

Press Release

**A two-day international conference on Lifelong Learning, Community Service, and the Potential of AI for Inclusive Social Transformation by DACEE, JMI, concludes**

New Delhi, April 8, 2026

The Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension (DACEE), Faculty of Social Sciences, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), in collaboration with the Department of Education, Jamia Millia Islamia; Tribhuvan University, Nepal; and Aloysian Publications, Philippines, inaugurated a two-day online International Conference on April 6, 2026, titled "Reimagining Lifelong Learning and Community Service: Potentials of AI for Inclusive and Sustainable Social Transformation." The conference in which more than 150 participants from across countries are presenting their research papers concludes today with a valedictory session, during which key insights and recommendations emerging from the deliberations will be presented.

Delivering the Presidential Address in the inaugural session, Prof. Md Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI, congratulated the department and its international collaborators for organising the conference on a socially relevant and contemporary theme. He emphasized that rapid technological advancements, particularly in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI), are transforming the landscape of education, knowledge production, and social interaction. He underlined the challenge of excessive AI and less reasoning by individuals. He further highlighted that discussions on lifelong learning, community engagement, and inclusive development are essential to ensure that technological progress contributes to equitable and sustainable social transformation.

The inaugural session commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran with translation, followed by the playback of the Jamia Tarana and Aloysian song. Thereafter, the Inaugural Address was delivered by Prof. Zubair Meenia, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, JMI, who emphasised the significance of interdisciplinary dialogue and research in understanding the changing relationship between education, technology, and society.

Delivering the welcome address, Prof. (Dr.) Nasra Shabnam, Head of the Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension, warmly welcomed the distinguished guests, speakers, and participants. She highlighted the department's longstanding commitment to promoting lifelong learning, community development, and extension activities, and emphasized the importance of academic collaborations in addressing

contemporary educational and social challenges. She noted that the conference provides a valuable platform for scholars and practitioners to exchange ideas on how emerging technologies can be effectively utilized to promote inclusive and sustainable social transformation.

Dr. Sameer Babu M. and Dr. Anwara Hashmi, conveners of the conference. They presented an overview of the conference, outlining its objectives and thematic focus and highlighting the need to rethink lifelong learning practices in the context of rapid technological advancements.

The gathering was also addressed by the guest of honor, Prof. Shaheen Usmani from the City University of New York, USA. She spoke about the important role of universities and academic institutions in fostering innovation, knowledge exchange, and socially relevant research.

A theme presentation was delivered by Dr. Shiv Ram Pandey from Tribhuvan University, Nepal, who elaborated on the conceptual framework of the conference and highlighted the importance of integrating technological advancements with community-oriented learning approaches.

Prof. L. Raja from the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA) shared his perspectives on the transformative potential of lifelong learning and the role of emerging technologies in addressing contemporary educational and developmental challenges. Appreciating the efforts of the Department and its collaborating institutions, he expressed confidence that the deliberations during the conference would generate meaningful insights and encourage academic collaborations that contribute to both scholarly knowledge and community development.

The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Anwara Hashmi, who expressed gratitude to the chief guest, distinguished speakers, collaborating institutions, organising committee members, and participants for their valuable presence and contributions. The national anthems of India, Nepal, and the Philippines were played to respect the global collaboration. Following the inaugural session, the conference has been hosting technical sessions featuring research paper presentations and thematic discussions, where scholars from various institutions presented their work on themes related to lifelong learning, community engagement, digital transformation, and inclusive education.

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