

Press Release

JMI's India Arab Cultural Centre organizes Extension lecture on "Islamic Sharia: From Divine Roots to Modern Reality"

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India Arab Cultural Centre Jamia Millia Islamia organized an Extension Lecture on "**Islamic Sharia: From Divine Roots to Modern Reality**" Monday, April 06, 2026 at 3:00 pm, in the conference room of IACC. Prof. Mohd. Fahim Akhtar, former Head, Dept. of Islamic Studies, MANUU, Hyderabad enlightened the audience as the speaker of the session. The event was chaired by Prof. Mohammad Ayub Nadwi, former Head, Dept. of Arabic, JMI. Prof. Hemanun Akhtar Nazmi, Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, JMI graced the event as the Chief Guest while Dr. Md. Aftab Ahmad, Director, India Arab Cultural Centre moderated the session.

Dr. Ahmad inaugurated the event by thanking honorable Vice Chancellor, JMI Prof. Mazhar Asif and Respected Registrar, Prof. (Dr.) Md Mahtab Alam Rizvi for supporting and patronizing such academic activities which enhance the debate and discussions among students and faculties. He also welcomed and thanked Prof. Mohd. Fahim Akhtar for accepting his invitation to speak on this important topic and enlighten the students with his academic and research expertise.

Prof. Akhtar explored that Islamic Sharia represents the moral, legal, and spiritual framework of Islam, guiding the lives of Muslims in both personal and collective spheres. Derived from divine revelation, Sharia is often misunderstood as a rigid legal code; however, it is a dynamic and comprehensive system that has evolved across time and space. The term *Sharia* literally means "the path to be followed," symbolizing a divinely ordained way of life. Its primary sources include The Qur'an, Hadith, Ijma (consensus) among scholars on legal issues and Qiyas (Analogical Reasoning). These sources collectively form the epistemological basis of Islamic law, emphasizing justice (*adl*), mercy (*rahma*), and public welfare (*maslahah*).

Delivering his presidential remarks, Prof. Mohammad Ayub Nadwi explored that Islamic Sharia rooted in divine revelation, is not merely a static legal system but a living tradition that has evolved through human interpretation. From its sacred origins to its varied contemporary applications, Sharia continues to shape Muslim societies worldwide. Its future lies in balancing fidelity to its divine roots with responsiveness to the complexities of modern life.

The event was concluded by a formal vote of thanks followed by an engaging question and answer session. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Ahsan Raza, Assistant Professor at India Arab Cultural Centre, JMI who thanked all the participants present in the hall including Prof. Hemanyun Akhtar Nazim, Prof. Nasir Raza Khan, Dr. Zulfikar Ali Ansari, Dr. Wasim Ahmad from SFL, all the faculty members of India Arab Cultural Centre, Faculty members and research scholars from Department of Arabic and all the audience present there.

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