

Press Release

**Department of Social Work, JMI organises Alumni Meet 2025 to strengthen collaborative engagement; Releases Placement Brochure 2024–26**

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The Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) organised its Annual Alumni Meet 2025 at the department premises on November 22, 2025, with the central theme *"The Power of Connection – Strengthening the Alumni Network."* The event brought together 44 alumni from both M.A. Social Work and M.A. Human Resource Management (HRM) programmes, along with faculty members and current students, celebrating collective academic heritage, professional achievements and future oriented commitments.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome, including *Tilawat-e-Qur'an* and the Jamia Tarana which was sung along by attendees setting a nostalgic atmosphere that reflected the deep emotional bond alumni share with their alma mater. The formal proceedings continued with the felicitation of Prof. Asif Hussain (Dean, Alumni Affairs) and Prof. Zubair Meenai (Guest of Honour).

Welcoming the gathering, Prof. R. R. Patil, Head of Department, expressed his gratitude to alumni for their continued association with the institution. Highlighting that the alumni meet has been a tradition for nearly 30 years, he stressed the importance of human relationships beyond transactional exchanges. Prof. Patil emphasised the need for a formal and self-governed alumni association, stating, *"The more we invest in strengthening alumni networks, the more we invest in our students and the future of this department. Let us pledge to remain connected, stay involved, and help the department grow."*

Addressing the audience, Prof. V. B. Sahare, Director of Field Work, reflected on the achievements of alumni across diverse sectors and underscored their role as pathways for current students. He shared significant departmental developments, and briefed the gathering on the department's strong fieldwork ecosystem, capacity building initiatives, industry collaborations, and the international academic exchange programme with the University of Applied Sciences, Germany.

The Placement Brochure 2024–26 was launched by the placement committee along with invited dignitaries, followed by detailed presentations by students of MA Social Work and MA HRM showcasing academic highlights, skill labs, field engagement activities, internships, and placement preparedness.

Speaking as Guest of Honour, Prof. Zubair Meenai reflected on Jamia's 105 year legacy and reiterated that alumni remain central to the university's reputation and progress. He acknowledged that Jamia's improved national and global rankings are a result of the professional excellence and contributions made by its alumni in diverse sectors, stating that it is through their fieldwork, research, and social commitment that the institution's credibility and visibility continue to strengthen. He encouraged alumni to collaboratively prepare a blueprint for an independent alumni association and assured full logistical support from the Department of Social Work for its development.

The Chief Guest Prof. Asif Hussain shared recent university level developments, including the successful Foundation Day celebration attended by more than 700 alumni, the launch of the Jamia Alumni IT Platform and Mobile Application, and ongoing initiatives such as the establishment of a Medical College and Hospital, an Alumni House, and a dedicated *Wudu Khana* for female students near the SRK hostel. He appealed to alumni to support institutional expansion through scholarships, mentorship, and infrastructure development.

The Chief Guest's address was followed by the cultural segment featuring *Nazm Khwani*, after which alumni from different graduating years shared reflections on their professional experiences and the enduring impact of the Department of Social Work on their careers and identities. Several alumni expressed profound appreciation for the values and opportunities shaped by Jamia's social work pedagogy.

During the reflection session, alumni collectively proposed several initiatives aimed at supporting current students and strengthening departmental goals. They committed to launching a scholarship for the topper of the MA HRM programme to promote academic excellence and financial accessibility, and to initiating a structured mentorship programme for M.A. Social Work students focused on professional development, field readiness, and career guidance. Alumni also offered support for preparation for public sector and competitive examinations and volunteered to organise employability and skill training workshops aligned with emerging practice areas.

Alumni also emphasized the importance of networking, interdisciplinary collaboration, and continued interaction between batches and cohorts to sustain collective growth.

The gathering observed a moment of silence in remembrance of late alumnus Mohammad Asif (Batch 2006), honouring his contributions to the department. The event formally concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. LHM Gangte, who acknowledged alumni participation, faculty guidance, and student volunteers for their efforts.

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