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The Jamia Millia Islamia held its **Annual Convocation** on November 23, 2010 at 3.30 PM in the Lawns of Dr. M.A. Ansari Auditorium, Jamia Millia Islamia.

On this occasion, the University conferred the Degree of **Doctor of Letters** (Honoris Causa) on His Holiness Tenzin Gyatso, the **Fourteenth Dalai Lama** of Tibet.

The **Citation** presented on the occasion to the Dalai Lama stated that “Jamia Millia Islamia honours His Holiness the fourteenth Dalai Lama of Tibet, **one of the most respected figures and teachers of our times, who stands for rationality, humanism, non-violence, peace and universal benevolence.**”

On receiving the degree, the Dalai Lama congratulated the students and said that **he has committed his life to spreading the message about two principles: one of harmony and peace and the other of developing human values.**

Mr. **Kapil Sibal**, Hon’ble Union Minister of Human Resource Development was the **Chief Guest** on this occasion. In his **Convocation Address**, referring to the Dalai Lama, Mr. Sibal said that “In keeping with the secular traditions of Jamia, **we have chosen to honour a noble soul.**”

In his Convocation Address, Mr Sibal also said, “**Jamia is the crème de la crème of our Central Universities.**” Adding further, “The Distinctive spirit that guides the education at Jamia, I believe was best captured by Dr. Zakir Husain as the fusion of “quami tahzeeb and the insaani tahzeeb.”

**Mr. Najeeb Jung**, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia **presided** over the Annual Convocation. Hailing the students, the Vice Chancellor in his **Address** said, “I call upon all students here to understand the gravity of this moment. **It is a moment that they step out in the World blessed by true Holiness, by an individual who embodies the best in humanism within the modern mind.** So take in the event, enjoy your good fortune in being here today and may His Holiness’ blessings keep you on a path that you will make this University proud of you.”

In the Annual Convocation 2010, a total of **3529 Degrees/Diplomas** were awarded to students who have successfully completed Post-graduation, Graduation, and Diploma from different Faculties/Departments/Centres of the University in the Academic Session 2008-09.

The University also handed out 147 **Gold Medals** to the Toppers of different courses as also awarded 127 **Ph.D. degrees** to Research Scholars.







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