

Press Release

JMI Launches RCI-Accredited Advanced Diploma in Child Guidance and Counselling

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Responding to changing times and the growing need for trained counsellors and guidance professionals, the Department of Psychology yesterday launched a two-semester, Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) accredited, *Advanced Diploma in Child Guidance and Counselling*, marked by an Orientation Programme for the newly admitted students.

The initiative received strong support and guidance from the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif, whose vision and encouragement were instrumental in making this programme a reality, as well as from the JMI Registrar, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, whose guidance throughout the process provided the critical support to bring the programme to fruition.

Inaugurating the Orientation Programme, Prof. Rizvi expressed his appreciation of the hard work and commitment of the Department in pursuing the rigorous accreditation process and organizing the orientation. He emphasized that faith is an important component of mental health and observed that maintaining faith in higher powers can help reduce anxiety and stress. He congratulated the Head of the Department, Prof. Samina Bano, and the Coordinator of the Diploma, Prof. Sheema Aleem, for their dedicated efforts and assured complete support from the administration.

The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Mohd. Muslim Khan, presented a lucid and passionate account of Jamia's rich history and extended his best wishes to the Department for the success of the course.

Prof. Samina Bano, Head of the Department, warmly welcomed the newly admitted students. She, along with Prof. Sheema Aleem, Departmental Coordinator of the Diploma, expressed profound gratitude to the Vice Chancellor and the Registrar, JMI for their unwavering support. They also acknowledged the contributions of Prof. Bharti Sharma, Course Coordinator; Dr. Faizullah Khan; and Mr. Prateek Kumar, Programme Officer, RCI, for their support during the accreditation process.

Prof. Bano expressed hope that the students would serve as worthy ambassadors of the university and the new programme. Prof. Aleem highlighted that this course is one of its kind across central universities in India, designed not only to prepare professional counsellors but also to help maintain professional standards in the field.

The Orientation Programme featured distinguished resource persons, including Dr. Vandana Thapar, former Joint Director, NIPCCD; Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen from IGNOU; Prof. Zubair Meenai from JMI; Dr. Jagriti Singh from AIIMS; Dr. Rahul Chandok, Psychiatrist, Artemis Hospitals; and Prof. Bilal Ahmed from the Society for Promotion of Youth & Masses (SPYM), Delhi. They conducted insightful sessions on various critical issues such as child development, child protection, the needs of special children, mental health and disorders among children, and substance abuse among children. The sessions were enthusiastically received by the newly admitted students, who expressed pride in being part of the course and committed themselves to upholding the highest standards of excellence and ethics of both the University and the profession.

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