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In Memoriam: Condoling the passing away of Fahmida Riaz and Meena Alexander at JMI

The Department of English, JMI held a condolence meeting on 27th November 2018 in the memory of two significant poets of South Asia- Fahmida Riaz from Pakistan and Meena Alexander from India.

Prof. Wahajuddin Alvi, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Languages chaired the meeting in the presence of Prof. Nishat Zaidi, Head of the Department, and other faculty members. Several powerful compositions from the two poets were recited, with translations, by students of the department.

Prof. Ameena Kazi Ansari, Prof. Wahajuddin Alvi and Mr. Adeel Mehdi recollected their personal interactions with Fahmida Riaz. During exile, Riaz was appointed as 'Poet in Residence', at Jamia. Prof. Ansari reminisced about her memory of a brief meeting with Meena Alexander. Dr. Bharati Arora of Pondicherry University presented a short paper on Alexander during the meeting. The condolence message was read out by Dr. Shuby Abidi, Subject Association Advisor.

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