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Press Release

**“ViksitBharat@2047: Voice of Youth” – JMI’s Faculty of Dentistry organizes various activities**

As a part of "Viksit Bharat@2047" initiative significant events were organized by the Faculty of Dentistry, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI). Under this program firstly, an interactive session was conducted at the ideation centre set up at FTK-CIT on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. A total of 11 students from all the academic sessions of Faculty of Dentistry visited and enthusiastically shared their ideas on their vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. The main focus of the students remained strengthening healthcare, mainly the primary healthcare centres and education. They also emphasized the importance of research and cutting edge technologies to achieve the goals. Apart from this the young minds felt that holistic development can be accomplished with the inclusion of important and sensitive aspects like women empowerment, economic advancement and infrastructure development. The opinions were presented by Rizwana Praveen, and Asra from interns batch, Ahmad Umar, Sara Fatima, Ishita Singh and Aditi from final year, Dhruv and Salman from third year and Shakeel, Mehreen and Ayush from 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The students were accompanied by 4 faculty members Prof. Panchali Batra, Prof. Faiz Akram, Assistant Prof. Tabassum, and Assistant Prof. Shweta Rastogi.

On Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023, various activities like slogan cum collage making and model making competitions were held amongst all the batches of BDS students along with a skit which was performed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> year BDS students of Faculty of Dentistry through which they showcased the ideas of transformation of India by 2047. The collage and models were displayed in the reception area of the Faculty of Dentistry for the general public.

The slogan cum collage making competition saw the participation of 12 student groups from the 2<sup>nd</sup> year BDS, 3<sup>rd</sup> year BDS, 4<sup>th</sup> year BDS and Interns. The students’ described their ideas and thoughts on a collage about the vision of India by the end of its 100 years of independence. In collage the participants discussed about small scale business, air pollution, hyperloop transport system and space tourism, etc.

An overwhelming response was seen for the model making competition in which a total of 10 entries were received. These groups showcased their talent and ingenuity by creating intricate and innovative models relevant to the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. The participants presented their models which were evaluated by a panel of esteemed judges from the faculty members. The participants explained their models in which they showed rain water harvesting, methods to reduce pollution, vertical farming and storage of seeds and crops. In health care field, they showed air ambulance and delivery of goods and medicines via drones. They explained how telemedicine and teledentistry can be incorporated in routine life. Solar generated energy sources, environmental friendly fuel and renewable energy were discussed and shown in their models for sustainable development which is the key for future prosperity. All participants explained that the idea of viksit Bharat is not only about infrastructure development but an overall holistic social development including women empowerment, freedom of speech and inclusiveness.

A captivating skit was performed titled "**Viksit Bharat: A Journey from Dream to Reality**" by the 3<sup>rd</sup> year BDS students. The play revolved around the story of a humble farmer who navigated the adversities of a developing India and his daughter, the Head of the Agriculture Department in the envisioned "ViksitBharat" of 2047. Her position and the country's progress in 2047 highlighted the fruits of perseverance, integrity and dedication to the nation. The play illustrated the envisioned advancements in India by 2047 across various spheres of technology, medical infrastructure, and the eradication of corruption painting a vivid picture of a developed and progressive India.

All the events were judged by faculty members using the criteria based on innovation, practicality, creativity, esthetics and relevance to "Viksit Bharat@2047." Prizes in the form of trophies and certificates were handed over to the prize winners for the competitive activities along with e-certificates to all the participants.

The event was meticulously organized by a dedicated team of faculty members including Prof. Mohd. Faisal, Prof. Madhuri Alankar Sawai, Prof. Abhishek Mehta, Prof. Nafis Ahmad, Prof. Deborah Sybil, Prof. Zeba Jafri, Prof. Murali G., Prof. Anupriya Wadhwa, Prof. Seema Manak, Assoc. Prof. Aditi Verma, Assoc. Prof. Kashif Ali, and Assistant Prof. Shahnaz under the guidance of the Dean Prof. Keya Sircar.

Thus, the event ended on a high note, with participants and faculty members appreciating the event's success. The event not only showcased the talents of the students but also reinforced the Faculty of Dentistry's dedication to fostering a vision of modernization, advancement and futuristic outlook under the vision of "ViksitBharat@2047."

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