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Press Release

**JMI hostelers from Bihar left for their homes in 5 buses arranged by the university yesterday**

A large number of students belonging to different parts of Bihar staying in boys and girls hostels of the Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI) left for their homes in 5 special buses arranged by the university yesterday. These students were stranded in hostels due to lockdown in view of COVID-19.

Buses left for Katihar, Purnea, Muzaffarpur, Nalanda and Bhagalpur districts carrying around 130 students with a student group leader in each bus to coordinate things. 3 students of West Bengal are also travelling in the bus going to Katihar. They will get down there and will travel to West Bengal by their own convenience. Two university guards (ex-army personnel) also went in each bus along with students.

The 5 destinations will cover 30 districts of the Bihar. Students will get down to a destination as per the proximity of their home district with the destination district of the bus. Information about travel detail of concerned students have also been conveyed to Bihar government and local administration of all 30 districts by the Chief Proctor of the university.

The university is closed in view of the lockdown and on the request of students the university coordinated with officials of Bihar and Delhi governments and sought permission for their travel in special buses arranged by the university.

Buses left for Delhi government's health centre for screening of students for fever and other symptoms related to Corona virus and to complete other formalities. Students were also provided with food packets, water bottles, hand sanitisers and face masks by the university. Buses were properly sanitised before leaving the campus.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Najma Akhtar expressed satisfaction and hoped that these students will now reach safely to their homes tomorrow and be with their families like J&K and Jharkhand students who were also sent to their homes by the university through special arrangements.

To help students Dean Students Welfare (DSW) and his team, Chief Proctor and his team, Provosts & wardens and administrative staff were present at DSW office from where the bus departed for the screening centre. The Chief Proctor Prof. Waseem A. Khan and other teachers were also present at the screening centre for facilitation.

Online teaching and evaluation is going on in the university as it is closed due to lockdown to prevent spread of COVID-19 pandemic. The university will now reopen in August2020 for regular students if the situation normalises. Under these conditions students staying in hostels want to visit their homes and university is helping them out by arranging their travel and coordinating with respective state governments.

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