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Press Release

**JMI's Department of Social Work organizes 5-Day Students Orientation
Programmes 2026-27**

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The Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) conducted its Orientation Programs for newly admitted students of Master of Arts (Social Work), Master of Arts (Human Resource Management), Bachelor of Arts (Social Work), Bachelor of Arts (Human Resource Management), 2026- 2027 from August 10-14, 2026.

The Orientation Program began with a welcome to the freshers by the Head of the Department (HOD), Professor Ravindra Ramesh Patil, wherein he shared the long-standing legacy of the Department of Social Work and its contribution to social work education and social sectors in India. The HOD talked about the broad course structure and various programmes offered by the department are aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the launch of a new course Bachelor in Human Resource Management (BAHRM) from the academic session 2026-27. He also talked about the modalities of Discipline, Punctuality and Attendance. At the end of his session, Prof. Patil congratulated all the newly enrolled students and thanked the Orientation Programs organising team, 2026-27. This was followed by ice-breakings sessions conducted by Dr. LHM Gangte and Dr. Shaad Habeeb who used group games to help the students to know their peers and the wider cohort. The students were also oriented on the core fieldwork component of the Department by Prof. Ashvini Kumar Singh, Director-Fieldwork and the student led activities by the Student Advisor Dr. Rubina Nusrat.

Speakers from amongst the faculty members and development sector shared their insights and experiences on professional social work. The social work sessions opened with an 'Introduction to the social work profession' by Prof. Neelam Sukhramani who held an interactive session on the values and ethics of social work; Teaching-learning methods of social work and its resonance with NEP was taken by Dr. Hem Borker; Mental Health and Wellbeing by Dr. LHM Gangte; and Social work Methods by Prof. Ushvinder Kaur Popli. A session on Rights-based perspective in Social Work was taken by Dr. Sanjay Ingole. The session on Fieldwork modalities was taken by Co-Director Fieldwork for MSW, Dr. Sanjay Ingole and Co-Director Fieldwork for BSW Dr. LHM Gangte. All the social work students were also taken for exposure visit to NGO, Hope Trust located in Basti Hazrat Nizamuddin.

In Human Resource Management, diverse topics related to Human resource education were covered and these included: Introduction to HRM and HR in Complex organizations, Complexities and Nuances of Human Interaction at workplaces, Changing Context of Careers in HR and Understanding and managing Cultural Diversity. Industry experts delivered sessions on different topics like Understanding and managing Cultural Diversity by Dr Sohrab Khan, HR Consultant and the 'People & Organization' by Ms. Gaganjot Kaur, Manager. They shared their experiences and helped the HRM students to be familiarized with employability requirement from the young workforce.

Several sessions intersecting both Social Work and HRM were covered by university officials. These included safety and security of students by Prof. Rajan Patel, Deputy Proctor; Overview of sports facilities by Prof. Nafees Ahmad, Honorary Director-Sports; Internal Complaint Committee(ICC) and Gender-inclusive campus by Prof. Archana Dassi, Chairperson, ICC; Environmental Awareness by Prof. Rajiv Singh, Head, Department of Environmental Sciences; Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan initiative by Prof. Shazia and the National Service Scheme (NSS) by Dr. Habeebul Rahiman, Programme Officer, National Service Scheme(NSS) and Assistant Proctor. On the last day the students gave their feedback and presented their learnings in Reflective session.

The Students Orientation Programme 2026-27 was organised by Prof. Ravindra Ramesh Patil, HOD, Department of Social Work, Prof. Vani Narula; Prof. Virendra Balaji Shahare, Dr. Asiya Nasreen and Dr. Hem Borker, which was attended by more than 125 newly enrolled students.

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