

## Event Report

Centenary year convocation, Degree Distribution Ceremony

(Degrees of 2019 and 2020)

Faculty Of Dentistry, Jamia Millia Islamia

As part of the Centenary Year Convocation of Jamia Millia Islamia, on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, Faculty of Dentistry, organised a Degree Distribution Ceremony, for the BDS Classes of 2019 & 2020. The event was organized in the Library of the Faculty of Dentistry. Degrees were distributed to 86 candidates who had registered for the convocation on the university portal. Certificates of merit were also distributed to the toppers of all the subjects of BDS course and the year wise toppers. **Dr. Vartika Chadda** from the Class of 2019 and **Dr. Lubna Ahmad** from the Class of 2020 received certificate of merit for being overall toppers in their respective batches. They also received their gold medals in the convocation ceremony at Vigyan Bhavan and Ansari Auditorium respectively.

Prof. Keya Sircar, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, in her welcome address, acknowledged Honorable Vice Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia, Prof. Najma Akhtar (PadmaShri), for being a constant source of inspiration, whose stellar leadership has propelled the university to being counted among the top universities of the country. The administrative support provided by Prof. Nazim Hussain Al-Jafri, Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia was gratefully acknowledged by her. In her address she said that though the youngest, Faculty of Dentistry has done Jamia Millia Islamia proud by holding 10<sup>th</sup> rank in the NIRF ranking 2023 for dental colleges and is all poised for the big leap towards starting post-graduate courses. She instilled the belief amongst the graduates that they were unique with the ability to serve the community and improve the quality of life with compassion, honesty and integrity. Encouraging them to give back to the college by supporting college activities, programs and scholarships, she also urged them to keep the Faculty updated on their achievements in careers as well as in personal lives and always be in touch with the family of Faculty of Dentistry.

The event was graced by Dr Mohsin Wali, (Padma Shri) as the chief guest. In his inspiring address, Prof. Wali spoke about the importance of hard work and discipline in one's life, citing the example of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, whose hard work and commitment to learning was unsurpassable. Emphasising the need to incorporate the culture of lifelong learning he highlighted the significance of the word 'wisdom' in a dental surgeon's profession. Touching upon the sacred relationship between a Guru and disciple he urged them to always maintain the thread of connection with their teachers.

The Degree distribution ceremony was followed by the solemn ceremony wherein, the graduating students took the Physicians Pledge.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by the Coordinators, Prof. Anuradha Sharma and Prof. Rana Noor. The contributions of all the teaching faculty, non teaching staff and student volunteers was gratefully acknowledged in being pivotal for the success of this event. The program concluded with the national anthem. In addition to the formal distribution ceremony, various activities like photography, selfie points, alumni registration and feedback was organized in the Faculty of Dentistry.