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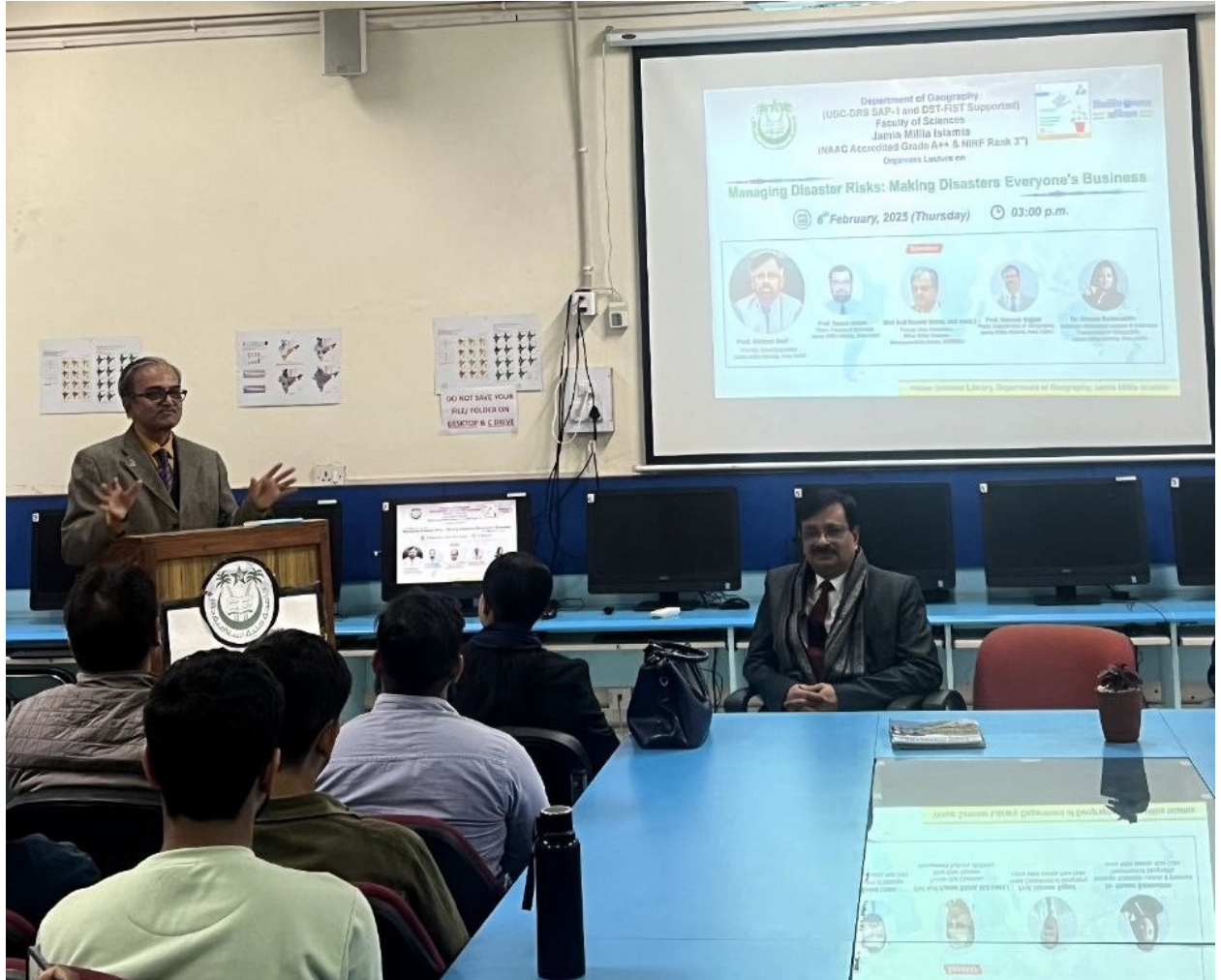
Press Release

**JMI organizes Lecture on “Managing Disaster Risks: Making Disasters Everyone’s Business” under Viksit Bharat campaign**

New Delhi: Department of Geography, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), under Viksit Bharat initiative of Government of India, organized a lecture on “Managing Disaster Risks: Making Disasters Everyone’s Business” on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2025. The lecture was delivered by Shri Anil Kumar Sinha, IAS (Retd.), former Vice-Chairman, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA). The event was attended by distinguished guests, eminent faculty members and students, all of whom gathered to honour the institution’s enduring commitment to education, research and community service. Prof. Haroon Sajjad, Head of the Department of Geography welcomed the guest speaker, faculty members and students. The session was chaired by Prof. Mohd. Ishtiaque.

Shri Anil Kumar Sinha began his lecture by introducing the concept and components of disaster management. He categorized his talk into 12 sections. While delivering his lecture, he emphasized on the understanding of disaster management to all the rungs of the society. He explained that some of the privileged class have safety nets, but the remaining majority does not. There is a disconnect between government policy and planning. He highlighted the need for remedial measures to resort to such situations. Shri Sinha made a mention that there is a rising need to demystify and simplify disasters. He explained about three disaster personalities being freeze, panic and what and how to do? Among these the third one being the most proactive and life-saving, he added. On further elaboration, he explained the need of hazard mapping across the various types of disasters. Shri Sinha made a mention of strategies like Duck, Cover and Hold in case of an earthquake. Similarly, the strategy of Duck, Cover and Roll in case of a fire, he explained. While concluding his motivational talk, the speaker left participants pondering on the evolving concept of Earthquake Safety Clinics newly developed in Nepal and Bihar. Towards the end of the lecture, he shared his invaluable experiences of life during his research in Kobe, Japan.

The lecture was followed by an interactive discussion with scholars and students of geography and disaster management. Prof. Mohd. Ishtiaque delivered his Presidential remarks. The enlightening event was attended by Prof. Atiqur Rahman, Prof. Lubna Siddiqui, Dr. Asif, Dr. Ismail Haque and students of the Department of Geography. Dr. Ghazal Salahuddin, Incharge – extension lectures and webinars conducted the programme and proposed a formal vote of thanks. The lecture was a vibrant learning event to all the scholars and students.





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