



## Online Workshop On Objective Structured Viva-Voce.

### Event Report

Faculty of Dentistry, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi organised an Online Workshop on ‘**Objective Structured Viva-Voce**’ on 11th May 2022.

Master of Ceremony, Ms. Arifa Mahmood, Intern greeted everyone and students Mr. Fawwaz Jawed Khan and Ms. Suha Firdous ushered in the event with recitation and translation from the Holy Q’uran.

Organising Chairperson of the workshop, Prof. Eram Perwez, welcomed the Chief Guest, Padma Shri Prof. Najma Akhtar, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia and Patron Prof Sanjay Singh, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry along with Resource person Prof Chinmay Shah and all the participating delegates.

Prof Sanjay Singh, Patron and Dean, Faculty of Dentistry addressed the delegates, who had joined the online event from various parts of the country. Narrating in brief, the glorious history of Jamia Millia Islamia, he also mentioned various achievements of our century old university in the recent past under the able leadership of Padma Shri Prof. Najma Akhtar. He apprised the delegates that, in our Centenary Year 2020, Jamia Millia Islamia was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> among all Central Universities in the country in rankings released by Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and in December 2021, our University received an 'A++' grading by National Assessment and Accreditation Council .

Honourable Vice-Chancellor, JMI expressed profound interest in the theme of the workshop. She highlighted the need to adopt newer trends in education, specially modifications in oral assessment. Noting the lack of objectivity in traditional viva-voce she unfolded the strengths of Objective Structured Viva-Voce (OSVV) and deliberated upon the facts that the best outcomes of OSVV can only be obtained after training the examiners and students for the same.

The Organising Co-Chairperson, Prof Anuradha Sharma introduced the theme of the workshop, requesting delegates to participate actively during the interactive sessions. Prof Amit Kumar Tamrakar, Co-Organising Secretary introduced the Resource Person of the day Prof Chinmay Shah.

This workshop was designed with the intention of sensitising faculty members for creating a roadmap of formulating and implementation of Objective Structured Viva-Voce, within the rules and regulations of regulatory educational and institutional bodies.

A very well known personality in the field of Health Professional's Education, Prof Chinmay Shah, is M.D., Ph.D. in Physiology as also GSMC-FAIMER Fellow and Faculty. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Health Professional Education from KLE University, Belagavi, accompanied by Post-Graduate Diploma in Hospital Management from Madurai Kamraj University. Working in the capacity of Officer on Special Duty, Research, Directorate of Medical Education Research, Govt. of Gujarat. he is also the Coordinator, Medical Education Unit, as well as Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Govt. Medical College Bhavnagar, Gujarat . The founding Editor of National Journal of Integrated Research in Medicine, he is also serving as Honorary Guest faculty for more than fifteen years for online courses, including Certificate Course in Health Professionals' Education by Indian Prosthodontics Society. Having been awarded by the Indian Medical Association for his outstanding contribution in the field of medical education, he is also the recipient of IMA MedAchievers award and IMA Honorary Professor award.

Evaluation is an integral part of assessment of learning process in any curriculum and oral viva- voce is an important component of the same. It assesses certain aspects that cannot be assessed in the theory examination, like attitude, communication skills and professional competence, apart from the knowledge content. However, this format of viva-voce is influenced by various factors which may be linked to the examiner's understanding of the topic, preferred content areas of the examiner, external appearance of the student or certain environmental factors. These biases can be overcome by the newer format of viva- voce, the Objective Structured Viva-Voce which has been incorporated in the curriculum in a few universities

The training workshop included an online lecture embedded with two role plays and group dynamics for making objective and structured viva cards. In his interactive lecture, Prof. Chinmay Shah delineated the purpose of oral examination, types and importance and need of viva- voce which is a

Latin word meaning ‘Living voice. This was followed by a role play on traditional viva- voce on which observations were made by participants and the ‘Halo Effect’ was discussed Following this, he steered towards the Objective Structured Viva-Voce, its structure and implementation, in which the significance of pre-validation of the viva cards and post-test validation, i.e item analysis was laid down. This was followed by the second role play in which the viva-voce was objective and structured, on which again observations by participants were opened for discussion. There was group activity for participants in ten groups for making viva-cards on specific topics on must know (60%), desirable to know (30%) and nice to know areas (10%) with oral presentation of the same. Dr Shah also laid down the importance of preparing the students for OSVV before its implementation and using formative assessment as a platform for the same.

The actors for the role play were Prof. Amit Kumar Tamrakar, Prof. Harneet Kaur, Prof. Mukesh Hasija as students, Prof. Panchali Batra as Faculty Expert, Prof. Anuradha Sharma as the Internal Examiner and Prof. Chinmay Shah as the External Examiner.

More than 100 people attended the online training workshop which was held on CISCO-WEBEX platform with the support and guidance from Dr. Shane Kazim Naqvi, Hony. Director FTK-CIT, JMI. Mr. Asif Reza, Mr. Nasir Ali Khan from FTK-CIT and Mr. Anand Srivastava, Programmer, FOD, JMI provided the technical support for smooth conduct of this online event. Certificates of workshop participation were issued to all delegates after submission of a post-workshop feedback form.

Prof. Nafis Ahmad, Co-Organising Secretary, wrapped up the discussions in the question and answer session. The academic feast concluded on a pleasant note by delivering of the Vote of Thanks by the Organising Secretary, Prof. Shabina Sachdeva.

