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JMI Hosts National Seminar cum Zonal-Level Continuing Rehabilitation Education Programme

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The Office of Grievance Redressal for Persons with Disabilities and the Dr. Zakir Husain Memorial Welfare Society (JMI), in collaboration with the Department of Teacher Training & Non-Formal Education (IASE), Faculty of Education, Jamia Millia Islamia, sponsored by New Socio-Economic Research and Development successfully organized a one-day national seminar cum Zonal Level Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Programme yesterday at Gate No. 20, Department of Teacher Training & Non-Formal Education (IASE), JMI.

The National Seminar was organized on the theme **"Disability, Education and Rehabilitation in the Light of RPWD Act and NEP 2020"**, while the CRE Programme was organized on the theme **"Special and Inclusive Education Initiatives in New Era."** The CRE was approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), New Delhi, and carried **6 RCI Credit Points.**

The event brought together special educators, rehabilitation professionals, researchers, faculty members, students and practitioners from different specializations. It gave them a platform to discuss and share ideas on current issues in special and inclusive education.

The programme began with *tilawat-e-Quran,* followed by the inaugural session. Dr. Mohd. Faijullah Khan, Convener, welcomed the dignitaries, participants, and guests. He spoke about the importance of the CRE platform in promoting inclusive, equitable, and evidence-based educational practices for learners with disabilities. He also shared that there were **77 registrations,** including **30 paper presenters** and **47 CRE participants.**

Chief Guest Prof. Ahteshamul Haque, Controller of Examinations, JMI, in his address, highlighted the relevance and significance of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, emphasising its effective implementation in the Indian education system. He also shared insights into international conferences held in various countries, discussing their academic contributions and the importance of global exchange of ideas and experiences in strengthening educational practices. Prof. (Dr.) Farah Farooqi, Head of the Department,

thanked the organizing committee, faculty members, non-teaching staff, research scholars, and students. She encouraged everyone to stay committed to research, **innovation and quality practices** in special and inclusive education.

The academic programme featured **four academic and technical sessions**, in which a total of **30 research papers** were presented. The deliberations were organized around four major Subthemes: Inclusive Education, Disability Rights, Early Identification, and School-Based Support for Children with Diverse Learning Needs, Assistive Technology, Tactile, and Multisensory Learning and Innovative Approaches in Education for Students with Disabilities, Learning Difficulties, Early Intervention, Therapeutic Support, and Psychosocial Development of Children with Specific Learning Disabilities, and Assistive Technology for Students with Visual Impairment and Empowerment, Career Development, Independent Living, and Health—Related Challenges among Persons with Disabilities.

The discussions stressed the need for accessible learning environments, innovative teaching methods, teamwork across disciplines, and evidence-based interventions. Speakers also discussed how the RPWD Act and NEP 2020 can help make education and rehabilitation more inclusive. Participants took an active part in the discussions on inclusion, accessibility, rehabilitation and the use of new technologies.

The **valedictory session** began with tilawat-e-Quran, followed by the presentation of CRE report and feedback from participants. Chief Guest Prof. Aslam Khan, Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), JMI, delivered an insightful address focusing on the values of equality, democracy, and social justice, drawing upon the philosophical ideas of Socrates. He also highlighted various government initiatives and programmes aimed at empowering persons with disabilities. Furthermore, he highlighted the role of distance and online education in expanding educational opportunities for persons with disabilities. He emphasized that flexible learning modes and accessible digital platforms can help overcome barriers to education and ensure greater participation of learners with disabilities.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Saurabh Ray, co-convener of the programme, who thanked the dignitaries, resource persons, faculty members, and non-teaching staff, participants, the organizing committee, and student volunteers.

The programme was widely appreciated as a useful and meaningful initiative. It reaffirmed Jamia Millia Islamia's commitment to inclusive education, rehabilitation, research, and continuous professional development for learners with disabilities.

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