic of Turkey, Mr Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The Turkish President was conferred with the Degree of Doctor of Letters for "his contribution to strengthen international cooperation, peace and diplomacy as well as for his extraordinary humanitarian aid to millions of refugees"at a glittering special convocation function at JMI, that witnessed an impressive turnout of foreign dignitaries, staff, students and faculty of JMI.

The degree was conferred in May 2017 by the then JMI Chancellor, Lt. Gen (Retd.) Mr M.A. Zaki. JMI Vice Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad who read out the citation said that when talking about Indo-Turkish relations, Jamia Millia Islamia's role is hard to ignore given that some of the legendary founders of the university like Dr M.A. Ansari were the very people who led the Indian Medical Mission to Turkey to treat Ottoman soldiers wounded in the 1912-13 Balkan Wars. It was no accident that the venue of the special convocation function, the Dr M.A. Ansari Auditorium, was named after the renowned freedom fighter, founding father and Chancellor of JMI and an extraordinary physician, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad Ansari. He was especially chosen for the mission by the Ali brothers, Mohammad Ali and Shaukat Ali.

Dr Ansari later led the Khilafat delegation to England in 1920 with the objective

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: President Erdogan browsing through an earlier issue of Jauhar, JMI's Quarterly Newsletter.



RECALLING TIES: President Erdogan addressing the audience.

to secure a just and honourable peace for Turkey and the Caliph. He served as JMI Chancellor from 1928-36.

Notably, the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, gave his unflinching support to both the causes - that of the solidarity with the Turkish people as signified in the Khilafat Movement that went hand in hand with the Non-Cooperation Movement and the setting up of Jamia Millia University in 1920. The Khilafat movement was not just a rallying of support with the Ottoman Sultan against the British government but was also a signifier of Hindu Muslim unity that was characteristic of Indian nationalism of the time.

Expressing his deep gratitude and appreciation to JMI for conferring the honour on him, President Erdogan said that he was delighted to accept the honorary degree from a university which has played a significant role not only in India's freedom movement but also in the manner it supported the Khilafat movement in the 1920s and stood by the Turkish people and its founders.

Citing the common factors and familiarity between the Indian and Turkish cultures, President Erdogan said that "culture and education" were potential areas which could take the relationship between both countries to the next level.

A strong advocate for India's membership to the UN Security Council, President Erdogan said that the international order cannot be called a just one till India's 1.3 billion people are given representation in the world body.

Critical of the current structure of the Security Council as 'arbitrary', the Turkish President said it was set up to address the crisis emanating from World War II, but that situation has now changed drastically. It, therefore, requires a thorough restructuring to conform to and address the current geo-political reality of the world.

"Only five permanent members of the Council are deciding the fate of the entire world which is not fair," he rued, adding,



ENRAPT AUDIENCE: The special convocation function witnessed an impressive turnout of faculty, staff and students.

the Council must ensure that it gives a voice and representation to India that is inhabited by 1.3 billion people.

The President who had also met and had talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the meeting as "very fruitful". He said Turkey was keen to expand trade and commercial ties with India, as the volume of trade was yet to reach its actual potential.

The Turkish President also shared his thoughts on terrorism, the bane of many nations across the world. He said the menace has to be fought collectively and it is unfair to associate it with any one specific religion. He said that indulging in acts of terrorism in the name of Islam is nothing but blasphemy. He particularly named ISIS and Al Qaeda for bringing a bad name to Islam.

Speaking about the war and refugee crisis besieging Syria, President Erdogan said that since the beginning of the Syrian crisis, Turkey has opened its doors to refugees from the neighbouring country. He said that the international community also has a responsibility to do something for them. Turkey has made a conscientious effort to help them as "we should not become tyrants" by becoming indifferent to the sufferings of others.

The Registrar, Mr A.P. Siddiqui who conducted the proceedings of the special convocation expressed his gratitude to the President of Turkey for "graciously accepting the degree" and hoped that this gesture would go a long way in further strengthening the ties between India and Turkev.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ahmad, himself an eminent Earth Scientist urged President Erdogan to support the university in research and teaching in Earthquake Risk Management for which some Turkish universities are internationally known.

The Special Convocation was attended among others by a 90-member strong Turkish delegation accompanying the President, the Turkish Ambassador to India, Mr Shakir Ozkan Torunlar, Saudi Ambassador Mr Saud Mohammad Al-Sati, officials of the Ministry of External Affairs, Heads of various Diplomatic Missions in Delhi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shahid Ashraf, OSD to VC Prof. Sharfuddin Ahmad, Deans, Heads, Directors, faculty members and students of JMI.

Ties that go a long way

In his address to the august gathering at Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), President Erdogan said that "culture and education" were potential areas that could take the relationship between India and Turkey to the next level.

It is indeed a moment of pride for JMI that it has forged a relationship with Turkey that is both commendable and mutually beneficial. JMI has made every effort to ensure that these old ties with Turkey are not only retained but nurtured and passed down to future generations.

In 2006-07, JMI became the first university in India to offer the Turkish Language through an MoU signed between JMI and Turkish International Cooperation Agency (TIKA). Today, the Faculty of Humanities and Languages runs several undergraduate and diploma programmes such as:

- B.A. (Hons.) Turkish Language & Literature
- · Advance Diploma in Turkish (Part-time)
- Diploma in Turkish (Part-time)
- Certificate in Turkish (Part-time)

In recent years, JMI has signed significant MoUs with three Turkish Universities. In 2011, JMI signed a fresh MoU with the Yunus Emre Institute, Ankara, Turkey. This was followed by two more MoUs, which were signed in 2013 with the Istanbul University and the Kadir Has University. Till date, more than 35 students from JMI have visited Turkey on summer scholarships.

Currently, 15 students have won the YTB Fellowship to pursue a Masters course in Turkish Language & Literature provided by the Turkish Government.

So far, 19 visiting faculty and teachers from Turkey have visited JMI to teach Turkish language and literature. M.A. programmes have also been proposed.

Well-deserved accolades for the Vice Chancellor



RECOGNITION: VC Prof. Talat Ahmad receiving the Capital Foundation National Award from Union Minister Mr Ravi Shankar Prasad.

amia Millia Islamia (JMI) has shown a phenomenal growth under the leadership and able guidance of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Talat Ahmad. He has made invaluable contribution in shaping the image of the university making it an educational institution to reckon with both nationally and internationally. He has received accolades for his untiring efforts and rightly so.

Capital Foundation National Award for VC

Jamia Millia Islamia Vice Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad has been conferred with the prestigious 'Capital Foundation National Award' in recognition of his contribution to 'University Administration and Academic Excellence'. The award, instituted by the Capital Foundation Society, a non-governmental, non-profit organisation was presented to him by Union Minister for Law & Justice, Electronics and IT, Mr Ravi Shankar Prasad at an impressive function in Delhi.

Receiving the honour, Prof. Ahmad said that they have recognised his contribution especially his approach in linking and mainstreaming University of Kashmir with other institutions of the country. Before coming to JMI, Prof. Talat Ahmad had served as Vice Chancellor of the University of Kashmir.

The Delhi-based Society, established in 1987 has been engaged in bringing together people of thought and learning to deliberate and articulate public opinion on issues of



CONFERRED: The VC, seen here with CUNY Faculty and AAANY Team, received the Sir Syed Lifetime Achievement Award in New York.

national and international importance and matters of public policy.

