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Press Release

## JMI hosts four-day International Spring School 2025 on "Empowering Futures: Women, AI, and the Future of Work"

The Spring School 2025, an international workshop lasting four days and centered on the theme 'Empowering Futures: Women, AI, and the Future of Work', successfully concluded at the Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CIE), Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) on February 20, 2025. This initiative, aimed at bridging the gender gap in AI and digital transformation, brought together students, universities, and industry leaders from Bangladesh, Germany, India, and Vietnam. Participants engaged in hands-on learning, interdisciplinary collaboration, and discussions on the future of work in the AI-driven era.

The Spring School is collaborative effort led by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmBH in partnership with Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE), JMI and Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG), Germany. This intensive four-day programme equipped non-technical female students from Bangladesh, Germany, India, and Vietnam with essential digital skills, interdisciplinary collaboration experience, and exposure to cutting-edge industry insights.

Key Takeaways from Spring School 2025:

Hands-on Learning: Participants explored AI, digital transformation, and future workplace trends through expert-led sessions.

Industry Exposure: Sessions by leading AI professionals and policymakers on empowering women in technology.

Real-World Challenges: Participants worked on Al-driven workplace solutions using methodologies like eduScrum and Nowland-Nextland.

Global Networking: Collaboration between students, universities, and industry leaders from four countries.

The closing and certification ceremony was attended by Ms. Caren Blume, Deputy Head of Economic Cooperation and Development, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, alongside Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI, and senior functionaries of the university and from industry.

"The future of work is being shaped by AI, and it is imperative that women are equal participants in this transformation," said Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi. "Spring School 2025 has empowered young women with the skills and confidence to lead in the digital economy."

The event aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education), fostering inclusive technological advancement through international cooperation.

Future of Development Cooperation with Asia (BMZ Advisory Project) is a German initiative supporting gender equality, digitalization, and Al-driven solutions through international collaboration.

CIE, JMI signed an MOU with GIZ, as a university partner for the project "Digital Skills to Succeed in Asia (DS2S)" which is a GIZ-led regional project promoting AI, data, and digital entrepreneurship education among non-tech university students, with a focus on women.

Prof. Rihan Khan Suri, Director, CIE expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif for his patronage to this illustrious event.

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