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JMI Signs MoU with 2 Life Sciences Companies; Paves Way for New Academia-Industry Partnership

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Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with two life sciences companies, NuLife Pvt. Ltd. and NextGen Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd., marking a significant step towards strengthening academia-industry collaboration and creating greater opportunities for research, skill development and industry-oriented learning.

The MoUs were formally signed at a function held on September 14, 2026 at the Faculty of Life Sciences, JMI, in the presence of Prof. Mazhar Asif, Vice Chancellor, JMI; Prof. M. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI; and Prof. Mohammad Zahid Ashraf, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, JMI.

NuLife Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, is engaged in the development and distribution of laboratory, diagnostic and healthcare products, catering to the needs of research and academic institutions and hospitals. Its portfolio includes biological products, reagents, diagnostic kits and instruments supporting molecular biology and clinical diagnostics. The company also undertakes AI/ML-based high-throughput small-molecule screening for drug discovery and development, along with metabolomic, proteomic and genomic research for biomarker discovery and diagnostic applications. Prof. M. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI, formally handed over the MoU to Mr. Nadeem Rahman, Managing Director, NuLife Pvt. Ltd., in the presence of the Vice Chancellor. Mr. Rahman outlined the company's areas of expertise and the scope for collaboration with JMI in research, innovation, professional development and career opportunities for students.

The second MoU was signed between NextGen Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. and JMI. NextGen Life Sciences offers a diverse range of life science products, and research solutions, with expertise spanning molecular biology, genomics, sequencing, bioinformatics and related diagnostic applications. Prof. M. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI, handed over the MoU to Dr. Nagma Abbasi, CEO and Founder, NextGen Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd., in the presence of the Vice Chancellor. Dr. Abbasi highlighted the company's scientific capabilities and the scope for collaboration in research, skill development, training and industry-oriented opportunities for students and researchers.

Prof. Shama Parveen, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Basic Sciences, coordinator for the event outlined the significance of the MoUs in fostering sustained academia industry engagement, particularly in knowledge exchange, applied research, innovation and professional development.

The collaborations are expected to provide students with opportunities for internships, dissertations and industry oriented projects, promoting experiential learning and professional exposure. The partnerships will also facilitate knowledge exchange, capacity building, research and innovation, in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, particularly its emphasis on skill development, practical learning and stronger academia–industry linkages.

In their addresses, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi and Prof. Mazhar Asif emphasised the importance of sustained academia industry engagement in connecting academic learning with innovation and industry needs. Prof. Mohammad Zahid Ashraf, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, delivered the concluding remarks and proposed the vote of thanks, acknowledging the support of the Jamia administration in promoting such institutional collaborations. The signing of the MoUs marks another step towards strengthening JMI's engagement with the life sciences sector and fostering an ecosystem that connects education, research, innovation, skills and employability.

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