VC gets Sir Syed Lifetime Achievement Award in New York

Prof. Talat Ahmad was conferred with the 'Sir Syed Lifetime Achievement Award' for his exceptional contribution to the promotion of education and scientific research by the Aligarh Alumni Association, New York (AAANY) at a function.

The award was presented in New York on November 4, 2017, at the Sir Syed Ahmad Khan Bicentennial celebrations where the VC, an alumnus of AMU, was the chief guest.

Prof. Ahmad accompanied by AMU alumni, New York, also visited the Brooklyn College, City University of New York (CUNY) to explore opportunities for collaboration between the Centre for Early Childhood Development and Research (CECDR), JMI, and the School of Early Childhood and Arts Education. CUNY.

In his interaction with his hosts from Brooklyn College, including Prof. Jacqueline Shannon (Chair, School of Early Childhood and Arts Education), Prof. Mary Debey and Prof. Shaheen Usmani, Prof. Ahmad emphasised the need for inclusive education and discussed the state of children with disabilities and developmental delays in India.

Citing the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO 2002), which put the number of

disabled in India at approximately 18.5 million (1.8% of the population), both Prof. Ahmad and Prof. Debey talked about the tremendous task ahead in addressing this problem.

Prof. Ahmad spoke about the significance of Nai Taleem (New Education) programme and Talimi Mela (Educational Fair) of JMI. Prof. Shaheen Usmani spoke about her project Rehbar (Mentor), a literacy and skill enhancement project designed for the gardeners, janitors and construction workers of JMI.

Prof. Ahmad was given a guided tour of the Early Childhood Center by the Educational Director, Early Childhood Center, Dr Colleen Goddard and Director, Maryann Moran. Success stories of children with developmental delays displaying remarkable progress after treatment were shared by the staff.

Some of the key points discussed for collaboration between the two institutions included developing a detailed proposal of cooperation jointly by staffs at CECDR and Brooklyn College. Brooklyn College can help examine the present curriculum for MA in Early Childhood Development offered by JMI to make it more responsive and in line with the best. Brooklyn College may also offer to conduct training and build the capacity of both CECDR staff as well as teachers of early grades in Jamia schools.

It was also suggested that the Advanced Certificate in Early Intervention of Brooklyn College could be co-transacted with CECDR for a joint certification. Few other courses could also be developed for transaction in a hybrid mode. It was proposed that the two institutions may study the possibility of conducting joint action researches to validate some of the interventions and explore options to develop context-specific public and instructional materials in early interventions, including short spots and films.

Brooklyn College/CECDR may apply for grants in their respective countries to support this cooperation and its various activities.

Both the Dean and the VC agreed in principle to provide resources and other facilities in validating the proposal. It was also suggested that online training courses should be started as early as possible.

Prof. Ahmad expressed the immediate need for research in developing the training programmes. He invited the Brooklyn College faculty to JMI to study the feasibility of the project. At the same time, JMI faculty may visit Brooklyn College and study how early interventions are put into practice.



ANOTHER HONOUR: Prof. Ahmad being felicitated for winning the Most Eminent Vice Chancellor Award 2017.

Dean Bedford promised to take the proposal further and looked forward to signing a Memorandum of Understanding with JMI.

VC felicitated for 'Most Eminent Vice Chancellor Award 2017'

Prof. Talat Ahmad has been felicitated for being conferred with the 7th Bhartiya Manava Adhikar Samman 2017 (Most Eminent Vice Chancellor Award 2017) at a function organised by the Anglo Arabic School and Delhi College Old Boys' Association in New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, the VC attributed the awards and honours, which he had received to the combined efforts of the faculty and staff of the university and not him alone. All these have synergised to take JMI at a higher level in the field of academic excellence and "we are getting due recognition for our endeavour," he said.

Emphasising the importance of education for the progress of the society, Prof Ahmad said that it was imperative on the part of JMI and other institutions of learning to impart knowledge and contribute to nation-building.

The speakers included journalist and former Parliamentarian, Mr Meem Afzal, senior journalist and editor of *Nai Duniva*, Mr Shahid Siddiqui, president of India Islamic Cultural Centre, Mr Sirajuddin Qureshi, Director of Hamdard Waqf Laboratories, Mr Hamid Ahmed and Urdu journalist, Mr Azeem Akhtar. They praised Prof Ahmad for his contribution in making JMI an institution par excellence. The award is instituted by the All India Council of Human Rights, Liberties & Social Justice (AICHLS).

University touching greater heights

amia Millia Islamia is reaching admirable heights with rapid strides that U it has taken in the field of education and research. Its concerted efforts over the years in imparting quality education has made it a university to reckon with not only in India but also internationally.

A committed faculty dedicated to grooming the youth of the country coupled with the latest educational and research tools have helped the university in reaching great heights.

JMI is 12th among universities in India

Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) has been ranked at the 12th position among universities in the country by the Ministry of Human Resource Development's (MHRD) National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

The basis is parameters that teaching, learning and resources, research and professional practices, graduation outcomes, outreach and inclusivity and perception.

NIRF in its India Rankings Report-2017, released by Human Resource Development Minister Mr Prakash Javadekar has placed JMI at the 20th position in the 'overall ranking' that includes the IITs and some top technical institutions.

Among engineering institutions, the Faculty of Engineering and Technology of the university has also been

ranked at the 20thposition. JMI ranks 6th among Central universities as per the ranking details.

Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, JMI said that he was "elated at the news of JMI being ranked among the top 20 universities in the country. The university has come a long way and we hope to perform even better in the future," he said.

Prof. Shahid Ashraf, Pro-Vice-Chancel-

lor, JMI, thanked all the colleagues and faculty members for their contribution in helping JMI secure such a good ranking in NIRF.

Among top 1,000 institutions in the world

JMI was recently ranked among the top 1,000 institutions worldwide in the coveted Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking, 2018. "This is an indicator of JMI's growing international repute and standards," said Prof. Talat Ahmad.

"The international rankings reflect our efforts to improve key academic and teaching parameters. However, there is room for further improvement to ensure a better place internationally," he added.

Ranked 200 among Asian Universities

JMI has been ranked at 200 by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) University Rankings for Asia with an overall score of 29.5. The ninth edition of '2018 QS World University Rankings: Asia' featured 400 institutions from 17 countries.

According to the QS Ranking website, the scale of the ranking makes the exercise "the most extensive source of comparative, expert data about universities in Asia.'

Ten indicators that included, academic reputation, papers per faculty, citations per paper, staff with Ph.D, international faculty were employed

to rank universities in the Asian region.

Prof. Talat Ahmad said that it is heartening to see that the university is consistently being positioned highly in international rankings.

Prof. Shafeeque Ahmed Ansari, Honorary Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), JMI said that the ranking showed that JMI is moving in the right direction. •

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JMI gets its first woman Chancellor

rand niece of independent India's first Education Minister, Maulana 📕 Abul Kalam Azad, Dr Najma A. Heptulla, Governor of Manipur and former Union Minister for Minority Affairs, has become the first woman Chancellor of the prestigious Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI).

