

February 27, 2025

Press Release

**JMI organizes ICSSR sponsored National Conference on “Vision of a Viksit Bharat: Challenges, Initiatives, Strategies”**

The Dr. K.R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies at Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) hosted a two-day National Conference of PhD scholars entitled “Vision of a Viksit Bharat: Challenges, Initiatives, Strategies” on February 24-25, 2025. The conference was sponsored by the ICSSR (Northern Regional Centre), New Delhi. Key themes explored throughout the conference included deliberations on -- the potential of India to emerge as a developed nation, the challenges that exist in its path of development, the strategies that could be used to address these challenges and the initiatives that have been taken by the State for the purpose.

The inaugural session of the conference took place on February 24, 2025, in the Mir Anis Hall of the university. The programme began with a welcome address by Ms Drishti Mathur, a PhD Scholar of Dr. K.R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies and ended with the remarks of Prof. Md Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI, who was the chief guest of the function. Prof Padmanabh Samarendra presented the convenor’s note. Prof. N. Sukumar, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, delivered the inaugural address. Prof. Shohini Ghosh from AJK Mass Communication Centre, JMI, offered her remarks on the inaugural speech. The session was chaired by Prof. Halima Sadia Rizvi, Director, Dr. K.R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, JMI.

On the first day of the conference, the paper presenters highlighted issues connected with India’s international relations, sustainable development goals, provisions and operations of law, problems of caste, the policies of reservations, etc.

On February 25, the second day of the conference, the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of JMI, Prof. Mazhar Asif, graced the occasion as the chief guest, at the Special Session of deliberations and offered his wide-ranging views on the meaning of development. Prof Mohd. Muslim Khan, the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences was the Guest of Honour. The session was chaired by Prof Halima Sadia Rizvi. The Special Session revolved around a book, titled The School at Ajmeri Gate: Delhi’s Educational Legacy, written by Prof Azra Razzack and M. Atyab Siddiqui. During the Special Session, presentations were made by Dr. Hem Borker, Department of Social Work, JMI and Dr. Manish Jain, School of Educational Studies, Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi. Prof. Farah Farooqi, Faculty of Education, JMI, presided over these presentations.

On the second day of the conference, sessions were held on the play of religion in politics, marginalization of the Muslims, dimensions of Dalit protest, among others.

A number of students presented research paper at the conference, including Chhavi Chaudhary, Chittatosh Khandekar, Deepika Dhemla, Nikhat Nasreen Khanam, Anindita Bhattacharjee, Disha Aradhana Yadav, Sakshi Mishra, Akhilesh Kumar, Shyam Kumar, C. Thangminlal Dounge, Naveen Kumar Paswan, Sahil Shokeen, Amrita Khaitan, Lubaib Mohammed Basheer, Arfa Khan, Md. Mashkur Alam, M. Angeline Priyalatha, Rajesh Chandra Kumar, Sheikh Haseeb ul Haq, and Amarjit Gurtro. The following students of Dr. K.R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies acted as discussants: Snigdha Shuchi, Neelima, Kumari Anchal, Mirza Ayaz Beg, Choudhary Shahrukh, Amisha L. Phukan.

The faculty members of JMI who served as Chairs for the respective sessions are as follows: Prof. Sujata Ashwarya, Dr. Sucharita Sengupta, Dr. Krishna Swamy Dara, Dr. Manisha Sethi, Dr. Mujibur Rehman, and Dr. Sumbul Farah.

The students from the centre, along with those from the university, engaged actively in the conference, which culminated in a vote of thanks delivered by Nafees Ahmad, a PhD scholar of the centre.

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National Conference of PhD Scholars  
Vision of a *Viksit* Bharat: Challenges, Initiatives, Strategies  
24-25 February, 2025

<b>INAUGURAL SESSION</b> 14:00-15:00 (24 February, 2025) Chief Guest: Prof. Md. Saifuddin-Ahmed Rizvi, Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	<b>DAY 1</b> Session I: India and the Global: Engagements, Negotiations, Formulations Session II: Bodies of Law Session III: Welfare, Reservation, Inclusion
<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> 15:00-16:00 (24 February, 2025) Guest: Prof. Dr. G. Srinivasan, Director, Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi Chief Guest: Prof. M. S. Subramanian, Department of Education, Government of India, New Delhi	<b>DAY 2</b> Session IV: Politics of Performance and Performance of Politics Session V: Belongingness and Segregation Session VI: Telling Lives
<b>SPECIAL SESSION</b> 17:00-18:00 (24 February, 2025) Chief Guest: Prof. M. S. Subramanian, Department of Education, Government of India, New Delhi PhD Scholars of Alimul Uloom	

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Chief Guest: Prof Md Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JNU

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