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**VC and Registrar, JMI visit *Raksha Mantri* Shri Rajnath Singh to discuss the creation of new Centre on Defence and Strategic Studies in JMI and collaboration with the School of Foreign Languages run by Ministry of Defence, Lodhi Road**

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Jamia Millia Islamia's (JMI) Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif, and Registrar, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, paid a visit to the Honourable *Raksha Mantri* Shri Rajnath Singh on Saturday, May 03, 2025, to discuss initiatives to strengthen defence and strategic studies teaching and research in the university. Central to their discussion with the Honorable Defence Minister was the proposal for the establishment of a new Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies and collaboration with the School of Foreign Languages (SFL) run by the Ministry of Defence at Lodhi Road, New Delhi, with the aim to enhance the teaching of foreign languages among Defence Officers at JMI.

Prof. Asif and Prof. Rizvi apprised the Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh, about the vision behind the proposed Centre and the critical role it would play in strengthening strategic thinking and research in Defence Studies. Further, the proposed Foreign Languages Centre, in collaboration with the School of Foreign Languages, Lodhi Road, would equip JMI to serve as a specialized hub of teaching and training strategically important languages to Defence officers and to cater to the growing needs of the ministries and departments of the Government of India. Together, the two initiatives will contribute tremendously towards strengthening strategic thinking - teaching and research and in the training and capacity-building of military personnel in foreign languages, the VC and Registrar, JMI, said.

Prof. Asif and Prof. Rizvi also briefed the *Raksha Mantri* on the academic achievements and ongoing progress and development of the university. The Hon'ble Defence Minister expressed his commendation of their efforts and JMI's educational excellence. He offered full support and backing for the proposed initiatives and appreciated the unique way in which they aligned national security and the nation's progress with academic innovation.

Expressing their heartfelt gratitude to the Honorable Minister, the VC and Registrar of JMI said that the meeting marked a significant moment for the university and underscored Jamia Millia Islamia's commitment to advancing and contributing to nation-building through education.

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