Dr Heptulla who already holds the office of Chancellor at two Manipur universities, was unanimously elected as Amir-e-Jamia (Chancellor) of JMI by the Anjuman (University's Court) in a special meeting held on May 25, 2017.

Seventy seven-year-old Dr Heptulla who will hold office for five years, succeeds Lt. Gen. (Retd.) M.A. Zaki who has completed his five year term. Dr Heptulla's tenure came into effect from May 26, 2017.

A distinguished Parliamentarian and

political stalwart who has held many a high office, Dr Heptulla has been a five-time member of the Rajya Sabha between 1986 and 2012. She ably fulfilled her role as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha for 16 long years.

A strong defender of women's empowerment she had the distinction of presiding over the women's Parliamentarians' group, the Conference of Women Par-

liamentarians of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in New Delhi, in 1992. She also played a prominent role in the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. Apart from this, she was also the head of the Indian delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in 1997.

Nominated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as its human development ambassador, Dr Heptulla was elected President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), a Geneva-based international organisation from 1999 to 2002.

She served as the Union Minister of Minority Affairs in Prime Minister Nar-



POLITICAL STALWART: Veteran Parliamentarian, Dr Najma Heptulla has held many a high office.

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endra Modi's cabinet before being appointed as Governor of Manipur.

A prolific writer, well known for her love for academics, women's issues, environment and health, Dr Heptulla has authored a book, 'AIDS: Approaches to Prevention'. She has also written many research papers and articles in national and international journals on human

social security, sustainable development, environment, women's issues and reforms and ties between India and West Asia, subjects close to her heart.

Expressing happiness over her election as Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, JMI said, "the university will greatly benefit from her rich experience in both political and public life. It will be our privilege to work with her and to learn from her distinguished career in Parliament and internationally.'

Prof. Ahmad added that the university would also like to thank the outgoing Chancellor for his unstinting support and guidance. \P



PHOTO OP: Chancellor Dr Najma Heptulla and Vice Chancellor Prof. Talat Ahmad flanked by former Rajya Sabha member and BJP leader Tarun Vijay, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Shahid Ashraf and Registrar Mr A.P. Siddiqui and staff and faculty of Jamia Millia Islamia.

Chancellor Dr Heptulla unveils the 'Wall of Heroes'

n her very first visit to Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) as Chancellor of the University, the Governor of Manipur, Dr Najma A. Heptulla inaugurated a 'Wall of War Heroes', dedicated to the brave men

and freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the nation. She also inaugurated the impressive national flag, hoisted on a 102 feet high pole at the University precincts. A guard of honour by JMI's NCC cadets was also presented to Dr Heptulla, JMI's first woman Chancellor, and the national anthem was played following the hoisting of the flag outside the university's administrative block.

A recent addition to the grand old institution, The 'Wall of War Heroes' raised in memory of the bravehearts, displays portraits of 21 martyred Param Vir Chakra

recipients. Former Rajya Sabha member and BJP leader, Mr Tarun Vijay, who had advocated the idea of instituting a 'Wall of War Heroes' in various central univer-

sities across the country, accompanied Dr Heptulla on her first visit to JMI.

It was also an occasion to honour the contributions of JMI's founding fathers and contributors whose veoman efforts had

strengthened its rock solid foundation and enhanced the institution's reputation.

A 'Wall of Founders and Contributors', sharing space with one dedicated to JMI's Vice Chancellors and overlooking the 'wall of war heroes', was also unveiled by Dr Heptulla at the Dr Zakir Husain Library.

The function was attended by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad, Pro- Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shahid Ashraf, Registrar, Mr A.P. Siddiqui, Finance Officer, Mr Sanjay Kumar, Deans, Heads of Departments, Directors of Centres and senior offi-

Sharing his thoughts on the occasion, Mr Tarun Vijay said JMI is a historic institution of freedom fighters who had sacrificed

of the portraits of the war heroes and the 30 ft. x 20 ft. flag signifying

The installation

will inspire and inculcate a spirit

cials of the university.

their lives for the nation.

"It is very thoughtful of the university that they have displayed portraits of the war heroes and its founders facing each other," Mr Vijay said adding that it would be a reminder to the future generations that wisdom and valour were fulfilled and came together in Jamia Millia Islamia.

The portraits of 'founders and contributors' include that of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Dr Zakir Husain, Shaikhul Hind Maulana Mehmud Hasan, Hakim Ajmal Khan, Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar and Dr Mukhtar Ahmad Ansari.

Dr Heptulla who has the distinction of being the first woman Chancellor of the university also interacted with the Deans, Heads of Departments and Directors of Centres of JMI during her over two-hour stay at the university.

Expressing deep emotional attachment with JMI, being the granddaughter of freedom fighter and independent India's first Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, whose contributions to JMI as one of its founders are well-known, she said, "Jamia is in my blood. It is a historical moment that I have the honour of inaugurating the national flag at an institution that has a rich nationalist past and has been in the forefront of the freedom struggle."

"An institution that had its humble beginnings in Aligarh has today grown into an impressive university and has kept the promises and ideals fostered by its founders. I salute this spirit of JMI and its founders who set it up on the solid bedrock of nationalism and unity in diversity,' Dr Heptulla added.

As Chancellor of two universities in Manipur, Dr Heptulla said she would like to connect JMI's coveted AJK Mass Communication Research Centre and the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research with them. This, she added, would be in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's North East policy and his motto of development for all encapsulated in 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'.

JMI Vice Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad said it was a momentous occasion for the university as its first woman Chancellor is visiting the university for the first time after assuming charge. It proves that JMI takes pride in maintaining gender equality. "We have high hopes from the Chancellor

who is a seasoned politician and is well known for her love for academics," said Prof. Ahmad.

Prof Ahmad added that the installation of the portraits of the war heroes and the 30 ft. x 20 ft. flag signifying 'strong India' will





LEST WE FORGET: Top: The Wall of War Heroes, a recent addition, raised in memory of the bravehearts, displays portraits of 21 martyred Param Vir Chakra recipients at JMI Central Library. Below: The Wall of Founders and Contributors, inaugurated by Dr Heptulla, shares space with one dedicated to JMI's Vice Chancellors.

inspire and inculcate a spirit of patriotism and national integration among students.

Dr Sabiha Anjum Zaidi, Director, JMI's Premchand Archives and Literary Centre, provided a detailed account of the contributions of the prominent JMI founders and the university's rich history. She reminded the gathering about the role of the Father of the Nation in guiding JMI in its nascent years when it was undergoing financial difficulties. •



Hotmail founder conferred the 'Ímtiaz-e-Jamia'

amia Millia Islamia (JMI) conferred its highest award, 'Ímtiaz-e-Jamia' on renowned entrepreneur, innovator and Hotmail founder Sabeer Bhatia for his 'outstanding contributions to public service and for technological innovation for the benefit of the society,' at a glittering event at the university.

US-based Mr Bhatia, 50, who at a very young age took the world by storm by his innovations was feted at the university at an impressive function recently. A plaque with a citation and a shawl was presented to Mr Bhatia by JMI Vice Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad, amidst loud applause by the assembled gathering, largely students and faculty from Science and Technology Departments. The citation read: 'JMI confers Ímtiaz-e-Jamia on Mr Sabeer Bhatia, entrepreneur, philanthropist and innovator for his outstanding contributions to public service throughout his life.'

