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Press Release

JMI hosts lecture on “Preserve, Protect and Digitize: Safeguarding Archival Heritage for future Generation” and a workshop on “Archival Conservation Techniques”

Dr. Zakir Husain Library, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) hosted a lecture titled "Preserve, Protect, and Digitize: Safeguarding Archival Heritage for Future Generations," followed by a workshop on Archival Conservation Techniques on March 07, 2024. The hybrid event received an overwhelming response of scholars, teachers, and professionals from various Universities across the country.

Professor Tabrez Alam Khan, Professor Incharge, Dr. Zakir Husain Library and Dean Faculty of Sciences, JMI, appreciated library's initiative of preserving and digitizing the archival heritage. He expressed appreciation for library's efforts in organizing the lecture and the workshop, recognizing their significant contribution to scholarly discourse and professional development. He also announced the introduction of a new course titled **PG Diploma in Preservation, Conservation, and Digitization in Libraries and Archives**. He emphasized that the course would significantly contribute to the development of highly skilled professionals in both archival and library fields.

Dr. Vikas S. Nagrale, University Librarian, Dr. Zakir Husain Library said that “In line with the vision outlined in the National Education Policy 2020 of promoting multidisciplinary education and preservation of heritage to nurture the knowledgeable society, the Library launched the PG Diploma course in Preservation, Conservation and Digitization in Libraries and Archives equipping students with the skills necessary to safeguard documentary heritage thus aligning well with the NEP's vision of Indian knowledge system.

Dr. Sufian Ahmad, Deputy Librarian introduced the speakers to the participants while Dr. Shehbaz H. Naqvi felicitated the guests. Guest speaker Dr. Sutapa Chakravarty, Assistant Director of Archives (Retd.), National Archives of India, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, focussed on the importance of preserving Archival Heritage. She emphasized on the significance of preservation, best practices for safeguarding archival records, and the challenges related to digital preservation. Additionally, Mr. Chander Shekhar, Senior Conservationist (Retd.) National Archives of India demonstrated some of the techniques used for preserving historical records.

Dr. Umaima, Assistant Archivist introduced the newly launched course- PG Diploma in Conservation, Preservation and Digitization in Libraries and Archives offering a comprehensive curriculum covering the topics such as archives management, preventive conservation, digital curation, and ethical consideration in preserving archival records. Most of the students were eager to join this course as applications are now being accepted for the session 2024-2025. The program concluded with a vote of thanks given by Johan Mohammad Mir, Information Scientist.










