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**Student Orientation Programme 2026–27 Organised by the Department of
Political Science, JMI**

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The Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) organised the Student Orientation Programme 2026–27 on 10 August 2026 at the Prof. Meenai Seminar Hall, Department of Political Science. The programme was organised to warmly welcome the newly admitted students and familiarise them with the academic environment of the Department, its programmes, student opportunities, campus facilities, university regulations, and the broader responsibilities associated with becoming members of the university community.

The orientation brought together faculty members, university officials, invited experts, and students for an informative and interactive programme addressing both academic matters and important aspects of student well-being. The programme emphasised responsible citizenship, environmental sustainability, campus discipline, gender sensitisation, mental health, and the importance of maintaining a drug-free campus.

The programme commenced with a Welcome Address by Dr. Pooja Paswan, Student Advisor, Department of Political Science, followed by a recitation from the Holy Quran.

Prof. S. R. T. P. Sugunakara Raju, Head, Department of Political Science, introduced the Department and addressed the newly admitted students. He familiarised them with the academic environment and traditions of the Department and encouraged them to make productive use of the opportunities available to them during their time at the University.

Faculty members and staff of the Department were subsequently introduced. Students were also briefed about the academic programmes, departmental activities, student opportunities, and facilities available within the Department, enabling the incoming batch to gain a better understanding of the academic and institutional framework within which they would pursue their studies.

A series of thematic sessions followed. Prof. Rajeev Singh, Head, Department of Environmental Science, delivered a session titled "Environmental Sustainability: Building Responsible Citizens." The session highlighted the importance of environmental consciousness among young citizens and encouraged students to adopt sustainable practices and contribute towards creating an environmentally responsible campus.

Dr. Étee Bahadur, Assistant Proctor, Office of the Chief Proctor, addressed the students on "Campus Discipline, Student Conduct, and University Regulations." The session familiarised students with expected standards of conduct, institutional responsibilities, and the importance of maintaining a respectful, disciplined, and inclusive campus environment.

The orientation also focused on the national objective of creating a drug-free educational environment. Prof. Taruna Bansal and Dr. Aruna Parcha, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, spoke on "Nasha Mukti Abhiyan: Creating a Drug-Free Campus." They sensitised the students to the harmful consequences of substance abuse and emphasised the importance of awareness, prevention, and collective responsibility in fostering a healthy and drug-free university campus.

As part of the university's commitment to creating a safe and inclusive academic environment, Dr. Nazia Khan addressed the students on gender sensitization, highlighting the importance of mutual respect, equality, dignity, and sensitivity in interactions within the university community. Along with Dr. Krishna Swamy Dara talked about "Episteme" a student led e- magazine by the department. Students from the department, Nabila talked about the policy club of the department and invited students to join.

Recognizing the growing importance of psychological and emotional well-being among university students, Dr. Sumaiya Khan, Senior Consultant, Clinical Psychology, delivered a session on "Mental Health and Student Well-Being." She discussed the importance of mental and emotional health during the university years and encouraged students to recognize stress, develop healthy coping mechanisms, and seek appropriate support whenever necessary.

The thematic sessions were followed by an interactive Question and Answer session, during which students had the opportunity to interact with the speakers, raise questions, and seek guidance on different aspects of university and campus life.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Pooja Paswan, who expressed gratitude to the head of the department, the invited speakers, faculty members, staff, and students for their participation and contribution to the successful conduct of the programme.

The formal proceedings were followed by High Tea and an informal interaction, providing the newly admitted students with an opportunity to interact with faculty members, speakers, and their peers in a welcoming and collegial environment.

The orientation program reflected the Department of Political Science's commitment to providing students not only with a strong academic foundation but also with a supportive and inclusive university environment that promotes responsible citizenship, environmental consciousness, gender sensitivity, discipline, healthy lifestyles, and mental well-being.

Prof. Saima Saeed
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