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Press Release

**JMI Alumna to represent India at UN Internet Governance Forum, Poland**

Ms. Purnima Tiwari- an alumna of Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) will represent the country as a Youth Ambassador at United Nations' Internet Governance Forum, 2021. The aforementioned 16<sup>th</sup> annual IGF meeting will be hosted by the Government of Poland in Katowice from 6-10 December, under the overarching theme: Internet United.

Purnima is one of the 30 ambassadors, chosen among applicants from 193 countries, who have secured an opportunity to engage in the debate on Internet governance at a global stage.

Purnima graduated with M.A. in Media Governance from Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, a 'Centre with Potential Excellence' as recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC), as well as Research Councils (Arts and Humanities Research Mapping, India), United Kingdom.

Purnima says her alma mater, JMI, has played a crucial role in shaping her ideas towards public policy in general and media policy and governance in particular. She gives the credit to her professors and mentors at CCMG, JMI for this feat.

Purnima is currently a part of MIT Media Lab's course on Experiments in AI-Generated Media ("Deepfakes for Good"). Purnima outranked about over 78% of the applicants to make it to this prestigious global program on scholarship along with 88 other researchers from different parts of the world.

Working in the area of promoting the ideas on Internet governance, Purnima is deeply involved in spreading digital media literacy amongst key communities like youth, school students, SHGs while closely observing the nuances of digital divide in society especially her home state, Chattisgarh. A few weeks ago, she was invited as a guest speaker at a UNESCO-APEICU platform for project Manan which aims to promote awareness on cyberspace.

As a platform for discussions, the IGF brings various people and stakeholder groups to the table as equals to exchange information and share good policies and practices relating to the Internet and technologies.

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