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Press Release

JMI's Department of Economics Celebrates World Hospice and Palliative Care Day

The Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) in collaboration with Delhiites National Initiative in Palliative Care (DNipCare) celebrated World Hospice and Palliative Care Day (WHPCD) on October 14, 2024. On this occasion a Health Care Symposium comprising Palliative Care Sensitization programme and a Basic Life Support (BLS) Training were organized in the Conference Hall, Office of the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, JMI. World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is celebrated all over the world on the second Saturday of October every year to celebrate and take the opportunity to advocate for People Living with Palliative Care Needs.

The symposium commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Asheref Illiyan, Head of the Department of Economics, JMI. He highlighted the importance of the WHPCD for creating awareness and helping thousands and thousands of hapless, bedridden, terminally ill, genetically ill and cancer patients throughout the world.

The session on Palliative Care Sensitization was led by Mr. K. V. Hamza, General Secretary, DNipCare and retired officer from Ministry of Finance, Gol, who underscored the significance of palliative care and its relevance to students of JMI, particularly in connection with the university's objectives and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of United Nations. He elaborated on the key principles of palliative care, providing real-life examples from his vast experience in the field of Palliative Care since 2008 to emphasize its importance. He presented an alarming statistics that in India only 2% of the people who need palliative care has access to it as against the global average of 14%. He pointed out that there is silver lining that Kerala State in India has emerged as a role model for the entire world with community based palliative care with more than 60% coverage. He underscored the need to increase the coverage and awareness in other parts of the country.

Miss Seema Prasad, Student Coordinator of DNipCare, shared the necessity of palliative care, particularly in today's health care system and encouraged students to be volunteers for this noble cause.

The second part of the session focused on Basic Life Support training, led by Mr. Desanth C, a DNipCare volunteer and Nursing Officer at Vardhman

Mahaveer Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi. He trained the participants in essential first aid techniques, particularly in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), which was the highlight of the session. He showcased how CPR can be a saviour of life during emergency. Both students and faculty members had the opportunity to practice administering CPR under guidance.

The undergraduate and postgraduate students of Economics enthusiastically participated in the session. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Kashif Khan. Dr. Zakaria Siddiqui, Dr Vasim Akram and Dr. Kashif Khan coordinated the event. The program was wrapped up with a group photo and refreshments.

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