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Press Release

JMI's Department of Arabic organizes International Seminar on "Arabic Sources of Indian History and Culture"

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The Department of Arabic, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) hosted a two-day international seminar on "Arabic Sources of Indian History and Culture" on 24–25 March 2026 at the university's Iranology Hall, Mohibbul Hasan Building. The seminar was held under the patronage of Prof. Mazhar Asif, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI. The event was organized under the supervision of Prof. Nasim Akhtar, Head, Department of Arabic, JMI, along with the seminar coordinator Dr. Heifa Shakri and other faculty members. The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Zubair A. Farooqi, Former Head of the Department of Arabic, JMI.

The inaugural session commenced with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an, followed by the release of four books authored by distinguished scholars. Among the released works were;

إسهامات الجامعة في ترويج لغة الضاد والثقافة العربية في الهند

authored by Prof. Nasim Akhtar.

الجامعة المليية الإسلامية (من ١٩٢٠م إلى ١٩٤٥م)

by Dr. Heifa Shakri (Translation of the book "جامعہ کی کہانی" by Abdul Ghaffar Madhooli),

مواقع الحذف في القرآن الكريم

by Dr. Aurangzeb Al-Azmi

and "Apollo Movement and Arabic Poetry" by Dr. Durdana Shaheen.

This was followed by the welcome address delivered by Prof. Nasim Akhtar. Distinguished guests shared their views on the significance of Arabic sources in understanding Indian history and culture in this session.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. Mohd. Sanaullah, Former Chairman, Department of Arabic, AMU, who emphasized that Arabic historical sources are

invaluable for reconstructing India's past and understanding its cultural and intellectual traditions. He also highlighted the need for serious academic engagement with these sources.

The seminar was graced by Prof. Nishat Manzar, Officiating Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Languages, JMI as the Chief Guest, who, in her address, appreciated the initiative and stressed the importance of further research in this field.

During the seminar, several academic sessions were conducted in which teachers, scholars, and researchers presented research papers on various aspects of Arabic historiography, Indo-Arab cultural relations, and manuscript studies. These presentations highlighted the richness, authenticity, and academic relevance of Arabic sources. The participants also emphasized the importance of preservation, translation, and critical study of Arabic manuscripts and encouraged young researchers to contribute to this field.

The seminar concluded with a valedictory session, presided over by Prof. Shafiq Ahmad Khan Nadwi, where thanks were extended to all dignitaries, keynote speaker, coordinators, faculty members, and participants for their valuable contributions. The comprehensive seminar report was delivered by Dr. Suhaib Alam. A renewed dedication to advancing research in Arabic sources of Indian history and culture marked the event's successful conclusion.

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