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## Jamia Millia Islamia Launches Cutting-Edge Skill Hub to Power Future Careers Centre of Excellence for Professional Skill Development Inaugurated at University Polytechnic

New Delhi: In a landmark initiative to transform technical education, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) unveiled its brand-new Centre of Excellence for Professional Skill Development at University Polytechnic on April 8, 2025. The state-of-the-art facility was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif, in the presence of distinguished academicians, industry leaders, and enthusiastic students, underscoring JMI's unwavering commitment to fostering industry-aligned, future-ready education.

The high-spirited inauguration featured inspiring addresses from distinguished dignitaries, including Prof. Mohammad Mahtab Alam Rizvi (Registrar, JMI), Prof. Mini Shaji Thomas (Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology), and Mr. Sundresan Narayanan, Managing Director of Carrier Air-conditioning Ltd.—JMI's valued industry collaborator.

Dr. M. A. Khan, Acting Principal of University Polytechnic, welcomed the gathering by highlighting the Centre's pivotal role in bridging the gap between academia and evolving industry demands and global technological trends. Mr. Narayanan presented the industry's perspective, tracing innovations back to Willis Carrier, the father of modern air-conditioning and founder of Carrier. The event illuminated the transformative power of academic-industry synergy, with Prof. Mini Thomas emphasising its importance in preparing job-ready graduates. Prof. Rizvi envisioned the Centre as a launchpad for innovation, skill-building, and inclusive growth. Vice Chancellor Prof. Mazhar Asif, in his presidential address, praised the initiative as a cornerstone of JMI's commitment to nurturing a generation of skilled, socially responsible professionals.

To commemorate the occasion, mementoes were presented to dignitaries, and heartfelt thanks were extended to Carrier Air-conditioning Ltd., including key representatives Mr. Shadab and Dr. Sujeet Ranjan. The ceremony concluded on a patriotic note with the National Anthem, following a warm Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Ranjan from United Way Delhi (UWD), a key partner in the Centre's development. This newly inaugurated

Centre of Excellence is not just a milestone for JMI—it's a launchpad for youth empowerment, industry integration, and socio-economic transformation.

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