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Series of lectures, discussions and quiz competition at JMI to mark International Women's Day

To mark the International Women's Day, Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI) organized a series of lectures where speakers emphasized on the need for gender equality and sensitization in order to ensure all round development and progress of the country.

At a public lecture eminent sociologist Prof Mohini Anjum as the key note speaker highlighted the importance of gender equality and equity and said "we need to sensitise both men and women" in this regard.

Professor Ilyas Husain, officiating vice chancellor, JMI, a presided the programme which was attended by many faculty members and large number of students across discipline. Professor Arvinder Ansari, Head, Department of Sociology, JMI, welcomed the speaker, and the participants..

Prof Anjum, who spoke on "My Journey as Women Socialigist", gave ethnographic account of her journey as women sociologist and said that since her childhood she was sensitive to gender discrimination. Her concern for gender inequality culminates in studying sociology and translating her struggle for gender equality.

Through her research teaching and practice she said that from feminist standpoint it is important for feminist epistemology.

Emphasising the importance of building gender equality and equity, she said "for this we need to sensitize both men and women". She said she is quite hopeful that the motto of International women's day 2020 "I Am Generation Equality Realizing Women's Right" will further strengthen the gender parity. A large number of teaching staff and students both male and female attended the lecture.

Professor Iliyus Husain in his presidential remarks emphasized that women play an important role in bringing social changes. He said educational institutions can play very important role in social transformation and ensuring that gender parity is not only talked but practiced also. He expressed his satisfaction the way Jamia Millia Islamia is contributing towards the goal of International Women's day 2020.

Prof Bulbul Dhar James of Political Science Department and former Director of Sarojini Naidu Centre for women Studies gave an inter-active and lively lecture on "Redrawing the Gender Balance and Women's Empowerment" for students and faculty of Physics department, JMI, She

said gender sensitization was desperately needed for progress of an egalitarian democratic society, as enshrined in the country's Constitution.

The participants felt that it was the need of the hour to deconstructing Gender, and the way it is a part of everyday life through the practice of patriarchy, masculinity etc.

This for the Science students was a new dimension to be experienced (cognitive dissonance), self critically reflect and indeed practice new habits. It was universally agreed that re-socialization and gender sensitization was desperately needed for us to progress as an egalitarian democratic society, as given in our constitution.

The Subject Association of the Academy of International Studies, JMI organized a quiz competition to celebrate the International Women's Day. Students from many departments and Centres of JMI like Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Department of Economics, Centre for West Asian Studies and Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies participated in the quiz. Before the quiz started, Sumedha Chatterjee (MA, AIS) talked about relevance and importance of the International Women's Day.

All the quiz questions focused on women – scientists, artists, writers, filmmakers, politicians, cosmonauts, educationists, sportspersons, leaders of grass root movements.

Manish Makkad, 2nd year MA student at the Academy was the Quiz Master. 13 teams participated in the contest. The questions were put together by Manish Makkad, Nilza Wangmoo, Farheen Alam and Rishabh Yadav (MA, AIS).

