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Press Release

**JMI hosts talk on 'Cultural Relations between Iran and India'**

The Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI) hosted an informative and thought-provoking talk on the theme, '*Cultural Relations Between Iran and India: Capacities and Prospects*'. The discussion was held at the Conference Hall of the India-Arab Cultural Centre in *Imarat Ibn Khaldun*. The talk was delivered by Dr. Fariduddin Faridasr, Cultural Counsellor of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, New Delhi. Scholars, educators, students and others who had an interest in cultural studies attended the programme.

Dr. Faridasr presented an extensive overview of the political and cultural links between India and Iran. He pointed out ways to improve these connections today. His talk covered a large canvas, including, geo-politics, shared culture, literature and art. He also highlighted ways in which cultural connections can help improve relationships between the two nations.

The event started with an opening address by the Seminar Convener, *Prof. Anisur Rahman*. Prof. Rahman welcomed the guests and explained why cultural ties between the two countries are important. He highlighted the importance of Indo-Iranian relationships and how cultural exchanges help improve understanding between the two nations.

The event was concluded with detailed comments by Prof. Hemayun Akhtar Nazmi, Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, JMI. Prof. Nazmi thanked the speaker for his valuable comments and pointed out the importance of ongoing academic and culture discussions. As a specialist in the cultural studies of the West Asian region, he further commended Dr. Fariduddin Faridasr for his commitment to support researchers interested in the study of Iranian culture and society. He concluded by appreciating all the attendees and participants for their enthusiastic engagement and underscored the importance of organising similar discussions on a regular basis.

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