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**HR Professionals discuss ‘Enhancing Employment Opportunities: Issues and Challenges’
at JMI**

A round table conference on ‘Enhancing Employment Opportunities: Issues and Challenges’ was organised by the Jamia Millia Islamia’s Placement Cell in association with Department of Social Work of the university to discuss the present employment scenario and job market in the country.

HR professionals from various companies participated in the discussion and gave their precious inputs to enhance the employment opportunities for students of JMI.

Mr. Anil Gaur, Global CHRO, Uniparts Ltd., Mr. Ashish Mediratta, Associate VP-HR, TataCommunications Ltd, Mr. Sabih Ahmed Kidwai, Director- HR, Schneider Electric, Mr. Faisal Saiyed, Director-HR, Asia Pacific, Expedia Inc., Mr. Ram Sharma, GM-HR, ISGEC Ltd., Mr. Saif ul Islam, AVP HR- Tata Communications, Mr.Masroor Lodhi, Co-Founder, The Entrepreneurship School, Mr.Abhishek Chola, Founder, Just Rozgar, Mr. Vikrant Dagar, Sr. Manager- HR, L&T Construction Ltd., Ms. Samar Fatima, AVP-HR, Third Sector Partners were among the HR professionals who participated in the discussion.

Professor A.S. Kohli, Former Dean and Retd. Professor of Department of Social Work, JMI chaired the discussion. Prof. Rihan Khan Suri, Training and Placement Officer, JMI moderated the discussion. Professor Z.A. Jafri, , Prof. Archana Dassi, Head , Deptt of Social Work, Prof. Vani Narula, Director-Fieldwork & Placements, Deptt of Scoial work, Dr. Habubul Rahman, Dr. L.M.Gangte also participated in the discussion.

In her opening remarks, Prof. Dassi mentioned about the revision of syllabus of MAHRM course and skill development programmes organised by the department regularly.

Dr. Vani highlighted the change of pattern in fieldwork from 4 weeks to 6 weeks for each semester. The Skill development sessions have been organised to develop the soft skills of students. One compulsory dissertation in the 3 rd and 4 th Semester to enable students in developing critical thinking and solution based approach was also introduced.

The conference emphasised on reaching out through innovative ways and developing brand building by using digital media for wider reach. A need for acquainting students with latest trends and technologies in the respective domains was highlighted. 6 months internship was also suggested to be introduced for enhancing the opportunities as pre-placement offers.

Delegates from Industry appreciated the efforts of the university placement cell for organising such discussion which always helps in developing better linkages with industry and getting inputs for enhancing employment and learning opportunities.

The session ended with a vote of thanks on behalf of students of MAHRM, Department of Social Work, JMI.

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