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Press Release

JMI organizes four-day Training Workshop on 'Digital Image Processing'

The Department of Geography, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) organized a four-day Training Workshop on 'Digital Image Processing' for the Postgraduate Students in collaboration with the Regional Remote Sensing Center (RRSC)- North India, Indian Space Research Organization, Government of India, New Delhi during 01-04 April, 2024.

The Inaugural ceremony of the training workshop was held on April 1, 2024 in the GIS Laboratory, Department of Geography, JMI. Prof. Eqbal Hussain, the officiating Vice Chancellor, JMI graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. S.K. Srivastav, the Chief General Manager, Regional Centres, NRSC, Hyderabad, ISRO and Dr. Sameer Saran, DGM, RRSC-North, Delhi were the Guests of Honor. Prof. Tabrez Alam, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, JMI, chaired the Inaugural session.

Prof. Haroon Sajjad, Head, Department of Geography, JMI, warmly welcomed all the distinguished guests, officials, delegates, faculty members, research scholars and students to the inaugural program. Prof. Sajjad emphasized the significance of the training as a part of Viksit Bharat Abhiyan. The young geographers while using advanced geospatial technology can help in managing resources and finding ways for solutions to the problems of society and can lead to the developed Bharat, Dr Sajjad Said. On the occasion, a book entitled, 'Quick Reference Guide for Digital Image Processing', published by NRSC, Hyderabad was released by the dignitaries.

Prof. Lubna Siddiqui, Coordinator of the Workshop, briefly highlighted the scope and technical details of the training program to be imparted to the postgraduate students during the four-day workshop.

In his inaugural address Prof. Eqbal Hussain appreciated the efforts of the Department of Geography, JMI and RRSC-North, Delhi for organizing the important training programme for M.A students. The latest technology has enabled the researchers to process satellite images, aerial photographs, and other forms of digital data to arrive at accurate analysis, he said. Dr. Hussain also highlighted the role of remote sensing technology in understanding of complex spatial phenomena, making suitable conservation efforts and offering insights that are critical for informed decision-making and policy formulation.

Dr. S. K Srivastav, the Guest of Honor, thanked JMI Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Eqbal Hussain and Prof. Haroon Sajjad, Head, Department of Geography, JMI for taking this initiative of collaborative DIP Training Program. He further highlighted key points related to applications of remote sensing and GIS in resource management. He also apprised of the advancement made in geospatial technology and accessibility of data on Bhuvan Portal. Dr. Srivastav appreciated the team of Scientists (Dr Sameer Saran, Ms Khusboo Mirza, Dr Neetu, Dr. Prabhjot Kaur, Mr. Akash Goyal, Mr. Jayant Singhal, Dr Vinod Sharma and Mr. Anurag Mishra from RRSC, New Delhi) for leading the training program as resource persons during the workshop.

Dr. Sameer Saran, DGM, RRSC-North, the other Guest of Honor talked about the advancement in geospatial technology and explored the possibility of memorandum of sign between JMI and RRSC- North to work together in Research and Development.

The Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. Tabrez Alam in his chair remarks appreciated the thoughts shared by the dignitaries and assured his all-possible help to get sign the memorandum.

Dr. Hasan Raja Naqvi, Co-coordinator of the workshop proposed the formal vote of thanks to all distinguished guests, the scientists from RRSC, New Delhi, university officials, non-teaching staff, scholars and students for making the inaugural function a grand success. Earlier, Mr. Atik Nawaz and Ms. Rahila Elahi, the students of M.A IV Semester successfully conducted the programme.

The Closing ceremony of the DIP training workshop was held at the RRSC, New Delhi. The Deputy General Manager, RRSC-North, New Delhi, Ms. Khushboo Mirza and other Scientists of the RRSC, New Delhi along with Prof. Haroon Sajjad, Head, Deptt. of Geography, Prof. Masood Ahsan Siddiqui, Prof. Lubna Siddiqui (Coordinator) and Dr. Hasan Raja Naqvi (Co-Coordinator), and 30 postgraduate students from Department of Geography, JMI participated in the closing ceremony. All the students received the certificate for successfully completing the training. Students expressed great deal of excitement and satisfaction to learn emerging skills and applications related to geospatial technologies in the areas of climate change, disaster risk reduction, urban management and data- driven policy making. Ms. Khushboo Mirza, Sr. Scientist, RRSC-North presented vote of thanks.

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