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Press Release

Two books edited by JMI VC Prof. Najma Akhtar released

-Books: "Mann Ki Baat: A Medium of Communication" & "Revolutionizing Education: Navigating the NEP 2020 Era"

A book titled "Revolutionizing Education: Navigating the NEP 2020 Era" and a coffee table book titled "Mann Ki Baat: A Medium of Communication", both edited by Prof. Najma Akhtar (Padma Shri), Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) were today released in an impressive function held at Mir Anis Hall of the university. Both the books are published by M/s VL Media Solution, New Delhi.

Prof. Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director, National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) was the chief guest of the function which was attended by eminent academicians and faculty members of the university. Prof. Dhananjay Joshi, Prof. Mona Khare, Prof. Aejaz Masih, Prof. M. Afzal Wani and Prof. Rekha Saxena also spoke on the occasion.

The book entitled "Revolutionizing Education: Navigating the NEP 2020 Era," is a collection of scholarly articles which aspires to cover the wide spectrum of NEP 2020, delving deep into almost every aspect of NEP 2020. The book provides a comprehensive perspective on how the National Education Policy (NEP) of 2020 wields the potential to profoundly transform the educational landscape in India.

The book is structured into four sections, with each section comprising five, six, five, and three chapters, respectively. The sections are Reflections on NEP 2020, Contextualization of NEP 2020, NEP 2020 and Empirical Evidence, Education and some International Experiences.

The contributors in the first section entitled 'Reflections on NEP 2020' are renowned scholars like Prof Siddheshwar Rameshwar Bhatt, Dr. Sahkila Shamshu, Prof. Mona Khare, Sandhya Dubey, and Prof Rekha Saxena.

The articles in the second section entitled "Contextualization of NEP 2020," are concluded by educationists of repute like Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Prof. Ganesh Shankar, Prog Khagendra Kumar, Prof Aejaz Masih and Savita Kaushal.

Contributors in the third section entitled "NEP 2020 and Empirical Evidences" are learned scholars like Prof. Saroj Sharma, Dr. Sunita Joshi Kathuria, Prof. Mohan Memon, Prof. Vasant Bhat, Prof. Rama Mathew, and Prof Phalachandra Bhandigadi.

The fourth section 'Educational and some International Experiences' contains two scholar articles respectively from Marie Mc Andrew, Prof, Le Anh Vinh, Nguyen Hong Lien. The chapter by Marie Mc. Andrew entitled "Inequalities in the Educational Pathways of Quebec Youth of Immigrant Origin: Assessing the Role of Systemic Factors" examines the underlying causes of educational inequalities among youth of immigrant origin. The second contribution entitled 'Education for Sustainable Development in Vietnam: Policies, Frameworks and Practices", provides an analysis of education for sustainable development (ESD) policies and practices in Vietnam since the early 21st century.

Each chapter of the book contributes to the understanding of education in India, its evolution, challenges, and alignment with the National Education Policy of 2020, with a focus on various aspects such as technology, yoga, legal education, and school management.

The coffee table book titled "Mann Ki Baat: A Medium of Communication" is a unique pictorial presentation of the brief objective and findings of the research studies conducted by faculty members and researchers of JMI and the select art works. JMI conducted several studies on 'Man Ki Baat' (MKB), as a medium of communication. The studies show that through the powerful initiative Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has developed a two-way communication process with the citizens of the country. The MKB transformed into a platform where the Prime Minister directly communicates with the people of the country.

The MKB completed its 100th edition on 30th April, 2023. The research studies were planned to coincide with the special occasion. The university also organized an art competition for students centered around the communication aspects and impact of the programme. The research articles were published in the prestigious journal 'Media Mimansa' published by Makhan Lal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication. The university organized a symposium and an exhibition of the students' art work at M.F. Husain Art Gallery (JMI) on 28th April, 2023.

The research studies aimed to explore several key aspects of the extremely beneficial impact of MKB and examined the rationales that set the radio show not just as an exemplary communication leadership precedent but also a stellar mode for positive change in the country. These studies highlight the positive influence of the radio show on public discourse across various cross-section of the Indian population. These studies also evaluates MKB's efficacy in reaching its target audience by way of employing various linguistic and rhetorical strategies.

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