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Press Release

**Jamia Millia Islamia Observes International Day Against Drug Abuse with Awareness Rally under 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan'**

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Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) marked the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking with great enthusiasm and commitment to the cause of a drug-free society. In solidarity with the 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan', the university organized a spirited awareness rally within the campus.

The rally saw active participation from students of the National Service Scheme (NSS) and cadets of the National Cadet Corps (NCC), who marched with banners and slogans promoting awareness about the ill effects of drug abuse and the importance of leading a healthy, addiction-free life.

The event was graced by senior faculty members and NCC and NSS officers including, Prof. Iqtidar Mohd. Khan, Coordinator NCC; Dr Viqar Husain Siddiqui, Coordinator NSS; Dr. Anwara Hashmi, ANO (SDW) Army, and Prof. Ushvinder Kaur Popli, Dean International Relations who collectively emphasized the need for sustained awareness and preventive education among youth.

The rally highlighted the university's proactive role in sensitizing the students against the menace of drugs. It sought to encourage students to become ambassadors of change within their communities and come together to build a drug-free future.

The rally concluded successfully with a reaffirmation of Jamia Millia Islamia's commitment to contribute actively to national campaigns aimed at youth empowerment and public health through education, awareness, and community engagement.

Besides the rally, Radio Jamia 90.4 FM broadcast a one-hour special public service programme titled, 'Bharat Ko Nasha Mukht Kaise Banayen' under the initiative of 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan 2025.' The aim of the programme was to spread awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse and encourage youth and society at large to stay away from drugs and tobacco. The programme included an Interview with Dr. M. Shamshad who was interviewed by Dr. Shakil Akhter. There was also a Short Story Segment titled 'Nasha Khor ke Bure Parinaam' about the negative consequences of addiction and a Panel Discussion titled 'No Use of Drugs and Tobacco'. This initiative by Radio Jamia is a step toward supporting a drug-free India, aligning with the broader objectives of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan. The programme invited listeners to reflect, engage, and contribute toward creating a healthier and addiction-free society.

A host of other activities, including lectures, awareness workshops, and deliberations have been organised throughout this week by various departments, Centres, and offices of JMI under the aegis of the 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan'.

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