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Press Release

Jamia Millia Islamia condemns terror attack in Pahalgam; Observes Earth Day 2025 by planting trees in memory of those who lost their lives

New Delhi, April 23, 2025.

In a solemn and moving tribute, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) today condemned the heinous terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, and extended deep condolences to the families of those who lost their lives.

At the outset of the Earth Day 2025 observance, at a symposium organised by the Department of Environmental Science, JMI in association with National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Govt of India, Vice Chancellor JMI, Prof. Mazhar Asif, and Registrar JMI, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, joined the nation in offering heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and called for peace, humanity, and compassion during this difficult time.

As a mark of remembrance and respect, 26 trees were planted by Prof Asif, Prof Rizvi and other officials of JMI and NIDM, distinguished guests and students in the front lawns of the administrative block of the university. Promising to honour and remember those who lost their lives in yesterday's attack, the JMI administration has taken full responsibility for the upkeep of the memorial trees and to hold an annual remembrance event symbolizing hope and resilience of the human spirit.

The aim of the two-day symposium was to create awareness and to disseminate knowledge regarding the Earth Day celebrated on 22nd and 23rd April 2025. The main motto of the event is to inform the students regarding the current situation of the environment and discuss ideas to improve it. Students from the JMI and other universities including University of Delhi, and IIT Delhi participated in various competitions as part of the symposium.

Prof. Mazhar Asif, began his welcome speech by paying a heartfelt tribute to the victims of Pahalgam terror attack. Following that, Dr Rajeev Singh, Head of the Department and Prof. Mini Thomas Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, JMI welcomed the guests, faculty members and students. A guest lecture by Prof. Surya Prakash (Head, GMRD, NIDM) was followed by a brainstorming and enlightening awareness talk by Shri Rajendra Ratnoo, IAS, Executive Director, NIDM. Mr Vijay Kumar Singh, ICAS, Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority, spoke on the theme of biodiversity parks and the contribution of Delhi Development Authority towards nature's protection work.

Prof. Rizvi, Registrar JMI gave a motivational talk on the Earth Day and its importance and encouraged the students and faculty members to come forward and take on-ground initiatives to protect the environment.

The day's events concluded with a prize distribution function and the release of a newsletter of the Department of Environmental Science by the Vice Chancellor and Registrar, JMI and other distinguished guests.

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