

Press Release

Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Jamia Millia Islamia signs MoU with Bharatiya Shiksha Board

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The Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management (DTHM), Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Bharatiya Shiksha Board**. Recognizing the need to integrate skill-based education in line with NEP 2020 and NCF 2023, JMI and BSB shall collaborate in developing and delivering school level, job-role-based tourism skill courses under the aegis of Jamia Millia Islamia. Further collaboration with other faculties of JMI and BSB were also discussed. Bharatiya Shiksha Board (BSB) (formed in August 2022) is a financially and administratively independent School Education board set up by the Government of India through its autonomous body Maharshi Sandipani Rastriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP), Ujjain, in the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of the then HRD (now Ministry of Education).

The scope of collaboration comprises of:

- Curriculum Development in co-designing tourism skill based courses such as "Home Stays management" and "Agriculture Tourism".
- Training and certification
- Implementation and Assessment
- Capacity building
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

The MoU was signed by the Registrar JMI, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi and Mr. Rajesh Pratap Singh, Secretary, BSB in presence of Dr. Nidhi Gusain, Education Officer, BSB, Prof. Tanuja, Dean, Academic Affairs, JMI, Prof. Pankaj Kumar Gupta, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, JMI, and Prof. Sarah Hussain, Head, Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, JMI.

Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia shared the key highlights of the university. Established in 1920, Jamia Millia Islamia is a comprehensive research-intensive Central (Public) University. JMI is ranked at 4th position in the country amongst universities and ranked 3rd for its performance in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) category in NIRF rankings issued by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. It

was accredited with the highest grade of 'A++' by the NAAC, Ministry of Education in the second cycle of assessment in 2021. The university has also been consistently ranked amongst leading universities in the world by the renowned international ranking agencies as a comprehensive research-intensive institution. Prof. Mahtab Alam Rizvi also said that the collaboration will enhance skill development in India and provide a lot more avenues for development of the nation. This is possible because of dynamic and visionary leadership of the Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif, who has been very keen to raise JMI to newer heights in the global academic world.

Mr. Rajesh Pratap Singh, Secretary, BSB, expressed that this collaboration with Jamia Millia Islamia will provide a platform that equips students especially in the rural areas with market relevant skills in homestay management and create pathways for lifelong learning and career advancement in tourism.

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