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Press Release

### **JMI's Department of Economics organizes Golden Jubilee Alumni Meet**

The Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) organized its The Golden Jubilee Alumni Meet on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at the Auditorium of Faculty of Engineering & Technology of the university. More than 150 Alumni belonging to different batches from 1979 to 2023 overwhelmingly participated in the event. Many Alumni settled out of Delhi and abroad also participated online through Google meet. The event also witnessed participation of faculty members and large turnout of current batch of students.

The inaugural function commenced with Jamia Tarana which starts with "Dayar-e-Shauq Mera, Shehr-e-Aarzoo Mera... (This is the land of my hopes...This is the land of my dreams...)". Prof. Asheref Illiyan, Head of the Department, welcomed all the guests, Faculty members, esteemed Alumni & students. He informed the audience that the Department of Economics has completed its 50 years of glorious existence. The maiden program of the Department i.e. B.A (Hons.) Economics was started in 1971-72. We celebrated the Golden Jubilee with much zeal and enthusiasm last year and this alumni meet is the last program under the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Department. He also showcased the performance of the Department in recent time and sketched how the Department is reaching newer heights through better Teaching-learning, research and organization of various events including Noble Laureate Lecture Series by Prof. Mohammad Yunus of Bangladesh. Prof. Illiyan thanked all the Alumni for their gracious presence and support and making this event a historic, truly golden and highly memorable.

Prof. Eqbal Hussain, Offg. Vice Chancellor, JMI and chief guest of the inaugural function, in his inaugural address underscored the role of alumni in the growth and development of its Alma Mater. He also exhorted the alumni that it is time to give back to the University as the university nurtured your talent during your studies. He highlighted that today Jamia stands among the top three universities in India along with JNU and IISc, Bangalore.

Prof. Eqbal stressed that the glorious journey of Jamia was possible because of the unmatched dedication and sacrifices of our founders and the values they inculcated among the students which continues to inspire us till date.

Prof. Mohd Muslim Khan, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, JMI and Guest of Honour, congratulated the Department for its Golden Jubilee Celebrations. He stressed the need

for mentorship by the alumni to the current batch of students. The Special guest, Prof. Tasneem Meenai, one of the oldest alumni of the Department (1977 batch) and former DSW, JMI narrated her experience during the initial years of the Department and she also mentioned that the university Tarana was composed by Mohammad Khaliq Siddiqui, who was a faculty member in the Department of Economics, JMI.

Prof. Khan Masood Ahmad, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Khawja Moinuddin Chisti Urdu, Arabi-Farsi University, Lucknow, and retired Professor from the Department exposed the need for integrating more alumni to the Department. Prof. Moonis Shakeel, Alumni Coordinator proposed vote of thanks in the inaugural function.

Ice breaking sessions, mesmerizing and marvelous cultural performance such as singing, urdu poetry (Shairi), classical dance, skit & Quiz competition by Ma'shiyat Network were the peculiarity of the event. There was an all round celebration throughout the day.

Alumni shared their fond memories with the students. All the Alumni were honoured and presented with gifts by Prof. Asheref Illiyan, HoD.

In the Valedictory session Prof. Illiyan thanked the organizing committee- Prof. Moonis Shakeel, Dr. Md Zakaria Siddiqui (event coordinator), Dr. Vasim Akram (Student Advisor), Dr. Mohammad Kashif Khan (Course Coordinator) and subject association led by Abid Raza Kazmi, Ma'shiyat Network led by Labeeba Bakhtawar, Placement cell and student Volunteers for the smooth organization of the program. The Program was wrapped up by the vote of thanks proposed by Abid Raza Kazmi, General Secretary, Economics Subject Association.

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