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.