

Press Release

**Eminent Islamic Scholar Dr. Sheikh Mohammad AkramNadwi Delivers Insightful  
Lecture on Women in Islam at JamiaMilliaIslamia**

New Delhi, April 28, 2025

The Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies in collaboration with the Dr.Zakir Hussain Institute of Islamic Studies, JamiaMilliaIslamia, hosted a special extension Lecture titled, "*Unpacking the Myths: Separating Fact from Fiction about Women in Islam*" on April 24, 2025, at Mir Anis Hall of JamiaMilliaIslamia.

The lecture was delivered by noted British Islamic Scholar Dr.Shiekh Mohammad Akram Nadwi. Formerly the Dean of Cambridge Islamic College and currently the Principal of the Al-Salam Institute and famous for his multi volume book *Al-Muhaddithat*, which documents female scholars in Islamic history, he is a leading authority on Islamic jurisprudence and Hadith, inspiring global audiences with his teachings.

The event opened with a soulful recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a warm welcome from the honorary director of SNCWS Prof. Nishat Zaidi. The introduction of the speaker was given by Prof. Habibullah Khan, Honorary Director of the Dr.Zakir Hussain Institute of Islamic Studies. Prof. Habibullah praised Dr Nadwi's globally recognized contributions to Islamic scholarship, particularly his work on gender and Hadith.

Dr.Nadwi's lecture captivated the large audience present in the hall as the urging open dialogue to dismantle stereotypes about women in Islam. Referencing his monumental 40-volume work, *Al-Muhaddithat: the Women Scholars of Islam* that chronicles the contributions of female Islamic scholars. The speaker presented a compelling case for re-evaluating historical narratives, generalizations, myths and patriarchal notions through rigorous scholarship and proper understanding of Islam. His call for mutual respect and understanding across cultures sparked vibrant discussions among attendees, reinforcing the lecture's relevance in today's diverse world.

The lecture was followed by the presidential remarks by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. MazharAsif, who emphasized JamiaMilliaIslamia's commitment to inclusive discourse and highlighted the pivotal role of women in shaping Muslim society. He urged audience to practice equality of women in their lives and shape a society that respects women.

Among the esteemed attendees were Prof. Mohammad Muslim Khan (Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences), Prof. Iqtidar Khan (Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Languages), Prof. Kausar Mazhari, Faculties and Staff of SNCWS and Dr Zakir Hussain Institute of Islamic studies besides teachers, researchers and students from across the faculties of the Social Sciences, Humanities and Languages and from various Centers of the University.

Dr. Tarannum Siddiqui of the Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies convened and moderated the program. Dedicated volunteers, including Vaibhav, Zoyba, Gargi Mishra, Shubhangi, Raiyah Qamar, and Ms. Fatima Zohra from M.A. Gender Studies of SNCWS ensured a seamless experience.

"Dr. Nadwi's lecture is a clarion call to challenge misconceptions and embrace informed dialogue," said Prof. Nishat Zaidi while thanking the speaker. She further said "His scholarship inspires us to bridge tradition and modernity in pursuit of equity and understanding."

The session concluded with a pertinent Q&A session in which students satisfied their curiosities by asking relevant questions to the speaker.

A formal vote of thanks was presented by Gargi Mishra, student of MA Gender studies.

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### EXTENSION LECTURE

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## *Unpacking the Myths: Separating Fact from Fiction about Women in Islam*



Speaker

*Shaykh Dr. Mohammad Akram Nadwi  
Oxford, United Kingdom*



Presided by

*Prof. Mazhar Asif  
Vice Chancellor, JMI*



Chief Guest

*Prof. Md Mahtab Alam Rizvi  
Registrar, JMI*



*Prof. Habibullah Khan  
Hony. Director  
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*Venue - Mir Anis Hall, Gate - 15*

*Date - 24th April 2025*

*Time - 02:00 P.M*

Convenor

*Dr. Tarannum Siddiqui  
SNCWS*



*Prof. Nishat Zaidi  
Hony. Director  
SNCWS*