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Press Release

JMI VC inaugurates Herbal Garden at Hall of Girls' Residence (Old)

Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI) Vice Chancellor Prof. Najma Akhtar (Padma Shri) inaugurated a Herbal Garden at the Hall of Girls' Residence (Old) on 5th June 2023, coinciding with World Environment Day. The event was also graced by Dr. S Farooq, President of Himalaya Wellness Company who has provided some of the precious plants for the herbal garden.

Prof. Rana Noor, the Provost of the Hall of Girls' Residence (Old), welcomed the dignitaries and guests to the event. She also emphasized that the Herbal Garden went beyond its visual and olfactory delights, serving as an educational centre and a sanctuary of knowledge, where visitors could explore the vast treasure of natural remedies and sustainable practices.

In her inaugural address, JMI Vice Chancellor Prof Najma Akhtar (Padma Shri) expressed her appreciation for the collection of herbs in the herbal garden, which encompassed a wide variety of medicinal, culinary, and aromatic wonders. She said that the garden aimed not only to enhance the beauty of the campus but will also play a vital role in restoring the local ecosystem, fostering biodiversity, and cultivating a spirit of a sustainable environment.

To encourage creative expression, critical thinking, an 'environmental slogan making' and 'logo making' competition for the residents were also organised a few days prior to the event. The prizes to the winners of the competition were distributed by the Vice Chancellor.

Dr. S Farooq , President of Himalaya Wellness Company , praised the initiative and highlighted that the Herbal Garden would not only provide tools for healing and rejuvenation but also inspire a profound connection with nature, encouraging people to tread lightly upon the Earth. He stated that the garden would promote ecological harmony and champion the preservation of our planet for future generations. During the event there was an oath-taking ceremony where participating dignitaries , guests , hostel staff, faculty members and also residents pledged to protect and preserve the environment and make it plastic free.

Md Zafar, Chief Manager, Indian Bank, JMI Branch and Mr. Kausar Ali, Director, Prominent Contractors Pvt. Ltd. also contributed for setting up the herbal garden.

The inauguration was followed by an inspiring plantation drive during which a diverse range of saplings were planted within the campus. This endeavour not only beautified the campus but also contributed to creating a sustainable environment within the campus. The event served as an inspiration for faculty members and students, empowering them to implement eco-friendly measures in their daily lives and professional endeavours. This initiative further emphasized the commitment of JMI to environmental sustainability and the preservation of nature.






