

Press Release

**Jamia's Premchand Archives & Literary Centre, JMI, hosts the First Prof. Gopi Chand Memorial Lecture**

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Jamia's Premchand Archives and Literary Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) organized the first Prof. Gopi Chand Narang Memorial Lecture on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The lecture was delivered by **Prof. Kausar Mazhari**, Head, Department of Urdu, JMI and presided by **Prof. Khalid Mahmood**, Former Head, Dept. of Urdu, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

On this occasion, Prof. Shahzad Anjum, *Director of Archives*, inaugurated the event and thanked the honorable Vice Chancellor, JMI, **Prof. Mazhar Asif** and the Registrar, JMI, **Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi** for being generous enough to support and patronize such academic activities in the Archives, which enhance the level of debates and discussions among scholars, students, and faculty members. He also thanked the eminent writer, scholar, critic and poet, Prof. Kausar Mazhari, Head, Dept. of Urdu, JMI, for accepting his invitation to chair the session and for enlightening the students with his expertise on the topic, '**Matn Aur Qir'at Ka Bahmi Rishta**', given his wide acclaim and recognition for his profound contributions to Urdu *Nazm* and literary criticism. He impressed the audience by his intellectual honesty, critical depth, and simple style of speaking and command over the topic.

The programme was presided over by Prof. Khalid Mahmood, Former Head, Dept. of Urdu, JMI, who worked with Prof. Gopi Chand Narang at the Department of Urdu, JMI as a colleague. He also shared with the audience his close relations and long experiences with Prof. Gopi Chand Narang. He informed the gathering that Prof. Narang played a vital role in strengthening the academic culture in the Urdu department adding that he broadened the intellectual horizons of scholarship at JMI and inspired a generation of scholars to think comparatively and critically.

Prof. Iqtidar Mohd. Khan, Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Languages, JMI also graced the occasion during the memorial lecture. He extended his good wishes in organizing Gopi Chand Narang Memorial Lecture at the Archives and said that the services and contributions of our patrons and well wishers should not be forgotten.

The programme was conducted by Dr. Syed Mohd. Amir, Archivist, JPALC, JMI, who also introduced Prof. Gopi Chand Narang, the Chief Guest, the President and The Speaker of the function. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Ms. Shradha Shankar, Assistant Archivist from JPALC JMI, who thanked all the participants present on the occasion.

The program was attended by a large gathering of students, researchers, and teachers in the main hall of the Premchand Archives & Literary Centre, JMI.

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