

Press Release

A Momentous Honour for Zeerish Aslam of Jamia Girls Senior Secondary School

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On the occasion of India's 79th Independence Day, Zeerish Aslam from Jamia Girls Senior Secondary School, along with five other Prerana alumni, was bestowed with an extraordinary honour. They were invited to an At-Home Reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan by Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India.

Hailing from the picturesque Shopian District of Jammu and Kashmir, Zeerish showcased her academic prowess by securing the top rank in a district-level competitive exam. This achievement paved the way for her selection into the prestigious Prerana program, a visionary initiative empowering India's youth through experiential learning. At Prerana's Vadnagar campus in Gujarat, Zeerish joined a diverse group of 20 exceptionally talented students from 10 different states of India, immersing herself in a transformative one-week experience designed to invoke fundamental ideas and inspire the next generation of leaders.

Zeerish vividly recalls the warm and enthusiastic welcome she and her fellow awardees received. As they entered the esteemed gathering, they were surrounded by dignitaries, ministers, and foreign ambassadors. What struck Zeerish was the sense of equality, respect, and spirit of inclusivity.

During the event, **Zeerish** had the privilege of meeting the **Hon'ble President of India**, who warmly greeted her and inquired about her studies and experiences at Prerana. She also interacted with **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, who welcomed her with a smile and asked about her future endeavours.

"My colleagues and I stood together during the national anthem and sang in union. As our voices echoed in chorus, filling the room with pride, I felt a deep sense of patriotism and unity," Zeerish recalls. This extraordinary experience has become a source of deep inspiration for Zeerish and her fellow awardees, reaffirming Prerana's commitment to nurturing future leaders and contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat.

The event has left an indelible mark on their lives, motivating them to strive for excellence and make a positive impact in their communities.

The university and schools of Jamia Millia Islamia have extended a hearty congratulations to Zeerish on this rare distinction and recognition and hope that she will continue to bring laurels to her school and JMI.

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