

EVENT REPORT

‘DEEKSHARAMBH’

Student Induction Programme

1st Year BDS, Batch of 2024

Faculty of Dentistry, Jamia Millia Islamia

The Faculty of Dentistry, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, organized a three-day Student Induction Programme, "Deeksharambh-2024," for the newly admitted Bachelor of Dentistry students, Batch of 2024. Held from November 5th to 7th, 2024, in accordance with UGC guidelines, the programme aimed to welcome students into the Faculty of Dentistry, JMI and prepare them for their roles as future dental surgeons.

The inaugural session was started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, followed by the welcome address by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Keya Sircar. Sharing insights into Jamia Millia Islamia's distinguished history, the faculty's contributions to society, and the university's diverse academic resources.

The session was graced by Prof. Mohd. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, as the Chief Guest, and Prof. Sirajuddin Ahmed, Head of the Department of Environmental Science at Jamia Millia Islamia, as the Guest of Honour. In his address, Prof. Rizvi congratulated the Faculty of Dentistry for achieving high standards and securing the 8th rank in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). He expressed confidence that the faculty would soon be among the top 5 dental institutes in the country. Prof. Rizvi further highlighted that over the past 15 years, the faculty had made remarkable progress, providing specialized dental care to all sections of society and becoming a pillar of service and quality education.

In his inaugural address on "Environment & Health," Prof. Sirajuddin Ahmed discussed how his work as an environmental engineer aligns with the mission of healthcare professionals. He highlighted their shared commitment to promoting public health and well-being, stressing that both fields demand a dedication to enhancing living conditions and addressing environmental challenges.

Dr. Shakir Khan, an alumnus of the Faculty of Dentistry, Jamia Millia Islamia, shared reflections on his journey, he spoke candidly about the challenges and triumphs of his journey, and motivated the students to give their best and also enjoy their time on campus while carving out their future.

The White Coat Ceremony and Physician's Pledge, administered by the Dean, was a solemn and humbling moment for the students. It impressed upon them the profound responsibility they now carry as they begin their roles as healthcare professionals in oral health care, prevention and rehabilitation.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Coordinator, Dr. Kashif Ali and the inaugural ceremony culminated with a soulful rendition of the national anthem.

The BDS curriculum was presented to the students in the second session by Professors Dalvinder Singh and Deborah Sybil. Professor Ashu Bharadwaj focused on attitude, ethics, and communication skills, while Professors Tanveer Ahmad and Harneet Kaur highlighted the university's creative arena. Subsequently, Professor Mandeep Kaur spoke about the importance of student friends and group formations under the Mentorship Program. Professors Imran Khan and Nafis Ahmad gave the

students a comprehensive tour of the M.A.K. Pataudi Stadium to wrap off the day. During the trip, they introduced the students to a variety of sports and encouraged to opt for sports of their choice.

On Day two session three, Prof Saranjit Singh Bhasin involved the students in an engaging dialogue about emerging career opportunities in dentistry. Prof. Shamimul Hasan focussed on research opportunities and funding schemes such as ICMR- STS. Prof. Mohd. Faisal and Prof. Mohd. Faiz Akram elaborated on student support mechanisms, the backbone of any academic institution.

In the session four, the students visited Dr. M. A. Ansari Health Centre for inculcating empathy followed by visits to various landmark areas such as Centre for Innovation and Technology, Jamia's Premchand Archives, Zakir Husain Library, Central Canteen, Dr. M. A. Ansari Auditorium, M. F. Husain Art Gallery, AJK Mass Communication & Research Centre and Faculty of Engineering & Technology with the purpose of appreciating culture and ethos of the University.

Day two came to a conclusion with session five on Anti-Ragging workshop conducted by Dr. Sharad Kapoor, Member, DCI. It was attended by 184 students.

The final day, session six started on a significantly professional note, by Prof. Nishat Sultan, ingraining into the students the importance of personal grooming and work ethics in dental education and practice, an inherent aspect of a healthcare professionals' life.

This was followed by lecture and hands-on workshop by Prof. Babita Meena, Member, Hospital Infection Control Committee, sensitising the students about standard precautions in dental practice, and Dr. Bushra Ahmed Karim, Member, Bio-Medical Waste Management Committee, emphasizing biomedical waste management, the two most important pillars in providing safe healthcare.

This led onto a faculty tour wherein the students were acclimatized to the professional ethics in various medical and dental departments of the Faculty of Dentistry.

The three day programme culminated in the workshop on 'Gender Sensitisation- Understanding Gender', attended by 171 BDS students from all years and led by Prof. Hina Zia, Head, Dept.of Planning, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, sensitised the students towards gender equities,

The student induction program was attended by 47 students of first year BDS and coordinated by Prof. Anuradha Sharma, Prof. Amit Kumar Tamrakar and Dr. Kashif Ali, along with dedicated & enthusiastic participation of the organizing team, resource persons, student volunteers, non-teaching staff and supporting staff of the Faculty of Dentistry.