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Press Release

J&K hostellers reach their destinations, praise efforts of JMI authorities and MHRD

A total of 22 hostellers (13 boys, 9 girls) from Jammu & Kashmir in Jamia Millia Islamia have been sent back to their homes in a special bus arranged by the university in the wake of lockdown due to COVID-19.

The step has been taken in close coordination with J&K administration with active support of MHRD particularly Shri Amit Khare, Secretary(Higher Education) in the ministry. Chief Secretary, J&K and Resident Commissioner, J&K in New Delhi also gave his full support in sending students back to their homes.

Since the university is closed and all teaching are being conducted online due to the lockdown, students staying in hostels mainly from Bihar, Jharkhand, UP and other states are desperate to go back home and asking the university to take necessary steps in this regard.

The students from J&K had left for Srinagar in a special bus arranged by the university on 10th May 2020. They were accompanied by 2 ex-army men security guards of the university.

On arrival in Srinagar they were quarantined in line with government's SOP and medical tests for Corona virus were conducted. Most of the students have gone back to their homes after their test were found negative while the results of a few students are still awaited.

On their way to Srinagar also students went through the medical scanning at three points.

The complete quarantine enforced by the university during their stay in hostels has helped students not being effected by the virus.

Students have written heartwarming messages to university authorities thanking them, MHRD and J&K administration including the Chief Secretary for continuous help and support received during their stay in hostels and their journey to J&K (Messages of some students attached).

Under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Najma Akhtar, Registrar Mr. A.P.Siddiqui(IPS), OSD Administration Mr. Tanvir Z.Ali (Retired IAS), DSW Prof. Mehtab Alam, Chief Proctor Prof. Waseem A. Khan, Provosts of boys and girls hostels, wardens and other administrative officers worked as a team for the safe and smooth travel of students.

A large number of students were in JMI hostels when the lockdown was announced. Considering the safety and security of students the university asked all hostellers to stay within the hostel campus and did not allow them to go out. The university authorities ensured continual hostel and mess facility, and any other assistance asked by the hostellers.

JMI administration is not leaving any stone unturned to ensure that the hostellers reach their homes safely. The students are requested not to believe on any social media post or messages without proper verification from the university.

The university is also in touch with officials of other state governments, whose students are staying in hostels, to send them back home.

The cooperation and support of our students and all other stakeholders is crucial in the university's resolve for protecting its students from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ahmad Azeem

PRO-Media Coordinator

Some of the messages of students received by Vice Chancellor, teachers and authorities of Jamia Millia Islamia from the J&K students.

1. Group message from 6 J&K girl students after reaching Srinagar

Respected Madam,

We the students from Kashmir Valley want to extend our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to you and all the people involved in safely sending us home.

We are aware of fact that it was a hugely difficult mission given the crisis the whole world is caught in. The arrangements for the bus and coordination with the state governments is commendable.

Despite all their honest efforts, we faced some difficulties due certain unavoidable factors. The administration at the ground level has become highly complex these days and it is difficult to navigate through this complex system.

Right from the CARETAKERS, the WARDENS, the PROVOSTS, DSW and up to the PROCTOR, everyone in great efforts for our smooth travel. They kept a continuous track of the whole journey and were on their toes till we safely landed in Srinagar.

However the journey was a great lesson in endurance and courage for all of us. I can't forget to mention the role played by security staff accompanying us (Mr .Dilbag Singh & Mr Arif Mohammed). Their efforts must be recognized by one and all.

We want say big thank to MHRD and J&K Administration too as we came know that MHRD Secretary Amit Khare and J&K Administration including Chief Secretary J&K played an important role in arranging things in J&K.

At last, a big salute to whole JAMIA administration from our side and our parents as well. We are proud of all of you.

Thank you

Regards from J&K students.

(Suraiyah Akhtar, Rabia, Nausheen Sakina, Shahwsta Bilkiz, Nadia, Fatima)



2. Respected Madam/ Sir,

The journey under pandemic situation started with sudden announcement as we all are aware of, and I found myself stranded in Dr. BRA hostel of Campus A with no hope of reaching home anytime soon. However, the days I spent at in hostel under lockdown were in fact comfortable where hostel administration tried its best to reach every student and providing food and other facilities , and particularly the arrangement of Ramadan was amazing.



