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Press Release

**COVID-19 Lockdown: JMI boarders from Uttar Pradesh left for their homes in 4 special buses arranged by the university**

Students belonging to Uttar Pradesh (UP) staying in boys and girls hostels of the Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) left for their homes in 4 special buses arranged by the university on Friday. These students were stranded in hostels due to lockdown in view of COVID-19. With this almost all hostel residents from various states have been sent back to their homes safely before Eid with university facilitating their travel either by bus or train.

About 70 students from 40 districts of UP are travelling in buses with final destination being Sultanpur, Ballia, Kushinagar and Bareilly. Each bus has a student group leader to coordinate the journey. Two university guards(ex army personnel) are in each bus along with students.

Information about travel detail of students have been conveyed to UP government officials and local administration of all concerned districts by the university administration.

With this, all boarders from Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh stranded in university and Jamia school hostels due to nationwide lockdown have been very safely sent to their homes.

The university is closed in view of the lockdown and on the request of students the university coordinated with officials of UP 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 and be with their families like students from J&K, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Bihar 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.

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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