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Press Release

JMI VC inaugurates Thrift Store for donation of pre-owned goods

Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif inaugurated a Thrift Store, organised by the Hall of Girls' Residence (Old) of the university on January 23, 2025 under the aegis of 'Swabhav Swachhta Sanskar Swachhta', near the Zakir Husain Museum. The Thrift Store invited contributions from the entire JMI community, including faculty, staff, and residents, encouraging them to donate pre-owned goods, which were then meticulously packed and displayed for redistribution. The objective of the event was to reaffirm the university's commitment to fostering sustainable living and community care. The initiative resonates with Jamia's ethos of community service, shared responsibility, and communal harmony.

This thoughtful initiative served as a platform to promote environmental sustainability, reduce waste, and inspire a culture of conscious consumption. The event was met with overwhelming enthusiasm and appreciation from the Jamia community, serving as a testament to the collective spirit of sustainability, inclusivity, and care.

The Vice Chancellor, in his inaugural remarks, emphasized that JMI represents a biradari (community) deeply rooted in the principles of collective sharing and care. He stated, "The best way to care for humanity is to share your clothing and food with those who need them more. Donating your cherished belongings reflects the communitarian spirit that is central to Jamia's values."

He further elaborated that it is human beings with humane attitudes who can truly help others. Prof. Asif highlighted that JMI's inception is deeply rooted in the service—community service and service to the nation. He underscored the importance of sharing and collective effort in nurturing a harmonious and conscientious community guided by ethical values and a sense of responsibility.

Prof. Arvinder A. Ansari, Provost of the Hall of Girls' Residence (Old), JMI, highlighted that Jamia has historically emphasized learning by doing, an educational philosophy encouraging students to actively engage in participatory activities. She noted, "By involving students in initiatives like the Thrift Store, we are not only socializing them into respecting the values of community living and service but also reinforcing the foundational principles laid by Jamia's founding fathers."

At the conclusion of the inaugural session, Prof. Arvinder A. Ansari expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Chief Proctor Prof. Naved Jamal, the Security Advisor Mr. Syed Abdul Rashid, and their teams for unwavering support and cooperation in organizing the event. She also extended her sincere thanks to everyone involved in making the initiative a success.

A similar Thrift Store was organized on September 29, 2024, by the same team, which reflects their consistent dedication to environmental responsibility and social welfare.

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