3. Respected sir/ma'am

I QuratulAain of m tech earthquake engineering am a Kashmiri student residing in BhegamHazratMahal hostel; I would like to share experience of my recent journey from Delhi to Kashmir arranged by Jamia administration.

Firstly I would thank the Jamia administration who put their every single effort for our safe return. Since this pandemic is being faced by us for the first time so we are all panic in Or other way. Despite endless efforts of Jamia authority we did face some difficulties during this journey but that was unavoidable circumstances, while tackling with those complications we learnt new lessons, we became stronger than before and this experience left us tenacious and resolute personality. We all finally reached to our respective destination and are safe now Alhamdulillah.

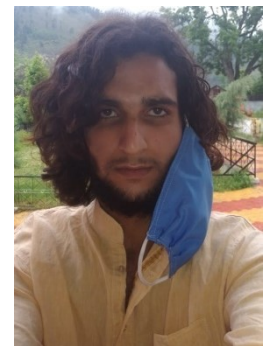
I personally am very thankful for Jjamia administration especially DSW that they left no stone unturned for our safe journey.

Regards,

QuratulAain
M.Tech (Earthquake)

4. Respected Sir/Ma'am

After the lockdown was announced, I found myself stranded in DrZakirHussain Hall of boys' residence with a number of other students and hostel staff with no prospect of reaching home anytime soon. However, these days of the lockdown were in fact spent with remarkable comfort. The hostel administration managed food for everyone throughout the lockdown just like before, with no compromises whatsoever but what the situation absolutely called for. Quarantined and safe, we spent the first days of Ramzan like normal times inside the hostel campus. It was almost a week ago that plans were made for our departure home, and we were provided with conveyance by Jamia administration. Accompanied by two guards, with packages of food from the hostel so we don't have to get in physical contact with anyone during our journey, all students from J&K stranded in Jamia hostels left for home in a sanitized bus five days ago. We underwent routine screenings during our journey, once in Delhi, once in Lakhanpur, once in Samba, where we spent the night due to some kind of sorting process the government of J&K was undertaking, and finally in our hometowns when upon arrival. The Jamia administration has been remarkably deft and, if I should put it so, caring in it'sbehaviour towards stranded students from start to end. May Allah reward everyone involved in taking care of us and getting us home.



Regards,

Issam Sheikh,
B.A. (Hons.) English, Semester 6.

5. Respected Sir/ Ma'am

We are obliged to Jamia administration, especially me, for all the exertions they put in; from providing essentialities to safer positioning to our homes. Although this was a firsthand experience of the administration, still they did their best to get us evacuated. The pertinence of each and every one viz, Shahid sir, Proctor, Mehtaab sir etc would always be indebted.



Thank you so much Jamia (a serious attachment).

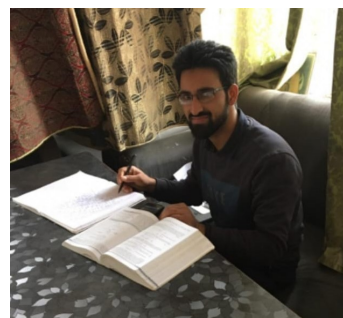
Additionally, the 40 day hostel Quarantine had a great benefit on us to not get acquainted with covid-19 which reasonably was repeatedly shown over while screening at different places throughout the journey. Further, I'm quite hopeful for the test result to be negative as well.

Thank you Jamia.

Sameer Manzoor,
BA 3rd year.

6. Assalamualikum to everyone

We the students of J&K finally reached to our destination centers Alhamdulillah. First of all I would like to thank Jamia coordination staff for their best efforts for we people to reach our destination points. Before we left Delhi we were screened at hospital and after proper screening we left Delhi. Next day we reached Lakhanpur where our 2nd screening test was done. Then we left Lakhanpur and reached Samba. Here our 3rd screening was done. Alhamdulillah we all were in good health conditions and our body temperature was normal it was also because we were in quarantine for more than 50 days in Jamia hostels. We were tested at govt.girl's college Anantnag then we were taken to the higher secondary schools near our villages. Some were quarantined at hotels with good and sophisticated conditions meanwhile some students had issues regarding the same. We certainly had to face some grave challenges that taught us graver lessons. May Allah save us from this contagious disease. Finally we once again thank our all teachers and all coordination members because of whose continues efforts we reached our home. Hopefully after the negative report of our tests, well be send to home quarantine.



Regards,

Aadil Hussain Dar,
BSC 3rd year
Department of Chemistry.