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Press Release

**"Pahal" Winter Relief Initiative 2025–26 Brings Warmth and Hope to Special Children at JMI**

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Dr. Zakir Husain Memorial Welfare Society (DZHMWS), in collaboration with New Socio Economic Research and Development (NSERD), successfully organized the "Pahal" Winter Relief Initiative – Blanket Distribution 2025–26 on Tuesday, 3rd February 2026, at Child Guidance Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia.

The initiative, aimed at providing winter relief to children with disabilities and their families, was graced by Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia and Vice President, DZHMWS, as the Chief Guest. In his address, Prof. Rizvi emphasized Jamia's enduring commitment to social responsibility, inclusive education, and community engagement. He highlighted the importance of institutional collaboration in advancing social welfare initiatives and reiterated the administration's continued support for programmes that promote equity, accessibility, and the holistic development of persons with disabilities. He also appreciated the dedicated efforts of the organizing team and acknowledged their contribution in translating the vision of the University and the Society into meaningful action.

The programme was conducted under the able leadership and strategic guidance of Prof Mazhar Asif, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, and President of DZHMWS, whose consistent emphasis on social outreach, equity, and inclusion has provided a strong foundation for the Society's welfare initiatives. His sustained commitment towards the empowerment and mainstreaming of persons with disabilities through policy support, academic integration, and community engagement continues to strengthen Jamia's role in advancing inclusive development.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Ravi Shanker, Assistant Commissioner of Police, New Friends Colony, underscored the importance of close cooperation between law enforcement agencies and social welfare organizations in building a safe, inclusive, and compassionate society. He appreciated the initiatives undertaken by DZHMWS and NSERD for the welfare of children with disabilities and assured continued support and collaboration from the Delhi Police in future programmes and outreach activities. He

reiterated the commitment of the police administration to extend all possible assistance to DZHMWS in furthering its social service mission.

Prof. Mohammad Ghazi Shahnawaz, General Secretary, DZHMWS, in his address, elaborated on the vision and long-term objectives of the Society in promoting social justice, capacity building, and inclusive growth. He emphasized the need for sustained institutional cooperation and community participation in addressing the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.

Dr. Mohd. Faijullah Khan, Secretary, DZHMWS, played a central role in planning and coordinating the programme and ensuring its effective implementation. In his remarks, Dr. Khan reaffirmed the Society's commitment to strengthening support mechanisms for children with special needs and their families and expressed sincere appreciation to all dignitaries, partner organizations, donors, and volunteers for their valuable cooperation. The programme was organized under the leadership of Mohd. Kaif, Chairman, NSERD, with active participation from Shaukat H. H. Mufti, Executive Secretary, Hamdard Learning and Welfare Society, and other members of the organizing team.

The event was further leveraged by the presence and participation of senior academicians, including Controller of Examinations (CoE), Deans, Directors, and esteemed members of the Governing Body of the Society, reflecting strong institutional and administrative support for the initiative.

The event received generous support from the Human Welfare Foundation and Hamdard Learning and Welfare Society, which played a vital role in the successful implementation of the programme.

The "Pahal" Winter Relief Initiative stands as a testament to the collective commitment of DZHMWS and NSERD towards socio-economic development and the holistic welfare of disadvantaged communities, particularly children with disabilities and their families, by promoting dignity, equity, and social inclusion.

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