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JMI starts 16th (First Online) Two-week Refresher Course on Human Rights and Social Inclusion (Interdisciplinary)

The UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (UGC-HRDC), Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi in association with the Department of Political Science of the university began its 16th (First Online) two-week Refresher Course in *Human Rights and Social Inclusion (Interdisciplinary)* from 3rd August — 16th August, 2021 for training and skill building of more than 60 young faculty members from different Universities and Colleges across India.

The Inaugural session started today with a welcome address by Prof. Anisur Rahman, Director, UGC- HRDC, JMI. Prof. Najma Akhtar, Vice Chancellor, JMI was the Chief Guest of the inaugural session. Chairing of the session was done by Prof. Muslim Khan, Head of the Department, Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

During her inaugural address Prof. Najma Akhtar underlined the significance of the refresher course that teaching is considered to be one of the most significant professions. She emphasized upon the significance of rights, particularly in the context of the current pandemic. Prof. Akhtar also highlighted the journey of Jamia Millia Islamia in its Centenary Year. She said, "Jamia has achieved several new heights and laurels despite many challenges and impediments". She further underscored the significance of rights erosion in the context of the current pandemic. The pandemic, she stated, is likely to have long-lasting consequences on economic and social rights, and has once again put the spotlight on deep rooted systemic inequalities.

Prof. Muslim Khan, Head, Department of Political Science, in his remarks, emphasized upon the historical salience of Jamia Millia Islamia, and its role in India's Freedom Struggle. He also shared anecdotes about government support for the university at the time of Independence. He further emphasized the role of the Human Resource Development in contributing to enhancing the professional lives of Faculty Members.

The Course Coordinators Dr. Sucharita Sengupta and Dr. Adnan Farooqui, Department of Political Science, outlined the course content. They emphasized that over the next two weeks, eminent expert speakers from different domain expertise across India will train and equip young faculty on different aspects of Human Rights. Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Adnan Farooqui.

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