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Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilizations, JMI organizes talk to commemorate 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'

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The Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Jamia Millia Islamia, organized a talk by Dr. Md. Chingiz Khan on *'History Remembers Those Who Dared To Stand For Their Land: A Tribute To Bhagwan Birsa Munda, The Land They Protected, The Traditions They Preserved, The History They Helped Shape'.* The talk was organized to commemorate Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, remember the life, contributions and legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Faculty members Dr. Ahmad Sohaib, Dr. Annie KUNNATH and Dr. Srishti Pandey along with the Ph.D. Research Scholars and the Masters and Bachelors students from different centers and departments such as Sociology, Economics and Commerce participated in the event.

The participation of research scholars and students created an opportunity for meaningful academic exchange and interdisciplinary discussion. The talk focused on Bhagwan Birsa Munda's struggle against colonial exploitation and his efforts to protect the land, identity and rights of the tribal communities. The participants, particularly Dr. Khan emphasized on the sacrifices made by Bhagwan Birsa Munda and discussed the central importance of land in tribal life, while emphasizing its connection with livelihood, culture, traditions, identity and collective existence.

Moving beyond the historical experience of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the discussion also explored the lives, struggles, legacy and contributions of tribal communities across different parts of India with particular emphasis on regions of Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The participants discussed the distinct historical and social experiences of these communities, the challenges they face and their continuing struggles concerning land, identity, cultural preservation and rights. The discussion highlighted the diversity of tribal experiences across India and the importance of understanding them within their respective regional and historical contexts. Faculty members actively interacted with the students and research scholars, sharing their views and encouraging questions and exchange of ideas. The event concluded with an interactive session that further enriched the discussion and provided an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the historical contributions, contemporary challenges and diverse experiences of tribal communities across the country.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Director Prof. Meher Fatima Hussain who also chaired the talk. She expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif**,** the Hon'ble Registrar, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi**,** and the Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Prof. Zubair Meenai for their constant words of appreciation and encouragement and building the culture of academic excellence. She acknowledged the contributions of the faculty members and the Subject Association in organizing and facilitating the successful holding of the talk and the event at the Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilizations.

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