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**JMI's girls' hostels organize '*meena bazaar*'; traditional handicrafts and local food stalls add colour and gaiety to the cultural festival**

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The three girls' hostels of Jamia Millia Islamia, namely, Begum Hazrat Mahal (BHM) Hostel, J&K Hostel and Hall of Girls' Residence (HOGR) collaboratively organized a fun-filled cultural festival, 'Meena Bazaar,' in the Begum Hazrat Mahal hostel complex on 11th February 2026.

The festival was inaugurated by Mrs. Shabaya Asif, spouse of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JMI, Prof. Mazhar Asif. Dr Zeba Naaz, the spouse of the Registrar, JMI, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, was the Guest of Honour with Mrs. Humera Ahtesham, spouse of the Controller of Examinations, JMI, Prof. Ahteshamul Haque.

The event attracted considerable interest and enthusiasm among the residents and university students, particularly the girl students, as this was a one-of-a-kind event, conceived and managed exclusively by the girl residents of the three hostels. Besides showcasing their talent and skills, the event also provided the girls a hands-on experience of entrepreneurship and marketing. The residents put up stalls displaying traditional handicrafts from various parts of India, providing a glimpse of the diversity that JMI is famous for. Food and beverage stalls also attracted a lot of visitors who relished the local delicacies of various states that were prepared and put up for sale by the girls.

A large number of visitors, including the Dean, Students' Welfare, Heads of Departments, Directors of Centres, and faculty members from various Departments and Centres, visited the Meena Bazaar, enjoyed the display, relished the delicacies, and encouraged the girls. The event was coordinated by Prof. Sheema Aleem, Provost, BHM; Prof. Nikhat Manzoor, Provost, J&K Girls' Hostel; and Prof. Rana Noor, Provost, HOGR (Old), Jamia Millia Islamia.

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