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**JMI Celebrates National Science Day with Grand Success: A Confluence of Innovation,
Inspiration, and Intellectual Exploration**

New Delhi, February 28, 2025 – Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI) marked National Science Day today with a vibrant and intellectually stimulating celebration at the Ansari Auditorium, drawing over 1,000 enthusiastic students, faculty members, and science enthusiasts. The event, organized under the guidance of Prof. Mazhar Asif, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JMI, served as a dynamic platform for fostering scientific curiosity, innovation, and interdisciplinary dialogue.

Prof. Mazhar Asif, a passionate advocate for scientific research and innovation, has been instrumental in promoting a culture of inquiry and discovery at the university. His unwavering support for research and development has significantly contributed to advancing scientific endeavors at the university. Under his leadership, JMI has strengthened its research infrastructure, encouraged student-led scientific projects, and facilitated collaborations with national and international institutions.

Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI, lauded the initiative, reaffirming the university's commitment to nurturing a new generation of scientists and researchers.

The celebration commenced with an inaugural address by Prof. Mohammad Zahid Ashraf, Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, who spearheaded the event's conceptualization. Emphasizing the theme "Science for a Sustainable Future," Prof. Ashraf highlighted the role of youth in addressing global challenges through scientific inquiry. "Science is not just about equations and experiments; it is a mindset to question, explore, and innovate for humanity's betterment," he remarked, setting the tone for the day.

Prof. Saeedudin, Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, captivated the audience with a riveting tribute to Dr. C.V. Raman, the Nobel laureate whose groundbreaking discovery of the Raman Effect is commemorated on National Science Day.

In a thought-provoking session, Prof. Mazhar Asif, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JMI mesmerized attendees by unraveling the scientific advancements of ancient India. From Ayurveda to astronomy, he showcased how India's rich heritage laid the foundation for modern scientific thought. He traced the evolution of modern scientific advancements from the rich traditions of ancient culture and civilization. He inspired students to explore untapped avenues of research and invest their time in innovation-driven projects that could lead to the development of groundbreaking products and contribute to national progress. Prof. Asif encouraged students to

explore interdisciplinary fields, stating, “Innovation lies at the intersection of tradition and technology. Let our past inspire your future inventions.”

The highlight of the day was a stirring public lecture by Padma Shri Prof. Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain, National Chair of SERB and Distinguished Professor at Sharda University. Addressing the theme “Nothing Succeeds Like Success: Take Risks in Your Career and Learn from the Winners,” Prof. Hasnain shared anecdotes from his illustrious career, emphasizing resilience, mentorship, and bold decision-making. He drew parallels between Dr. Raman’s perseverance and the opportunities available to modern students, urging them to “think beyond textbooks and embrace curiosity-driven research.” His speech resonated deeply, linking historical achievements to contemporary scientific aspirations.

He shared compelling success stories from the scientific world, offering invaluable insights into the minds of pioneering researchers. He urged students to embrace challenges, take calculated risks, and channel their curiosity and passion into shaping a future driven by scientific excellence and discovery. “Science thrives on failures as much as successes. Embrace risks, for they are stepping stones to greatness,” he advised, leaving the audience inspired.

The auditorium buzzed with energy as students showcased their creativity through Poster Presentations, Cutting-edge research on climate change, biotechnology, and AI, and innovative prototypes addressing waste management and renewable energy.

Students and Faculty of Chemistry Department have demonstrated chemical reactions, including luminescent experiments and a fierce battle of wits, testing scientific knowledge in a Quiz Competition. Stunning visuals capturing the “Beauty of Science” in everyday life were also showcased. Winners were awarded certificates and prizes, fostering a spirit of healthy competition.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Mahfuzul Haque, who applauded the students’ enthusiasm and the collective effort of the organizing team. “Today is a celebration and a reminder that science is the cornerstone of progress. Let this ignite a lifelong passion for discovery,” he stated.

Participants expressed overwhelming appreciation. JMI’s Science Day celebration honored scientific legacy and sowed the seeds for future innovators.

With its blend of academic rigor, cultural reverence, and interactive learning, the event reaffirmed the commitment of JMI teachers and students to nurturing tomorrow’s scientific leaders. Students departed with renewed enthusiasm, motivated to delve deeper into scientific inquiries and push the boundaries of human knowledge.

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