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Jamia's Premchand Archives & Literary Centre, JMI holds a national seminar on 'Munshi Premchand' in collaboration with NCPUL, Govt. of India

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Jamia's Premchand Archives and Literary Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), organized day-long **national seminar** in **collaboration with NCPUL, Govt. of India, New Delhi** titled, "**Premchand Ka Adab: Naye Tanazur Mein**" (**Premchand's Literature: In a New Perspective**) on **29th April 2026** in the Committee Room, Nehru Guest House, Jamia Millia Islamia.

The programme was inaugurated with the welcome address by **Dr. Shams Equbal**, Director of NCPUL, New Delhi. He welcomed the scholars, participants and guests at the seminar and highlighted the contribution of Munshi Premchand in the field of Fiction and emphasized reading Premchand in a new perspective.

The inaugural session was presided by **Prof. Mohd Ali Jauhar**, Former Chairman, Department of Urdu, AMU, Aligarh. He congratulated the organizers for hosting the seminar on such an important topic and said that there is a need to understand Premchand and his writings from a modern point of view.

On this occasion, Prof. Shahzad Anjum, Director of the Archives, thanked the Honorable Vice Chancellor, JMI, **Prof. Mazhar Asif** and the Registrar, JMI, **Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi** for being generous enough to support such academic activities in the University especially at the Archives, which play a key role in enhancing the level of debate and discussion among scholars, students, and faculty members contributing to enriching the environment in the university. He highlighted the academic activities of the Centre and said that Premchand is a shining face of Urdu Literature and his contribution to the field of literature is seminal and extraordinary. "It is important to see Premchand in a new perspective today", he added.

The keynote address was presented by **Prof. Anwar Pasha**, Former Chairman, Centre for Indian Languages, JNU, New Delhi. He drew attention towards Premchand's relevance in the present context. He said, "Premchand is a scholar who is studied both in Hindi and Urdu languages, equally. We cannot talk about fiction without mentioning Premchand's fiction. Premchand tried his best to change the society with his viewpoint. The art and

artistic approach of Premchand is the best example of human sensitivity or human emotions".

Prof. Jitendra Srivastava, Professor, IGNOU was also present on the occasion, delivered a thought-provoking speech on Premchand and his relevance today. He emphasized that one should study Premchand keeping in mind the scenario of that period and his approach to the social subject.

The programme was conducted by **Dr. Jawed Hasan**, Department of Urdu, JMI. The event was concluded by a formal vote of thanks by **Mr. Nayab Hasan**, from NCPUL, Govt. of India who thanked all the scholars, participants and guests who presented their addresses and research papers on the occasion. The program was attended by a large gathering of researchers, teachers and students in the Committee Room, Nehru Guest House, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

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