

'Deeksha Aagaz'- Orientation Programme (2026-27)
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The Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Faculty of Management Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, organized Orientation Programme, titled '*Deeksha Aagaz*' on 31 August 2026 and 1st September 2026. It was designed to formally welcome the newly admitted students across the department's hospitality and tourism programmes viz Bachelor of Hotel Management (BHM), Bachelor of Vocational Studies (B.Voc.), Bachelor of Tourism and Travel Management and the Master of Tourism and Travel Management (MTTM) for the academic session 2026–27. The two day event aimed to facilitate a seamless transition into university life, cultivate professional decorum, and instil the foundational values essential for careers in the hospitality and tourism sectors.



Day-1, 31st August 2026 -Induction of new batches of BHM & B.Voc Programmes

The programme commenced with introductory remarks by **Chef Vidushi**, who set a professional and welcoming tone for the induction proceedings. In keeping with the university's traditions, the inaugural session began with a solemn recitation from the Holy Quran along with its translation. Following this auspicious start, the host formally introduced the **Head of the Department, Prof. Sarah Hussain** who delivered the official opening address. The address underscored the academic rigor expected from students of professional courses and highlighted the multidisciplinary evolution of the global travel, tourism, and hospitality landscape, and motivated the





inductees to approach their higher education with intellectual curiosity, discipline, and ethical responsibility.

To ground the students in the institutional heritage of the university, a documentary presentation titled '*Jamia and its Legacy*' was screened. The presentation offered an inspiring overview of the institution's historical struggle, academic achievements, and nation-building contributions. Subsequently, **Dr. Mahuya**

formally introduced the teaching faculty, research scholars, and administrative personnel, thereby familiarising the students with the academic, research, and mentorship support networks available to them throughout their tenure.

A series of thematic orientation briefings was organised by faculty members on core institutional policies, code of conduct, and industry benchmarks. **Mr. Mudassir** addressed the students on the critical importance of discipline, attendance compliance, punctuality, and professional grooming standards, which form the bedrock of hospitality and tourism management. **Mr. Nitin** led a session on environmental awareness, sensitizing the cohort to sustainable practices, responsible tourism, waste management, and the university's green initiatives. Following this, **Dr. Vijay** engaged the students on mental health and psychological well-being, emphasizing stress management strategies, academic-life balance, and accessible institutional counselling support mechanisms.



The social and regulatory orientation continued with **Chef Jaya** addressing the students on the '*Nashamukt Abhiyan*', reiterating the zero-tolerance mandate regarding substance abuse and advocating for healthy, disciplined lifestyle choices. **Dr. Firdous** acquainted the incoming batch with the institutional Grievance Redressal Mechanism, detailing anti-ragging measures, internal complaints procedures, and avenues for dispute resolution to ensure a secure, inclusive learning environment. Concluding the internal briefing series, **Dr. Yunus** presented the scope and functioning of the Internship and Placement Cell, highlighting industry partnerships, mandatory industrial training protocols, internship modules, and career advancement pathways for both undergraduate and postgraduate students.



The keynote address delivered by an invited Industry Experts **Ms Deepika Pandita, Director-Human Resources, Mr Anand Prakash Gupta, Manager-Human Resources from the Leela Ambience, New Delhi**. The expert provided valuable operational and strategic insights into contemporary market expectations, emerging technological trends, destination management, guest relations, and the critical soft skills required to thrive in dynamic corporate environments.



Following the expert session, **Dr. Bushra** delivered the formal Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to the university leadership, distinguished speakers, faculty members, organizing committee members, and administrative staff for the successful execution of the event. The formal proceedings concluded for day-1 with an official group photography session to commemorate the occasion. Thereafter, **Mr. Hamza** facilitated an extensive campus and departmental tour, guiding the new students through specialized culinary laboratories, front-office mock setups, lecture halls, departmental libraries, and central campus amenities. The first day of the orientation concluded leaving the incoming students well-informed, oriented, and prepared for their academic and professional journey.

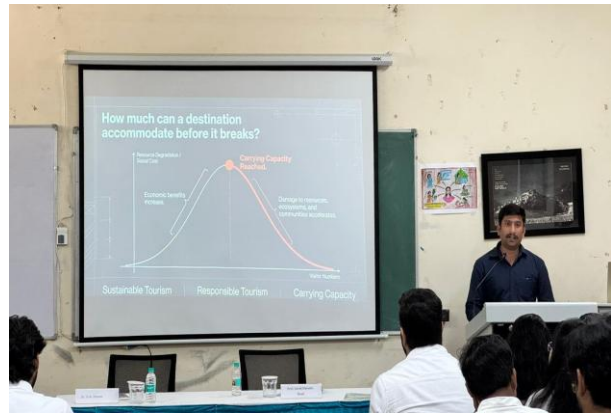


Day 2 ,1st September 2026- Induction of First year students of BTTM and MTTM Programmes

The Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Faculty of Management Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, convened Day 2 of its annual orientation programme, '**Deeksha Aagaz**' on September 1, 2026, to induct the newly admitted students of the Bachelor of Tourism and Travel Management (BTTM) and Master of Tourism and Travel Management (MTTM) programmes for the academic session 2026–27. The inaugural proceedings commenced with introductory remarks by the host **Ms Bisma**, followed by the recitation and translation of verses from the Holy Quran. The Head of the Department, **Prof. Sarah Hussain** then formally inaugurated the orientation, delivering an inspiring address where she shared reflections on her early career decisions that shaped her journey into becoming a hospitality leader today. Drawing upon exemplary milestones within the Indian hospitality sector, she highlighted the historic legacy of Mr. Ajit Kerkar, who rose to become the General Manager of the iconic Taj Mahal Hotel in Mumbai at the young age of 27, illustrating how resilience, vision, and operational dedication can drive extraordinary career trajectories. To familiarize the incoming cohort with the institution's historical significance and national ethos, a documentary chronicling the legacy of Jamia Millia Islamia was screened. Subsequently, **Dr. Bushra** presented a detailed overview of the academic curriculum, introduced the teaching faculty and research scholars, and acquainted students with the departmental administrative office.



The second half of the session comprised a series of thematic briefings by faculty members regarding institutional codes and student welfare. Mr. Mudassir emphasized the imperative of discipline, punctuality, attendance requirements, and professional grooming protocols. Mr. Nitin addressed environmental consciousness and sustainability practices across the campus,



while Dr. Vijay highlighted the importance of mental health management and available psychological support resources. The institutional commitment to a substance-free campus under the '*Nashamukt Abhiyan*' was articulated by Chef Jaya. Furthermore, Dr. Firdous expounded on the institutional grievance redressal machinery and anti-ragging measures, after which Dr. Mahuya has spoken about the departmental training and placement ecosystem, highlighting industry linkages and professional pathways. The orientation featured an expert address by an invited industry professional **Dr R.K Suman, Regional Director(North) and Deputy Director General, Ministry of Tourism** who shared critical insights into contemporary market trends, experiential travel, and core operational competencies required in the corporate domain.



A formal vote of thanks was proposed by Chef Vidushi, expressing gratitude to the university leadership, speakers, organizers, and student volunteers. Following an official group photograph, the day drew to a close with a guided campus tour led by Mr Hamza, familiarizing the students with the central library, administrative wings, and key institutional infrastructure.



Due Credits

Key Programme	Incharge
1. Holy Quran Recitation	Mr Hamid
2. Jamia And its Legacy Presentation	Mr Shazeb
3. Event Photography	Mr Hamid
4. Venue and other Management	Dr. Wasif
5. Event Report	Ms. Trishla Tiwari

End of Report