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From enthralling *ghazals*, dance performances from NE States and evocative *Kavi Sammelan* to an international Food Festival and a 'Run for Unity'; JMI curates Delhi's finest cultural and educational fair, Talimi Mela 2025

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Breath-taking performances and soulful compositions by the finest *ghazal* singers and Hindi poets captivated a crowd of over 8,000 students, faculty members and guests at Jamia Millia Islamia's (JMI) sprawling Ansari auditorium lawns creating a festive mood on campus as the grand six-day celebration of the 105th Foundation Day of JMI entered its third day today.

The day began with a surge of patriotic fervour as the university celebrated the ***Rashtriya Ekta Diwas*** commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at its Sports Complex to honour his invaluable contribution to national unity. A well-attended 'Run for Unity', led by **Vice Chancellor, JMI, Prof. Mazhar Asif and Registrar, JMI, Prof. Mahtab Alam Rizvi** was followed by an 'Oath of Unity' administered by Prof Zubair Meenai to a large gathering of more than 500 students, faculty members and national and international delegates, reaffirming JMI's commitment to unity, peace and nation-building.

A memorable event of the Talimi Mela was the spiritually enriching "***Mehfil-e-Qira'at-o-Naat Khwani*** and the Prof. Mohammad Mujeeb Memorial Lecture" that lent a sombre air to the festivities. Maulana Mufaddal Shakir along with Maulana Shabbir Husain Bhopalwala, both representatives of the Chancellor, JMI (Ameer-e-Jamia) His Holiness Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, and Prof. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, eminent educationist and former Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) were the guests of honour at the event. In their addresses, Maulana Mufaddal Shakir and Maulana Shabbir Husain Bhopalwala reflected on Jamia's historic legacy and its enduring contribution to education and social reform. Maulana Bhopalwala conveyed the *Ameer-e-Jamia's* congratulatory message, highlighting that JMI was founded on sacrifice, conviction, and sincerity, values that still guide its progress today and hold the key to humanity. In his illuminating talk, "**The Qur'an and the Cosmos**", Prof. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz said, "the Qur'an is not merely for recitation but for reflection and action; true success lies in understanding and implementing its message in our collective lives." Students from the M.A. Arabic programme, Sayar Shabbir

Wani and Mohammad Adil along with guest reciters, Burhanuddin Badri and Huzaifa Badri, presented ***Naats*** imbued with reverence and devotion, captivating the audience.

The **cultural evenings** held daily at 5:30 p.m. remain a major highlight of the Foundation Day celebrations. On October 29, the much-anticipated '***Sham-e-Ghazal***' by Padma Shri **Ustad Ahmed Hussain and Ustad Mohammed Hussain** enthralled audiences with their soulful melodies, as golden lights illuminated the grand façade of the Ansari Auditorium. The following evening on October 30, the '***Akhil Bhartiya Kavi Sammelan***' brought together celebrated poets including **Laxmi Shankar Bajpai, Yash Malviya, Aman Akshar, Rahul Sharma, Dixit Dankauri, Ranjit Chauhan, Preeti Tripathi and Abhisek Tiwari**. Their verses ranging from poignantly emotional to light-hearted humour and social satire were beautifully anchored by Prof. Rehman Musawwir from the Department of Hindi.

Yesterday, the university's amphitheatre came alive with vibrant dance performances from **North East India**, organised by the Department of Educational Studies. Students, dressed in traditional attire of white, red, blue, black, and gold, celebrated the region's rich heritage, focusing on the tea tribes and the culture, textiles, and folk heritage of Assam. The event opened with one of **Bhupen Hazarika's** masterpieces '***Ganga Behti ho Kyun***' followed by a heartfelt tribute to one of the region's most beloved singers, the recently deceased **Zubeen Garg**, his timeless melodies evoking both nostalgia and pride.

JMI is known for its great **food culture** and in keeping with that tradition, throughout the Talimi Mela, the **International Food Festival** added delectable flavour to the festivities, filling the campus with colour, aroma, and excitement. Stalls lined up across the venue offered everything from traditional Indian fast food and sweet delicacies to international cuisines and icy desserts. The Embassies of **Mexico, France, Italy, Venezuela, and Slovenia** presented exhibits of their food culture along with local restaurants like Zehra and Shaik. Students and visitors moved from stall to stall, tasting, chatting, and capturing moments of joy.

Reflecting on the success of the Talimi Mela, Prof. Asif and Prof. Rizvi said, "The extended Talimi Mela has beautifully and emphatically showcased JMI's intellectual vibrancy and cultural diversity through seminars, lectures, panel discussions and workshops and especially, through book fairs, exhibitions food, music and dance turning the campus into a lively carnival of educational and cultural exchange".

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