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Press Release

JMI awarded 'Fit India – Gold FERN Recognition' at a grand ceremony by Hon'ble Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

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Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) has been conferred the prestigious "Fit India – Gold FERN Recognition" Award by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, in recognition of its remarkable efforts towards promoting a healthy, green, and vehicle-free campus and advancing the objectives of the Fit India Movement.

Under the visionary and inspiring leadership of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JMI, Prof. Mazhar Asif, and the Registrar, JMI, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, the university has undertaken several innovative initiatives to promote the 'Fit India Movement'. Both Prof. Asif and Prof. Rizvi have led by example by personally participating in cycling activities every Sunday, inspiring teachers, staff members, and students to embrace fitness, healthy living, and environmental sustainability.

Their leadership has fostered a strong cycling culture across the University community, encouraging the adoption of a healthier lifestyle while contributing significantly to the creation of a pollution-free and environmentally friendly campus.

The award was presented by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya ji. Dr. Vikas Sitaramji Nagrale, University Librarian, Jamia Millia Islamia, was nominated by the university to receive the award on behalf of the institution. During the felicitation ceremony, Dr. Mandaviya presented this prestigious recognition to Dr. Vikas Nagrale.

JMI administration has taken several effective measures to transform the campus into a vehicle-free, clean, and eco-friendly environment. Well-organized parking facilities have been developed for all vehicle users, including female students, while special emphasis has been placed on creating and maintaining a green campus.

As a result of these sustained efforts, Jamia Millia Islamia has emerged as a model institution in promoting healthy living, environmental conservation, and sustainable development.

The University has dedicated this achievement to the collective efforts and commitment of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Mazhar Asif, the Hon'ble Registrar Prof. Mehtab Alam Rizvi, faculty members, staff, and students, describing it as a matter of immense pride for the entire Jamia community.

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