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Academy of Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers (APDUMT), JMI organised online lecture on National Professional Standards for Teachers: A Pathway to Quality Education

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Academy of Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers (APDUMT) organised an online special lecture on 'National Professional Standards for Teachers: A Pathway to Quality Education' on 11 September, 2025 at 03:00pm. The programme commenced with Qirat by Mr. Taj Mohammad. Dr. Hina Afreen introduced Prof. Jasim Ahmad, Hony. Director APDUMT and invited him to warmly welcome the guests and participants for the ongoing online lecture series. Prof. Ahmad thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JMI, Prof. Mazhar Asif, and the registrar, JMI, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, for their unwavering support and patronage to the Academy and its various academic activities. He emphasized the importance of the topic and its relevance in teacher education as well as in school education. He further emphasized that the lecture focused on the professional standards of teachers at all levels, and expressed gratitude to Prof. Noushad Husain for graciously agreeing to share his insights on the topic. He welcomed all the teachers, research scholars and educational volunteers who joined the lecture from various intuitions including Jamia Millia Islamia, MANUU, Delhi Schools and from other states.

A brief overview of the vision of the academy was presented by Dr. Naushad Alam, organising secretary of the event. Dr. Alam highlighted the various activities undertaken by the academy for the professional development of Urdu-medium teachers since its inception in 2006. This online lecture series forms an integral part of these initiatives aimed at enhancing the learning and professional growth of Urdu-medium teachers. The esteemed speaker was then introduced by Mr. Md. Ashique Husain, Senior Research Fellow, Dept. of TT & NFE (IASE). He presented a profound academic venture of Prof. Noushad Husain, which includes 23 published books, 40 research papers, and approximately 80 presentations in seminars/conferences. Prof. Husain specializes in computer education, computer assisted learning, multimedia in education, ICT in teacher education, educational technology, measurement and evaluation, teaching of mathematics and research methodologies.

Prof. Noushad Husain, the esteemed speaker of the online lecture was then invited to address the participants. He began the lecture by introducing the National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) outlined in the NEP 2020. He highlighted the Kothari Commission's view that the future of the country is shaped in its classrooms. The lecture focused on teaching as a profession, emphasizing its core components: knowledge-based, skill-oriented, value-driven, and service-oriented. He stressed the need for professional standards to serve as a guiding framework

for teachers' identity, growth, and accountability. Based on this framework, salaries, tenures, and promotions will be determined through self-appraisals aligned with these standards. The framework has been developed by NCTE with the help of various stakeholders. The purpose of these standards is to ensure that teachers are highly qualified, professionally trained, motivated, and well supported throughout their careers. He highlighted that these professional standards serve both as goals and as evaluation criteria for teachers. Their assessment will be carried out by the NCTE, while also providing continuous feedback to identify areas of improvement for teachers across school education nationwide. The framework defines three levels of teachers— Proficient, Advanced, and Expert. The career progression through these stages will be guided by specific goals and standards, with regular assessments determining promotion from one level to the next was then discussed by Dr. Husain. Moreover, he discussed that a mentorship program will also be integrated into this promotion process, requiring teachers to collect evidence and documentation of their work and compile it into a professional portfolio; meanwhile the mentors will be expert teachers only. The expert teachers are also motivated in these documents to participate in seminars and conferences as a form of learning. NCTE may also arrange such platforms for teachers to enhance their learning and make aware of the best practices. Prof. Noushad Husain concluded the online lecture with the mandate of NPST at different stages with a plan of action, applicability, and a periodical review of these standards at every ten years. A digital platform also has been designed to recognise the progress of each in-service teacher.

The special lecture then proceeded towards the question answer session. The lecture formally concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Wahid Nazeer, organising secretary of the event. The lecture was compered by Dr. Hina Afreen, coordinator of the event.

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