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Department of Foreign Languages, Jamia Millia Islamia celebrates 1st Hangeul Day along with International Conference

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The Department of Foreign Languages at Jamia Millia Islamia organized a commemorative First Hangeul Day celebration in conjunction with an International Conference held on October 15th and 16th, 2026. This two-day academic event was designed to honor Hangeul Day, advance the study and appreciation of Korean language and culture within the institution, and foster enhanced scholarly and cultural collaboration between India and the Republic of Korea.

The celebration brought together faculty members, students, researchers, dignitaries, and representatives of Korean cultural and educational institutions. The event encompassed an opening ceremony, an international academic conference, student-led competitions, and presentations of cultural traditions.

Dr. Nawnit Kumar, Assistant Professor (Korean), Department of Foreign Languages, Jamia Millia Islamia was the Convenor of this two-day international programme.

Day 1: 15 October 2026

Inaugural Session

The First Hangeul Day Celebration commenced with the **Inaugural Session**, held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m**.** in the Engineering Auditorium, Jamia Millia Islamia. The session was presided over by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia, Prof. Mazhar Asif, whose gracious presence and valuable guidance lent great dignity and significance to the occasion.

Other distinguished guests included: Prof. Ravikesh, Registrar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Ms. Jin-hee Lee, Minister, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Prof. Neelofer Afzal, Dean, Students' Welfare, Jamia Millia Islamia, Prof. Iqtidar Mohd. Khan, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Languages, Jamia Millia Islamia, Dr. Abraham Lee, Atomy India, Prof. Md. Faizullah Khan, Head, Department of Foreign Languages, Jamia Millia Islamia, Representative of Korea Tourism Organisation, Prof. (Retd.) Vyjayanti Raghavan, Jawaharlal Nehru University, as well as faculty members and students of the university.
The inaugural session highlighted the importance of Hangeul as a scientific, creative, and culturally significant writing system. It also emphasised the growing importance of

Korean language education, Korean Studies, and India–Korea cultural cooperation in Indian universities.

International Conference

The International Conference convened on 15th October 2026 established an esteemed academic venue that facilitated the presentation of scholarly research by investigators, academics, and students, encompassing topics pertinent to Korean linguistics, literary traditions, cultural phenomena, societal structures, the Hangeul writing system, and related disciplines within the broader field of Korean Studies.

A collective of 45 researchers representing six nations engaged in the conference proceedings. The participation of academics from diverse geographical regions demonstrated the conference's international scope and emphasized the expanding scholarly engagement with Korean Studies throughout India and globally.

The conference sessions included paper presentations, academic discussions, and scholarly exchanges on contemporary and traditional aspects of Korean language, culture, and society.

Day 2: 16 October 2026

First Session: Student Competitions

The second day began with a session of student competitions designed to encourage creativity, linguistic skills, and cultural engagement among students.

The competitions included: Korean Calligraphy, Essay Writing, Poster Making, Reels Making and Singing Competition.

Students participated with great enthusiasm and demonstrated their understanding of Korean language, culture, and contemporary Korean popular culture. The competitions provided students with an opportunity to express their creativity while deepening their connection with Korean cultural traditions.

Second Session: Cultural Programmes

The second session was held from **2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** and featured a vibrant series of cultural performances.

The cultural programme included: Korean Fan Dance, Korean Traditional Dance, Ganggangsullae, K-Pop Dance Performances, Korean Songs and other cultural presentations by students.

The performances showcased the diversity and dynamism of Korean culture, combining traditional art forms with contemporary Korean popular culture. The audience

responded enthusiastically to the performances, which created a lively and celebratory atmosphere.

The successful organisation of the First Hangeul Day Celebration and International Conference was made possible through the support and guidance of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Registrar of Jamia Millia Islamia, the Dean of Students' Welfare, the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Languages, the Head and faculty members of the Department of Foreign Languages, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, the Korean Education Centre, the Korea Tourism Organisation, Atomy India, invited dignitaries, researchers, and students.

Special appreciation is extended to all participating student volunteers, whose enthusiasm, discipline, and creative contributions were central to the success of the two-day celebration.

The event successfully promoted awareness of Hangeul, Korean language, and Korean culture within the university. It also strengthened institutional and cultural linkages between India and the Republic of Korea while providing students and researchers with a valuable platform for academic and cultural exchange. The celebration is expected to serve as an important foundation for future academic programmes, cultural activities, and research initiatives in Korean Studies at Jamia Millia Islamia.

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