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Press Release

### **JMI organises Round Table Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

The Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE), Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) proudly hosted a prestigious Round Table Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The event, held in Mir Anis Hall of the university was graced by the esteemed presence of Prof. Najma Akhtar (Padma Shri), Vice Chancellor, JMI as the Chief Guest.

CEOs, Directors, and Heads from around two dozen renowned organizations across various sectors gathered at this exclusive conference. The event aimed to create a dynamic platform for key stakeholders actively engaged in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship to converge and collaborate. This gathering was marked by insightful discussions and fruitful deliberations on topics of paramount importance.

The objectives of the Round Table Conference included:

**Facilitate Knowledge Exchange:** Encouraging the exchange of ideas, experiences, and best practices among participating institutes to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.

**Strengthen Collaborative Initiatives:** Exploring opportunities for collaboration, joint projects, and research partnerships to positively impact the start-up ecosystem.

**Create Networking Opportunities:** Providing a conducive environment for networking, enabling participants to establish valuable connections with potential mentors, investors, and industry experts.

**Showcase Success Stories:** Celebrating and showcasing the success stories of start-ups and entrepreneurs nurtured by respective organizations, inspiring others to pursue their entrepreneurial ambitions.

The conference featured thought-provoking roundtable discussions on the following topics:

- 1) Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Higher Education Institutions
- 2) Building Effective Incubation and Acceleration Programs
- 3) Leveraging Collaboration in Creating a Better Start-up Ecosystem

Distinguished speakers, experts in their respective fields, shared their valuable insights during the event. Some of the eminent personalities who graced the conference as speakers include:'

Mr. Praveen Kumar, a seasoned IT professional and Joint Director, Software Technology Parks of India, Govt. of India.

Mr. Dhruv Kumar, CEO of ANDC Incubation centre, Acharya Narayan Dev College, University of Delhi

Ms. Meenakshi Gupta Jain, Project Director, Women Works Programme, Govt. of Delhi and DSEU and startup founder.

Mr. Ahmad Sayed Saood, Founder of the Strategic Management Consultancy Group, 'MASS CLIMB.'

Mr. Amit Sinha, Principal Consultant, Agriculture Finance Corporation Ltd.

Mr. Ajit Nigam, a pioneering figure in establishing vibrant startup ecosystems within universities and presently serving in NIFT, Delhi.

Ms. Ambika Bisla, an experienced finance professional with a passion for women's empowerment and former CEO of DIICE, Govt. of Delhi.

Mr. Muhammad Anas, Founder & CEO of Enord, India's first AI-on-edge drone company.  
Dr. Salman Asad, a seasoned Chief Executive Officer with a robust background in the information technology and services industry.

Ms. Suhani Kumar, Senior Investment Specialist at Invest India and Manager at Startup India.

Mr. Sabbar Tousif, Managing Director & CEO of Elios Management Consulting.

Mr. S.M. Rounaque Mustafa, Founder of CorporateVentureclub.com and IndoArabAngeiNetwork.com and Former CEO, IIM Lucknow Incubation Centre.

Dr. Tarak Goradia, a dedicated educator with a passion for entrepreneurship and design thinking.

Dr. V K Arora, a seasoned professional with a diverse skill set in entrepreneurship and startups and serving as CEO, Anveshan Foundation, IGDTUW, Govt. of Delhi.

Mr. Vinay Chaddha, Founder and CEO of GVC Systems Pvt Ltd, a distinguished electronics product developer.

Professors from JMI and University of Delhi also participated in the conference and gave their inputs on the topics of the conference.

Prof. Najma Akhtar, Vice Chancellor, JMI spoke about the potential for economic growth of India by 2047, highlighting the pivotal role of innovation and entrepreneurship.

The Round Table Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship served as a testament to the commitment of these visionary leaders and organizations to drive innovation, foster entrepreneurship, and pave the way for a brighter future. This conference also deliberated on the possibilities of the collaborations among Industry, academia and govt. departments to share the resources and to nurture innovation and entrepreneurship among youth of the country.

Conference was highly appreciated by all the delegates and considered to be the catalyst to the growth of innovative practices in entrepreneurship education.

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