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Press Release

JMI's DSW Office hosts a dynamic event to celebrate International Women's Day 2025

The Gender Champions Club of Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), under the aegis of the Office of the Dean, Students' Welfare (DSW), commemorated International Women's Day 2025 by organizing a vibrant event on March 10, 2025 at the FTK-CIT Auditorium. The event aimed to celebrate the spirit of womanhood and highlight the importance of gender inclusivity in society.

The occasion was graced by Ms. Kausar Jahan, Chairperson, Delhi Haj Committee, who was invited as the Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker of the day. The event was presided over by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif. To mark the celebration, a Poster Making Competition was also conducted under the supervision of Prof. Qamar Irshad, Dean, Faculty of Architecture & Ekistics and Member, Gender Champions Club.

The programme commenced with the recitation from the Holy Quran, honoring the time-honored tradition of the University, followed by the soulful rendition of the Jamia Tarana. The event was skillfully conducted by Prof. Gurjeet Kaur.

In a warm and heartfelt gesture, Prof. Mazhar Asif, Vice Chancellor, JMI felicitated Ms. Kausar Jahan with a memento, a shawl, and a sapling as a token of gratitude and appreciation. Similarly, Prof. Neelofer Afzal, Dean, Students' Welfare, presented a sapling and a shawl to the Vice Chancellor as an expression of the Club's sincere acknowledgment of his continued support and guidance.

Delivering the Welcome Address, Prof. Neelofer Afzal expressed her delight in witnessing the enthusiastic participation of students and faculty in celebrating women's achievements and fostering gender inclusion. She further emphasized the role of educational institutions in shaping progressive mindsets towards gender justice.

A captivating musical enactment of Sarojini Naidu's poem 'Queen's Rival' was then presented by a diverse group of students from various disciplines, brought together by the Music Club of JMI. The graceful and emotive performance was widely appreciated by the audience.

The Guest of Honour, Ms. Kausar Jahan delivered a compelling and inspiring talk, in which she emphasized the transformative impact of progressive government policies on women's empowerment. Drawing from her personal experience as only the second woman to serve as the Chairperson of the Delhi Haj Committee, she highlighted how women from all social strata are collectively advancing towards achieving equity and visibility in public spheres.

In his Presidential Remarks, JMI Vice Chancellor delivered a powerful address, invoking examples from history to underline the valor and contributions of iconic women such as Rani Lakshmibai, Ahilyabai Holkar, and Savitri Bai Phule. He also referenced Quranic verses to emphasize the elevated status of women in society and reaffirmed the University's unwavering commitment to promoting gender inclusion and justice across the campus.

The event further witnessed the prize distribution ceremony where Prof. Mazhar Asif presented certificates and prizes to the winners of the Poster Making Competition. Additionally, he honored last year's Gender Champions with Certificates of Appreciation, acknowledging their efforts towards fostering a more gender-inclusive campus. It is noteworthy that the Gender Champions Club is a UGC-mandated body that comprises students, dedicated to promoting gender equity and awareness on campus.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Bulbul Dhar James, Member, Gender Champions Club, who expressed her gratitude to all the dignitaries, participants, and organizers for making the celebration a resounding success. The ceremony came to a graceful close with the collective singing of the National Anthem.

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