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Press Release

JMI hosts Lecture on India's G20 Presidency and its Ramification for its Regional and Global Interest

Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) organized the inaugural lecture (at university level) of the university connect, engaging young minds G20 lecture series on 28-02-2023. The lecture was delivered by Shri Talmiz Ahmad, IFS (Retd), former Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, UAE & Oman and presently Ram Sathe Chair for International Studies, Symbiosis International University, Pune. The event was chaired by Prof. Ibraheem, Dean Students Welfare(DSW), JMI.

Prof. Asheref Illiyan, Coordinator, JMI G20 committee in his opening remarks underlined that the purpose of these lecture series is to take the message of India's G20 presidency to the students, faculty members and staff of the university as it has to reach every nook and corner of the country. He thanked Prof. Najma Akthar, Vice Chancellor and Prof. Nazim Husain Jafri, Registrar JMI for extensive support for organisation of various events in Jamia under the aegis of G20. Prof. Abdul Quayum Ansari, Co-coordinator, JMI G20 committee made a short introductory remark about the keynote speaker.

Shri Talmiz Ahmad started the lecture by explaining what G20 is and its conceptual spheres. He explained that the G20 is the largest grouping of countries and premier forum for international economic cooperation. Its members consist of the world's largest economies – both developed and developing countries. He highlighted the significance of G20 economies as globally they represent 65% of population, 79% of trade, 84% of GDP and 79% of carbon emission.

Further, he took the audience through the historical narratives of the genesis, evolution and present structure of G20. He highlighted that the G20 was born out of Asian Financial Crisis of 1997 which forced G7 countries to think of a need for world economics to come together to pursue joint actions. He also shed light on evolution of G20 meet to a summit level a decade later, triggered by the US financial crisis of 2007-08. Moving on, he described the audience on how the preparatory meetings are held under various heads and tracks and the homework is done for the summit, where actual heads are sat together. He also explained in

detail about the various issues addressed by earlier summits held at different parts of the world during different years.

Shri Talmiz exposed that India has assumed G20 presidency in the context of various challenges the world is facing such as Ukrain war, climate change, green transition and global economic slowdown etc. Shri Talmiz listed each and every priority of India in the upcoming summit and special initiatives already undertaken. The priorities are: Growth, Unsustainable debt, Sustainable Development Goals, Green Development, LiFE, Green finance, Digital infrastructure, Women-led development, Multilateral institutions for the 21st century: greater inclusiveness, Global food security and Global health and “Voice of the Global South”: health, education, science and technology. However, in the context of differing positions of G7 countries, Russia and China on various global issues the biggest challenge for India will be to build consensus among G20 countries and come out with an outcome document. He concluded his speech by underscoring that India can play a significant role as an experienced Non-Aligned country as a “Voice of Global South” besides taking our leadership to

global level.

The talk was followed by fruitful discussion and deliberations on questions from the audience. More than 200 students and faculty members across various Departments and Centres in Jamia and from Delhi University attended the event enthusiastically.

Prof. Shahid Ahmad, Co-coordinator, JMI G20 committee briefly explained the timeline and alerted about upcoming programmes of various Departments/ Centres under the aegis of G20. The lecture was concluded by the vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Rahela Farooqi, Co-cordinator JMI G20 university committee.

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