

Urdu Academy, Delhi in collaboration with **Department of Urdu, JMI**

Organized Three Day national Seminar on the topic

JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA KI URDU KHIDMAAT

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In continuation of Centenary Celebrations of Jamia Millia Islamia



Department of Urdu should be the crown of Jamia Millia Islamia: Najib Jang

The Contribution of Jamia in literary translation, academic prose, theatre and children's literature is never forgettable: Professor Shamim Hanafi

Foundation of Jamia at Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College Aligarh was the strongest resistance in Indian History: Professor Sadeeq-Ur-Rehman Qadwai

- **A three-day national seminar(14th to 16th October 2019) on "Urdu services of Jamia Millia Islamia" organized by Urdu Academy Delhi**

New Delhi: Inaugural event was held at CIT Auditorium on the theme of "Urdu Services of Jamia Millia Islamia" in collaboration with the Department of Urdu in connection with the Centennial celebrations of Jamia Millia Islamia organized by Delhi Urdu Academy which was presided by Vice Chancellor Professor Najma Akhtar. The most important aspect of the programme was that two former Vice Chancellor Syed Shahid Mehdi and Najeeb Jung as special guest were present. Prof. Najma Akhtar congratulated the Delhi Urdu Academy and the Department of Urdu for the seminar and said that this seminar is expected to be a comprehensive coverage of those Urdu Contributions of the university it has done in last one hundred years. Syed Shahid Mehdi said that the works of Urdu prose done by Jamia will always be remembered in the history. It is the matter of great pride for the university that most of its Shaykh al-Jamias (Vice Chancellors) has been Urdu writers. Formal promotion of Urdu could not be possible without the promotion of Urdu script. He emphasized on the recovery of formerly renowned magazines of the University which are gradually losing their dignity and reader circle being narrowed day by day. He said that these magazines and institutions have played a vital role in strengthening the tradition of intellectualism in Urdu.

Najeeb Jung said that Urdu has given a lot to the university. But now the question needs to be considered as to what the university is doing for Urdu. The Department of Urdu should be the crown of the University. He raised the issue whether Urdu can face the changing world and changing circumstances by only following this traditional kind of approach. The Urdu people will have to be ready to counter the storm of this of upcoming days.

Presenting the keynote address, Professor Shamim Hanafi said that the role of the university in the translation of Urdu, academic prose, theatre, children's literature and women's literature along with educational literature and the new tradition of intellectualism were unforgettable. The founders and architects of the university not only took personal interest in Urdu journalism, poetry and various sciences and arts but also worked to a great degree in promoting them.

The honorary Dean Faculty of Humanities and Languages Professor Mohammad Asaduldin said that the university has been a source of language since its early days. Its founders have made very high-quality translations into Urdu from various global, literary and intellectual masterpieces.

In his introductory remarks, head of the Department, Shahzad Anjum highlighted the basics of Urdu services of Jamia Millia Islamia and Urdu department, adding that the bright history of the university is well-written. "Without Urdu there can be no meaningful image of a Jamia.

Presenting the welcome words, Vice-Chairman Urdu Academy Delhi, Professor Shahpar Rasool said that Urdu Academy Delhi has had a long association with Jamia. Prof. Gopi Chand Narang, Professor Khalid Mahmood and Professor Akhtar-ul-Wassa, affiliated to the University, have done extraordinary service as Vice Chairman of the Academy. The concert became emotional when the anthem team, under the supervision of Zeeshan Zameer, presented 'Tarana-e-Jamia' with full enthusiasm.

The inaugural session was led by the beautiful anchoring of Dr. Khalid Mobashshir. Afterward, Prof Ahmad Mahfooz formally thanked each and every one who was present there in the auditorium. The meeting began with the recitation of holy Quran by Dr. Shah Nawaz Fayyaz.

Three technical meetings were held on the second day of the seminar in Tagore Hall, Dayar-e-Meer Taqi Meer. The feature of these meetings was that each

meeting was scheduled for the articles under one central topic. The theme of the first meeting was "Jamia Millia Islamia: History, Mission and Vision". In the presidential address of the meeting, Professor Syed Mohammad Azizuddin Hussein Hamdani said that we can compare Jamia as an educational monastery. The same common attributes were associated with all the founders of the university.