Presenting the award the Vice Chancellor said the idea behind instituting this award is to identify outstanding Indians across the world and give due recognition to them for the contributions towards the betterment of the society.

The Vice Chancellor exhorted the students to think out-of-the-box to succeed and make a mark. They must learn to take risks and not be deterred by challenges. He urged the students to focus on innovations that would help and cater to the rural masses.

In his acceptance speech, Mr Bhatia, who subsequently sold-off Hotmail to Microsoft in 1998, gave a stimulating talk on entrepreneurship and the future of information technology. Recounting his days as a student at California Institute of Technology and Stanford University, he encouraged the students to develop innovative ideas and be open to risks that come with entrepreneurship. One should be prepared to face failure. There should be no shame in failing, he added.

With technology changing at a rapid pace, he said that newer technology makes old technology obsolete. Neural networks are the new paradigm of technology, he said, adding that the Internet of Things (IoT) will bring in the next wave of revolution that



WELL DESERVED: Mr Sabeer Bhatia being feted by Vice Chancellor Prof. Talat Ahmad and senior officials of JMI

will transform the society. With IoT, all objects will have some intelligence device and will send data to the cloud that will be useful to all stakeholders, Mr Bhatia said.

Artificial Intelligence (AI), Mr Bhatia said is future technology. It will bring sweeping changes in the lives of people and business as machines and superior algorithm will outdo human intelligence. He said that though algorithms are good for machines, it is not how the human brain works. Though algorithms have more accurate analytical ability they lack emotions that human beings can express, he said.

Among those present at the award ceremony were Mr Javed Yunus, Senior Advisor of Aramco Asia India Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of Saudi Arabia's National Oil Company, Aramco, JMI Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shahid Ashraf, Registrar, Mr A.P. Siddiqui (IPS), Finance Officer, Mr Sanjay Kumar, Director FTK Centre for Information Technology, Prof. Doja, Deans, Heads of Departments and Directors of Centres, faculty members and students.

Mr Bhatia accompanied by Prof. Talat Ahmad and Registrar, Mr A.P. Siddiqui also visited JMI's Premchand Archives and Literary Centre which houses rare photographs, archival records and memorabilia of JMI founders, former Vice Chancellors and major literary figures who were a part of the 98-year-old history of the university. Prof. Sabiha A. Zaidi, Director of the Archives took them on a guided tour of the different sections of the centre.



PROUD LEGACY: Prof. Talat Ahmad looking at the exhibits along with the Hakim's eldest great grandson, Mr Masroor Khan.

Exhibition in memory of founder & first Chancellor



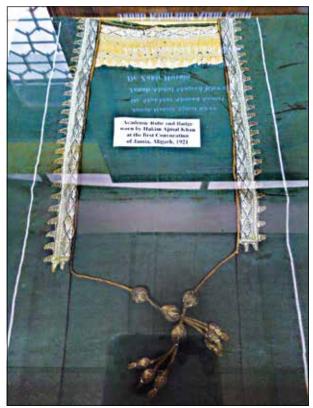
PAYING RESPECT: Vice Chancellor Prof. Talat Ahmad garlands the bust of JMI founder and first Chancellor, Hakim M. Ajmal Khan.

n academic robe and badge worn by Hakim Mohammed Ajmal Khan, founder and first Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), at its first Convocation in 1921, texts of his speeches during the freedom struggle and poems penned by him were among the exhibits on display at the university's Premchand Archives and Literary Centre to commemorate his 150th birth anniversary.

JMI Vice Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad along with Mr Masroor Ahmed Khan, the Hakim's great grandson inaugurated the fortnight-long exhibition. They were given a guided tour of the exhibition by the Centre's Director, Prof Sabiha A. Zaidi who has made a concerted effort to curate the archival material.

A copy of his collection of Urdu poems: **Dewan-e-Shaida** published by Maktaba Jamia in 1926 was also on display. Some of these poems were rendered by students and faculty members during the exhibition. Apart from this, there were books written





PRIZED POSSESSIONS: The academic robe and badge worn by Hakim Aimal Khan at the first convocation of Jamia Millia Islamia in 1921.

by the luminary as well as books written on him. There were also images of the newspaper Akmal-ul Akhbaar, which was published by his family, the Sharif Khanis of Sharif Manzil, Delhi.

A sculpture of Hakim Ajmal Khan made by Prof. Gufran Kidwai, a former faculty of Fine Arts, JMI occupied pride of place at the exhibition. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Ahmad said that the university has been making several efforts to sustain and revive the legacy of one of its greatest founders and an extraordinary Hakim by introducing postgraduate and Ph.D. courses on Unani. The purpose of the exhibition was to remind the students and teachers of the rich history of JMI and its founders, he said.

In recognition of his extraordinary service to the Unani tradition of medicine and to pay tribute to the legacy of its eminent founder, JMI has already launched Ph.D. in Unani Medicine and diploma programmes in Unani Pharmacy for which it is actively being supported by the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India. The administrative block of the university that houses the office of the Vice Chancellor and other top officials is named 'Khayaban-



SOME RELICS: Some of the exhibits on display at the university's Premchand Archives and Literary Centre.

e-Ajmal'after its great founder.

Mr Masroor Ahmed Khan, president of Hakim Ajmal Khan Memorial Society thanked JMI for hosting an exhibition on the heritage of Masih-ul-Mulk, Hakim Ajmal Khan. The exhibits included a copy of JMI's first convocation address by him and his presidential address at the 36th Indian National Congress Session, Ahmedabad both in 1921.

A letter from Mahatma Gandhi dated March 12, 1922 commending him for his role in fighting for a united India was also put up at the exhibition along with many photographs with prominent national leaders of the time.

Hakim Ajmal Khan started Hindustani Dawakhana in his ancestral house and treated patients free of charge. He was actively associated with the Khilafat Movement as well as Gandhiji's call for non-cooperation. A natural outcome of this strife was the emergence of a national consciousness in education, which resulted in the establishment of Jamia Millia Islamia on October 29, 1920 as India's statement of self-reliance. Hakim Ajmal Khan, one of the founders was unanimously elected as its first Chancellor, a position which he held till his death in 1927.

Another first: Diploma in Unani Pharmacy gets going

n a first for a Central University, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) has started a diploma course in Unani Pharmacy. It has also launched a Unani medicine laboratory and a mobile van dispensary in recognition of the services rendered to the field of Unani medicine and to the university by one of its founders, Hakim Aimal Khan.

Thirty-five students have been enrolled for the self-financed two-year diploma course, which was inaugurated by Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, JMI in the presence of Dr Anil Khurana, Director General, Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Ministry of AY-USH, Prof. Shahid Ashraf, Pro-Vice Chancellor JMI, Mr Shoyeb Akram, Chairman, REX Charitable Trust, Prof. Shareef Ahmad, Dean, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Dr S.A. Siddiqui, Programme Coordinator, Unani Pharmacy, JMI, Prof. Mohammad Husain, Coordinator, Ph.D Unani and Allied Sciences and other senior members of the science faculty and students.

The mobile van dispensary will make Unani medicines available to JMI employees and students at subsidised rates. The medicines will be supplied by Unani medicine manufacturer, REX industries.

