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Press Release

Jamia's Premchand Archives & Literary Centre organizes a Lecture titled 'Indian Freedom Struggle and the Contribution of Jamia Millia Islamia'

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Jamia's Premchand Archives and Literary Centre (JPALC) organized a Lecture titled, '*Indian Freedom Struggle and the Contribution of Jamia Millia Islamia*' on 13th August 2026 (Thursday) in JPALC. The programme was inaugurated with the welcome address by **Prof. Shahzad Anjum**, the Director of JPALC who welcomed the Speaker, Chairperson, guests, scholars, students and all participants.

On this occasion, Prof. Shazad Anjum, also thanked the Honorable Vice Chancellor, JMI, **Prof. Mazhar Asif** and the Registrar, JMI, **Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi** for being generous enough to support such academic activities in the University especially at the Archives, which play a key role in enhancing the level of research, debate and discussion among scholars, faculty members and students contributing to enriching the academic & literary environment in the University. He highlighted the academic programmes & activities of the Centre throughout the year.

The speaker, Prof. Meher Fatima Hussain, Director, Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilizations & Professor, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, JMI in her lecture, highlighted a very graphic picture of Indian Freedom Struggle, its scope, significance and impact during first half of the 20th century with the great emphasis on the establishment of Jamia Millia Islamia and its contribution in the field of education since its inception and in the present time. He argued that it was a movement within the movement. He also told the audience the role played by its founding fathers and makers of Jamia in the period of its financial crisis. He also remembered Mahatma Gandhi, Maulana Mehmudul Hasan, Maulana Mohamed Ali Jauhar, Abdul Majeed Khwaja, Hakim Ajmal Khan, Dr. Zakir Husain, Prof. Mohammad Mujeeb, Dr. Abid Husain and many more patrons for their selfless services and unconditional help to run Jamia at any cost in those times.

The programme was chaired by **Prof. Farhat Nasreen**, Department of History and Culture, JMI who highlighted the role of founders of Jamia and their efforts to add and gain the support of more and more peoples to make the success of the movement, started by them to educate the Indians. He emphasized upon Knowledge and knowledge based education without which nothing is possible in any field. It was very thought provoking remarks on Jamia's contribution given by her to the scholars, faculty members and students for future advancement from the lessons of history.

The Programme was conducted by Dr. Syed Mohammad Amir, Archivist, JPALC. Ms. Snigdha Roy, Archivist, JPALC introduced the speaker, Prof. Meher Fatima Hussain and the Chairperson, Prof. Farhat Nasreen. The event was concluded by a formal vote of thanks by Ms. Noorjahan, Conservationist, JPALC.

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