

Press Release

**JMI scholar awarded prestigious Commonwealth Scholarship for research on  
Indian Knowledge System of Tribes**

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Mr. Nitesh Dogne, a research scholar of Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) pursuing his Ph.D. on the topic of Indigenous Knowledge System of Tribal Circularity, under the supervision of Prof. Hina Zia, Professor & Head, Department of Planning, and Prof. Nisar Khan, Professor from the Department of Architecture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi has been awarded the prestigious Commonwealth Split-site Scholarship for the year 2025-26.

Awarded by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC), United Kingdom, it is a highly competitive and fully funded scholarship granted to a few meritorious research scholars from around the world. In the year 2024, only 57 scholars received the award across 40 countries. Under this award, Nitesh will continue his research at the University of Bath for one year. His research proposal was also selected at University College London, University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, and Newcastle University for this scholarship.

Prof. Hina Zia said that this research investigates how the Bhil tribe uses water, energy, biomass, and waste in a circular and near-zero manner. Their ecological wisdom offers critical insights for achieving SDG 6 (clean water) and SDG 7 (clean energy) and (Climate action 13), especially in the Global South. Prof. Nisar Khan said that this research studies the age-old practices of the Bhil tribes, which are disappearing due to urbanization. This documentation will act as the foundation for the revival of the Indian Knowledge System for achieving sustainability.

Congratulating the scholar and supervisors, Prof. Mazhar Asif, Vice Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia, stated that this scholarship not only repositions Indigenous knowledge at the forefront of climate solutions but also strengthens relations between Jamia Millia Islamia and the University of Bath.

Prof. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar of Jamia Millia Islamia, conveyed his commendation to the research scholar and supervisors for conducting relevant research for the country. He also emphasized that the research collaborations between universities across the world should be enhanced to solve global problems.

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