The company has also offered to equip the pharmacy laboratory of JMI as well as provide annual training in packaging and manufacturing to students pursuing the diploma course. JMI already has a Ph.D programme in Unani medicine.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Talat Ahmad said that the launch of the diploma course in Unani medicine is an apt tribute to the legacy of Hakim Ajmal Khan. This is an old system of medicine in which hakims would not divulge the method of preparation and contents. As a result, he said, much information could not be passed down to future generations. "We hope to collect prescriptions of hakims and collate them to use them with other allied sciences and give Unani medicine a new lease of life.'

Prof. Ahmad said that JMI will allocate



REMUNERATION: Students enrolled for diploma in Unani Pharmacy receive a stipend of Rs 10,000 each.

a dedicated space for a herbal garden and also ensure that teaching and research in Unani are housed in one building to make it a full-fledged unit. He said that he will try to get teaching positions to further consolidate Unani medicine in JMI.

Dr Khurana, DG, CCRUM, said that there is a big demand for qualified people in the growing Unani industry and so a structured course along with research will be very useful. India has the biggest regulatory infrastructure of Unani medicine in the world, which must be tapped to its full potential.

"We are in the process of granting land for a herbal garden to JMI and will provide all logistical support to carry out research and teaching," he said.
Dr Mushtaq Ahmad, former Director,

Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine, Hyderabad said that despite tremendous developments, allopathic medicines have limitations and Unani is no doubt the best alternative form of medicine.

Mr Shoyeb Akram, Chairman, REX industries gave a one-time stipend of Rs 10,000 to each student enrolled in the course besides offering cash awards of Rs 31,000, 21,000 and 11,000 to the first, second and third position holders, respectively.



Army personnel can now pursue higher studies at JMI



SIGNED: An MoU was signed between JMI Vice Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad and Lt. Gen. Ashwani Kumar, Adjutant General, Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army).



OPENING AVENUES: Lt. Gen. Ashwani Kumar and Prof. Talat Ahmad exchanging the signed MoUs. Also present were Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Shahid Ashraf and Registrar Mr A.P. Siddiqui.

amia Millia Islamia (JMI) has opened its graduate and post-graduate programmes to Army personnel, becoming the only university in the country to do so. They can now register at the university's Centre for Distance and Open Learning to complete their higher education under the aegis of 'Taleem-e-Taraqqi'.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

for vertical and academic mobility of Army personnel and officers was signed between JMI Vice Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad and Lt. Gen. Ashwani Kumar, Adjutant General, Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army).

JMI had signed similar MoUs with the Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy in the past. These MoUs have enabled sailors and airmen to enroll themselves in the university. As many as 12,000 personnel have already been registered so far.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Talat Ahmad said that the arrangement will help Army personnel improve their career prospects. It will be JMI's contribution towards nation-building.

Reminding the gathering about JMI's rich nationalist past and its role in the freedom struggle, Prof. Ahmad said, "There is a collective realisation that our forces sacrifice a lot for us and so it is our duty to ensure a better future for them through higher education."

Lt. Gen. Kumar said that JMI was founded on principles of nationalism and has produced great luminaries and visionaries. JMI has excelled in giving value-based education,

> which brings out the fundamental traits of character necessary for a healthy, prosperous and a happy society, he said.

> Lt. Gen. Kumar said given that personnel join the Army at a very young age and retire early, often in their 30s, it is imperative that they are provided with opportunities to complete their education, enabling them to find job opportunities outside the uniform.

> Among those present at the signing ceremony were Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shahid

Ashraf, Registrar, Mr A.P. Siddiqui, Coordinator International Relations and Outreach Programme JMI, Prof. Mukesh Ranjan, Director General, IHQ of MOD (Army), Lt. Gen. Gopal R., Additional Director General, IHQ of MOD (Army), Major Gen. Sudhakar, other high officials from the Army and Deans and officials of JMI.

The arrangement will help Army personnel improve their career prospects. It will be JMI's

Coaching academy rolls out another set of civil servants

amia Millia Islamia (JMI) students have cracked the UPSC's Civil Services Examinations, 2016. Five students are all set to become IAS officers while two, including a woman candidate, Bisma Qazi have made it to IPS and the rest to the Revenue, Customs, Railways and other services, A total of 27 students who received coaching at JMI's Residential Coaching Academy (RCA) qualified for the Civil Services Examinations. Of these, nine are women.

Overwhelmed by the success of the candidates, Vice Chancellor, JMI, Prof. Talat Ahmad said, "These results show that perseverance and hard work pay in the long run. Many of our students come from economically weaker sections of society and they have proved that given an opportunity and the right guidance they can deliver the best."

"Some of those who have qualified have studied not just in this university but are also products of JMI schools. They have done their alma mater proud," Prof. Ahmad said expressing the hope that their success will inspire more students to follow suit.

Arif Ahsan, who made it to the IAS securing 74th rank, has been a JMI student throughout having studied in Jamia School. He has also done his B. Tech (Electrical Engineering) from JMI. Arif credits JMI for shaping his life making him what he is today.

Suhail Qasim Mir, 26, who has secured 125th rank, has studied MBA at the Centre for Management Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia. He is also pursuing his Ph.D at JMI's Management Centre.

Suhail has a message for Civil Services aspirants. "If you can dream it you can do it. You need to believe in yourself and never develop self-doubt. Perseverance and commitment is the key and there is no substitute for hard work. Be focused and you will make it." Suhail said that the exposure he got in JMI and the cultural mile went a long way in shaping his personality and thinking.

RCA provided more than 700 hours of coaching comprising classes, special lectures, group discussions, test series and mock interviews to the aspirants of Civil Services 2016. Mr M.F. Farooqui, Director, RCA said that the continuous success of

RESIDENTIAL COACHING ACADEMY

CENTER FOR COACHING & CAREER PLANNING Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi-110025

Final Result of Civil Services 2016 as declared by UPSC

S. No.	Name of Student	Rank
1.	Muzammil Khan	22
2.	Shaikh Tanveer Asif	25
3.	Zaffar Iqbal	39
4.	Arif Ahsan	74
5.	Bisma Qazi	115
6.	Suhail Qasim Mir	125
7.	Vishram Kumar Meena	146
8.	Ummul Khair	420
9.	Saqib Yusuf	472
10.	Manisha Tomar	514
11.	Minhajuddin Nizami	584
12.	Srishti Gupta	594
13.	Upasana	596
14.	Inabat Khalique	604
15.	Faisal Javed	610
16.	Haris Bin Zaman	646
17.	Pooja Kumari	692
18.	Ezaz Ahmad	697
19.	Kuldeep Singh Gunawat	802
20.	Rena Jamil	882
21.	Vaibhav Dasu Waghmare	998
22.	Veer Singh Meena	1002
23.	Nikhil Srivas	1016
24.	Shailendra Bhamniya	1018
25.	Mahesh Vadde	1059
26.	Sangita Meena	1060
27.	Sahil Sarangal	628

Civil Services' aspirants trained at the centre is a matter of immense pride for the faculty. Mohammad Tarique, Deputy Director, RCA wished the successful candidates the very best and hoped that they would serve the nation in the true spirit.

Since its inception in 2010, RCA has produced 93 civil servants including IAS and IPS officers. It provides free coaching to minorities, SC/ST and women. It has 24x7 librarv facility as well as free hostel facility for all the enrolled students.