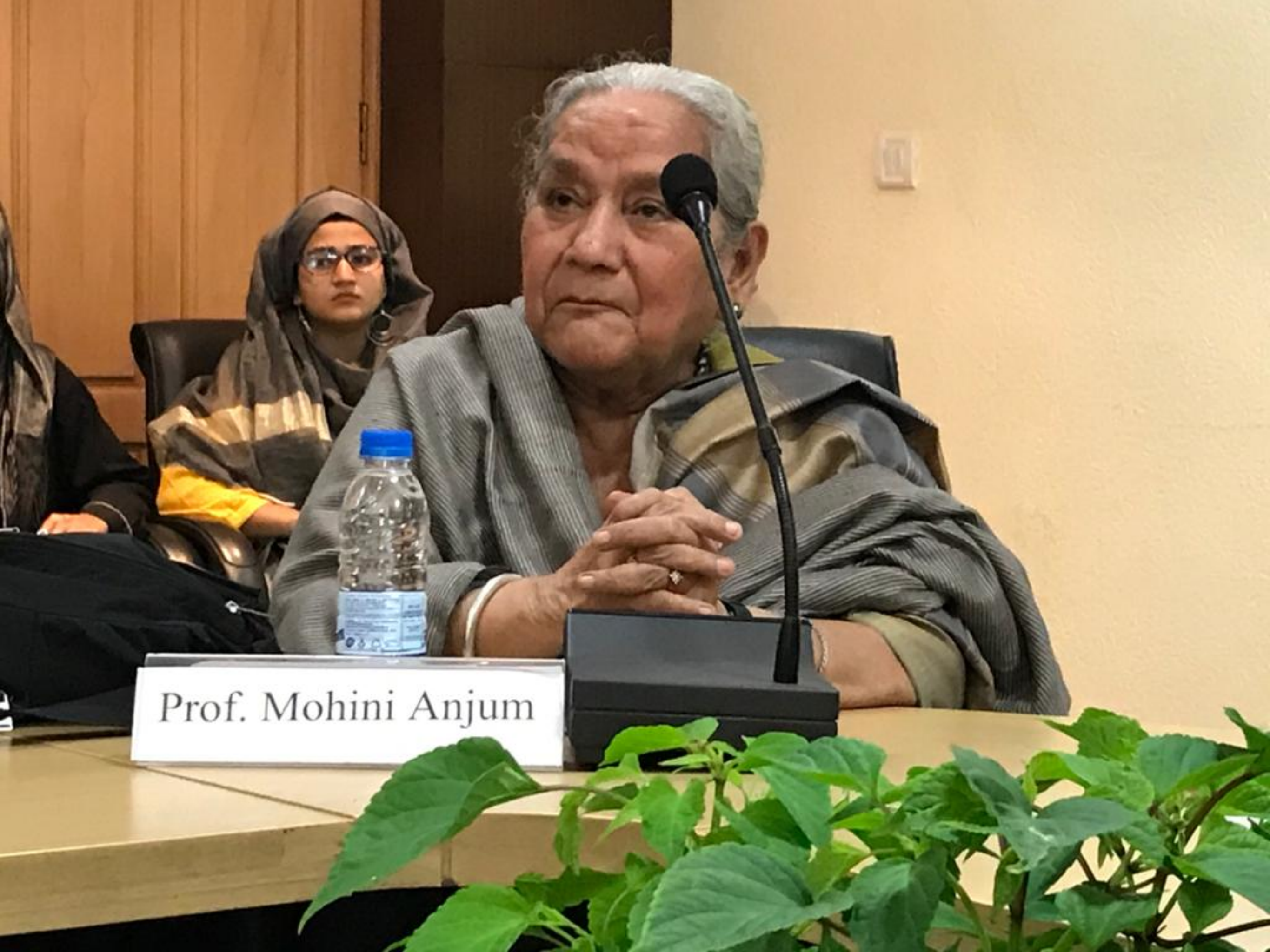
The first position was won by Anit Kumar and Riddhik Parasher (MA in International and Area Studies at the Academy) while Asif Ahmed from the Centre for West Asian Studies was declared second and the third position went to Ayushi Gupta and Wali Farooq Mehmood (MA, Department of Economics). The certificates to the winners were given by Dr Sabiha Alam, Student Advisor at the Academy.

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Prof. Mohini Anjum

Prof. Ilyas Husa

A photograph of Prof. Mohini Anjum, an elderly woman with white hair, seated at a conference table. She is wearing a grey and gold striped shawl over a dark top. Her hands are clasped in front of her, and she is looking towards the camera. A microphone is positioned in front of her. To her left, a clear plastic water bottle with a blue cap sits on the table. In the background, another woman wearing a grey and yellow striped shawl and glasses is seated. The setting appears to be a formal meeting or conference room with wood-paneled walls and a light-colored wall in the background. A green plant is visible in the foreground.

Prof. Mohini Anjum





