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## JMI's Faculty of Dentistry organizes Faculty Orientation Program

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The Faculty of Dentistry at Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) organized its first Faculty Orientation Program on August 21, 2025, at the Library Hall of the Faculty of Dentistry. The program was envisioned as a platform to foster academic alignment, professional growth, and institutional synergy, while also familiarizing faculty members with the evolving academic frameworks and priorities under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a warm welcome address by Prof. Keya Sircar, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry and Organizing Chairperson, who highlighted the importance of collective academic responsibility and innovation in dentistry and allied sciences. She emphasized the faculty's role in shaping well-rounded dental professionals equipped to address global challenges in healthcare. Prof. Sircar also expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif, for his support in advancing the Faculty's initiative to establish postgraduate programs (MDS) in each of the nine dental specialties, marking a significant step forward in expanding academic opportunities and advancing specialized dental education at JMI.

The event was graced by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of JMI, Prof. Mazhar Asif, as the Chief Guest, and the Registrar, JMI, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, as the Guest of Honour. Both dignitaries addressed the gathering, underscoring the need for interdisciplinary collaboration, robust research practices, and the integration of modern teaching-learning methodologies to enhance academic quality and student outcomes.

In their respective addresses, senior university officials laid out key perspectives for faculty development. Prof. Tanuja, Dean of Academic Affairs, discussed the significance of the Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS) in building holistic and flexible education models. She also stressed on the importance of developing SWAYAM and MOOC courses for dentistry realted disciplines. Prof. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Controller of Examinations, highlighted the importance of building a question bank in the university as well as integration of transparent, technology-driven evaluation systems to ensure academic integrity. Prof. Sarika Sharma, Faculty of Education, elaborated on the role and relevance of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in contemporary higher education, underlining its integration with modern academic practices.

The Guest of Honour, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, inspired the audience by stressing academic leadership and the responsibility of faculty in mentoring future professionals. He encouraged faculty members to actively participate in university-building through research, teaching, and service.

The Presidential Address by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif, was the highlight of the program. He reflected on the role of educators as nation-builders, urging faculty to combine academic rigor with social responsibility. Prof. Asif called upon the

faculty to embrace digital platforms, community outreach and interdisciplinary research integrating the Indian Knowledge System; with a vision to ensure that academic contributions resonate beyond the classroom and benefit society at large.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Akanksha Juneja and Prof. Babita Meena, Program Coordinators, who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and organizing teams for their support, with the proceedings seamlessly conducted by Dr. Deepika Bablani Popli, the Program Facilitator. The program witnessed the active participation of all faculty members, making it a truly collective academic endeavor. The event concluded with the National Anthem, followed by high tea.

The Orientation Program proved to be a significant academic exercise, reinforcing JMI's vision of fostering excellence, collaboration, and innovation in higher education, with a renewed focus on dentistry as an evolving and socially relevant discipline.

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