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Press Release

## **JMI holds Centenary Year Convocation**

**-VC Prof. Najma Akhtar's steadfastness rewarded, JMI gets permission to set-up medical college**

Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), a NAAC accredited A<sup>++</sup> Grade Central University successfully organized its grand Centenary Year Convocation today at Vigyan Bhawan and the university campus to award degrees and diplomas to the passed out students of 2019 and 2020. Around twelve thousand five hundred students passed out in these two years including around 800 gold medallists and Ph.D.

Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar was the Chief Guest of the Convocation, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan has presided over the function at Vigyan Bhawan. They distributed Gold Medals and Ph.D. Golden Degrees to some of the successful candidates. Second Lady of the country, Dr. Sudesh Dhankhar also graced the occasion.

After welcoming the Chief Guest, the Hon'ble Education Minister and other guests, JMI Vice Chancellor, Prof. Najma Akhtar (Padma Shri) presented the university report and addressed the gathering. She gave a pleasant surprise to the audience by announcing that JMI got approval of the Union Government to set-up a Medical College which was her and Jamia fraternity's long cherished dream. The announcement has received a grand applause by the audience comprising JMI faculty, non-teaching staff, gold medallists and the Ph.D. passed outs.

Prof. Akhtar expressed her gratitude to the Union Government led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for all the support and guidance that helped JMI to achieve greater heights. She said "I feel extremely privileged and fortunate to be working under the progressive leadership of our enlightened Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. It is his constant and strong support that we are able to move ahead so remarkably and achieved extra ordinary progress".

In her address, the Vice Chancellor highlighted various achievements of the university in the last few years and the future plans to further strengthen the 'Brand Jamia'. She announced that JMI is exploring possibilities to open overseas campus in middle-east and other foreign countries and wants to strengthen its bounding with its alumni across the globe.

Hon'ble Education Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan congratulated all the successful students and JMI fraternity for the convocation. He wished good luck to students for their future endeavours. He said institutions like JMI are providing intellectual leadership and playing a pivotal role in the *Amritkal*. "Today, when the whole world is looking at India and its system, I hope that JMI will produce global humans as per the requirements of NEP that will ultimately reduce the inequality between the western world and global south."

On setting up a medical college at JMI Shri Pradhan said that JMI will not just start a medical college but we should try to make JMI an Urban Research Centre to solve the complicated medical issues of the world.

Hon'ble Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar complimented all the graduating students, teachers and parents. He said to students "You have earned your degrees, but learning is a life-long passion. You have acquired knowledge through education and now you must carefully cultivate this knowledge to harvest the wisdom".

The Vice President further said "Be like a river – meander, choose your own path and act on your inclination and aptitudes. Never allow yourself to be dictated when it comes to your own idea". He also said that as warriors of 2047, you must drop on the insights instilled by your *alma mater* and utilize them to contribute towards nation building.

A 'Gold Medal Distribution Ceremony' was organised at Dr. M.A. Ansari Auditorium of the university in the evening where Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, distributed Gold Medals to the toppers. He was formally welcomed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Najma Akhtar.

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor congratulated the recipients of Gold Medals, inspiring them to be the true model of the noble founders of JMI in order to serve the community and the nation with selfless dedication. He highlighted the recent achievements of JMI under the leadership of Prof. Najma Akhtar underlining the glowing contributions of JMI researchers, faculty members, non-teaching staff, students and other stakeholders. He appreciated the endeavours of JMI for the unique development of the nation. He stressed the point that the youth nurtured by JMI and the nation have great role to play in carrying legacy of their *alma mater* and the nation.

The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Nazim Husain Jafri, Registrar, JMI.

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**Shri Vinai K. Saxena**  
Lt. Governor of Delhi











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