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Extension Lecture on “The Living Partition and the Enduring Partition: The Case of Hindi Films” organised by Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies (CJNS)

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The Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies (CJNS), Jamia Millia Islamia, organized an Extension Lecture on the theme *“The Living Partition and the Enduring Partition: The Case of Hindi Films”* on August 20, 2025. The event was held under the esteemed leadership of Prof. Mazhar Asif, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, and Prof. Md Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia. The lecture was chaired by Prof. Bharti Sharma, Honorary Director, CJNS, JMI. The keynote speaker for the lecture was Prof. Nirmal Kumar, Professor of History at the Department of History, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi. The lecture was convened by Dr. Etee Bahadur, Assistant Professor, CJNS, and attended by Prof. Velayutham Saravanan (CJNS) and other faculty members from different Centres and departments of Jamia Millia Islamia. The lecture commenced with a welcome address by Kapil Yadav, Research Scholar at CJNS.

The lecture explored the idea of Partition as a “cultural memory” which continues to shape collective consciousness, even decades later. Prof. Kumar drew attention to landmark films such as *Train to Pakistan* and *Garam Hawa*, which captured the trauma of the Partition. His reflections illuminated the audience about how cinema has traversed through a rich and transformative history alternating between forgetting, remembering, and reinterpreting Partition, making the subject both a “living” and “enduring” part of history.

The lecture witnessed active participation from faculty members and research scholars across various centres and departments. Several thought-provoking questions were raised by the students and the members of the faculty, including Prof. Bharti Sharma. Dr. Etee Bahadur summarized the key points of the lecture and expressed sincere thanks to Prof. Nirmal Kumar for sharing his valuable insights. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Soumya Tripathi, Research Scholar, CJNS.

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