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Mural painting depicting history of JMI inaugurated at Jamia Millia Islamia Metro Station

A mural painting depicting the various stages of the growth and development of the 98-year old Jamia Millia Islamia painted on one of the walls of the newly opened Jamia Millia Islamia Metro Station was today unveiled by the university's Vice-Chancellor, Prof Talat Ahmad in the station premises.

The painting measuring 13 feet x 9 feet has showcased the journey of the university from the time it was founded to the present. All major landmarks including the famous Ghalib statue, the significant gates on campus, the schools of Jamia and other faculty buildings adorn the mural that bears a golden hue with yellow and blue as its prominent colours.

Unveiling the mural painting, VC-JMI, Prof Ahmad said that it reflected not only the hard work, dedication and creativity of the Department of Painting of the Fine Arts Faculty but has also added great aesthetics to the metro station. Commuters, he said, will be acquainted with this historic university.

The painting has been made by Mr Shah Abul Faiz, Assistant Professor at the Department of Painting of the university along with his students.

Centred on top of the painting is the logo of the university with rays of light emanating from it signifying the movement from darkness to light with the spread of knowledge and education. From students studying at the Central library's reading room to eating out at canteens and relaxing in one of its many sprawling lawns, the painting presents a calm academic and serene environment on the university campus.

Mr Faiz said that it was an arduous and challenging task to brush the wall given its height. Equally, it was difficult to decide which elements to incorporate from among the various competing motifs that are available in such a large and old institution. It was important to draw the painting in such a manner that it is understood and appreciated by commoners also. On the whole, it has been an immensely satisfying and creative experience, he added.

Among those present on the occasion, were Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof Shahid Ashraf, Registrar, Mr A. P. Siddiqui (IPS), Finance Officer, Mr Sanjay Kumar, Deans, Chief Proctor Prof Haroon Sajjad, Dean of Students Welfare, Prof Naved Iqbal, Heads of various departments and Directors of Centres and senior officials of DMRC, faculty members and administrative staff of JMI.

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