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Press Release

JMI pay rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his 154th Birth Anniversary

Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI) organised a number of programs today to celebrate 154th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. Zakir Husain Library and Office of the Deans Students' Welfare (DSW) of the university jointly organized a lecture and an exhibition on 'Life and Works of Mahatma Gandhi'. A publication titled Mahatma Gandhi: A Bibliography" comprising a list of scholarly works related to Mahatma Gandhi was also released on this occasion.

The exhibition was inaugurated by the Officiating Vice Chancellor, Prof. Eqbal Hussain in the presence of Prof. Seemi Farhat Basir, DSW, Dr. Sufian Ahmad, Offg. University Librarian, Deans, Heads, faculty members and members of the non teaching staff. The Presidential Address was delivered by the Officiating Vice Chancellor. Prof. M. Akhtar, Former Dean Faculty of Education, JMI and Guest of Honour Prof. Akhtar Siddiqui delivered a lecture on Gandhi and Jamia, focusing on the role of Mahatma Gandhi in the making of JMI. Prof. Seemi Farhat Basir also focused upon the relevance of the ideology of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Archival photo exhibition revealed how Gandhi employed the non cooperation resistance to lead a successful campaign of India's freedom from colonial rule and also his association with JMI. Some of his private hand-written letters and a copy of his newspaper 'Young India' have also been showcased during the exhibition. The program was concluded with the vote of thanks by the Officiating University Librarian, Dr. Sufian Ahmad.

The exhibition shall be on view till 07th October 2023 in the Exhibition Hall of Dr. Zakir Husain Library, JMI.

JMI's Premchand Archives and Literary Centre (JPALC) held an exhibition on Gandhiji 's relationship with Jamia titled "Jinki Sarparasti ki Thandi Chhaon Mein." Created through the holdings of the Archives, the exhibition focused on 'Nai Taleem' or the new educational approach that Gandhi advocated through his work with JMI and in particular, Dr. Zakir Husain. At the centre of this approach was the idea of 'Learning by Doing'. The exhibition displayed archival photographs

of students working with her hands during the early decades of Jamia. The exhibition, which will remain open till the end of the month, was inaugurated by the Officiating Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Eqbal Hussain.

Mushir Fatma Nursery School, JMI celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with zest and zeal in the school premises. Staff and students participated in a special assembly organized by the school to commemorate the teaching of Mahatma Gandhi. It included a song and dance performance by tiny tots of the school. A puppet show showing the principle of Gandhi's 3 monkeys — 'Mizaru' who sees no evil, 'Kikazaru' who hears no evil, 'Iwazaru' who speaks no evil was also presented by the children. An art/craft activity was also conducted in the classrooms. This recalled Gandhi's important contributions to India's liberation struggle in the independence movement.

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