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Press Release

### **Two alumni of AJK-MCRC felicitated**

Young filmmaker, Hardik Mehta and Photographer Anshul Mehrotra – two alumnus of Jamia Millia Islamia's AJK Mass Communication Research Centre were today felicitated at a function where fresh students for seven PG courses conducted by the institution were welcomed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad.

Hardik Mehta, who obtained his Masters in Mass Communication from AJK-Mass Communication Research Centre (AJK-MCRC) in 2008, began his film career as an Assistant Director for Dev Benegal's *Road Movie* in the same year. He worked as script supervisor and assistant director on Vikramaditya Motwane's *Lootera* in 2013 and Vikas Bahl's *Queen* in 2014. He has received many awards including *Swarn Kamal* in the best non-feature film category at the National Film Awards in 2015.

Anshul Mehrotra received P.G. Diploma in Still Photography in 2013. As a student, he was selected to represent India at *Canon Photo Marathon* held in Hungary. He was also nominated for the Sony World Photography Award in student category and his work was published in Sony World Photography Award. In 2015, Anshul participated in an open competition by the European Commission to photograph and highlight developmental issues in India.

Speaking on the occasion, the **Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad** told the students that the Centre is one of the best in the world in the field of Media Education and asked them to take full advantage of the facilities available there. Stating that in Jamia teaching and research went in tandem, the Vice-Chancellor, himself a well known researcher, told the students to inculcate the habit of doing research and acquiring hands-on knowledge and skills to be a media professional *par excellence*.

He told the freshers to learn and improve their calibre and academic credentials so that when they pass out, they become the brand ambassadors of AJK-MCRC.

The MCRC Director, Prof. Iftikhar Ahmad said that the Centre has set a benchmark in the field of media education in the world and added that media has become highly commercialized and needs thinkers who are futuristic.

He said that MCRC with its socialist tradition endeavors to attain liberty, equality and fraternity for the entire society through its alumni, some of who are already working towards this goal. He especially mentioned the contributions made by documentary filmmakers Amar Kanwar and Saba Dewan, television journalists like Barkha Datt, Maria Shakil and Suddhabrata Sengupta of 'Raqs Media Collective' and Sanjay Joshi who organizes political film festivals at Gorakhpur.

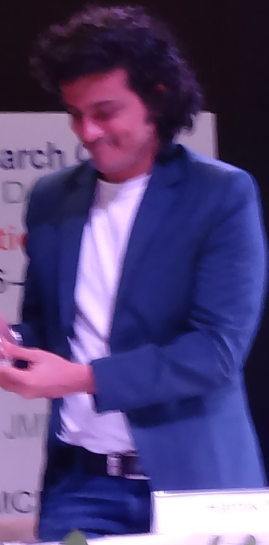
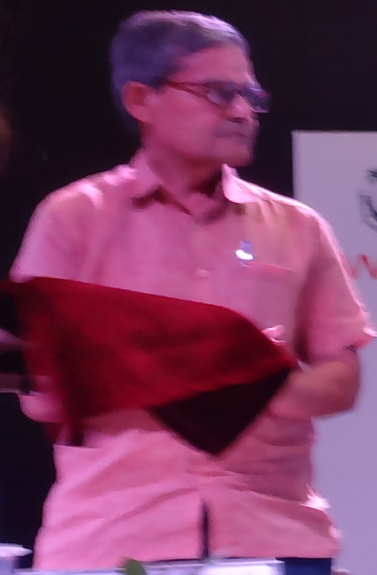
Over 150 students have taken admission in the seven P.G. courses run by the centre. The courses are – M.A. Mass Communication, M.A. Convergent Journalism, M.A. Development Communication, M.A. Visual Effect & Animation, P.G. Diploma in Still Photography, P.G. Diploma in Acting and P.G. Diploma in Broadcast Technology.

One of the senior-most faculty members at MCRC, Prof. F.B. Khan gave the vote of thanks. He advised the new students to dream and act to fulfill their goals and benefit from the state-of-art technology and high-end teaching that have consistently positioned MCRC as the best media institution.

Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments, Directors of Centres, faculty members and students were present at this orientation function.

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