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Press Release

JMI's Department of Arabic organises Extension Lecture on Reimagining Arabic Teaching and Learning Pedagogy in Alignment with NEP 2020

New Delhi, October 21, 2026

The Department of Arabic, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), organised an extension lecture on *"Reimagining Arabic Teaching and Learning Pedagogy: Aligning with the NEP 2020 Framework"* at Mir Anees Hall, JMI.

The lecture was delivered by Dr Ataur Rahman, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Delhi-1. Prof. Shikha Kapur, former Head, Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension, presided over the programme.

The programme started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an, followed by a welcome address by Prof. Fauzan Ahmad, Head, Department of Arabic, JMI.

In his welcome address, Prof. Fauzan Ahmad warmly welcomed the speaker and highlighted Dr Ataur Rahman's association with Jamia Millia Islamia as an alumnus. He also acknowledged Dr Rahman's significant contribution to the development of Arabic course syllabi for IGNOU and Hamdard University. Welcoming Professor Shikha Kapur, the chairperson of the programme, he recalled her representation of Jamia teachers association before the parliamentary committee on several important issues. He emphasised that her concern reflected the concern of Jamia's founders, especially the commitment to protecting students' interests and upholding their rights. He also welcomed Professor Majid Jamil, former President of the Jamia Teachers' Association.

Prof. Nasim Akhtar, Coordinator of the programme, introduced the speaker and highlighted his academic and professional contributions before inviting him to deliver the lecture.

In his address, Dr Ataur Rahman began by raising fundamental questions about the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and explaining its objectives in transforming the teaching-learning process. He emphasised that the policy advocates a learner-centric approach, making education more flexible, accessible, holistic, and multidisciplinary. He highlighted the importance of creating engaging and relevant learning environments, fostering critical thinking, integrating modern technology

into education, and promoting skill-based learning to equip students with the competencies required in a rapidly changing world.

Focusing on the teaching and learning of Arabic in the context of NEP 2020, Dr Rahman stressed the need to redesign Arabic curricula in accordance with the policy's objectives. He advocated a shift from grammar-centred instruction towards communication-oriented learning, emphasising the practical use of the language. He suggested making the curriculum more dynamic and interactive by moving beyond conventional lecture-based teaching towards a facilitative approach that actively engages students in a variety of learning tasks and activities.

Dr Rahman also discussed the importance of integrating modern technologies and digital learning resources into Arabic classrooms. He noted that a more practical, skill-oriented approach to Arabic language education could enhance students' employability by opening up career opportunities in fields such as journalism, translation, interpretation, medical tourism, and other language-related professions.

In her presidential remarks, Professor Shikha Kapur appreciated Dr Rahman's insightful lecture and discussed additional dimensions of NEP 2020, including the challenges associated with its implementation. She expressed concern about the difficulties that students from madrasa backgrounds might face in securing admission to universities. Referring to discussions held in the Academic Council, she highlighted the need to explore appropriate measures to facilitate their access to higher education. She also addressed the challenges of implementing the policy and emphasised the growing significance of digital education in the contemporary academic landscape.

Prof Nasim Akhtar extended his thanks to all the dignitaries and participants. The program was attended by all faculty members, students, and research scholars.

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ON

**Reimagining Arabic Teaching & Learning Pedagogy:
Aligning with NEP 2020 Framework**

Organizer Prof. Fouzan Ahmad Head, Dept. of Arabic	Chair Prof. Shikha Kapoor Director, OF Adult & Continuing Education	Speaker Dr. Ataur Rahman Professor, Institute of Arabic (Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi)
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Friday, 16 October 2026

Mr. Anis Haddad, Head of the Department of Arabic

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GOVERNMENT DIGITAL INITIATIVES

- India has developed a broad digital education ecosystem, including:
- DIKSHA
- SWAYAM
- SWAYAM Prabha
- e-PG Pathshala
- National Digital Library of India
- Virtual Labs
- Shodhganga
- PM eVIDYA
- VidyaDaan
- NDEAR
- Objective:
- Use technology to improve quality and support flexible learning.

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