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Press Release

**JMI's Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilizations organizes
Orientation Programme for Ph.D. Scholars**

New Delhi, August 27, 2026

The Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Jamia Millia Islamia, organized an Orientation Programme for the newly admitted Ph.D. Scholars (2026–2027 Batch) on 20 August 2026 at 12:30 p.m. at the Centre. The programme formally welcomed the new scholars and introduced them to the Centre's academic environment, institutional ethos, coursework and wider academic community. The event was attended by scholars from the previous Ph.D. batch and the newly admitted M.A. students of CCRC.

Prof. Meher Fatima Hussain, Director of the Centre, welcomed the newly admitted Ph.D. scholars and distinguished invitees and congratulated the scholars on joining the Centre. She familiarized them with the national ethos and distinctive legacy of Jamia Millia Islamia, highlighting the values that have shaped the University's identity. She encouraged the scholars to uphold this legacy and participate actively in the academic and institutional life of the Centre and the University.

Prof. Hussain also highlighted Jamia's commitment to "Clean Jamia, Green Jamia and Plastic-Free Jamia," urging students to contribute towards a responsible and sustainable campus. The scholars were also introduced to important national observances and various institutional initiatives of the University. She suggested that the scholars familiarize themselves with the extant Ph.D. Ordinance and remain updated about its provisions.

The programme also featured interactions with distinguished members of the University. Prof. Mohammad Aleem, A.M. Khwaja Chair, Department of History and Culture, spoke on Jamia's rich tradition of composite culture and its significant role in India's freedom movement. He shared his own experiences and reflected on how the University continues to uphold the ideals and legacy of its founders in contemporary times, particularly its commitment to composite culture.

Dr. Etee Bahadur addressed the scholars on Research and Publication Ethics, the paper she has experience of teaching in the Ph.D. coursework. Stressing the importance of academic integrity and quality research, she encouraged the scholars to pursue publication in reputed Scopus-indexed journals and cautioned them against predatory publishing practices.

Dr. Ambreen Jamali, who is a part of the Proctors Team, familiarized the scholars with rules and regulations of the Proctor office, various student-support cells and institutional facilities, such as the University Placement Cell, the Mental Health and Wellness Centre, and the Counselling and Guidance Centre, among others, which are available in the University. She emphasized the University's commitment to supporting students and encouraged the scholars to make constructive use of the opportunities and resources available to them.

Faculty members of the Centre, Dr. Ahmad Sohaib and Dr. Md. Chingiz Khan interacted with the scholars and provided an overview of the papers they would be teaching, while acquainting them with the academic ethos and pedagogical environment of the Centre. Dr. Srishti Pandey gave a presentation on the Ph.D. coursework structure, academic calendar and essential academic requirements. She also outlined the history and intellectual legacy of the Centre and emphasized the importance of maintaining the mandatory 75 per cent attendance in the course work. The Centre's commitment to a safe, inclusive, and respectful academic environment, including its zero-tolerance policy towards sexual harassment and ragging, was reiterated. The Nasha Mukta Bharat oath was also administered to the attendees.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Meher Fatima Hussain, who expressed deep gratitude to Prof. Mazhar Asif, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, the Hon'ble Registrar, for creating an environment of academic excellence and inclusion. She particularly mentioned that their vision, encouragement and support has helped the Centre evolve and excel.

The Ph.D Orientation Programme provided the newly admitted scholars with a comprehensive introduction to the Centre's academic framework, institutional resources, and intellectual traditions, while encouraging them to become active participants in the academic and cultural life of Jamia Millia Islamia and carry forward its enduring legacy of excellence, scholarship and service.

Prof. Saima Saeed
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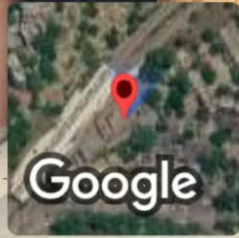
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PhD Orientation

2026 Batch

Special Invitees

Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Aleem

(A.M Khwaja Chair, Department of History)

Dr. Etee Bahadur (CJNS)

Dr. Ambreen Jamali (SNCWS)

Venue - Room Number - 312

Noam Chomsky Complex (Gate-19, JMI)

Date - 20th August 2026 (Thursday)

Time - 12:30 P.M onwards

Prof. Meher Fatima Hussain

Director, CCRC

Jamia Millia Islamia

Organization Team

Dr. Ahmad Sohaib

Dr. Md. Chingiz Khan

Dr. Srishti Pandey