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Wreath-laying ceremony held at JMI to commemorate the death anniversary of Brigadier Mohammad Usman, MVC, the Hero of Naushera

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A wreath-laying ceremony in remembrance of Brigadier Mohammad Usman, MVC, was held today at his memorial in Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) Cemetery. Brig Late Mohammad Usman, MVC was Commander, 50 (Independent) Parachute Brigade during the 1948 Operations, where he made the supreme sacrifice at Jhanghar (Jammu & Kashmir) on 03 July, 1948. In order to honour his valour, a wreath laying ceremony was conducted on his 79th Death Anniversary at his memorial today by 50 (Independent) Parachute Brigade. The ceremony was organized and conducted by Lt Col Mohd Iliyas Khan of 411(I) PARA Field Company on behalf of the Brigade under the leadership of Brigadier Naveen Kumar, VSM, Commander, PARA Brigade.

Vice Chancellor of JMI, Prof. Mazhar Asif, and Registrar of JMI, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, laid wreaths as a tribute to the memory of the gallant officer who has become a symbol of patriotism, valour, and selfless service to the nation. Sana Ferozuideen, his great grand niece also laid a wreath to pay her deepest regard for his continued legacy.

A total of 25 officers, including veterans, attended the ceremony. Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Colonel of the Parachute Regiment, was the chief guest at the ceremony. Other senior officers who attended the function included Lt. Gen. Gurbir Pal Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, DG NCC; Lt. Gen. Nirbhaya Sharma, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.), Ex-Governor, Maj Gen DS Bisht, SM**, VSM, Maj. Gen Jayachandran, Maj. Gen Ahuja, Brig Dabas, Brig Rajeev Kaul, Col Vijay Shekhawat (Dy Brigade Cdr)., Brig. Sinha (Retd.), Col. Gopal Singh, VSM (Retd.), Col. Vivek Pandit (Retd.), Col. Yash Saxena (Retd.), among others.

Prof. Asif and Prof. Rizvi were joined by Prof. Iqtidar Mohd. Khan and other officers of JMI who were also present to witness the solemn occasion and pay their respects.

Under Brig. Mohammad Usman, MVC, Para Brigade successfully defended the city of Naushera against Pakistani Tribal forces, and then valiantly recaptured the city of Jhangar. Shahid Brigadier Mohammad Usman, also known as the 'savior of Naushera,' was responsible for the recapture of Jhangar and Naushera (Jammu & Kashmir) during the 1947-48 war with Pakistan. The gallant officer attained martyrdom on 3rd July, 1948 when an enemy artillery shell landed close to him in Naushera.

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