Dropouts successfully bridge educational gap



WARM GREETINGS: Dr Muzaffar Hassan, Principal, Jamia Senior Secondary School felicitating VC-JMI, Prof Talat Ahmad.



FLOWERY WELCOME: Prof. Sharfuddin Ahmad, OSD to VC with Prof.

Talat Ahmad being honoured by Jamia school administration.

ll 132 school dropouts and students who have studied in madrasas and trained at JMI's Senior Secondary School under the Nai Manzil scheme of Central Government successfully completed their Class 12 Board certification. The students had been given an intensive nine-month teaching and training under the Bridge Course.

The successful candidates, half of them girls, participated in the Second Annual Day celebration of the course. This is the third consecutive year of the implementation of the Nai Manzil scheme by the Ministry of Minority Affairs through the Maulana Azad Education Foundation at Jamia Senior Secondary School (JSSS).

JMI Vice Chancellor Prof. Talat Ahmad, who was the chief guest, said that owing to the success of the students, the Ministry has progressively increased the number of seats from 100 in 2015-16 to 260 this year.

Thanking the Ministry for its support, Prof. Ahmad said that apart from putting the careers of the students on track, the course would also take the minorities and marginalised communities forward.

Rizwanur Rahman, Secretary Maulana Azad Education Foundation, guest of honour said that the Ministry is concerned about the dropouts in schools and madrasas. To address this problem, teachers in madrasas



will be trained to counsel students to continue with their studies, he said.

Dr Muzaffar Hassan, Principal, JSSS and Coordinator of the Bridge Course said that under the scheme, the students are given free enrolment, education and textbooks. They are also given a monthly stipend and are reimbursed for food and education costs incurred during the course.

Of the 132 students enrolled in 2016-17, many have got admission in undergraduate programmes in JMI and other Central and State universities and some others have found employment in government and other sectors, said Dr Hassan.

Varsity's men's team nets basketball championship

amia Millia Islamia (JMI) defeated Punjabi University, Patiala with a score of 72-60 to win the North Zone Inter-University Basketball (men's) Championship, 2017-18 in a match played at the basketball court, MAK Pataudi Sports Complex.

The chief guest, Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, JMI along with Registrar, JMI, Mr A.P. Siddiqui gave away the trophies and awards at a well-attended prize distribution function. The organisers, Prof. Iqtidar Mohammad Khan, Director, Games and Sports, JMI and Prof. N.U. Khan, Dean, Social Sciences and Organising Secretary of the Basketball championship thanked the over 50 participating universities.

Prof. Ahmad expressed happiness and congratulated the semi-finalists and the finalists. Prof. N.U. Khan hailed the contributions of Mr S.S. Rawat, JMI coach for over three decades, who was presented with a lifetime achievement award for his contribution in raising the standard of sports in JMI in general, and basketball, in particular.

Attendees at the prize distribution function were Dr A.A.A. Faizi, Controller of Examinations, Prof. W. Alvi, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Languages, Prof. Haroon Sajjad, Chief Proctor, Mr Alvi, Security Advisor, Dr Irshad H. Naqvi, In-charge, Dr M.A. Ansari Health Centre, Prof. S.M. Mah-



WINNERS: VC Prof. Talat Ahmad, Registrar Mr A.P. Siddiqui with the team that won the North Zone Inter-University Men's Championship 2017-18.

mood, Secretary, Jamia Teachers' Association, Dr Khurram Hafiz and Dr Moazzam Khan, Deputy Directors, Games and Sports and members of the University's Games and Sports office.

Other participating universities in the championship, included, Delhi University, Aligarh Muslim University, Jammu University, Lucknow University, H.P. University, Shimla, Kumaun University, Nainital, Amity University, Gurgaon, Sharda University, Greater Noida, Kurukshetra University and Ashoka University, Haryana. 🕛

Associate Professor wins medals in Asian Classic Powerlifting

ssociate Professor in the Centre for Nanoscience and Nanotech-**▲**nology, Jamia Millia Islamia, Dr Aurangzeb Khurram Hafiz won one Gold and three Silver medals in the 120 kg class open category of Asian Classic Powerlifting Championship 2017 held at Alleppey in Kerala.

He bagged the Gold Medal in Bench Press and Silver Medals each in Squat, Deadlift and total weight lift categories. •





Discourse on 'rights' and 'minority appeasement'



WELCOME: Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice Chancellor of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad being felicitated by JMI Vice Chancellor Prof. Talat Ahmad.

The rights of minorities should not be considered as 'minority appeasement' but must be treated as their 'rightful dues which are enshrined in the Constitution'.

Delivering a lecture on 'Constitutional Rights of Minorities in India', recently organised by the Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice Chancellor of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, said minority rights are provided for by the Indian Constitution and should not be seen as minority appeasement but treated as their rightful dues.

Underscoring the fact that minority rights are not exceptions but very much a part of mainstream rights, Prof. Mustafa said 'these rights are not dependent on the practice of secularism but are independent rights conforming to the concept of democracy and right to equality.

Addressing an enrapt audience, Prof Mustafa averred that while other fundamental rights are subject to restrictions, the rights available to minorities are not. Rights of minorities need not be declared, these are very much available.

Touching upon the prickly subject of minority status and the ongoing legal battle pertaining to minority educational institutions like Jamia Millia Islamia and Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. Mustafa said that these universities are well within the ambit of Article 30 of the Constitution. And granting of aid by the government does in no way dilute their minority character because these were established by initiatives taken by individuals from the minority community. The Supreme Court has also said that the initiative should come from them.

Exhorting members of the JMI family to draw inspiration from Prof Mustafa's words, Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, JMI in his presidential remarks said that JMI students and faculty ought to imbibe and learn from Prof Mustafa's intellectual and academic qualities. In her welcome address, Prof. Nuzhat Parveen Khan, Dean, Faculty of Law encouraged the students to explore the vast contours of knowledge while employing critical thinking. Dr.Qazi Mohammad Usman, Subject Advisor of the Faculty of Law, delivered the vote of thanks.



WEIGHTY ISSUES: Prof. R.L. Hangloo, VC, University of Allahabad, chairing the plenary session of the two-day international conference.

International meet focuses on migration, diaspora

n a world that is fast evolving into a global village, migration, diaspora and nation building take on a greater meaning that impact not just the well being of a nation and its people but also the socio-economic development and cooperation between the host as well as home countries.

A challenge no doubt, but ably taken up by Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) at a two-day international conference at the university recently (March 7-8). Organised by UGC-Human Resources Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia in collaboration with India Centre for Migration (ICM), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) at JMI. the conference played host to an impressive gathering of academicians, scholars, social scientists and eminent persons. There were 24 technical sessions, each chaired by eminent academicians and scholars from reputed institutions across the country.

Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, JMI thanked everyone for organising the event under the banner of UGC-HRDC, JMI.

Director, UGC-HRDC, JMI, Prof. Anisur Rahman welcomed the delegates and dignitaries, especially Vice Chancellor Prof. Talat Ahmad as President of Inaugural Session, Dr D.M. Mulay, Secretary MEA as Chief Guest, Prof. Kavita Sharma, President of South Asian University as Keynote Speaker, Prof. R.L. Hangloo, Vice Chancellor of University of Allahabad as a Special Guest, Dr Upendra Choudhary, Director of ICSSR as a Guest of Honor.