The second president of the session, Prof. Elias Hussain, said that the first institute for systematic study of Mahatma Gandhi's proposed conceptual education and system of education was Jamia Millia Islamia. In this meeting, Prof. Rizwan Qaiser presented his paper which was titled as "The Vision and Mission of Jamia Millia Islamia", Mr. Shameem Tariq, "Jamia Millia Islamia: Past, Present and Future", Professor Sabiha Anjum Zaidi, "Initiation of Jamia Millia Islamia", Prof. Farhat Nasrin Founder of Jamia Millia Islamia and Professor Shahzad Anjum presented articles on the history of Jamia Millia Islamia in the eyes of Urdu authors.

The second session was held under the theme "literary contributions of Jamia's Writers". In the presidential address, Professor Saddiqur Rahman Qidwai said that the topmost protest in the history of India was the establishment of Jamia Millia Islamia at Muhammadan Anglo Oriental College Aligarh.

The students of MAO College Aligarh, under the leadership of freedom fighters, revolted against the slavery education of the British and laid the foundation of Jamia Millia Islamia. The second president of the meeting, Prof. Ejaz Masih, said that Aligarh and the University had played an unforgettable role in stabilizing, constructing, and sustaining literature. In this meeting, Professor Qazi Obaidur Rahman Hashmi presented "Literary Services of the writers associated with Urdu Department", Prof. Qamar al-Hadi Fareedi, "Urdu Literature and Jamia Millia Islamia", Mr. Masoom Kazhmi, Role of monthly booklet KitabNuma in Promotion of Literary Journal". , Dr. Abu Bakr abbad presented his article on "Literary Services of writers of Jamia", Sohail Anjum as "Distinguished Journalist of Jamia University" and Mohammad Aslam, "Part of Founders' of Jamia University in the promotion of Urdu Language and Literature".

The theme of the third meeting was "Academic, Research and Criticism works of Jamia Millia Islamia". Presiding over the meeting, Professor Ibn-e- Kanwal said that if Jamia and Aligarh were removed from Urdu literature, literary history would be cut short. The second president, Prof. Ahrar Hussain, termed the services of the university as exceptional in translation and education in the construction and development of India.

The last day of the seminar was held in Tagore Hall, along with three technical meetings and a closing meeting was held. The President of the concluding meeting Prof. Muhammad Zakir termed the Jamia Millia Islamia as a new laboratory for the development of intellectual and personal essence and said that the founders of this place have explored new destinations.

The second president of the meeting, Professor Atiqullah, said, "I consider the university a metaphor for enlightenment. The founders and architects of this intellectual not only understood, but also welcomed, the new intellectual waves and the new world requirements against the elites and feudal civilization's elites and its colours.

During the concluding session, Professor Shahzad Anjum said that a total of thirty articles were presented. The distinguishing feature of this seminar was that in each of its meetings articles were organized under one central topic.

Expressing gratitude, Vice-Chairman Urdu Academy Delhi Professor Shahpar Rasool said that the seminar included the history, mission, vision, literary services of the famous Jamia University, academic research, critical and creative services of the university, Urdu journalism and literature. Detailed articles were presented regarding the unforgettable achievements of the University. The documentary film produced by Abdul Rehman and Afsar Butt in connection with Jamia Century was shown under the patronage of Professor Shahzad Anjum and under the supervision of Dr. Khalid Mubashshir.

Presenting the fourth presidential speech, Professor Anisur Rahman contributed to the intellectual training of a new generation of Urdu-speaking students and critics.

The second president of the meeting, Prof. Wahjuddin Alawi, said that in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries the British recognized their cultural, linguistic and national superiority, but for the first time the Jamia Millia Islamia believed that our Eastern civilization was Western. Better than ever.

Presiding over the Sixth Meeting, Professor Khalid Mahmood said that the articles presented in this seminar will be cited for centuries. He added that the university is not just a shrine, but a sacred place for the passionate sacrifices and dreams of the the people.

The second president of the meeting, Shamim Tariq, said that under current circumstances, the responsibility of preserving Urdu language and literature should be solely assigned to Jamia Millia Islamia.

During the three-day national seminar a large number of research scholars and students recorded their presences.

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