Press Release

JMI organizes Street Plays and Interactive Session to create awareness about substance abuse *Events organized under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Awareness Drive of Government of India

In alignment with the Government of India's directive under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) Awareness Drive, the Office of the Dean Students' Welfare, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), organized a series of impactful events to raise awareness about substance abuse among students. Recognizing the crucial role of educational institutions in shaping perspectives and promoting awareness, JMI has taken an active stance in supporting this national initiative.

On February 27, 2025, two thought-provoking Nukkad Nataks (street plays) were staged to highlight the dangers of substance abuse and its far-reaching social consequences. The play, titled "Khamoshi," was performed by the Drama Club, JMI, under the convenership of Dr. Jawaid Hasan and the advisorship of Prof. Danish Iqbal. Using the power of street theatre, the performances delivered a compelling message on the impact of addiction. The first show was held at the Central Canteen, JMI, followed by another at FTK-CIT. Through engaging storytelling, the performances addressed issues such as peer pressure, misinformation, and the importance of seeking help, leaving a lasting impact on the audience.

Later in the day, an Interactive Session on "Nasha Mukt Bharat Awareness Drive" was conducted in the Conference Hall, FTK-CIT, under the leadership of Prof. Neelofer Afzal, Dean Students' Welfare, and Prof. Ravindra R. Patil, Assistant Dean Students' Welfare. The session featured insightful talks by Mr. Alok Mohan Agarwal and Mr. Md. Masroor Alam Qasmi, who discussed the psychological, social, and health-related dimensions of substance abuse. The interactive format encouraged students to engage in meaningful discussions, voice their concerns, and understand their role in fostering a drug-free campus.

The awareness campaign continued on February 28, 2025, with a third Nukkad Natak performed at the Faculty of Fine Arts. This additional performance reinforced the core messages from the previous day, reaching a wider student audience across various disciplines.

These initiatives were conducted under the guidance and leadership of Prof. Neelofer Afzal, Dean Students' Welfare, who actively promoted student participation and emphasized the importance of youth leadership in addressing social issues. JMI remains committed to sustaining these efforts through ongoing awareness programs and peer-driven initiatives, reaffirming its dedication to fostering a healthier, drug-free campus.

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