

UK Prime Minister David Cameron and Aamir Khan visit JDM 2013

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Dignitaries floor students with their open, enthusiastic manner, talk about empowerment of women

Prominent Bollywood actor **Aamir Khan** accompanied **British Prime Minister David Cameron** and Minister of Universities David Willetts, while the two guests visited Janki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University, on Tuesday. The dignitaries addressed the college students and spoke on the the issue of Empowerment of Women.

The programme, kept a secret till the last minute, saw 46-year-old Cameron and Khan, a year older to him, walking into the auditorium of the college at 4 pm and spending nearly 45 minutes going around the hall and interacting with students. Cameron, dressed in a blue suit, and Khan, clad in a sweat shirt and a black blazer, fielded questions from students, who wanted to know why the society was biased towards women.

Indu Anand, Principal of the college, said, 'Students at **Janki Devi Memorial College** waited for almost three to four hours. When they heard that Aamir Khan and The British PM David Cameroon are coming to address them, they could not believe their ears.'

'The topics under discussion were empowerment of women through education and a dialogue about extending educational relationship between the two countries,' she said.

Anand added, 'The delegation included Lord Bhikhu Parekh, MP, Raj Loomba, MP, Paul Uppal, MP, **Deepak Pental**, Vice-Chancellor 2005 - 2010 University of Delhi and the Vice-Chancellors of some of the top universities in England, including Cambridge, Warwick, Exeter, Southampton, the Open University, London School of Economics and the CEO of British Council and the CEO of British Library.'

The principal said, ***'My vision for the next decade is to fulfill the educational needs of women of all sections of society, make them independent.'***

Anuradha Anand, Associate Professor in Economics with 41 years of teaching experience in Janki Devi College, said, 'Faculty members had an interaction with academic delegates in the library of the college. All departments had a chance to talk to them. The other issues discussed were fee structure of UK universities, scholarships, inter-faculty exchange programme, value of Indian degrees in UK and so on. It was a very fruitful discussion.'

Cameron and Khan smiled all along their interaction, answering all queries. The gleaming students almost jostled with each other to shake hands and pose for photographs with the two dignitaries, who heartily obliged them.



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Fulbright scholar USA , Charles Wallace India Trust Scholar UK, Indira Gandhi Priyadarshani Awardwinner and Dr S Radhakrishnan Memorial Award, Indu has certainly moved her institution towards the evangelisation of Peace and Harmony in the larger scheme of life on earth.

We're proud of her !