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Press Release

**JMI hosts workshop on 'Gendered Impacts on Access to Education and Technology during Covid-19'**

Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI) hosted a day-long Research Dissemination Workshop on 'Gendered Impacts on Access to Education and Technology During Covid-19' today at DELNET, JNU Campus, Nelson Mandela Road, Delhi. The workshop was part of a collaborative project with four partner institutions and was initiated & funded by Angela Ruskin University (ARU), Oxford, UK. The partner institutions are Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Uttar Pradesh, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi and JMI, New Delhi.

The workshop brought together academicians and researchers who hold passion for sustainable growth and inclusive development to discuss the emerging issues in access to education amid Covid -19 pandemic, sharing of research information and knowledge, exchanging views on challenges and further course of action and development.

Dr. Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director, NCERT was the Chief Guest of the inaugural session which was attended by Vice Chancellors, academicians and experts. Dr. Sunrita Dhar-Bhattacharjee from ARU, UK explained in detail about the project in her address.

JMI Vice Chancellor Prof. Najma Akhtar welcomed speakers and guests in the inaugural session. In her opening address the Vice Chancellor said, "The objectives of the research dissemination workshop include facilitating knowledge exchange between and among professional associations so that the results can be used to benefit the wider community. They also aim at sharing the project findings and creating awareness and action plans to address the gendered impacts of Covid-19 on access to education and technology among the communities of practice".

All the partner institutes conducted a minor study on pilot basis in their selected areas with certain aims to explore digital learning as a tool to explore new beginning of a future that is commensurate with 21<sup>st</sup> century and its skills, gender parity in education and access to technology, amid the swift changing times, especially against the backdrop of Covid -19 pandemic. "JMI has carried out the study in two locations: in Shafiq Memorial

Senior Secondary School, Bara Hindu Rao, Sadar Bazar, walled city area of Delhi, and in Jamia schools” Prof. Akhtar informed.

The Vice Chancellor said that the study was conducted at Jamia Schools and Shafique Memorial School where a significant population of students, predominantly Muslims, come from urban poverty. The gendered disparity in literacy skills of Muslim male and female is sharply felt. This disadvantage makes the group marginalised, hence, vulnerable to discrimination. JMI and its partners have collaborated on the project with the hope that it will chart new consensus on how to improve sustainable access to technology for all. The aim is to come together on a platform for collective action, specific and tailored to each regional/ local need.

Guest of Honour of the function Dr. M.C. Pant, Chancellor, NIEPA and Special Guest Dr. Satish Chandra Dwivedi addressed the audience too. The inaugural session ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. Nazim Hussain Al-Jafri, Registrar, JMI.

Regional Research Reports by respective Field Researchers were presented in 1<sup>st</sup> session of the workshop which was chaired by Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University.

Representatives of sample states shared their experiences and initiatives taken by them in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session. Shri Shailendra Sharma from Delhi, Shri Suvra Chakraborty from West Bengal, Dr. Satish Chandra Dwivedi from Uttar Pradesh were the representatives.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> session, Prof. Anjoo Sharan Upadhyaya chaired a Panel Discussion where Prof. Nilima Srivastava, SGDS, IGNOU, Prof. Veena Kapur. (Rtd.), Delhi University and Prof. Heena Bijli, SCE, IGNOU were the panellists.

In the concluding session which was chaired by Prof. Priyanka Upadhyaya, members of the partner institutions discussed the road ahead and suggested steps to be taken. Concluding remarks were presented by Dr. Sunrita Dhar- Bhattacharjee. Participants agreed that they have to learn from practices in the field, adopt them, and adapt technology to situations specific to their areas and field. They should not be afraid to use and experiment with technology because they have to explore the limitless possibilities that lie ahead, albeit with uncertainty.

The workshop ended with a vote of thanks presented by Prof. Aejaz Masih, Faculty of Education, JMI

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