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Begum Hazrat Mahal Girls' Hostel celebrates a grand and vibrant Annual Day

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The Annual Day of Begum Hazrat Mahal Girls' Hostel at Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), held on May 25, 2025, was a vibrant celebration of creativity, talent, and community. The event reflected the spirit of unity and excellence that defines the ethos of JMI, offering a platform for the hostel residents to showcase their diverse talents and achievements.

The Honourable Vice-Chancellor of JMI, Prof. Mazhar Asif, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, along with Prof. Mohammad Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI, who attended the function as the Guest of Honour. Their esteemed presence, accompanied by their families, lent grace and significance to the evening. The event was also attended by Deans, the Chief Proctor, Chief Librarian, Professors-in-Charge, Heads of Departments, Provosts, Wardens (Boys & Girls), and Directors.

The program commenced with a soulful recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by the inspiring notes of the 'Jamia Tarana', invoking a deep sense of pride and unity among all present. Prof. Neelofer Afzal, Provost of the hostel, delivered a warm welcome address, emphasizing that Begum Hazrat Mahal Girls' Hostel is more than just accommodation—it is a space that nurtures character, encourages creativity, and fosters a strong sense of identity.

In a symbolic gesture, the ceremonial lamp was lit by the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour along with their respective better halves marking the beginning of the evening's celebrations and representing the light of knowledge and collective growth.

In his keynote address, Prof. Mohammad Mahtab Alam Rizvi applauded the energy and enthusiasm of the students and the careful organization of the event. He highlighted the hostel's role in providing not just shelter but a holistic environment that supports academic and personal growth. Emphasizing empowerment through education, he urged students to make full use of the resources and opportunities provided by the university. "Institutions like JMI thrive because of their strong community spirit, and events like these are a celebration of that unity and progress," he said.

Delivering his presidential address, Prof. Mazhar Asif spoke passionately about the transformative power of education in shaping confident, empowered, and responsible

citizens. He emphasized the significance of women's leadership in nation-building and society, highlighting Nari Shakti as the cornerstone of progressive development.

Reflecting on the richness of the Urdu language and its cultural heritage, Prof. Asif shared evocative couplets celebrating the strength, grace, and resilience of women. He remarked, "The very word 'Janni'—meaning the one who gives birth—is derived from the feminine gender, which underscores how deeply womanhood is rooted in creation, knowledge, and power."

He encouraged the students to embrace their unique strengths, pursue excellence with confidence, and carry forward the torch of leadership and service. He also fondly recalled his own hostel experiences, noting how such shared spaces create memories and friendships that endure for a lifetime.

The cultural performances—ranging from music and dance to dramatic expressions—captivated the audience, revealing the multifaceted talents of the hostel residents and highlighting the cultural vibrancy of the university.

As a token of appreciation, mementoes were presented to the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, and their families. Handmade portraits of both dignitaries were also gifted, and a talented student artist was honored with a special memento for her artistic contribution. A special moment of the evening was the formal release of the hostel's annual newsletter, Verve, for the year 2024-25 announced by the Vice-Chancellor, capturing the highlights and achievements of the year.

Achievers from the Residential Coaching Academy (RCA), hostel performers, the Provost, Deputy Provost, and Wardens were felicitated for their contributions and dedication. Winners of competitions held throughout the academic year were recognized and awarded, celebrating their efforts and excellence.

Hostel resident Zaina Aman delivered a sincere vote of thanks, extending heartfelt appreciation to the dignitaries, organizers, performers, and audience for making the event a memorable success. The evening concluded with a shared dinner, offering an opportunity for reflection, celebration, and fellowship.

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