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JMI's Department of Foreign Languages organises Long Night of Literatures 2026 in collaboration with EUNIC

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The Department of Foreign Languages (DFL), Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), in collaboration with the EU National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC), organised the University Edition of ***Long Night of Literatures 2026*** at the FTK Auditorium, FTK-CIT Centre, JMI on October 22, 2026. The event brought together European writers, poets and scholars for a literary exchange.

In his opening remarks, **Prof. Md Faizullah Khan**, Head of DFL, welcomed the guests and highlighted the importance of such events in enriching students' learning experiences and broadening the academic community's engagement with diverse literary and cultural traditions. The programme featured **Dr. Ana Svetel**, a Slovenian writer, poet, cultural anthropologist, and Assistant Professor at the University of Ljubljana, who explored the relationship between humans, artificial intelligence, and anthropology. **Antonio Franchini**, an Italian writer and prominent figure in literary publishing, offered reflections on *Sandokan* and touched upon cultural parallels between Naples and Old Delhi. His contribution brought together perspectives on literature, place and cultural connections.

German novelist and screenwriter **Christopher Kloeble** reflected on cultural differences, his personal connection with India and his novel *The Museum of the World*, which explores colonialism and friendship in nineteenth-century India.Portuguese poet and scholar **Prof. Diana V. Almeida** reflected on emotions and inspiration in poetry, observing that a poem can emerge at any moment. Polish novelist and reporter **Małgorzata Zofia (Margo) Rejmer** discussed memory, trauma and private lives under political regimes in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. Ukrainian poet and children's writer **Olesya Mamchich** highlighted the impact of war on children, particularly the psychological consequences of bombing and the destruction of books.

Welcoming the guests, **Prof. Tanuja**, Dean of Academic Affairs, JMI, underscored the importance of intellectual and cultural exchange and highlighted the University's academic legacy as it marks its 106th Foundation Day. The moderator and coordinator of the event, **Prof. Noorin Khan,** synthesised the key discussions and facilitated the Q&A session, expressing the hope for more such academic engagements.

Dr. Rohit Bajaj, Assistant Professor of Italian, and **Mr. Ajay Prasad**, Assistant Professor of Portuguese, DFL, JMI, along with Prof. Noorin Khan coordinated the event. Mr. Prasad delivered the vote of thanks, while PhD scholars **Ms. Ujaifa Siddiqui** and **Mr. Ankush Anand** anchored the programme.

The event concluded with a photography session and refreshments, celebrating literature's capacity to foster cross-cultural understanding and dialogue.

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