

## **Event Report of Celebration of National Pharmacovigilance Week (17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024) by Faculty of Dentistry, Jamia Millia Islamia.**

National Pharmacovigilance Week (17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024) with the theme of the "Building ADR Reporting Culture for Patient Safety, as a directive from DCI, was celebrated for the first time by Faculty of Dentistry (FOD), JMI. The essence of this programme was to impart awareness about the Pharmacovigilance Programme of India within JMI.

The Faculty members of Pharmacology organized and coordinated the 7 day programme in JMI. The main events covered were poster making competition on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in which 26 teams registered for participation as group and 5 registered for solo participation. Students from Centre for Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Sciences, DDU Kaushal Kendra JMI, Department of Sanskrit, Department of Computer Science and Department of Management studies (Health and Pharmaceutical) showed their enthusiasm for poster making competition held. The event was judged by 4 teams of judges.

A one day workshop was organized on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024, by Pharmacology, in the Library hall on "Reporting of adverse drugs/ vaccines/ cosmetics/ devices and requirements of setting up of adverse drug monitoring centre (AMC)". Guest speaker, Director Professor,(Prof) Dr Harmeet Singh Rehan from Lady Hardinge Medical College and associated hospitals conducted the workshop. Total 155 participants including all the stakeholders (Faculty, students, paramedical staff, technical staff, and general public) attended the awareness programme.

The inauguration started with a welcome address by the Dean, Prof. Keya Sircar. She briefed the gathering about the importance of Pharmacovigilance for patient safety followed by felicitation of the guest speaker and organizing team.

Organizing Chairperson, Prof (Dr) Deep Inder outlined the events to be covered in the seven day celebration programme and introduced the guest speaker.

Guest speaker Dr Harmeet Singh Rehan delivered his talk in a very relevant and simplified way along with hands on training on filling and reporting of the ADR form for patient safety, keeping in view the diverse group of participants.

The Hands on training was facilitated by Organising Secretary Prof (Dr) Md Faiz Akram along with the guest speaker.

The winners of the poster making competition held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were awarded with medals and certificates by Dean, and organizing team from Pharmacology, FOD.

The Pamphlet in Hindi language, regarding awareness of reporting of ADR was unveiled by the guest speaker and organizing team in front of diverse audience of workshop.

The inaugural event ended with a vote of thanks by Organizing Secretary Prof (Dr) Seema Manak who expressed her sincere gratitude to dignitaries, esteemed speaker and participants from whole University who made this event a huge success.

As part of celebrations an awareness drive initiated from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, at Faculty of Dentistry followed by visit to M.A Ansari health centre, DDU Kaushal Kendra, Centre of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Boys hostel as well as Girls hostel, JMI where pamphlets were distributed after a brief lecture by faculty members of Pharmacology.

The participants across the JMI University were extremely satisfied with the events organized and enthusiastically shared their positive feedback and suggestions to organize such events of general public health concern frequently. All the registered participants were given certificates for attending the workshop.