

Press Release

**JMI hosts Special Invited Lecture on 'Global Food Security Issues'**  
**- Indian-American Scientist Dr. Islam A. Siddiqui delivers lecture**

The Department of Political Science in collaboration with the Department of Geography, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) successfully hosted a Special Invited Lecture on "Global Food Security Issues". Dr. Islam A. Siddiqui, a distinguished Indian-American Scientist, Government Official, and Lobbyist, delivered the lecture. He has also served as the Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the US Trade Representative. Prof. Najma Akhtar, Vice Chancellor, JMI was the event's chief guest, delivered the inaugural remarks on the lecture's theme, and formally welcomed Dr. Islam A. Siddiqui to the university campus.

In her address Prof. Najma Akhtar highlighted the significance of food security in contemporary times. She also mentioned the remarkable role the Government of India played in providing food security to millions of Indian citizens during the pandemic. She insisted that at the global level, the issue of food security must be addressed by all the stakeholders by including food availability, affordability, and sustainability.

Dr. Islam A. Siddiqui acknowledged the brilliant efforts put in by India in its journey from a food-deficit country to a food-surplus country. He mentioned how India faced several challenges, including famines, lack of infrastructure, quality of seeds, and severe dearth of fertilizers, and addressed it with the remarkable Green Revolution. Dr. Siddiqui further explained that with changing times, the issues of climate change, land usage, and population expansion have hugely impacted Global Food Security. He advocated that the latest technological developments, like Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Crops and advanced Bio-technology, can address the contemporary challenge of Global Food Security. Furthermore, Dr. Siddiqui drew attention to the significance of cooperation at the international level at multi-organization summits for addressing the current challenges. He also mentioned the challenges of

technological advancement and how careful monitoring and a secure legal framework are essential for successfully managing the issue.

Subsequent to the lecture, an engrossing question-and-answer session ensued, allowing participants to delve deeper into the topic. Faculty members, scholars, and students from various departments gained immensely from this lecture, inspiring the students and faculty members to engage on such relevant contemporary issues.

Prof. Mohd. Muslim Khan, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, JMI, Prof. Atiqur Rahman, Chief Proctor, JMI, Prof. Bulbul Dhar-James, Head, Department of Political Science & Hony. Director Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women Studies, JMI, Prof. Haroon Sajjad, Head, Department of Geography, JMI and several other faculty members graced the special lecture.

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