In his address at the Inaugural Session, Dr Dnyaneshwar Mulay, Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), GOI, said this event will enable researchers to exchange their experience and share the best practices.

Dr Upendra Choudhary, Director, ICSSR, highlighted India's brain drain and how studies of interest and progress would help tackle the issues related to migration. He praised JMI's initiative to take forward the research in migration and diaspora studies.

Prof. Kavita Sharma, President, South Asian University in her keynote address highlighted the contributions of Pravasi Bhartiya to their homeland especially of Keralites. She also emphasized on the need for further research and studies on diaspora and migration issues.

The distinguished speakers of the Plenary Session included Prof. Binod Khadriya, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Prof. Irudaya Rajan, Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, and Dr Md. Mizanur Rahman, University Brunei Darussalam. The session was chaired by Prof. R.L. Hangloo, Vice Chancellor, University of Allahabad.

In the valedictory address, Prof. R.K. Jain of Jawaharlal Nehru University highlighted the horizontal and transnational ties the two-day conference had brought to the participants across the table. Prof. Shahid Ashraf, Pro-Vice Chancellor, JMI, in his concluding remarks thanked everyone for bringing the galaxy of experts at one place.

Prof. C.S. Bhat, University of Hyderabad, in his keynote address complimented the UGC-HRDC, JMI for successfully organising the international conference with an impressive level of intensity, innovation and inclusiveness. In his valedictory remarks Prof. Anisur Rahman, Conference Convener, Director, UGC-HRDC, JMI thanked delegates and his entire team for making the conference a grand success.



State-of-art HPC Lab, GIAN courses add sheen to varsity

mong its many achievements in recent times Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) added another feather to its cap with the setting up of a state-of-art High-Performance Computing (HPC) laboratory. The laboratory was inaugurated with great fanfare by Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, JMI at the Centre for Theoretical Physics (CTP). The event coincided with the launch of a week-long GIAN course on theories of relativity by an international expert on the subject, Prof. Radounae Gannouji of Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaiso, Chile. The GIAN course is a flagship programme of the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The state-of-art laboratory has been sponsored by SERB-DST (Science and Engineering Board – Department of Science and Technology). Present during the inauguration were Prof. M. Sami, CTP Director, Prof. Sushant Ghosh, Hony. Joint Director Research, JMI, Director Multidisciplinary Centre for Advanced Research and Studies (MCARS) and Course Coordinator of the GIAN programme, Prof. Sharif Ahmed, Dean, Natural Sciences, Prof. Aman Jairajpuri, local GIAN Coordinator, Prof. S.A.M. Rizvi, Head, Department of Computer Science, Dr H.J. Abidi, University Librarian, Prof. Badrul Alam, Department of Political Science, senior faculty members and participating delegates in the GIAN course.

Congratulating CTP and Prof. Sushant Ghosh for successfully commissioning the high-end laboratory, the Vice Chancellor said that it was a matter of immense pride that JMI was conducting the 24th GIAN course, the second highest by any university in the country. JMI has been progressing well and recently it has been bestowed with the 'university of the nation' award. This shows that JMI is doing well, the Vice Chancellor added.

Meanwhile, more than 50 faculty members, scholars and students from various universities in the country participated in the GIAN course titled, 'On the viability of theories beyond Einstein's General Relativity'. This is the fourth GIAN programme



BUILDING BLOCKS: Prof. Radounae Gannouji, GIAN expert with VC Prof. Talat Ahmad at the inaugural session of a week-long GIAN course.

organised by CTP, which has also been a recipient of the President of India Visitor's Award for Research in Cosmology and Astrophysics in 2015.

Prof. Gannouji, a researcher in General Relativity and Theoretical Cosmology who obtained his Ph.D under the supervision of the well-known scientist, Prof. David Polarski, said his training was not just about science and innovative thinking but a lot about diversity.

Citing his personal experiences, Prof. Gannouji said he was born in Morocco and educated in France, Italy and Japan. Cultures impacted science in their own way, he said, so unlike his native country, France was all about mathematics while Italy had a more physical approach to things. All these experiences had enhanced his understanding of the subject.

Prof. Sami, Director CTP said that his centre's association with Prof. Gannouji goes back a long time. Praising the internationally acclaimed expert on gravity Prof. Sami hoped that the participants would gain tremendously from Prof. Gannouji's lectures.

Prof. Ghosh welcomed Prof. Pitayuth Wongjun from Thailand who was visiting CTP as part of the ICTP, Italy-funded India-Thailand-Uzbekistan (ITUN) network.

DR M.A. ANSARI **HEALTH CENTRE GOES DIGITAL**

Then the world is going digital, can a 98-year-old institution lag behind? Not so, as Jamia Millia Islamia's (JMI) Dr M.A. Ansari Health Centre has shown, when it embarked upon an ambitious project to digitize its services including medical records of its 19,000 students, its present and former staffers, faculty members and other employees. The Health Centre's digitization programme also conforms to the Central Government's directive to 'go digital'.

As a goodwill gesture and at no cost to his alma mater, the digitisation software has been designed by Mr Asif Shah, an alumna of the university who is the CEO of the company. Stetho Software. The software developed by Shah's company will provide a digital matrix of all diseases, their treatment processes, a list of medicines and new research and innovations in the field of medicine along with other relevant information. Significantly, patients can also see their medical records on their mobile phones to be used even in other healthcare centres.

Launching the digitisation process at an function, JMI Vice Chancellor, Prof Talat Ahmad said that he was pleased that a JMI student had taken such an initiative. "It shows that our students are not only innovative but are philanthropically-inclined to serve the institution too," he said. Thanking the VC for giving him the opportunity to undertake this important task, Asif Shah said it was a matter of tremendous satisfaction to him that he is able to give back to the institution that has given him knowledge.

With digitization nearly 29,000 medical records will be available to the Health Centre doctors at the click of a button. Chief Medical Officer of the Health Centre and in-charge, Dr Irshad Husain Naqvi, describing the process as 'an important milestone', said it will help in keeping track of medical and treatment records as also in analysing the statistics of the prevalent and impending diseases.

The Health Centre has 16 full-time and part-time doctors. It treats nearly 480 patients per day and is open from 9 am to 10 pm daily including on all holidays.



LAMP LIGHTING: Inauguration of a photo exhibition, An Imaginary City, by Mexican photographer Luis Marquez.

RECREATING THE CHARM OF A 'FORGOTTEN CIT

amia Millia Islamia's M.F. Husain Art Gallery recently played host to a photo exhibition of the works of avant garde Mexican photographer Luis Marquez.

The exhibition, titled 'An Imaginary City' featuring Mexican architecture of the 19th and 20th centuries in photographs was curated by Prof. Louise Noelle and Prof. Lourdes Cruz González Franco. Marquez' works, which were on display from February 20-25, 2018, vividly captured the urban landscape, documenting the architecture of the pre-Hispanic period, the colonial and modern Mexico. The exhibition was a collaborative effort of Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi and UNAM, Mexico City and the Institute of Aesthetic Research.

Luis Marquez (1899-1978) clicked these photographs in the 1930s and 1940s. Some of the monumental architecture seen in these photographs has all but disappeared.

