

Press Release

JMI holds "Run for Swadeshi" on the occasion of 164th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda; VC and Registrar, JMI, emphasize the importance of Swadeshi and self-reliance.

New Delhi, January 12, 2026

Marking the nationwide observance of the National Youth Day on the occasion of the 164th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Jamia Millia Islamia's (JMI), Games & Sports Department today organized a "Run for Swadeshi" at the university's Cricket Ground, Nawab Mansoor Ali Khan Sports Complex, to sensitize students and youth on the importance of "Swadeshi" and self-reliance. The run was flagged off by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JMI, Prof. Mazhar Asif, and Registrar, JMI, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi this morning.

Prof. Asif, highlighting the moral and social philosophy of Swami Vivekananda, said, "Swami Vivekananda's teachings have been a source of inspiration to the entire humanity. He instilled national pride among Indians. The objective of today's 'Run for Swadeshi' is to sensitize staff members, students, and youth about the timeless values of Swadeshi and Atmanirbhar Bharat and the importance of physical fitness, discipline, and teamwork. The spirit of national unity awakened by the teachings of Swami Vivekananda instills collective responsibility and community engagement and remains inspirational for all fellow Indians."

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Rizvi, Registrar, JMI, emphasized the importance of the concept of Swadeshi in achieving the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat. Prof. Rizvi added "Swami Vivekananda was a visionary philosopher, teacher, and modern Indian thinker who was way ahead of his time. If the youth of today understand and adhere to his teachings on the ideals of universal good, collective efforts, personal growth, and a strong concentrated mind, they will surely achieve bigger goals in life. The potential of India as a youthful nation can be fully realized if the youth of the country commit themselves to the nationalist ideals advocated by him. His teachings on truth, social harmony, and selfless service of humanity, as also his focus on yoga, are powerful, and if followed fully, will elevate young people to the highest levels."

Prof. Nafis Ahmad, Hony. Director (Games & Sports), JMI, who outlined a brief note on the "Run for Swadeshi" initiative and praised the active participation of the faculty, staff members, and students of JMI said, "Everything is easy when you are busy, but nothing is easy when you are lazy." With this principle in mind, the run has been organized to foster youth empowerment, healthy lifestyles, sustainable living, and community engagement within our campuses, he added.

Mohd. Asad Malik, Chief Proctor, JMI; Mr. Syed Abdul Rashid, Security Advisor, JMI; Dr. Mohammad Abid, Hony. Dy. Director (Games & Sports, JMI), JMI; Dr. Mohd. Arshad Khan, Principal, Jamia Sr. Secondary School; Mr. Viqar Husain Siddiqui, NSS Coordinator, JMI; Lt. (Dr.) Anwara Hashmi, ANO NCC (SW)-NCC, JMI; teaching & non-teaching staff members; NCC & NSS Units of JMI; and university and school students of JMI took part in the run, which saw the active participation of more than 150 students, faculty, and staff members.

The birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, who was born on January 12, 1863, as Narendranath Dutta in the then Calcutta, is celebrated as the National Youth Day.

The following staff members and students won medals in the run: -

Staff (Men) – above 50 years		
Name	Department/Office	Medal
Dr. Nafis Ahmad	Hony. Director, Games & Sports	Gold
Mr. Mohd. Hafeez	AJK-MCRC	Silver
Mr. Pradeep Kumar	AJK-MCRC	Bronze
Staff (Men) – below 50 years		
Name	Department/Office	Medal
Mr. Mohd. Fareed	Proctor's Office	Gold
Mr. Mohd. Waseem	University Polytechnic	Silver
Mr. Ansar Alvi	Department of Chemistry	Bronze
Staff (Women)		
Name	Department/Office	Medal
Dr. Anwara Hashmi	D/o Adult & Continuing Education	Gold
Prof. Shabina Sachdeva	Faculty of Dentistry	Silver
Prof. Eram Prewaz	Faculty of Dentistry	Bronze
Prof. Rizwana Mallick	Faculty of Dentistry	Bronze

Students (Boys)		
Name	Course/Class	Medal
Md. Junaid Alam	B.A. (Hons.) Sanskrit	Gold
Mohd Hassan Malik	11 th Class (Commerce)	Silver
Mayank Yadav	B.A. (Hons.) Hindi 3 rd Year	Bronze
Students (Girls)		
Name	Course/Class	Medal
Mehar Begum	B.A. (General) Distance Mode	Gold
Syed Mantasha	B.A. (Hons.) Hindi 3 rd Year	Silver
Fiza	B.A. (General) Distance Mode	Bronze

Prof. Saima Saeed
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organizing

Run for Swadeshi

on the occasion of

**164th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY
of**

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

In the presence of

Prof. Mazhar Asif

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JMI

Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi

Registrar, JMI

on

12th January, 2026 (Monday) at 11:00 A.M.

at

Nawab Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi Sports Complex, JMI

Prof. Mohammad Abid

Hony. Dy. Director, Games & Sports, JMI

Prof. Nafis Ahmad

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