The exhibition was inaugurated by JMI Vice Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad in the presence of the Mexican Ambassador to India, H.E. Melba Pria and renowned art historian from UNAM, Prof. Louise Noelle. The exhibition saw the presence of dignitaries like Mr Daniel Gutierrez, Embassy of El Salvador, JMI students and faculty members including Prof. Nuzhat Kazmi, Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts, Prof. Hina Zia, Dean Faculty of Architecture & Ekistics, Prof. Wahajuddin Alvi, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Languages and Prof. Mukesh Ranjan, Coordinator, Office of the International Relations, JMI.



A cultural and literary gala like no other

ouching lives and shaping young minds, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) entered the 97th glorious year of its existence, with a grand celebration to mark its Foundation Day.

A two-day cultural and literary extravaganza, the Talimi Mela (October 2017), showcasing JMI's cultural and educational richness, set the tone for the festivities.

A much-awaited cultural annual event it witnessed an impressive participation from university students, staff, faculty, eminent public figures and visitors alike.

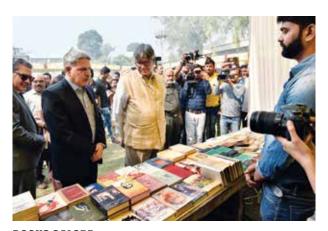
The event opened with the Chief Guest, JMI Chancellor and Governor of Manipur, Dr Najma A. Heptulla, addressing the assembled gathering through a video message. Unable to attend the function in person, due to pressing State matters, Dr Heptulla said she was happy to note the remarkable progress JMI had made since its inception, living up to and fulfilling the ideals of its founding fathers.

Speaking about the unique and enviable place the university has earned among institutions of higher learning, the Chancellor said it was her earnest desire to see a Medical College established in the university. She said she would try her level best for this to become a reality. Dr Heptulla commended JMI Vice Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad for the significant role he has played in the all round development of the university.

Hopeful that JMI would soon get a Medical College, the Vice Chancellor lauded the role this reputed institution had played in shaping young minds and providing an environment conducive to growth and academic excellence.

Prof. Talat Ahmad, not without some justifiable pride, spoke about JMI making a mark in national and international rankings. He informed the august gathering that the university has been placed above many well-known universities in the country.

Praising JMI's multicultural character, a must for a national university, the Vice Chancellor urged the students to make ef-



BOOKS GALORE: A book exhibition was part of the Talimi Mela at Jamia Millia Islamia.

forts to preserve and nurture it. The Talimi Mela, he said, was a testimony of JMI's unique cultural ethos and, "we should unite and participate on this happy occasion together." He cautioned students against being misled by a handful of their fellow students who were trying to vitiate the atmosphere in the university and instead focus on their studies.

Vice Chancellor, Ambedkar University, Prof. Shyam B. Menon, who was an invited speaker said, "Jamia Millia's founders had a tall vision" and "today we need to publicise ideals like nationalism, brotherhood and social reform on which this university was founded.'

After the inaugural function, Prof. Ahmad accompanied by Prof. Dev Swarup, Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission visited all 66 stalls set up by different departments, centres, schools and offic-

Prof. Swarup inaugurated a photo exhibition and released the General and Working papers at the stall of Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies.

They were joined by Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shahid Ashraf, Registrar, Mr A.P. Siddiqui and Finance Officer, Mr Sanjay Kumar, Deans, Heads, Directors, Chief Proctor and Provosts and the Convenor of Talimi Mela, Prof. Sadre Alam.



STUDENTS' INITIATIVE: Innovations and new products by Jamia Millia Islamia students were also on display.

But if matters of import like academics, holistic development of the institution and encouraging an environment of excellence took centrestage, care was taken to ensure that there was room for some fun and cultural pursuits.

A book fair, photography and animation exhibitions by AJK MCRC, a science exhibition, film festival, dramatised reading of short stories of 'Urdu adab ke 3 sitare -Premchand, Manto, Ismat Chugtai', nukkad nataks and food festival were the highlights of the cultural extravaganza.

Colourful performances by students of Jamia Middle School and Mushir Fatma Nursery School were much appreciated by the audience.

Musical programmes, ghazals, mushaira and streetplays added to the gaiety and festive spirit that enveloped the university.

Jaipur's Gandary Theatre group, presented the Hindi adaptation of Oscar Wilde's play 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. The play 'Maayne Gambhir Honay Kay' at Dr M.A. Ansari Auditorium, was adapted and directed by Saurabh Srivastava.

An exhibition on 'Makers of Jamia Millia Islamia' by Dr Zakir Husain Library showcased the four-stage evolution of JMI's logo to its present form, besides, an annotated display of portraits of the founders of the 97-year-old university.

A special highlight of the event were the



THEATRICS: Students present a street play during the Talimi Mela at

stalls set up by the Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy to educate and encourage students to know more about the forces, join them and serve the nation. Another attraction was a model of a battery-operated car and solar panels that have been indigenously developed at JMI.

Stalls by B. Vocational (Solar), Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Physiotherapy, Dentistry, M.A. Ansari Health Centre, Horticulture Department displayed their innovation and different products and attracted the interest of the visitors.

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THE HINDU FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017

President's Police Medal for Jamia Registrar

NEW DELHI Jamia Millia Islamia Registrar A. P. Siddiqui on Thursday received the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service. The award was announced on Republic Day last year. Mr. Siddiqui, a 1991 batch IPS officer, received the medal and a citation signed by then president Pranab Mukherjee. He has been the Registrar at

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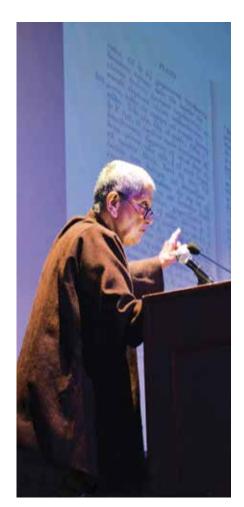




FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Inauguration ceremony of Korean Language Programme in Jamia Millia Islamia.



COMMENDATION: JMI Registrar, Mr A.P. Siddiqui (IPS) with the President's Medal for Distinguished Service and the citation.



PROF. SPEAK: Columbia University Professor Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak delivered a public lecture on 'What is it to Translate?' at Jamia Millia Islamia.





GJAN CELEBRATION: VC Prof. Talat Ahmad felicitating alumni on the occasion of the 1st Global Jamia Alumni Association celebration and dinner on December 24, 2017.



LEARNING GROUND: Workshop on Global Studies was held on March 6 and 7, 2018 at AIS, Jamia Millia Islamia.



UNVEILED: A mural painting depicting the various stages of the growth and development of JMI painted on a wall of the newly opened Jamia Millia Islamia Metro Station was unveiled by Prof. Talat Ahmad.

FLYING HIGH



THE TRICOLOUR a vibrant symbol of Jamia Millia Islamia's nationalist past and its role in India's freedom struggle, flies in all its glory in front of '*Khayaban-e-Ajmal*', the administrative block of the university, all through the year.

Hoisted on a 102 feet high pole, the Indian national flag inculcates pride and a deep feeling of patriotism among students. It serves as a motivator for everyone, inspiring all to attain greater heights.

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